

Multnomah County Library Survey

Here are the results of the Multnomah County Library survey on funding.

Multnomah County conducted this survey from July 5 to July 31 to gather the public's views on how to best fund library services. The following pages are the statistical results of the survey in their entirety.

	Response Count
Total Started Survey	20,364

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QUESTION 1: Which of the 19 branches do you and your family use most? (Please check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Albina Library	9.3%	1887
Belmont Library	16.8%	3392
Capitol Hill Library	4.6%	936
Central Library	33.1%	6697
Fairview/Columbia Library	2.3%	472
Gregory Heights Library	4.3%	870
Gresham Library	8.2%	1665
Hillsdale Library	10.0%	2022
Holgate Library	5.5%	1120
Hollywood Library	17.4%	3530
Kenton Library	5.8%	1169
Midland Library	9.1%	1845
North Portland Library	8.2%	1663
Northwest Library	6.7%	1365
Rockwood Library	2.5%	514
Sellwood-Moreland Library	6.8%	1370
St. Johns Library	4.8%	976
Troutdale Library	2.8%	568
Woodstock Library	9.1%	1838
	<i>answered question</i>	20244
	<i>skipped question</i>	120

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QUESTION 2: How often do you visit the library?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	3.8%	749
Weekly	48.7%	9696
Monthly	28.8%	5743
Not monthly, but within the last six months	14.7%	2930
Hardly ever	3.4%	687
Never	0.2%	41
Don't know	0.4%	70
	<i>answered question</i>	19916
	<i>skipped question</i>	448

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QUESTION 3: How do you and your family use the Multnomah County Library system? (Please check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Check out books and other media	98.7%	19481
Programs for young and school-aged children	17.0%	3364
Programs for seniors	3.4%	669
Resources for job seekers	6.7%	1328
Programs for small business owners	2.6%	508
Programs for English language learners	1.2%	228
Computer access	19.3%	3802
Other (please specify)	11.4%	2252
		<i>answered question</i> 19731
		<i>skipped question</i> 633

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	7/31/2012	Copier use, F.O.L. store, lectures,
2	7/31/2012	wifi
3	7/31/2012	Downloadable audio books and eBooks

4	7/31/2012	Wi-fi
5	7/30/2012	Social outlet
6	7/30/2012	To attend events, lectures, etc.
7	7/30/2012	actually, these are uses I would like to be doing.
8	7/29/2012	Page Turners bookclub
9	7/29/2012	Reading to my child, reading magazines
10	7/28/2012	Access to the full-text Oregonian newspaper database
11	7/28/2012	Really only interested in ebooks for Kindle format.
12	7/28/2012	some of the programs for adults
13	7/28/2012	online databases and resources
14	7/28/2012	School Corps
15	7/28/2012	Read out of town newspapers
16	7/28/2012	Good place to study
17	7/27/2012	bookgroups
18	7/27/2012	online databases; e & audio books

19	7/27/2012	use some databases, magazine subscriptions, freegal
20	7/27/2012	Printing and copying
21	7/27/2012	Music on iPhone and computer
22	7/26/2012	Daily paper/ Magazines/ copier/ computer printouts
23	7/26/2012	research
24	7/26/2012	a place to sit out of the weather I'm homeless
25	7/26/2012	i love having the community room available as a meeting place
26	7/26/2012	ebooks only
27	7/26/2012	school/research
28	7/26/2012	private rooms, private conference
29	7/25/2012	study, write reports, read periodicals
30	7/25/2012	print
31	7/25/2012	Assistance with research
32	7/25/2012	computer classes
33	7/25/2012	Special exhibits and musical performances

34	7/24/2012	reference librarian help with searches
35	7/24/2012	Free community meeting space (use of meeting rooms)
36	7/24/2012	Resources for teachers and book advice from reference librarians - especially Nina
37	7/24/2012	I have read to children one time as part of a community outreach program.
38	7/24/2012	as a study space
39	7/24/2012	Research for work
40	7/23/2012	Puzzles and games for children
41	7/23/2012	Tiny Tots - children's reading hours
42	7/23/2012	Home Owners Association Meetings
43	7/23/2012	school corps
44	7/23/2012	Community presentations
45	7/23/2012	materials for teaching
46	7/23/2012	Fregal
47	7/23/2012	Interlibrary loan, Sterling Writers' Room
48	7/23/2012	Reading periodicals I cannot otherwise afford

49	7/23/2012	wifi and table space for take home work
50	7/23/2012	I bring the low income children in my apartment complex (mostly ones who's english is their second language) to teach them about using the library to learn. Both for school and entertainment
51	7/22/2012	social interaction
52	7/22/2012	Library2Go
53	7/22/2012	Study location
54	7/22/2012	downloading e-books - usually from home!
55	7/22/2012	Interlibrary loan, special events
56	7/22/2012	Political Activism / Non-profit development
57	7/22/2012	Books and materials for elementary classroom
58	7/22/2012	inter lib loan
59	7/22/2012	access to electronic material
60	7/21/2012	online access from home
61	7/20/2012	nonprofit database
62	7/20/2012	Online resources
63	7/20/2012	Computer lab

64	7/20/2012	Teacher resource for my classroom
65	7/20/2012	dvd's & cd's
66	7/20/2012	attend book group discussion
67	7/20/2012	A place to go and do research away from all of the distractions at my home--pets, gardening, partner, etc.
68	7/20/2012	business research
69	7/20/2012	Collins Gallery exhibits
70	7/20/2012	Try to keep up the changes in the market place
71	7/20/2012	Download music via Freegal; look-up census records
72	7/20/2012	Online resources
73	7/20/2012	quiet place to study
74	7/20/2012	Research for school
75	7/20/2012	Dispatch job bidding through LU48 IBEW website after 5pm everyday
76	7/19/2012	At work I often refer others to the library for all of the above services
77	7/19/2012	Printer access when I'm out of ink
78	7/19/2012	Pageturners

79	7/19/2012	website to check book availability
80	7/19/2012	pick up of on-line reservations
81	7/19/2012	Pageturners
82	7/19/2012	attend events
83	7/19/2012	read newspapers, periodicals
84	7/19/2012	fun programs for adults
85	7/19/2012	A place to study. A place for research.
86	7/19/2012	programs for adults
87	7/19/2012	Research, quiet space to study
88	7/19/2012	a place to read newspapers and magazines
89	7/19/2012	online resources, databases, readers advisory, reference/research help
90	7/19/2012	reference research books
91	7/19/2012	Read NY Times
92	7/19/2012	Interlibrary loan
93	7/19/2012	online research

94	7/19/2012	inter-library loans
95	7/18/2012	Ebook checkouts
96	7/18/2012	research
97	7/18/2012	Drop off ballots
98	7/18/2012	advise about books I might like, page turners
99	7/18/2012	Foreign language learning
100	7/18/2012	programs for myself/online checkout and pageturners
101	7/18/2012	wireless internet
102	7/18/2012	Wi-fi
103	7/18/2012	Study Space
104	7/18/2012	My daughter uses The Library environment to study for midterms, finals, assignments, projects... since there were resources available right at hand. She used to go to the libraries every day. She used to use the libraries in the week end and off hours too. But now she is
105	7/18/2012	We do not use the library system
106	7/18/2012	I will Be Using the Overdrive Feature Mostly
107	7/18/2012	Copy machine
108	7/18/2012	I am a teacher and greatly appreciate having an educator's library card. Our school library is very limited so it is terrific being able to access materials for students through the Multnomah County Library

109	7/18/2012	Positive family activity
110	7/18/2012	I have used the online resources (both databases and library assistance) to help with research. The Homework Help area with the lists of resources recommended by a professional librarian has been extremely helpful.
111	7/18/2012	Use the chess room on some Sunday's
112	7/18/2012	Online connections like Heritage Quest and other online items available through library site.
113	7/18/2012	Research
114	7/18/2012	Dropping off ballots.
115	7/17/2012	meeting rooms
116	7/17/2012	Online resources
117	7/17/2012	Adult programs like pageturners
118	7/17/2012	Public talks
119	7/17/2012	chat with reference librarian and interlibrary loan
120	7/17/2012	Access to OED and online databases
121	7/17/2012	Spanish book discussion group, Intercambio
122	7/17/2012	On line databased for research
123	7/17/2012	movies

124	7/17/2012	Books and Movies
125	7/17/2012	Place to relax and read
126	7/17/2012	I attended a book club
127	7/17/2012	I also get inter-library loans.
128	7/17/2012	Meetings
129	7/17/2012	Miscellaneous events
130	7/17/2012	Melton class at Belmont
131	7/17/2012	e-books via Library2go
132	7/17/2012	We order lots of things online; these are delivered to Albina, a favorite walking destination
133	7/17/2012	Online research (from home)
134	7/17/2012	Talks and workshops
135	7/17/2012	Music downloads
136	7/17/2012	summer reading program and activities
137	7/17/2012	Printing; Study space; creative writing
138	7/17/2012	Accessing Consumer Reports and other research

139	7/17/2012	check website for news and changes
140	7/17/2012	Job search
141	7/16/2012	Wifi access/ work space outside of home
142	7/16/2012	Wi-Fi, community space to meet people
143	7/16/2012	infrequently: periodicals
144	7/16/2012	asking questions via library e-mail
145	7/16/2012	Classes
146	7/16/2012	downloading electronic media; I.L.L., Mango, language links
147	7/16/2012	Knitting group at Gresham Library on Sundays.
148	7/16/2012	Chess Playing, computer classes
149	7/16/2012	knitting class
150	7/16/2012	We obtain e-books. We also have grandchildren that check out traditional books.
151	7/16/2012	I also deliver my ballots to the ballot collection site at the Midland library.
152	7/16/2012	electronic books - online visits
153	7/16/2012	Check out ebooks at home

154	7/16/2012	E books
155	7/16/2012	free art classes
156	7/16/2012	Read books with my toddler
157	7/16/2012	Thanks for having wi-fi
158	7/16/2012	utilize resource materials for investment purposes
159	7/16/2012	holds, events
160	7/16/2012	occasional classes
161	7/16/2012	special (cultural-historic) programs at Central
162	7/16/2012	Read library catalog to find movies to borrow.
163	7/16/2012	Page Turners Book Groups
164	7/16/2012	Programs for teachers
165	7/16/2012	Foreign Language Learning
166	7/16/2012	Printing
167	7/16/2012	print
168	7/16/2012	online e-books

169	7/16/2012	school resources
170	7/16/2012	Access to printer and copier
171	7/16/2012	computer classes
172	7/16/2012	Other programs, e.g. Edible Wild Plants
173	7/16/2012	inter-library loans
174	7/16/2012	Financial Research, Magazines
175	7/16/2012	Research
176	7/16/2012	online e-book checkout
177	7/15/2012	volunteer-read to the dogs
178	7/15/2012	Index to the imagination...
179	7/15/2012	wifi
180	7/15/2012	Utilize help from trained librarians who assist with research.
181	7/15/2012	INTERNET LIBRARY LOANS
182	7/15/2012	CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
183	7/15/2012	HISTORICAL RESEARCH

184	7/15/2012	meet with friends for studying & writing letters.
185	7/15/2012	excellent place to volunteer, which I do at least 2 days per week
186	7/15/2012	resources for work
187	7/15/2012	occasional other reference materials/advice
188	7/15/2012	Music downloads
189	7/15/2012	Read periodicals so that I do not have to have home subscription
190	7/15/2012	opportunity to read current magazines
191	7/15/2012	Currently, I only check out books and media, but I used the other two services in the past until I found a job.
192	7/15/2012	enjoy the magazines
193	7/15/2012	music downloads
194	7/15/2012	Volunteer work
195	7/15/2012	My wife takes my youngest son to meet a student teacher at our local library to get tutoring in reading.
196	7/15/2012	Summer Reading Program
197	7/15/2012	Art and Theater Classes for families, Meeting space for special needs education such as speech.
198	7/15/2012	E-books

199	7/15/2012	ebooks
200	7/15/2012	Library story hour
201	7/15/2012	Research
202	7/15/2012	General reading in the location.
203	7/15/2012	special activities like book groups, conversation groups
204	7/15/2012	As a volunteer opportunity!
205	7/15/2012	to use printers and copy machines
206	7/15/2012	Seeing art exhibits (central branch)
207	7/15/2012	homeschool resource
208	7/15/2012	E books
209	7/15/2012	studying, research
210	7/15/2012	hora de cuentos en espanol.
211	7/15/2012	Free music downloads
212	7/15/2012	story time for my 4 year old
213	7/14/2012	Look for & place holds on desired books from home computer; download ebooks to "check out"; access online databases that otherwise would not be available without a subscription

214	7/14/2012	Online Library for use with E-Reader
215	7/14/2012	Kindle eBooks
216	7/14/2012	website database use
217	7/14/2012	pageturners
218	7/14/2012	went to an event at Holgate on debt & responsibility
219	7/14/2012	Research Help, and general well-being.
220	7/14/2012	A quite place to read and study, being in touch with life interests that pop up and help me stay engaged with my life and passions.
221	7/14/2012	A wonderful place to study and a public restroom!
222	7/14/2012	love the books and the librarians are great too! Always helpful.
223	7/14/2012	online ebook check outs for our Nook reader
224	7/14/2012	researching book/short stories am writing
225	7/14/2012	Baby Story time
226	7/14/2012	read current newspapers and periodicals
227	7/14/2012	I just recently signed up to check out books on line and am very excited to see how that works!
228	7/14/2012	Outreach

229	7/14/2012	e-books
230	7/14/2012	Research, references, Reserve an insividual room
231	7/14/2012	Volunteer
232	7/14/2012	Especially use the Britcom DVD mysteries
233	7/14/2012	Checking out books for leisure reading
234	7/14/2012	intercambio
235	7/14/2012	study area
236	7/14/2012	online database access
237	7/14/2012	online too
238	7/14/2012	donate books
239	7/14/2012	study rooms
240	7/14/2012	book and knitting club
241	7/14/2012	occasional concerts in the library
242	7/14/2012	Research
243	7/14/2012	audio books downloaded

244	7/14/2012	library2go
245	7/14/2012	as a place to study/work
246	7/14/2012	Databases
247	7/14/2012	to promote the resource of knowledge and Portland
248	7/14/2012	Interlibrary loan
249	7/14/2012	Check out e books online
250	7/14/2012	Homework Research
251	7/14/2012	Inter library loan
252	7/14/2012	Consumer Reports
253	7/14/2012	interlibrary loans, reference questions, magazines
254	7/14/2012	Freegal
255	7/14/2012	freegal & heritage quest
256	7/14/2012	magizens, news papers
257	7/14/2012	quiet place to study
258	7/14/2012	E-Books

259	7/14/2012	just for quite time
260	7/14/2012	Attend programs for the general public
261	7/14/2012	Classics Pageturners, regular Pageturners reading groups; other lectures/events at Central
262	7/14/2012	Online research and databases like JSTOR, etc
263	7/14/2012	E-books
264	7/14/2012	reserving materials online
265	7/14/2012	Took a class for GED support
266	7/13/2012	Craft Circle @ Sellwood Branch
267	7/13/2012	internet database access, interlibrary loan
268	7/13/2012	Book club
269	7/13/2012	On the computers, we most often use the children's resources (audio books and games)
270	7/13/2012	Research and references
271	7/13/2012	Programs for Adults
272	7/13/2012	copy machine
273	7/13/2012	book group

274	7/13/2012	Newspaper research
275	7/13/2012	For my business I have to come and my invoices and print them out.
276	7/13/2012	A place to study
277	7/13/2012	Internet access
278	7/13/2012	research, booklists, etc. on library website
279	7/13/2012	Read newspapers
280	7/13/2012	Freegal music download
281	7/13/2012	online databases, ebooks, and learn a language online, participate in weekly knitting club
282	7/13/2012	The periodicals at Central Library are a phenomenal resource. Many thanks!
283	7/13/2012	I use library to go online
284	7/13/2012	reference
285	7/13/2012	Computer classes; books on tape; e-books
286	7/13/2012	Shop at bookstore at Central branch
287	7/13/2012	use material on site and online
288	7/13/2012	Mango Languages

289	7/13/2012	Download Freegal MP3's, borrow Kindle books & Audiobooks (Library2Go)
290	7/13/2012	Support for my classroom
291	7/13/2012	online resources like the OED & journals
292	7/13/2012	To bring non-library users to use the library
293	7/13/2012	Page Turners
294	7/13/2012	Outreach library for seniors
295	7/13/2012	printing materials
296	7/13/2012	monthly book club
297	7/13/2012	Toured the rooftop garden
298	7/13/2012	computer access for printing primarily
299	7/13/2012	North Portland Tues. book club
300	7/13/2012	Online databases accessed remotely.
301	7/13/2012	Oregon Digital Library
302	7/13/2012	Particularly ebooks for which physical access to a library is not needed.
303	7/13/2012	Studying and research

304	7/13/2012	Sometimes also to write.
305	7/13/2012	Use the copier
306	7/13/2012	Teaching resources (I'm a public-school teacher and can find resources at Mult. County Library that I can't find elsewhere (without paying).
307	7/13/2012	on line to check out ebooks
308	7/13/2012	pageturners book club
309	7/13/2012	quiet room
310	7/13/2012	Programming
311	7/13/2012	cultural events
312	7/13/2012	Sometimes we just read, or return books and sit and rest before going on with our day.
313	7/13/2012	Use Copy/Printer Machines
314	7/13/2012	Use historical archives, reference books behind desk, librarian help desk,
315	7/13/2012	online databases
316	7/13/2012	Use library to go weekly for audiobooks
317	7/13/2012	Pageturners
318	7/13/2012	Access newspapers and periodicals

319	7/13/2012	to get warm on cold days, for recreation, to charge mobile devices, to self educate
320	7/13/2012	to turn in our ballots at election time
321	7/13/2012	Research For University Classes
322	7/13/2012	Sterling Room at Central
323	7/13/2012	Room reservation for neighborhood meetings.
324	7/13/2012	quiet place to relax and read magazines
325	7/13/2012	Online reference, audiobooks, and freegal; they are great!
326	7/13/2012	interlibrary loan
327	7/13/2012	to read.
328	7/13/2012	data resource
329	7/13/2012	printing
330	7/13/2012	microfilm genealogical information
331	7/13/2012	paying fees online, searching for books
332	7/13/2012	Drop of my ballot on election day.
333	7/13/2012	inter-cambio at Kenton

334	7/13/2012	CLASSES AND MUSIC AFTERNOONS
335	7/13/2012	use as a place for quiet work
336	7/13/2012	literary programs
337	7/13/2012	quiet place to study
338	7/13/2012	Librarian help for other resources (books, research, etc.)
339	7/13/2012	I use on line check out of Ebooks and audio books
340	7/13/2012	occasionally we attend events at the library. Loved the Chinese knot tying at the holgate branch a few years ago.
341	7/13/2012	bathrooms
342	7/13/2012	We use mainly online systems, digital check out.
343	7/13/2012	children story time
344	7/13/2012	Research
345	7/13/2012	A place to Study in Air Conditioning that's safe
346	7/13/2012	Music downloads
347	7/12/2012	Place to work, study, research, read periodicals & references
348	7/12/2012	printing out and copying papers

349	7/12/2012	Genealogy research, much via interlibrary loan
350	7/12/2012	printers
351	7/12/2012	Read on premises, news and magazines
352	7/12/2012	everyone reads program, interest in book club/reading recommendations
353	7/12/2012	Have used conference rooms for community meetings
354	7/12/2012	Wi-Fi access
355	7/12/2012	attend special events, like Opera previews
356	7/12/2012	projects
357	7/12/2012	Reading, music, periodicals
358	7/12/2012	programs for adults and for all ages
359	7/12/2012	Knitting club
360	7/12/2012	Genealogy resources
361	7/12/2012	audio books
362	7/12/2012	wi-fi
363	7/12/2012	read current magazines

364	7/12/2012	research and information seeking
365	7/12/2012	Information about events in the community that may be posted at the library.
366	7/12/2012	we have used it for computer access, resources for job seekers, and programs for kids, in the past.
367	7/12/2012	Spanish language children's books
368	7/12/2012	Printing
369	7/12/2012	browsing in the heaven of books, reading on site
370	7/12/2012	Community bulletin board, informational postings
371	7/12/2012	Reading books
372	7/12/2012	The web site
373	7/12/2012	I encourage my middle school students and their parents to make use of your services.
374	7/12/2012	Research using the newspaper database
375	7/12/2012	internet
376	7/12/2012	online books
377	7/12/2012	A place to grade papers, do research, read, type papers, etc.
378	7/12/2012	lunch and historical lectures, craft and how to classes

379	7/12/2012	research
380	7/12/2012	Genealogical research programs
381	7/12/2012	wifi hot spot
382	7/12/2012	community space
383	7/12/2012	Printing
384	7/12/2012	study location
385	7/12/2012	Online resources and databases
386	7/12/2012	use paper books and electronic
387	7/12/2012	I read many of your new online books!
388	7/12/2012	Ebooks
389	7/12/2012	Browse materials and use own PC
390	7/12/2012	auto-didacticsim and spiritual renewal
391	7/12/2012	Teacher materials
392	7/12/2012	Other programs such as guest artists/authors; workshops, etc
393	7/12/2012	Visitation: Dad joins us for storytime, reading and games at the library.

394	7/12/2012	check out music scores
395	7/12/2012	Research for new studio projects (paintings, sculptures...
396	7/12/2012	place to read
397	7/12/2012	to study the bible / sunday class home work / read
398	7/12/2012	Check out e-books
399	7/12/2012	I use the library to work with an Autistic young man
400	7/12/2012	online searching
401	7/12/2012	Spanish Intercambios and Spanish Tertulias
402	7/12/2012	art show, zinesters talking
403	7/12/2012	printing
404	7/12/2012	Research for school.
405	7/12/2012	Varios research
406	7/12/2012	Knitting Group
407	7/12/2012	I like to see the displays on the third floor of the downtown library.
408	7/12/2012	I am a teacher, so I teach library use.

409	7/12/2012	interlibrary loans and article reproduction
410	7/12/2012	study rooms
411	7/12/2012	A quiet place to read
412	7/12/2012	to chill out and eat lunch while reading
413	7/12/2012	study space
414	7/12/2012	meeting rooms
415	7/12/2012	Web books
416	7/12/2012	Programs for teenagers
417	7/12/2012	Studyplace
418	7/12/2012	on line for Kindle
419	7/12/2012	Friends Bookstore/gift shop
420	7/12/2012	English-Spanish language exchange
421	7/12/2012	Occasionally make copies on the Xerox machine.
422	7/12/2012	E books as well
423	7/12/2012	classes

424	7/12/2012	special library programs such as the opera program at Central a few months ago
425	7/12/2012	Access to a printer and copier.
426	7/12/2012	Ebooks
427	7/12/2012	a great excuse for an outing .. it's an anticipated event for us to go to the library :)
428	7/12/2012	Printing resumés.
429	7/12/2012	Dropping off voting ballots
430	7/12/2012	summer reading - teens
431	7/12/2012	Browse books and periodicals on location.
432	7/12/2012	crafting courses
433	7/12/2012	quiet space i.e. for studying
434	7/12/2012	conference room
435	7/12/2012	online library services
436	7/12/2012	Attend Cool Events like those Doctor Who days.
437	7/12/2012	photocopy news media
438	7/12/2012	Homeschool study

439	7/12/2012	resources for community news
440	7/12/2012	Place to have my review
441	7/12/2012	Computers for printing
442	7/12/2012	download kindle books
443	7/12/2012	study area and quite read
444	7/12/2012	Tutor two children from family friends
445	7/12/2012	Use the online catalogue a fair amount.
446	7/12/2012	read periodicals
447	7/12/2012	magazine research
448	7/12/2012	Out Reach at The Village Retirement Center
449	7/12/2012	Often just to relax and read between errands or on work breaks
450	7/12/2012	freegal
451	7/12/2012	Educational materials for my classroom
452	7/12/2012	resources for educators, newspapers and periodicals, research
453	7/12/2012	Dist. X FCE meetings/Rockwood

454	7/12/2012	Online catalogue
455	7/12/2012	Access to online resources such as newspapers and reference databases
456	7/12/2012	To be there, reading and writing; just because I like libraries.
457	7/12/2012	Events
458	7/12/2012	Civil war sessions
459	7/12/2012	audio books/ipod
460	7/12/2012	The reference librarians are an essential element
461	7/12/2012	Bulletin Board & various informational stuff
462	7/12/2012	Research for independent business and contracting as well as for my work with a small start up company in Portland.
463	7/12/2012	Download audio books through Library2Go
464	7/12/2012	Exhibits at Central Library
465	7/12/2012	Research, election ballott dropoff
466	7/12/2012	Kindle Books
467	7/12/2012	classes that are sponsored through the libray. Especially Early Words Classes.
468	7/12/2012	Research and electronic media

469	7/12/2012	online services
470	7/12/2012	fundraising research
471	7/12/2012	library2go
472	7/12/2012	getting service and questions answered by the excellent resourceful ever courteous and professional staff
473	7/12/2012	cultural programs that educated the public.i.e. Native American Dancing ect
474	7/12/2012	Community talks
475	7/12/2012	references available at the branch
476	7/12/2012	online research for school
477	7/12/2012	Ebooks
478	7/12/2012	Pageturners book club
479	7/12/2012	Interlibrary loan
480	7/12/2012	on-site research
481	7/12/2012	great place to come and read for a few minutes between appointments
482	7/12/2012	internet access-bring own computer
483	7/12/2012	Book Club

484	7/12/2012	I seldom visit the library
485	7/12/2012	Learn about events, socialize with library workers
486	7/12/2012	wi-fi access
487	7/12/2012	I went to a dance class at the central library and other events for adults, Spanish-English conversation hours
488	7/12/2012	Resources for teaching
489	7/12/2012	read newspaper
490	7/12/2012	I most frequently read periodicals and use computer access to print things.
491	7/12/2012	book group
492	7/12/2012	research
493	7/12/2012	book group
494	7/12/2012	Online language program
495	7/12/2012	drop off ballots
496	7/12/2012	research
497	7/12/2012	audio books
498	7/11/2012	Quiet, comfortable study space

499	7/11/2012	just to get away from working at home but have my own laptop and USB internet adapter from Clear
500	7/11/2012	Studying
501	7/11/2012	Librarian assistance with research
502	7/11/2012	Freegal music and Ebooks for Kindle
503	7/11/2012	Look at on site reference materials, interact with library staff
504	7/11/2012	I'm new, but this is what I'll be doing
505	7/11/2012	I read a lot of titles downloaded from the library catalog.
506	7/11/2012	Books only
507	7/11/2012	Checking out books, eBooks, DVDs, CDs
508	7/11/2012	Social connection
509	7/11/2012	Hollywood nonfiction book group
510	7/11/2012	download Kindle books
511	7/11/2012	Compact disks
512	7/11/2012	Relaxation and homework
513	7/11/2012	Kindle

514	7/11/2012	Printing
515	7/11/2012	when you come to Terwilliger Plaza
516	7/11/2012	photocopies
517	7/11/2012	computer learning classes
518	7/11/2012	Book Babies (Hollywood & Central)
519	7/11/2012	Review inter-library loan material
520	7/11/2012	Library2go
521	7/11/2012	community events & bulletin board, free paperbacks & magazines
522	7/11/2012	Fregal online music downloading
523	7/11/2012	a quiet place to read and write
524	7/11/2012	Quiet space to study and use of wi-fi
525	7/11/2012	Printing
526	7/11/2012	Reading periodicals; Researching for doctoral dissertation; Writing and Studying
527	7/11/2012	language exchange
528	7/11/2012	people-watching!

529	7/11/2012	Interlibrary and other services online
530	7/11/2012	Use study rooms for tutoring
531	7/11/2012	Research through your subscriptiondatabases ("Ref")
532	7/11/2012	interlibrary loan
533	7/11/2012	Reference services
534	7/11/2012	in-library research
535	7/11/2012	borrow paperbacks so I don't get fines
536	7/11/2012	Printing & copies
537	7/11/2012	I mostly use the library through website & kindle
538	7/11/2012	Heritage Quest data base
539	7/11/2012	School Research
540	7/11/2012	Research topics.
541	7/11/2012	online book checkout
542	7/11/2012	media resouces
543	7/11/2012	library 2 go

544	7/11/2012	Licensed databases
545	7/11/2012	Meeting rooms
546	7/11/2012	Raise a Reader, and other ways to encourage the families I work with to use the library with their young children
547	7/11/2012	sometime to work in a quiet environment.
548	7/11/2012	Study in quiet rooms
549	7/11/2012	enjoyment
550	7/11/2012	pick up forms
551	7/11/2012	Use the meeting room
552	7/11/2012	research databases nearly daily
553	7/11/2012	Research databases
554	7/11/2012	Special events, other classes. Will be using for my grandchild when he gets to toddler stage.
555	7/11/2012	Wife teaches classes at the branches listed, but we are Hillsdale residents and use that library the most for personal needs
556	7/11/2012	donate books
557	7/11/2012	I didn't know you had resources for small businesses!
558	7/11/2012	Online audiobooks

559	7/11/2012	reference library services
560	7/11/2012	Research from library databases, Interlibrary loan, and WiFi
561	7/11/2012	general information gathering
562	7/11/2012	download audiobooks
563	7/11/2012	digital library
564	7/11/2012	Class trips
565	7/11/2012	Quiet study
566	7/11/2012	study group after school with friends in quiet room
567	7/11/2012	Use meeting rooms; attend events for the public and for local organizations
568	7/11/2012	Would like access to e books... Current system is poor.
569	7/11/2012	Library Outreach, CherryWood Village
570	7/11/2012	Language Reasearch and databases
571	7/11/2012	e-book loans; community meetings in library conference rooms
572	7/11/2012	Intercambio
573	7/11/2012	staff recommendations

574	7/11/2012	Check out ebooks
575	7/11/2012	Elementary classroom teacher resource
576	7/11/2012	As a teacher I make use of my Educational account as well as School Corps
577	7/11/2012	Accessing E-books (for Kindle)
578	7/11/2012	Librarians help my find info I need (I'm a writer)
579	7/11/2012	Mostly online -- audiobooks
580	7/11/2012	My son meets his reading tutor twice weekly at the library
581	7/11/2012	E-books
582	7/11/2012	Knitting group meetup
583	7/11/2012	Watch the Sunday movies
584	7/11/2012	pageturners book clubs
585	7/11/2012	book group discussions
586	7/11/2012	digital books
587	7/11/2012	reference materials
588	7/11/2012	Online services

589	7/11/2012	computer classes
590	7/11/2012	Knitting Group weekly participation
591	7/11/2012	The computers in the children's section of the library has inhibited me from bringing my daughter in. She is taught at Waldorf, where playing video games, such as you have available on the IPAD connected up in the children's section are prohibited. I think that is
592	7/11/2012	Check out music
593	7/11/2012	Printer access
594	7/11/2012	A Special Education Teacher & use books for my lessons
595	7/11/2012	public room space
596	7/11/2012	I also use the online access for college.
597	7/11/2012	Cultural events and language groups
598	7/11/2012	quiet place free from distractions to do research and homework
599	7/11/2012	read in the downtown library
600	7/11/2012	teacher resources
601	7/11/2012	wifi access
602	7/11/2012	Utilize reference materials as well as Inter-Library Loan
603	7/11/2012	audio books

604	7/11/2012	online checkout
605	7/11/2012	reference help
606	7/11/2012	Summer Reading Program
607	7/11/2012	Use the quiet rooms!
608	7/11/2012	attend events of meet up in the library
609	7/11/2012	Learning about the world through books!
610	7/11/2012	reference materials
611	7/11/2012	I read and write
612	7/11/2012	Recess Monkeys
613	7/11/2012	use reference materials
614	7/11/2012	reference, research
615	7/11/2012	events & classes
616	7/11/2012	sanctuary
617	7/11/2012	Special events for the whole family, puppets, music, crafts, reading, animals
618	7/11/2012	Research using data bases connected to website

619	7/11/2012	databases on website, reading lists on website, community news/information/connection
620	7/11/2012	Reading of Periodicals
621	7/11/2012	interlibrary loans for pleasure reading and research for my work
622	7/11/2012	my daughter is a member of the the library teen youth group
623	7/11/2012	Printing capability
624	7/11/2012	photocopying
625	7/11/2012	ask reference questions
626	7/11/2012	community newspapers pickup
627	7/11/2012	occasional workspace
628	7/11/2012	Materials for the partially sighted
629	7/11/2012	Knitting group class
630	7/11/2012	A safe friendly refuge in my community
631	7/11/2012	Use the e reader service
632	7/11/2012	quiet work space
633	7/11/2012	on line

634	7/11/2012	I download E-Books mostly.
635	7/11/2012	I find and check out books and magazines which will interest the dyslexic students that I tutor.
636	7/11/2012	Quiet study space & cultural programming
637	7/11/2012	electronic library 2 go
638	7/11/2012	Printer Access
639	7/11/2012	Educator Check-out card - Check-out materials for teaching in public school
640	7/11/2012	Mult. County preschool speech group meets there.
641	7/11/2012	chilling
642	7/11/2012	volunteer techno host/computer lab
643	7/11/2012	for school use
644	7/11/2012	too see what is happening in the community - boards!
645	7/11/2012	Download audiobooks
646	7/11/2012	Summer Reading
647	7/11/2012	use the private rooms for tutoring/teaching
648	7/11/2012	community meetings and events

649	7/11/2012	meeting place for friends
650	7/11/2012	occasional research
651	7/11/2012	School books for my classroom.
652	7/11/2012	Other language learning
653	7/11/2012	Studying; Internet access, but we bring our own computers
654	7/11/2012	Shop at Friends Gift Store
655	7/11/2012	research
656	7/11/2012	printing servies, internet
657	7/11/2012	Freegal
658	7/11/2012	Check out ebooks
659	7/11/2012	I write there, both in the regular rooms and in the Sterling Room at the Central Library.
660	7/11/2012	Online databases
661	7/11/2012	check out materials regularly, intercambio Spanish program
662	7/11/2012	Volunteer
663	7/11/2012	photocopier

664	7/11/2012	I use it as quiet place to study for school and reference.
665	7/11/2012	research on line
666	7/11/2012	My 9 year old son and I volunteer weekly.
667	7/11/2012	Quiet study rooms and research areas.
668	7/11/2012	Checking out e-books
669	7/11/2012	taking out books for our new non profit school
670	7/11/2012	Internet, printing, copying
671	7/11/2012	Foreign language learning books and media
672	7/11/2012	on line services: Mango Language
673	7/11/2012	Primarily ebooks
674	7/11/2012	Research for College
675	7/11/2012	A quiet place to read and browse books or to write.
676	7/11/2012	Ebooks
677	7/11/2012	meeting rooms for activities
678	7/11/2012	Checking out ebooks and audiobooks on MP3

679	7/11/2012	I'm an educator and use the library for teaching/curricular support as well.
680	7/11/2012	College resources
681	7/11/2012	Genealogy Research
682	7/11/2012	Internet and Library to go
683	7/11/2012	copier
684	7/11/2012	Mail books by internet
685	7/11/2012	talking books
686	7/11/2012	Copying and printing
687	7/11/2012	have a monthly meeting at Hollywood
688	7/11/2012	copy machine
689	7/11/2012	As a quiet community place to explore, read
690	7/11/2012	I am a teacher, so I have an educator card as well as a personal library card. I also use the library to find resources for my students to use.
691	7/11/2012	to see the exhibits on the 3rd floor, to attend and participate in readings
692	7/11/2012	Online electronic resources
693	7/11/2012	Microfilm machines for research

694	7/11/2012	freegal music
695	7/11/2012	interlibrary loans
696	7/11/2012	information
697	7/11/2012	inter library loan, e book loans,
698	7/11/2012	Resources for my classroom
699	7/11/2012	School Corps
700	7/11/2012	computer to look for jobs fill out on line job apps
701	7/11/2012	Read periodicals
702	7/11/2012	educator card: check out tons of children's books for our summer camp
703	7/11/2012	Downloading Audio books
704	7/11/2012	Quiet reading space; stay connected to caring community
705	7/11/2012	Research using available databases.
706	7/11/2012	Sunday afternoon reading - multiple access to week's news
707	7/11/2012	Reference and for relaxing reading place.
708	7/11/2012	1) materials and info for teaching job (educator card) 2) research for high school classes

709	7/11/2012	Meeting rooms
710	7/11/2012	on line
711	7/11/2012	Tiny Tots
712	7/11/2012	Online music downloads
713	7/11/2012	Research, online database & resource access as much as possible
714	7/11/2012	A quiet place to work on my laptop.
715	7/11/2012	Read newspapers and magazines
716	7/11/2012	lectures / speakers
717	7/11/2012	reading and study space
718	7/11/2012	I find it tremendously helpful as I am job searching
719	7/11/2012	pleasant environment to visit
720	7/11/2012	workshops and classes for adults
721	7/11/2012	Freegal Service
722	7/11/2012	Can't afford cable TV so check out lots of DVDs from library.
723	7/11/2012	research & info gathering; usually reference material

724	7/11/2012	community resources
725	7/11/2012	online ebooks
726	7/11/2012	Inter-library loan & research
727	7/11/2012	As a reading and study area and to browse for books.
728	7/11/2012	Other programs for older children/adults
729	7/11/2012	Study, research, community, classes
730	7/11/2012	press
731	7/11/2012	sheet music collections for classical singers
732	7/11/2012	Tutor English language students
733	7/11/2012	I call the "information" line at least weekly; immensely helpful and kind folks.
734	7/11/2012	& research, science, uerology, state & federal law(s), etc.
735	7/11/2012	printer access
736	7/11/2012	Browsing for a book during down time.
737	7/11/2012	programs for all ages (craft)
738	7/11/2012	School research, microform newspaper archives, study space

739	7/11/2012	Review magazines
740	7/11/2012	group meetings
741	7/11/2012	Mostly for research for college courses.
742	7/11/2012	A safe place to have your children go where they can learn.
743	7/11/2012	Printing
744	7/11/2012	Seasonal use. More in summer
745	7/11/2012	I'm a MHCC nursing student...with children...
746	7/11/2012	Study Space, Wi-Fi
747	7/11/2012	books, printer when mine was not working, copies.
748	7/11/2012	Study environment with my own laptop
749	7/11/2012	research
750	7/11/2012	brainstorming
751	7/11/2012	printing/scanning
752	7/11/2012	Printing
753	7/11/2012	I bring my own but the library has faster connection than safeway or fred meyers.

754	7/11/2012	Reading Magazines
755	7/11/2012	interlibrary loan
756	7/11/2012	Read material at the library and vote at the library.
757	7/11/2012	Printing
758	7/11/2012	as a resource for information
759	7/11/2012	Interlibrary loan, special exhibitions and events, a quiet place to pause during a busy day
760	7/11/2012	Read magazines
761	7/11/2012	study rooms
762	7/11/2012	E-Books
763	7/11/2012	Pageturners Book Club
764	7/11/2012	offer free introductions to Nonviolent Communication
765	7/11/2012	Quiet space to work
766	7/11/2012	DVD's/ CD
767	7/11/2012	Ebscohost online research
768	7/11/2012	craft events, other events

769	7/11/2012	use of quiet rooms for study/group work
770	7/11/2012	occasional meetings
771	7/11/2012	Short-term work space
772	7/11/2012	Place to go after school
773	7/11/2012	e books, online music
774	7/11/2012	Spot for my daughter to volunteer and learn basic service skills
775	7/11/2012	book clubs
776	7/11/2012	Visit the bookstore.
777	7/11/2012	tax program
778	7/11/2012	as a study/meeting space
779	7/11/2012	Doing homework and research, we don't have the facilities at home
780	7/11/2012	Form of family outing
781	7/11/2012	I have internet access at home but I sometimes will use the printers at the branches.
782	7/11/2012	To just sit and relax in a quiet place (coffee shops are so noisy)
783	7/11/2012	magazines and newspapers

784	7/11/2012	Periodical reading
785	7/11/2012	Summer Reading Volunteering
786	7/11/2012	Quiet work place
787	7/11/2012	Craft Circle
788	7/11/2012	read magazines
789	7/11/2012	Foreign language books
790	7/11/2012	Attend and present at literary events
791	7/11/2012	Printer
792	7/11/2012	A quiet place to study
793	7/11/2012	Printing, Copying, Place to meet
794	7/11/2012	A pleasant place to read
795	7/11/2012	didn't know about small business owner resource but will use in future
796	7/11/2012	ballot drop-off
797	7/11/2012	bring my own laptop to use internet
798	7/11/2012	research

799	7/11/2012	seminar at the library --estate planning
800	7/11/2012	programs that are not for children or seniors but for adults
801	7/11/2012	audiobooks
802	7/11/2012	Quiet place to work.
803	7/11/2012	use restroom
804	7/11/2012	poetry readings and other presentations
805	7/11/2012	Free wifi access
806	7/11/2012	Place to study
807	7/11/2012	genealogy and Worldcat
808	7/11/2012	summer reading program
809	7/11/2012	Ebooks
810	7/11/2012	foreign language books - Russian primarily
811	7/11/2012	"work from home" in the quiet rooms
812	7/11/2012	Browsing the stacks and reading at tables.
813	7/11/2012	copies, voting ballads

814	7/11/2012	study rooms
815	7/11/2012	Wi-fi
816	7/11/2012	check out ebook and audio books weekly online.
817	7/11/2012	Read magazines at the library
818	7/11/2012	teacher resources/bucket of books
819	7/11/2012	Don't use the MCLS I moved to Hillsboro, OR
820	7/11/2012	genealogy resources
821	7/11/2012	Research for school for my daughter in high school
822	7/11/2012	check out CD's
823	7/11/2012	reading at the library
824	7/11/2012	read magazines, do (and get help with) research
825	7/11/2012	use of the quiet room in the belmont location, their language learning program (mango and mocha)
826	7/11/2012	library2go
827	7/11/2012	read periodicals pick up free publications
828	7/11/2012	Pick up books reserved

829	7/11/2012	community news, resources, librarian support
830	7/11/2012	We have family "library day" when we go to the library for hours and read, do homework together, sometimes play games at the library
831	7/11/2012	Research for business and education.
832	7/11/2012	iPhone App for audiobooks
833	7/11/2012	Mandarin librarians at Woodstock
834	7/11/2012	Brown bag talks
835	7/11/2012	I use your online resources very often. You are so out of touch to not have that as a choice above!
836	7/11/2012	use the LOS mail service
837	7/11/2012	I frequently use interlibrary loan for work projects
838	7/11/2012	author talks
839	7/11/2012	Books2You electronic books and audio books
840	7/11/2012	Printer access (don't have a printer at home)
841	7/11/2012	Study Space
842	7/11/2012	Research for educational purposes
843	7/11/2012	Reading

844	7/11/2012	Volunteer
845	7/11/2012	adult, teenage classes, arts & crafts classes
846	7/11/2012	research
847	7/11/2012	Interlibrary loan, Freegal
848	7/11/2012	internet access on my own computer, quiet place to read and study or work
849	7/11/2012	Read the newspapers, magazines, computer classes.
850	7/11/2012	special programs and classes
851	7/11/2012	Study space, tour of public art, shopping for gifts at friends store
852	7/11/2012	Interlibrary loans
853	7/11/2012	Reference desk & online databases (JSTOR, WorldCat, etc.)
854	7/11/2012	Consumer research
855	7/11/2012	educational programs
856	7/11/2012	computer access was disappointing - too limited (need google - set time limit) Fort Vancouver White Salmon loans netbooks inside for 2 hrs - a few \$100 each.
857	7/11/2012	Electronic journals and databases
858	7/11/2012	books for preschool reading area

859	7/11/2012	Query and talk to library staff
860	7/11/2012	Read Papers & Periodicals
861	7/11/2012	Knitting group
862	7/11/2012	children's storytimes
863	7/11/2012	printers
864	7/11/2012	Research/ reading
865	7/11/2012	ebooks
866	7/11/2012	card for online access
867	7/11/2012	I sometimes use the audio book series
868	7/11/2012	Storytime and doing homework
869	7/11/2012	arts and crafts programs for families and adults
870	7/11/2012	read magazines
871	7/11/2012	online programs
872	7/11/2012	Freegal
873	7/11/2012	wifi

874	7/11/2012	Library 2go
875	7/11/2012	I work in social services and I refer clients to the library for quite a few resources
876	7/11/2012	Relaxation, other various programs (book fairs, publishing).
877	7/11/2012	daughter online school exam proctoring, home school work, project research
878	7/11/2012	Concerts and exhibits and book club and knitting
879	7/11/2012	Read and relax
880	7/11/2012	I occasionally attend programs for adults.
881	7/11/2012	Overdrive Library
882	7/11/2012	Opera Preview
883	7/11/2012	programs for adults
884	7/11/2012	I tutor students using the wi-fi for my laptop.
885	7/11/2012	E books
886	7/11/2012	Meeting space
887	7/11/2012	inter-library loans
888	7/11/2012	Browsing through the wonderful collection and reading on site

889	7/11/2012	I use them for my classroom
890	7/11/2012	Intercambio
891	7/11/2012	Online media
892	7/11/2012	I like the art exhibits
893	7/11/2012	Book group
894	7/11/2012	Check out digital books through Oregon Digital Library Consortium
895	7/11/2012	Lucky Day and Book Club
896	7/11/2012	e books
897	7/11/2012	professional research--I'm a working writer. Also audiobooks and ebooks via internet, for fun.
898	7/11/2012	Online books and audio books
899	7/11/2012	tax return help
900	7/11/2012	request holds, ask librarians for assistance finding books.
901	7/11/2012	inhouse activities - story time, family programs etc
902	7/11/2012	drop in chess
903	7/11/2012	Political speakers who use the meeting rooms. Spanish language learning programs.

904	7/11/2012	Audio books and music (Freegal)
905	7/11/2012	in-house reference
906	7/11/2012	research
907	7/11/2012	Freegal music downloads
908	7/11/2012	Studying
909	7/11/2012	Auto blue prints
910	7/11/2012	ILL
911	7/11/2012	Read periodicals in library
912	7/11/2012	newspapers
913	7/11/2012	Church program material
914	7/11/2012	Poetry!
915	7/11/2012	just for piece and quiet to do a bit of computer work
916	7/11/2012	e-books
917	7/11/2012	In-school resources/teacher resources
918	7/11/2012	local historical research

919	7/11/2012	Research for projects
920	7/11/2012	Read reference books books on St Johns history
921	7/11/2012	Pageturers
922	7/11/2012	don't really use
923	7/11/2012	Quiet reading and homework place
924	7/11/2012	BOOK CLUBS
925	7/11/2012	Book discussion groups
926	7/11/2012	Library2Go
927	7/11/2012	Brown bag programs at central library like SSA
928	7/11/2012	On-line book reading when available.
929	7/11/2012	Online catalog
930	7/11/2012	Place to read and wait for friends
931	7/11/2012	research databases such as EBSCO and online resources like OED. Great services!
932	7/11/2012	I was able to file my 2011 tax returns for free through a program that was offered there.
933	7/11/2012	Ebook system

934	7/11/2012	Wifi
935	7/11/2012	pickup holds placed online
936	7/11/2012	story time for our preschooler & reading to the animals too
937	7/11/2012	DVDs and movies and CDs
938	7/11/2012	music downloads
939	7/11/2012	Research
940	7/11/2012	Meeting space
941	7/11/2012	Research, Library2Go
942	7/11/2012	view reference collections
943	7/11/2012	ebooks through library
944	7/11/2012	Online services
945	7/11/2012	interlibrary loan; databases, reference line, research materials
946	7/11/2012	online peer reviewed articles in your databases
947	7/11/2012	printing
948	7/11/2012	research

949	7/11/2012	borrow dvds, get tax forms, turn in voting ballots
950	7/11/2012	I've seen a couple speakers at the Central Library. When I moved here, I used the Belmont Library for computer access and job seeking a bunch, but not since.
951	7/11/2012	Attend programs (e.g. Different types of telephone /internet packages available in Oregon)
952	7/11/2012	kindle books
953	7/11/2012	newspapers and magazines on site
954	7/11/2012	voter drop-off
955	7/11/2012	ebook lending, research in library
956	7/11/2012	I love and regularly attend the annual storytelling finale and hope to find time in the future for more library use.
957	7/11/2012	Historical research
958	7/11/2012	Reference librarians! thank you for helping me find good source material - no matter what I'm looking for.
959	7/11/2012	Drop of voting ballot
960	7/11/2012	As a weekly meeting location (Gresham).
961	7/11/2012	evening series on interesting themes
962	7/11/2012	wireless when tutoring public school kids. Also teaching materials through library corps. I also have an educator card.
963	7/11/2012	use online databases at home

964	7/11/2012	research, browsing for relaxation, to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere
965	7/11/2012	Programs for fans... like Doctor Who events.
966	7/11/2012	Research (Consumer Reports, etc.)
967	7/11/2012	Mostly online checkout of ebooks.
968	7/11/2012	A place for quiet study for school
969	7/11/2012	Work with clients (social worker)
970	7/11/2012	Book Club at location
971	7/11/2012	Researchy specific Topics
972	7/11/2012	teaching kids to be independent, responsible, and inquisitive
973	7/11/2012	requested reference research
974	7/11/2012	it's a quiet, well-lit place to read.
975	7/11/2012	Check out magazines/sources; drop off ballots; will be checking out audio books this winter for trips.
976	7/11/2012	Being apart of community and meeting new people.
977	7/11/2012	Wifi
978	7/11/2012	A place to get away and study/do research.

979	7/11/2012	research databases
980	7/11/2012	talk to librarians about good books to read
981	7/11/2012	Research for my novels
982	7/11/2012	Wireless internet access
983	7/11/2012	Read magazines
984	7/11/2012	DVDs
985	7/11/2012	Research / databases
986	7/11/2012	Study rooms
987	7/11/2012	reference info, books on tape
988	7/11/2012	literacy and access to books!
989	7/11/2012	Inter Library loan syatem, electronic resources
990	7/11/2012	website, databases, ebooks
991	7/11/2012	special workshops/brown bag at Central
992	7/11/2012	Hold events in public meeting spaces
993	7/11/2012	research

994	7/11/2012	interlibrary loan; microfilm readers
995	7/11/2012	Craft Activities!
996	7/11/2012	speaker events
997	7/11/2012	Book buckets for teachers
998	7/11/2012	I place holds via Internet and access foreign language resources. An elderly, house-bound family member also has books delivered to his home.
999	7/11/2012	Study areas with WiFi capabilities
1000	7/11/2012	For the community of it all
1001	7/11/2012	periodicals and newspapers
1002	7/11/2012	learn from librarians
1003	7/11/2012	access to ebooks
1004	7/11/2012	book clubs
1005	7/11/2012	Summer Reading Program
1006	7/11/2012	book club meetings
1007	7/11/2012	resources for wills etc
1008	7/11/2012	Who can use the libraries on a "daily" basis--closed on Mondays!

1009	7/11/2012	Quiet space to work.
1010	7/11/2012	research for writing fiction
1011	7/11/2012	Also, have teacher educator card
1012	7/11/2012	Magazines, Value Line, Morningstar
1013	7/11/2012	wi-fi with my own laptop
1014	7/11/2012	Visit exhibits on 3rd floor of Central Library; attend performances in ground-floor auditorium
1015	7/11/2012	Suitably Quiet Study Space
1016	7/11/2012	E-books
1017	7/11/2012	Read about local history (St Johns & NoPo), browse & read zines, air conditioning in summer (I have a chronic illness that makes me sensitive to heat), quiet space to write or read, social programs, reading groups
1018	7/11/2012	Adult ed. classes and Livemocha
1019	7/11/2012	grant research for nonprofit
1020	7/11/2012	Online Music Download
1021	7/11/2012	Reference Librarians
1022	7/11/2012	I use the online access to the genealogy database and some of the scientific databases
1023	7/11/2012	online services, freegal

1024	7/11/2012	spanish story time, and language exchange
1025	7/11/2012	Research, databases, articles, interlibrary loan
1026	7/11/2012	I volunteer 3 hours a week
1027	7/11/2012	Take students I work with there to study
1028	7/11/2012	homework help from the staff and a place to gather with friends for a study session
1029	7/11/2012	I am a substitute teacher so I am constantly checking out age appropriate material for the K-5 classrooms I teach in.
1030	7/11/2012	inter library loan
1031	7/11/2012	read the classics program
1032	7/11/2012	Page Turners book meetings
1033	7/11/2012	learning not related to schooling but projects
1034	7/11/2012	MLC Librarian facilitates an after school book club at Chapman Elem. School
1035	7/11/2012	friendship and community
1036	7/11/2012	wifi on occasion
1037	7/11/2012	knitting group/lectures
1038	7/11/2012	study area

1039	7/11/2012	Online Databases
1040	7/11/2012	To read the online newspapers
1041	7/11/2012	Electronic books
1042	7/11/2012	programs for educators
1043	7/11/2012	ebooks
1044	7/11/2012	Inter-cambio with others learning Spanish
1045	7/11/2012	I use quiet.study areas.
1046	7/11/2012	Download music via Freegal, place holds and renew books online, download ebooks
1047	7/11/2012	checking out downloadable audiobooks
1048	7/11/2012	Book Groups -- and I love the "Read to the Dogs"!
1049	7/11/2012	Amost exclusively downloading audiobooks through the Oregon Digital Library Consortium.
1050	7/11/2012	downloading ebooks
1051	7/11/2012	meet with tuor
1052	7/11/2012	Resources for my Classroom
1053	7/11/2012	research through librarians and on line

1054	7/11/2012	help with research
1055	7/11/2012	As a quiet place to read and do research.
1056	7/11/2012	using its reference sources (book-type)
1057	7/11/2012	Fell at home to study and seek questions and help
1058	7/11/2012	Also as a place to study.
1059	7/11/2012	got books to improve my math skills enhancing my odds of entering Pharmacy Tech training program
1060	7/11/2012	school corp
1061	7/11/2012	Mostly e-books
1062	7/11/2012	Interlibrary loan
1063	7/11/2012	page turners
1064	7/11/2012	tax and voting resource
1065	7/11/2012	E books
1066	7/11/2012	Research
1067	7/11/2012	School work
1068	7/11/2012	As a resource for my job as a SUN coordinator in the PPS district.

1069	7/11/2012	drop off ballots, community resource materials in the lobby
1070	7/11/2012	online reserach - weekly!
1071	7/11/2012	access to wifi
1072	7/11/2012	intercambio
1073	7/11/2012	on-line audiobooks
1074	7/11/2012	We attended the preschool story times years ago.
1075	7/11/2012	Read papers
1076	7/11/2012	Kindle ebook borrowing.
1077	7/11/2012	Recreational or educational programs for all ages.
1078	7/11/2012	References
1079	7/11/2012	We are homeschooling, so we use the library resources on a regular basis to keep our curriculum costs minimal while still exposing our kids to a rich variety of learning resources. We also use audio books frequently.
1080	7/11/2012	Research Local history (old business directories and phone books)
1081	7/11/2012	I'll sit there and read a whole book sometimes.
1082	7/11/2012	Page Turners book group, various arts and crafts programs, special music programs, etc.
1083	7/11/2012	Also use the online features for research, learning languages, downloading music, etc.

1084	7/11/2012	As a SHIBA volunteer, counseling Medicare folks
1085	7/11/2012	Read magazines & newspapers
1086	7/11/2012	Books on Kindle
1087	7/11/2012	Thursday Book Discussion Group
1088	7/11/2012	occasional Pageturner book group attender
1089	7/11/2012	Very infrequently I've gotten audiotapes
1090	7/11/2012	browse magazines & newspapers
1091	7/11/2012	library events and exhibits
1092	7/11/2012	wifi
1093	7/11/2012	Youth Volunteer opportunities
1094	7/11/2012	programs for teens and families
1095	7/11/2012	Just hang out and read
1096	7/11/2012	we use online library system
1097	7/11/2012	Interlibrary Loan
1098	7/11/2012	Collins Gallery openings at Central

1099	7/11/2012	Book club and volunteering
1100	7/11/2012	Educational Enrichment
1101	7/11/2012	Printing and making copies, hanging out and reading
1102	7/11/2012	To do research
1103	7/11/2012	Order books online at least twice a month.
1104	7/11/2012	Early Childhood Services--for child care providers
1105	7/11/2012	getting advice on which books I might want to read
1106	7/11/2012	cultural programs - opera, symphony, bible exhibit, etc.
1107	7/11/2012	use reference materials
1108	7/11/2012	knitting group every Thursday
1109	7/11/2012	Research archives
1110	7/11/2012	internet access
1111	7/11/2012	Printer/copier access
1112	7/11/2012	weekly magazine publications
1113	7/11/2012	Pageturners

1114	7/11/2012	check out books for my e reader.
1115	7/11/2012	wifi
1116	7/11/2012	current reading materials (newspapers and magazines)
1117	7/11/2012	to get free movies on dvd
1118	7/11/2012	Kindle on line books
1119	7/11/2012	home delivery for chronic pain injury
1120	7/11/2012	Printer/Copier Access
1121	7/11/2012	Our school age students study or meet with others to study and choose books.
1122	7/11/2012	Resources for educators! :)
1123	7/11/2012	Online at home search 4 articles
1124	7/11/2012	I use the library outreach mail service. I get a lot of movies.
1125	7/11/2012	Interlibrary Loan services for hard-to-find materials
1126	7/11/2012	Look for large print books
1127	7/11/2012	Wireless internet
1128	7/11/2012	Printing/copying

1129	7/11/2012	download audiobooks from Library2Go
1130	7/11/2012	Tiny tot readings and kids activity days
1131	7/11/2012	Music library
1132	7/11/2012	online databases
1133	7/10/2012	read books at the library/research materials
1134	7/10/2012	Look up information--from the books that can't be checked out.
1135	7/10/2012	Printing!
1136	7/10/2012	A quiet place to study/do homework
1137	7/10/2012	No story hour at Rockeood!!!
1138	7/10/2012	interlibrary loan
1139	7/10/2012	Freegal music downloads
1140	7/10/2012	reading periodicals & newspapers & magazines
1141	7/10/2012	other programs and exhibits (on 3rd floor) at Central Library
1142	7/10/2012	programs for adults like book clubs
1143	7/10/2012	Freegal music, online Resources

1144	7/10/2012	field trips with elementary age students
1145	7/10/2012	printer
1146	7/10/2012	ILL has been a phenomenal resource for books and articles!
1147	7/10/2012	community classes
1148	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loan service
1149	7/10/2012	Just browse
1150	7/10/2012	community movies
1151	7/10/2012	book club
1152	7/10/2012	pageturners
1153	7/10/2012	e-book and audio book electronic downloads
1154	7/10/2012	shopping at the bookstore
1155	7/10/2012	digital books through overdrive
1156	7/10/2012	Quiet study area
1157	7/10/2012	mango language
1158	7/10/2012	library2go resources

1159	7/10/2012	Research: 15th Century Florence
1160	7/10/2012	ordering books online and for the Kindle
1161	7/10/2012	e-book lending
1162	7/10/2012	music downloads
1163	7/10/2012	book discussion group
1164	7/10/2012	printer and copier
1165	7/10/2012	read periodicals at the library
1166	7/10/2012	Online access to web resources that require card number.
1167	7/10/2012	Assist adults with developmental disabilities to get information and learn how to use the library as a resource.
1168	7/10/2012	A quiet place to read.
1169	7/10/2012	work related
1170	7/10/2012	Online database research - I use this several times a week
1171	7/10/2012	love online holds!
1172	7/10/2012	I download books on tape on a regular basis
1173	7/10/2012	State and Federal forms

1174	7/10/2012	for a place to hang out and write and be with my kid
1175	7/10/2012	Quiet place to study
1176	7/10/2012	Databases for research
1177	7/10/2012	Look for books and place hold online for pickup.
1178	7/10/2012	Online databases for research
1179	7/10/2012	Place to do my Homework
1180	7/10/2012	download music and books online
1181	7/10/2012	Curriculum related materials (I teach 4th gr. in PPS)
1182	7/10/2012	Foundation Center programs at Central
1183	7/10/2012	other events
1184	7/10/2012	download music
1185	7/10/2012	I check out ebooks all the time. I rarely go into library however
1186	7/10/2012	Checking out for Kindle, need to use library's internet
1187	7/10/2012	reference
1188	7/10/2012	search for movies,cds,books on cd,

1189	7/10/2012	Computer and printer when home ones are down
1190	7/10/2012	read newspapers
1191	7/10/2012	readings and PageTurners events
1192	7/10/2012	Cultural programs for adults
1193	7/10/2012	study groups
1194	7/10/2012	i use it as a safe, quiet, comfortable place to read and study.
1195	7/10/2012	LlveMocha
1196	7/10/2012	Knitting groups
1197	7/10/2012	Online data bases (newspaper archives)
1198	7/10/2012	Just browsing
1199	7/10/2012	~~~
1200	7/10/2012	read news papers
1201	7/10/2012	Don't use it since I got a Kindle...
1202	7/10/2012	Special Programs, friends
1203	7/10/2012	computer skills workshops

1204	7/10/2012	feeling connected to the neighborhood
1205	7/10/2012	Wifi
1206	7/10/2012	Librarians have also helped me with research for my school projects.
1207	7/10/2012	copy machine
1208	7/10/2012	class on e-readers
1209	7/10/2012	research
1210	7/10/2012	Online research
1211	7/10/2012	research and exhibits
1212	7/10/2012	Overdrive ebooks & audiobooks
1213	7/10/2012	FreeGal music service
1214	7/10/2012	online holds
1215	7/10/2012	spanish intercambio
1216	7/10/2012	art related events, tax forms
1217	7/10/2012	printing
1218	7/10/2012	Read newspaper or magazines

1219	7/10/2012	online catalogue
1220	7/10/2012	Kindle and audio books
1221	7/10/2012	A quiet place to look for new books.
1222	7/10/2012	Languages, travel info, looking up information, etc.
1223	7/10/2012	recorded books for mother (who is blind)
1224	7/10/2012	Study area away from the distractions of home
1225	7/10/2012	freegal
1226	7/10/2012	ILL services, a place to study (when there are free tables away from computers)
1227	7/10/2012	research using data bases available
1228	7/10/2012	Tutor
1229	7/10/2012	read periodicals that I can't afford to purchase
1230	7/10/2012	A quiet place to work on reading and writing projects
1231	7/10/2012	computer classes
1232	7/10/2012	Read magazines and non-lendable resource materials at the library
1233	7/10/2012	reading periodicals

1234	7/10/2012	Printer/Copier access
1235	7/10/2012	school work, art work- drawing from prints, ect...
1236	7/10/2012	databases remotely
1237	7/10/2012	ebooks
1238	7/10/2012	Work space
1239	7/10/2012	Pageturners group
1240	7/10/2012	it helps to make sure my life is sustainable
1241	7/10/2012	research
1242	7/10/2012	EBooks
1243	7/10/2012	Online research databases
1244	7/10/2012	teacher resources
1245	7/10/2012	French language & travel books
1246	7/10/2012	writer's room
1247	7/10/2012	Research on a variety of topics; exhibits, especially those sponsored by the rare books department.
1248	7/10/2012	Reference items

1249	7/10/2012	Special talks/events
1250	7/10/2012	request many journal articles through your data base. GREAT SERVICE.
1251	7/10/2012	Almost entirely ebooks
1252	7/10/2012	quiet rooms
1253	7/10/2012	my child volunteers with summer reading program
1254	7/10/2012	Databases, mainly Heritage Quest
1255	7/10/2012	Access to business information for research purposes
1256	7/10/2012	magazines, newspapers
1257	7/10/2012	E-books
1258	7/10/2012	internet
1259	7/10/2012	a good place to study
1260	7/10/2012	study schoolwork (PCC)
1261	7/10/2012	The printer
1262	7/10/2012	Meeting space
1263	7/10/2012	inter-library loan

1264	7/10/2012	NW Knitting Group
1265	7/10/2012	Research
1266	7/10/2012	Page Turners
1267	7/10/2012	We also enjoy reading magazines we don't subscribe to.
1268	7/10/2012	lectures and performances
1269	7/10/2012	View microfilms of old newspapers
1270	7/10/2012	occasional presentation in the community rood
1271	7/10/2012	research, periodical reading, book club
1272	7/10/2012	Research for PhD program
1273	7/10/2012	Printer Access
1274	7/10/2012	Pageturners book group
1275	7/10/2012	printing
1276	7/10/2012	Talking books
1277	7/10/2012	music, art exhibits, special talks
1278	7/10/2012	use of quiet working spaces

1279	7/10/2012	Use library meeting rooms
1280	7/10/2012	ebooks
1281	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loan (a fantastic service)
1282	7/10/2012	online services and ebooks
1283	7/10/2012	friends of library store, donate books, pick up tax forms
1284	7/10/2012	I use the Library2Go online system
1285	7/10/2012	looking for grants & scholarships
1286	7/10/2012	in library computer learning games for children
1287	7/10/2012	research on various topics via databases; interlibrary loans on occasion
1288	7/10/2012	On line research from home
1289	7/10/2012	Programs for adults, Printing, List of community resources, Upcoming events
1290	7/10/2012	reading back issues of magazines not available For Check-out
1291	7/10/2012	research
1292	7/10/2012	Inter-library loan for books and articles, Research assistance from librarians
1293	7/10/2012	take classes, reading groups, special events (art shows, readings)

1294	7/10/2012	order books and materials online at home
1295	7/10/2012	periodicals
1296	7/10/2012	electronic books
1297	7/10/2012	materials for our middle school daughters to use for homework, recreational reading
1298	7/10/2012	checking out e-books online
1299	7/10/2012	Printing documents
1300	7/10/2012	e-books
1301	7/10/2012	Online library
1302	7/10/2012	drop off voters' ballots
1303	7/10/2012	ebooks via Library2go
1304	7/10/2012	Inter - Library Loan
1305	7/10/2012	Reference section, main library
1306	7/10/2012	Craft Circle twice a month
1307	7/10/2012	reference librarian (e-mail) VERY VERY HELPFUL
1308	7/10/2012	digital library (a lot!)

1309	7/10/2012	turn in voter ballots, print docs
1310	7/10/2012	classroom supplemental material
1311	7/10/2012	E-Library
1312	7/10/2012	Digital Media
1313	7/10/2012	Mostly books on CD for daily commuting
1314	7/10/2012	Safe place station, studying, meetings, socialize, networking, teaching, learning, and so much more
1315	7/10/2012	Research through; newspaper archive, periodicals, hub to receive and return books from downtown..
1316	7/10/2012	online research
1317	7/10/2012	genealogical research
1318	7/10/2012	Study space
1319	7/10/2012	Mango Languages
1320	7/10/2012	Printing services
1321	7/10/2012	attend meetings and poetry readings
1322	7/10/2012	Printing
1323	7/10/2012	just like going and being with other reader!, research

1324	7/10/2012	interlibrary loan; getting journal articles
1325	7/10/2012	online data bases and research
1326	7/10/2012	genealogy & social services
1327	7/10/2012	ebook library from home
1328	7/10/2012	volunteer
1329	7/10/2012	Media (ipad games) for toddlers
1330	7/10/2012	staff is wonderful
1331	7/10/2012	Inter Library Loans
1332	7/10/2012	DATABASE RESEARCH
1333	7/10/2012	study/reading
1334	7/10/2012	printer access
1335	7/10/2012	academic research
1336	7/10/2012	Web/ Computer workshops
1337	7/10/2012	Place to hang out
1338	7/10/2012	Wi Fi access

1339	7/10/2012	Summer reading for kids
1340	7/10/2012	use the databases from outside the library
1341	7/10/2012	I use the library to go primarily
1342	7/10/2012	Research for performing arts productions (operas, mostly)
1343	7/10/2012	read publications
1344	7/10/2012	Books including ebooks through Overdrive.
1345	7/10/2012	Access to research dbs like JSTOR
1346	7/10/2012	Spanish Learning
1347	7/10/2012	Studios space
1348	7/10/2012	Also check out audiobooks online
1349	7/10/2012	storytime is great
1350	7/10/2012	OverDrive Media
1351	7/10/2012	Use the computers occasionally
1352	7/10/2012	newspaper research
1353	7/10/2012	occasionally attend cultural events at Central Library

1354	7/10/2012	Holds
1355	7/10/2012	printer access
1356	7/10/2012	classes
1357	7/10/2012	Library Press Display for scans of international newspapers.
1358	7/10/2012	Internet access for my own computer
1359	7/10/2012	Knitting classes
1360	7/10/2012	meeting space
1361	7/10/2012	attended computer course for seniors
1362	7/10/2012	Read reference and other materials in the library.
1363	7/10/2012	community interaction
1364	7/10/2012	research
1365	7/10/2012	just peruse and read at the library
1366	7/10/2012	Local neighborhood group meetings
1367	7/10/2012	check out ebooks and audio books
1368	7/10/2012	printing

1369	7/10/2012	Hold meetings there.
1370	7/10/2012	help with interlibrary loans
1371	7/10/2012	Interlibrary Loans for difficult-to-find books
1372	7/10/2012	Quiet place to read when I am between appointments
1373	7/10/2012	Sterling Writers Room at Central Library
1374	7/10/2012	Historical newspapers, obits, genealogy
1375	7/10/2012	Mobile App system to Check account & to Search the catalog
1376	7/10/2012	interlibrary loan
1377	7/10/2012	all uses
1378	7/10/2012	Study/work space.
1379	7/10/2012	I use the copiers and printers
1380	7/10/2012	Programs for adults
1381	7/10/2012	e-books
1382	7/10/2012	being able to display our literature on shelves near the entrance
1383	7/10/2012	Read newspapers and magazines;a good place to write letters and journal entries

1384	7/10/2012	Historical research
1385	7/10/2012	free, quiet place to use my laptop and write
1386	7/10/2012	Free music downloads
1387	7/10/2012	read the New York Times
1388	7/10/2012	Magazines
1389	7/10/2012	A quiet place to read
1390	7/10/2012	access books from other libraries through system
1391	7/10/2012	Printing/photocopying access
1392	7/10/2012	a quite place to work
1393	7/10/2012	Ebooks
1394	7/10/2012	Periodicals and reading lists
1395	7/10/2012	in-library use of reference material for study
1396	7/10/2012	library 2 go and online hold system with local pick up
1397	7/10/2012	quiet rooms
1398	7/10/2012	Quiet place to work, relax, or spend a rainy day outside your home.

1399	7/10/2012	Web programming/tech books
1400	7/10/2012	I use the meeting rooms for my volunteer group
1401	7/10/2012	Book Club
1402	7/10/2012	specifially printer access
1403	7/10/2012	wi-fi access
1404	7/10/2012	research
1405	7/10/2012	I take my 6 yr old grandson to teach him to read & teach him how to usw library
1406	7/10/2012	Escape the cruel world.
1407	7/10/2012	Freegal!
1408	7/10/2012	Non Profist use of library rooms for seminars
1409	7/10/2012	Resources from the MCL site--research
1410	7/10/2012	programs for teachers
1411	7/10/2012	quiet place to do college homework
1412	7/10/2012	Download books from library website
1413	7/10/2012	Quiet place to work

1414	7/10/2012	reading space
1415	7/10/2012	Ebooks
1416	7/10/2012	Dropping off voter ballot & picking up community flyers.
1417	7/10/2012	online resources
1418	7/10/2012	reading in the library
1419	7/10/2012	intercambio
1420	7/10/2012	A place to read & study quietly in the neighborhood, and browse.
1421	7/10/2012	E-BOOKS
1422	7/10/2012	Wireless Access
1423	7/10/2012	I am a public school teacher and check out materials for my students
1424	7/10/2012	Research for school at the library using reference materials
1425	7/10/2012	scanning and printing
1426	7/10/2012	book club
1427	7/10/2012	research
1428	7/10/2012	Studying - college student

1429	7/10/2012	download musci
1430	7/10/2012	Printer access
1431	7/10/2012	interlibrary loan
1432	7/10/2012	to study, to read, to get out of the city noise and chaos
1433	7/10/2012	I have a Kindle and would like to see more Kindle books available
1434	7/10/2012	lending library
1435	7/10/2012	Civil War discussion group.
1436	7/10/2012	online lending
1437	7/10/2012	Access to OED online
1438	7/10/2012	Use Online Database
1439	7/10/2012	Check out books and pick up books on hold.
1440	7/10/2012	OnLine Research from my home computer
1441	7/10/2012	On-line access to databases
1442	7/10/2012	I could see myself using other programs in the future such as adult classes, business classes, computer access, and job-seeking support.
1443	7/10/2012	classes for my job

1444	7/10/2012	I have used it for job seeking resources in the past, but luckily am now employed and don't have to; I would be in a hard place if I became unemployed again and the resources for computer and job seeking were not available any more
1445	7/10/2012	library 2go
1446	7/10/2012	Nice, sun-filled place to read
1447	7/10/2012	To download Library2Go audible books
1448	7/10/2012	programs/events/lectures
1449	7/10/2012	A clean, well lighted place for books and study.
1450	7/10/2012	Research
1451	7/10/2012	I find the lovely building to be a comfort to be there and read
1452	7/10/2012	Reference
1453	7/10/2012	ILL
1454	7/10/2012	Pageturners Book Group
1455	7/10/2012	Events such as Portland Opera Previews
1456	7/10/2012	I use the library area to study (I'm an undergraduate)
1457	7/10/2012	We dont.
1458	7/10/2012	free neighborhood hang-out

1459	7/10/2012	access to research data bases
1460	7/10/2012	ebooks
1461	7/10/2012	Source of community information
1462	7/10/2012	quiet place to ready, study, and work
1463	7/10/2012	Community involvement and learning other languages
1464	7/10/2012	A safe, quiet, free, uplifting place to be that is private but not isolating. Also, libraries are an essential part of a functioning and healthy democracy. You have one of the best library systems in the country and anything I can do to help keep that going and thriving I'm for
1465	7/10/2012	research
1466	7/10/2012	download audiobooks
1467	7/10/2012	Read periodicals
1468	7/10/2012	read magazines
1469	7/10/2012	homework + study
1470	7/10/2012	reading magazines
1471	7/10/2012	Meeting place for artist social guild
1472	7/10/2012	Community activities
1473	7/10/2012	learning new languages

1474	7/10/2012	Email
1475	7/10/2012	mainly audiobooks
1476	7/10/2012	download ebooks
1477	7/10/2012	Photocopying
1478	7/10/2012	educational purposes, to check out books for my classroom
1479	7/10/2012	Book babies on Saturday mornings.
1480	7/10/2012	Computer classes, knitting classes. to be with other people/
1481	7/10/2012	Research microfilm
1482	7/10/2012	Book reservations and holds
1483	7/10/2012	Internet access
1484	7/10/2012	study space
1485	7/10/2012	reading periodicals
1486	7/10/2012	Use the printers
1487	7/10/2012	programs and activities for adults, art and educational
1488	7/10/2012	e-books for kindle

1489	7/10/2012	college and university studies, interlibrary loans
1490	7/10/2012	I have attended talks there- most recently the "Tackling Student Debt" talk.
1491	7/10/2012	ebook check out online
1492	7/10/2012	e books
1493	7/10/2012	online databases
1494	7/10/2012	Research
1495	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loan
1496	7/10/2012	Library associated Book Clubs
1497	7/10/2012	Community education classes, such as the debt classes that are coming up this Summer
1498	7/10/2012	Printer access
1499	7/10/2012	Read the newspapers and magazines
1500	7/10/2012	Book Group
1501	7/10/2012	Printing
1502	7/10/2012	On line research for books/information
1503	7/10/2012	online holdings

1504	7/10/2012	read New York Times & some magazines
1505	7/10/2012	Homeschool access and Interlibrary Loan
1506	7/10/2012	read magazines/newspapers in library
1507	7/10/2012	SUmmer reading program
1508	7/10/2012	tax help
1509	7/10/2012	internet access, or using the mutlomah county library site online
1510	7/10/2012	poetry readings
1511	7/10/2012	Income tax assistance from AARP volunteers
1512	7/10/2012	homework help
1513	7/10/2012	E-books
1514	7/10/2012	computer access largely for printing.
1515	7/10/2012	on-line research
1516	7/10/2012	school homework
1517	7/10/2012	Classical Readiny Group
1518	7/10/2012	pageturner discussions

1519	7/10/2012	dvd's, flyers of activities for my ESL students, audio books for teaching
1520	7/10/2012	classes for ebooks, word processing
1521	7/10/2012	I use on line resources, place holds, ebooks and magazines
1522	7/10/2012	obtain forms and browse journals
1523	7/10/2012	book group, Lucky Day, digital.
1524	7/10/2012	Study Space
1525	7/10/2012	Online databases, esp. Oregonian files
1526	7/10/2012	E-books, love the audible easy access:)
1527	7/10/2012	electronic books
1528	7/10/2012	Download audio books from the digital library
1529	7/10/2012	E-books and reading time (tiny tots, book babies) and I use the community room.
1530	7/10/2012	Page turners book club for church
1531	7/10/2012	I use the internet
1532	7/10/2012	Inter-library loan
1533	7/10/2012	Quiet place to study and read

1534	7/10/2012	Before I lived in Portland I liked to hang out at the library to read or study, but Portland libraries are overcrowded with smelly people and don't have comfortable chairs, so I don't do that anymore
1535	7/10/2012	summer reading
1536	7/10/2012	intercambio; other special programs
1537	7/10/2012	Book groups
1538	7/10/2012	Quiet study
1539	7/10/2012	ebooks, internet catalog
1540	7/10/2012	Quiet place to get away or get something accomplished.
1541	7/10/2012	study/homework spot
1542	7/10/2012	In the library and also online via my Kindle.
1543	7/10/2012	Reference materials, oregonian, etc
1544	7/10/2012	I am disabled and audio books from the library are the only access to books that I have.
1545	7/10/2012	Study Environment
1546	7/10/2012	downloading online audio booke
1547	7/10/2012	Quiet reading area.
1548	7/10/2012	a space for research and study

1549	7/10/2012	A quiet place to focus
1550	7/10/2012	Community events of interest to me.
1551	7/10/2012	Music CDs especially
1552	7/10/2012	Social, literature and discussions
1553	7/10/2012	Son is a student at PCC and uses county library
1554	7/10/2012	Page turners, I am active in three groups
1555	7/10/2012	e-books
1556	7/10/2012	Gaining access to research materials
1557	7/10/2012	Study Rooms
1558	7/10/2012	a wifi place to work that's not a noisy coffee shop
1559	7/10/2012	e books assistance
1560	7/10/2012	Family Story time
1561	7/10/2012	audio books
1562	7/10/2012	Alldata (Database)
1563	7/10/2012	Curriculum bags for use in my child care business

1564	7/10/2012	Plan to use the programs for children
1565	7/10/2012	printer access
1566	7/10/2012	voting and tax forms
1567	7/10/2012	Printing
1568	7/10/2012	Work with children's librarians to help stock my classroom library and get books for units that I am teaching.
1569	7/10/2012	research and information seeking
1570	7/10/2012	On-line research databases.
1571	7/10/2012	as a study/work area
1572	7/10/2012	Wi-Fi Access; meeting spot
1573	7/10/2012	Printing
1574	7/10/2012	Check out many books for the classroom all through the year, our library is a very, very valuable resource for teaching!
1575	7/10/2012	research
1576	7/10/2012	resources for teachers
1577	7/10/2012	Teaching my child how to do research/read
1578	7/10/2012	Research

1579	7/10/2012	I use OverDrive on my iPad A LOT to check out media.
1580	7/10/2012	review/study reference materials, read out of state newspapers
1581	7/10/2012	printing access
1582	7/10/2012	genealogy/history
1583	7/10/2012	I am a teacher and borrow books for my classroom regularly.
1584	7/10/2012	printing
1585	7/10/2012	research
1586	7/10/2012	Author visits and talks.
1587	7/10/2012	Lbrary 2 Go
1588	7/10/2012	Community Programs - storytelling festival, knitting circles... ; Research
1589	7/10/2012	Mobile office/place to work.
1590	7/10/2012	investigation research
1591	7/10/2012	gift shop, used book sale
1592	7/10/2012	computer games for children
1593	7/10/2012	Digital books

1594	7/10/2012	My students use it for research and learning about the community and using it for homework, as well as learning about community resources. The library holds meetings and other discussions which I attend
1595	7/10/2012	A shared space to meet for business and study.
1596	7/10/2012	vote
1597	7/10/2012	ebooks online checkout
1598	7/10/2012	Exhibits
1599	7/10/2012	Knitting groups; Computer classes; special speakers/topics; Book groups/reviews
1600	7/10/2012	programs for adults
1601	7/10/2012	I use the printer on the computers fairly often.
1602	7/10/2012	Place to study/write for school
1603	7/10/2012	Book club
1604	7/10/2012	read magazines, papers
1605	7/10/2012	quite study rooms
1606	7/10/2012	Pageturners
1607	7/10/2012	copies
1608	7/10/2012	Educator Resources & Public School Librarian Partnership

1609	7/10/2012	I check out e books at least six times a month.
1610	7/10/2012	digital access on computer
1611	7/10/2012	kindle books
1612	7/10/2012	reference material
1613	7/10/2012	Programs at Central Library - primarily concerts
1614	7/10/2012	as a safe space to write, read and be.
1615	7/10/2012	Foreign language learning
1616	7/10/2012	Peace of mind
1617	7/10/2012	Read International Newspapers on Library Press display almost daily
1618	7/10/2012	Research
1619	7/10/2012	Occasionally read for up to 20 minutes.
1620	7/10/2012	Knitting group, tax pamphlets, drop off ballots
1621	7/10/2012	Consult reference materials
1622	7/10/2012	Teen Council
1623	7/10/2012	printers

1624	7/10/2012	Quiet place to read and study
1625	7/10/2012	book groups
1626	7/10/2012	story Time
1627	7/10/2012	concerts and lectures
1628	7/10/2012	Book Transfers are my addiction!
1629	7/10/2012	online search of catalogue
1630	7/10/2012	Online resource materials
1631	7/10/2012	Kindle
1632	7/10/2012	pick-up location of community news events, maps, etc.
1633	7/10/2012	Social gathering, book area for toddlers
1634	7/10/2012	Interlibrary Loan, Occasional Guest Speakers
1635	7/10/2012	Study space
1636	7/10/2012	free music downloads
1637	7/10/2012	ebooks
1638	7/10/2012	Programs for adults - Pageturners book club

1639	7/10/2012	yarn club
1640	7/10/2012	Sterling Writers Room
1641	7/10/2012	training
1642	7/10/2012	None
1643	7/10/2012	quiet place to read
1644	7/10/2012	as pickup for books on hold.
1645	7/10/2012	databases and material not easily available otherwise
1646	7/10/2012	The small study rooms at the Hollywood Branch are an amazing resource!
1647	7/10/2012	my classroom, adult summer reading programs
1648	7/10/2012	connection to community events
1649	7/10/2012	yes
1650	7/10/2012	Historical research
1651	7/10/2012	Books to You, Multnomah County after school class offerings, Book Boxes
1652	7/10/2012	WiFi, CDs, DVDs, maps, research
1653	7/10/2012	Lecture series

1654	7/10/2012	online ebooks
1655	7/10/2012	Web site good source for election news
1656	7/10/2012	Make photo copies
1657	7/10/2012	dvds
1658	7/10/2012	Programs for educators
1659	7/10/2012	Pick up and return holds, mostly
1660	7/10/2012	internet access
1661	7/10/2012	browse new books/releases; work on research projects
1662	7/10/2012	online for ebooks and digital books
1663	7/10/2012	search for books available from home computer and reserve them. Great feature!
1664	7/10/2012	An opportunity to get out of the house and do something more than job search. As a college graduate and a competent individual, struggling through seven months of being unemployed is very difficult. The library is where I go to feel connected to my community.
1665	7/10/2012	presonal research
1666	7/10/2012	interlibrary loans
1667	7/10/2012	Knitting group
1668	7/10/2012	Movies.

1669	7/10/2012	online resources from home and exhibits in Collins Gallery
1670	7/10/2012	just discovered Freegal!
1671	7/10/2012	research
1672	7/10/2012	kindle e-books
1673	7/10/2012	Public readings in the library rooms.
1674	7/10/2012	Library2Go via home Internet
1675	7/10/2012	group meetings, information gathering
1676	7/10/2012	Printer use
1677	7/10/2012	online book and media check out, reserve, renew
1678	7/10/2012	on-line & periodicals
1679	7/10/2012	I also work with Friends of the Library, so visit Central several times a week.
1680	7/10/2012	I sometimes need to use a table and the xerox machines for special projects.
1681	7/10/2012	Online books
1682	7/10/2012	Pageturners
1683	7/10/2012	use librarians to help with research; other educational and musical programs

1684	7/10/2012	For a quiet place to read.
1685	7/10/2012	Online databases.
1686	7/10/2012	PU books & DVDs we have ordered through the system
1687	7/10/2012	Mango languages
1688	7/10/2012	Overdrive online media
1689	7/10/2012	E-books
1690	7/10/2012	audio downloads
1691	7/10/2012	Online access to databases
1692	7/10/2012	Browse, look at reference materials
1693	7/10/2012	Other free workshops for adults
1694	7/10/2012	DVD's
1695	7/10/2012	research
1696	7/10/2012	download audio books
1697	7/10/2012	Mostly check out DVDs, some books
1698	7/10/2012	wi-fi signal

1699	7/10/2012	Using online databases and resources (like the OED) DAILY for my professional work
1700	7/10/2012	Grad school research
1701	7/10/2012	Learning foreign language - Mango
1702	7/10/2012	inter library loans.
1703	7/10/2012	Online - Library2Go
1704	7/10/2012	ebooks
1705	7/10/2012	Quiet space for writing / researching
1706	7/10/2012	Library 2 go
1707	7/10/2012	Volunteer
1708	7/10/2012	Consumer Report and Reference Books
1709	7/10/2012	study space, printing
1710	7/10/2012	website to place holds and maintain reading lists
1711	7/10/2012	general interest programs
1712	7/10/2012	sense of community
1713	7/10/2012	music

1714	7/10/2012	Knitting Group meeting weekly
1715	7/10/2012	Really appreciate having wireless access at the library
1716	7/10/2012	Comment event postings, printing
1717	7/10/2012	Movies
1718	7/10/2012	printing
1719	7/10/2012	Research and studying various topics
1720	7/10/2012	database links
1721	7/10/2012	Research, writing, quiet place to work.
1722	7/10/2012	copy machine; quiet space for writing my novels
1723	7/10/2012	Spanish/English language exchange
1724	7/10/2012	summer reading
1725	7/10/2012	John Wilson Room
1726	7/10/2012	Audio books - YEA!
1727	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loan
1728	7/10/2012	book group meetings

1729	7/10/2012	adult / teen programs
1730	7/10/2012	research
1731	7/10/2012	Vietnamese materials as dvd video, cd music, books
1732	7/10/2012	Electronic books online
1733	7/10/2012	audio & ebook checkout online
1734	7/10/2012	Other programs such as discussion groups
1735	7/10/2012	book groups
1736	7/10/2012	We don't....the Internet is easier.
1737	7/10/2012	computer use if mine is broken, used to go to story times but kids outgrew that
1738	7/10/2012	Tax forms and assistance
1739	7/10/2012	read newspapers and magazines I don't subscribe to
1740	7/10/2012	Special events.
1741	7/10/2012	community lectures/events
1742	7/10/2012	Researching Alexandria, Egypt and Portland, Oregon history
1743	7/10/2012	language programs

1744	7/10/2012	Craft programs
1745	7/10/2012	Printing
1746	7/10/2012	EBOOKS
1747	7/10/2012	Some research occasionally.
1748	7/10/2012	printing services
1749	7/10/2012	use copy machine
1750	7/10/2012	e-books but none are ever available
1751	7/10/2012	collect local papers/news
1752	7/10/2012	Study space
1753	7/10/2012	reading
1754	7/10/2012	study spot
1755	7/10/2012	online databases
1756	7/10/2012	ballot drop off
1757	7/10/2012	reference
1758	7/10/2012	current periodicals

1759	7/10/2012	Getting voter pamphlets and tax returns
1760	7/10/2012	Knitting group
1761	7/10/2012	Study space with wifi access
1762	7/10/2012	research and school
1763	7/10/2012	Library to Go - Downloading audio books
1764	7/10/2012	recorded books
1765	7/10/2012	using the private study rooms
1766	7/10/2012	general music and talk presentations
1767	7/10/2012	Freegal, watt meter
1768	7/10/2012	library events are a major plus!
1769	7/10/2012	Librarian used to visit my child's daycare, but it is not happening any more
1770	7/10/2012	online access
1771	7/10/2012	Programs for adults
1772	7/10/2012	I like to use the online system to check out Kindle books.
1773	7/10/2012	reading periodicals we don't personally subscribe to, but occasionally enjoy.

1774	7/10/2012	Quiet Rooms
1775	7/10/2012	newspaper / magazine
1776	7/10/2012	I used the library as a public school tutoring location
1777	7/10/2012	Research help and suggestions thru Ref librarian.
1778	7/10/2012	music down loads
1779	7/10/2012	Quiet place to work
1780	7/10/2012	My heaviest usage is to check out ebooks which does not require a visit tot he library.
1781	7/10/2012	Access subscription-based resources not available elsewhere; attend art exhibits; attend adult programs
1782	7/10/2012	used when i cannot get on-line at home, microfilm reader
1783	7/10/2012	craft projects for all ages
1784	7/10/2012	used voter's guide once, ballot drop off
1785	7/10/2012	Story times!
1786	7/10/2012	Place holds from home
1787	7/10/2012	Electronic databases online from home, and Interlibrary Loan.
1788	7/10/2012	Last visit was to drop off an election ballot.

1789	7/10/2012	Often use online research resources from home. Occassionally use resources from library computer.
1790	7/10/2012	for quiet time
1791	7/10/2012	Ballot drop-off
1792	7/10/2012	Spanish language services
1793	7/10/2012	Volunteering
1794	7/10/2012	financial press
1795	7/10/2012	Reserve quiet rooms
1796	7/10/2012	Printing
1797	7/10/2012	Online Databases
1798	7/10/2012	download audio books online
1799	7/10/2012	Printing/Copying
1800	7/10/2012	Friends of the Library Shop
1801	7/10/2012	e-books
1802	7/10/2012	Book readings
1803	7/10/2012	wi fi access

1804	7/10/2012	ibooks
1805	7/10/2012	Download various electronic media sources--like freegal.
1806	7/10/2012	I use your website a lot to search for resources and then pick them up. Besides books and media for personal use, I use resources from the English language learner section for my clients who have autism and other language problems due to stroke or other types of
1807	7/10/2012	Get gracious and skillful help in finding and downloading material published in scholarly and other periodicals.
1808	7/10/2012	research
1809	7/10/2012	Practice reading in quiet space. Get help from librarians.
1810	7/10/2012	Arts programs
1811	7/10/2012	A quiet space to work and study.
1812	7/10/2012	online ebook access
1813	7/10/2012	I tunes and e-books
1814	7/10/2012	Work with librarians for classroom-related things in my teaching job.
1815	7/10/2012	website resources, study rooms for tutoring
1816	7/10/2012	Intercambio Program
1817	7/10/2012	Databases!
1818	7/10/2012	Pick up WW and Tribune, events flyers, and read notices on bulletin board.

1819	7/10/2012	language groups, searches for book ideas, online book holds
1820	7/10/2012	reserve material, ask reference questions,
1821	7/10/2012	whenever my son goes downtown. It is a great place to take the kids there, but he lives in beaverton now, so we go to the downtown one less
1822	7/10/2012	research databases remotely.
1823	7/10/2012	quiet rooms!
1824	7/10/2012	Occasional online access of journal articles
1825	7/10/2012	Work rooms in Hollywood, reference help with research, ebooks and audio books, groups and activities
1826	7/10/2012	general information resources
1827	7/10/2012	Research at the library
1828	7/10/2012	Quiet place to do work
1829	7/10/2012	Online Research, quiet study area
1830	7/10/2012	I download audio books and love it!
1831	7/10/2012	I check out materials using the OverDrive Media Ap.
1832	7/10/2012	Research for business as needed
1833	7/10/2012	We have attended programs for young children, but many occur during the week and we work full time.

1834	7/10/2012	Just printing
1835	7/10/2012	online access for ebooks
1836	7/10/2012	My son enjoys the computer in the children's section.
1837	7/10/2012	Bring my students to check out books. 1st and 2nd graders
1838	7/10/2012	Research on consumer and other topics
1839	7/10/2012	Ebooks and other e-media (films and audiobooks)
1840	7/10/2012	Internet access, pick up reserved materials
1841	7/10/2012	online music downloads
1842	7/10/2012	a meeting point for friends, especially ones with children
1843	7/10/2012	Database access (e.g. Foundation Directory Online)
1844	7/10/2012	Study space alone and in groups
1845	7/10/2012	read magazines and newspapers
1846	7/10/2012	volunteer at title wave
1847	7/10/2012	Ancestry Library Edition database
1848	7/10/2012	I check out CDs

1849	7/10/2012	only came once to activate pin # for kindle use
1850	7/10/2012	Material resources (books primarily) for educator in public school
1851	7/10/2012	Children's programs
1852	7/10/2012	to simply enjoy being in an environment of books and people`
1853	7/10/2012	occasional free skool classes
1854	7/10/2012	teacher materials
1855	7/10/2012	Am thinking of joining book club discussions. Community meetings, too.
1856	7/10/2012	Writer's Room
1857	7/10/2012	A place to hang out and waste some time.
1858	7/10/2012	Studying
1859	7/10/2012	Data base
1860	7/10/2012	Library 2 go
1861	7/10/2012	I use the research, ask a librarian a lot, the quiet rooms at Hilldale
1862	7/10/2012	Work-related activity
1863	7/10/2012	download books and music using the iphone app

1864	7/10/2012	Page Turners Book Club
1865	7/10/2012	Gather Tax Forms
1866	7/10/2012	Resources for adult literacy instruction
1867	7/10/2012	I tutor in the library.
1868	7/10/2012	data bases, ebooks
1869	7/10/2012	Online access for genealogical records
1870	7/10/2012	volunteer for the summer reading program
1871	7/10/2012	volunteer programs; public programs (as a community partner of a nonprofit); I also frequently moderate programs for Multcolib
1872	7/10/2012	ebooks
1873	7/10/2012	special programs
1874	7/10/2012	request books online
1875	7/10/2012	online checkout (kindle books)
1876	7/10/2012	foreign language media
1877	7/10/2012	Lectures
1878	7/10/2012	interlibrary loan

1879	7/10/2012	Online access to research data using library card number
1880	7/10/2012	Extracurricular Programs
1881	7/10/2012	attend monthly club meetings
1882	7/10/2012	place to study
1883	7/10/2012	eBooks via the consortium
1884	7/10/2012	Kindle library
1885	7/10/2012	conference rooms
1886	7/10/2012	I love the online lending library to download books to my kindle
1887	7/10/2012	Special presentations/events (guest speakers, etc.)
1888	7/10/2012	Genealogy
1889	7/10/2012	Online databases such as JSTOR. THANK YOU for that!!!
1890	7/10/2012	movies
1891	7/10/2012	e reading.
1892	7/10/2012	And electronically loaned books
1893	7/10/2012	copy/print jobs

1894	7/10/2012	online resources (freegal and ebooks)
1895	7/10/2012	I like to peruse the flyers and cards in the entryway. I get a lot of community information there.
1896	7/10/2012	Studying specific materials at the library
1897	7/10/2012	On line searches
1898	7/10/2012	summer reading volunteers
1899	7/10/2012	e-books
1900	7/10/2012	Meeting space for community groups.
1901	7/10/2012	I order books and digital books online
1902	7/10/2012	Research
1903	7/10/2012	Magazines, newspapers
1904	7/10/2012	Pageturners and other reading groups.
1905	7/10/2012	Place to meet and study
1906	7/10/2012	On-line reservations
1907	7/10/2012	Read to the Dogs
1908	7/10/2012	Printing

1909	7/10/2012	printer access
1910	7/10/2012	Access to research databases
1911	7/10/2012	Resources for educators (i.e. School Corps)
1912	7/10/2012	online search for media and books
1913	7/10/2012	attend classes and events
1914	7/10/2012	Research for school
1915	7/10/2012	other programs (gardening, urban foraging, etc.)
1916	7/10/2012	page turner adult book discussion group
1917	7/10/2012	Study space
1918	7/10/2012	dvd's rental
1919	7/10/2012	Homework site for high school student
1920	7/10/2012	Library2go
1921	7/10/2012	quiet room for working
1922	7/10/2012	Also buy from the friends of the library book store and donate books occasionally.
1923	7/10/2012	Programs for College Students (databases, research help, etc.)

1924	7/10/2012	reference librarian assistance
1925	7/10/2012	I have had Mom Group gatherings at a library before - Hillsdale.
1926	7/10/2012	research
1927	7/10/2012	Remotely use on-line services / databases.
1928	7/10/2012	book delivery for daycare
1929	7/10/2012	Periodicals
1930	7/10/2012	Wifi access - superior service that is very much appreciated
1931	7/10/2012	Meeting place for other groups
1932	7/10/2012	Occasional use of meeting room for home owners association
1933	7/10/2012	Free Wifi
1934	7/10/2012	order on line pick up at library
1935	7/10/2012	Page Tunrers
1936	7/10/2012	Grant reserach
1937	7/10/2012	Library2Go ebook loans
1938	7/10/2012	E-book checkout as well

1939	7/10/2012	A place to study and draw.
1940	7/10/2012	Our only child is just 5 months old. We may use the library for programs as he gets older.
1941	7/10/2012	internet access
1942	7/10/2012	Check out ebooks online
1943	7/10/2012	Browse magazines & community events
1944	7/10/2012	Internet access
1945	7/10/2012	eBooks
1946	7/10/2012	Mah Jong Game Held in Rec Room
1947	7/10/2012	Research
1948	7/10/2012	I use the research databases many times for my work at Portland Opera. They have proved invaluable to my writing.
1949	7/10/2012	Online research databases (such as JSTOR) made available through the library's website
1950	7/10/2012	Meeting rooms!
1951	7/10/2012	Research and ILL
1952	7/10/2012	nonprofit database at main library
1953	7/10/2012	Read magazines on racks.

1954	7/10/2012	check out ebooks
1955	7/10/2012	ebooks
1956	7/10/2012	read NYT
1957	7/10/2012	work space (Wi Fi)
1958	7/10/2012	Sometimes as a study or reading place.
1959	7/10/2012	Online databases and booklists by age/genre
1960	7/10/2012	download ebooks
1961	7/10/2012	community center / meeting place
1962	7/10/2012	Community events
1963	7/10/2012	community events
1964	7/10/2012	read newspaper
1965	7/10/2012	I attended the lecture/discussion series on the US Civil War this spring and it was excellent. I will definitely look for similar events in the future.
1966	7/10/2012	We occasionally attend other free programs such as the Portland Opera previews and various presentations.
1967	7/10/2012	Nothing
1968	7/10/2012	Community Info (brochures, bus schedules, bulletin boards); photocopiers; browse and read (not always check-out); magazines and newspapers

1969	7/10/2012	To post fliers about research studies
1970	7/10/2012	Teacher support
1971	7/10/2012	place to study
1972	7/10/2012	I often use the library to write. My daughter enjoys computer games for children.
1973	7/10/2012	depository for holds coming in from other libraries.
1974	7/10/2012	for research
1975	7/10/2012	databases and I-net
1976	7/10/2012	Downloadable Books...
1977	7/10/2012	Wifi and workspace access.
1978	7/10/2012	Place to do homework
1979	7/10/2012	Pick up books I've put on hold
1980	7/10/2012	Librarians often help us find the right book for our needs.
1981	7/10/2012	special events and guest speakers
1982	7/10/2012	Research
1983	7/10/2012	We check out media online with Library 2 Go

1984	7/10/2012	writing workshops
1985	7/10/2012	Hang out and read.
1986	7/10/2012	Obtain interlibrary loans.
1987	7/10/2012	Research (online article access)
1988	7/10/2012	We don't
1989	7/10/2012	Reference information
1990	7/10/2012	Will be checking out books online.
1991	7/10/2012	I take the children I babysit to the library all the time whenever I am watching children, I just helped two children get their first library card, and I help them learn how to get online and help them learn how to use the library.
1992	7/10/2012	gift shop
1993	7/10/2012	ebook borrowing
1994	7/10/2012	Ancestry.com
1995	7/10/2012	I use several of MCL's databases for my work.
1996	7/10/2012	on-line access
1997	7/10/2012	Attend Community Events
1998	7/10/2012	freegal music

1999	7/10/2012	Interlibrary Loan Program
2000	7/10/2012	References for personal financial decisions (morning star) and for personal purchases (consumer reports)
2001	7/10/2012	Attend book groups
2002	7/10/2012	Quiet place to study
2003	7/10/2012	voting
2004	7/10/2012	Electronic check out to Kindle
2005	7/10/2012	using ebooks much more in the last 6 months
2006	7/10/2012	E-books
2007	7/10/2012	pageturner book groups
2008	7/10/2012	Computer classes
2009	7/10/2012	Historical research
2010	7/10/2012	E-books
2011	7/10/2012	craft workshops
2012	7/10/2012	electronic resources
2013	7/10/2012	Reference (Consumer Reports)

2014	7/10/2012	programs for adults
2015	7/10/2012	Check out e-books online
2016	7/10/2012	Place holds on desired books not at convenient libraries
2017	7/10/2012	historical research
2018	7/10/2012	Online databases, music, etc.
2019	7/10/2012	Reading and discussion groups, workshops and lectures
2020	7/10/2012	meet
2021	7/10/2012	Online Databases and Interlibrary Loans
2022	7/10/2012	on-line resources
2023	7/10/2012	Writer Center area
2024	7/10/2012	just to look at books i may want to buy, quick read others
2025	7/10/2012	daughter volunteered for two summers for Summer Reading
2026	7/10/2012	Cultural programs
2027	7/10/2012	study sessions with my friends
2028	7/10/2012	Online research tools

2029	7/10/2012	Check out e-books online.
2030	7/10/2012	Overdrive ebooks access. Fregal online music access
2031	7/10/2012	Ebooks
2032	7/10/2012	research periodicals like Consumer Reports
2033	7/10/2012	occasionally attend talks given at Central Library
2034	7/10/2012	Library to GO
2035	7/10/2012	tax forms
2036	7/10/2012	Recently participated in a program on the civil war and would do more of those if they were available. Also, see the art exhibits at the main branch.
2037	7/10/2012	I take my daughter to complete her homework sometimes.
2038	7/10/2012	use meeting rooms
2039	7/10/2012	for studying
2040	7/10/2012	printing and copying
2041	7/10/2012	Freegal, red book bag
2042	7/10/2012	Genealogy research, interlibrary loan
2043	7/10/2012	lectures and events in the downtown space

2044	7/10/2012	Reference questions
2045	7/10/2012	exam proctoring
2046	7/10/2012	Quiet place to spend time, read, browse, think.
2047	7/10/2012	a neighborhood gathering place
2048	7/10/2012	Printing
2049	7/10/2012	internet access on-line
2050	7/10/2012	Programs for adults - native plants class
2051	7/10/2012	Printing
2052	7/10/2012	book club
2053	7/10/2012	A place to get work done (with my own computer)
2054	7/10/2012	Research/ Article requests
2055	7/10/2012	Cheap and quick printing!
2056	7/10/2012	Library 2Go
2057	7/10/2012	online research through JSTOR etc
2058	7/10/2012	Pick up tax forms

2059	7/10/2012	Study Room
2060	7/10/2012	I almost exclusively put books in my queue via the website or app, and visit the branch only to return or check out.
2061	7/10/2012	Foreign-Language Periodicals--non-checkout; ballot dropoff
2062	7/10/2012	to vote! and also to pick up the paper or read magazines there
2063	7/10/2012	resource for small business owner
2064	7/10/2012	Studying for school
2065	7/10/2012	I use it to print because I don't have a printer.
2066	7/10/2012	Online reference librarian service
2067	7/10/2012	use meeting rooms
2068	7/10/2012	Occasionally use ILL
2069	7/10/2012	Online for my Nook
2070	7/10/2012	Also use Library2go for e-books multiple times a week
2071	7/10/2012	Quiet place to read
2072	7/10/2012	Books for my classroom
2073	7/10/2012	use printer

2074	7/10/2012	I use the LOS system in which books are mailed to me.
2075	7/10/2012	I enjoy the beauty of the Central Library.
2076	7/10/2012	poetry readings, presentations, bookshop, knitting circle
2077	7/10/2012	I meet the kids I tutor at the library.
2078	7/10/2012	Volunteering
2079	7/10/2012	Research
2080	7/10/2012	research and ILL
2081	7/10/2012	other short classes on various topics
2082	7/10/2012	Primarily use digital collectiona
2083	7/10/2012	Attend various workshops
2084	7/10/2012	Online access to research journals and downloads of e-books for my kindle
2085	7/10/2012	Online databases
2086	7/10/2012	I have looked at back issues of the Oregonian.
2087	7/10/2012	database access
2088	7/10/2012	Quiet Room use!

2089	7/10/2012	Online journal access
2090	7/10/2012	study location, to do research,
2091	7/10/2012	extensive databases and librarian expertise in accessing information
2092	7/10/2012	e-books, online
2093	7/10/2012	Interlibrary Loan Services
2094	7/10/2012	ebooks on library2go
2095	7/10/2012	Pageturners book club
2096	7/10/2012	I use the Sterling Room for Writers at least once a week.
2097	7/10/2012	General research
2098	7/10/2012	Programs for the public, speakers, music. Also, donate books there.
2099	7/10/2012	E-books
2100	7/10/2012	reserve books then pick them up
2101	7/10/2012	ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
2102	7/10/2012	WiFi
2103	7/10/2012	Academic resources

2104	7/10/2012	Inter Library Loan System
2105	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loans--very frequent
2106	7/10/2012	Use online research sources.
2107	7/10/2012	Research for school
2108	7/10/2012	Exchange paperback books
2109	7/10/2012	community meeting rooms
2110	7/10/2012	Book discussions
2111	7/10/2012	Online databases
2112	7/10/2012	HAving a safe and quiet place to read and just relax.
2113	7/10/2012	Meeting rooms, Book conversation group (Read the Classics and Pageturners)
2114	7/10/2012	Perusing all the handouts¬ices on the lobby shelves and bulletin boards
2115	7/9/2012	computer training class
2116	7/9/2012	online databases (periodicals, etc)
2117	7/9/2012	read the classics series
2118	7/9/2012	am interested in activities for adults, but haven't attended yet

2119	7/9/2012	Read the Classics
2120	7/9/2012	Audiobooks and music available from the library online (Library2Go and Freegal)
2121	7/9/2012	programs for general audiences - grown-ups
2122	7/9/2012	audiobooks!
2123	7/9/2012	research for Toastmasters Int'l speeches
2124	7/9/2012	general references
2125	7/9/2012	lunch time programming at Central
2126	7/9/2012	Zine programs, craft programs, writers speaking,
2127	7/9/2012	also wifi on my computer
2128	7/9/2012	Databases
2129	7/9/2012	Teaching resources. I teach GED and often use the library for books and videos since we have no budget for materials.
2130	7/9/2012	I am a Head Start teacher and also check out books regularly from the library for my classroom. We also have a librarian visit us every month to read stories and do activities with the children. We have also done field trips to the library and helped families get library cards.
2131	7/9/2012	Language learning software, volunteer work, book recommendations
2132	7/9/2012	Page Turner book groups
2133	7/9/2012	Pageturners

2134	7/9/2012	e-books, livemocha, freegal
2135	7/8/2012	I can work in the building, can meet others here
2136	7/8/2012	reading the Oregonian & NY Times
2137	7/8/2012	events
2138	7/8/2012	newspaper browsing
2139	7/8/2012	research
2140	7/8/2012	getting information or help for the reference librarian
2141	7/8/2012	research
2142	7/8/2012	Sterling Room for Writers
2143	7/8/2012	accessing digital content via http://www.multcolib.org/
2144	7/8/2012	Programs at Central Library.
2145	7/8/2012	I access the library's website regularly to check my account as well as research books and other topics.
2146	7/8/2012	other programs for adults, early childhood information, librarians as a source of information, updates through fb and twitter
2147	7/8/2012	information services and chat service
2148	7/8/2012	knitting class

2149	7/8/2012	other programs, cultural events, etc.
2150	7/8/2012	databases (Worldcat, Freegal, article databases such as Eric and JSTOR
2151	7/8/2012	page turners
2152	7/7/2012	interaction with readers in the lobby and waiting for computers
2153	7/7/2012	No programs listed for adults w/o disabilities.
2154	7/7/2012	Pageturners!
2155	7/7/2012	lucky day books
2156	7/7/2012	Summer Reading volunteer
2157	7/7/2012	Intercambio
2158	7/7/2012	Use online access at least weekly.
2159	7/7/2012	online resources
2160	7/7/2012	Databases!
2161	7/7/2012	LOS
2162	7/7/2012	Summer Reading Program!
2163	7/7/2012	get answers to questions

2164	7/7/2012	General cultural programs, such as concerts, book groups, financial planning, exhibits in Collins Gallery, talks by authors, storytelling festival, and to get reading suggestions from staff in person and online
2165	7/7/2012	copy machine access, reference resource
2166	7/7/2012	book group
2167	7/7/2012	Online book search and book holds
2168	7/7/2012	I take my neighbors kids to drop off their books now and then
2169	7/7/2012	volunteer opportunities
2170	7/7/2012	check out books for use at my place of employment
2171	7/7/2012	homework resources, research info
2172	7/7/2012	To meet with friends and support a great community.
2173	7/7/2012	I use it as a resource for my elementary school classroom to supplement and extend curriculum
2174	7/7/2012	Classes on a variety of topics.
2175	7/7/2012	intercambio
2176	7/7/2012	General interest programs
2177	7/6/2012	use the wifi
2178	7/6/2012	I access the wonderful databases nearly every day.

2179	7/6/2012	As a waiting place for meeting a friend.
2180	7/6/2012	Homework, personal research
2181	7/6/2012	Programs for adults
2182	7/6/2012	Book discussion groups
2183	7/6/2012	Meeting Space
2184	7/6/2012	Pageturners is my favorite adult library program
2185	7/6/2012	Use reference materials, online databases
2186	7/6/2012	programs for adults
2187	7/6/2012	downloadable audio books & music
2188	7/6/2012	Research
2189	7/6/2012	adult programs
2190	7/6/2012	attend public events at the libraries
2191	7/6/2012	Drop off ballots
2192	7/6/2012	photocopies; printing
2193	7/6/2012	summer reading program

2194	7/6/2012	Volunteer
2195	7/6/2012	I drop off ballots there, and usually pick up tax forms. Also free newspapers and such.
2196	7/6/2012	I volunteer for the library system
2197	7/6/2012	Reference and online sources
2198	7/6/2012	general interest adult programs; community information in lobbies
2199	7/6/2012	Arts & Lit programs
2200	7/6/2012	Online resources
2201	7/6/2012	Adult programs
2202	7/6/2012	use the on-line catalogue from my computer at home in order to find resources to place on hold for personal use and for use on my Educator's card
2203	7/6/2012	only when I'm desparate
2204	7/6/2012	Meeting children to tutor, meeting with friends for open knitting, genealogy research
2205	7/6/2012	Interlibrary loan; database research
2206	7/6/2012	Occasional research guidance
2207	7/6/2012	Interlibrary Loans
2208	7/6/2012	online databases, ebooks

2209	7/6/2012	Use copy machine
2210	7/6/2012	I am an instructor at PCC and PNCA. I use the downtown library for research with my students.
2211	7/6/2012	access databases/info from home
2212	7/6/2012	Programs for adults in cultural topics & book discussions
2213	7/6/2012	Programs for Spanish language learners
2214	7/6/2012	Classes
2215	7/6/2012	computer labs and instruction and ordering and picking up holds
2216	7/6/2012	check out e-books
2217	7/6/2012	Music Downloads from Freegal
2218	7/6/2012	Reference questions and book recommendations. I can't believe you don't have L-Net (Answerland) on the list
2219	7/6/2012	Databases/research
2220	7/6/2012	Events--talks, music
2221	7/6/2012	Scientific journal access
2222	7/5/2012	place to go
2223	7/5/2012	meetings

2224	7/5/2012	Adult programs
2225	7/5/2012	Electronic databases
2226	7/5/2012	I work at one of the libraries, which is why I am there daily.
2227	7/5/2012	eBooks through the online system
2228	7/5/2012	Programs for adults (author events, etc.)
2229	7/5/2012	book club for adults
2230	7/5/2012	citizenship classes, pick up info flyers from foyer
2231	7/5/2012	Copier
2232	7/5/2012	Purchasing media (books, tapes, cd's) and sending them to soldiers
2233	7/5/2012	Interlibrary loan
2234	7/5/2012	I sit around and read magazines.
2235	7/5/2012	Research
2236	7/5/2012	Advice from librarians about which books will help our children improve their literacy skills, which books are most engaging, etc.
2237	7/5/2012	I've been to a poetry reading at Central. Only used the computer when my own was broken. I don't check out videos. I'm there for the books.
2238	7/5/2012	Research

2239	7/5/2012	printing from digital media and copying analogue.
2240	7/5/2012	E-Books
2241	7/5/2012	Internet research using online academic research tools provided through the library; advice and suggestions from library staff
2242	7/5/2012	Volunteer
2243	7/5/2012	Public meeting place
2244	7/5/2012	Programs for adults - both educational and entertainment.
2245	7/5/2012	Just a quiet place to get some work done. I'm working on a MLIS, so there's no better place to be.
2246	7/5/2012	Occasional workshops
2247	7/5/2012	Interlibrary loan
2248	7/5/2012	Research
2249	7/5/2012	Quiet space for reading/studying
2250	7/5/2012	lectures
2251	7/5/2012	summer reading volunteers
2252	7/5/2012	Use of the databases available through website

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QUESTION 4: How well used is your local library?

Answer Options	Response Count
	16303
<i>answered question</i>	16303
<i>skipped question</i>	4061

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	7/31/2012	Rockwood Library is the community's "unofficial" community center. This has been so for a number of years and will continue to be so for some time to come. It is a multi-cultural center, and does a great job of providing services to the multi-cultural communities. People of all ages use this library. My sister has a lower salary now, due to the economic situation, and she checks out videos from the library often. Magazines are popular because they are expendable in this economy, but still enjoyed.
2	7/31/2012	Seems pretty well used
3	7/31/2012	Very will used. It is a important part of the community
4	7/31/2012	who cares?
5	7/31/2012	Quite well - It is always buzzing with quiet activity...
6	7/31/2012	very busy
7	7/31/2012	Well used.
8	7/31/2012	Very well. The Hillsdale Library gets so much natural light since its renovation, and there are always plenty of people there.
9	7/31/2012	regular activity
10	7/31/2012	The Hillsdale library is a great resource for the Hillsdale community. Kids from the local schools utilize it. It's always been a busy place.
11	7/31/2012	I don't know
12	7/31/2012	The NW branch always seems very busy, and well used. It seems to be a real hub of neighborhood activity.
13	7/31/2012	Very well used
14	7/31/2012	I's very crowded
15	7/31/2012	I don't understand this question. How much is it used? Is it used in proper ways?
16	7/31/2012	The Albina library is always quite busy when I'm there.
17	7/31/2012	Very.

18	7/31/2012	The Belmont location is always pretty busy, even with it's limited selection. I think the majority of people are using it for activities and pickup.
19	7/31/2012	I would say it is very well used.
20	7/31/2012	I believe it is very well used, being downtown. Whenever I am there I see plenty of people using all aspects of the facility. The Hillsdale library also seems essential to their neighborhood.
21	7/31/2012	Always busy.
22	7/31/2012	Well-used!
23	7/31/2012	Extremely!! There is always a crowd waiting to get in before opening.
24	7/31/2012	Very well used. Sometimes it's difficult to find a place to park.
25	7/31/2012	Always busy- used by people of all ages.
26	7/31/2012	Very
27	7/31/2012	I am not inside often, but in the area frequently...and people are always coming and going in and out of the building.
28	7/31/2012	It's loved and well-used!
29	7/31/2012	Seems to be very well used.
30	7/31/2012	It always seems very busy! (Belmont) It's small but cozy and I can always get books fast there!
31	7/31/2012	they are busy and seem to be efficient getting the materials i want and the computer services i need.
32	7/31/2012	Very well used.
33	7/31/2012	Holgate Library is always busy with kids using computers and doing homework, people reading or using the computer and groups of people attending the great programs for the public.
34	7/31/2012	Extremely well used... I wouldn't know considering I haven't been to the library in a very long time. Multnomah County Libraries and I don't have a very good standing right now...
35	7/31/2012	Ambiguous question. In terms of by me and my family, not as much as we used to. In terms of people we see going there, a fair amount from when we've gone there/driven by.
36	7/31/2012	Always busy, variety of ages.
37	7/31/2012	Very well used
38	7/31/2012	Very well used. There are always lots of people coming and going from Central as well as looking at books, reading, and using computers inside.
39	7/30/2012	The Kenton Library is great! It always seems to have a healthy number of people in it, but never feels over-crowded. I'm typically able to find a couple of "impulse" check outs, as well as utilize the hold/transfer system to have items available for pick up closer to my home. [] My brother, who is currently living with me while he looks for a job, used the Kenton Library daily. He's able to check his email and use the wi-fi to check job listings and other information. It's been a great resource for him!
40	7/30/2012	A lot. I have to really look for parking sometimes for my library
41	7/30/2012	Usually very busy whenever I go in

42	7/30/2012	The Hillsdale branch is always busy. People in this neighborhood love the library and use it often.
43	7/30/2012	Very well used, very busy. Hard to find a place to sit and read or use personal computer. Good turn out for kid's storytime.
44	7/30/2012	well used, but not packed like central library or belmont
45	7/30/2012	Well used. I'd use it more if there were a branch in Montavilla.
46	7/30/2012	Very well.
47	7/30/2012	Every time my husband and I visit the library, there are lots of kids and teens as well as adults and families using the library. Sundays are especially busy! If people aren't in church on Sunday, it seems like they're at the library.
48	7/30/2012	Very. I love it.
49	7/30/2012	All the branches that we go to regularly always seem to be very busy. I have to wait in line to ask a question or check out materials (if not using the self check). This is not a bad thing!
50	7/30/2012	Always lots of people there during the day.
51	7/30/2012	It always seems to be busy. At opening time there is always a line of people waiting to get in.
52	7/30/2012	Whenever me and my family go to the library, therer are always many people there on the computers or looking for books.
53	7/30/2012	The Kenton and Gresham Libraries are very well used, in my opinion. It always appears busy when I am there to check out books
54	7/30/2012	I know that the three libraries I have mentioned above, Central, Sellwood, & Woodstock are well used by all age groups. But, to have them all open at the same days seems ridiculous. Only Central, located on on SW 10th. should be open all the days of the week and for longer hours (Mon. - Thurs., 8:00am - 10:00pm; Fri. - Sat., 8:00am - 8:00pm; Sun., 12:00pm - 8:00pm). As to the parking the City of Portland should validate free rides on Max for those who want to go downtown to use the facilities of the Central Labrary. As to libraries that are close in proximity to each other they should be open everyother day, i.e. Sellwood & Woodstock.
55	7/30/2012	it's always busy
56	7/30/2012	Very well from my personal observations
57	7/30/2012	I use it every week or so, but access the library every day via the website.
58	7/30/2012	It is extremely busy and for the amount of traffic, it seems like it would have more resources and a wider selection.
59	7/30/2012	My local library seems busy every time I go, which is at least once a week if not more.
60	7/30/2012	Seems to be used alot. I question whether everyone there is using it as a library. some appear to be using it as a shelter.
61	7/30/2012	Very well used.
62	7/30/2012	The branches, when I have been in them, always seem busy (maybe too much so? or that could be the children...)
63	7/30/2012	Very well used.

64	7/30/2012	Both Sellwood and Belmont branches are busy each time we visit. Oftentimes, seating space is at a premium.
65	7/29/2012	It seems to be very busy every time we visit.
66	7/29/2012	it seems that it is very well used and is always full.
67	7/29/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
68	7/29/2012	It seems like it is pretty well used - everytime I go in I probably see at least a dozen people. The Belmont library Page Turners bookclub is often well attended, with 15-20 people showing up regularly.
69	7/29/2012	Very!
70	7/29/2012	Very well used.
71	7/29/2012	It is always busy. People reading, using the internet, checking items out, etc.
72	7/29/2012	very busy all the time. Need to be open more hours
73	7/29/2012	It's usually busy
74	7/29/2012	Well used.
75	7/29/2012	Always busy!
76	7/29/2012	It's a very busy place and a vital community resource.
77	7/29/2012	It always seems pretty busy.
78	7/29/2012	Very well, busy every time.
79	7/29/2012	My husband picks up audio books that I order. The 2 libraries indicated are well used.
80	7/29/2012	Always full of folks!
81	7/29/2012	The rumor is that Central is second - busiest after Brooklyn.
82	7/29/2012	It is always busy.
83	7/29/2012	not sure
84	7/29/2012	I usually go to the Hillsdale Library. Every time I have been there I have noticed many people using the libraries many functions, including the computers, kids story times and checking out books. This library seems to be well used by the community.
85	7/29/2012	It is not empty
86	7/29/2012	Very well--high volume.
87	7/29/2012	VERY! It is a wonderful asset to our city.
88	7/29/2012	Very actively used anytime I visit.
89	7/28/2012	The St. Johns location always seems to be busy when I visit the library
90	7/28/2012	I am not live there anymore, but when I was, I really enjoy the resources you have because that help me formy homeworks. Thanks for that. Greetings.
91	7/28/2012	The central library is used VERY intensely.

92	7/28/2012	I find the Gresham Library to be continually busy no matter what time of day I come. Its unfortunate that due to change of hours, we are not able to come as often as we used too. The 5pm closure is a definite deterrent to working people that use the library after work. I visualize school children unable to use the library because of weekday closures; and unusual hours. Does this mean that Oregon Libraries do not care for education any longer. Very sad.
93	7/28/2012	The library is usually crowded.
94	7/28/2012	very popular
95	7/28/2012	My perception is that it is well used. I usually place books on hold from home and then visit the library to pick up the books.
96	7/28/2012	St. Johns is very well used, and is well supported by the local community.
97	7/28/2012	Very well used.
98	7/28/2012	quite frequently, I appreciate the longer hours twice a week, it helps with my schedule working 11 hour days
99	7/28/2012	Our Woodstock library is very well used. There are usually people lined up to get inside before the doors are opened.
100	7/28/2012	Very well, always busy
101	7/28/2012	There is a continuous group of people here using the services provided. Its also like a refuge and a safe place to come and study, look for work, other areas of interest, read, check out books. I'm thankful it is here.
102	7/28/2012	very well, it's always busy.
103	7/28/2012	Don't know. I'm really only interested in ebooks for the Kindle via Library2Go.
104	7/28/2012	Very well used, it is always busy.
105	7/28/2012	Plenty
106	7/28/2012	Both North Portland and Albina always seem to be fairly busy. They are a LOT more used than the libraries I went to in California.
107	7/28/2012	It is a vibrant, well-used community center, used by school children--a place for them to do homework, etc. after school, younger tots and their parents, and the computers are often all being used and their are many people using laptops. Plus, the yearly tax help program. All the staff at the Woodstock library are so helpful, and the gals at the information desk, though they often have a number of people to help, always give me the unhurried help I need.
108	7/28/2012	Very well used. If anything, it is prone to be overcrowded. But the staff handle it well.
109	7/28/2012	Busy
110	7/28/2012	Very
111	7/28/2012	Very well
112	7/28/2012	very

113	7/28/2012	You don't need to ask me that. You know. It would get more use from me and many others if they returned the library to what it used to be. During the Belmont remodeling they ruined everything! Worst of all the chairs and tables were removed, the #1 feature of a library, and now there is nowhere to sit except on the floor, which happens a lot every day. They installed way more self service checkouts (which replaced the chairs and table) so now the librarians have nothing to do much of the time. You could reopen on Mondays again if you had one or two less librarians per shift. At the least you'd save money. Those self service checkouts are poorly designed and the library while acknowledging that has refused to fix them. I refuse to support the library until they get new directors who know how to save money and run a people friendly library.
114	7/28/2012	It is used a great deal but holds are taking over the physical space...
115	7/28/2012	It is busy, full of people of all ages, with lots of media and books circulating. I love to use the "holds" feature.
116	7/28/2012	Extremely well. Albina and Hollywood are always full of adults and children, and there are always people checking out materials when I'm there. I occasionally visit other branches, and I've never been to one that wasn't full of activity.
117	7/28/2012	I only pick up my HOLDS and then leave; I cannot say how well used it is.
118	7/28/2012	Extremely well used.
119	7/28/2012	Very well used
120	7/28/2012	Extremely well used. Husband says I have a branch of the library at our house I have so many books
121	7/28/2012	Very well used.
122	7/28/2012	Well used
123	7/28/2012	extremely
124	7/28/2012	Very well used!
125	7/28/2012	Both the Kenton and Hollywood libraries, which I frequent most often, seem quite busy. The Kenton library has an especially lovely sense of community. It feels very family and neighborhood oriented. The Storytime librarian, Diana, has taken great care to learn every child's name.
126	7/28/2012	Very well used. There are almost always many people using the computers and reading in the library when I visit.
127	7/27/2012	the Hollywood Library is too small for the number of people who use it. Sometimes there are so many people there it is hard to find a place to be.
128	7/27/2012	Very well used
129	7/27/2012	Very well!
130	7/27/2012	Very well used. Almost always busy.
131	7/27/2012	Very well used.
132	7/27/2012	Very well, always people there.
133	7/27/2012	seemingly well used.
134	7/27/2012	Very well used

135	7/27/2012	Epecially crowded Saturdays
136	7/27/2012	very busy
137	7/27/2012	overused
138	7/27/2012	Busy all the time
139	7/27/2012	Extremely well used. This is a critically important asset in our community.
140	7/27/2012	There are always people there and the programs seem to get attendance as well.
141	7/27/2012	very well used. By mothers with small children to book clubbers to teenagers/early 20's surfing the net to seniors browsing/checking out the books.
142	7/27/2012	Pretty well, I see at least ten other people there basically anytime that I go to the library.
143	7/27/2012	It is busy every weekend. There is usually a 10 minute wait for computer access. Sometimes a wait for the catalog.
144	7/27/2012	Very
145	7/27/2012	well used
146	7/27/2012	Always busy, highly used.
147	7/27/2012	The North Portland branch, which is my local branch, is always extremely busy. I am always glad to see so many people of all ages making use of such a fantastic community resource. I also use the Central Library and I am amazed to see how many people are in there each and every time I visit.
148	7/27/2012	Appears very well used. Lots of people always in there.
149	7/27/2012	always busy when I go
150	7/27/2012	Very well used
151	7/27/2012	it's always crowded and always a wait for a computer
152	7/27/2012	I use it frequently. I love it.
153	7/27/2012	Very well
154	7/27/2012	very much always busy alot of people. I LOVE IT
155	7/27/2012	Very well used.
156	7/27/2012	The St Johns Library is often busy, filled with people.
157	7/27/2012	Always busy
158	7/27/2012	We go there frequently,although usually only to browse and to pickup and drop off checked out books. It's almost always quite busy. I used to use the Central branch much more when I worked nearby, but now I use the local library almost exclusively.
159	7/27/2012	I used to use it all the time to rent DVDs but fell out of the habit.
160	7/27/2012	I resent this question, as you are not asking it honestly. Please ask honest questions on your surveys (rather than leading questions to obtain the results you desire). Shame on you.
161	7/26/2012	Consistently full of all ages, nationalities, interests.
162	7/26/2012	It's always a lively place full of people!
163	7/26/2012	used
164	7/26/2012	Always busy when I'm there.

165	7/26/2012	very
166	7/26/2012	Very
167	7/26/2012	There are always people around. I think its very well used.
168	7/26/2012	I think the Gregory Library is offering an excellent service for our neighborhood. The library offers a great educational place for the diverse community who lives in our neighborhood. For example, the Cully neighborhood has a diverse low-medium income ethnic group. I noticed how much students from African American, Hispanics, Caucasian and Ethiopian use the library services. Next, the senior and adult population from Cully and Rose City neighborhoods also use the library services.
169	7/26/2012	All libraries I use are generally very busy when I stop by. I don't use the library computers, but many do. I enjoy being able to find reference materials, books for pleasure reading, music and DVDs at my local library!
170	7/26/2012	very well
171	7/26/2012	Fantastic!
172	7/26/2012	Seems very heavily used.
173	7/26/2012	It looks busy every time I go in.
174	7/26/2012	not really sure as I use the ebook system remotely
175	7/26/2012	It seems pretty full of library-goers each time I walk in.
176	7/26/2012	Very--it is often full of people at the seating areas.
177	7/26/2012	Very well used (and well loved)! I especially appreciate the access to e-materials since I am a Kindle user now.
178	7/26/2012	very
179	7/26/2012	Midland always has many, many people using it. It is very important to me to see it remain as excellent as it has been.
180	7/26/2012	By me, or in general? By me, it is used extremely well. I love it! By everybody else, I don't know.
181	7/26/2012	seems well used when I visit. Plenty of people around
182	7/26/2012	I mostly use online services and book reservations
183	7/26/2012	Very
184	7/26/2012	It's always busy.
185	7/25/2012	it is well used by me. i don't know about others
186	7/25/2012	Very well used as far as I can tell. Always busy in there.
187	7/25/2012	It is a popular place.
188	7/25/2012	Extremely busy and crowded. It is so well used that I often cannot find a place to park.

189	7/25/2012	I use my local library so frequently it is like a second home to me. I can not even imagine it not being there - it would be like losing a big chunk of my life. My thirst for knowledge is fulfilled because of the library.
190	7/25/2012	Excellent service ! from reception to out side door
191	7/25/2012	Very
192	7/25/2012	All library branches I go to are well used and appear to have high circulation.
193	7/25/2012	I don't know.
194	7/25/2012	Seems pretty heavily used when I pop in.
195	7/25/2012	Very well! It's always busy whenever I'm there after school hours and in the early evening!
196	7/25/2012	Quite
197	7/25/2012	It's very busy
198	7/25/2012	busy on most days
199	7/25/2012	It seems to be pretty busy when I drop by, which is at least once a week :).
200	7/25/2012	Belmont Library is always busy. Even when it is closed, people are dropping books in the window, or hoping to get in.
201	7/25/2012	Very. People waiting out side the doors daily for it to open in the mornings.
202	7/25/2012	it is very popular. There are always lines of people waiting for the library to open. There are always waiting lists for people to use the computers. It is a small library, so there are very rarely the books that I am looking for and I usually have to reserve them online and then wait until they arrive at my library. I love the library!
203	7/25/2012	I'm not there enough to say.
204	7/25/2012	I live in Chinatown, so the central library is my home branch.[] Of course, it is filled with people every time I go! We need our libraries more than ever in these times. They bring people together, in a positive and supportive environment. Also one sees young and old people being brought into contact, in the pursuit of information, or recreation.[] A free and democratic society is founded on the idea of a well informed and educated population. The libraries are a critical and integral part of that system. I cannot praise the library enough, nor adequately express my gratitude and love for it. Funding the library should never even be a question, in my opinion!
205	7/25/2012	Very well used- the Belmont branch is always quite busy
206	7/25/2012	Very - always lots of people, even waiting for the library to open.
207	7/25/2012	The library is always busy,people using computers,classes being given
208	7/25/2012	As far as I can tell, it's well used. Every time I go in, it's full of people.
209	7/25/2012	There is always a line before the doors open and I've never seen it empty.
210	7/25/2012	Our local library is generally very busy. It's a big part of the community.
211	7/25/2012	always looks busy and happy in there, a joy to step into the local branch (Albina) at pretty much any time

212	7/25/2012	Seems pretty well-used
213	7/25/2012	Definitely well used, usually busy on Belmont. Central is a madhouse as we all know. I have never seen this library empty. Also the Librarians that read the stories for the children, actually know some of the children by name and if they do not know their names they still greet them. I have personally used the computers and have had to go on the wait-list at times. I've taken my nephew to the story-time for preschooler's and there have always been a good amount of children. We have borrowed books, books on CD, and have put books on hold online. I would say it is very well used.
214	7/25/2012	It seems well-used. When we go (mostly on weekends) there are lots of people utilizing a multitude of services.
215	7/25/2012	It's especially crowded now on Tuesdays.
216	7/25/2012	Very well used
217	7/25/2012	It is always busy with kids and people on every computer. always, always, busy.
218	7/25/2012	Very! I'm never at the Central Library without witnessing streams of people entering and leaving, and every floor/department is well-subscribed with readers and researchers.
219	7/25/2012	there are always people, including myself, outside the Belmont branch, waiting for the doors to open.[]
220	7/25/2012	The Central library is very busy every single time I'm there
221	7/25/2012	It always seems to have people using computers, looking through book shelves and DVDs.
222	7/25/2012	The library is a huge bonus to the community. Children study and enjoy literature there, parents find great books for their kids. Adults come to get help navigating on-line data bases. People meet there for interesting and informative programs that are free and unique. We love our Libraries!!
223	7/25/2012	Quite.
224	7/24/2012	Very well used. It is constantly busy.
225	7/24/2012	usually very busy
226	7/24/2012	It's always busy when I go there.
227	7/24/2012	Very
228	7/24/2012	Hollywood always seems to be busy, and people arrive on Mondays in droves... and now have to leave :(
229	7/24/2012	Central is ALWAYS busy.
230	7/24/2012	I see people there every day I visit.
231	7/24/2012	Very
232	7/24/2012	I always see people at the branches and computer use seems very popular.
233	7/24/2012	Always busy with people - young and old
234	7/24/2012	Very
235	7/24/2012	Heavily used-always crowded
236	7/24/2012	It is quite busy usually.
237	7/24/2012	very
238	7/24/2012	Very well!

239	7/24/2012	<p>always seems to have a semi-full house when I visit; staff is very friendly</p> <p>Okay, so I'm following up from the other day because I find I have more to say.[] (Which means I filled this out once already, so you can disregard the answers to the multiple-choice sections this time; I'm just filling them in to get to the comments parts.)[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>So after filling out the survey last time, I went back and tried to figure out how to check out e-books online, which is why I had been on the site in the first place (before finding your survey, which of course was not possible to pass up).[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Turns out you can't even begin really unless you type in your library card number and PIN. (Apparently, I mean. I'm assuming that if I *had* typed these in, I would have gotten somewhere useful.) Well, all right, if that's the way you want to do it. So I typed in my card number and hit the 'forgot PIN' option, since I never had a PIN and I figured it would tell me how to get one.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
240	7/24/2012	<p>It didn't. It didn't do anything. The page didn't change except that the number I'd typed in disappeared. The page just sat there waiting for me to type in my number again. No error message, no explanation, no nothing.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Now, I'm sure my card is expired. Haven't used it for years, and a library card is such a sensitive high-security thing that they do have to expire periodically or how would you ever know WHO was reading books for free? It could be terrorists! Or people reading too many books perhaps and thereby costing somebody money. Somehow? So of course the cards must expire. Which I expected. And I expected the site would explain that and direct me to a page where I could renew online, and I'd do so and we'd get on with it.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>But that's not what the site did. It didn't do anything.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>So here you are asking me for money, and here I am wondering why on earth I'd voluntarily give you any. Since you don't seem to have joined this millennium -- it's twelve years old already, and the internet is of course much older than that -- and since you seem more interested in *stopping* me from reading ebooks online than in making it possible for me to do so.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
241	7/24/2012	<p>In fact I'm wondering -- and this isn't the first time, but it's the first time anyone has asked -- why I need a library card at all in</p> <p>It appears to get really good use!</p>
242	7/24/2012	<p>Very much - always pleasantly busy.</p>
243	7/24/2012	<p>very well used. People wait for it in the morning.</p>
244	7/24/2012	<p>Very. Every time I go to the N. Portland library it is a bustling community hot spot. Its location on the 72 bus line and proximity to PCC makes it a perfect place to find books, CDs, DVDs, comics, etc. as well as see some of the folks in my neighborhood. Even when I arrive near closing time to drop off some materials, the library is full of people. I wouldn't have it any other way.</p>

260	7/24/2012	Quite well
261	7/24/2012	All of the libraries I use in the system are used heavily and important resources for myself and many of my friends
262	7/24/2012	The Sellwood library is a hub of the community. There are always patrons utilizing its services.
263	7/24/2012	It always seems busy.
264	7/24/2012	very very good
265	7/24/2012	It seems always busy.
266	7/24/2012	very well used
267	7/24/2012	well used
268	7/24/2012	Everytime I go into the library it is busy. There are people all ages looking at books, using the computers, and asking questions or seeking help.
269	7/24/2012	It is always busy when I visit.
270	7/24/2012	Pretty well used, I think.
271	7/24/2012	Very well. Computers are always busy.
272	7/24/2012	Always seems busy, from families with young children, to all ages using the computers.
273	7/24/2012	very - always crowded.
274	7/24/2012	very
275	7/24/2012	Seems busy.
276	7/24/2012	Very well used!
277	7/24/2012	The Gresham Library is always busy, but I believe the elimination of some hours would be okay. Especially if an alternative location (Troutdale) was open during the day that Gresham was closed.
278	7/24/2012	Extremely well used, the community needs the library to be open, it is an invaluable resource for so many people.
279	7/24/2012	Very well! There are always people there when I stop by.
280	7/23/2012	It is always busy. Our whole family enjoys going there at least once a week and sometimes more. It is conveniently located with easy access from our home.
281	7/23/2012	Our library always seems to be busy & is very valuable to our community.
282	7/23/2012	very well used
283	7/23/2012	There are always at least a dozen people in the library when I visit; there are people of all ages and the computers (in particular) are almost always in use.
284	7/23/2012	Very well. It is always busy and active when I go.

285	7/23/2012	The parking lot is always full and that doesn't count the many parents that drop their children off and pick them up later. So I would say the Midland Branch is very well used. They offer free events that are well attended. The computers are a sought after commodity. A published survey that was taken of the area indicated that this region is comprised of low income families, many of which require ESL classes. The resources available at this library as well as the sensitivity of the people that work at the library are not a luxury; they are a necessity. Thank you for your fine service. I hope we will soon have the library open on Mondays in the future.
286	7/23/2012	Always packed.
287	7/23/2012	well used
288	7/23/2012	The St. John's library is always busy. A line forms at the door prior to opening and it hums all day and weekend. Not knowing the library was closed on Mondays now, my daughter and I went last week, and we were two of about 8 people who showed up to use the library at that time only to be turned away.
289	7/23/2012	Woodstock library appears to be quite busy every time I visit there.
290	7/23/2012	NW is a small location, but with the sharing ability within the library system we can always get what we want easily. We love our libraries.
291	7/23/2012	I use mail from central
292	7/23/2012	The Woodstock branch is always busy.
293	7/23/2012	Very!
294	7/23/2012	Always busy when I am there.
295	7/23/2012	Seems to be fairly well used.
296	7/23/2012	Every time I visit the NW public library branch it's full & there are no parking spots available. There is always a wait for popular titles, and all the computers are being used. It is a very busy and a community gathering place.
297	7/23/2012	Very, very well used. I live across the street and regularly see folks lining up when the doors open in order to obtain internet access, use the computers, read magazines and check out books ("non-holdable" new releases).
298	7/23/2012	Very well used. Gregory Heights is always busy.
299	7/23/2012	Every time I go there seems to be quite a few people not crowded but well used.
300	7/23/2012	very
301	7/23/2012	They always seem busy with people.
302	7/23/2012	It seems to be constantly busy.
303	7/23/2012	It appears very well used.
304	7/23/2012	It is always crowded when I go in. I mostly use the library to request or place holds on materials and then pick them up. I usually browse a bit when I am in the building as well.
305	7/23/2012	very well
306	7/23/2012	Very well used.
307	7/23/2012	My family uses it 2-3 times a week. I cannot imagine not having it.

308	7/23/2012	It seems no matter what time of day I go to the Holgate branch it is busy. I see a mix of ages from very young to senior citizens.
309	7/23/2012	great, lots of people, good staff--alas, tough parking.
310	7/23/2012	There are always patrons in the library checking out new materials. The children in the libraries are always engaged and take advantage of the story hours, etc.
311	7/23/2012	The Albina branch always seems busy and full of people, so I would say it gets used well.
312	7/23/2012	It seems to be very active in all aspects Holgate Branch is always busy and that is a good thing. ☐
313	7/23/2012	☐ Library branches in disadvantaged neighborhoods should have the highest priority. Low income families need the services provided desparately.
314	7/23/2012	Seems pretty busy most days.
315	7/23/2012	Very well used - always full of people.
316	7/23/2012	seems very well used...
317	7/23/2012	It always seems busy. Lots of people on computers, in the stacks and at tables. Lots of children too
318	7/23/2012	It always seems to be very busy when I'm there!
319	7/23/2012	very
320	7/23/2012	It's nice but has way too many homeless folks walking around. I would use it more often if it didn't resemble a homeless shelter.
321	7/23/2012	It seems very well used when I am there which is Fridays, weekends and after 6:00 on weekday evenings. I see a wide range of individual uses: young people on the computer, young families with children looking at books, seniors.
322	7/23/2012	seems quite busy every time I go
323	7/23/2012	very well used
324	7/23/2012	Its always busy, with kids and computer users. I like seeing my neighbors use this valuable resource.
325	7/23/2012	Very!
326	7/23/2012	Extremely well used. It is always busy and before opening, there is often a line of people waiting to get in.
327	7/23/2012	very well
328	7/23/2012	It seems very well used. There are always people there and the programs for children tend to fill quickly.
329	7/23/2012	Very busy most times I am there.
330	7/23/2012	Our local library is a lifeline for us. We do not have access to TV.
331	7/23/2012	Very well used
332	7/23/2012	I would say it is well used -- there are always people there, and there is often a line before it opens.
333	7/23/2012	always packed with people
334	7/23/2012	Always seems busy when I drop in.

335	7/23/2012	Very!
336	7/23/2012	We are new near the Belmont Library and are not yet familiar with its patterns. The Woodstock library, where we were before, appeared well-used whenever we were there.
337	7/23/2012	Very busy, well used
338	7/23/2012	no very well
339	7/23/2012	Very busy all the time
340	7/23/2012	hollywood is very well used
341	7/23/2012	Very. There are always people using the computers, parents with children and the conference room has meetings going on.
342	7/23/2012	Belmont is always bustling, especially with people getting books and media on hold.
343	7/23/2012	VERY!
344	7/23/2012	Question is not specific enough.
345	7/23/2012	I always see many people there browsing the shelves, returning/picking up items, and using the computers. The hold shelves are always filled with books so you know people are requesting them.
346	7/23/2012	It's busy all the time, so I guess it is successfully utilized.
347	7/23/2012	Very well used
348	7/23/2012	Very well-used - there are so many holds, that they have had to reduce the number of books shelved.
349	7/23/2012	too well!
350	7/23/2012	It seems very well used. There are always people in the library when I visit
351	7/23/2012	It always seems to be extremely busy, in all areas but especially the computer access.
352	7/23/2012	Very well.
353	7/23/2012	I think it is well used. My room mate picks up many books, media materials that we both share and enjoy. It is wonderful to have this library close to home.
354	7/23/2012	I don't know for sure. But whenever I go there I see plenty of people.
355	7/22/2012	It always looks really busy.
356	7/22/2012	VERY busy
357	7/22/2012	well used
358	7/22/2012	always lots of people. usually people standing outside waiting for it to open.
359	7/22/2012	Very well used. It's always busy.
360	7/22/2012	I always see a lot of people in the library when I go in.
361	7/22/2012	Very well used. Always busy when open, but adequate service has been available. I don't know if there will be sufficient staffing since the July 1 reductions.
362	7/22/2012	Extremely
363	7/22/2012	I am most familiar with the Rockwood branch, and there are always several people there when I go in. When I get there around opening time, there are always a couple other people waiting for it to open. The "hold" rack seems to always be full and the computers are well used.
364	7/22/2012	very

- 365 7/22/2012 We love our Woodstock library... as a family we can ride our bikes there and enjoy looking through books...so thankful that we can go on line to make requests that we can have transferred to our neighborhood library and pick them up there.... Portland has great libraries... let's keep them open!!!
- 366 7/22/2012 It is very well used from what I see.
- 367 7/22/2012 Very well used
- 368 7/22/2012 There are always lots of people there when I go.
- 369 7/22/2012 my closest branch is on 80th ne sandy . point is the area is in transition and i feel uncomfortable walking the to blocks off my bus line w/ my three year old. we dont actully visit location unless i am picking up stuff i request on line. not used who be my view. thou i belive that is changing.
I have no way of rating this. Compared to what, and how would I know?[]
[]
- 370 7/22/2012 (In answer to question 2 above, I said I hardly ever use the library. That's true now. A few years back I used it regularly, and came to this site today to see what the situation is with borrowing e-books [before getting side-tracked into this survey]. If it turns out to be possible, I'll use the library more again.)
- 371 7/22/2012 I'm not sure what you mean by this, but the libraries I use are consistently full and busy with lines in the customer service area and self serve check out
- 372 7/22/2012 I would say that the Woodstock library is used fairly often by many of the families in the community as a resource for books and media.
- 373 7/22/2012 The parking lot is alway full and I see many on the computers.
- 374 7/22/2012 Most times I visit all the computer stations and public seating areas are occupied and there are others looking through the stacks.
- 375 7/22/2012 seems well used.
- 376 7/22/2012 Appears to be very well used.
- 377 7/22/2012 well used
- 378 7/22/2012 I think that my library is very popular, but it does not look run down at all.
- 379 7/22/2012 It is extremely busy!
- 380 7/22/2012 very well used
- 381 7/22/2012 Very well used. Always lots of people there whenever I visit.
- 382 7/22/2012 It seems to be always busy and well used. It's a terrific resource for our neighborhood!
- 383 7/22/2012 ok - very busy after school (wilson hi). parking underneath often full; parking otherwise difficult. lots of computer users.
- 384 7/22/2012 There are always people in the library when I'm there.
- 385 7/22/2012 We as a family use it all the time, and our branch seems always busy with a lot of traffic.
- 386 7/22/2012 It's busy everytime I go there. People are using the computers and reading. The parking lot is always full.

387	7/22/2012	The local Kenton branch is used a lot by the local families. I tend to avoid it because I feel unwelcome (no family). I'm not a grump, kid's are awesome, but I like a cozy quiet place to read. Glad to see the "community" space though. The library presence is really supporting the growth in the area.
388	7/22/2012	Usually busy
389	7/22/2012	There is a lot of traffic in and out of the library! It is an important resource for the community for job seekers and researchers. Also very important to keep kids engaged in learning and learning to read!
390	7/22/2012	I love my local library. It's a fantastic resource. The people that work there are kind and helpful and it's always a pleasure to go there. I rely heavily on the inter-library loan system and am so thankful for it.
391	7/22/2012	Very well used
392	7/22/2012	How would I know? It is always busy ...
393	7/22/2012	always busy
394	7/22/2012	Very well used
395	7/22/2012	Very well.
396	7/22/2012	Our local libraries are constantly busy! There always seems to be a line waiting to use the computers, and the holds shelves seem to always be full. I am constantly finding a stack of hold on the books I am interested in. It seems to be a great place for youth (perhaps students off of school) to meet, study, do homework, and find joy.¶ ¶ I personally love to use our libraries for research on current projects I am working on--everything with making my own soap to starting a non-profit to bolster learning and the arts in our community.
397	7/22/2012	The library is full of people all of the time. I have space issues and it makes it hard to look for books during peak hours.
398	7/22/2012	We use the library a great deal, nearly every weekend. Both of my kids regularly checkout and read 8 or 9 books a weeks.
399	7/22/2012	The Belmont Library is an Amazing library with the most helpful staff around. It's always busy when I go visit. I'm very thankful for this library and the staff!! Thank YOU!! Blessings-Kris Hendrickson
400	7/22/2012	Very well used by others
401	7/22/2012	It is always very busy. I used to live by the Albina branch and frequent that one weekly, and that one was always busy, too.
402	7/22/2012	My guess is that you would have better data on that than I would - at least I hope so. But there always seem to be people there.
403	7/22/2012	Belmont is always busy, there is a line that forms prior to the opening daily.
404	7/22/2012	Very well used
405	7/22/2012	always a flurry of people in there and the hold shelf is packed every time i go to pick up my materials!

406	7/22/2012	The Hollywood library is a great library! I really never could have wished for a better place to spend my summer. Every time go to the library it seems to be buzzing. I was really disappointed when I heard that the branches would all be closed on Mondays and that the hours were being cut. So many people rely on the library when I have been in the library in July it seems to be more crowded because of the cut hours. Please fix this problem...
407	7/22/2012	It is always full of people - hard to get a seat at one of the tables to read magazines.[] The programs are very full, you have to get there early.
408	7/22/2012	Very well used, there are always people there, and long hold lists for popular and new books.
		overly well used. The original Belmont building has some sort of historical designation so when it was remodeled the original building could not be torn down or[] changed although it could be added to.[]
409	7/22/2012	We are lucky that a big walgreen parking lot is next door as our parking lot is[] full usually. Because our parking lot is small we only have one handicapped space.[] Now that we can do our own check outs I don't see the huge lines and crush of people we used to have. [] I personally would come into Belmont more, but I am disabled and can not sit[] on chairs without arms (I can't stand long) something I alerted the Belmont staff about. I miss browsing there as much as I would like to find new authors. Instead I get my holds picked up and use the library on line.
410	7/22/2012	There is generally a line of people waiting for it to open and throughout the day it remains busy.
411	7/22/2012	It's a busy and popular place
412	7/22/2012	pretty good, I always see people there.
413	7/22/2012	It is a real asset to the community and seems frequented by many.
414	7/22/2012	I is very well used, it is always busy and serves a great community center.
415	7/22/2012	very well; it is a community hot spot
416	7/21/2012	The parking lot at Midland seems almost full every time I'm there to check out books
417	7/21/2012	It is always crowded every time I go in there. I would describe it as extremely well used.
418	7/21/2012	very well used
419	7/21/2012	very. It seems that it is always crowded when i go to look for resources or return books.
420	7/21/2012	It always seems busy when we go.
421	7/21/2012	the library always has citizens using it whenever it's open, a small detail is the location of the CD's, they are on shelves 6" from the floor, as a 6' 4" adult, it is virtually impossible to go thru the CD section to pick out some music
422	7/21/2012	about normal
423	7/21/2012	Very
424	7/21/2012	Quite busy.
425	7/21/2012	very well used

426	7/21/2012	Very well.
427	7/21/2012	Hillsdale is usually filled with patrons when I visit. There always seems to be a cross-section of people: all ages, parents with young children, people on computers, etc.
428	7/21/2012	I think it is moderately-well to well used. There are always people visiting when I am there, and I always see cars in the lot when I drive by, which is often.
429	7/21/2012	It seems quite busy.
430	7/21/2012	High usage in Hillsdale, close to Wilson High School.
431	7/21/2012	Hollywood is always busy when I visit the branch. It is a great location!
432	7/21/2012	The libraries are always busy; especially now with the reduced hours.
433	7/21/2012	packed!
434	7/21/2012	It seems to be very well used by a variety of community members. The children and school aged programs are especially beneficial in our neighborhood.
435	7/21/2012	The Salem library seems in constant use by the community. It is a valued resource for all of us.
436	7/21/2012	I don't fully understand the question.
437	7/21/2012	Whenever I go there, I see many people using the library. It has huge resources to meet the diversified needs of people who come to the library. People of all ages visit the library : students, adults and kids.. Besides checking in and checking out books and DVDs from the library, some sit there and read books or browse newspapers and magazines . Others use the computers or work on their PC and make print out of their documents. The library is always busy, and at certain hours and days it is filled to capacity. It has friendly, courteous and helpful staff. I see them offering fast and friendly service that encourages readers to visit the library more often.
438	7/21/2012	The local branch is always packed with people
439	7/21/2012	I see quite a few people there every time I go. I think it's a valuable community resource.
440	7/21/2012	It's always busy when I go in, so I can say that it is well used.
441	7/21/2012	It always seems busy
442	7/21/2012	Our Sellwood library is in constant use by so many people in our neighborhood!! It's always busy..please don't take it away.
443	7/21/2012	It is very busy most of the time. I would say it is very well used.
444	7/21/2012	It is fairly used
445	7/21/2012	EXTREMELY well used. It is one of the busiest branches in the system.
446	7/21/2012	Very well used by the community
447	7/21/2012	Pretty busy. Many children & adults attend.
448	7/21/2012	very well used
449	7/21/2012	It is always fairly busy.
450	7/21/2012	Very well used.
451	7/21/2012	Our library is hopping!

452	7/21/2012	I don't really understand the question...Do you mean, How much do I use my library (the branch which is closest to my home)? Or, how many people in general, use the closest library to my home? Or, how well used is the "facility", "books", "bathrooms", "computers" which are in my local library? Kinda vague question... I guess I will answer the first question which I wrote at the top. Well to be honest, I haven't utilized my local library much since I have a computer & Internet access now. I would say the last time I went was approx. 3 months ago. I used to go quite often, approx. 4-5 times/per week.
453	7/21/2012	It is very well used, and my day off's are only Sunday and Monday and after voting yes on the measure, only to have one of the days I had to be able to bring my daughter down to the library stripped away from me, makes me very upset..... I believe that instead of taking a day away, why don't you just split Tuesday's hours with Wednesday's and have those 2 days only open for 5 hours each, and a full day restored to Monday. That makes more sense.
454	7/21/2012	It is always busy any time I go in.
455	7/21/2012	Usually crowded
456	7/21/2012	Very!!
457	7/20/2012	Very busy since I have been attended within the last year. I have had too wait for use of the computer on just about every occasion.
458	7/20/2012	I always see many people there, and so many books on hold. It's part of how I judge a neighborhood by it's books on hold.
459	7/20/2012	there is often a line waiting for the library to open - every time I'm there it's a (quiet) buzz of activity - seems well-used and well-loved!
460	7/20/2012	normal usage i guess
461	7/20/2012	Very. It's always full of activity and people. We love our library and couldn't imagine living without being able to do the reading programs and check out books.
462	7/20/2012	Fairly well. The Wednesday program for toddlers is very well attended and the library often has patrons lined up outside before they open.
463	7/20/2012	The library is always bustling with folks and it is well-kept.
464	7/20/2012	Well used.
465	7/20/2012	Very well used!
466	7/20/2012	Very well used, it is always busy and full of people.
467	7/20/2012	extremely busy
468	7/20/2012	It is very well used.
469	7/20/2012	It is always busy and important to the neighborhood.
470	7/20/2012	Excellent!!
471	7/20/2012	Very
472	7/20/2012	used heavily
473	7/20/2012	Always seems pretty busy. (Central) Hollywood branch also seems busy.

474	7/20/2012	It seems to be busy no matter what day of the week or time of day I am there. I am self employed and therefore visit the library at varying times and days due to an ever changing work schedule.
475	7/20/2012	Very well used. My family and I really enjoy having this amazing resource in our community. I used it for work resources (im a nurse)and for entertainment (music, movies, books).
476	7/20/2012	Alot
477	7/20/2012	Let's put it this way, do I use the library based on the assessed property value...yes. Would I agree to the increased value to continue the libraries open door policy...yes. As a community service, this is a very valuable diamond in the rough for all.
478	7/20/2012	It's usually very crowded when I go there.
479	7/20/2012	Very busy.
480	7/20/2012	It seems to always be busy in ours!!
481	7/20/2012	It seems pretty well used.
482	7/20/2012	It seems to be very well used. Whenever we are there--and we go at various times during the week, both day and evening--it seems like there are many people there for a variety of reasons.
483	7/20/2012	Quite well. The Rockwood library strikes me for it's multi-ethnic flavor. It has a large selection of Russian and/or Ukraine material and a large number of patrons taking advantage of that.
484	7/20/2012	Very--it's never empty
485	7/20/2012	Well
486	7/20/2012	The libraries I visit always seem to be busy.
487	7/20/2012	I regularly visit one of four sites. All show heavy usage each and every time I visit.
488	7/20/2012	A wonderful community resource
489	7/20/2012	Belmont and Holgate are always busy when I'm there.
490	7/20/2012	It seems to be very active and well used.
491	7/20/2012	Every time I go, I see people everywhere.
492	7/20/2012	The Woodstock Branch is closest to my house. Every time I visit, it is quite busy.
493	7/20/2012	There are always lots of people when I go. The parking lot is often full and street parking can be hard to find.
494	7/20/2012	It has become the hub of our community.
495	7/20/2012	All of the libraries that I visit are well frequented. I try to avoid the Central Library because it is so busy, and the Hollywood library has a lot of traffic for such a small space.
496	7/20/2012	Very well used. Always busy but never too crowded
497	7/20/2012	Very! It always seems busy.
498	7/20/2012	The Central Library is VERY well used as far as I can tell.
499	7/20/2012	It seems fairly busy every time I am there.
500	7/20/2012	Very well used.

501	7/20/2012	The reason I do not use the library more often is that it is too well used by homeless. Twice i went into the bathroom to find someone using the sink as a place to clean up. And one of those times, i found signs of drug use. It's a shame because the central library is so beautiful and i'm just tired of the homeless taking advantage of free shelter.
502	7/20/2012	very well
503	7/20/2012	Always very busy and staff is always helpful but stretched.
504	7/20/2012	It is packed at Central. I use Rockwood a lot less, but when I do, it is also full.
505	7/20/2012	The Northwest Branch appears to be very well used by both children and adults
506	7/20/2012	Both Gresham and Midland always seem to be full of people whenever I go there - people on computers, doing research, looking for books on the shelves, etc. All areas seem to be used extensively.
507	7/20/2012	Very well used.
508	7/20/2012	Extremely busy at almost all times
509	7/20/2012	Very usefull to get informations I need them, such as DVD self help and entertainements.
510	7/20/2012	It seems to be very well used
511	7/20/2012	I go twice a week. It's always very busy, although I never have to wait to check out.
512	7/20/2012	Very well used. There always seems to be alot of people there whenever I visit.
513	7/20/2012	always many people there!
514	7/20/2012	It's got old used books and is full of people
515	7/20/2012	it is used too well. There is no place to sit anywhere, it is extremely loud (including the staff) and the place feels cramped and stuffy. Unfortunately, the actual book collection was greatly reduced to make room for holds.
516	7/20/2012	Very well used! Whatever time of day I am there, all of the computers are being used and there are many others in the library.
517	7/20/2012	By us? We visit maybe once a month to pick up items on hold. The library seems busy most of the time.
518	7/20/2012	I love my north Portland Library. Christopher Cuttone is always friendly and so helpful and full of great ideas
519	7/20/2012	busy. lots of people all the time. parking lot nearly full when I coe..
520	7/20/2012	well attended
521	7/20/2012	There are many people at the local library when I go there, and they seem to be all over. So I would say it is well used, and people seem to be using all parts of it.

522	7/20/2012	I don't feel it's used to its capacity for the right reasons. All of the libraries have become day care centers for the homeless and the occupants are unsanitary, hoarding the places at the computers while sleeping/dozing. If and when they finally relinquish their spot it smells so terribly that the patron waiting for a spot is reluctant to occupy it. As much as we sympathize with the homeless situation we feel that our libraries should not be a day time shelter for them.
523	7/20/2012	At capacity during busy times. Sometimes I can't find a place to sit.
524	7/20/2012	very well used.
525	7/20/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
526	7/20/2012	seems to be very well used
527	7/20/2012	Very well used. People are waiting to get in mornings, kid-programs get filled, people are always there.
528	7/20/2012	The Hollywood Library is well used! A lot of people and children especially love going to their neighborhood library.
529	7/20/2012	The Belmont Library is well used and well loved. So is the one on Woodstock! If this question is regarding how well we use the library (unsure what it's asking exactly), we do use the library often. At least every other week or every week. The library resources (books, educational dvd's for my toddler to learn from, etc.) have been a huge blessing to us.
530	7/20/2012	Always see people waiting for it to open!
531	7/20/2012	Very
532	7/20/2012	It is always busy
533	7/20/2012	I'm new to PDX, but my impression is that both the libraries I use are actively and positively used by a broad spectrum of residents.
534	7/20/2012	Always seems to be busy when we are there. I love going to the library! We use it constantly.
535	7/20/2012	It's extremely well-used. There's always a crowd every time I go.
536	7/20/2012	very. there's a multitude of people present in the middle of the day.
537	7/20/2012	There are always a lot of folks there.
538	7/20/2012	very
539	7/20/2012	do not know
540	7/20/2012	I use it as a tool for reading and considering reading my own books their
541	7/20/2012	I see a lot of people there, it's an awesome library and people at my school often go there after school or for homework.
542	7/20/2012	For the central library, very well used.
543	7/20/2012	I'd say the Hollywood location is very well used. The N Portland location is used but not as well.
544	7/20/2012	It seems busy every time I'm there no matter what day.
545	7/20/2012	It's always busy when I'm there, and I love the Central library!
546	7/20/2012	Always seems crowded and well used
547	7/20/2012	very well used
548	7/20/2012	Always busy.
549	7/20/2012	

550	7/20/2012	used well. especially by families with young children
551	7/20/2012	I believe it is utilized well by the neighborhood. Until the cut backs I used the computer every evening when my Local Union post the jobs for the next work day. These postings open Monday - Friday at 5 PM, due to the cut back in hours I have had to rely on a neighbors computer to check.
552	7/20/2012	Capitol Hill seems to be very well used by the neighborhood.
553	7/20/2012	I believe it is very well used. There is always a variety of people there of differing ages and ethnicities.
554	7/20/2012	used a lot-usually busy- lots of people picking up holds; people accessing the computers; school age kids gathering to talk and study; kids, teens, and families browsing the juvenile and young adult areas; people just talking with each other-hanging out; lots of music CD's, DVD's, and talking books checked out;
555	7/20/2012	Both Hollywood and Albina are usually pretty busy from what I've seen.
556	7/20/2012	the place is always packed and people of all ages are engaged with the services available
557	7/19/2012	Extremely well used
558	7/19/2012	It is always full of activity and patrons. Very well used--there is always a crowd. Before opening and after closing there is also usually a group of 5-10 people milling about waiting for opening, wrapping up their visit, or lamenting the fact that they just missed it. The computers and tables are frequently full. Classes, story times, and events appear well attended. We go at least once a week, sometimes more often.
559	7/19/2012	
560	7/19/2012	Incredibly busy
561	7/19/2012	Very, very well used!
562	7/19/2012	Very well used.
563	7/19/2012	The computers at the Gresham library are always full. My family only uses the library to check out books and other media.
564	7/19/2012	there are lots of people there all the time. other than frequency of use, how do you measure "well used"? do you mean is it old and run down, lacking materials and staff? I don't know what you are wanting to know from this question.
565	7/19/2012	I think use at Central is way down, aside from street kids and homeless folk who seem to sit in there all day. At times I'm almost uncomfortable using the computers due to some of the behavior.
566	7/19/2012	The library is always bustling no matter when I am there. It provides computer access to members of the community who cannot afford their own. It is a vital part of the community.
567	7/19/2012	frequently used, no complaints
568	7/19/2012	Very well, often do not have a place to sit down.
569	7/19/2012	Quite. There is always a gentle bustle going on at the Hollywood branch. Not overcrowded, but always busy.
570	7/19/2012	Very well.

571	7/19/2012	Crowded since hours decreased.
572	7/19/2012	at least once a week, usually more
573	7/19/2012	I use your Outreach service for seniors.
574	7/19/2012	Pretty well used, always people coming in and out all day. Never sparse but also never packed.
575	7/19/2012	Very, I think.
576	7/19/2012	very well used
577	7/19/2012	used well
578	7/19/2012	Both Hillsdale and Central are vary heavily used by the public.
579	7/19/2012	Very well used. High traffic volume.
580	7/19/2012	Very well used The Belmont Library is a very busy place. I always see a line at the door when it opens, and there are always many people there when I visit. ☐
581	7/19/2012	☐ As for us, my children always have library books in the house. We make good use of our library.
582	7/19/2012	Well used. Always busy, good amount of ppeople reading, checking out items, using computers. (Based on Holgate)
583	7/19/2012	It appears to be well used, when I am there it is often quite busy.
584	7/19/2012	Lots
585	7/19/2012	VERY popular
586	7/19/2012	Gregory Heights library is always busy. Computers are usually all in use.
587	7/19/2012	Way too busy.
588	7/19/2012	Well. We use FVRL libraries more often because they don't charge overdue fees.
589	7/19/2012	maximally! I remember the Belmont branch before the remodeling of many years ago. Very happy to have my tax dollars going to upgrading our libraries, fixing bridges & pot holes and adding light rail. And defending our nation if she were ever to come under attack. Very happy with what I still think of as the new Belmont branch. Stellar staff, lovely place.☐ The Main branch downtown is someplace I have had mixed experiences with. I understand the challenges of serving a mixed clientele. The staff there deserve extra pay for some of the sleaze bags that provoke troubles there. Everything else about the place, considering the attack they have suffered due to underfunding, is superb. What a beautiful building! ☐ I have been to the Hollywood branch a couple of times and have found it to be typical, i.e., great building, wonderful staff, awesome books (when they are in). ☐ Basically, I love the county library system, but, we need to take a look at alternate funding.
591	7/19/2012	Always people there. It is a resource for the homeless in downtown Portland.
592	7/19/2012	Pretty well used. Both locations are normally busy when I visit them.

593	7/19/2012	Very! It's right by Jefferson high school and Ethos Music Center and I see families in there all the time and folks on the computer ALL the time. This library services a large party of low income and middle income families, educators and creative people in the area. I wouldn't be able to do some of my work and it's just an invaluable resource for me personally! I LOVE that library. Please continue and support this branch! ☺ Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
594	7/19/2012	It is always busy!
595	7/19/2012	There are always patrons in the library when I go.
596	7/19/2012	The Belmont seems well-loved all the time. It's always quite full of activity.
597	7/19/2012	VERY
598	7/19/2012	Each time I visit my local library it is always busy!!!
599	7/19/2012	We find the two libraries which we use, Central and Sellwood, to be extremely well used by both young and old
600	7/19/2012	very well
601	7/19/2012	always plenty full!
602	7/19/2012	Very well. Albina is one of the smaller branches and situated in a walkable neighborhood. Its standing room only on weekends, particularly in the children's section.
603	7/19/2012	Always used. Always people using computers, checking out books, kids with moms, etc.
604	7/19/2012	generally busy inside
605	7/19/2012	Very well used
606	7/19/2012	It seems to be in constant moderate to heavy use.
607	7/19/2012	Very. There are always a ton of people there when we go.
608	7/19/2012	always a lot of folks there taking advantage of the many things offered. Quite well, as near as I can tell. I go there about 10 times per year and there are always 10 - 20 patrons there, of all ages and several races.☺
609	7/19/2012	My own usage has dropped some this last year as I am pursuing an interest in 3D modeling where published material is too far behind what is happening in the field to be useful. I expect to go back to using the Library more in the next year or so. Using on-line catalogs with pickup of materials at my local branch has been very important, and will be so again.
610	7/19/2012	It is always busy! The NW library is very well used.
611	7/19/2012	very well used
612	7/19/2012	It's always busy. People lined up every morning at opening time. Lots of people using the computers. The children's special activities draws many parents with their children. Private spaces for audio/computer work are frequently occupied. People of all ages will be selecting books from the shelves. The library employees are always friendly and helpful.
613	7/19/2012	There are always people there
614	7/19/2012	Always busy. A real community asset.

615	7/19/2012	We use the library often and love it very much.
616	7/19/2012	It's consistently busy.
617	7/19/2012	The Central Library is the heart and soul of the entire library system in Portland. I see people in it all the time.
618	7/19/2012	very. There is always alot of people and children there. I use the North Portland branch, but also the kenton and freemont branches frequently. And sometimes we use the other braches. I always find the library well used at each of those locations.
619	7/19/2012	very busy
620	7/19/2012	WE LOVE IT< EVERYONE IN ST JOHNS LOVES THE LIBRARY
621	7/19/2012	Every time I visit, there are always many people. Many of my friends and people I know use the library on a regular basis.
622	7/19/2012	Serves as a community resource and refuge.
623	7/19/2012	Very
624	7/19/2012	Well used and loved. It makes the neighborhood, and is the anchor for N. Denver.
625	7/19/2012	always full when i go in there!
626	7/19/2012	It is usually very busy.
627	7/19/2012	Extremely well used -- usually busy
628	7/19/2012	The Midland library is ALWAYS busy. The computers are heavily used and sometimes we've been turned away for storytime.
629	7/19/2012	very well. often crowded with lots of children and teens and adults. some just stopping in to pick things up, others staying for hours or all day.
630	7/19/2012	Belmont and Central are always busy. Belmont is far too small for the population it serves. It is really quite sad that the abandoned East Portland branch has substantially more square footage.
631	7/19/2012	well used, always busy
632	7/19/2012	Very busy at the branches. Like ordering books online and then picking them up at a branch.
633	7/19/2012	Very well used by our neighborhood.
634	7/19/2012	I'm not quite sure what you are asking. How many people are there? It is usually always busy when I am there (Albina - lot's of kids and computer users) Hollywood (a mix of everyone) I mostly just drop off books at the North PDX location. I would love to see more of a book selection at Albina, but I know it's small. I would also love to see some of the older books weedec to leave more relevant options not hidden.
635	7/19/2012	I access the library as a resource tool through interlibrary loan. I also use the video collections extensively as affordable entertainment. I prefer to get books from the library instead of purchase them. I use the library for both inspiration and relaxation.
636	7/19/2012	It always seems busy.
637	7/19/2012	Very well
638	7/19/2012	very

639	7/19/2012	There are always lots of people there when I go.
640	7/19/2012	Very. It is a hub in the neighborhood. I can hardly go in there without seeing someone I know. It is a vital and energetic part of our neighborhood culture.
641	7/19/2012	very. always numbers of folks at both that I visit regularly.
642	7/19/2012	Always busy, particularly the computers
643	7/19/2012	It always seems crowded
644	7/19/2012	well used
645	7/19/2012	It is always busy; it doesn't matter which branch I decide to visit either.
646	7/19/2012	The library is always busy. There are many people utilizing the many services provided by the library.
647	7/19/2012	Very busy.
648	7/19/2012	I see at least 8-10 people there every time I visit
649	7/19/2012	always many people at the branch
650	7/19/2012	Library is well used. Computers are nearly always busy. Ages range from little children to elders whether on computers, using own laptop, or grouping at a table.
651	7/19/2012	it is always full of people no matter what time of day i go in. i am very glad we have this library in st johns. i do not know what i would do if it wasn't here.
652	7/19/2012	By whom? Not sure I understand the question. I use it a few times a month, and it's usually fairly busy, but I would think the library would have records that indicate how often each branch is used?
653	7/19/2012	Not sure, seems to be always somewhat busy.
654	7/19/2012	Very busy at all hours
655	7/19/2012	Very much used
656	7/19/2012	Very well used. It is always very busy with people who are researching, reading or looking for other media.
657	7/19/2012	VERY! It is usually busy and active.
658	7/19/2012	I see alot of people there - the computers are very popular
659	7/19/2012	Very well used.
660	7/19/2012	there has been a good amount of traffic whenever I am at holgate or central
661	7/19/2012	Busy always
662	7/19/2012	I normally go to borrow books from the Center Library and return books to the Hollywood Library. It is very convenient that Hollywood library is close to where I live.
663	7/19/2012	Use has increased steadily over the years we have visited Gregory Heights. There are almost always a good crowd of people there.
664	7/19/2012	Always busy
665	7/19/2012	A +
666	7/19/2012	There are always lots of people there when I go in!
667	7/18/2012	pretty well used but very well maintained
668	7/18/2012	very busy most days

669	7/18/2012	very-
670	7/18/2012	there seems to be plenty of people inside if that's what you mean
671	7/18/2012	Kenton Library seems very well-used, lots of kids' programs. NorthPortland (assume that's the Killingsworth one) is always busy, lots of kids, especially after school.
672	7/18/2012	It always seems busy.
673	7/18/2012	Very well used
674	7/18/2012	Hollywood is always busy.
675	7/18/2012	one of the busiest in the country
676	7/18/2012	Albina is our local library, and it is always in use. It appears that it is most actively used by young readers, but it is a convenient pickup location for held books as well.
677	7/18/2012	It is always busy
678	7/18/2012	Our library is such an incredible asset to our community and my family. As a single mom you have played such an incredible role in my life - as my partner in crime - as a beacon of hope - you, the incredible connector. You have made me feel rich even during dark times. Dark times like when the electricity was turned off from loss of wages. But reading in the dark with flashlights on... thank you! It was a fun way to get through the darkness.
679	7/18/2012	It's always busy.
680	7/18/2012	very-always busy with diverse age groups, ethnicity, etc
681	7/18/2012	Seems very well used
682	7/18/2012	Very! Always busy! At least the Hollywood one.
683	7/18/2012	Very well used...always busy.
684	7/18/2012	The Woodstock Library always has people, no matter the time of day.
685	7/18/2012	Very well
686	7/18/2012	always busy
687	7/18/2012	Everytime I go in there, every seat in the computer lab is filled, every shelf has people looking for books, all of the checkout stations are in use and there are children all over the reading rooms.
688	7/18/2012	Our libraries are well used especially Hollywood, which can be very busy.
689	7/18/2012	It's very busy.
690	7/18/2012	Very well. There is always a multitude of activity occurring. I use it for a number of purposes myself. Open 7 days a week is important to me.
691	7/18/2012	Very Busy...
692	7/18/2012	Seems to be very busy whenever I pass by.
693	7/18/2012	It's almost always crowded.
694	7/18/2012	Extremely busy
695	7/18/2012	Always busy, lots of folks on computers. Parking lot is very small and is always full. Have to circle often to get a space and it's very tight.

696	7/18/2012	The place is full most of the time. On the days they have childrens' programs, there is always a big waiting line at least 15 minutes before the library opens and the library seems to have a significant number of users throughout the day.
697	7/18/2012	It is usually busy when I am there.
698	7/18/2012	Very well used. When I pick up hold books that I have requested to be sent to my branch, I always marvel at how many books are being moved and held for so many patrons! it is a fantastic service.
699	7/18/2012	Very well used, it seems. There are always people waiting for it to open in the morning, and usuallu multiple people checking out items when I go in to pick up things. I usually put things on hold then go to the local branch (Woodstock) to pick up items.
700	7/18/2012	Hollywood has people standing at the door every day before it is open. The lines lines are always 20 deep on the csmall kids days.
701	7/18/2012	seems like it is always always busy. there are lines out front before the doors open every day
702	7/18/2012	Extremely well; constantly busy at the Gresham branch. This library is a very necessary part of the Gresham community. It would be very upsetting, frustrating and sad if its doors were to ever close for good. We need the library in this community. It serves a huge amount of people on a daily basis.
703	7/18/2012	Quite, I would say
704	7/18/2012	It's always busy when we are there, right up until closing time.
705	7/18/2012	Very well used!
706	7/18/2012	It is always busy, parking is at a premium , most people in our neighborhood walk or bike to it. There should be more bike parking, out of the way of foot traffic.
707	7/18/2012	It is always packed full of people when we go. :)
708	7/18/2012	I go a couple times a week - read quite a bit. Central Library is an inexpensive and convenient resource for books. It seems to be very busy there whenever I go, although that is typically mid-day during the week.
709	7/18/2012	It's become a community gathering and resource place. Each visit, I see many patrons using computers. The summer reading program for kids is also popular.
710	7/18/2012	good
711	7/18/2012	Very well
712	7/18/2012	for its small size, it seems to have a good stream of demand and good programs for youth.
713	7/18/2012	Very
714	7/18/2012	My Hollywood Library is the hub of the neighborhood!!! busy with lots of children and adults on a daily basis.
715	7/18/2012	Usually very crowded(midland) we will use more and more as kids get older
716	7/18/2012	I LOVE going to the library. I am a busy Realtor but always find time to go at least once or twice a week to the library. I also love how I can put books on hold and then go pick them up. I will always support libraries. They are an important part of our community I believe. My passion is reading but it is hard to afford the nearly 30.00 per new book fee at a book store. :) Thank-you, Teresa Boring

717	7/18/2012	I believe it is very well used.
718	7/18/2012	Very well used.
719	7/18/2012	Very well, always seems busy
720	7/18/2012	Seems to be quite busy, but don't tend to go there very often.
721	7/18/2012	Very busy
722	7/18/2012	Very well used, I always see a crowd inside, mostly of young families, teenagers, and adults using internet access and reading.
723	7/18/2012	It's always busy and it's a brand new Leed green building.
724	7/18/2012	It seems quite well attended when I do visit the library.
725	7/18/2012	don't know
726	7/18/2012	very
727	7/18/2012	The Belmont and Central libraries are always packed. A few days ago, I happened to arrive at the Belmont library a few minutes before they opened and there was a line of about 20 people waiting to get in.
728	7/18/2012	We do lots of research at our local library besides checking out lots of books. We also use them online after hours. We probably go every two weeks, but that option was not available above.
729	7/18/2012	Hollywood library is very well used. there is always a steady flow of people coming and going. the computers always have a line.
730	7/18/2012	Very. It is a community institution critical to the social, cultural, environmental and economic sustainability of Portland, Oregon.
731	7/18/2012	Very well used; crowded on most weekends.
732	7/18/2012	Always busy
733	7/18/2012	I take my Grand kids often in-between their Mother taking them my card is not used as much as them
734	7/18/2012	The Kenton branch is always quite busy whenever we are there. People looking for books, using the computers, and attending children's events. There are often people lined up at the door before opening time.
735	7/18/2012	It is actively used by the community.
736	7/18/2012	Well used.
737	7/18/2012	Very well used and LOVED!
738	7/18/2012	As explained in answer 3 above, my family well used our local libraries. They are the best places for students of all ages.
739	7/18/2012	mostly quiet except for special events
740	7/18/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
741	7/18/2012	The library is always full of people whenever I'm there, weekdays & weekends
742	7/18/2012	It's a busy place....always.
743	7/18/2012	Seems to be always be busy.

744	7/18/2012	Well used
745	7/18/2012	Very. I always see it busy.
746	7/18/2012	I've been accessing the library a great deal more due to current economic recession.
747	7/18/2012	The Hollywood branch is well used.
748	7/18/2012	Very well used.
749	7/18/2012	Seems VERY well-used; our Storytimes always seem to fill up with many people being turned away, and there's always a line of folks outside before the Woodstock branch even opens!
750	7/18/2012	There always seems to be a lot of people there.
751	7/18/2012	Nicely.
752	7/18/2012	It is always busy.
753	7/18/2012	It is in a convenient location downtown. I live a few blocks away.
754	7/18/2012	It's a beehive in there.
755	7/18/2012	The Woodstock Library is always very busy.
756	7/18/2012	Always very busy. Wish I lived in walking distance so I didn't have to try to find parking.
757	7/18/2012	They are always busy. A very good and helpful resource for the community
758	7/18/2012	Very! We occasionally take our neighbor children, who love the computers, and there is always a crowd. I've enjoyed several of the activity programs and know a few folks that attend the knitting group. Nice variety of services.
759	7/18/2012	Very
760	7/18/2012	I live about equal distance between Woodstock and Sellwood-Moreland libraries, and I believe each is used by many in the community, though I prefer to use Central Library as I am often downtown, I can often find whatever it is I'm looking for there, and I love the architecture and setting.
761	7/18/2012	Very!
762	7/18/2012	Well used
763	7/18/2012	Very well used! Belmont Library is our main library, and it is always very habitated, active, and vibrant with use. It totally smells of BO and that means that real people go there.
764	7/18/2012	Very well used, it always seems busy.
765	7/18/2012	It is well used
766	7/18/2012	It always seems to be busy in all areas. I love the ease of access and online features provided.
767	7/18/2012	When ever i go in,the library is packed. many are students who do not have computer access at home. these services are vital for equal access to all people -no matter their economic status.
768	7/18/2012	The children's section is always full!
769	7/18/2012	I think it is great! Online searches and pick up and return notices are perfect.
770	7/18/2012	Always seems busy. The computers are always full; kids reading or taking out piles of books; little ones making their presence known
771	7/18/2012	Always busy
772	7/18/2012	Always seems busy to me.

773	7/18/2012	Most of the time there are lots of people, though it's rarely crowded.
774	7/18/2012	It's always busy when I am there. People reading periodicals, children reading books and people using the internet.
775	7/18/2012	Always busy.
776	7/18/2012	very, they always seem to be busy
777	7/18/2012	the downtown one is well used
778	7/18/2012	It always is full of people of all ages
779	7/18/2012	very busy and well used.
780	7/18/2012	very
781	7/18/2012	My library is very active, although it is small. The computers seem to almost always be in use, which I consider a good thing. Generally, I access the catalog from home, so that isn't a problem for me. Another piece of evidence I see is the wall of books that people have on hold. This shows that although there may seem to be a small number of people who are physically present in the library at any moment when compared to a facility like Hillsdale, there are a large number of people who do use my branch. I especially appreciate the branch's welcoming attitude toward minority populations, as I think it is critical. This is evidenced by the kids I see who make the library a second home.
782	7/18/2012	well used
783	7/18/2012	It's always full of people.
784	7/18/2012	Very well used. It is always bustling.
785	7/18/2012	There are a lot a people who use the library on the daily basis for computer access to connect with friends and family and as a job hunting tool. Even though I use the library almost every day and sign the levy in May 2012 that ask for more funding in order to keep the library going on usual. I find the new strategy for asking more money after you have cut hours to be offensive; and your funding practice suspect. You missed represented yourself in order to get your bill past; and no you are continuing that same bait and switch tactic. I will not be voting for the levy in November; because of your poor money management and fraudulent practices. My only hope is that others do the same; and, hold your institution accountable.
786	7/18/2012	It appears to be quite busy every time I go in.
787	7/18/2012	The central library is always busy. The troutdale one never seems very busy.
788	7/18/2012	It seems to be in good condition, though I wish it were a but bigger. I got spoiled by the library in Eugene. However, I am very impressed at home quick the materials I have on hokd come it. Very efficient. The Gresham library seems to be used by a lot of job seekers as well.
789	7/18/2012	I love the library.
790	7/18/2012	Extremely well - it is almost always busy.
791	7/18/2012	I think it's used quite a lot. It seems busy when I am there.
792	7/18/2012	The Kenton and Hollywood are almost always full. The North Portland library is a little less than full.

793	7/18/2012	From the times I visit I feel that the libraries are well used and are a critically vital link to education and information. So many people that did not finish their formal education can continue to learn by accessing the books and other media at the library. know from my grandchildren that the books and information they need are not always available in the in-school library. Keep up the good work.
794	7/18/2012	A lot.
795	7/18/2012	Very well used.
796	7/18/2012	very well used - lots of activites, book clubs - always see people we know there. good location
797	7/18/2012	seems busy
798	7/18/2012	I believe a great deal of people go to it.
799	7/18/2012	Well. It's a great community resource and meeting place for my child and his friends.
800	7/18/2012	very, always busy when I am there It is always busy when I come to visit, if that is any indicator. I moved out of downtown, and into Washington County, so although I love the Central Library, I don't find myself able to visit as often as I'd like. Go Libraries! Good luck with your funding :)
801	7/18/2012	It always busr whenever I'm there.
802	7/18/2012	I think it is pretty popular, but that could be because it is downtown and a hangout for a lot of people
803	7/18/2012	I would say my main source of the library is the Woodstock branch and it is always full when I go. Sometimes I have to wait 1/2 hour or more for access to a computer.
804	7/18/2012	very well used
805	7/18/2012	Our library is very well used, often parking lot is full. Library branch is often visited by both children and adults in large numbers. Very important resource for our area of Portland.
806	7/17/2012	It always seems to have a lot of people in it when I visit. I would say approximately at least 30 people when I go in at various times of the day.
807	7/17/2012	Very well used!
808	7/17/2012	Pretty full all of the time
809	7/17/2012	There are always patrons at the Hollywood branch. There is also plenty of helpful staff to answer questions.
810	7/17/2012	very well useful
811	7/17/2012	Extremely well used. Great location. Opportunities to meet with other residents at my community library.
812	7/17/2012	good
813	7/17/2012	The Belmont branch is always busy whenever I go there.
814	7/17/2012	VERY WELL USED. IT IS ALWAYS BUSY WHEN I AM THERE.
815	7/17/2012	From all appearances, the times that I frequent the library use has ranged from moderate to busy (after school programs??).
816	7/17/2012	Always busy when I'm there.
817	7/17/2012	Always crowded.
818	7/17/2012	Extremely.
819	7/17/2012	

820	7/17/2012	It is very well used. There are always people waiting when the doors open.
821	7/17/2012	Kenton and Central libraries are very well used and important to the surrounding communities and the city as a whole.
822	7/17/2012	Very! It is tiny and sees a lot of hold traffic and computer terminal use.
823	7/17/2012	The Albina library is always busy when I go in (mid-day). Lots of children and parents, but also adults without kids along like myself.
824	7/17/2012	Midland library is always busy with patrons looking for books, computer access, citizenship classes, storytimes and many other popular programs. Midland library is an information, entertainment and literacy hub for all the new immigrants and low income families that live in its vicinity and thus plays a very important role in the life of this community.
825	7/17/2012	It's a great library and we truly enjoy going to the Belmont location.
826	7/17/2012	All the branches we visit are usually pretty crowded.
827	7/17/2012	My family use the library as a resource, constantly. We always notice that the libraries are full of other people, but it seems that most everyone is respectful of each other and the library (i.e. books, computers, staff, bathrooms). The Multnomah County Libraries are wonderful places and we hope they can continue to be there for us and all the other citizens.
828	7/17/2012	I would say it is used a lot.
829	7/17/2012	Fairly well used, but it is so small I often have to go downtown instead.
830	7/17/2012	Always is busy/When I am taking care of my mom I go to the Gresham branch and while it is busy it is not as busy as Midland.i am 59 and have been using the midline Branch for ever.
831	7/17/2012	It is busy
832	7/17/2012	Very well used! I am amazed at the flocks of folks there each time go!
833	7/17/2012	quite well
834	7/17/2012	very
835	7/17/2012	Belmont branch is very well used. It is always busy. Even though it was enlarged within the last ten years' it looks very bedraggled. Carpet is dirty. The new book selection is very small, when compared to the new books at Hollywood, Woodstock or Sellwood. (Other branches that we use; based on our car trips). I use the online research component from home for genealogy and other research
836	7/17/2012	The classes for 0-4 year olds are extremely busy. We always make sure to get there a little early so we can get in. We love Maria and so does our daughter. She always looks forward to Friday!
837	7/17/2012	Very well used.
838	7/17/2012	It appears to be very well used.
839	7/17/2012	I always see a considerable amount of people in the Hollywood library, there never seems to be an ebb in library-goers. As for myself, I go there a few times a week, and check out a ton of material.
840	7/17/2012	Extremely well used.

841	7/17/2012	Seems to be fairly busy most of the times I go in.
842	7/17/2012	Our library is always busy!
843	7/17/2012	Each time I am there it seems filled with folks. The childrens section is busy, most all the computer terminals are filled, and folks picking up videos, things on hold. I would say the Fairview library is well used.
844	7/17/2012	Very well used--I see many people there often.
845	7/17/2012	Always busy but never overcrowded. Just right.
846	7/17/2012	It's always fairly crowded when I go there, whether I go midday or late afternoon, weekday or weekend.
847	7/17/2012	Seems quite busy.
848	7/17/2012	I see people in and out all the time! The interior is very well kept up given the amount of traffic.
849	7/17/2012	seems to be fairly busy
850	7/17/2012	I often see a lot of people there and many items on the hold shelves.
851	7/17/2012	We use it heavily.
852	7/17/2012	Very well used, usually busy
853	7/17/2012	Very well used; always has many people in it.
854	7/17/2012	I would say it is well used. Every time I visit the library it is busy. When I drive by it is busy. Well implies also a value and not just volume. The children's section seems to frequently have programs for reading.
855	7/17/2012	I always see lots of people there.
856	7/17/2012	Very well used. It's difficult to find parking!
857	7/17/2012	It seems pretty busy.
858	7/17/2012	always good number of folks here
859	7/17/2012	It's always busy, from open to close.
860	7/17/2012	Pretty well used
861	7/17/2012	very well used as far as I know
862	7/17/2012	It's always full when I'm there. And the patrons are quite diverse, doing diverse activities.
863	7/17/2012	Used very well - always pretty busy!
864	7/17/2012	Very well!
865	7/17/2012	If by how well used you mean how busy is it, I would say very well used. Whenever we are there, it is full of people, using various services and programs.
866	7/17/2012	Very well!
867	7/17/2012	It appears to be well used. The Book Babies group we attend is often full.
868	7/17/2012	it seems pretty well used.
869	7/17/2012	Fairly - I go to Sellwood and Woodstock the most, and there are always lots of people in there every time I visit.
870	7/17/2012	Fairly well from what I can see

871	7/17/2012	Very! There are always tons of people at all the libraries we use, and often lines of people waiting for the doors to open!
872	7/17/2012	Very. Kenton is always busy and that's great!
873	7/17/2012	very -- always busy
874	7/17/2012	The Rockwood branch seems to be busy, as evidenced by waiting lines for PC access.
875	7/17/2012	The Albina library always seems to be pretty busy when we are there.
876	7/17/2012	There are always many using the services no matter what time I go.
877	7/17/2012	Mostly just for picking up holds, but occasionally for research with child
878	7/17/2012	Extremely. I see people down here all day every day (Central), not only checking material out and logging onto Internet computers but also attending various events.
879	7/17/2012	very - it is usually packed and I often see a line waiting for a computer.
880	7/17/2012	Very well used.....always busy.
881	7/17/2012	The libraries I use seem to always be in use.
882	7/17/2012	Very well used, there are always adults and children using the services at our local branch.
883	7/17/2012	Very - it is the Albina Library.
884	7/17/2012	Very well used, I've never visited when it wasn't busy.
885	7/17/2012	always very busy!
886	7/17/2012	It seems busy any time I'm there. I frequently drive by the Hollywood Library and that place is always crazy busy.
887	7/17/2012	Very well used.
888	7/17/2012	Very. I always hear from people about the wonderful readings/programs they attend and always see people in there. It is well loved.
889	7/17/2012	They always look busy.
890	7/17/2012	Very well. Especially for the parents w/children.
891	7/17/2012	Very. I have always been impressed by how many people are in the library....any branch.....when I go.
892	7/17/2012	Its pretty well used by the public.
893	7/17/2012	It is always busy, if that is what you mean.
894	7/17/2012	Seems to be busy and well-appreciated.
895	7/17/2012	it is always very busy. very well used.
896	7/17/2012	Pretty steadily.
897	7/17/2012	extremely
898	7/17/2012	It is very busy, lots of seniors and young adults as well as children.
899	7/17/2012	very well used
900	7/17/2012	Patrons are gathered around the door before opening time, often with children in tow. Hold shelves are stuffed full. At most times of day, seating is mostly occupied.
901	7/17/2012	The Central Library is near my work and is a huge destination for workers during the week. It's very busy. People on the bus are generally reading library books when I stop to notice.

902	7/17/2012	Fairly well-used, I suppose.
903	7/17/2012	It's always busy
904	7/17/2012	When ever I go to the library there are always people there. Reading, looking at magazines (saves money) and using the computer. The library is so important I can't imagine life without it. Please keep the libraries open thank you.
905	7/17/2012	The Kenton Library, our most frequented library, seems to be thriving whenever we are there. Lots of activity, lots of folks on the computers, lots of kids exploring the books. It's a valuable community resource.
906	7/17/2012	there are always a handful of other people there
907	7/17/2012	The Central Library is used very heavily.
908	7/17/2012	Very well used - it always seems to be busy and full of folks.
909	7/17/2012	Not sure, as I'm not there that often. However, it always seems fairly busy when I'm there.
910	7/17/2012	Both of my nearby libraries are always busy
911	7/17/2012	Seems always busy.
912	7/17/2012	Always busy!
913	7/17/2012	very
914	7/17/2012	Very! It is a wonderful place. :)
915	7/17/2012	Always busy when I visit.
916	7/17/2012	very busy with children. wish the builders had considered sound and put partitions or something to baffle noise. you can hear through the glass on the stairs all sorts of noise going on inside. also,
917	7/17/2012	Seems busy a lot of the time.
918	7/17/2012	My partner Verity makes great use of the library, checking out many books on tape and novels. I check out items here and there, but definitely appreciate that the library is there as an option.
919	7/17/2012	Very well used. It is busy whenever I go in, even with a steady stream of people after hours to return materials.
920	7/17/2012	When attending book babies sometimes its shoulder to shoulder. So I would say the young childrens programs are very well used. Also when we go to book babies there are always a good amount of people using the library.
921	7/17/2012	We attend book babies and love it. Many parents/caregivers use this service. There are days we are almost shoulder to shoulder!
922	7/17/2012	It seems to be VERY well used!
923	7/17/2012	There are always dozens of other people there, no matter the day or time!
924	7/17/2012	The Central Library is constantly in use.
925	7/17/2012	Very well used. It is almost always busy when I go in.
926	7/17/2012	I don't really know.
927	7/17/2012	Very very very.
928	7/17/2012	I think its used somewhat well.

929	7/17/2012	very well used.
930	7/17/2012	Very well used.
931	7/17/2012	Everyone uses both libraries I use. They are always full of people computing, browsing, getting help, in classes, and happy kids everywhere. Our Portland libraries are a joy to visit.
932	7/17/2012	Always busy
933	7/17/2012	Greatly utilized.
934	7/17/2012	It's normally pretty busy
935	7/17/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
936	7/17/2012	The branch is well used by people of all ages using multiple services. There are many programs that appear to be well attended.
937	7/17/2012	My perception of how many people are in the library at the same time as I am: one-quarter to one-half full. People utilize all areas of the library space. Don't know how skillfully patrons use the library's resources.
938	7/17/2012	Extremely well used. It is a vibrant, essential hub for our neighborhood. I've seldom been in the Belmont library when it hasn't been packed with people of all ages doing a variety of activities.
939	7/17/2012	very!
940	7/17/2012	All 3 branches we visit are very well used by all types of users. We often visit Hillsdale to browse the shelves, but parking is difficult. Because it's closer to us and easier to park, we use Capitol Hill for hold pickup, book return, and some browsing. Recently I have been visiting the Central Library more for certain subjects like art and computer books.
941	7/17/2012	Both branches we use are always busy. Most computers are in use at all times. The librarians are busy shelving and answering questions.
942	7/17/2012	Extremely popular. I would guess it to be one of the busiest in the bunch.
943	7/17/2012	It always looks busy when I stop in.
944	7/17/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I go there.
945	7/17/2012	Very.
946	7/17/2012	very
947	7/17/2012	Very well used
948	7/17/2012	it always seems to have people in it! staff is nice and helpful. I like the option of a library and it would suck if they got rid of them, growing up in a small town the library was a place to gather with friends and such its nice having one in my neighborhood thank you
949	7/17/2012	We use the library extensively. The library always seems well used when we visit.
950	7/17/2012	Moderately.
951	7/17/2012	Not sure if i understand the question, but I think our local library is wonderfully well used. All three of our 'local' libraries always seem busy, with lots of wonderful energy. The people working at the library are always helpful and happily so; the kids area always has some kids eagerly searching for their next books and parents reading to the kids the libraries are an integral part of the community

952	7/17/2012	very
953	7/17/2012	seems fairly busy when i've been in there
954	7/17/2012	Extremely well used. It is a valuable resource to my family and the community.
955	7/17/2012	Our Midland library is used frequently
956	7/17/2012	Well-it is always busy with lots of people there for multiple uses. People line up waiting for it to open.
957	7/17/2012	Always very busy.
958	7/17/2012	Really well used :) People are always there and they are very helpful there. I never leave without the book I came for, or at least, getting it on hold :)
959	7/17/2012	Always in use by folks using many different library offerings.
960	7/17/2012	It seems busy, but not as bad as others i used to go to (like se Belmont) I think it is very well used. There seems to be a high rate of turn-over in terms of the books and movies that are on the shelves. I don't think I've ever gone in to find it empty, and usually there are many people using the computers and/or browsing the shelves.
961	7/17/2012	Seems to always be busy but not over crowded.all resources appear to be taken advantage of.
962	7/17/2012	It is always very busy when we are there and class sizes are big.
963	7/17/2012	It seems very well used.
964	7/17/2012	Well used, but needs some new material to keep people coming.
965	7/17/2012	very well used.
966	7/17/2012	Every time I visit the Belmont branch it is busy with people using the computers and checking out/ returning materials. There is often a line outside the door before it opens. It seems to be a well used community resource.
967	7/17/2012	Always so busy! [] I wish it were bigger, especially with a bigger kids' section.
968	7/17/2012	always seems busy when I'm there
969	7/17/2012	great
970	7/17/2012	very...always people there!
971	7/17/2012	Very well used! The three branches I use are always busy when I'm there.
972	7/17/2012	Extremely well used! There is always a good number of people in the library. I used to go at least weekly, sometimes a couple times a week but have lately been too busy.
973	7/17/2012	Very well.
974	7/17/2012	Very well used. Seems there are people there all the time.
975	7/17/2012	Seems busy and well used when we've been there.
976	7/17/2012	Fairview is very small, but seems to be well used.
977	7/17/2012	There are always patrons at the libraries I frequent. I always see people quietly reading books or magazines, checking out materials, and using the computers and the internet. I am less familiar with how well special programs are attended since I have not attended any myself.
978	7/17/2012	

979	7/17/2012	Very well used. It's always busy. Even when I'm just picking up books I've requested on your website, I see at least 10 -15 people using the library. There may be others in the isles that I don't see.
980	7/17/2012	The closest library to me is Troutdale, a small branch that has a great deal of its public space occupied by computers, however, there is a room available for meetings and groups (I have used it to organize school work). There are a small portion of books, videos, etc. available as space allows (bookshelves). When in school (university), I am there most days the library is open. This library is used very well about five days a week, although they are not always the same days or hours - fluxation depends on time of day and day of week.
981	7/17/2012	Very well used. There is never a shortage of people in the branch when I am there.
982	7/17/2012	Pretty well used.
983	7/17/2012	VERY
984	7/17/2012	Well used.
985	7/17/2012	It is usually pretty busy when I am there.
986	7/17/2012	It appears to be used well, but I really have no way of knowing.
987	7/17/2012	Very busy
988	7/17/2012	is well used, quite busy
989	7/17/2012	Very well used, it's always busy!
990	7/17/2012	Very well used. There are always people in line, people at the computers, people coming in and out. The library seems to be a center point for the neighborhood.
991	7/17/2012	Often I see a line outside starting about 1/2 hour before opening. The only other place I know of with this is the DMV!
992	7/17/2012	Very well, always busy. Parking hard some times.
993	7/17/2012	It is very well used. There are always at least 30 other people in the library.
994	7/17/2012	I'm not sure if It understand this question. The Hollywood library seems busy regularly but I don't know if this is what you're asking because you would know that better than me. I'm not sure how well the patrons who are there are using it or what you consider well-used.
995	7/17/2012	It's usually an active setting with folks reading newspapers, checking out books, children reading with a dog, using computers and spending quiet times.
996	7/17/2012	It appears very well used judging by the amount of people in the library whenever I'm in there and by the amount of holds on books I'm interested in checking out.
997	7/17/2012	It is always busy with most of the computers in use.
998	7/17/2012	It's fairly busy everytime I go there

		Very well used! Always busy and energized.[] []
999	7/17/2012	I would very much like to see the Teen Lounges offered at the Central Library location![] [] I would also like the volunteer opportunities to be more flexible. With my sons living with me half time (and half time in Washington County), they are unable to offer a weekly volunteer time slot that is on the same day each week. They would like to volunteer but can't meet the guidelines as they are now.
1000	7/17/2012	The NW library is always very active with people and projects. The staff are very helpful and courteous.
1001	7/17/2012	The belmont library is well organized and easy to manage.
1002	7/17/2012	It seems pretty busy all the time.
1003	7/17/2012	Very well
1004	7/17/2012	It is very well used.
1005	7/17/2012	Very well, Hillsdale seems to be crowded all the time and full of patrons of all ages. It is a very important place to my life as a writer and educator, and the Multnomah County Library provides me with easy access to rich resources.
1006	7/17/2012	Don't know statistics but Hollywood is always busy when I am there!
1007	7/17/2012	Seems quite busy, a community center almost.
1008	7/17/2012	Very well used
1009	7/17/2012	very well used
1010	7/17/2012	Whenever I visit, there are usually several people using the library facilities. A few people in each area.
1011	7/17/2012	A very great deal.
1012	7/17/2012	seems to be well used...?
1013	7/17/2012	I think my local library is very well used. I always see lines outside the libraries right before opening time (when I might be driving by). I think all of our libraries are well used and appreciated.
1014	7/17/2012	This library always is busy, which is great to see. I have recently returned to this area and am getting reacquainted with the area. They have been a big help.
1015	7/17/2012	It is very a very well-used community asset!
1016	7/17/2012	Very. It's always bustling when we are there.
1017	7/17/2012	Very well
1018	7/17/2012	very well used
1019	7/17/2012	Usually pretty busy at any given point. People browsing books and other media, computers are usually all in use.
1020	7/17/2012	It seems to be very well used. There are always people using it when I am there.
1021	7/17/2012	It appears very busy each time I drop in.
1022	7/16/2012	Albina Library is very well used. Story times are usually full. After school hours are very busy.

1023	7/16/2012	It always seems pretty busy! I think NoPo is a good size, and central is great!
1024	7/16/2012	It's really busy. A few days ago there were almost no open seats.
1025	7/16/2012	Very well used, with many people frequenting it every time I visit.
1026	7/16/2012	Extremely. Always filled with people on the computers, at the tables, in the children's library. A veritable hive of activity.
1027	7/16/2012	We are halfway between Albina and Hollywood. Both are usually very busy and active, although not uncomfortably so.
1028	7/16/2012	my concern is how to fund it, I think u guys should still have the 1hr free, but if u want more time, pay \$1.00,
1029	7/16/2012	It's always been pretty busy when I've been in there. It's in a good neighborhood, and a good location.
1030	7/16/2012	Busy, however many of the people who use it seem to transients relying on the library for shelter.
1031	7/16/2012	Very well used. Always busy with a broad group of customers.
1032	7/16/2012	Portland libraries are fantastic and should be funded more rather than less. In my opinion, the more access people have to libraries, the better off our country will be. I find the Portland library system to do a good job at being contemporary and providing the sort of services its customers want and need.
1033	7/16/2012	It's highly appreciated since it allows lots of people internet access and the opportunity to read books when buying them is out of the question.
1034	7/16/2012	very, there is always lots of folks in there checking out books.
1035	7/16/2012	Very well used! It's always full of library users of all ages and the staff are always busy.
1036	7/16/2012	Seems always busy, and is used by people of varying ages and backgrounds.
1037	7/16/2012	It seems very well used. Usually quite busy and sometimes hard to find parking.
1038	7/16/2012	Always full of happy, busy patrons and helpful staff -- it could be a Richard Scary cartoon.
1039	7/16/2012	Well used, but not overrun.
1040	7/16/2012	Very well. Always bustling with activity. It is an appreciated part of the community. I already dread the closure on Mondays. I hope it is overridden and doesn't last.
1041	7/16/2012	Very!! Always busy.
1042	7/16/2012	Both libraries are always busy.
1043	7/16/2012	The library seems full or close to it often. Granted, central library has a few more vagrants using it than the other branches I visit (Belmont, Hollywood). Either way it still seems there are relatively high numbers of users in the library each time I go.
1044	7/16/2012	Extremely well-used
1045	7/16/2012	Very well, as far as I know
1046	7/16/2012	Sorry... I do not understand the question. (If you are asking about the level of utilization, well, the libraries we use regularly generally seem pretty busy. And the story-hours we go to are generally at-capacity.)
1047	7/16/2012	The Kenton Library is always filled with people. Computers are always taken and there is rarely a place to sit.

1048	7/16/2012	It is always a busy place. I have never been the only one there. Usually there are 5-15 others.
1049	7/16/2012	Very busy
1050	7/16/2012	The library is constantly bustling with activity. There are always lots of people checking out books, using the computers, using the private rooms, roaming the stacks and otherwise taking advantage of the resources the library has to offer.
1051	7/16/2012	crowded, parking lot full. busy busy
1052	7/16/2012	It's always very busy when I stop in.
1053	7/16/2012	It's a popular place!
1054	7/16/2012	Appears to be quite busy most times I've been there.
1055	7/16/2012	sometimes more used than parking can accommodate
1056	7/16/2012	Lots of traffic in the library each time I am there. I use it A LOT!
1057	7/16/2012	It's extremely well used and very important to our community.
1058	7/16/2012	Well used
1059	7/16/2012	They are both quite busy. I pickup holds regularly at our neighborhood library
1060	7/16/2012	it always seems to have a decent number of people using the computers, and people browsing the shelves.
1061	7/16/2012	Albina is almost always very busy when I visit!
1062	7/16/2012	Quite well used. I usually see a line out front if I arrive before opening, and there are always people inside.
1063	7/16/2012	I used to spend a great deal of time at the North Portland library, and it was always extremely busy and well-used.
1064	7/16/2012	It always seems pretty busy.
1065	7/16/2012	Always very busy! There are always several people at the doors before opening time; the computers are always busy, quiet rooms have waiting lists; there are hundreds of books and other media on the hold shelves; there are always people at the reading tables and programs go on at many times.
1066	7/16/2012	very
1067	7/16/2012	Always busy.
1068	7/16/2012	The Hollywood branch seems to be one of the most popular ones. It's also fairly modern and has a decent selection.
1069	7/16/2012	very!
1070	7/16/2012	Always busy.
1071	7/16/2012	It's always busy when I go in, usually with two or three people checking materials out while I am.
1072	7/16/2012	Seems to be well used - each time I'm there, there are a lot of people inside and many coming and going. I would think that this is a question that Multnomah County is better informed to answer.
1073	7/16/2012	Very busy at Holgate, which is where I typically go.
1074	7/16/2012	I have gone to the library to ask for help with projects. They are immensely helpful and their knowledge saved me countless hours of fruitless research.

1075	7/16/2012	Usually quite busy no matter time or day of week.
1076	7/16/2012	Very.
1077	7/16/2012	Very, it seems! There are often community groups gathered at the library, and it's a great source of neighborhood information.
1078	7/16/2012	VERY!!!!!!!!!!
1079	7/16/2012	Its always busy...
1080	7/16/2012	On the evening that we use it is usually busy with the parking lot full, each table with at least one person at it, people in the stacks or checking out.
1081	7/16/2012	When we are there it is always well-populated with a lot of foot traffic and browsers.
1082	7/16/2012	Very well used. Lots of people using computers, browsing, etc.
1083	7/16/2012	It's always busy when I visit.
1084	7/16/2012	The branches I visit are always very busy with library patrons using a variety of services.
1085	7/16/2012	Very well
1086	7/16/2012	Seems to be well-used--always a lot of people at computers, several walking the aisles, many shelves of Hold items for pickup.
1087	7/16/2012	very well used--there's always lots of people there, using the computers, kids' programs, teen programs, as well as people just checking out books.
1088	7/16/2012	I'm amazed at the number of people and the diversity of those that frequent the library. The St. John's and Kenton branches are always busy. The library provides a wonderful resource to the community and I would hate to see services cut any further.
1089	7/16/2012	always busy
1090	7/16/2012	Seems to be popular enough.
1091	7/16/2012	very well
1092	7/16/2012	Always busy.
1093	7/16/2012	always seems busy when I'm there
1094	7/16/2012	Very well used. It's always packed with people.
1095	7/16/2012	I really love the new Troutdale Library,It seems to be well used when ever I stop in. I see the computers being put to good use and often the community room is also in use. Great selection of new books is almost always available there.
1096	7/16/2012	Very well
1097	7/16/2012	In my opinon the local library is very, very well used. As it is amost always extremely busy.
1098	7/16/2012	Very well, always crowded.
1099	7/16/2012	I have never seen a more busy library than the Hollywood library.
1100	7/16/2012	All are pretty busy whenever I go in; I think Belmont is busiest of all.
1101	7/16/2012	Very well, it usually is pretty busy whenever I've been in.
1102	7/16/2012	It is used a fair amount.
1103	7/16/2012	it is a heavily used library. it tends to be full during our visits.

1104	7/16/2012	Heavily used, I believe.
1105	7/16/2012	Most people in our Northwest Neighborhood use the Library located on NW Thurman
1106	7/16/2012	Always busy and filled with people when I go to my local library
1107	7/16/2012	I'm not sure what this question is asking.
1108	7/16/2012	Very!! Of course it depends on the day and the time but on the whole, the Sellwood Library seems to be heavily used.
1109	7/16/2012	The North Portland branch is always active. We usually just browse books and other media and check things out, but my children have participated in the summer reading programs regularly in the past (they getting too old for it now). My book club usually participates in the Everybody reads selection and we have attended talks and presentations (music and dance) inspired by the Everybody reads selections in the past.
1110	7/16/2012	Whenever I go, the computers are all being used and there seems to be events for children every time I'm there.
1111	7/16/2012	I have never been to a "quiet" library in PDX, and I like that. The Midland Library is, by my personal observation, heavily relied upon by area residents for many services - media and book loans, computer services, ballot drop-off, children's library services, etc. Similarly the Central Library is a nexus for the city. Portland's library system is heavily used and this is a GOOD thing, one of the things that not only gives me pride for my city (PDX), but also reassures me that there will always be a source of information available to the people of Portland due to the high rate of library usership.
1112	7/16/2012	Always busy.
1113	7/16/2012	They have all the resources I need.
1114	7/16/2012	It seems that they are busy every time we go. My son (age 7) and I go a lot during the summer, less often during the school year.
1115	7/16/2012	It is a fabulous system that should be funded fully for 7 day a week operation.
1116	7/16/2012	It always seems extremely well used - lots of people bustling about, lots of books and other media on the hold shelves, lots of kids at storytime.
1117	7/16/2012	very well used and loved. amazing staff and resources.
1118	7/16/2012	Belmont Library is brimming with people; a line forms at the door before opening; strollers abound during story time. Parking lot is often full.
1119	7/16/2012	hollywood ius the closest its small but it gets the job done.
1120	7/16/2012	I don't know what you mean by this question. The NW library is small but we find everything we need either by holding items online or just browsing. It's in a convenient location for us and my son's school uses it as well. We have started checking ou items other than books (DVD's/CD's) and are planning to attend an event this week. It is well used!
1121	7/16/2012	Albina always seems busy. Hollywood fluctuates as does Central
1122	7/16/2012	Very well used. Always crowded.

1123	7/16/2012	Central is usually busy in the lobby. Sometimes there's not a line at North Portland & Kenton desks, but tables are always full.
1124	7/16/2012	Seems like a LOT
1125	7/16/2012	My local library always has people streaming in and out, borrowing books, using the computer and attending classes, it is used and loved frequently every day.
1126	7/16/2012	It seems to be very busy most of the time!
1127	7/16/2012	Seems busy when I am there.
1128	7/16/2012	Very heavily.
1129	7/16/2012	It always seems bustling.
1130	7/16/2012	It looks pretty full (~60 - 70% of seats seem occupied) whenever I visit.
1131	7/16/2012	Poorly worded question. I have been to all but one branch and have observed all branches used by job seekers, after school tutors, and students studying and using internet services. All great services for the public.
1132	7/16/2012	Must be quite well-used. Usually I have to reserve a book and wait for it to come in.
1133	7/16/2012	It's always busy!
1134	7/16/2012	When I go, I usually know what I want and make it a quick trip. I love just going to the holds shelf, getting my stuff, and doing a self-check out. I have noticed that the place is always quite busy. People seem to be enjoying it and the staff has always been helpful to me.
1135	7/16/2012	very
1136	7/16/2012	High usage continually.
1137	7/16/2012	I would consider the NW Branch my local library as it is the closest to my house. It is well-used and appreciated by the neighborhood residents. There is often a line to use the computers and I also see quite a few children using it. I generally only go there to pick up books that I've reserved online because there isn't a large selection of general readership titles.
1138	7/16/2012	Very well used.
1139	7/16/2012	very
1140	7/16/2012	Always fairly crowded
1141	7/16/2012	almost always seems busy when we are there
1142	7/16/2012	very!
1143	7/16/2012	It appears to be quiet busy; well-used.
1144	7/16/2012	None, I've had some fees pile up and haven't had an opportunity to pay them off, so I can't take anything out.
1145	7/16/2012	The Gresham branch is busy every time I go there, but especially busy on weekends.
1146	7/16/2012	There are always a lot of people in the library - many are using the computers.
1147	7/16/2012	Very well !
1148	7/16/2012	Usually busy when i am there.
1149	7/16/2012	The Midland library has been busy every time I've visited.

1150	7/16/2012	It is full every time I go in to pick up materials. I always see a lot of young people using computers and reading books. I am so glad they have a positive play to go.
1151	7/16/2012	It always seems very busy when I go to it (Gresham branch). I think that if more current resources were available (sciences and outdoor activities are the two main areas for me), I would use the library even more.
1152	7/16/2012	looks well used and would like to keep going.
1153	7/16/2012	moderately busy
1154	7/16/2012	Extremely! We love our library!
1155	7/16/2012	very, always lots of people there
1156	7/16/2012	seems busy all the time
1157	7/16/2012	It is rather well used.The library,it's staff,and material available,are well organized.
1158	7/16/2012	I'd say very well used. There are always many people there, there is a children's story time often when I am there , and the back room seems to be reserved for different classes or meetings.
1159	7/16/2012	Extensively, there are always lots of people there at any of the libraries I've ever visited.
1160	7/16/2012	I don't know that I could adequately answer this
1161	7/16/2012	Seems crowded most of the time.
1162	7/16/2012	Very well used.
1163	7/16/2012	Both Kenton and St. John's seem extremely well used. Kenton in particular offers excellent children's programs.
1164	7/16/2012	There are always many people, no matter when I go. I would say it is a vital part of the community, particularly now that we have no bookstore.
1165	7/16/2012	Very. Hillsdale is usually crowded when I am there.
1166	7/16/2012	very
1167	7/16/2012	It always seems busy.
1168	7/16/2012	Very well.
1169	7/16/2012	moderately
1170	7/16/2012	Belmont is super busy. We try to ride bikes, because parking is a real challenge.
1171	7/16/2012	Always fairly busy with a seemingly wide variety of activities.
1172	7/16/2012	It is always busy.
1173	7/16/2012	Seems busy nearly all the time
1174	7/16/2012	moderately used during the times I go in to pick up items.
1175	7/16/2012	There are always lots of people when I go to any of the branches I go to and the same seems to be true at the Central library when I am down there
1176	7/16/2012	Seems well used.
1177	7/16/2012	quite busy
1178	7/16/2012	Seems to be very well used by many different types of people
1179	7/16/2012	All three libraries that I use are usually busy.

1180	7/16/2012	Always busy.
1181	7/16/2012	It's amazing -- always crowded whatever time we go. Very popular library.
1182	7/16/2012	Very
1183	7/16/2012	It always seems to have a large number of people there. It appears to be well-loved.
1184	7/16/2012	Very, very well indeed. Belmont Library is a cornerstone of inner Southeast Portland neighborhoods. It is a delightfully charming building which I take note of even when it's packed with people.
1185	7/16/2012	It always seems busy.
1186	7/16/2012	very
1187	7/16/2012	Always busy!
1188	7/16/2012	It's always got people in it.
1189	7/16/2012	It is always crowded....lots of people waiting for computers...long lines for check outs..
1190	7/16/2012	Generally very busy.
1191	7/16/2012	It's frequently busy when we come by. -Well Used.
1192	7/16/2012	Heavily
1193	7/16/2012	The Hollywood location seems quite busy.
1194	7/16/2012	Very well used. I always when I go in, see alot of families in there When I visit Albina Branch I always see it well used, meaning there are always a variety of age levels using the library for various reasons.
1195	7/16/2012	In case there is no space for comments later I will add some here. I use the library regulary usually from September to May. My visits are about 2 to 3 times a week. I appreciate access to magazines, newspapers and reference materials.
1196	7/16/2012	It is well used in our community.
1197	7/16/2012	Very well used
1198	7/16/2012	It seems to be used a lot by local residents.
1199	7/16/2012	Very well
1200	7/16/2012	It is small, but is always full of people
1201	7/16/2012	Very
1202	7/16/2012	The Central Library is always very busy.
1203	7/16/2012	Every time I go to the Gresham library its packed. Which I think is fantastic.
1204	7/16/2012	I don't understand what this question is asking.
1205	7/16/2012	I think it is pretty well used, but doesn't usually seem overly crowded.
1206	7/16/2012	I'd say pretty used I guess. I go there a lot. I get almost everything ever there and I don't know what I'd do without it...
1207	7/16/2012	It usually seems pretty busy when I go there.
1208	7/16/2012	very well

1209	7/16/2012	Very used!
1210	7/16/2012	The North Portland Library is usually very busy when I visit on Saturdays.
1211	7/16/2012	It is well maintained for the amount of use it gets. It seems to be fairly busy each time I go their
1212	7/16/2012	Busy a lot
1213	7/16/2012	Very
1214	7/16/2012	well used
1215	7/16/2012	Very
1216	7/16/2012	It's always full of people whenever I'm there.
1217	7/16/2012	It's extremely vibrant with all types of users. I've been using this branch for over twenty years. It has been part of every aspect of my life from gardening to parenting to the death of my old parents. It seems a vital hub of the neighborhood.
1218	7/16/2012	Well used, always has a good number of patrons visiting when I am there, both on weekends and weekdays.
1219	7/16/2012	Many people are in the library every time I visit.
1220	7/16/2012	Well used
1221	7/16/2012	When I need to check out books.
1222	7/16/2012	It seems well-used. There are always patrons, and the computers are always in use.
1223	7/16/2012	Belmont is VERY well used.
1224	7/16/2012	Well used
1225	7/16/2012	Rockwood branch computers always full
1226	7/16/2012	I wish more people would take advantage of it!
1227	7/16/2012	The central library has a lot of activity, there are always people reading and using the tables and computers. I personally reserve my books online and just walk in to pick them up and then walk out.
1228	7/16/2012	its a busy place!
1229	7/16/2012	It is always very busy when I'm there
1230	7/16/2012	People are waiting outside before the library opens. I have never been there when it has not been very busy.
1231	7/16/2012	its pretty busy all the time, usually with crowds of people waiting for it to open.
1232	7/16/2012	The Hollywood library seems to be full of people each time I go in. I always see someone that I know. It is a bit of a community gathering place.
1233	7/16/2012	very well, it is always very busy.
1234	7/16/2012	Very
1235	7/16/2012	I have never seen less than 20 patrons in the library, usually there are many more than that. The use seems like what a busy retail store would hope for; continuous, with customer turnover and substantial activity.
1236	7/16/2012	My local libraries always seem full of activity.

1237	7/16/2012	Belmont branch is very busy and very small for the amount of traffic. Having the computerized checkout really undid a bottleneck for getting books out of the library.
1238	7/16/2012	Very well -- patrons are lining up at opening time and the place is often full throughout the day. The Internet access is quite popular.
1239	7/16/2012	I use the Belmont library most often, and it is always full of people checking out materials, using the computers, and talking with the librarians.
1240	7/16/2012	Extremely well used.
1241	7/16/2012	Maximum
1242	7/16/2012	It appears to be very well used. There are always people coming and going while we are there, and the computer stations are usually full.
1243	7/16/2012	very
1244	7/16/2012	I'm always amazed by just how many people are rushing in and out the doors when I get there.
1245	7/16/2012	Very well used.
1246	7/16/2012	Well-used, I often observe several people there.
1247	7/16/2012	It always seems very full of people when I visit. Particularly the computer area- typically, each one is being utilized.
1248	7/16/2012	whenever I go it seems to have many people of all different ages. I think it is very well used.
1249	7/16/2012	It is always very busy when we go in. I think it is a very important place in our community. The story times are extremely popular!
1250	7/16/2012	It's busy
1251	7/16/2012	Very well. Always full of people parking lots and bike racks often full.
1252	7/16/2012	Hollywood is VERY busy which is good
1253	7/16/2012	seems busy most of the time--the parking lot is usually full.
1254	7/16/2012	Both Central and Woodstock always have plenty of patrons whenever I go. I work downtown so I use Central mostly during the work week. Woodstock is my neighborhood library, which I access on the weekends.
1255	7/16/2012	Busy, and very well used.
1256	7/16/2012	Very well used.
1257	7/16/2012	The Capitol Hill branch seems to be very well used.
1258	7/16/2012	Very well used
1259	7/16/2012	Seems busy whenever I'm there. When I visit off-hours (just before or after open/close) to drop off books, there is often someone else dropping off books.
1260	7/16/2012	I'd say "well used".
1261	7/16/2012	Busy everyday!! We use the online library system then go to the library to pick up our held books.
1262	7/16/2012	It is busy when I am there.
1263	7/16/2012	always busy
1264	7/16/2012	It's always busy when I go there. Lots of parents and kids, lots of computer use.

1265	7/16/2012	Very well used.
1266	7/16/2012	They always seem busy when I go there.
1267	7/16/2012	Seems busy most of the time, and I am there varied hours and days.
1268	7/16/2012	the branch is incredibly busy and so is the central library, but in a different way
1269	7/16/2012	heavily used. It is a beautiful space.
1270	7/16/2012	very well used! it is nearly always busy, but not chaotic, and there is a broad demographic of folks who use the library's resources.
1271	7/16/2012	pretty well used
1272	7/16/2012	All of the libraries I visit are very well used.
1273	7/16/2012	It always seems busy when I have been there, and the small garage parking is often completely full.
1274	7/16/2012	I feel it is fairly well used. The computers are in use, programs are attended and there is a steady flow of people returning and checking out material.
1275	7/16/2012	Very! The Albina branch is always hoppin'. I am so happy to have this branch so close to my home!
1276	7/16/2012	always a crowd at the Hillsdale library. such a great institution!
1277	7/16/2012	Both are very well used there are always people using computers, looking at books, participating events and using the library as a source of information.
1278	7/16/2012	Very, there are always lots of people at our library of all ages.
1279	7/16/2012	It seems to be heavily used from opening to closing.
1280	7/16/2012	Always seems busy.
1281	7/16/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
1282	7/16/2012	Well used.
1283	7/16/2012	Don't know
1284	7/16/2012	From all appearances, the Gresham library is very well used. Families, students, seniors - everyone uses this library.
1285	7/16/2012	There's always a fair amount of people in the library all the time, usually they're standing in line to enter the library in the morning (about 20 minutes before the doors open).
1286	7/16/2012	Very well used. All the computers are always being used both by children and adults.
1287	7/16/2012	Central is highly used and under capacity for internet access in that area.
1288	7/16/2012	My local library, Midland Library, is used a lot. Whenever I go in to check out books, there is always people browsing or using the computers.
1289	7/16/2012	When unemployed I used the computer and internet resources. I still use the computers and printers to print documents. I frequently check out movies and with blockbuster and hollywood stores being gone this is more and more my choice. I check out books to read to my boys and have utilized various book readings and activities for my toddlers. Sundays were great but week nights after work is when I visit the most now.
1290	7/16/2012	Very well used. There are always lots of people there -- lots of them on the computers. The children's area always has lots o kids and parents.

1291	7/16/2012	always busy - like to see so many children there also
1292	7/16/2012	Very well used. Always lots of people there!
1293	7/16/2012	Every time I've been in Midland or Central they seems to be very busy with folks reasearching, reading, computing or surfing the internet, and checking out items.
1294	7/16/2012	Very well used! I love it.
1295	7/16/2012	I don't know but it always seems busy.
1296	7/16/2012	It seems like it is well used.
1297	7/16/2012	Fairly well
1298	7/16/2012	Very! There's usually a line out-front before it opens, and often 2-3 people waiting to check out. It's a small facility, but it bustles!
1299	7/15/2012	I think the library is well-used.
1300	7/15/2012	There have always been children and adults browsing the racks and/or on the computers when I was there.
1301	7/15/2012	The library seems very well used. I usually have to wait for at least 15 minutes to use a computer, hold shelves are often almost full & there is a steady stream of people coming in.
1302	7/15/2012	seems pretty popular, especially folks with kids
1303	7/15/2012	It always seems to have patrons and many of the books I've searched for in the catalog are checked out, many have holds. I'd say the library is well used.
1304	7/15/2012	It is always packed with people of all ages. It feels like a community center.
1305	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1306	7/15/2012	I think it is fairly well used.
1307	7/15/2012	It seems to be well used, especially the computers that have access to the internet.
1308	7/15/2012	I know from my own expirience this is just preserving are own freedoms.
1309	7/15/2012	North Portland is always busy..very high energy. I volunteer at this location for that reason. The Sellwood library is very quiet but I assume it is also important to the community
1310	7/15/2012	I have never been in the library when there was not a significant number of people utilizing the services, primarily online on one of the computers, with the reference librarian, browsing, picking up reserves, etc.
1311	7/15/2012	The Central Library is used, but not abused. People like that a library is a tangible place opposed to the internet. People seem to enjoy reading a book and not a nook. Our library is not well used, it's well respected.
1312	7/15/2012	well. There are always ton of folks here.
1313	7/15/2012	It's always full of people. Sometimes excessively full.
1314	7/15/2012	It is always busy.
1315	7/15/2012	very well, it always seems to be busy.

1316	7/15/2012	In all cases and at most times, the three libraries I frequent are heavily used by all ages: young, teens, parents and seniors. Every computer is always being used. There's a bustle and energy to the full utilization of these libraries.
1317	7/15/2012	busy, bustling most hours.[] Wide variety of users.
1318	7/15/2012	I don't understand the question: do you mean "well used" as in a lot of people use the branch I most use? I wouldn't know -- compared to what? Other branches? On a per capita basis? How many people in a certain physical area surrounding the branch? Or do you mean: are the many services offered by my branch well used by the patrons entering the branch (or "used well"). How could I possibly know this? I'm surprised that highly-educated people would even think to come up with such a poorly chosen question; it's vague, ill-defined, meaningless as to effect. But I can tell you that every time (2-3 times/week) that I use the Central branch, there IS a lot of people there (if that answers your question).
1319	7/15/2012	Extremely
1320	7/15/2012	I would love to see more children's activities in the north Portland library
1321	7/15/2012	seems to be somewhat popular, but it's never packed that i have seen
1322	7/15/2012	Our main library is Central and it is VERY WELL USED!!!
1323	7/15/2012	I rarely see the parking lot empty when the library is open. My biggest frustration is the changing hours and the reduction of services.
1324	7/15/2012	Every time I have gone in it has been very busy; a wonderful sight
1325	7/15/2012	Overly
1326	7/15/2012	very
1327	7/15/2012	The Gresham Library is very well used. There are always a lot of people present. It is well maintained.
1328	7/15/2012	Very well It is always busy everytime I go there. There are never spots available in the parking lot. I went to drop off books last
1329	7/15/2012	Monday (one of the first when it was closed) and there was a steady stream of people trying to get in, who weren't aware of the reduction in hours and who were not pleased!
1330	7/15/2012	OUR LIBRARY IS ALWAYS FULL OF PATRONS....ALWAYS
1331	7/15/2012	Parking lot always crowded- very well used. I'm always pleased to see so much going on.
1332	7/15/2012	very busy at every hour
1333	7/15/2012	Very well used. Always full of people of all ages.
1334	7/15/2012	Very well used.....very busy!
1335	7/15/2012	IT IS ALWAYS BUSY, ACTIVE LEARNING GOING ON,LOTS OF HELP,[] RESERVES IN USE
1336	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1337	7/15/2012	Usually fairly busy.
1338	7/15/2012	Very well used, people line up before it opens.
1339	7/15/2012	It's always busy.

1340	7/15/2012	I don't understand the question. By me or by others? There are always people there when I go. I reserve books online and walk the dog over to pick them up. I don't hang out there.
1341	7/15/2012	There is always a nice crowd.
1342	7/15/2012	unsure
1343	7/15/2012	Very - there are always people there of all ages, using computers, reading books, participating in story hours,etc. It seems like quite the gathering place in my neighborhood.
1344	7/15/2012	very much
1345	7/15/2012	Very well used I love the libraries I use. This is where I get 99% of my reading materials. My fiance is currently (and recently) unemployed so having a library that's close by is even more important to us. []
1346	7/15/2012	The Belmont location is within walking distance to my home. The Hollywood location is within walking distance from where I work. I really appreciate the convenience. [] Being able to check out books from other locations is SUPER!
1347	7/15/2012	It is pretty good
1348	7/15/2012	Central Library is very well used.
1349	7/15/2012	There's always a bunch of people there when I visit.
1350	7/15/2012	Very well
1351	7/15/2012	It seems pretty high traffic every time I go. My daughter and I also go to weekly story time on Saturday mornings which is always packed.
1352	7/15/2012	It looks busy when I drive by it.
1353	7/15/2012	Very, there is always a regular flow of people of all kinds. I've actually reccomended the Gregory Heights Library location to my family & friends. I research & check out materials for myself & others. Enjoyed the reading programs they had for children when I was young. The library has always felt like a safe & comforting place to be.
1354	7/15/2012	Rockwood is VERY busy and is used heavily by all age groups! This has really been brought home to me since I began volunteering there. There is generally a crowd waiting for the doors to open. The "Hold Shelves" get really full each day the library is open, as the new holds are added. The branch pulls and sends a large number of books to other branches to meet hold requests. People come for all kinds of activities, not simply check out, and receive excellent help in multiple languages. The staff is wonderful, friendly, and truly helpful in working with patrons. Everyone feels really welcome there. I do not know the branch circulation rate, but I can say that the building is truly busy and bustling the whole time the library is open. People are not pleased about the cut in hours.
1355	7/15/2012	whats next? parks, beaches, education?[] post offices? tax the rich more. greedy whiners
1356	7/15/2012	well used

1357	7/15/2012	There are always people in the library; I think it is an important asset to the community.
1358	7/15/2012	Wonderful. The library is always packed and everyone seems glad to be there.
1359	7/15/2012	Very busy.
1360	7/15/2012	there always seems to be a line of people waiting for computer access at the rockwood location. there are always children with parents in the children's section as well.
1361	7/15/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
1362	7/15/2012	on average
1363	7/15/2012	It seems very well used by the community
1364	7/15/2012	Both libraries seem to be packed every time i go to either of them, especially the computers.
1365	7/15/2012	There are activities and helpful personnel there every time I go. The library online catalog makes all my library request work well. I can only go after work and I work 6 days a week.
1366	7/15/2012	Very
1367	7/15/2012	Very well used. It is always crowded when I go there, no matter what day of the week/time it is.
1368	7/15/2012	Looks well-used to me. Busy all the time.
1369	7/15/2012	Seems pretty busy most of the time.
1370	7/15/2012	Always busy
1371	7/15/2012	It's always busy when I go in. It would be nice to have more evening hours in the summer.
1372	7/15/2012	The library is always full of people of all ages when I have visited.
1373	7/15/2012	It seems to be busy most of the time! I see a lot of people everyday.
1374	7/15/2012	It's always busy and we make multiple weekend trips to the Kenton branch.
1375	7/15/2012	Very. It is always busy when we visit, no matter the time or day.
1376	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1377	7/15/2012	Well
1378	7/15/2012	very busy
1379	7/15/2012	seems to be busy whenever I'm there!
1380	7/15/2012	The Belmont branch seems to always be busy. More so now that the days and hours have been changed.
1381	7/15/2012	on a scale of 1- 10? 8 to 9.
1382	7/15/2012	The Holgate library is pretty packed daily. It is a safe place for kids to go. I don't see as many people in the North Portland branch. The layout feels more uncomfortable to me and it is not very kid friendly. Mid seems to be pretty packed as well and the room dedicated as a computer lab is great.

1410	7/15/2012	Very. Midland and Hollywood are constantly packed with people, and the lines for computer access are always long.
1411	7/15/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
1412	7/15/2012	Both are vferly busy. I don't like to go to Hillsdale (closest to me) because parking is so limited and I consider it dangerous at night in winter when it is dark out.
1413	7/15/2012	Very busy every time I visit.
1414	7/15/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
1415	7/15/2012	Very busy! All ages seem to be there whenever I stop in. Computers are always in use; people are checking out many materials, classes and programs are fully attended.
1416	7/15/2012	The Gresham library is very active. Now that summer is here, we seem to have many groups of teens and the younger kids too. During the fall I noticed group of teens in on-line and other programs coming to the library. Seniors seem to be great users. When I go to other parts of the city I try to check in at the libraries ... audio myster books! Every library seems to be active with a variety of people. I am so thankful for the service.
1417	7/15/2012	Always seems busy and active.
1418	7/15/2012	I think quite well used. Lots of books on hold shelves; depending on the time of day it can be quite busy with students doing homework or research.
1419	7/15/2012	Always seems busy when I am there (evenings, weekends) and the number of books on the holds shelves suggests to me that many people are using it as their library home base.
1420	7/15/2012	It's always seems busy no matter what time of day I visit.
1421	7/15/2012	Not sure
1422	7/15/2012	Don't understand question!
1423	7/15/2012	very well
1424	7/15/2012	Very well used. Belmont is our neighborhood library and it's always busy. There's a buzz of community there that is very heartening. I regularly put books on hold and have them sent there for pickup so it feels like it's a huge branch, while the selection is pretty small. The kids love the children's section and we recently had a great experience with a librarian helping them to pick out some fun summer reading. We also love the summer reading program.
1425	7/15/2012	Computer stations mostly full most of the time...have waiting line.. Lots of young families...
1426	7/15/2012	Is question is ambiguous. I'll guess you are asking whether my community uses our local library a lot, a little, or something in between. I believe my library, Belmont, is used a lot.
1427	7/15/2012	It is used a lot, every time I have been in there are a lot of people in it using the computers, kids in classes/reading groups, people checking out books.
1428	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1429	7/15/2012	the best place for a homeless person to use the bathroom
1430	7/15/2012	Busy place

1431	7/15/2012	very well used
1432	7/15/2012	busy
1433	7/15/2012	Very well. Always inhabited!
1434	7/15/2012	very well used
1435	7/15/2012	It looks busy every time I go there.
1436	7/15/2012	I would say its used pretty good, considering its in a good neighborhood that utilizes the library a lot.
1437	7/15/2012	Midland is always busy. Gregory Heights is easier to go in for a quick visit.
1438	7/15/2012	The Belmont library is frequently overcrowded. The librarians are always helpful, knowledgeable and professional under trying circumstances. We regard them as saints for all the extraneous issues they have to put up with. Due to a lot of people/patrons who camp out there on any given day, the smells can be a bit overbearing and that is putting it lightly. I would say well used and appreciated.
1439	7/15/2012	I think that it is well used. Whenever I go into the library, it is being well used.
1440	7/15/2012	The library seems to be used quite a bit by people. It is usually too loud for me, people have forgotten to be quiet in a library and not treat this place like a day care.
1441	7/15/2012	It is always busy.
1442	7/15/2012	Our local branch always seems to be busy, the computer area especially, with people checking out books and parents with their children looking for books or sitting and reading.
1443	7/15/2012	Very well used. There are always people in when I go in, some sitting and reading, some browsing, many coming in to check out or return books. It's always busy!
1444	7/15/2012	There are always people there.....it seems very well-used.
1445	7/15/2012	It is always busy, and people are always waiting when the doors are about to be opened, and having to be shown the door at closing time.
1446	7/15/2012	I have never seen one busier or better run
1447	7/15/2012	i have no idea. woodstock always seems bustlin' when i'm in there...
1448	7/15/2012	seems to always be full
1449	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1450	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1451	7/15/2012	once a month
1452	7/15/2012	Very well. It's always full of people.
1453	7/15/2012	We are there several times a week and participate in the summer reading program, the books for babies activities and some of the other holiday activities. It is always busy, with lots of customers.
1454	7/15/2012	It is A very busy place. I Have never been there and not had to wait in line to check out! And I say that with a smile!
1455	7/15/2012	Very. The parking lot is always full of cars from open to close.
1456	7/15/2012	It is always very busy.
1457	7/15/2012	Seems to be very well used. Often the parking lot is almost completely full. Computers are always full. Kids section is almost always full too.

1458	7/15/2012	It always appears busy whenever we go there.
1459	7/15/2012	Every time I go, there are lots of people there, so I think it is very well used.
1460	7/15/2012	Albina library is walking distance from our house in the thriving Sabin neighborhood. Albina is also located in Fremont Place Square, sharing sidewalks with Whole Foods, Starbucks, and other retail shops. Our family of four visits Albina about 3 times a week. For over 5 years, we and our neighbors attend the popular family story time every Friday with librarian, Ms. Nina. The librarians are also needed in guidance with checking out appropriate books and media for our young and school aged children. Ms. Nina also goes to Sabin Elementary for visits and story time, and organizes class visits to Albina library. The Albina library is our jumping off point for community involvement. It is where we learn about events, parks and recreation, outreach programs, small businesses, and more. It is where we teach our children to read and learn about things they love. It is where we drop our votes! It is our hub.
1461	7/15/2012	Well used, and even better loved.
1462	7/15/2012	very well
1463	7/15/2012	It has constant usage, especially for the computers. It is also a pleasant quiet place to study, so it has plenty of students that go there.
1464	7/15/2012	The Gresham branch is very well used and is organized with helpful staff. For me the staffing is very important and is the key for me in finding what I am looking for.
1465	7/15/2012	VERY well used. Often have to put things on hold to get them to check out. The storytimes for kids are usually busy or full.
1466	7/15/2012	very well
1467	7/15/2012	well enough
1468	7/15/2012	Out of the five branches that I visit regularly, there isn't a slow moment. They are usually busy and I enjoy having accessibility to these public services. It's ironic that hours are being reduced during the summer, when the library is busiest and most needed. I am a school teacher and it is important that young children have frequent access to the library over the summer to maintain critical reading skills.
1469	7/15/2012	extremely well used
1470	7/15/2012	Always busy when I am there.
1471	7/15/2012	I used to use it quite a bit - especially growing up. Now I use an ereader and would like to have more ease of checking out ebooks.
1472	7/15/2012	It is always busy during story hour. Before I had a computer, I had to wait for a computer at the library. And if you don't get to bookbabies early, you miss out, because it fills up fast.
1473	7/15/2012	Full all the time!
1474	7/15/2012	Well!
1475	7/15/2012	The three local branches, which I use, appear to be well populated.
1476	7/15/2012	Our local library is used very often, probably daily for some. Many people cannot afford to treat their families to wonderful books and media. I myself love to listen to books on cd's as I drive back and forth to work and could not afford to buy them. I really treasure the libraries!

1477	7/15/2012	I believe that the library is used a lot by the local community, I am disappointed that the hours have been cut back to only 6 days
1478	7/15/2012	very
1479	7/15/2012	the community uses this library very often
1480	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1481	7/15/2012	The Belmont branch is heavily trafficked by a wide range of community members. The kids section usually has at least one and often multiple families in it, the computers are generally in use or have a waiting list going, lots of people use the hold system, etc.
1482	7/15/2012	The librarians always seem busy.
1483	7/15/2012	The libraries (Hollywood and Belmont) are busy and used by all ages of people. I don't want to see any hours cut and I will vote to support you. Thank you
1484	7/15/2012	It is extremely well used
1485	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1486	7/15/2012	Whenever I am there, the library is always busy. Other people are there to check out books, peruse CDs and DVDs, use the computers, and attend class/events. Even though it's busy, the staff are always available to help and are very friendly. The library is a community hub, not just for resources but for people to come together.
1487	7/15/2012	well
1488	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1489	7/15/2012	It always seems very busy in there. Books I look for are usually checked out but there seems to still be a good selection. I enjoy the toddler story time with my son and it is always full.
1490	7/15/2012	Very well used, we love the light and airy architectural design
1491	7/15/2012	Very!
1492	7/15/2012	The library is a gathering place for all community members. We are always surrounded by children after school. There are shelves of ordered books waiting to be picked up each day. The libraries should be open every day and for longer hours. They do so much for everyone.
1493	7/15/2012	It seems there are always a lot of people in our library. I'm usually in and out picking up books or other media that I've ordered online, but my daughter uses the computers and resources when doing homework. During the day it seems like there are lots of parents with young children in addition to the regular patrons.
1494	7/15/2012	It is always busy whenever I go in there - minimum of 2 times per week.
1495	7/15/2012	Very. It is always crowded when I go in.
1496	7/15/2012	When I first got laid off 4 years ago I was there many times every week it was my life source for entertainment and job info...I think it is VERY VERY important for all who are struggling in these hard times. Where else can you go for free to get so much help? I am STILL unemployed and enjoy their services. However with NO INCOME I really don't want to see my property taxes increase. My unemployment ran out OVER 2 years ago and my savings is going FAST!

1497	7/15/2012	Midland is usually 80-100% occupied - parking, chairs, computers. We've been there after work - late afternoon, and weekends anytime.
1498	7/15/2012	It is always busy.
1499	7/15/2012	People are there each time I visit...
1500	7/15/2012	The Hollywood library is usually pretty full of people when I visit--both people reading or using the computers and people browsing and checking out materials.
1501	7/15/2012	Fairly well used. I always see a good number of people there.
1502	7/15/2012	Very well used. There are always people waiting for the doors to open. The people who use the libraries are very diverse.
1503	7/15/2012	Less than I would have expected.
1504	7/15/2012	Both libraries in my SE neighborhood are busy every time I visit. I love the DVD's and hold system. I support them and use them constantly.
1505	7/15/2012	I live equidistant from two libraries. Rockwood is well used by many very loud children on the computers. So well used by them in fact that although it is more convenient to other errands, I don't do anything there anymore but pick up hold books. Midland is always full of people and I typically have to look for a minute to find an open seat to read at.
1506	7/15/2012	Very well used
1507	7/15/2012	There are always people in all areas. I would say it is well used.
1508	7/15/2012	It is very well-used! There have been times when almost all the parking spaces in and around the library have been full. My daughter regularly puts materials on hold and picks them up when they arrive. I am retired and able to read the many books I have accumulated over my working years, so don't use it as often. But it is a boon to be able to read books as they are published without waiting to buy them in paperback.
1509	7/15/2012	Always seems very busy.
1510	7/15/2012	Midland Library is always busy. I have never seen it not busy.
1511	7/15/2012	Very well used -- love it!
1512	7/15/2012	It's usually busy
1513	7/15/2012	It is absolutely packed every time I go in.
1514	7/15/2012	I think my local library is used a lot. I don't go there often because its smaller so its a little louder. But i love the central library.
1515	7/15/2012	It is very busy
1516	7/15/2012	Always busy
1517	7/15/2012	Very
1518	7/15/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever I go in.
1519	7/15/2012	Very well used. This is a great library, always active, full of people from many different ages and cultures. People are waiting for the doors to open and have to get kicked out when they are closing.
1520	7/15/2012	?

1521	7/15/2012	It's always busy (not in the bad sense).
1522	7/15/2012	Very well used.
1523	7/15/2012	always busy
1524	7/15/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever I stop by. Computers a filled and there is more often then not a line to check out books.
1525	7/15/2012	always busy!
1526	7/15/2012	Very well used. There are always people there, of all ages and from all aspects of our neighborhood.
1527	7/15/2012	Our library has a high rate of circulation, and often the parking lot is full because so many people come to get help with language learning, computer skills, etc. Our library is practically a community college. For eight years I was a homeschooling partent, and we checked out stacks of books weekly. My students felt very at home in this library, and my kids were always given courteous assistance with their research needs. Staff there still recognise me when I come in. My students love Midland as a second home where they always find good books and helpful staff.
1528	7/15/2012	We attend the african american story time on 122nd library
1529	7/15/2012	It's always crowded. I guess that's a good thing.
1530	7/15/2012	Every time I'm in there, there are lots of people using the library in all of its capacities. Often, I have to wait for the use of a computer.
1531	7/14/2012	always busy.
1532	7/14/2012	extremely heavily used
1533	7/14/2012	Sellwood always seems quite active
1534	7/14/2012	Well and thoroughly!
1535	7/14/2012	Well!
1536	7/14/2012	Really well used. Usually a lot of folks there.
1537	7/14/2012	Always busy!!!
1538	7/14/2012	It's busy when I am there. Parking is bad. Limited hours on Sat & Sun is smart. Closing all library's on Monday is practical and smart use of library funds.
1539	7/14/2012	Alot
1540	7/14/2012	used, always busy when we are there
1541	7/14/2012	very well
1542	7/14/2012	Always busy
1543	7/14/2012	very
1544	7/14/2012	The library is very well used.
1545	7/14/2012	very well used
1546	7/14/2012	fine
1547	7/14/2012	Excellent.
1548	7/14/2012	The Midland library is very well used--it is a necessary resource for our community. I would be heartbroken to lose it.

1549	7/14/2012	It seems to me that every time I am there, the library is being used well. The staff is very helpful.
1550	7/14/2012	Very well used I'd say! There are always folks milling about. Every one I know uses the Library services. I brag about it to my friends in other states.
1551	7/14/2012	very well used
1552	7/14/2012	I live in Sellwood so that is the primary "local" library I use. It is very well used - a real hub of the local community. I go there everyday and there are always children, parents, young people, seniors engaged in activities, reading, researching online and so forth.
1553	7/14/2012	Very well used
1554	7/14/2012	It always seems quite busy.
1555	7/14/2012	Its always busy when I'm there. I'd say plenty.
1556	7/14/2012	Looks like plenty of folks use it
1557	7/14/2012	very
1558	7/14/2012	Very well used.
1559	7/14/2012	Very busy
1560	7/14/2012	It always seems busy.
1561	7/14/2012	We go to Central, Albina and Hollywood regularly and all are always busy. We go to Belmont from time to time and it is always busy when we go.
1562	7/14/2012	Library appears to busy all the time.
1563	7/14/2012	Seems very active and busy each time I visit.
1564	7/14/2012	Usually a wait list for the computers, but often not more than 10-15 minutes. Lots of people of all ages
1565	7/14/2012	It always is busy when I go.
1566	7/14/2012	So far using well, however; the changing of maded on the hours of operations were not feel me happy. I hope is will be something chaning to made it back as usual.
1567	7/14/2012	Belmont, Gresham and Midland are usually busy and half full with people when I visit.
1568	7/14/2012	It appears to be very well used. Always has customers and people at the tables. Presents great programs. And has helpful librarians.
1569	7/14/2012	The Belmont location is always busy,people are waiting for computers, using the community spaces and waiting outside for it to open. I love this space.
1570	7/14/2012	Appears to be well used.
1571	7/14/2012	Good
1572	7/14/2012	Central is, of course heavily used all day long. Albino, in part because if it's proximity to a Whole Foods and a residential neighborhood is also well used.
1573	7/14/2012	always very busy
1574	7/14/2012	The computer section and the children's section are all crowded. There are usually 40-45 people when I go.
1575	7/14/2012	I'd say that it is quite well used. Central is always bustling, and people are always willing to help me.
1576	7/14/2012	I always see lots of kids at my Kenton library.

1577	7/14/2012	very well used. Staff is wonderful.
1578	7/14/2012	very busy
1579	7/14/2012	always busy
1580	7/14/2012	It seems to be occupied quite thouroughly at all times open.
1581	7/14/2012	very busy library but also used by many as a baby sitting (also adult) for many immigrant families
1582	7/14/2012	Intensively. Every time I walk into the library, people with armloads of books are checking out. All computers providing internet access are in use.
1583	7/14/2012	VERY WELL USED
1584	7/14/2012	Always busy, usually with young families
1585	7/14/2012	I live just a few blocks from the Central Library, and it's very well used.
1586	7/14/2012	The facilities are well used and vibrant whenever I go in. [] Almost always, I have to wait for several other holds to clear before I am next to use the media.
1587	7/14/2012	It seems always to be busy but never over crowded.
1588	7/14/2012	Pretty well. There are always people in there.
1589	7/14/2012	Gresham library is always busy. So many people are on the computers, it is hard to find an available one just to look up a book. It is the same experience at Fairview.
1590	7/14/2012	I feel that this library is one of the nicer ones that I have been in. I am always seeing people here coming and going and the computers are used well. Its a great way to run into neighbors as well.
1591	7/14/2012	always active
1592	7/14/2012	The central Library is quite well used by folks of all economic stature. As well the library is near Portalnd State University and many students go there as well. I have attended many community meetings at several the local Portland Libraries. Portland has a lack of library resources and could do better as far as spending more cash for local libraries. [] [] .ed granshaw
1593	7/14/2012	Generally very well used, but not as busy as some branches I have used previously, i.e. Central and Midland. Usage probably about par with Hollywood, from my observations. The Midland library is used to capacity. The library parking lot is always full to over-flowing. It should have been made bigger. The artwork on the outside of the building faces the street with much car traffic but where the patrons cannot appreciate much of it since the quotations cannot be read at 35 MPH. They should have been put near the entrance where the patrons walking in could read them. [] []
1594	7/14/2012	The staff is pleasant and competent. The computer system is great for check out and renewal, and I often use the electronic download of ebooks.
1595	7/14/2012	Very well used. There are always lots of families and also people using the computer resources, ad well as adults checking out books. It is always bustling!
1596	7/14/2012	very well

1597	7/14/2012	We use our nearest library (as well as others in town) regularly. We are on a tight budget, do not have the Internet or the ability to check out videos or buy books. We are so thankful to have the children's programming too. Thank you for all the services you offer!
1598	7/14/2012	As far as I can see, it is well used, never too crowded, but never empty either.
1599	7/14/2012	very, very well used! Always busy.
1600	7/14/2012	The Belmont library is consistently packed and the Woodstock and Sellwood libraries are usually busy when we are there. The Belmont library is looking a bit rundown -- the Sellwood and Woodstock libraries are in good shape.
1601	7/14/2012	Some times we go there, however I work downtown so I go to the central library much more often
1602	7/14/2012	My local library (Albina) seems very well-used. It's a very busy branch! It seems like it may need a larger building at some point.
1603	7/14/2012	busy most days and evenings
1604	7/14/2012	Always very busy.
1605	7/14/2012	Holgate is always busy and their patron base is uniquely diverse. Many people go for foreign materials or storytime in different languages. I have seen groups of children on many occasions. The computer queue is always full. ☐ ☐ Hollywood is much bigger but also stays busy. I use the printer there often since I don't have one at home and often need to print school material.
1606	7/14/2012	Very well used. People of all ages, which is one of the things I like.
1607	7/14/2012	I think they are very well used. It always seems full, but not usually "crowded."
1608	7/14/2012	The Belmont and Hollywood are the most visited by myself, and appear to be bustling at all times (except parade days . . . and that kind of distraction), even tho busy, are well and quietly run. My thanks.
1609	7/14/2012	It's always busy.
1610	7/14/2012	Very popular and social, used in all different kinds of ways.
1611	7/14/2012	Central is rather busy but a very large facility so it is never overwhelming
1612	7/14/2012	Well
1613	7/14/2012	Woodstock branch is very well used. It seems to be bustling and busy a lot of the time.
1614	7/14/2012	It is always busy and bustling.
1615	7/14/2012	Very
1616	7/14/2012	It's very busy. Kids and adults are using it all the time. It's a great location,...near the bus and across the street from a little park.
1617	7/14/2012	Very well used. Constant flow of people in and out of multiple areas/sections of the library.
1618	7/14/2012	Our Gresham library is always busy. I've gone to the library on many different days and times and it is always busy with people coming and going.
1619	7/14/2012	Very well used.

1620	7/14/2012	It is always busy when I go in there!!
1621	7/14/2012	It appears to be full every time I go to the library. The computers are always being used and it can be difficult to find a catalog computer for finding books amongst all the internet computers. I am happy I don't have to use a computer for internet searches because they seem to be quite popular.
1622	7/14/2012	Well used
1623	7/14/2012	Very well used and it's an important asset to me, as it must also be to the many, many users of whom I always observe when I encounter this valuable resource.
1624	7/14/2012	very well
1625	7/14/2012	I always see lots of people there. Any day, any time.
1626	7/14/2012	It seems busy everytime I have been in there!
1627	7/14/2012	Busy every time I make a visit. Customer computers are always in use and often there is a line waiting for their turn.
1628	7/14/2012	With the current hour changes, there have been many times that I and others have been waiting at the doors when the new hours allowed them to open. [] There are times when this (Capitol) branch is swamped with children. Many who appear to have no parent on site.
1629	7/14/2012	always seems busy
1630	7/14/2012	since I'm disabled I get my books from the outreach program
1631	7/14/2012	Very well used.
1632	7/14/2012	My local library - the Belmont branch - is one of the busiest libraries I've ever encountered. Without fail, no matter what day of the week or time of day, the library has people crowding the computers, searching through the movies selection, seeking books, and asking the librarian questions. I even bonded with my boyfriend over our love and use of this library.
1633	7/14/2012	It's always busy whenever I visit any of the local branches.
1634	7/14/2012	There are always many people using the computers;
1635	7/14/2012	I see the libraies as a valuable asset to the community. They let me see other people reading, especially parents and kids, which is a pleasant side of life.
1636	7/14/2012	Could be busier.
1637	7/14/2012	Very well for students and computer use.
1638	7/14/2012	I'm not usually in there for very long, but there are always people in there. At Hollywood, it seems like most of the computers are full when I'm there.

1639	7/14/2012	My use of the library system is not limited to one branch. I use the Hollywood, Midland, and Sellwood Branches. The Hollywood is by far my most favorite. But asking a person to choose is like asking which of your children do you like the most. In more than 20 years of visiting the library I have never had a bad experience. Where do you find these people ? The staff has always been friendly and professional. I like being in the library even when there is no reason, I can read at home. I can study and write there too. But not always.
1640	7/14/2012	looks pretty busy when I go. I go mostly to pick up reserved materials.
1641	7/14/2012	The branches are all very well used. I see many people with families checking out books for their children.
1642	7/14/2012	My local library is Belmont. I see folks lining up at the door waiting to go inside twenty minutes before the library is even open! Also, any library to go to volunteer at is filled with people participating in events and programs. As a volunteer in the computer labs, I am amazed at how the computer classes MCL and the Job Seekers Lab has really given folks hope that they can get help with daily use of computers and looking for work. Even though this was not the original mission of the library, I have found that these services help others in a no cost/no stress environment.
1643	7/14/2012	Our library is the lifeblood to our community. I would be lost without the use of this part of our city. Please keep it open especially for us who are on a fixed income. I look forward to coming to Central or Belmont every other day to see what books, DVD's are on the shelves. Thank you for the wonderful service to all.
1644	7/14/2012	The various branches I use seem to be pretty well used; the two I use most often (Central and Holgate) are usually filled with patrons, particularly in the computer areas.
1645	7/14/2012	I don't care.
1646	7/14/2012	I believe it is very well used. Whenever I go in, either on my own time or as a volunteer, there are always a large number of people on the computers, checking out books, or (specifically in the Northwest Library) arriving for one of the story times for parents and their children.
1647	7/14/2012	Very well used. Always a lot of people there when I go
1648	7/14/2012	We love our library and we want it funded properly. BRING THE OLD LIBRARY HOURS BACK!!!
1649	7/14/2012	The Hillsdale library is always full of people when I visit. I generally visit during the weekends and usually during this time there is limited parking, but the library has several people milling about and most of the computers have a person using them. I have also visited on the weekdays, though rarely due to my schedule. I have never seen the library empty or less than a dozen people.
1650	7/14/2012	Both Appear to be well used.
1651	7/14/2012	It's very well used. Everytime I'm there, it is bustling with activity. Sometimes I like just being there to take in the atmosphere. It's not just a practical asset but also aesthetic boon for the city of Portland.

1652	7/14/2012	Both are like community centers and ports of knowledge in a storm of ignorance.
1653	7/14/2012	Library staff know the answer better than patrons! Usually all of the computer stations are full, meaning one has to wait to search the catalog for a topic or book. The library is usually full to crowded when I am there.
1654	7/14/2012	Woodstock branch is always pleasantly busy/ near crowded on the weekend
1655	7/14/2012	I think it has the highest circulation for a branch in the US, or at least I have heard so.
1656	7/14/2012	It always seems busy
1657	7/14/2012	both central and NW are used constantly
1658	7/14/2012	The usage at Midland is high to very high
1659	7/14/2012	There are often a lot of people using it.
1660	7/14/2012	very well used, always packed with patrons - after work and weekends
1661	7/14/2012	well i think they need to buy more of the classics like gone with the wind and of mice and men couses those are one of many great book.
1662	7/14/2012	Very! When I first got my card and started going to the library on a regular basis, I was quite surprised to discover how busy it always seems to be. I found that to be exciting ... that so many people use the library and its resources.
1663	7/14/2012	VERY CROWDED ALL THE TIMES I HAVE BEEN THERE
1664	7/14/2012	I think it is used a great deal. It is akways busy when I am there.
1665	7/14/2012	always seems busy.
1666	7/14/2012	Very well used
1667	7/14/2012	It is always so busy that there is not normally a place to sit. It would be nice if there was more room to look at books without leaning against the wall or sitting on a small child's chair.
1668	7/14/2012	There always seem to be a variety of patrons there, with most of the computers in use.
1669	7/14/2012	always busy
1670	7/14/2012	I use it well as a delivery station for books I reserve out of the central collection
1671	7/14/2012	My library is well-used. Whenever I go there the library is always full of people checking out materials, reading, browsing, or using computers. I find it rare if when I enter through the library doors there isn't at least one other person entering or leaving at the same time.
1672	7/14/2012	Its always busy.
1673	7/14/2012	very
1674	7/14/2012	Always people filling the computers and I see people looking up books
1675	7/14/2012	Extremely, extremely well.
1676	7/14/2012	Always full
1677	7/14/2012	Very well used
1678	7/14/2012	It is always bustling.
1679	7/14/2012	very

1680	7/14/2012	Very well used! There is always a line to get in at opening time, no matter the day, and there are always a good number of people using the library when I'm there.
1681	7/14/2012	The Library is always buxy when I go whether it is early in the day or at closing time. The librarians always are pleasant when I ask a question about a book or how to use the "card catalog".
1682	7/14/2012	Very well used. Always people there at all hours.
1683	7/14/2012	VERY.
1684	7/14/2012	I don't know how to answer this question?
1685	7/14/2012	Whenever I stop at the library, it is busy so that must mean it is well used.
1686	7/14/2012	Always busy
1687	7/14/2012	Popular and well-used.
1688	7/14/2012	My neighborhood library in Northwest Portland, is small, however, almost always, VERY busy...every chair occupied, all methods of checkout being used and often people waiting, several mothers helping or reading to their children, etc. I love the Central Portland Library and use it when I am downtown. It always seems to me to be full of activity.
1689	7/14/2012	Always busy in there with lots of books on hold.
1690	7/14/2012	Moderately high. There's usually an open checkout kiosk, but the computers are always full and I always end up passing a patron in the narrow aisles, at some point.
1691	7/14/2012	Both are usually quite busy when I go. Quite the hub of activity for the neighborhood
1692	7/14/2012	well- trying to attend computer classes
1693	7/14/2012	I am very impressed and satisfied with our library. More hours later in the evening would be great, but I understand your funding challenges.
1694	7/14/2012	always seems busy and full of people.
1695	7/14/2012	always busy
1696	7/14/2012	I just joined the Library a month ago and I just love it. I'm still exploring what the library has to offer. I hope to use it more and more.
1697	7/14/2012	Supposedly one of the busiest.
1698	7/14/2012	There are always people coming and going as well as on the computers at the branch.
1699	7/14/2012	always busy when I am there
1700	7/14/2012	Always busy. I think I heard it was the busiest branch, per capita, of all of them.
1701	7/14/2012	It always seems very busy and full.
1702	7/14/2012	It is always extremely busy. On weekends, it is hard to find parking there are so many patrons.
1703	7/14/2012	I see up to 30 or more people in there every time I'm there
1704	7/14/2012	Very
1705	7/14/2012	Always seems very busy....children's program room is too small to accommodate all those interested in attending....programs are limited by a sign up sheet and then some get turned away.

1706	7/14/2012	I don't go into the branch much anymore as I use library2go and download most of my books, but I feel it is important to keep the branches open so everyone has access. Many social services have been cut or eliminated in our communities due to budget shortfalls, but the library should not be one of them. Information and education are the cornerstone of a strong community and I believe should be accessible to everyone. As a home owner, I fully support the our library system and the taxes needed to support it.
1707	7/14/2012	It is packed every day.
1708	7/14/2012	Very.
1709	7/14/2012	Midland library is always buzzing with activity. I am a flight attendant and have odd hours so visit the library at various hours on different days. I don't recall it ever being "quiet". The parking lot is adequate however. I always find a place to park.
1710	7/14/2012	it always seems to be very busy
1711	7/14/2012	It is always busy in there so guess it is used a LOT.
1712	7/14/2012	When I go, I see many people there.
1713	7/14/2012	not sure I understand the question...it seems busy if that's what you're asking
1714	7/14/2012	I always see 10 to 20 plus people there any time of day. It is well used but at times it seems overstaffed. It seems that the libraries could be open more at little extra cost if the staff were not all working the same compressed hours. I have to admit that it was a bit of a shock to vote yes on the levy and then hear that library hours would be going down.
1715	7/14/2012	
1716	7/14/2012	Busy every time I am there. It is wonderful
1717	7/14/2012	There are always many people there, and the garage is often close to full.
1718	7/14/2012	Very busy.
1719	7/14/2012	We see it as a strong community center as are all of the neighborhood libraries. They are the anchor "store" for each community.
1720	7/14/2012	Looks busy all the time.
1721	7/14/2012	I see people of all ages every time I go. It's a vital community gathering place.
1722	7/14/2012	Very well used. My daughter and I check out books regularly. We often check them out on-line and pick them up at one of the libraries. Sometimes we just browse the stacks.
1723	7/14/2012	It seems pretty busy most of the time.
1724	7/14/2012	Very well used. There are always people lined up at the door before opening. Many people ride their bikes and walk to this neighborhood library.
1725	7/14/2012	Very!
1726	7/14/2012	Very well used.
1727	7/14/2012	Always busy!
1728	7/14/2012	Very well used, it is very small and without a lot of books.
1729	7/14/2012	I primarily use Central, since it is across the street from my office. It seems VERY well used, no matter what time I go.

1730	7/14/2012	The libraries that we go to are both always busy, many adults and children enjoying the books and computers.
1731	7/14/2012	Since I very seldom use the library I have a hard time finding what I am looking for. The library is very busy.
1732	7/14/2012	Very!!!
1733	7/14/2012	very busy
1734	7/14/2012	Seems to be used often by the community, especially the young.
1735	7/14/2012	Seems very busy all the time
1736	7/14/2012	very
1737	7/14/2012	Central is my go to choice, Hollywood for graphic novels, both busy always. I use the North Portland brach for a quick drop off for returns, but I also go there if I want to walk instead of ride my bike. What I like about North Portland is that I always see students from Franklin High School and PCC. Albina should expand. When I worked @ WildOats, now WholeFoods, all of my customers borrowed there. So many times I would go in to pick up a hold and run into a regular customer. And I've heard great things about Kenton. I guess I want to say that all branches in N/NE/Central are busy when ever I go. NW even on the rare occasions I make it there.
1738	7/14/2012	It is very well used....always busy.
1739	7/14/2012	My kids and I are going to start going to the library more often with the kids learning to read. I myself like to read and haven't used the lirbrary in the past but when we visited the Gresham library (this week) I seen plenty of Items that I will come back to check out. As for the library being well used there was a lot of people there when we stopped by.
1740	7/14/2012	Very well used!
1741	7/14/2012	It is a busy library. But, the Hollywood Library is too small. I wish they had more room and programming for kids.
1742	7/14/2012	Very well used!
1743	7/14/2012	I love to use Internet access in the library for researching, emailing, and do some of my projects. I always get help from the library staff to find out the needed books. I love the helpful staff, the envirnoment, and the library resources there. However, there are many library users in the Holgate Library. I could not get a chair to sit down reading the book and no space for using the computer.
1744	7/14/2012	ITS VERY INPORTANT TO YOUNG AND OLD. IT THE AMERICA WAY OF KNOWLEGE, RESOURCES, PROGAMS, COMPUTER ACCESS AND FOR ME AT THAT TIME OF YEAR FREE TAX REFUNDS HELP. AS CHILREN LOOK IN WONDER AT ALL THOSE BOOKS. AT THE LIBRARY IT POSSIBLE THAT THE HUMAN RACE
1745	7/14/2012	It is a real home for the kids. I can't imagine life without it.
1746	7/14/2012	It always seems busy when I am there.
1747	7/14/2012	Well used, I believe. I don't go there often, as the Central Library is more convenient for me.

1748	7/14/2012	Always busy, but still accessible.
1749	7/14/2012	Given its size & the population density of the neighborhood it serves, I'd say very well used.
1750	7/14/2012	There are always a large amount of people there when I go, utilizing many of the different resources the libraries provide.
1751	7/14/2012	Troutdale library is too small, too few books -my children & I usually end up putting books on hold when there to come back & pick up. Too small & odd being in a busy strip mall.
1752	7/14/2012	VERY well used!
1753	7/14/2012	There are always people coming and going from our little library (Capitol Hill). It is a wonderful community center with very helpful librarians. We call it Tasha's Library because of Natasha Forrester's amazing children's storytimes. My kids love her and all the parents love what she does for our children and their love of reading and playing. She ties the two together wonderfully. She regularly has her storytime room at capacity, so I'd say that the hours we attend the library it is especially "well used."
1754	7/14/2012	I only know that on the rare occasions that I do visit, it seems to be well used. Full parking lot, all computers are usually taken and it generally just looks busy.
1755	7/14/2012	It is very well used. I have the number memorized because I use the library website so often.
1756	7/14/2012	Very well used. It is always busy. They have great children's programs. I love my branch.
1757	7/14/2012	I always see people using the library when I am there.
1758	7/14/2012	I don't know
1759	7/14/2012	very well, there are always people checking out books and media, using the computers, using the community space, participating in kids' programs and just reading
1760	7/14/2012	Great!
1761	7/14/2012	Almost too well used. Belmont is our closest library, but it is too crowded to be enjoyable. I will use it to pick up books I've ordered, but the space is way too small and with the limited hours there are no "off-peak" hours.
1762	7/14/2012	Always busy and the parking lot is always near full :)
1763	7/14/2012	It appears to be very busy every time I am there.
1764	7/14/2012	Busy, popular, well used by kids, adults for books, computer access
1765	7/14/2012	Always busy!
1766	7/14/2012	Both are always active.
1767	7/14/2012	It's OK.
1768	7/14/2012	very well used - never less than 30 people inside, computers are always full
1769	7/14/2012	It seems to be busy most of the time and is well stocked with books and resources
1770	7/14/2012	Very well - always full, parking is hard at times it's so well used.
1771	7/14/2012	Very well used. It is an essential part of the community.
1772	7/14/2012	Busy

1773	7/14/2012	It seems very well used. Every time I go to Belmont, there is a queue for the computers and often not much space to sit. Albina is slightly less crowded but there are always people there. The computers are a big resource for people. I used them a great deal when I first moved to Portland when I was looking for a job and a place to live. The library is a beautiful institution that I appreciate and value tremendously.
1774	7/14/2012	very well used. always very busy
1775	7/14/2012	always seems to be busy
1776	7/14/2012	The Hollywood library is very busy and active. In the summer there are many children being read to, etc. The computers are busy and the place is buzzing.
1777	7/14/2012	Seems to be well used?
1778	7/14/2012	Everytime I stop by, there seems to be lots of activity. We use it very often, and are so thankful to have it nearby.
1779	7/14/2012	Seems to be
1780	7/14/2012	It is often busy when I am there, I would not want to have to rely on public access to the internet via the Library system due to the ever-present demand and number of children "playing", albeit understandably so...
1781	7/14/2012	Capitol Hill branch seems to be used extensively
1782	7/14/2012	Very well used!
1783	7/14/2012	it is used frequently
1784	7/14/2012	It usually seems busy. Only a few times was there more than a ten or fifteen minute wait for the computers I wanted.
1785	7/14/2012	It seems to be very busy, when I visit. There are lots of people and children.[] What are we supposed to do without the libraries? Technology is not for everyone, I still prefer to read, as do most people from my generation! No matter what, books are still very necessary!
1786	7/14/2012	Unknown information to me
1787	7/14/2012	seems busy every time i'm there.
1788	7/14/2012	I'm not sure how to answer this question. We live overseas and come back once a year and typically use the library once or twice in the summer. It is a great library, full of the resources we need.
1789	7/14/2012	very well used, it is always busy when I visit
1790	7/14/2012	The Belmont location always has folks lining up outside before it opens. It seems very busy whenever I go...so I would have to say that it appears well used.
1791	7/14/2012	Very busy, every time I am there it is packed!
1792	7/14/2012	Always very busy when I'm there and when I walk by.
1793	7/14/2012	always looks busy to me

1794	7/14/2012	This library always seems to be busy. I love that the young ones are so comfortable with being there. I am grateful young adults have a special space upstairs. Shocked and chagrined that the holds shelf has gotten so big. Our branch could use more space to meet the needs of all the folks who represent so many cultures, especially non-English speaking seniors. Their grand children seem disrespectful toward them.
1795	7/14/2012	The library branch we use most, Woodstock, is virtually always quite busy. We go there once or twice a week, usually on a weekday during the morning or early afternoon. The Holgate branch, which we occasionally visit, is sometimes moderately busy.
1796	7/14/2012	Fairly well-used.
1797	7/14/2012	Very well used.
1798	7/14/2012	It's always busy!
1799	7/14/2012	It is always well used by all ages
1800	7/14/2012	Very well used. The parking lot is always full.
1801	7/14/2012	Very
1802	7/14/2012	The Midland Library always appears to be busy with folks, young and old alike, doing a variety of things.
1803	7/14/2012	It is constantly in use by a wide range of patrons who are there for a multitude of reasons.
1804	7/14/2012	we love it so much!
1805	7/14/2012	very well used
1806	7/14/2012	always a full parking lot - many people waiting to use the free internet - sometimes it's hard to walk the aisles need the computers.
1807	7/14/2012	There's alot of people who come to the Gresham Branch. People of all ages come for books, computer access or for meetings/clubs/classes.
1808	7/14/2012	The Belmont Library appears to be very well-used by the community.
1809	7/14/2012	Well used.
1810	7/14/2012	once past sometimes obnoxious petition gatherers, it is nearly 2/3+ full any time i have been in.
1811	7/14/2012	It often seems busy. Librarians are usually engaged in helping people at computers or the desk. There often seem to be activities happening, particularly for children.
1812	7/14/2012	Belmont is frequently full. Not crowded; just full.
1813	7/14/2012	Very!
1814	7/14/2012	It always seems to have a lot of people in it. Sometimes i have to wait to check out a book but not long. The hold shelves are always full.
1815	7/14/2012	Usually quite busy, with people of many ages and ethnic backgrounds using the library.
1816	7/14/2012	It is always full, I use it when ever I am in town. I generly chek out mutiple items. It is my favorite place and I would love to suport it. The library always helps me therw hard times.
1817	7/14/2012	I usually go to Midland, and it is always busy. Hard to use a computer because there is always a long wait. We need more libraries.

1818	7/14/2012	The Midland branch is constantly abuzz with people....I love it!
1819	7/14/2012	I most often frequent the Midland library and feel that it is very well used. The parking lot (during open hours) is usually at least three-fourths full if not completely, and on many occasions I have actually been unable to find a place to park at all. Though it may briefly irritate me, that hardly lasts long as I am quite happy to see the library used so well. ¶ I realize many people may use the library solely for it's internet access however I personally use it most often for picking up holds, and often, for wandering around and simply browsing. It is my happy place.
1820	7/14/2012	There are always many people doing all sorts of different things
1821	7/14/2012	Very
1822	7/14/2012	There are always several people looking for books in the shelves, reading at tables, using computers, and checking out material either electronically or from the librarian. Also, the conference room is usually being used,
1823	7/14/2012	the PC are usually busy; many family and children
1824	7/14/2012	We love are library i get movies my kid get books its so convenyent for us an most people are nice there an it quite too
1825	7/14/2012	very busy
1826	7/14/2012	It seems like the community makes good use of our little library in St. Johns.
1827	7/14/2012	I don't know. Some of my friends use it for on line books. I might read magazines.
1828	7/14/2012	Very well used I use it as a resource in checking out a book to see if I like it then I will go to the book store and buy it if the book is worth buying. This saves me money in and helps decide on buying the books. So the resource for looking for information thur the library is great and alot of people use this.¶ I
1829	7/14/2012	
1830	7/14/2012	always a good population in both north portland and kenton every time we stop by
1831	7/14/2012	Hillsdale is the branch closest to my home. It is very well-used.
1832	7/14/2012	There are always folks in the library, in all the branches I frequent.
1833	7/14/2012	Quite well. The computers are always full.
1834	7/14/2012	It is very well used.
1835	7/14/2012	Very
1836	7/14/2012	I would say it is extremely busy most of the time.
1837	7/14/2012	The Sellwood branch seems like it is well used by people of all ages, year round.
1838	7/14/2012	I go to the library at all times during the day and it always seems very busy.
1839	7/14/2012	I think it is well used.
1840	7/14/2012	very well used
1841	7/14/2012	I don't know
1842	7/14/2012	Always busy

1843	7/14/2012	I don't know. I rarely use it. When I am there, it seems that the computer stations are all full, but chairs and tables are wide open. I am always alone when I use the "card catalog" computer. Rarely do I encounter people down the aisles.
1844	7/14/2012	Very well. The library is often full of people.
1845	7/14/2012	.
1846	7/14/2012	Very well in the Woodstock community.
1847	7/14/2012	Very. Lots of people on computers, reading books, magazines
1848	7/14/2012	It's packed almost all of the time! I love it.
1849	7/14/2012	Always seems to have a lot of people, and it seems like the community room is in use a lot, too. Small, but a good place!
1850	7/14/2012	Central library is very well used actually so is Kenton and Hollywood.
1851	7/14/2012	It seems busy when I go in. A lot of young families
1852	7/14/2012	I feel like it is used quite frequently. Many of our friends are there often. We LOVE Natasha for our storytimes!! We have been going there since my 5 year old was just a few months old! She is the reason why many people use the library.
1853	7/14/2012	That I'm not sure but I'd say it's pretty well used
1854	7/14/2012	very well!! always occupied by computer users, families, students (during school yr) etc
1855	7/14/2012	I feel like every time that I am in the library it is always packed. I loving being able to see the community using the library.
1856	7/14/2012	Very well used. I greatly appreciate the helpful staff and the nice vibes at Kenton Library.
1857	7/14/2012	always seems to be a lot of people there involved in something
1858	7/14/2012	fair
1859	7/14/2012	Well
1860	7/14/2012	Very Well Used, in my opinion.
1861	7/14/2012	Extremely well!
1862	7/14/2012	Very well used. It's always full of people.
1863	7/14/2012	Very! It is always packed! Parking lot is full, every computer terminal is in use...
1864	7/14/2012	It's always very busy.
1865	7/14/2012	seems to be busy when I am there
1866	7/14/2012	I have visited the library twice since moving into my home and it appears the library is well used and popular.
1867	7/14/2012	Hollywood is always busy
1868	7/14/2012	It always seems to be busy
1869	7/14/2012	It is very busy
1870	7/13/2012	Woodstock Library appears to be very well used. I always see a line of people waiting for it to open.

1871	7/13/2012	We go there about once a week or several times a month, often to pick up holds or drop materials off. We may also peruse a little for anything that might catch our eye.
1872	7/13/2012	The computers are always being used and there are a lot of people there.
1873	7/13/2012	Very well used! There were 20 people in our tot time at the library today, maybe more.
1874	7/13/2012	good
1875	7/13/2012	Very well used :)
1876	7/13/2012	Very well used
1877	7/13/2012	Very...both branches are always crowded when I stop in.
1878	7/13/2012	Well used
1879	7/13/2012	Very well used. There are always many people using the library.
1880	7/13/2012	I'm not sure i understand the question. I mostly just order books & movies online and stop in to pick them up and drop them off. It generally looks busy in there.
1881	7/13/2012	very
1882	7/13/2012	VERY well used.
1883	7/13/2012	I think it's well used. There are always a few folks in there every time I go in.
1884	7/13/2012	I go to library at least once a week to reading material and computer access (Wi-Fi).
1885	7/13/2012	Very I always see a bunch of people at everyone I go to
1886	7/13/2012	Heavy
1887	7/13/2012	Extremely! I believe it is one of the busiest libraries in the system.
1888	7/13/2012	Well
1889	7/13/2012	Very well used.
1890	7/13/2012	our library system is the best in us!! I am very grateful to have it as a great resource
1891	7/13/2012	All of the visits I've made to the various Multnomah County Libraries seem well used by the community and very embedded for the families I know in each community including my own family.
1892	7/13/2012	Very well
1893	7/13/2012	very
1894	7/13/2012	Our local library is an invaluable resource and I am extremely grateful to have it around.
1895	7/13/2012	there are always people there when I go, and I have noted people waiting there for it to open.
1896	7/13/2012	It is always busy.
1897	7/13/2012	It is very well used. Central is the one I use most.
1898	7/13/2012	Fairly well used, especially Midland.
1899	7/13/2012	There are always plenty of people at the library. All ages as well. A lot of people seem to come there to do research/homework or use the computer.
1900	7/13/2012	It is always busy when we are there. Often on the weekend the kids section will be well-picked through, which tells me lots o other families with small children are checking out books.

1901	7/13/2012	The library closest to me is the Holgate branch. Every time I go there are always lots of people; most of the computers are usually in use and there are always people at the information booth. My library is used primarily by foreign-language speakers, or so it would seem from the people I see there most often. I usually visit it on weekdays in the afternoon.
1902	7/13/2012	seems to be pretty good. I am not really sure what you mean by "well used".
1903	7/13/2012	For a relatively small physical space, I think the library is VERY well used. I often speak to other families who come from other areas of the city to attend the Northwest children's story time.
1904	7/13/2012	I believe my library is well used. There is always a line before it opens and the place is normally bustling with a diversity of people. There seems to be employees at each check stand that is either checking customers out or providing information. I also believe that many users have items sent to the Belmont branch. It seems that the area for reserved items is always full of books and media waiting to be picked up.
1905	7/13/2012	very well used
1906	7/13/2012	Busy, busy, busy.
1907	7/13/2012	I'm not sure how this question is meant to be interpreted. If you mean how frequently it is used by other patrons, I don't have a frame of reference by which to judge. If you mean how is it physically treated by patrons, I believe that it is treated respectfully. If you mean to ask about its condition, or the stock of book titles available, I'd say that the Midland library is in excellent condition, and the Belmont branch is a bit below average.
1908	7/13/2012	It often seems busy. At least, folks are using all the pc's. I am not sure what Fairview's circ is, but lot young people are there in the afternoons.
1909	7/13/2012	usually very busy and well maintained
1910	7/13/2012	North Portland's library seems pretty popular - I've arrived in the mornigs to find several people waiting outside. Being that it seems to be a low income area, I feel it's very important to keep this library up and running. It provides resources to the community that residents may otherwise not have.
1911	7/13/2012	Well used -usually busy.
1912	7/13/2012	its always full of kids and young adults
1913	7/13/2012	Very well, it's always very busy.
1914	7/13/2012	I don't understand the question. How "well used"??
1915	7/13/2012	Seems like it's busy every Saturday that I go.
1916	7/13/2012	Pretty busy, but not as heavy as the Killingsworth library.
1917	7/13/2012	Very well. Whenever my children and I go there there are lots of people using the librays' services.
1918	7/13/2012	very well. I am always impressed and pleased to see so many of the children from the neighborhood using the library. They represent many different countries and cultures and to see that they are comfortable using the library and it's many services is wonderful.
1919	7/13/2012	I am at the library a lot and it doesn't matter what time it is, they are always busy.
1920	7/13/2012	Very well used. In fact, it is always relatively crowded

1921	7/13/2012	VERY!
1922	7/13/2012	very busy
1923	7/13/2012	Very well used, always busy, and with a wide age group from tots to seniors.
1924	7/13/2012	busy
1925	7/13/2012	fine
1926	7/13/2012	well used
1927	7/13/2012	Seems to be well used, allows a nice group of folks there when I go in.
1928	7/13/2012	It is very busy.
1929	7/13/2012	It always seems busy when I'm there.
1930	7/13/2012	Pretty well used. Every time I'm there it seems like there are a lot of people participating in programs or just doing research. Definitely leans more towards parents and younger children as far as heaviest usage goes.
1931	7/13/2012	It's still one of the older cards, so well used
1932	7/13/2012	Very.
1933	7/13/2012	Very well used. There are patrons using my library (Hollywood Branch) at all hours of the day, every day it is open.
1934	7/13/2012	It's always busy.
1935	7/13/2012	It is always busy.
1936	7/13/2012	for business I use it 3 times a week. Very inconvenient to print out on Sunday then have to ship on Monday. two trips into town. All books and music is borrowed, With out it I would have a psychological problem.[] [] Has you pay been cut. I survive on donations 250 per month
1937	7/13/2012	Very well-used! I most often visit the North Portland branch and it is almost always close to capacity.
1938	7/13/2012	it is usually very busy
1939	7/13/2012	Seems to be pretty well used. There are always people there....
1940	7/13/2012	It always seems to be at capacity because it is a very small space -- Albina branch at NE 15th & Fremont.[] [] By the way, you need an editor, "branches" is misspelled in the first page.
1941	7/13/2012	It appears pretty active. There are always a lot of people/kids around.
1942	7/13/2012	They're always packed with people. I love the library system in Portland. I moved from Redding, Calif. 5 years ago and there was nothing to compare to this!
1943	7/13/2012	VERY well used I assume.
1944	7/13/2012	It seems quite busy when I am there
1945	7/13/2012	I see a lot of people in the library all the time, so that means to me that is is used quite a bit.
1946	7/13/2012	It,s always crowded!

1947	7/13/2012	I don't know how well it is used, but I really appreciate it.
1948	7/13/2012	very busy and small
1949	7/13/2012	Midland always seems busy! We are frequent users online as well.
1950	7/13/2012	Holgate is my local library and it's very busy! I appreciate very much the ability to have materials delivered there via the hold system so that I can get in and back out again quickly. There are enough self-checkout stations so that I rarely have to wait in line, but I'm glad I don't have to use the computers down there, it seems there is always a line.
1951	7/13/2012	Just about right, I think.
1952	7/13/2012	It always seems busy when I go there with lots of people, families, kids. It is a well liked and used library.
1953	7/13/2012	I'm there at least once a week, and there always seems to be many users of the computers and people browsing DVDs.
1954	7/13/2012	Woodstock library is always busy and is a wonderful community resource.
1955	7/13/2012	very well used it seems
1956	7/13/2012	Busy!!
1957	7/13/2012	It seems well-used. There are always people in it and I appreciate that I can take my grandkids there when they are over for the day to participate in whatever activity is happening.
1958	7/13/2012	Seems to be very well used.
1959	7/13/2012	Very well used. The cutback is unacceptable.
1960	7/13/2012	It's used a whole lot.
1961	7/13/2012	Heavily used.
1962	7/13/2012	very high usage
1963	7/13/2012	Very, all branches have constant activity and provide a vital service as community centers for Portland. The availability of study rooms and PC time has been vital to me for job searches. I spent a portion of last summer doing research for my firm (I am a field archaeologist) and the library system had access to several vital documents including one book that we had not encountered before.
1964	7/13/2012	Very well used.
1965	7/13/2012	The Hollywood library seems quite busy, probably one of the busier ones.
1966	7/13/2012	aLWAYS SEEMS PRETTY BUSY WHEN i HAVE BEEN THERE
1967	7/13/2012	There is always something going on when I come to the library: the computers are being used, people are browsing the stacks, people are reading at the tables.
1968	7/13/2012	The Central Library always is a busy and active place every time we attend. Thanks, Ellie
1969	7/13/2012	It is always busy when I am there. I never have trouble getting service, but there is often a very short delay because of the number of visitors using the library.
1970	7/13/2012	It's busy all the time. I don't use a computer, but they seem occupied all of the time. Young children's programs were often filled and difficult to attend without standing in a line.

1971	7/13/2012	During the school year it is quite busy at times as students are doing homework and parents might be browsing while students work. Computers are in high use during this time. Summer months at least during my visits the usage might decline a bit due to the schools being out for the summer.
1972	7/13/2012	Very well used. There's always a good number of people there.
1973	7/13/2012	So busy that it's difficult to get in to any of the book babies or toddler reading programs. The line out the door before the library opens makes you think you might be going to a rock concert. We could use more programs spaced more often throughout the week to accommodate everyone.
1974	7/13/2012	Always busy.
1975	7/13/2012	The place is always busy with people utilizing the library services .
1976	7/13/2012	Very
1977	7/13/2012	The branches that I frequent always seem to be fairly busy. I use a wheelchair, and am especially appreciative of the consistently excellent accessibility.
1978	7/13/2012	medium
1979	7/13/2012	Well kept.
1980	7/13/2012	Extremely busy at all times since such a small library - need to get there early in the day for more current books and computer access
1981	7/13/2012	The Central library is extremely well used by downtown inhabitants and visitors!
1982	7/13/2012	good, clean, excenllent, convenience locations
1983	7/13/2012	This question is confusing. There are always a lot of people...
1984	7/13/2012	there are always people in there when I go
1985	7/13/2012	It is often busy.
1986	7/13/2012	very well used...I primarily go to the library for books for my three year old. Our neighborhood, sellwood, has a ton of kids, so I it always seems to have other families in there at the same time as us.
1987	7/13/2012	It is always busy when I visit with my granddaughters.
1988	7/13/2012	There is always people at the library
1989	7/13/2012	The impression I get from my visits to the library is that there are no shortage of other people interested in perusing the stacks.
1990	7/13/2012	VERY BUSY[] I checked daily use, though it is usually 2 or 3 days per week, because i know many will not fill survey.
1991	7/13/2012	There is always a lot of people going in and out and using it for many purposes.
1992	7/13/2012	It is always busy when I am there. Most of the computers are occupied, and many people checking out books(both adults and children). The Elementary School across the street uses it with groups of students frequently, and I've also seen tutoring sessions in progress there. I love the St. Johns Library!
1993	7/13/2012	Hollywood branch is very well used. Just sit outside the door and note the number of people who come and go. The number is staggering. People of all ages make use of the library for its various services.
1994	7/13/2012	Very well.
1995	7/13/2012	I'm not sure what this means...

1996	7/13/2012	It is always busy!
1997	7/13/2012	It is used very well, other than the funding cuts, I am impressed with the facility as well as the staff.
1998	7/13/2012	Although a smaller library, I feel the Sellwood library is very well used - particularly by the many young families that live in the immediate neighborhood.
1999	7/13/2012	very well used
2000	7/13/2012	Extremely
2001	7/13/2012	Very well used!
2002	7/13/2012	The branches we visit are always crowded and there are usually people in line to speak to a librarian. I feel like it's always busy, and it seems to me that people are using it in a lot of different ways. Albina's location is terrific, since it's on an 'anchor' corner with a grocery and other well-used services. I wish there were a way for this branch to expand a little -- it could really use more square footage!
2003	7/13/2012	Always busy.
2004	7/13/2012	Appears VERY well used, especially by families and kids.
2005	7/13/2012	The computers are always fully occupied, children's section always has at least one family sitting and reading together, the toddler story times are popular, and for being a small branch it is well-stocked with materials. It's location is convenient for the Hawthorne/Belmont/Tabor neighborhoods, so it is well-loved and utilized.
2006	7/13/2012	Very well used. Belmont is always busy.
2007	7/13/2012	There are always lots of people there but never seems to be overcrowded
2008	7/13/2012	well!
2009	7/13/2012	quite well, I think
2010	7/13/2012	Very
2011	7/13/2012	Very
2012	7/13/2012	I enjoy my library because it has a safe environment for me to get my work done. It has a lot of books I enjoy reading. I wouldn't mind it being closed for a day if they could stay open longer.
2013	7/13/2012	very well used!
2014	7/13/2012	Very well used and busy. Could use some more books / more frequent changes of titles.
2015	7/13/2012	Always busy when I'm there.
2016	7/13/2012	typically busy... most/all stations used, but library not crowded
2017	7/13/2012	Yo man, peeps always at the 'brary. Always.
2018	7/13/2012	Always seems busy.
2019	7/13/2012	it is always busy
2020	7/13/2012	The NW location seems pretty busy at all hours, filled with kids and adults. The computers are almost always nearly full. It's a well-loved community spot
2021	7/13/2012	moderately well used.
2022	7/13/2012	There always seem to be people there.
2023	7/13/2012	The Hollywood branch always seems busy when I go.
2024	7/13/2012	

2025	7/13/2012	The biggest problem is finding a parking place most of the day! Otherwise, there always seem to be a number of people there even when there are no scheduled activities.
2026	7/13/2012	Always very busy. In fact, busy enough that parking can be limited.
2027	7/13/2012	All the computers seem to be in use whenever I'm there.
2028	7/13/2012	Very well used. I see a lot of people every time I visit, and there are many books in the "reserved for pickup" shelves whenever I stop by to pick up books unavailable on my Kindle. [] [] I love being able to search your catalog online, such a convenience -- but I love visiting Central Library just as much, though less frequently than I once did. The staff is so friendly and helpful, it is a pleasure to just drop in and browse.
2029	7/13/2012	seems to be very full all of the time
2030	7/13/2012	Very busy, very lively, lots of kids and teenagers
2031	7/13/2012	I think it's very well-used - and an essential amenity in the community.
2032	7/13/2012	I go, on average, twice a week. The library is always busy when I am there.
2033	7/13/2012	very well used
2034	7/13/2012	I believe that Albina is one of the busiest libraries in the city?
2035	7/13/2012	VERY. And well loved.
2036	7/13/2012	It's the Central library so it is well used.
2037	7/13/2012	Albina library is always hopping when i am there.
2038	7/13/2012	The central library is very well used - it is always crowded, at any time or any day of the week.
2039	7/13/2012	The central library is both fabulous in appearance and service from staff. Despite being in an area of Portland frequented by individuals of questionable sanity level, the librarians as well as security staff maintain a friendly and relaxing environment. I am homeless, and feel welcome and at peace every time I visit. I am not sure as to why the funding was cut, or where it was re-directed to, but I would very much enjoy spending more time at the library.
2040	7/13/2012	Very well-used every day
2041	7/13/2012	Highly used
2042	7/13/2012	Seems pretty well used as best I can tell
2043	7/13/2012	Do not know
2044	7/13/2012	It seems to be very well used being the only one close to NW and NW being a big neighborhood for walking/biking. We go more than once a month but not necessarily weekly that I know of.
2045	7/13/2012	Silly question. I don't know the statistics. The computer stations are usually full.
2046	7/13/2012	Not very.
2047	7/13/2012	there are always several people in each of the libraries we frequent.
2048	7/13/2012	Apparently VERY well-used.
2049	7/13/2012	heavily, crowded.
2050	7/13/2012	Very well.

2051	7/13/2012	Extremely well used
2052	7/13/2012	It is always full of people. I've never been there when it wasn't busy and I go to both locations frequently and at different times of the day and week.
2053	7/13/2012	Very well used. However, it has become a day care center, a drop in center for addicts and the mentally ill, who should be in other care, a geriatric day care center - very distressing from a digital librarian.
2054	7/13/2012	They appear busy. Especially the computers.
2055	7/13/2012	Belmont is very well used--almost always crowded.
2056	7/13/2012	It is very well frequented.. it is a great resource for the community and it encourages a sense of community. The resources that it offers the community, in addition to its just being open, are immensely important to me and to others.
2057	7/13/2012	The library is very well-used. The central location always has a number of people in it, and on weekends there is usually a group of people waiting to get into the library. Reduced hours may hurt the community as a whole because of that. I access the library on the weekends mainly, because I work M-F, but I have many friends who are already seeing the impact of having the library closed on Mondays.
2058	7/13/2012	My local library branch is heavily used, always busy when I go there. Lot's of families with young children in the children's area, teens, people on the computers. It's a happening place for my community!
2059	7/13/2012	Seems busy, but not crowded
2060	7/13/2012	Used to be used ALL the time, now I'm in college, so I'm only home a few times a year... still borrow for those times though, I love to read.
2061	7/13/2012	Our use is limited
2062	7/13/2012	Not well used by serious researchers. Mostly online gamers and bums. The library system is a significantly important resource for my husband and I.
2063	7/13/2012	We are learning to use its online resources more. However, going to the library is often needed to pick up materials or to return things. I use your resources to help solve business problems as well.
2064	7/13/2012	Busy
2065	7/13/2012	The Kenton Library is never empty. The Computers are always occupied. I don't use the computers, but when I was looking for a job, it was a great place to go to crank out applications and search with free wireless.
2066	7/13/2012	VERY!!
2067	7/13/2012	fine
2068	7/13/2012	very well used- I think but it is not local- its the central branch
2069	7/13/2012	Extremely. Its always full of people. And when its before opening time, the doors are crowded with people waiting to get in.

2070	7/13/2012	I always see people inside and it is often busy.
2071	7/13/2012	It always seems busy! Computers especially.
2072	7/13/2012	it's good.
2073	7/13/2012	seems popular, but not over-used. i am new to the kenton branch. my previous branches (belmont and nw) were really crowded.
2074	7/13/2012	There are always people there.
2075	7/13/2012	Our local library is extremely important and used weekly. My daughter and I make at least 3 trips a week to the library. It is an important place for families and people in the neighborhood and cutting funding to libraries should be at the bottom of the list, like schools but the sad reality is that it is not! My daughter loves to read and watch DVD's from the library. The mere action of just going there, returning books, looking at the DVD's and checking out new books is exciting and empowering to her. We go to weekly book readings and events that take place at our local library. Like the kitchen, I feel the library is the heart of the neighborhood and promotes literacy, community and empowers people to read!
2076	7/13/2012	Both seem pretty busy most of the time.
2077	7/13/2012	The libraries my family uses are always very busy.
2078	7/13/2012	I think it is the highest use branch in the system
2079	7/13/2012	Seems very busy at all three that I use
2080	7/13/2012	busy when I go
2081	7/13/2012	It is always busy. I also take advantage of using other branches for new book options or dvd or cd options also.
2082	7/13/2012	Extremely well used. I go mostly on weekends, and there is always a ton of folks in there checking out materials, using the computers, lots of kids wandering about.
2083	7/13/2012	My local library (Belmont) as well as Central Library (near my workplace) are essential community resources and both are well used.
2084	7/13/2012	Very well used
2085	7/13/2012	Always busy.
2086	7/13/2012	Very!
2087	7/13/2012	I love using the library, it's always busy when I'm there.
2088	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2089	7/13/2012	Very. Almost every computer is occupied. Lots of participation of young children.
2090	7/13/2012	Always full it seems
2091	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2092	7/13/2012	There are always many people in the library when I visit. Childrens story hour is popular also.
2093	7/13/2012	Hillsdale is always bustling. I moved from SW Portland to N Portland a few months ago and have visited the Kenton, North Portland and St. John's branches one time each, so I can't say how well they are used. Central is always busy.
2094	7/13/2012	I always see people there, seems like a lot is going on.

2095	7/13/2012	Sellwood is one of the busiest branches in the system. I love it. Best collection of garden books I've ever seen at a branch.
2096	7/13/2012	Always a line in the morning for the doors to open.
2097	7/13/2012	I think people use it.
2098	7/13/2012	Always seems moderately busy
2099	7/13/2012	Very
2100	7/13/2012	what?
2101	7/13/2012	Always crowded
2102	7/13/2012	It seems busy when I go but not so packed that I can't move. It is well used. I usually go in on the weekends.
2103	7/13/2012	Excellent! A valuable component of our community The computers are always occupied. There are typically a dozen people walking around the book shelves. Frequently there is a small line at the check out station. I visit the branch during the week rather than on the weekends, so I'd say it is well
2104	7/13/2012	used. [] The staff are great.
2105	7/13/2012	What metric, subjective or otherwise, am I supposed to use to determine this? Is it supposed to be just a 'general feeling' sort of thing?
2106	7/13/2012	This library has many patrons whenever I have been here. It is a hub of activity! All parking places in the area are constantly full during Library hours and the place is abuzz with
2107	7/13/2012	activity from opening to closing. I recently moved here from Southern Oregon and the best thing about Portland is the library system!
2108	7/13/2012	very busy most days. Especially computer users and children
2109	7/13/2012	They do a nice job for its physical size. Very organized.
2110	7/13/2012	well used
2111	7/13/2012	Always busy.
2112	7/13/2012	There appears to be a lot of computer users and business meetings.
2113	7/13/2012	It is always quite busy.
2114	7/13/2012	It is very well used. Always lots of adults and kids. Great energy.
2115	7/13/2012	Very busy. A delight to visit.
2116	7/13/2012	very well
2117	7/13/2012	There are always people inside. Sometimes a little too many at the smaller branches.
2118	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2119	7/13/2012	well frequented by community
2120	7/13/2012	They're always busy
2121	7/13/2012	If parking availability is any indication, it is well utilized.
2122	7/13/2012	very well--often busy, frequently challenging to find parking (tho not a serious problem)

2123	7/13/2012	Very well used, it is very busy. I run into people I know frequently. I started coming more often with my kids. They really like it too. The summer reading program is popular. I am fine with the new hours.
2124	7/13/2012	By me? Very well. I visit it during one of my days off every week, and know that when I am there or at any of the other branches, there are always people using it.
2125	7/13/2012	I don't know. I order library materials online for home delivery via U.S. Mail several times per year, I don't visit the library except to return material if I don't return them by mail
2126	7/13/2012	We visit the Albina branch several times a week. It is always busy, both with children and adults. The computers are always well used as well.
2127	7/13/2012	very
2128	7/13/2012	Both are always very busy
2129	7/13/2012	It's always busy and filled with folks from the neighborhood!
2130	7/13/2012	It is always busy. People come to use the internet, read periodicals, do research, job search, read books, and many other things. Even so, I always find a seat. I enjoy the atmosphere. There are always people going to the help desk, but there are enough librarians to keep it running smoothly. The staff is friendly, competent, and willing to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of patrons.
2131	7/13/2012	IDK
2132	7/13/2012	It's pretty busy. Looks as though computers are used and the children's area are always full of kids. Programs are hit and miss at some of the locations.
2133	7/13/2012	Very well used and vibrant. I consider it one the most important community elements and it lives up to it.
2134	7/13/2012	always busy
2135	7/13/2012	Very, it is always busy
2136	7/13/2012	Intensive use
2137	7/13/2012	I don't understand the question. If you mean do I think the library is well used, the answer is yes, it is always crowded and I find it hard to book times for computer access so I do a lot from home.
2138	7/13/2012	Very well. Always full and active when I stop by. (Almost always hard to find parking. Wish Hillsdale had a short-stop or drive-by stop for returning books.)
2139	7/13/2012	You can answer that.
2140	7/13/2012	The place is always bustling!
2141	7/13/2012	It seems to be pretty busy all the time
2142	7/13/2012	The location is fantastic for high school and community college students to use, as well as families in N/NE area.
2143	7/13/2012	very well
2144	7/13/2012	Love it.
2145	7/13/2012	The Holgate library seems to fairly well used - there are usually people waiting for the library to open and there are always plenty of folks inside.

2146	7/13/2012	I love being able to hold my books online and pick them up at my local library. To me it feels a good use of sharing materials and not having to purchase materials for each location. I usually just pop in to check out my books and leave.
2147	7/13/2012	There are always people in the library and the book babies event is always well attended
2148	7/13/2012	Always is quite busy.
2149	7/13/2012	This branch of the library is a mainstay of the local community. It always seem to be in use by a large demographic of the area.
2150	7/13/2012	It seems pretty busy when we go in there, and there are often people waiting for the doors to open at opening time.
2151	7/13/2012	It appears to be a busy library, lots of people coming and going of all ages.
2152	7/13/2012	Always very busy.
2153	7/13/2012	Heavy
2154	7/13/2012	When I go to the library, I see a good number of people looking at books, using the computers, etc. I feel the library is well used by local paritioners.
2155	7/13/2012	My local library is very accessible to get to and has a variety of catalog that I can go through. If I can't find what I want I am assured I can have someone help me locate it.
2156	7/13/2012	very!
2157	7/13/2012	Hey both always seem busy; the computers frequently full, the children's area has many People using it.
2158	7/13/2012	Very well. Both Central and Hillsdale are always full when I visit.
2159	7/13/2012	There seems to be about a dozen people in there whenever we visit. Story time adds another 25 to the mix
2160	7/13/2012	Our local library is used often for our kids enjoyment and education. They look forward to the trips to the library and what that entails by means of turning in items for exchange of new items to check out.They take great pride in owning a library card. Also, the Gresham library is very busy and a great hub of knowledge.
2161	7/13/2012	Poorly written question. ☐ Our local library is well used???
2162	7/13/2012	To me it seems extremely well used. Anytime I have ever been there it is full of people, very busy. I used to visit the NW branch frequently and the same was true there.
2163	7/13/2012	quite
2164	7/13/2012	We love our local libraries!
2165	7/13/2012	It is quite well used.
2166	7/13/2012	very well; always busy
2167	7/13/2012	Our library is well used.
2168	7/13/2012	Very well used. There are always people at the computers or children there.

2169	7/13/2012	The library is the ONLY place that I can go to get my adhd and dyslexic eight year old excited about books and reading. And there seem to be a great deal of other parents in my neighborhood that feel the same and populate it not just for their kids but for themselves aswell. Every time ive gone
2170	7/13/2012	Albina is a very busy location. It of course could even be a larger space and be well used.
2171	7/13/2012	very well used, a much needed community resource
2172	7/13/2012	used frequently, usually people always there
2173	7/13/2012	it is very well used
2174	7/13/2012	Quite well-attended
2175	7/13/2012	Extremely well used. When ever I pick up books from the reserved shelf, I'm astonished to see how many books are being reserved. I use the library at least once a week, my family overall uses it even more often than that!
2176	7/13/2012	Well used
2177	7/13/2012	They both seem quite well-used, and well-loved.
2178	7/13/2012	The nearest library to me is Midland, and I always see large gatherings of people ever time I go in to pick up my holds or return books.
2179	7/13/2012	frequently there always seem to be at least 6 or more people.
2180	7/13/2012	Very well but primarily by the same group of people
2181	7/13/2012	Pretty busy place most of the time.
2182	7/13/2012	Very.
2183	7/13/2012	very much so!
2184	7/13/2012	I have never been to a branch that wasn't very very busy. We go to Central most often, but we stop by whatever branch is closest when we're out and about.
2185	7/13/2012	It is always busy, and full of children.
2186	7/13/2012	I love my library. It is valuable resource for our growing family and our community. Please keep it open and functioning at its highest capacity.
2187	7/13/2012	I would say very. Computers are always in use and adults and children are always there.
2188	7/13/2012	There seems to be constant demand for public computers and chairs at the reading tables. The hold shelves are also typically full of materials, from what I can tell.
2189	7/13/2012	I have no problems with my library I go to. The staff and volunteers are great. I am sad about the changes but see it as something that needs to be done.
2190	7/13/2012	Seems to be a popular place
2191	7/13/2012	It seems to be well used -- most or all computers are being used, families are in the children's area, there's a short line for the resource person - tables have more than one person at them, some are full - quiet rooms have folks in them - there's a wait to check out books.
2192	7/13/2012	It is very comfortably used. Just the right amount of traffic for my taste.

2193	7/13/2012	Every time I am in my local library it is always busy with patrons. I especially like to see all the children's programs and when I see children there enjoying books. My husband and I use the online checkout system and my dad had books delivered to him when he was a shut in.
2194	7/13/2012	I'd say it is very well used. There are always many people there whenever I go.
2195	7/13/2012	Very popular.
2196	7/13/2012	pretty well
2197	7/13/2012	I think it is very well used by people
2198	7/13/2012	Woodstock is almost always full. It's hard to find a seat most days. Central is wonderfully big; and while it is easy to find a seat or a quiet place in the stacks, the check-out stations seem to service a steady stream of people.
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2200	7/13/2012	very well used, always busy.
2201	7/13/2012	It.s pretty good
2202	7/13/2012	It always appears to be busy to me
2203	7/13/2012	VERY well used. Always many people there--impressive variety of ages and general appearance. Lots of readers in this area. Usually have to place books and music on hold as the Woodstock copy is in use.
2204	7/13/2012	always crowded when I am there.
2205	7/13/2012	If there were more books available at the branch, I would use it more. I always have to order books and tapes online to pick them up at the Belmont branch.
2206	7/13/2012	Our family most often goes there for children's events. These events are always well attended. In fact, the story times are often at full capacity (according to the sign-in sheets at the door). Then, in general, I've never been in any MultCo Library branch and ever felt that it was underused at any time.
2207	7/13/2012	It seems pretty busy every time I go in.
2208	7/13/2012	Not sure, but I love it!
2209	7/13/2012	Gresham library is used quite a lot from what I see in my visits. Most always the computers are FULL of patrons.
2210	7/13/2012	It seems to me to be very popular. On the first Monday it was closed, I ran into 3 other people trying to get in as well as myself.
2211	7/13/2012	very! always tons of people there
2212	7/13/2012	well used
2213	7/13/2012	VERY well used [Holgate branch].
2214	7/13/2012	It appears to have a lot of traffic whenever I visit.
2215	7/13/2012	Always people there
2216	7/13/2012	well used

2217	7/13/2012	New smaller library.
2218	7/13/2012	Seems always busy.
2219	7/13/2012	Our local library is very well used. It is located on the same block as Jefferson High School and is across the street from PCC Cascade. There is a bus stop in front of the library and the community it serves is vast and under-served. My 13 year old daughter visits the library at least every other day if not daily. She has been engaged along with several of her friends by the excellent children's librarian to volunteer and participate in a year around teen council group. She has met other friends through these opportunities and considers this activity highly important in her life. I see the library full of frequent users, and there is always a great number of youth as well as retired or disabled visitors present
2220	7/13/2012	Steadily busy
2221	7/13/2012	It's always busy
2222	7/13/2012	Our Hollywood Library is always VERY busy. It is used from open to closing time constantly.
2223	7/13/2012	It is VERY well used! It is always busy with patrons when I stop in. They are working on homework, browsing for books, or on the computers. I love my local library!
2224	7/13/2012	Very well, always busy.
2225	7/13/2012	Very well used. There are always tons of people in there, checking out books and working at the tables and using the computers. Sometimes it's positively crowded.
2226	7/13/2012	VERY
2227	7/13/2012	It is well used with many adults and children.
2228	7/13/2012	Very. It's almost always crowded, and lots of children around after schools gets out (ie. James John Elementary & The Montessori House of St, Johns).
2229	7/13/2012	I think it's used pretty well.
2230	7/13/2012	Midland: Extremely well-used. We go mid-week (Tuesday/Wednesday) and there are always patrons sitting and reading, usually a line waiting for computer access, and every childrens' program and computer lab is well-attended. Special programs can overflow the parking lot as well as the meeting room. There are always families there, as frequently to read and get books as for programs. Each week we see several other regular patrons who are there as often as we are, as well, and the reference librarians are rarely idle.
2231	7/13/2012	It's always busy and full of people.
2232	7/13/2012	It is really good. I love all of the great books there, but I think there should be some more selection and audio tapes for middle aged kids.
2233	7/13/2012	There are always a number of people present when I arrive. I think it is more a well used place than a quiet place.
2234	7/13/2012	very well, always lots of people in the library when i'm there.
2235	7/13/2012	very well used - always busy
2236	7/13/2012	Seems to always be lively, well utilized.
2237	7/13/2012	Busy, but still have access to resources.

2238	7/13/2012	Both Albina and Hollywood are very well used. Always lots of people of all ages.
2239	7/13/2012	It is always busy whenever I go inside so I would say it is well used. The computers are always in use. There are children in the childrens' section and plenty of adults.
2240	7/13/2012	Very
2241	7/13/2012	Very well used. Almost a constant buzz of activity, across generations. A true neighborhood hub. When my kids were in school we couldn't go into the library without seeing someone we knew from the community.
2242	7/13/2012	It seems quite busy
2243	7/13/2012	Always well used. Would love to see it open more. Libraries are a community hub. Cutting library funding is a travesty.
2244	7/13/2012	It gets incredibly heavy use, people even wait for the opening hour.
2245	7/13/2012	It seems very busy whenever we go there.
2246	7/13/2012	I've been to 7 of the Multnomah county libraries, including the three that my family and I frequent most often, and I can say honestly that the libraries are extremely well used! There are always lots of people in each of the libraries that I go to every single visit.
2247	7/13/2012	very used. it is always busy when I go in.
2248	7/13/2012	The Belmont branch is just down the street. It always seems busy with a variety of activity--computer users, children and parents in the stacks, and people ducking in to quickly retrieve their reserved materials.
2249	7/13/2012	My children and I rotate visiting the Gresham and Rockwood locations. Both locations appear busy, but not overcrowded, every time we visit. My boys have participated in programs for young children. Also, our homeowner's association reserves a room on a quarterly basis for our neighborhood meetings.
2250	7/13/2012	It's very well used and crowded at times.
2251	7/13/2012	Hillsdale is busy! Lots of families and people in the library when I'm there....
2252	7/13/2012	Very they park up all the available parking in the neighborhood and make it hard for the locals to get to their driveways. (Woodstock)
2253	7/13/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
2254	7/13/2012	Very
2255	7/13/2012	Extremely. Always busy with children, parents and teens.
2256	7/13/2012	Very. Lots of people there of all ages, many people filling the magazine section, reading or researching. Always full story times for kids, etc.
2257	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2258	7/13/2012	It is always swarming with people. That's a good thing. I love the Hollywood Library.
2259	7/13/2012	seems very busy
2260	7/13/2012	Very well used. Every time we go, each computer is in use and the library is bustling.

2261	7/13/2012	Capitol Hill library is well used. There are many events including kids story time that keep us coming back regularly. It is a valuable, diverse community gathering place.
2262	7/13/2012	It is always busy when I go. I have gone on a number of different days of the week at a variety of times in the day. The reference librarians are busy (and friendly).
2263	7/13/2012	It's very useful on everything, I really liked because we I spend great time whit my family.
2264	7/13/2012	Very well used! Always a delight to go in and see all the young readers.
2265	7/13/2012	My daughter goes weekly to Woodstock with my two grandchildren to get books. I go weekly to Central to get books.
2266	7/13/2012	Lots of traffic all the time.
2267	7/13/2012	Average to well used.
2268	7/13/2012	Not sure
2269	7/13/2012	Our Woodstock branch always has a line at the door before the library opens. I have never seen less than 25 people in the library every time I go, and it is a small library.
2270	7/13/2012	very
2271	7/13/2012	very busy and popular library
2272	7/13/2012	The Gresham library is heavily used and always busy.
2273	7/13/2012	VERY!!!!!!
2274	7/13/2012	It is always busy, a good thing
2275	7/13/2012	it is always busy when I visit.
2276	7/13/2012	The Sellwood library is could be considered the heart of our community. Adults and children alike are lined up outside each day, excitedly waiting for the librarian to unlock the door. I've never been when there weren't at least 20 people inside.
2277	7/13/2012	Always busy
2278	7/13/2012	It seems to be busy most everyday - even weekends.
2279	7/13/2012	Always appears to have all computers in use and at least 10 others in library
2280	7/13/2012	very well used
2281	7/13/2012	Very busy anytime I've been there.
2282	7/13/2012	Both branches I visit are always bustling, but not in a crowded way or in a way that makes for long waits being helped. Our Central branch is among the fixtures which define our city--I was born in this city.
2283	7/13/2012	Our local Hillsdale library is very well used and thankfully is a relatively new and beautiful building. There are three schools within two blocks and it is a unifying element in our community.
2284	7/13/2012	Central is the best library on the West Coast.[] We also have very positive feelings about Hillsdale.
2285	7/13/2012	I frequent the Rockwood, Fairview and Central Branches. The Central and Rockwood branches are usually pretty well used. When you asked "how well used is your local library" I am not certain as to what you are asking.
2286	7/13/2012	Albina is always teeming with people. It is a wonderful community resource for everyone.

2287	7/13/2012	Appears to have a lot of people there whenever I go.
2288	7/13/2012	this question is worded strangely. I use the library well.
2289	7/13/2012	full alot of the times
2290	7/13/2012	It seems that there are always several people there - using the computers, talking to the librarians, reading. It seems aa bit busier now that school is out. MOthers bring their young children and check out books with them.
2291	7/13/2012	I don't know as I very seldom use it. It seems like there are always a lot of kids and people on the computers when I am there. I don't understand why we have to be a school so to speak for all these people. I always thought the library was for information and not teaching. I don't want to pay for all these people who have all these kids and can't afford to buy books for them. Maybe there should be a class on how expensive it is to have children from cradle to adulthood.
2292	7/13/2012	The book babies and toddler classes are always packed.
2293	7/13/2012	Not sure
2294	7/13/2012	It is always busy. The people are lined up waiting for the doors to open.
2295	7/13/2012	Midland is generally pretty busy, I'm in there a couple of times a week and I've never seen it empty. There's always classes or gatherings scheduled and people using the resources.
2296	7/13/2012	I think it's used frequently.
2297	7/13/2012	Very well
2298	7/13/2012	Well used.
2299	7/13/2012	very used every single time I am there
2300	7/13/2012	It's well-loved, but not shabby. The new check-out terminals are wonderful. The only addition I would like to see would be more books!
2301	7/13/2012	Well used
2302	7/13/2012	Always busy when I go.
2303	7/13/2012	Don't know. My husband usually takes my son to check out books as something to do.
2304	7/13/2012	The Kenton library always seems busy. Its been a great addition to the local area. □ The Central library is amazing!
2305	7/13/2012	VERY WELL USED
2306	7/13/2012	very well used.
2307	7/13/2012	Well used
2308	7/13/2012	While we don't visit it frequently, it always appears to be busy as it is in a central and great location in our neighborhood (as all libraries should be).
2309	7/13/2012	Very
2310	7/13/2012	very- I go at all times of the day, and it is always busy
2311	7/13/2012	seems fairly busy when we go
2312	7/13/2012	The parking lot always seems to be nearly full, and there are always lots of people of all ages there.
2313	7/13/2012	VERY WELL USED!!!! It's one of the greatest businesses/organizations in Kenton.

2314	7/13/2012	Very
2315	7/13/2012	Central Library is always busy! I'm disappointed the hours were cut because it will make the times the library is open even more busy.
2316	7/13/2012	It's always filled with people whenever I go.
2317	7/13/2012	Very!
2318	7/13/2012	It's always crowded.
2319	7/13/2012	very well used, always busy
2320	7/13/2012	Very
2321	7/13/2012	Fairly well
2322	7/13/2012	Not entirely sure
2323	7/13/2012	There are always others at the library when I visit it - families, adults on the computers, and young children reading books.
2324	7/13/2012	I'm not sure what this question means. There are always plenty of people in there using it in various ways.
2325	7/13/2012	very well
2326	7/13/2012	Don't know what you mean. I like my local one.
2327	7/13/2012	I would say it is well-used. There are always people using the computers, browsing books, reading to their kids and checking out materials.
2328	7/13/2012	Our library branch is small, so my husband and I typically visit it to pick up library materials that are on hold (transported from other branches.) We visit weekly -- there's nothing like the treat of free books!

2329	7/13/2012	<p>I see the Midland library jammed with people, especially using the computers. Personally, I could not have the quality of life I have without the library. I am almost 62, unemployed, really retired, and the books I checkout from the library enrich my life. I think I have learned more reading primarily the non-fiction books from Midland than I ever did getting a B.S. in economics from Portland State University. I see the library as the best return on my tax dollars. I personally think we should abolish the public schools and build more public libraries and let people of all ages go to the library to learn on the computer or by reading. I could never, ever afford to buy the books I am checking out to read. I probably every month checkout books which would cost me 120 dollars to buy. This is the public service I most use. I think the library system is incredibly well managed. It is such a calm and soothing place to go. I love the fact anyone has access to it, no matter how much money you have. The library gives people access to knowledge, which is self-directed, unlike the schools. This is the best library system, but some libraries, like the one on Holgate lack books, so I go to Midland. I see so many people on the computers and think many have no other computer. I saw one lady on a computer completing an employment application for Fred Meyer. The library connects people to the digital world, if they have no other access. The library is used. Midland always has a jammed parking lot. I say shut the schools and I use the library a lot and enjoy some of their class in the past. It is such a good program and they are very helpful at the library.</p>
2330	7/13/2012	It has always been busy when I'm there.
2331	7/13/2012	Very busy most of the time.
2332	7/13/2012	It's always a busy place.
2333	7/13/2012	very well used. It's always full of people.
2334	7/13/2012	The Belmont library is well used by the community; there are always lots of other people milling about when we have stopped in.
2335	7/13/2012	Extremely. I love the Hollywood Branch.
2336	7/13/2012	It's always busy when go in there!
2337	7/13/2012	Since I use Central I'd have to say extensively.
2338	7/13/2012	In terms of...?
2339	7/13/2012	very well used. It is usually quite crowded whenever I go there
2340	7/13/2012	It seems to be pretty busy all the time. I'm usually in and out so I am not entirely sure.
2341	7/13/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
2342	7/13/2012	Both the Woodstock and Holgate libraries are usually quite busy, all days of the week.
2343	7/13/2012	

2344	7/13/2012	The Gresham Library looks very well used. I've spent hours researching history at the Downtown Library and even online research as well. The shorter hours that libraries are open often keep me from the library.
2345	7/13/2012	Very well used
2346	7/13/2012	very! there always seems to be at least 15 other people utilizing the belmont library's services when i am there.
2347	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2348	7/13/2012	very
2349	7/13/2012	Always busy.
2350	7/13/2012	very well used
2351	7/13/2012	Very well used.
2352	7/13/2012	The library branches are in constant use. An enormous cross-section of society in Multnomah County is always there, Moms AND Dads with babies, toddlers, small children, teens. Young people, old people, professional people, students, rich, poor. There are always people of many different racial backgrounds to be found, everyone sharing these same resources. The MultCo library system is extremely well used and, I must say, extremely well managed and attended by its employees.
2353	7/13/2012	Always packed.
2354	7/13/2012	we use it very well
2355	7/13/2012	Very! Generally quite full of seekers.
2356	7/13/2012	Very, always busy.
2357	7/13/2012	I can not say but I do like libraries
2358	7/13/2012	very busy
2359	7/13/2012	Based on the cars in the parking lot, I believe that the Gregory Heights library is heavily used. Both Gregory Heights and Hollywood appear to have many clients when I visit them.
2360	7/13/2012	It's always a very busy place with the computers all in use, the kid section full of happy little voices and plenty of adults perusing the many aisles of books
2361	7/13/2012	It seems very well used with lines outside before opening, many people usiing the tables and desks, and a good flow of people checking out materials.
2362	7/13/2012	I don't know. I pick up books on hold and am not there long.
2363	7/13/2012	There are always people there. Not sure about volume.
2364	7/13/2012	very well
2365	7/13/2012	Woodstock and Belmont libraries are closest to my house and are always in heavy use whenever I am there. I also know several families who allow their 4th & 5th grade kids from Woodstock Elementary to head to the library after school to do homework and read, in lieu of childcare. As long as the kids behave, I think this is a valuable service to the community.
2366	7/13/2012	Very well used
2367	7/13/2012	Don't know.

2368	7/13/2012	I would say well used. There are always people there.
2369	7/13/2012	very well used by the transient and street kid population.
2370	7/13/2012	It is always crowded.
2371	7/13/2012	Very well used Full of people
2372	7/13/2012	Very
2373	7/13/2012	Very busy!
2374	7/13/2012	Very
2375	7/13/2012	Well used
2376	7/13/2012	Appears to be busy most of the time.
2377	7/13/2012	Seems very well used to us. Almost always there are people in all sections of the library when we're there. We see friends there all the time!
2378	7/13/2012	We are in Sellwood and that branch is used *A LOT*
2379	7/13/2012	Libraries are used not enough in this day and age but we need to keep them in order to preserve the habit of reading in a way that bookstores do not promote. We need to move away from only buying new-to-print books and not replacing old copies of well loved classics as well as allocating too big a budget to computers and not enough to books in general. Our local library is used by the low income and high income families who make up our neighbourhood. It may be very small but holds come in fairly quickly and I'd rather have a few smaller branches than only a few farther away large branches.
2380	7/13/2012	My local library is the Capitol Hill branch. It is well used and usually fairly busy. I also use the downtown library regularly during the school year. It too is busy, but when it is cold outside the majority of patrons seem to be people who came in looking for a warm place.
2381	7/13/2012	It is always busy.
2382	7/13/2012	There are always people in it. I've never been at any of those branches and thought "Wow there's no one here today." I love the library.
2383	7/13/2012	Always busy
2384	7/13/2012	The Belmont branch is always busy. There is always a small group waiting for the doors to open each morning.
2385	7/13/2012	I have never seen that library without people in it either checking out books or just viewing the web. I would guess that the library gets about 75 people a day, but that is just my estimate.
2386	7/13/2012	Always seems busy. Often, however, the librarians are rude.
2387	7/13/2012	If "well used" is referring to the popularity of the library, than the library that I use most often (Central Library) is very well used.
2388	7/13/2012	Very well used
2389	7/13/2012	It seems like it's pretty busy whenever I'm in there
2390	7/13/2012	don't know

2391	7/13/2012	Very much so ! Every day of the week all of them are busy !
2392	7/13/2012	always busy
2393	7/13/2012	very well used
2394	7/13/2012	Belmont is very well used, and the staff is very friendly and helpful
2395	7/13/2012	Every time I go in, it seems to be busy
2396	7/13/2012	Seems steadily busy all days.
2397	7/13/2012	just nice
2398	7/13/2012	I always see people waiting at the door before it opens, and they are never empty.
2399	7/13/2012	always busy
2400	7/13/2012	alot, very
2401	7/13/2012	Very well used. There are always people there.
2402	7/13/2012	Both the Rockwood and Central libraries are extremely busy every time I am in them.
2403	7/13/2012	Very well used, particularly by young families and youths.
2404	7/13/2012	It is always busy
2405	7/13/2012	The libraries are always busy. The are extremely well-used and deserve more funding and should be open longer hours. This is a resource that should be open as much as possible.
2406	7/13/2012	Very well based on every time I go in
2407	7/13/2012	Belmont is my primary library and I've never been there when Belmont isn't bustling & busy. People returning stacks of books, cking our STACKS of books and DVD's/CD's. Families during school session is from 3 till closing and it is always busy. Week-ends are particularly well used, parents w/children. It's a true outing! For fun & learning. Computers are constantly busy as are the reading hours for youngsters and parents.[] [] I'm a Senior Citizen and libraries are as important to my life as the Symphony, live theatre, Art Museum and health care. I am convinced a community with active libraries are an absolute necessity for a civilized community.
2408	7/13/2012	I always see quite a few people there, so I would say it is well used.
2409	7/13/2012	Very, I think.
2410	7/13/2012	It seems always busy -- full of families, young children, and people using the computers.
2411	7/13/2012	We are very pleased with our Library. The people are very nice and polite and that makes it worth going to the Library There always alot of people in there, looking at books or working on the their Lap tops or computers.
2412	7/13/2012	It is always full of people

2413	7/13/2012	I've always used my Library. It has been a god-send since being disabled 34 years ago. I have developed rheumatoid arthritis that has crippled my hands as well which makes holding books difficult, sooo.... having library outreach and "library to go" audiobooks has enriched my life immencely. I am increasingly confined to my home and what a blessing having our local library and its wonderful services has been for me!
2414	7/13/2012	There always seem to be people there when I drop by, but I usually only drop by quickly to pick up my books on hold, so I can't really say.
2415	7/13/2012	Every time I visit the local library there is always a large number of people there. I would say the library is very well used.
2416	7/13/2012	Every time I have been there it has been fairly busy.
2417	7/13/2012	Pretty good
2418	7/13/2012	Our little branch is always busy. Seems well used, but computers have unfortunately taken over a large part of the library's footprint. They might be consolidated toward the rear of library. Touch screens would eliminate the constant clicking of keys while enabling new media to be incorporated in the library.
2419	7/13/2012	Quite well-used.
2420	7/13/2012	Well.
2421	7/13/2012	Very well used. I see lots of people in it every time I go.
2422	7/13/2012	Its always very busy
2423	7/13/2012	Always seems busy
2424	7/13/2012	very
2425	7/13/2012	It appears to be well-used.
2426	7/13/2012	very well used at all hours
2427	7/13/2012	Remarkably well.
2428	7/13/2012	Excellent! Love Hollywood Library
2429	7/13/2012	Very - sometimes hard to get in the door.
2430	7/13/2012	always busy, but comfortably so.
2431	7/13/2012	
2432	7/13/2012	I used to live right by it and rent more. Now i'm farther away and have been absorbed in the Game of Thrones series which my friend lent me. So I really don't visit very often. I know that probably isn't the answer to your question but their you go.
2433	7/12/2012	Whenever I am there, quite well used. There is considerable traffic and many are reading, not just checking out audios and videos.
2434	7/12/2012	I see loads of kids during the Summer checking out books,using the computers,participating in the Summer Reading Program. Adults are there as well during the Summer as well as other seasons.
2435	7/12/2012	very
2436	7/12/2012	Very well used!

2437	7/12/2012	My library seems to be very well-used. There are usually lots of people at story times, the computers are always in use, and there is frequently a line of people waiting for it to open.
2438	7/12/2012	Busy, although not a lot of browsers b/c it has a small selection. It is so convenient to pick up a book on hold here! I would hate to see that service cut.
2439	7/12/2012	very
2440	7/12/2012	Seems very busy any time I'm there.
2441	7/12/2012	always full
2442	7/12/2012	always seems busy
2443	7/12/2012	It is always busy. The computers are full, the tables have people sitting at them whenever I go and many people are looking for books.
2444	7/12/2012	Always seems busy in variety of ways
2445	7/12/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
2446	7/12/2012	It always looks busy to me.
2447	7/12/2012	Very busy
2448	7/12/2012	Well used, always fairly crowded.
2449	7/12/2012	It is always busy.
2450	7/12/2012	I feel that the Gresham branch is highly used.
2451	7/12/2012	Very busy.
2452	7/12/2012	Always bustling
2453	7/12/2012	Extremely well used. It's always busy.
2454	7/12/2012	The Troutdale branch is busy every time I go there (at least 15 people).
2455	7/12/2012	I've seen people reading books, using internet, readng to children within the library. Many people will have one less resource to educate their children and instill them the habit of reading. I enjoy very much going to the library and choose a book to read yself or my child and would like to have the tme to read all the books the library has.
2456	7/12/2012	Very well used by all age groups and by people with varied socio-econonmic backgrounds.
2457	7/12/2012	From what I can tell, very well.
2458	7/12/2012	Depends on time of day. Usually active.
2459	7/12/2012	Extremely well used, especially by me!!
2460	7/12/2012	extremely well used I love it!!!
2461	7/12/2012	I do not use as often since my twins were born.
2462	7/12/2012	I'm not sure. We just moved here in the last year. The few times I have gone into the library, titles that I had hoped to check out were not available. I also hoped to find an audio book, but could not find one that looked interesting.
2463	7/12/2012	It seems you would have better information than me. I will say that when I go in to pick up books there is usually a good crowd.
2464	7/12/2012	Seems to be very busy

2465	7/12/2012	Always busy. Vibrant environment.
2466	7/12/2012	Not sure.
2467	7/12/2012	It appears to be well utilized on a daily basis by a wide range of people.
2468	7/12/2012	The Gresham branch is always busy with computer users and people using the access for their own laptops. The kids section is another popular area for parents to read to their kids and access take home material. [] The DVDs, CDs and audio books are in big demand also.[] The branch is well stocked in all areas, and the staff helps patrons obtain material from other branches if requested.
2469	7/12/2012	Too many homeless
2470	7/12/2012	very well used. Lots of people are there all the time.
2471	7/12/2012	Very. Always busy.
2472	7/12/2012	very well used
2473	7/12/2012	Always seems fairly busy, depending upon time of day, day of week, season of year. Computers always busy (I don't use them).
2474	7/12/2012	very busy
2475	7/12/2012	Very used
2476	7/12/2012	Appears to be very well used.
2477	7/12/2012	Very
2478	7/12/2012	Always very busy. We love it and use it almost exclusively for our reading needs.
2479	7/12/2012	It's always busy This library is blooming with activity all the time. There are so many families, moms and kids- teenagers throughout the day.
2480	7/12/2012	(I have been spending a lot of time here) .[] I was so thrilled to find that I had moved in to a town whose library was open seven days a week!
2481	7/12/2012	Quite well used. There always seem to be plenty of people there.
2482	7/12/2012	Used very well
2483	7/12/2012	well
2484	7/12/2012	Very well :)
2485	7/12/2012	Generally pretty busy, reasonably. Busy buy enjoyable.
2486	7/12/2012	Very well used. Always plenty of people in there every time we visit.
2487	7/12/2012	They seem quite well used
2488	7/12/2012	Very, especially the Belmont and Central location.
2489	7/12/2012	Whenever we visit the library, generally the Central Library, it seems to be doing a bustling business.
2490	7/12/2012	It seems reasonably busy with a goodly number of users. Time doesn't seem to make a lot of difference, though rarely I don' have the wait time
2491	7/12/2012	Very well-used, there are always people there.
2492	7/12/2012	Very well used, always busy.

2493	7/12/2012	Always packed with kids and adults both
2494	7/12/2012	There are always people there, especially people using the computers.
2495	7/12/2012	very well used
2496	7/12/2012	Appears to be very busy all the time. Sometimes, a mad house! :)
2497	7/12/2012	Very used by the community.
2498	7/12/2012	It seems to always be busy.
2499	7/12/2012	Mobbed at times (like after school, children's story time); never UNcrowded. It has always been a "happening" place
2500	7/12/2012	Very Busy!
2501	7/12/2012	Our library is used by many, many people. The parking lot is at least 3/4 full. Many different age groups use the Midland Library.
2502	7/12/2012	Well staffed by lovely people, clean pleasant space, good information concerning community activities, events for children and seniors. Well used
2503	7/12/2012	Very well!
2504	7/12/2012	Looks like it is very well used.
2505	7/12/2012	it's tiny so very well used. as well, the main library downtown on 10th is so overrun by street people we cannot visit it or utilize it. The last time we tried someone urinated on our car at 2 in the afternoon.
2506	7/12/2012	The Albina & Hollywood are always full when I drive by, so I would say USED A LOT!
2507	7/12/2012	It is a small branch and is always busy when I am there. very well, it is a wonderful place for sitting and reading during cold and warm months, a refuge for people who are without a physical home. Wonderful extended times on the computers, and the daily job lab, as well as interesting and creative presentations.¶
2508	7/12/2012	I find it saddening that there is always more money for other projects, yet education and healthcare seem to be those areas that are "cut".
2509	7/12/2012	Both Holgate and Woodstock are VERY well used. The parking lot is always full and there are always lots of people inside. I love having the ability to pick up books I put on hold at either of these two branches. Thanks SO much!
2510	7/12/2012	It is very busy after work and on weekends, especially
2511	7/12/2012	Very well used, always busy.
2512	7/12/2012	Very well used -- always busy
2513	7/12/2012	Very well
2514	7/12/2012	Well.
2515	7/12/2012	Very, it is new so quite popular.
2516	7/12/2012	I use it often... i think the building its self is in good standing
2517	7/12/2012	Very well used. The computers are almost always full and the tables are crowded. The story time has to turn away families as it so so popular.
2518	7/12/2012	It is always busy.

2519	7/12/2012	The Holgate library always seems pretty crowded whenever I go there.
2520	7/12/2012	Appears well used every time I have gone.
2521	7/12/2012	There are always a lot of visitors in the libraries I go to.
2522	7/12/2012	very well used-always busy
2523	7/12/2012	My local library is very well used in my community.
2524	7/12/2012	Almost always very busy
2525	7/12/2012	Always seems busy
2526	7/12/2012	How do I judge???
2527	7/12/2012	Midland library is always packed. The computers usually have a waitlist, and the place is crowded in general.
2528	7/12/2012	seems to be busy much of the time
2529	7/12/2012	always full of people including lots of children
2530	7/12/2012	Very
2531	7/12/2012	It's always extremely busy - lots of people of all ages.
2532	7/12/2012	I think it is used heavily.
2533	7/12/2012	Seems very busy all the time
2534	7/12/2012	it is always busy when we go, mainly on the weekend
2535	7/12/2012	Extremely. Programs really crowded, books hard to find sometimes.
2536	7/12/2012	Very well as far as I notice. Computers are often all taken, many people in the isles reading books and browsing the shelves.
2537	7/12/2012	Gresham branch is always busy (I use it the most) but the other branches also seem to always have lots of patrons when I'm there.
2538	7/12/2012	Very busy. The computers are almost ALWAYS in use. There are always a lot of books and movies on the hold shelves in the library. Even though the library is small people find places to sit and read magazines and newspapers. [] The library is a vibrant part of the community, centrally located and used by young and old alike.
2539	7/12/2012	It is always busy. So it is a definite asset to our neighborhood
2540	7/12/2012	It is always busy, although I have only lived here for 2 months. I love this library and would not want to see it closed.
2541	7/12/2012	Seats are full, computers are busy and staff is attentive to patrons
2542	7/12/2012	Always busy
2543	7/12/2012	Seems to be light to moderate in comparison with other branches I've used regularly in the past (North Portland, Holgate, St. John's, Woodstock).
2544	7/12/2012	I use the library almost daily when I'm in town. I travel a lot. Central is a very, very busy branch!
2545	7/12/2012	well used
2546	7/12/2012	Don't understand this question.

2547	7/12/2012	Not sure how to answer that, it seemed maintained and busy the last time I was there.
2548	7/12/2012	very well used
2549	7/12/2012	Always busy
2550	7/12/2012	Central Library is always filled with people.
2551	7/12/2012	I can only speak for the times I am at the library. I cannot speak to how well used the facility is. No one can, unless they're at the facility every open hour of every day.
2552	7/12/2012	Very-always seems busy
2553	7/12/2012	It's always busy when I go there - no matter what day or time.
2554	7/12/2012	always lots of people there
2555	7/12/2012	yes i used books for reading
2556	7/12/2012	Very well. It's smallish, but I've never seen it with fewer than 20 or so people at least.
2557	7/12/2012	Good
2558	7/12/2012	I see you're turning this survey into an opportunity to gather data about my use of the library, but what I want to tell you is that I feel absolutely blindsided by the decision to close the library one day per week! No one said anything about it as I was being asked to pay higher taxes - which I did support (now I wish I hadn't - I certainly won't next time). Why don't you just ask for the money you need to run the library? Don't ask me to pay and then withdraw services! Your actions strike me as underhanded and treacherous - probably not intentionally so, but that's how they strike me. I'm certainly not giving any more support to the library until I get some assurance of EXACTLY what services you intend to maintain in future. You've badly damaged your credibility.
2559	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2560	7/12/2012	Always busy, always a lot of people there
2561	7/12/2012	Always hopping!!
2562	7/12/2012	It always is busy.
2563	7/12/2012	Appears busy
2564	7/12/2012	Very well used-usually busy
2565	7/12/2012	always busy..all times of day!!!
2566	7/12/2012	It is always quite busy when I am there.
2567	7/12/2012	All three of the libraries that we frequent seem to be busy during all business hours. The toddler story times (which we attend every few months) are always full and all the kids have a really good time.
2568	7/12/2012	There appears to be many people who are in the library when I visit
2569	7/12/2012	Kenton: very! Nice facility and I prefer it now over the crowded Central, tho' Central's larger selection of books (I prefer browsing the stacks for fun and casual "must reads) makes me a happier camper. Still, I'm finding good selections of books at Kenton.
2570	7/12/2012	always full when I am there - at both branches

2571	7/12/2012	Belmont Library is very busy, used by patrons of all ages. The Belmont staff provides good service. I was dismayed on Monday, 7/9 to learn all Multnomah libraries will be closed on Mondays until further notice. When I visited the branch twice in June, I did not see a posted notice of pending Monday closures.
2572	7/12/2012	very
2573	7/12/2012	Our library is always a hub of activity. It is well utilized by the neighborhood.
2574	7/12/2012	always at least a handful of folks; sometimes crowded; facilities appear well used (tired)
2575	7/12/2012	Very well used by children, people who come in to read magazines, people who use the computers, adults and seniors who browse and check out books.
2576	7/12/2012	Not as much as I would like it to be. You should have many more funds.
2577	7/12/2012	it's frequently busy
2578	7/12/2012	very well; popular programs; considerate staff; inestimable resource for the community
2579	7/12/2012	When I visit, there are always people of all ages using the library.
2580	7/12/2012	I have no idea what you mean by this question.
2581	7/12/2012	Very well used. It's always busy and there are always activities going on.
2582	7/12/2012	VERY well-used. Sometimes the computer terminals are all in use, and it's hard to maneuver behind those tables to look at books. Very well used. Every time I go in there is a good crowd enjoying its services. The computers are usually full...and when
2583	7/12/2012	there is a wait time for them it usually isn't too long.[] It's a great place!
2584	7/12/2012	Very. There are always lots of people using all of the libraries we use any time we go.
2585	7/12/2012	Very well.
2586	7/12/2012	Don't know
2587	7/12/2012	Every branch I use always seems packed with users.
2588	7/12/2012	Very. Always pretty crowded, esp. w/ kids.
2589	7/12/2012	I'm not sure what this question means. It seems to always be busy?
2590	7/12/2012	Very well used by individuals and families
2591	7/12/2012	Very.
2592	7/12/2012	It is used extensively.
2593	7/12/2012	Extremely. I can't recall a time I have been there and not seen it full of people, which is great.
2594	7/12/2012	Very.
2595	7/12/2012	Seems like many people use Hollywood and Central everyday. Large homeless and smelly population, but that's apparently what the community wants. I see people with young children
2596	7/12/2012	too. [] They're always quite busy, always a line to self check out.
2597	7/12/2012	very well used, it seems

2598	7/12/2012	When I go to the library there is generally quite a few people there and sometimes I have to wait to use a computer or other media. Often I find that I need to put books on hold because they are already checked out.
2599	7/12/2012	very well used... I think? (this question is poorly worded)
2600	7/12/2012	We see many people using our neighborhood library.
2601	7/12/2012	Every time I'm in there it seems to be very busy. I know my friends with kids go there at least once a week with their families.
2602	7/12/2012	I'm always happy to see people there -- not too many to make my visit comfortable, but enough to see that my community loves its library. I am sick at the thought of closing one day a week. Communities need libraries.
2603	7/12/2012	It is well used; there are a lot of people in the central branch.
2604	7/12/2012	Very well used. I think you mismanage the money allocated for the libraries and when Oregonians voted for the stupid lottery we were promised that schools and libraries would be funded and there would never be an issue. It is disgraceful the way this state abuses and mismanages funds. The libraries should remain open 7 days a week and cut the salaries & benefits of those that work there.
2605	7/12/2012	Very well used, it is always busy
2606	7/12/2012	Very well used, I always see people coming and going whenever I am there and there's usually twenty to thirty people roaming around or using the computers (at the Hollywood location).
2607	7/12/2012	It's always busy!
2608	7/12/2012	It's always pretty busy. The computers and table sections are generally full.
2609	7/12/2012	It seems very well used. The Midland parking lot is nearly always full when we go there.
2610	7/12/2012	Very well used. Sometimes there's a queue to access a computer or check out materials.
2611	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2612	7/12/2012	It almost always busy whenever I go there
2613	7/12/2012	central library is my local library. it is heavily used.
2614	7/12/2012	Very well used. It is full every time we go there.
2615	7/12/2012	There are always, always, always, people at Belmont. This branch is VERY well used.
2616	7/12/2012	always busy
2617	7/12/2012	Very -- it's always busy.
2618	7/12/2012	Always busy.
2619	7/12/2012	Both libraries that I visit seem well used; they're always fairly busy.
2620	7/12/2012	It seems to me that Gresham is always busy. This is a good thing!
2621	7/12/2012	very
2622	7/12/2012	I use my local library, the Belmont branch, A LOT, and every time I go in there, it is packed with people, so I think I can safely say that it is well used and well loved.
2623	7/12/2012	

2624	7/12/2012	My local library is used frequently and I love going there. Portland library's are unique and I hate to see the funding cut.
2625	7/12/2012	checking out books, attending cultural social lectures and open receptions gatherings, attend crafts so I use the library as updating myself as well as resource network.
2626	7/12/2012	Always busy; staff always helpful and courteous.
2627	7/12/2012	Seems pretty busy.
2628	7/12/2012	very well-used as can be seen
2629	7/12/2012	There are always people there when I visit the library.
2630	7/12/2012	Every time I go (to Hollywood or Belmont locations) they are busy with lots of people. I would spend more time reading or studying there but it is too loud for me to study in. But everyone is pleasant
2631	7/12/2012	Very well used. Always busy. Parking can be difficult.
2632	7/12/2012	Very well used, always people in there.
2633	7/12/2012	?
2634	7/12/2012	Extremely. It's always busy.
2635	7/12/2012	There are always people in there. Sometimes too many! It's popular and loved.
2636	7/12/2012	This library is always really busy when I visit. Most times, the tables and computers are all full. The shelves where the books are kept until patrons pick them up are overflowing. It seems like this library is very popular.
2637	7/12/2012	There are many people every time I have used the library. The computers usually have a wait time and people prusing the bookshelves. A busy place.
2638	7/12/2012	very good !
2639	7/12/2012	My library is used all the time.[] I plan my visits at hours that I know there will be minimum use. During the school year it is in the am. During the summer, it is whenever I can get there.[] It is very difficult to use computers as there is great demand. I have to make a reservation to get access. [] I want to have service 7 days a week and would vote to do that.
2640	7/12/2012	IT is used very well every time i go there is at least 10 other people.
2641	7/12/2012	I'm not sure what you're asking exactly but it appears to be very well used. Belmont is always crowded. Always.
2642	7/12/2012	The Woodstock branch is ALWAYS busy when I visit, which is usually on Fridays, and parking is often scarce.
2643	7/12/2012	very well used
2644	7/12/2012	Very heavily and well used.
2645	7/12/2012	very well used
2646	7/12/2012	Very well used. It is small but usually has a "full house," though not overly crowded. The staff is wonderful- (Albina branch)

2647	7/12/2012	very well used
2648	7/12/2012	Hillsdale always seems to be modestly buzzing. It would say it is a well used resource.
2649	7/12/2012	Very busy
2650	7/12/2012	Extremely. It's a hub of activity for users of all ages. I see it as a vital, wonderful asset that I can't imagine our life without.
2651	7/12/2012	I always see people there using the computers and picking up materials.
2652	7/12/2012	Very. They always seems to be a crowd.
2653	7/12/2012	Very well used, very well loved.
2654	7/12/2012	Very well used...this is a poorly worded question, what are you trying to get at?
2655	7/12/2012	Always packed.
2656	7/12/2012	Very
2657	7/12/2012	Very well used. It is excellent assistance for many things.
2658	7/12/2012	Our NW Library is very well used. My 7 year old son and I go to the library at least twice a week. We have lived in NW/Pearl for over 1 year now and I have consistently noticed a negative attitude at the NW library location. We moved from Laurelhurst. We previously visited the Hollywood Branch and never had any issues with the staff. It has been such a bothersome issue for me that I decided to let you know (and coincidentally I received your survey request). NOT all the staff is rude but 1-2 woman are consistently rude and seem troubled by any customer service question/assistance. I have to say that it is extremely irritating and unacceptable. My family and I voted for the library tax levy. My husband and I own several rentals in Portland and choose to use the public library. It is disappointing to experience rude behavior. Additionally, the summer months require LONGER hours NOT shorter. It is disappointing to see the library hours reduced. This is not acceptable. The schools are closed -- what options are provided for parents? The hours of the libraries need to be reconsidered. The public library provides a great service to the public. We, the public, PAY for this service. The hours need to serve the public and if you need to hire other staff then you should do so.
2659	7/12/2012	It seems to be always busy with many patrons.
2660	7/12/2012	It is always busy every time I have gone in. I believe it is a crucial community space that we cannot live without.
2661	7/12/2012	Very busy
2662	7/12/2012	Very
2663	7/12/2012	Very
2664	7/12/2012	very, very busy
2665	7/12/2012	It always seems busy to me. Computers occupied. Lots of kids.
2666	7/12/2012	Very
2667	7/12/2012	it always seems to be quite busy. I would say very well used.
2668	7/12/2012	We mostly visit the Belmont library each month.
2669	7/12/2012	Both are very well used.
2670	7/12/2012	I always see lots of people in there. I actually go at least twice a week but you had no place for it. All the employees are very pleasant and helpful. It's a happy place to be.

2671	7/12/2012	very
2672	7/12/2012	Seems to be very busy many times and the staff is so nice at Gregory Heights.
2673	7/12/2012	Belmont-well used but small and limited catalog.
2674	7/12/2012	We go to local library which may be not in the county more often.
2675	7/12/2012	very well used. by me, and many others!
2676	7/12/2012	Quite busy
2677	7/12/2012	Very well
2678	7/12/2012	Very busy
2679	7/12/2012	it is very well used
2680	7/12/2012	Seems busy to be quite busy when I visit
2681	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2682	7/12/2012	good
2683	7/12/2012	it always seems to be busy when I'm there. So, I'd say it is very well used.
2684	7/12/2012	Seems like it is well used
2685	7/12/2012	many people
2686	7/12/2012	very well used. The Hillsdale branch is always busy!
2687	7/12/2012	☐ The staff are friendly and helpful
2688	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2689	7/12/2012	Quite well There are always cars parked in the parking area when the library is open..Most computers are in constant use.
2690	7/12/2012	It is very well used. I often see a line of people waiting for the library to open.
2691	7/12/2012	We love the Kenton library, we use it for the Summer Reading Program, the Last Minute Section, books on CD, DVD's, computers, etc. It's wonderful and near our house, plus it's in the heart of the Kenton neighborhood!
2692	7/12/2012	Gresham seems well used; always busy with patrons but never too crowded.
2693	7/12/2012	don't know
2694	7/12/2012	On the occasions I go there, it seems to be very well used
2695	7/12/2012	Extremely well used.
2696	7/12/2012	It seems pretty well-used. It is extremely well used. It is always busy and people streaming in and out, adults alone and with their children, teenagers etc. The library staff has always been very polite, friendly and helpful. And teaching me (after many year of not using it) how to navigate the systems. I appreciate the libraries so much more now.
2697	7/12/2012	
2698	7/12/2012	People are always in it using a variety of services.

2699	7/12/2012	It is almost always rather full. From the people on the computers to the mothers with their children, finding books or going to a scheduled program to people just reading and then those of us either browsing or picking up our next book to read or study. The library is an amazing resource and place of solace for so many of us.
2700	7/12/2012	Very well-used, from what I can tell. I believe our Hollywood branch is the gem of that neighborhood!
2701	7/12/2012	Both libraries we go to most often appear to be very well used...always busy with lots of people.
2702	7/12/2012	Fairly well, There are always families there on the weekends.
2703	7/12/2012	pretty well used
2704	7/12/2012	Always seems busy.
2705	7/12/2012	Very well used and appreciated.
2706	7/12/2012	It seems quite busy most of the time.
2707	7/12/2012	Belmont is busy, Woodstock is ok, Hillsdale is great.
2708	7/12/2012	I find that every time I go into the libraries, they are full of people. I see them using the computers, doing homework, doing research and reading. Libraries serve a huge purpose in our communities and need to stay! Especially in this economy, people cannot afford to buy books, or have the internet and the library fills that for them. We also have quite a few people out of work, and need help with their resumes, and looking for work, and the library staff is able to help them with that.
2709	7/12/2012	It's always busy. People arrive way before the opening hours, and are turned away. I would be lost without it. It's an important part of my life.
2710	7/12/2012	Very
2711	7/12/2012	Very busy at both library's I use. Infact, I am often on a waitlist.
2712	7/12/2012	Always busy, but seem to have enough computers when I vist
2713	7/12/2012	I think our library is extremely well used. Constant action!
2714	7/12/2012	My library has a very hight user rate for computers, books, hanging out and reading, etc.
2715	7/12/2012	Very well used
2716	7/12/2012	Looks very well used, to me. I was at Hollywood on a weekday, around 2pm, and about 80% of the seats were taken.
2717	7/12/2012	Very
2718	7/12/2012	Amazing! The number of users that I see, the variety of ages, and the span of ethnic and visually different clothing is impressive. Parents and kids interact as they choose books and DVDs. I see students being tutored. The structure is beautiful, energy efficient, and it is kept clean. Staff are available to interact with patrons, but are not pushy.[] I am a newcomer to Portland and am so appreciative to this Library.[] The Main Library downtown is a beautiful place.
2719	7/12/2012	Very well used; it seems to be busy all the time.
2720	7/12/2012	VERY well used
2721	7/12/2012	Very well used

2722	7/12/2012	very
2723	7/12/2012	It appears to be well used.
2724	7/12/2012	Extremely well used. There's always a large amount of people in the library when I go, using the computers and browsing in the aisles.
2725	7/12/2012	It seems to be well used.
2726	7/12/2012	Very.
2727	7/12/2012	Very
2728	7/12/2012	I think the ones go to are popular
2729	7/12/2012	There usually seems to be a parking lot full of cars whenever I stop by the Midland library. On Tuesday, July 3rd, (which was the day after the library had been closed) I needed to return a book that was due that day. There were absolutely no parking spaces available. In addition to that, there were about a dozen or so cars driving up and down each row looking for parking spaces. After quite a while, I along with several others, parked along the side so that I could quickly run in to return my book. The effects of the library having been closed the day before was definately felt on that day!
2730	7/12/2012	Belmont branch is always busy. It is a vibrant community space.
2731	7/12/2012	I think it says it all that it earned a national award for accessibility.
2732	7/12/2012	My local library seems to be a well used library that offers many services for the local community.
2733	7/12/2012	Our Troutdale branch is well used.
2734	7/12/2012	There is always a crowd there, ranging from old folks to young mothers and thei kids.
2735	7/12/2012	It is usually crowded
2736	7/12/2012	Extremely well used.
2737	7/12/2012	always seems busy
2738	7/12/2012	Very well used during the day from opening to closing from my experience. The computers and video/audio tapes are well used as is the children's section. Lots of browsers as well in mystery, new ficiton, non-fiction.
2739	7/12/2012	The small space is always filled with neighborhood people of all ages.
2740	7/12/2012	always busy
2741	7/12/2012	What do you mean by used?
2742	7/12/2012	I love my local library! There are always people there.
2743	7/12/2012	This branch always has a lot of people there using the computers, reading, picking up reserved books, & children using the computers with stories on them. In my opinion this is a very popular & well used library branch which is why a seven day a week schedule is preferred.
2744	7/12/2012	Extremely busy at all times by all ages. This library serves 140,000 people, so never has a "slow" time.

2745	7/12/2012	The Hollywood Branch is always full of children and adults browsing through books, sitting reading magazines, using the computers, getting help finding books and articles from the reference librarians. □ It always makes me feel good about the city I live in to see how many people use the library and all the adults who encourage young children to read by bringing them to the library.
2746	7/12/2012	Always bustling.
2747	7/12/2012	Very busy most days.
2748	7/12/2012	all seem well used and busy.
2749	7/12/2012	Extremely! Each time we visit the library, it is bustling with activity.
2750	7/12/2012	Very well used. There's usually a crowd that gathers before the library opens, and there are always a lot of people in the library - children, seniors, teens. It's a great library and a focal point of the community.
2751	7/12/2012	Very well used (Central Branch).
2752	7/12/2012	The Central Library IS my local library, and it always seems very busy
2753	7/12/2012	It's always very busy.
2754	7/12/2012	It seems to be used really well! There are always people there reading and using computers.
2755	7/12/2012	It seems busy whenever I drive by.
2756	7/12/2012	too well used.....its very crowded.
2757	7/12/2012	Seems pretty full
2758	7/12/2012	Very well used--Central is always busy. There's always at least 30 people waiting when the doors open in the morning.
2759	7/12/2012	It seems to be lively place; I have the impression it is very well used.
2760	7/12/2012	Extremely so. Its a wonderful addition to Hillsdale and adds a great deal to the quality of life here. I work at home in my studio and frequently use their facilities.
2761	7/12/2012	It seems very well used. Always busy when I am there
2762	7/12/2012	seems very busy to me. Belmont has a line outside when they open every day.
2763	7/12/2012	very well used.
2764	7/12/2012	very
2765	7/12/2012	very well
2766	7/12/2012	unknown
2767	7/12/2012	Well-used - there are usually people there reading and using computers.
2768	7/12/2012	Very well used. Always appears busy.
2769	7/12/2012	It always seems fairly busy.
2770	7/12/2012	very well. the community is present using resources of all kinds. a busy place (North Portland Branch).
2771	7/12/2012	Don't know

2772	7/12/2012	It is used daily by several people. When I pass by I see several people waiting outside the doors to get in to check out books for their children or to use the computer. The computer is the most used in the library by those without access to a computer at home. When I go to the library, there are already twenty people in the library. The Holgate Branch is filled with children from the neighborhood for story telling and wanting to check out books for their parents to read to them.
2773	7/12/2012	I always see people in there. Storytimes are packed, and people are always using the computers. It is great that they offer internet/computer access for those who cannot afford it.
2774	7/12/2012	Fairly well-used but likely could use increased traffic
2775	7/12/2012	We love our library, it has everything we need. We check out book, and play kid computer games.
2776	7/12/2012	It's always busy, but not overwhelmingly so.
2777	7/12/2012	not very
2778	7/12/2012	seems very well used, always people there when I am there.
2779	7/12/2012	I believe it is well used.
2780	7/12/2012	Very well used. It has meeting places, that groups I belong to have used, it has a great summer reading program for kids. Books I want on line are there in a reasonable amount of time. The computer section is used heavily. The restrooms are clean. The staff is friendly and helpful. Volunteers seem welcomed.
2781	7/12/2012	well used.
2782	7/12/2012	very
2783	7/12/2012	fairly well used
2784	7/12/2012	Always busy! Always a wait to use a computer because there are so many people there.
2785	7/12/2012	Very busy
2786	7/12/2012	Belmont -- ALWAYS busy.
2787	7/12/2012	It is always packed. Sometimes I can barely find parking, and that is at all hours of the day.
2788	7/12/2012	It is used extensively
2789	7/12/2012	Extremely well used (and loved)
2790	7/12/2012	Very well used. Always a lot of appropriate activity going on.
2791	7/12/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
2792	7/12/2012	There are always many people using the libraries during random hours when I visit. I occasionally even have to wait for someone else before I can check out my material. That's not a complaint - the wait is never more than a minute or so. It's an example of how much the library is used.
2793	7/12/2012	Very busy at all times.
2794	7/12/2012	Everytime I have been to the branches, they are always full of people, using computers, browsing through the selections or picking up books on hold. The hold shelf is always packed full of books. I love the interlibrary system.
2795	7/12/2012	very well used, for information, entertainment, and for community.
2796	7/12/2012	always busy - regarding use above, I checked monthly - but often it is 2 to 3 times per month

2797	7/12/2012	very well used, very busy
2798	7/12/2012	I would say the hollywood library is heavily used.
2799	7/12/2012	It is well used
2800	7/12/2012	Very.
2801	7/12/2012	It is usually very busy and all the computers are taken.
2802	7/12/2012	It seems very well used
2803	7/12/2012	Very well used. It always appears to be busy.
2804	7/12/2012	My most local library is very well used! It's actually quite crowded and a bit too noisy - Holgate could definitely fill a bigger building with ease. St Johns is very well-loved and moderately busy. Troutdale, I find, is the quietest, but is also the newest. It's still growing, and the community seems to love it.
2805	7/12/2012	Extremely well used. Always busy.
2806	7/12/2012	My local library is always bustling with activity and patrons.
2807	7/12/2012	Very.
2808	7/12/2012	Very well used
2809	7/12/2012	They are all well-loved and used. They are the rock of the neighborhood. They are a clean, safe community center through economic prosperity, as well as downturns.
2810	7/12/2012	medium
2811	7/12/2012	Very well
2812	7/12/2012	very well used
2813	7/12/2012	the Holgate library is extremely busy and well used and a bit run down.
2814	7/12/2012	Busting at the seams! It is always busy. Very well used! It is jumping with activity. I do wish the collection were larger and that there was more space for tables, etc.
2815	7/12/2012	 The librarians are fantastically helpful. I am very thankful for this branch.
2816	7/12/2012	very well used
2817	7/12/2012	Seems to be always busy!
2818	7/12/2012	The Hollywood & Main branches that I use appear to be quite busy. I know that I use them on a regular basis - weekly.
2819	7/12/2012	Very
2820	7/12/2012	How would I know? I don't live in the library. When I am there, there usually is about 10-15 people.
2821	7/12/2012	It always seems busy with a nice, mixed age group of patrons. The computers seem popular although we are there for the books & magazines.
2822	7/12/2012	Everytime I go in I see lots of people in there waiting on internet computers. The book checkout is running at normal rates for number of staff.
2823	7/12/2012	It is always busy.

2824	7/12/2012	There are always people there when we go there. We have noticed all ages of people using the library.
2825	7/12/2012	The Kenton library is the heart of the revitalization of Kenton
2826	7/12/2012	Busy!
2827	7/12/2012	Usually all computers are in use with other patrons browsing the shelves, reading periodicals or studying, ages ranging from toddlers to seniors. Very well used.
2828	7/12/2012	There seems to be a dozen or more people there each time I go. People using the computers, but also families reading to their children and adults checking out books. It's a smaller library, but it seems to be getting a lot of use.
2829	7/12/2012	My local library is very well used. There are always lots of people when I hurry in to pick up my book on hold. People using computers, browsing books, checking books out...
2830	7/12/2012	It looks well used. There are always people there browsing and using computers.
2831	7/12/2012	Very. It always seems very busy when I visit.
2832	7/12/2012	It appears to be quite well used.
2833	7/12/2012	My local library is used a lot. i study there, find information for projects i have and also use the kids program for my children ages 7 and 5.
2834	7/12/2012	Very.
2835	7/12/2012	Belmont & Hollywood are both typically quite busy when i'm there.
2836	7/12/2012	Very well - always seems to be busy. Sometimes hard to find parking right next to the building. I enjoy this library very much.
2837	7/12/2012	I think it is very well used and maybe to help off set the cost there were an out right charge for checking out books like maybe a quarter. I love having the access and the care and thoughtfulness of the librarians when the need arises.
2838	7/12/2012	Albina is my closest library and every time I go, it's very busy. Every computer station is full as are most of the tables. Lots of kids are always there.
2839	7/12/2012	WELL used! Every time I go to the library, it is busy and full of people!
2840	7/12/2012	Seemingly very well used.
2841	7/12/2012	VERY well used. It is always busy!
2842	7/12/2012	The Hollywood branch seems to be consistently bustling with activity. Every time we go in, there are loads of people using computers, checking out books and media and many, many children enjoying the various resources.
2843	7/12/2012	Used fairly well, always busy and bustling
2844	7/12/2012	There are always plenty of people in the library when I pick up & drop off my books or cd's.
2845	7/12/2012	Our Belmont branch seems to be busy at all times, with the computers desks in constant use and a continuous stream of parents and children using the reading rooms and other activities.
2846	7/12/2012	I see a constant flow of users at Hillsdale. Seniors, families with small children. In fact, a pretty complete sampling of the local population.. Lots of kids activities. Lots of computer usage.

2847	7/12/2012	Very
2848	7/12/2012	Extremely well used - all the computers are always busy, there is always a high volume of foot traffic, it seems to me that the library could be open 7 days a week from 8 am to 9 pm.
2849	7/12/2012	I haven't been to the library in years but I know the Woodstock Library is well used because when I walk by there often I always see people going in and out and parking is full.
2850	7/12/2012	Great there are friendly, warm and welcoming. The staff offer there help when ever I need it and arent rude while doing so, I am happy when I come to the Library. Also the work greatly at problem solving.
2851	7/12/2012	Very! It is always busy.
2852	7/12/2012	Great attendance there.
2853	7/12/2012	Our local library is a hub for the neighborhood. From my perspective as a stay at home dad, it's a crucial place to have available for the kids of the neighborhood of which there are many.
2854	7/12/2012	Hillsdale seems to be very active across a number of different usage types
2855	7/12/2012	We often reserve books and then pick them up. It appears that many use the computers at our branch.
2856	7/12/2012	Midland branch is one of the busiest places in the neighborhood. There is usually a waiting line for computers and the books-on-hold area is large with books that hundreds of people have reserved. Midland has a large parking lot that is mostly full of cars any time the library doors are open.
2857	7/12/2012	Well used - generally always busy
2858	7/12/2012	I love my Gresham branch!
2859	7/12/2012	I primarily use the N Portland branch. It seems like it is busy most days I go in. The computers are always being used.
2860	7/12/2012	Very. As the only free internet access for many citizens, the library computers are always in use. Contrain to the opinions of those who want to reduce funding for our libraries, people still read books.
2861	7/12/2012	It is very well used, there are always lots of people in the library whenever I stop by, especially youth.
2862	7/12/2012	Very!
2863	7/12/2012	very well
2864	7/12/2012	The Gresham branch appears to be very busy almost all the time. There are often waiting times to use the computers and many people about. I sometimes bring my grandson to story-times for his age group at Gresham and Midland. Libraries have been so important to me throughout my life. I hope there is no chance of closing branches. [] Margie Hanrahan
2865	7/12/2012	I don't know.
2866	7/12/2012	I think that it's pretty well-used. We tend to go on the weekend. I'll see 1-2 dozen people in the library while we're there. It's never painfully crowded, but there are quite a few people there while we are.

2867	7/12/2012	I usually stop in late afternoon or evening during the week. It is a small branch but the place is usually packed with a good mix of age groups: young kids, parents, school age kids, young adults to seniors. All the computers are usually in use as well as people looking through the stacks, at the movie & music selections as well as newspapers and magazines. The place is hopping!
2868	7/12/2012	GOOD
2869	7/12/2012	Very well used--from story time for children to poetry readings by local poets, plus beautiful book art displays at the Central library downtown. I love it!
2870	7/12/2012	The library system here is very well used. It usually is crowded every time I visit. There usually are short lines of people waiting outside before the doors open. The library system here is an object of pride in what a local government can do for its citizens.
2871	7/12/2012	very well used
2872	7/12/2012	We go the most to Northwest and it is always busy. The other libraries we frequent are always well-patronized too.
2873	7/12/2012	very
2874	7/12/2012	very
2875	7/12/2012	It is always full of people (in a good way). It is a major hub on Woodstock Blvd. There are always families coming in and out of it.
2876	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2877	7/12/2012	I have no complaints. The resources and staff are excellent. I love the children's reading time. It is clean and appears well managed.
2878	7/12/2012	It is supported by the community and always busy.
2879	7/12/2012	Very well used!
2880	7/12/2012	There are always more than a dozen adults and children in the St. Johns Library every time I visit.
2881	7/12/2012	It is very well used. Every time I visit there are always alot of people there. It is often difficult to find a place to sit. I love the library. It is one of the only places left where you can read and study with all the resources that one would need.
2882	7/12/2012	busy
2883	7/12/2012	very well used. almost always busy
2884	7/12/2012	Very
2885	7/12/2012	Not sure what you mean by this question. There appears to always be a lot of people. I prefer to use the Central Library rather than the NW branch because I can browse books and likely find what I'm looking for, whereas I'd have to use holds almost exclusively at the NW branch (they are about equal walking distance from my home).
2886	7/12/2012	Everytime I walk into Hollywood (the one I use most frequently), it is packed with people, there is typically wait time for computers and study rooms. This doesnt bother me, rather it makes me realize how much of a demand there is for this space and its offerings.

2887	7/12/2012	I go to the Gresham branch the most and I would be lost with out the library. It is always busy when I am there....usually in the middle of the day and primarily on week days. I am a "senior". I always see parents with their children. When my grand daughter was young, I often took her to the children's programs in the summer. The computers are always busy ...it's a great place!
2888	7/12/2012	The albina library is often crowded when I visit it.
2889	7/12/2012	North Portland library always seems to be busy.
2890	7/12/2012	Central is in the heart of downtown and is used extensively from opening to closing.
2891	7/12/2012	Always moderately full when I come in.
2892	7/12/2012	Always seems busy! Lines at the door when it doesn't open until 11 am.
2893	7/12/2012	What kind of question is this? Very misleading...yes, it is used a lot, but I would not say it is used well.
2894	7/12/2012	It's usually quite busy.
2895	7/12/2012	They both seem fairly busy, especially Gresham
2896	7/12/2012	I think it is very well used
2897	7/12/2012	extremely well used
2898	7/12/2012	Very
2899	7/12/2012	very and an important community resource
2900	7/12/2012	The Woodstock library always seems busy when I go there. So I would said its well used.
2901	7/12/2012	dtwn branch (most frequently visted), very much so.
2902	7/12/2012	North Portland's small space is usually crowded with patrons, including lots of grade-school and high-school aged students.
2903	7/12/2012	It is always well used, and is a definite asset.
2904	7/12/2012	very well used
2905	7/12/2012	Extremely. Often they are full within ten minutes of any given day they open. And I see all forms of use: computers, young adults, kids, research, moms, etc. It is one of the most critical public services I use as a Portland resident. And it is perhaps the best run public agency in the state.
2906	7/12/2012	Seems like it is always quite busy.
2907	7/12/2012	It's always busy!
2908	7/12/2012	They both always seem busy when I'm there
2909	7/12/2012	There are always people in it, frequently the tables are full and there are several people looking at books. Kids, seniors, a mix of races and ethnicities. It's a small branch, but well used and convenient.
2910	7/12/2012	They are always very busy. The staff is very helpful. Always a lot of people on the computers.
2911	7/12/2012	it is always busy
2912	7/12/2012	VERY
2913	7/12/2012	Very well used .
2914	7/12/2012	its always full
2915	7/12/2012	The parking lot and library is always full when I am there- it is very well used.
2916	7/12/2012	I am not sure what the question is asking, but it is always full of people when I visit.

2917	7/12/2012	Need to beef-up the computers.
2918	7/12/2012	very. There is a line outside every day waiting for it to open
2919	7/12/2012	? Question is confusing. I use infrequently and it is never really that busy...is that what you mean?
2920	7/12/2012	Not well enough- people could be a little more creative and open to other possibilities like lending libraries, local celebrations, meeting places etc.
2921	7/12/2012	Very busy. We go to look at books that we want to download.
2922	7/12/2012	Always busy.
2923	7/12/2012	Seems to have a lot of patronage pretty much all of the time.
2924	7/12/2012	It's always crowded when I go there on any given Tues. Thurs., or Fri.
2925	7/12/2012	There are always people in the libraries and waiting lines for Internet Access.
2926	7/12/2012	Very well used. Lots of people all the time.
2927	7/12/2012	It's pretty well used. It seems proportionate to the size of the space.
2928	7/12/2012	Always full of patrons!
2929	7/12/2012	We love our library and the librarians are really like members of our family! They help us with school projects and business projects. They are always friendly and helpful.
2930	7/12/2012	VERY well used
2931	7/12/2012	Always busy
2932	7/12/2012	I feel that the Central Library is well used. No matter what time of day I go, there is always people in every corner of the building. Many people seem to depend on the library for its services in job support and educational programs. The main reason I do not use the Central Library as frequently as I would like is because the hours are restrictive for my studying. I utilize other places with more expansive hours (PSU library) to meet my needs.
2933	7/12/2012	busy This is a rather vague question. ☐
2934	7/12/2012	☐ "It is used very well!" would be my answer.
2935	7/12/2012	The Albina branch is always busy. People are busy on computers & there is a waiting period to use the computers. There are many little kids loudly reading books or talking with their adults. There are lots of teens as well--reading! Or using computers. This branch has had to nearly double their shelf space to handle all the "holds" they get. It's really amazing how large this section has grown in just a couple of years. This is also how we use the library primarily although I am about to start trying out downloading books.
2936	7/12/2012	Seems to be well used.
2937	7/12/2012	I usually go in the morning on a weekday. The library is almost always very busy with children's programs, people at the computers and in the stacks.
2938	7/12/2012	Very well, sometimes crowded
2939	7/12/2012	It used a lot

2940	7/12/2012	Very!
2941	7/12/2012	It appears to be well used and I really enjoy the ability to access and borrow reading materials for my kindle.
2942	7/12/2012	Very well used based on the number of people there each tim I visit.
2943	7/12/2012	very busy
2944	7/12/2012	Sellwood/Moreland is always busy
2945	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2946	7/12/2012	I think for being so new, it is used quite a bit.
2947	7/12/2012	new facility but have ALWAYS seen quite a few people in there. plus this one is such a nice facilty and location. PS sometimes there is quite a line waiting for library to open
2948	7/12/2012	There are always people using this library and the Kenton Library which is our backup spot.
2949	7/12/2012	Quite well used. Previously we lived near the Albina branch, which was always extremely busy. Since we moved downtown, we've been using the Central Library which seems less busy, but that might be the sheer size, it's certainly not empty or unused! I work near the Belmont branch and it is also always packed.
2950	7/12/2012	
2951	7/12/2012	Always very busy.
2952	7/12/2012	seems to stay busy on a regular basis.
2953	7/12/2012	Very. It is always busy when we are there.
2954	7/12/2012	I love having several library options on the east side of town, and all the libraries that I go to seem to always be busy and well used.
2955	7/12/2012	Very. It is always busy no matter what time of the day or day of the week I go there. It's not a bad busy (the kind where you can't turn around without bumping someone), but it is well used and a hub of activity, which I find encouraging- people are reading and using the library's resources.
2956	7/12/2012	
2957	7/12/2012	Seems busy when I am there
2958	7/12/2012	Belmont is VERY busy and crowded. Cutting service is particularly painful at that branch. We also use Hollywood and Midland but Belmont has always been too crowded PRIOR to the recent cuts. We are grateful to have a library within walking distance but would, of course, appreciate more hours of access.
2959	7/12/2012	Very well from the looks of the crowd of people coming and going from Central Library
2960	7/12/2012	I visit the library 2-3x a week. Computers are always in use. There is usually a group using one of the meeting rooms and on an average about 20 patrons. The staff seems to be always assisting someone. Both locations I use are important part of the community and are well used.
2961	7/12/2012	Very well used!
2962	7/12/2012	Very well used
2963	7/12/2012	Generally very busy in both locations at all times I have been there.

2964	7/12/2012	At Hillsdale this week, Tuesday, July 10, virtually all computers were in use, and librarians were helping adults and youth find books. There were in my estimation between 60 and 80 people in the library and all parking spaces were full. I do not think there were any special programs going on at the time. My niece and I walked to the library, and a librarian named Betsy helped her select a book..I picked up books I had ordered on-line...a great service.
2965	7/12/2012	It is used quite a lot.
2966	7/12/2012	I don't know how to answer that question, it's too open ended. There are always other visitors there when I'm there, I would call it usually busy but not crowded.
2967	7/12/2012	It is always pretty busy
2968	7/12/2012	The branches I go to are always busy. My kids often have to wait to get a pc and I usually have a difficult time reading because of the traffic and noise.
2969	7/12/2012	Very well visited at Hollywood during each of my visits
2970	7/12/2012	All three of the libraries I visit are quite full of people using resources.
2971	7/12/2012	Very well used
2972	7/12/2012	There are always people coming in and out and often there are few table spaces to sit at.
2973	7/12/2012	Very Good
2974	7/12/2012	It's appeared to be very busy every time I've visited.
2975	7/12/2012	well used
2976	7/12/2012	Seems quite busy and computers seem to be in use all the time
2977	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2978	7/12/2012	All branches I visit are busy with patrons whenever I'm there.
2979	7/12/2012	Extremely well used. It is always busy, and the books I am looking for are often already checked out and on hold. It is an inconvenience, but I see it as a good thing because it means the library is being used and the books are being read!
2980	7/12/2012	seems to be busy all the time
2981	7/12/2012	Very well. We go to the library throughout the day and there are families reading, people filling the computers spaces and individuals searching the stacks
2982	7/12/2012	Both the Gregory Heights and the Hollywood libraries are very well-used. Gregory Heights seems primarily used by families with kids, Hollywood is more diverse in terms of age.
2983	7/12/2012	Not sure how to answer--we usually go to Central and it is very well used it seems. the others, Hillsdale and Sellwood, always have people there too when we are there.
2984	7/12/2012	Gresham is fairly busy.[] Holgate seems tiny and under stocked.
2985	7/12/2012	Always seems quite busy (full to nearly full parking lot) whenever we are there.
2986	7/12/2012	Well used. There are always many people accessing books/computers, etc.
2987	7/12/2012	Very well used, it is always packed

2988	7/12/2012	Whenever I visit the Woodstock library (the branch my family uses most often), it is bustling but not crowded.
2989	7/12/2012	Very well used.
2990	7/12/2012	I always see a good number of people in it.
2991	7/12/2012	not aware
2992	7/12/2012	It is very well used
2993	7/12/2012	Central Library is nearly always slammed - lots of folks (and whole classes) milling about, lines at many desks, and a lot of familiar faces that make up the regular crowd.
2994	7/12/2012	Every time I have been to this library I can see that it is well used. There are lots of users. Often the tables are full and most if not all of the computers are being used. Often there's a line to check out materials.
2995	7/12/2012	Very well used!
2996	7/12/2012	always lots of people there when we are there
2997	7/12/2012	It appears to be a busy place
2998	7/12/2012	Very well used. Every time I am at Woodstock there is some kind of activity including kids, the computers are busy and a fair enough number of folks browsing the shelves
2999	7/12/2012	It always looks packed when I'm in there! My roommate and all of my friends are cardholders and frequent it, too.
3000	7/12/2012	Very high use
3001	7/12/2012	Very well used. We are impressed with the selection of materials, quality of programming. There are always plenty of people there when we go. Belmont can be crowded but other branches pleasantly busy.
3002	7/12/2012	Very well used! I love that it is always buzzing with activity -- families looking for books and folks on the computers.
3003	7/12/2012	Looks very well used. There are people in there all the time.
3004	7/12/2012	I've never been to the library near where I live. I've only been to the Central library.
3005	7/12/2012	Hollywood library is our main branch - very popular!
3006	7/12/2012	Both are very well-used.
3007	7/12/2012	Very.
3008	7/12/2012	It's in heavy use most days that I go there.
3009	7/12/2012	a lot!
3010	7/12/2012	A Lot
3011	7/12/2012	I feel that the library is well used by certain individuals. I also feel that the library is a resource that many people do not access and I do not know why.
3012	7/12/2012	There are always people at the computers and browsing the shelves when I visit.
3013	7/12/2012	There are always a lot of children and families at the Belmont location. And the Central library seems very well used.

3014	7/12/2012	We use Ebooks mostly. Have used Freegal also.
3015	7/12/2012	very used, and by a wide range of people
3016	7/12/2012	It's extremely well used
3017	7/12/2012	It is very busy. There is always a wait for computers. The children's programs are very popular. I take my granddaughter to the library weekly. I use the computers as well as check out books.
3018	7/12/2012	It is always very busy. Especially the computers. New books disappear quickly.
3019	7/12/2012	I think it's used well .. there are always a good number of people at the library when we go.
3020	7/12/2012	I use it a lot for reading durring the summer time.
3021	7/12/2012	It's busy whenever I go there.
3022	7/12/2012	How well used? What do you mean by that? Phrase this question better, cuz I don't know what you mean by that. How well do I use it? How well do others use it? How much wear and tear has it sustained? Seriously, I cannot glean what it is you're asking me.
3023	7/12/2012	Very.
3024	7/12/2012	The library always appears full of patrons. Many use the computers while parents read to their children in the children's section. There is the constant bustle of people coming in and out to pick up holds, turn in books, or peruse the DVD/CD sections.
3025	7/12/2012	I believe that it is very well used. It's always busy. most books/CDs/DVDs that request have holds
3026	7/12/2012	Reasonably well.
3027	7/12/2012	It seems to be quite busy every time I go in there.
3028	7/12/2012	It's usually pretty busy
3029	7/12/2012	It is really well used, and here are one example:[] Summer Reading program, this allows for kids to better their reading skills and use the library as a place to grow as a learner and a person inside and out of who they are.
3030	7/12/2012	Very well, I would think. There are always many people using it whenever I am there, which is often.
3031	7/12/2012	extremely busy
3032	7/12/2012	I would say very well used, especially the Belmont and Hollywood locations that our family typically visit.
3033	7/12/2012	Very. It is generally busy with neighbors - lots of folks of all ages and types.
3034	7/12/2012	Very
3035	7/12/2012	They are very well used.
3036	7/12/2012	My husband and I go at least a few times a week to pick up books and movies, as well as CDs. We've also gone there for computer access. We rely heavily on our local library, and it seems to be well-used by our community as well. There's usually quite a few children there with parents and other adults, using the computers, asking questions of the staff, and checking out books and other media. We love our library!

3037	7/12/2012	The Hillsdale library is always busy! I've gone in to use the copy machines, print materials and of course to check out books. There are always people using the computers and the children's area always seems especially populated.
3038	7/12/2012	Kenton library is full of families, seniors, young adults, and teens from all walks of life. It allows our neighborhood access to ideas and materials not easily found otherwise while allowing groups of people whom likely would not meet otherwise to mingle and connect.
3039	7/12/2012	Very. The NW library is always full of people using the computers and families checking out books for children. It is not my local library--I live in SE--but it is on my way to work, and so the NW library is the one I frequent most. I use it to check out children's books for my students at the after school program where I work.
3040	7/12/2012	Very. Always a crowd, often a line at the book return slot.
3041	7/12/2012	Very well used. There are many patrons which use the library for vital computer access for jobs and research as well as those who visit to meet up with students and colleagues for work.
3042	7/12/2012	it seems appropriately busy, but not overwhelmed
3043	7/12/2012	very heavily used
3044	7/12/2012	Too well used. It is not big enough to serve the amount of people who go there>
3045	7/12/2012	I don't really feel as if there is a local library for the Montavilla neighborhood. The closest one of which I'm aware is the Belmont branch library and it appears to receive much use by patrons.
3046	7/12/2012	Gresham Library supports a variety of families regularly through storytimes and summer events. There's also a consistent crowd of Internet users. I love the diversity of library users there every day.
3047	7/12/2012	it is a busy place at times. every time i go in to my branch, there are quite a few people. (15-25). Woodstock, well used.[]
3048	7/12/2012	Holgate also, but it seems a tiny rundown, or at least almost neglected when compared to Woodstock or some of the "NICE" (rich) neighborhoods.
3049	7/12/2012	Seems pretty occupied whenever I've been there.
3050	7/12/2012	Very well used. There are always people in there and there is always a line waiting outside for the doors to open in the morning.
3051	7/12/2012	It is a small branch, but is always packed with people.
3052	7/12/2012	Looks pretty busy to me!!
3053	7/12/2012	Pretty used every time I go
3054	7/12/2012	Extremely well used.
3055	7/12/2012	It's always busy when I'm there!
3056	7/12/2012	I wouldn't know. It seemed very well used when I used go there. But I've been in and out of country lately.
3057	7/12/2012	It appears to be used by the local community and in high demand.
3058	7/12/2012	For myself, I am so happy with the location, (it is also new to the Denver area) I use it for my work also for my stain glass. Am so happy we have this location.

3059	7/12/2012	There are always people there...
3060	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3061	7/12/2012	always busy
3062	7/12/2012	alsways lots of floks using the computer terminals and library
3063	7/12/2012	good
3064	7/12/2012	Quite well used. There are always people there and I often have to put books on hold that I got to get. Which is fine, because I usually find books I wasn't looking for since I have to wait.
3065	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3066	7/12/2012	Very well used. I always see many people there.
3067	7/12/2012	very well
3068	7/12/2012	It always seems busy whenever I go there.
3069	7/12/2012	It seems to be very busy, for which I am grateful. I love libraries.
3070	7/12/2012	Kenton Library is amazing - as the newest in the system (I think), it really shows the best that a library can be - I brag about it all the time. It is a community hub as well as a resource for books, etc. It is ALWAYS hopping with people, esp. children and families.
3071	7/12/2012	VERY. There are always a lot of people in there -- parents and kids, young and older adults using the computers and checking out materials, and some folks sitting at tables reading various materials.
3072	7/12/2012	I think the community depends on it. There is always a line of people waiting for the Woodstock branch to open.
3073	7/12/2012	Since I just came from philippines and I don't know any other place to study for my licensure exam, I have came to consider as my second home as school children consider their schools. When I need to unwind or take my mind off things, I borrow films/educational media to watch.
3074	7/12/2012	Midland brach is very well used. it is always busy.
3075	7/12/2012	It always looks busy when I am there - people using computers, looking for books, checking out books, getting help at the front desk, and working/reading at desks.
3076	7/12/2012	For a very small branch it seems to have a lot of people -- the computers are usually filled, and fair number of youth and adults milling about whenever I go in.
3077	7/12/2012	Don't know
3078	7/12/2012	Very well-used.
3079	7/12/2012	I always see plenty of people present, though it also doubles as a hang-out for the homeless and transient, which is not always pleasant (especially the smell of the people and poor hygiene). In spite of the large numbers of people, I always manage to find a place to sit down and study or read.
3080	7/12/2012	Sellwood is small, so it seems quite busy during my short visits.
3081	7/12/2012	Always busy
3082	7/12/2012	Busy
3083	7/12/2012	often very crowded, although the design makes it more congested than it needs to be.
3084	7/12/2012	it seems to be busy every time I'm there.

3085	7/12/2012	On the average day I would say the Gresham library is fairly packed. Most of the seating and desk are being used and people are roaming the shelves.
3086	7/12/2012	Don't really know but seems to be pretty well used, especially by families.
3087	7/12/2012	Seems to be busy when I go.
3088	7/12/2012	Very well used. It's always busy. No parking spaces in the lot about 1/3 of the times we go there, but that doesn't stop us from going. The computers are always being used by the public.
3089	7/12/2012	The Gresham Library is an important part of our community! Whenever I go to the library it is a busy place... Males and females of all ages and ethnic groups are there.
3090	7/12/2012	when my youngest daughter and i go to the library it is always full of people from diverse cultures and economic status.
3091	7/12/2012	Very.
3092	7/12/2012	Very well used. There are always many people in it in all areas.
3093	7/12/2012	very well used
3094	7/12/2012	Incredibly well used. Hollywood Library is always buzzing with activity.
3095	7/12/2012	Always busy when I'm there
3096	7/12/2012	alot!!
3097	7/12/2012	The libraries I go to appear to be very well used. Central, of course, is always busy, as is the Hollywood branch. Gregory Heights also seems busy, although I know that branch less well.
3098	7/12/2012	always full of people!
3099	7/12/2012	The Kenton library is active...part-time daycare?
3100	7/12/2012	It is always packed and the computers are almost always full.
3101	7/12/2012	Library always seem to be busy when I visit especially the computers.
3102	7/12/2012	Very active
3103	7/12/2012	There are always a number of people there when I go.
3104	7/12/2012	It is usually well used when we are there.
3105	7/12/2012	Always busy, comfortable environment with excellent librarian assistance. Day-light in building is inviting and key to my desire to be at the library.
3106	7/12/2012	It seems to be very well used.
3107	7/12/2012	All the branches I visit are always well attended.
3108	7/12/2012	Generally busy whenever I go in
3109	7/12/2012	Our local library is fantastic and always seems packed with family's enjoying their time together.
3110	7/12/2012	It's always buzzing on the weekends when I go. And I'm always surprised someone else besides me reads the weekend addition of the Wall Street Journal.
3111	7/12/2012	As an impression only, I'd say it is pretty heavily trafficked.
3112	7/12/2012	Very well

3113	7/12/2012	I believe it's well used as there are always quite a few people there when I go in, about every other week. Also, I see quite a few groups using the meeting room. It's a great library! Sometimes, perhaps once a year or so, I'll go downtown and visit the main library.
3114	7/12/2012	It seems like my community uses it actively
3115	7/12/2012	Always seems to have lots of people there.
3116	7/12/2012	Frequented often
3117	7/12/2012	It always looks full to me. Lots of people all ages, all races, both sexes.
3118	7/12/2012	The Libraries we visit seem to be busy all the time - The parking lots are often full - we have to wait for the catalogue system computers - other computers are often full too -
3119	7/12/2012	It is always busy. So I would say very well used.
3120	7/12/2012	it seems very popular and well used
3121	7/12/2012	There is always lots of people there when I go.
3122	7/12/2012	Well used
3123	7/12/2012	it varies but usually lots of people
3124	7/12/2012	seems pretty full whenever I go there.
3125	7/12/2012	Belmont is always buzzing when I am there...busy!
3126	7/12/2012	It appears to be very well used and loved by the entire community.
3127	7/12/2012	very well used.
3128	7/12/2012	It's always busy.
3129	7/12/2012	Very well used
3130	7/12/2012	It is very well used & loved.
3131	7/12/2012	Too many computer users, not enough books on the shelves
3132	7/12/2012	Seems to be very well used. There is always lots of people there.
3133	7/12/2012	Hillsdale seems to be extremely well used by the community. The many computers are almost always being used extensively, and there is often a line for checking out items and for customer service. The staff at Hillsdale is amazingly friendly and patient. When I moved to Portland, this was the first place I came to, and they have remained a vital source of information and services for me.
3134	7/12/2012	Very well used - and loved.
3135	7/12/2012	It always seems to be quite busy when I am there. I get the impression that it is well-used.
3136	7/12/2012	Fabulously busy
3137	7/12/2012	Seems quite busy whenever I am there - week day evenings, Friday/sat/sun days
3138	7/12/2012	It is very busy. Most books must be retrieved from elsewhere. Magazines and reference materials extremely limited.
3139	7/12/2012	It always seems busy when I go in to pick up my books. Kids from my neighborhood take advantage of the resources available!
3140	7/12/2012	very well
3141	7/12/2012	always super busy

3142	7/12/2012	I now live in the Westmoreland area, (previously the Alameda/Hollywood area.) . . .The Sellwood Library seems to be busy every time I visit @ different hours, both am & pm, perhaps 8-22 people per visit. (My visits are brief.) This is a very small but well-used & attended library. All ages- youngsters to oldsters, which reflect the neighborhood. The librarians are amazing, they've taught me a few things--and I thought I knew it all! . . . I've always loved books and can no longer afford to buy them.
3143	7/12/2012	It is a bustling neighborhood library. There are always lots of people there.
3144	7/12/2012	Storytime sessions are frequently attended by many children and families. Events for preschool and school aged children are usually packed. Many adults and children use the library to read, check out books/media, and use computers for research etc.
3145	7/12/2012	Very very well used!
3146	7/12/2012	It seems very well used.
3147	7/12/2012	I think it's very well used. I always see a good number of people using the library of various age groups.
3148	7/12/2012	Very well
3149	7/12/2012	Very.
3150	7/12/2012	seems busy whenever i go in
3151	7/12/2012	Very well used. OMG There was a actual crowd today... had to stand in line to check out.[]
3152	7/12/2012	Even on slow days the computers are almost all filled.[] There are always meeting and seminars in the meeting rooms, and today there was even person playing guitar for a LARGE group of kids.
3153	7/12/2012	Seems busy most of the time that I am there.
3154	7/12/2012	very!
3155	7/12/2012	Needs more funding-less administrators
3156	7/12/2012	It is always very busy, as is the Central branch which we visit on occasion.
3157	7/12/2012	Moderately well
3158	7/12/2012	Always full when I am there.
3159	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3160	7/12/2012	This is an oddly phrased question, so I will just say I adore the Multnomah Library system! Since I began using it anytime I see a book referenced online, in a blog, in a facebook post, in a magazine on TV that I have interest in I immediately go to the library home page and search for it. If it is available I put a hold on it, I love the transit to my local branch since I don't drive and travel only by pubic transportation. Having the email notifications when my holds are available and my books are due is tremendously helpful with my busy lifestyle. I cannot give any higher praise then this; the library is indeed a center piece of our community, one I cherish and I pray will endure for many years to come! Please support out librarys!

3161	7/12/2012	VERY! The library is always packed with people. The book babies and preschool groups are awesome and dearly loved by many families. We always have at least 12 books checked out between two adults, a 4 year old and a 10 month old. It looks like there are tons more like us every time we visit. We actually go at least every 2 weeks, but there wasn't a choice for that. We LOVE the library! We depend on it, my son is a huge reader and the library has played a big part in that. He has been doing the summer reading program since he was a baby!
3162	7/12/2012	Hollywood is closest and it's packed all the time.
3163	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3164	7/12/2012	Very. It's a great place.
3165	7/12/2012	I haven't been inside the library for over a year. I rarely visit due to internet - I can get all I need online, besides, I only have a few minutes each day to catch something, so after a quick scan of the Oregonian, I'll pop in for a few minutes of elaboration online.
3166	7/12/2012	I usually go to the Hollywood Branch and it is always very busy. During the school year my daughter met her tutor there and used one of the quiet rooms and I go often to check out books
3167	7/12/2012	The Kenton library is a fairly recent addition and I feel it is utilized well. It is a huge asset to this up and coming neighborhood and N Portland.
3168	7/12/2012	very...always people there
3169	7/12/2012	very well used. While I don't go in very often, I walk past it frequently and there's always traffic in and out.
3170	7/12/2012	very well used.
3171	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3172	7/12/2012	Always seems to be busy.
3173	7/12/2012	Fairly.
3174	7/12/2012	Very well used
3175	7/12/2012	Very!
3176	7/12/2012	It's always packed when I go in.
3177	7/12/2012	From the looks of the filled parking underneath, it's used a lot!!
3178	7/12/2012	Fairly well
3179	7/12/2012	I'd say it's fairly well-used. The baby books program - I went once before it switched from Mondays - had lots of moms/babies. There always seem to be a lot of ppl on the computers, reading magazines, using study rooms, and milling about the library. It's a very central and convenient location.
3180	7/12/2012	Rockwood Library is always busy when ever I'm visiting there.
3181	7/12/2012	I think that many families walk to the library and I also see lots of students in high school and college using the study rooms.
3182	7/12/2012	I also see lots of adults who are doing work and job hunting as well. I know friends and I use the library for movie rentals as well as cooking resources and patterns for knitting etc.
3182	7/12/2012	Very. Always people there
3183	7/12/2012	Very well used.

3184	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3185	7/12/2012	It's well used but also apparently well maintained.
3186	7/12/2012	It seems to be consistently busy.
3187	7/12/2012	always pretty busy
3188	7/12/2012	Very well used, I think; certainly by our family.
3189	7/12/2012	VERY!
3190	7/12/2012	Gresham always seems to have a steady stream of traffic.
3191	7/12/2012	Always busy
3192	7/12/2012	Very well used. It is considered part of the community center/heart of Sellwood.
3193	7/12/2012	It is always full of people when I'm there. I have come as it is opening, and found a dozen people waiting to go in.
3194	7/12/2012	I find many people there when we go
3195	7/12/2012	Very well used. There are always a ton of people there. It is really the center of Hollywood neighborhood and business area.
3196	7/12/2012	It is always busy. There are young to old. A variety of races. Staff always are busy helping people.
3197	7/12/2012	Well. It probably seems busier than it is because it is the smallest library I have ever been in; but people pack in like sardines, so obviously everyone thinks it is worth it for whatever they are after.
3198	7/12/2012	The only time it isn't a hubbub of activity is on Halloween. Our Albina library is small but hopping! The Hollywood library is larger, just as busy and much noisier, so I avoid it.
3199	7/12/2012	Very
3200	7/12/2012	Our library is very busy with people of all ages.
3201	7/12/2012	All locations I go to seem to be busy when I am there. Albina is close to my house so I go there in the afternoons or on the weekends. Holgate and Woodstock are close to where I work so I tend to go there during the week days.
3202	7/12/2012	good traffic at Belmont branch
3203	7/12/2012	pretty busy location
3204	7/12/2012	Every time I'm At the Woodstock location there's always lots of people. Real good to see so many people rely on the library and into reading.
3205	7/12/2012	Looks busy every time we are there
3206	7/12/2012	My library always seems bustling when I'm there. The staff are always very helpful, and patient with all my questions.
3207	7/12/2012	Very well used; it's an informal community center and gathering place for many friends and families, as well as being a great resource.
3208	7/12/2012	Very well
3209	7/12/2012	Very well used. I love it.
3210	7/12/2012	It seems very well used to me, on the occasions I am there which is maybe once a month or so.
3211	7/12/2012	Our library is always busy and the kids story times is usually pretty full.

3212	7/12/2012	The Belmont Library is always busy (in a good way) and if you get there before it opens, there are always several people waiting outside.
3213	7/12/2012	It's always busy.
3214	7/12/2012	Seems always to have a full parking lot, and computers are in use with patrons waiting.
3215	7/12/2012	It seems to me to be busy all the time. I see people of all ages there studying, using the computer. I often run into neighbors there.
3216	7/12/2012	Whenever I drop by, it feels pretty busy.
3217	7/12/2012	Very, but less now that Mult Co put forth a less than adequate funding measure. Thanks?
3218	7/12/2012	Seems well used for a small library, always has a fair amount of people using computers & browsing books, has small groups that meet for various activities.
3219	7/12/2012	We really need to use it more often. It appears to be busy and really is a great location and an important part of our community.
3220	7/12/2012	Literacy is a fundamental need in America. Our library branch is incredibly well used. Not only does it provide a space for continued learning where schools are falling behind. It literally gives kids a safe place to be in a neighborhood where regular gang violence is occurring blocks away.the library is always busy and we also use online services and interlibrary loan.
3221	7/12/2012	Very always busy
3222	7/12/2012	It's in wonderful condition
3223	7/12/2012	Extremely well. The Woodstock branch (as well as St. Johns and Kenton near our old neighborhood) is an integral part of our community.
3224	7/12/2012	Well used. Always people present.
3225	7/12/2012	very well used. It's always packed when we drop by. We used it alot when our son was small, but have slacked off since
3226	7/12/2012	Looks like it's in great shape to me!
3227	7/12/2012	It seems to me it is very well attended.
3228	7/12/2012	I believe it is one of the busiest in the US. It's always full of people when I go there.
3229	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3230	7/12/2012	not very
3231	7/12/2012	The library is so well used I often find the stacks crowded with patrons.
3232	7/12/2012	Our little Albina branch is packed - every time I'm there it seems to be full of people checking out books and using the computers. It's great. A great mix of ages, colors and interests (it looks like).
3233	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3234	7/12/2012	I love the Central library and the fact that I can pick-up books from the location nearest me regardless of where the book is shelved.
3235	7/12/2012	Not having library access would be devastating. It's almost always busy, too, which I am happy about.
3236	7/12/2012	There are always lots of people there when I stop by no matter what day or time.
3237	7/12/2012	Usually seems pretty busy.

3238	7/12/2012	When I am in there it is busy. I've never been in there and not seen the computer being used, books being checked out, people with their laptops set up, adults reading to children. It is THE BEST resource in my neighborhood!!
3239	7/12/2012	there are always 20-35 people in the library. the 8-10 computers are being used at all times, books are being checked out returned, and periodicals are being read
3240	7/12/2012	Heavily
3241	7/12/2012	It usually is very busy with lots of happy people!!
3242	7/12/2012	Both libraries are well populated when I visit them. I have seen the Albina library especially well populated, especially during the summer when school's out.
3243	7/12/2012	I'm not exactly sure what is being asked. We use the libraries often for various personal and professional reasons.
3244	7/12/2012	Seems well utilized.
3245	7/12/2012	It is very busy
3246	7/12/2012	ITS VERY NICE THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE TO SIT IF NEEDED. I USE IT 1-4 TIMES A WEEK. I AM A INJURED WORKER AND IT IS NICE TO BE ABLE TO ACSESS MOVIES(DVDS) AS WELL AS BOOKS. THE STAFF IS GOOD AND THEY ALL TAKE THE TIME TO TEACH PEOPLE WHO ARE BEHIND THE TECHNOLOGY. AS WELL AS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE!
3247	7/12/2012	There are always people there.
3248	7/12/2012	It's always a place of positive activity when we go in.
3249	7/12/2012	Pretty well-used! There are always people there, but not so many that I can't do what I need to do.
3250	7/12/2012	very
3251	7/12/2012	It is always busy!
3252	7/12/2012	Very well used. Many people in there all the times I have gone.
3253	7/12/2012	Very busy always
3254	7/12/2012	Always seems to be a lot of people utilizing the Library when we go, we always draw a crowd when I read books to my girlfriends 5 yr old in the kids section.
3255	7/12/2012	Appears to be extremely well used.
3256	7/12/2012	seems that they are always busy
3257	7/12/2012	Every time I enter the library is seems to be filled with many happy people. I always see familiar faces as well as new.
3258	7/12/2012	I see quite a few people each time I go. So, I would say that it is quite well used.
3259	7/12/2012	Sellwood is my main library, and it's always busy, any time of day, any day of the week.
3260	7/12/2012	It is heavily used, it is always full of people when it is open
3261	7/12/2012	I live by the downtown, central library and it is always busy.
3262	7/12/2012	The library is very popular
3263	7/12/2012	very well used
3264	7/12/2012	Very well used by all ages.

3265	7/12/2012	9.9 out of 10
3266	7/12/2012	always busy, at least when i am there, which is mostly during the day, a monday or tuesday and one w/end day.
3267	7/12/2012	It's a busy one. I don't think cutting the hours is fair. When I moved here, it was never open on Mondays. My only one day off at the time. Then, you opened it on Mondays and I was So happy. Now, you're closing it again. What a bummer.
3268	7/12/2012	Hillsdale seems to never be full nor empty. There are always a lot of people coming and going.
3269	7/12/2012	The Belmont Library is very busy all the time.
3270	7/12/2012	Always busy no matter the day or hour. There are people lined up outside on Saturdays and Sundays waiting for library to open. I am referring to Central Library in downtown Portland.
3271	7/12/2012	It's always busy when i am there, which is, unfortunately, usually on Monday. It seems well loved by families with young children, seniors, and various oepole on the computers.
3272	7/12/2012	Very well used. Whenever I go there, there is always a ton of people browsing or using the computers.
3273	7/12/2012	I believe it is well used. Because it is a small branch, I often need to have books transferred from another branch.
3274	7/12/2012	It is busy whenever my husband and I are there to pick up books that we have put on hold.
3275	7/12/2012	We frequent many branch libraries - we often are at Hollywood and that library is always busy and often does not have the books we are looking for. We love the online hold system and use that constantly.
3276	7/12/2012	Well used. The terminals are often in use, tables have studiers and readers, kids goofing in thur section and often in rooms in classes.
3277	7/12/2012	it's always busy
3278	7/12/2012	The libraries we go to always seem busy when we go there. Being on a fixed income we so value the library as we cannot afford to but books, dvds,etc and we are avid readers, movie and documentary watchers.
3279	7/12/2012	Often busy
3280	7/12/2012	I see people there all the time, from children to the elderly.
3281	7/12/2012	My library is usually pretty full of people. Seems very well used. The homeless like to hang out there.
3282	7/12/2012	Very well. There are always people inside as soon as the doors open.
3283	7/12/2012	IT IS ALWAYS FULL OF PEOPLE. i HAVE NEVER LIVED ANY WHERE ELSE WHERE THERE IS A WAITING LINE TO GET INTO THE LIBRARY BEFORE IT IS OPEN.
3284	7/12/2012	Very much so! I attend many of the children's programs at Gresham library, and there are always a lot of families there, particularly in the winter months.
3285	7/12/2012	Extremely!
3286	7/12/2012	It seems fairly well used. I only make it in on weekends and it seems crowded at those times.
3287	7/12/2012	There are always people using the library when I go. Several friends of mine use the library on a regular basis.

3288	7/12/2012	It's quite busy every time i've visited.
3289	7/12/2012	Very well used. Nicely kept and always full of people.
3290	7/12/2012	Medium
3291	7/12/2012	well used
3292	7/12/2012	Very well used
3293	7/12/2012	always busy, computers full, meeting rooms being used.
3294	7/12/2012	Very heavy usage at Hollywood... down right crowded most of the time. That makes me happy because it is also very efficient. That boils down to high-end productivity.
3295	7/12/2012	Very.
3296	7/12/2012	I use the library to for reading about my own interest, gain resources for my job, check out books for my students. And as a future parent I can't wait to do the baby reading groups and the summer reading programs.
3297	7/12/2012	Extremely well-used.
3298	7/12/2012	It is very used
3299	7/12/2012	I love the online reservation system and the inter-library loans. I would like to learn more about borrowing e-books and utilize that feature on my kindle.
3300	7/12/2012	It's busy all the time. I've resorted to putting all books on hold and not bothering to try to find them on shelves. Eventually I get them, often times I've forgotten ordering them.
3301	7/12/2012	Very and for the most part a really enjoyable experience
3302	7/12/2012	Well used.
3303	7/12/2012	? what
3304	7/12/2012	I feel that our library system is an incredible resource and asset for ALL Oregonians. Every time I visit Central Library or a branch, I am impressed by the number and diversity of users that I encounter. I know that we have the highest readership per capita of any library in the country. That's a very impressive accomplishment.
3305	7/12/2012	It appears fairly crowded with kids and adults when I stop by.
3306	7/12/2012	very well used
3307	7/12/2012	It's always busy! Research, the back rooms, and children's groups. We have I arrive early to get a space at the toddler group. I'm sad that the funding was cut.
3308	7/12/2012	I think it is well used. It seems busy when I am there to pick up books on hold.
3309	7/12/2012	It seems to me that it is well used. There always seem to be quite a few people there whenever I go there and often there is some kind of group event for young people. I would say that this branch is very well used.
3310	7/12/2012	It's always busy and bustling when I'm there
3311	7/12/2012	It is always busy
3312	7/12/2012	Always busy

3313	7/12/2012	It always seems fairly busy, particularly the computers. I personally would like to know that computers are used for learning vs social media.
3314	7/12/2012	very busy usually
3315	7/12/2012	very
3316	7/12/2012	Always seems busy.
3317	7/12/2012	Frequently used. A lot of people visit the library each day.
3318	7/12/2012	Seems very busy
3319	7/12/2012	I think they are being used, always plenty of people there when I go. I often have to wait for a computer with internet access, and the most popular items have lists that go on for up to two years.
3320	7/12/2012	It looks busy every time I go to the Hollywood Library (the main one I visit)...whether it's a weekend or weekday. Sometimes I end up at Belmont, and that one feels even busier, although it may just feel that way because of the layout.
3321	7/12/2012	It is heavily used by a lot of people.
3322	7/12/2012	Very well used. It's always busy
3323	7/12/2012	Very. The Belmont branch is always busy, as you are aware.
3324	7/12/2012	Very well used!!!
3325	7/12/2012	I heard that Belmont has the most requests for books than any other library, which is obvious by the way the books-on-hold shelving was rearranged (great!). I've walked past the door in a downpour & been asked by a drenched soul at the door if I was about to open the library. I've seen elders and kids and parents and business people and neighbors and folks I know from other neighborhoods who come here because it is their favorite. I vote here. I get help finding what I need here. I get help when frustrated on the computer here. And I enjoy walking to or driving past this place which always has its doors opening to people coming and going. It's vital to our community!
3326	7/12/2012	It is busy every time I go to the Gresham branch.
3327	7/12/2012	extremely well used
3328	7/12/2012	Very well used. It is constantly full of people browsing shelves and using computers
3329	7/12/2012	I feel that our local library is extremely well used and is an important service for our community.
3330	7/12/2012	I think our library system is the best I have ever used. I feel it is a vital service that helps so many people that otherwise would have no access to books and media. It is a great equalizer and should be funded.
3331	7/12/2012	Portlaners love our libraries and All the Great staff and Volunteers who help and work there!
3332	7/12/2012	Pretty well -- its always crowded when I go. I especially like the children's corner, although my child is grown now. I appreciate the knowlegeable, patient staff.
3333	7/12/2012	Always full
3334	7/12/2012	looks like there are usually people there to me.
3335	7/12/2012	very busy
3336	7/12/2012	Very well used

3337	7/12/2012	Seems very well used when I actually go into one
3338	7/12/2012	very! It is a great resource in our community esp. with a large immigrant population and lots of young families.
3339	7/12/2012	It would seem to be very well used.
3340	7/12/2012	Very well used, especially at peak hours such as evenings and weekends.
3341	7/12/2012	Very well
3342	7/12/2012	i think it's a wonderful asset to our neighborhood. What I like is the mix of ages, incomes. It is always full of people.
3343	7/12/2012	Very! It always seems quite busy and the Hillsdale branch draws a lot of students from Wilson High School.
3344	7/12/2012	Very busy
3345	7/12/2012	Northwest on NW Thurman is always busy.
3346	7/12/2012	It is always busy with several neighbors taking advantage of all the library has to offer. It's close to our high school and at least one middle school and elementary school and the building is in constant use by students of all ages.
3347	7/12/2012	extremely Belmont is small and always crowded
3348	7/12/2012	It always seems busy in there, with folks from all walks of life.
3349	7/12/2012	It is always busy
3350	7/12/2012	I would say that it is consistently well utilized by the diverse community it serves.
3351	7/12/2012	Very well used
3352	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3353	7/12/2012	Very well used. Hollywood branch is always busy when I go. I love seeing people of all ages enjoying this branch. I can't wait for our baby to grow up a bit to start taking advantage of the children's programs.
3354	7/12/2012	The Holgate Library is always busy when I go, no matter what time of day.
3355	7/12/2012	For a small branch, the NW library seems always to be active. People use the computers a lot, it appears, and a lot of mothers and children are always there.
3356	7/12/2012	very
3357	7/12/2012	Central Library is always busy.
3358	7/12/2012	Many people use the services offered in these libraries.
3359	7/12/2012	Very busy.
3360	7/12/2012	It always looks busy. The computers are almost always full, and I hear lots of different languages spoken in the library. It's a treasure for our neighborhood.
3361	7/12/2012	It always seems pretty busy to us.
3362	7/12/2012	It is always busy and it is used for so many things like community meetings and special clubs who use the conference room. I used it to study a lot when I was taking college classes.
3363	7/12/2012	It is well attended by people of all ages and ethnic diversity.

3364	7/12/2012	Cental Library is extremely well used.
3365	7/12/2012	Very popular
3366	7/12/2012	very well used
3367	7/12/2012	Always busy, always full of people.
3368	7/12/2012	It's very well used!
3369	7/12/2012	I am not sure that I understand the question.
3370	7/12/2012	Heavy use.
3371	7/12/2012	It is always busy, sometimes it is hard to find a parking spot! :)
3372	7/12/2012	Very, always busy!
3373	7/12/2012	very well used. It is always busy - often difficult to find a table to sit down.
3374	7/12/2012	The Central Library is always well used. My neighborhood library, Gregory Heights also seems to be well used.
3375	7/12/2012	Hillsdale is one of the busiest branches
3376	7/12/2012	It is always busy any time I go
3377	7/12/2012	Very
3378	7/12/2012	i don't go frequently, so i couldn't objectively say, but all my friends are extremely enthusiastic about the library
3379	7/12/2012	very well used - always busy.
3380	7/12/2012	Seems like a lot of folks really use and appreciate the library and the services.
3381	7/12/2012	The few times I have to go and get a print book it is always busy. I prefer ebooks so I use library2go ALOT!
3382	7/12/2012	The Hollywood branch appears to be heavily used.
3383	7/12/2012	Extremely well used! Always a lot of people when we go there!
3384	7/12/2012	I always see people there at all hours, both checking out books and using the computers. Albina appears to provide computer access to young people who don't have computers. This is really important, without this resource they would be academically and socially disadvantaged further than they already are.
3385	7/12/2012	don't know
3386	7/12/2012	Very well used
3387	7/12/2012	No matter the day or hour, it is always busy.
3388	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3389	7/12/2012	Extremely.
3390	7/12/2012	It's an amazing community center, which is indispensable. That being said, you need to say in clear terms what the new levy means in terms of dollars per \$100K. I'm not pleased you give us a rate. Be straight and we'll be straight.

3391	7/12/2012	When we sign up for computer, most of time we only have to wait a short time. When we put the materials on hold, we normally get them at the decent time. When we look for materials, most of the time library carries the items we need. As far as hours, Monday closing day does affect our usage of the library.
3392	7/12/2012	Extremely well used for media, presentations, events, classes and research assistance
3393	7/12/2012	by whom, me? I use it primarily to pick up and drop off books that I've reserved online. I am extremely grateful for this fabulous system!
3394	7/12/2012	It is fairly well used.
3395	7/12/2012	Every time I'm there, many people are utilizing computers, browsing books, exiting and entering the library.
3396	7/12/2012	very much
3397	7/12/2012	well used
3398	7/12/2012	Seems well used.
3399	7/12/2012	Always super busy. Selection not that great-- lots checked out always.
3400	7/12/2012	very. students of all ages, older adults, people there for long periods of time studying, etc.
3401	7/12/2012	Very.
3402	7/12/2012	It is well used.
3403	7/12/2012	The Hollywood branch library is always full of people -of all age groups as far as I can tell- every time I visit (late afternoon and weekends). The weekends seem to be very busy throughout the year.
3404	7/12/2012	I use it frequently. I can not comment on others use.
3405	7/12/2012	Very
3406	7/12/2012	The Central Library is always used, there are so many people going in and out. The Holgate Library is much, much, much smaller. I've noticed that many young students spend their after-school hours here. It is a safe place for kids to hang out and do homework (Sometimes it can be noisy but I'd rather them be at the library than walking the streets). I take the bus everywhere, so I attend the library that is in my immediate area or on the way from one point to the next. I appreciate the library, it keeps me reading, saves me money, and I think it does a lot more good that we give it credit. The staff is always busy; however, helpful and friendly. I probably visit two or three times each month; load up on a bunch of DVDs and books, and devour them at home. I would say the Holgate, the one I most frequent, is very well used. However, under equipped and cramped.
3407	7/12/2012	It seems like there are always a lot of people at the library, whether it's children's book readings or just people using computers, the local library always seems well-used to me.
3408	7/12/2012	Good working condition computer software is extremely dated though creating slow and slightly unreliable access to networks.
3409	7/12/2012	The Albina branch always seems busy and full, but not crowded. I used to be a patron and volunteer at Belmont, and that branch usually seemed over capacity.
3410	7/12/2012	Well-used. there are always people there!

3411	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3412	7/12/2012	Couldn't say exactly; it's usually being used by others when I'm there.
3413	7/12/2012	extremely well used!
3414	7/12/2012	I don't understand the wording of this question. It's heavily used?
3415	7/12/2012	<p>The Northwest library branch is very well used. I visit the Northwest library at least once per week (sometimes many times per week) and it is always busy. The computer terminals are always full, the children's book section is full of children reading and looking at books, and there is always a line at the front counter for checking out books. The staff is very helpful with reading suggestions. The library is always very clean, and the books are in good condition. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>This is a great convenient location for library patrons living in Northwest Portland, and this library is in close proximity to the local schools (Chapman Elementary, MLC, Friendly House, After school programs, etc).</p>
3416	7/12/2012	Extremely well used!
3417	7/12/2012	Seems to have steady business.
3418	7/12/2012	Central Library is well used. Seldom an empty chair.
3419	7/12/2012	Heavily used. Patron's stand outside waiting for it to open.
3420	7/12/2012	there always seems to be people there, especially high school kids (which is so cool to see them using the library!)
3421	7/12/2012	I couldn't believe how many people that use it. Many were on the computers.
3422	7/12/2012	this library is always busy
3423	7/12/2012	Very well used. There always people in the library when I go there regardless of what time I go.
3424	7/12/2012	I don't visit it enough to comment.
3425	7/12/2012	Seems well-used.... always busy
3426	7/12/2012	The Gregory Heights library, my home library now, has often a steady stream of people walking into the building. It seems there are so often families who attend library programming in the extra meeting space. I find the staff helpful yet bogged down with requests that I don't wish to bother them too much.
3427	7/12/2012	It seems to be very popular - always lots of people there
3428	7/12/2012	Seems busy most of the time.
3429	7/12/2012	Central Library always seems very well used.
3430	7/12/2012	It always seems busy and well loved.
3431	7/12/2012	Very well used. In fact, I met 3 people the other day who were as disappointed as I was on Monday when we discovered at the door that the library is now closed on Mondays....my weekly day off.
3432	7/12/2012	More during the school year.
3433	7/12/2012	It seems to be very well used.
3434	7/12/2012	Very
3435	7/12/2012	very well used. families come as a unit which is nice to see.

3436	7/12/2012	I can't think of a time I have visited that I did not see other patrons coming or going.
3437	7/12/2012	super awesome place!
3438	7/12/2012	It's always busy - if you wanted to get a computer you'd have to wait in line.
3439	7/12/2012	very popular
3440	7/12/2012	Well used
3441	7/12/2012	It always seems busy and full of people the times I go there (usually weekend afternoons).
3442	7/12/2012	Very well, I think, because when I come in to borrow books or recorded books, it seems to be busy. People are at the computers, more are waiting in line to use them, young kids are using computers, and still others are browsing the shelves.
3443	7/12/2012	Very heavily used.
3444	7/12/2012	The Midland branch is always very busy.
3445	7/12/2012	Very well used. It's always busy!
3446	7/12/2012	It seems busy and full of people at any time of day that I go into the library.
3447	7/12/2012	It always seems pretty busy.
3448	7/12/2012	I feel the library is well used.
3449	7/12/2012	pretty busy, whenever we visit (ave 1-2 week, mostly Killingsworth & Kenton branches)
3450	7/12/2012	Extremely well used, I have gone there in the morning, in the middle of the day, right before closing, and it is always busy. It sometimes gets busier, but it is never empty, even in summer in beautiful weather. Hollywood and Gregory Heights are always full of either families or people on the computer. □
3451	7/12/2012	Central and midland seem to have more people come in for services (computer usage and holds). Their book aisles are usually empty.
3452	7/12/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever I go there
3453	7/12/2012	very
3454	7/12/2012	Our library seems busy, but not crowded.
3455	7/12/2012	Busy.
3456	7/12/2012	It's used well thank you
3457	7/12/2012	Get what you need often.
3458	7/12/2012	Seems busy every time I'm there.
3459	7/12/2012	It's always quite busy.
3460	7/12/2012	It is very well used. It is often busy and children story times are very popular. It is also very convenient for reserving and picking up books.
3461	7/12/2012	overcrowded
3462	7/12/2012	It is always busy and everyone is very friendly!
3463	7/12/2012	I always see tons of people in it and many young looking families so I would have to say it is heavily used and even more heavily loved!
3464	7/12/2012	Very. Always busy and bustling.
3465	7/12/2012	I do not understand the question.

3466	7/12/2012	Well used. It is always busy with a variety of people.
3467	7/12/2012	There are always people at the Albina branch.
3468	7/12/2012	It always seems to be busy when I visit, especially during the evenings and on weekends.
3469	7/12/2012	It's well attended every time I visit, which is probably closer to two times a week.
3470	7/12/2012	I believe it is used very often I always see quite a few people in the library either on the computers, or reading, and I seen people doing there schoolwork there, and people working on their business. I know it is an great asset to our community. I don't know what we would do without it.
3471	7/12/2012	unknown
3472	7/12/2012	It is busy every time I go there. But the customer service is great and I never have to wait to be helped.
3473	7/12/2012	Very. It always seems well-populated.
3474	7/12/2012	It is busy nearly every day and all the computers are in use there--they could use more.
3475	7/12/2012	There always seems to be a good amount of people at the Belmont Library when I'm there.
3476	7/12/2012	well used - hollywood
3477	7/12/2012	The Central Library is a valuable resource for the downtown community and is very heavily used,
3478	7/12/2012	Looks well used whenever I go in.
3479	7/12/2012	always busy, very well used
3480	7/12/2012	Very well. It's always packed.
3481	7/12/2012	LOVE LOVE LOVE it and would miss it sorely if it were not there.
3482	7/12/2012	Every time I go to the Hollywood Branch, it's full of people. I went by on Friday, after the July hours changed an there were four other people trying to get in too.
3483	7/12/2012	It seems pretty well used. Do you mean worn out though? It does not seem wrn out. It seems like people would benefit from more hours though.
3484	7/12/2012	it always seems busy, clean and welcoming.
3485	7/12/2012	People love it! I'm so thankful to have one in my community.
3486	7/12/2012	It seems very busy at our local library. I see people of all ages there.
3487	7/12/2012	Parking lot is always full when I walk by.
3488	7/12/2012	very well used
3489	7/12/2012	Very well used. Great place, nice staff, excellent service.
3490	7/12/2012	My kids and I use our local library a lot. The kids usually sign up for the Summer Reading Program, and use the Library for sources on their School Reading Logs.
3491	7/12/2012	it is always busy....people in line each morning waiting for doors to open
3492	7/12/2012	Always busy
3493	7/12/2012	Crowded every time I come in with all age groups using a variety of sources.
3494	7/12/2012	It is always full of people
3495	7/12/2012	It seems like most people use the Central library for computer access, presumably to access the internet. A few people, including me, actually a read stuff too!
3496	7/12/2012	Very busy

3497	7/12/2012	The library always seems busy whenever I'm there -- I mostly use the Central library, and I feel that is a key place for computer access for Portlanders who lack housing or access to a computer. I love the socio-economic diversity and I think it's critical that this safe, engaging community space be available for as many hours as possible.
3498	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3499	7/12/2012	The library is very popular and the space is often crowded.
3500	7/12/2012	Very busy. Well loved.
3501	7/12/2012	It seems to be well used and is in a great location.
3502	7/12/2012	very well used
3503	7/12/2012	Very well used. Often busy, even on week days.
3504	7/12/2012	Busy, I think!
3505	7/12/2012	very
3506	7/12/2012	They seem to be used quite a bit
3507	7/12/2012	Always busy, lots of people of all ages are there.
3508	7/12/2012	Though it is a small local library (Holgate), it is always full of people taking advantage of the great services provided by the library. Especially during the summer, there are so many people!
3509	7/12/2012	Very well
3510	7/12/2012	Very well used - its always full of people, and there's always a wait for computers.
3511	7/12/2012	Seems pretty well used. There are typically at least 10-20 patrons each time I visit. A majority of services are appear to be getting utilized by patrons each time I visit.
3512	7/12/2012	Very well used.
3513	7/12/2012	Very popular and much used. Librarians in each section and/or service are extremely knowledgeable, patient and helpful.
3514	7/12/2012	It is very well visited throughout the year, but in particular in the summer months.
3515	7/12/2012	ALWAYS busy.
3516	7/12/2012	All those that I go to (Hollywood and Central mostly) seem very well used
3517	7/12/2012	Not sure
3518	7/12/2012	very - Our homeowners association regularly uses one of the meeting rooms and all of us use the library for different things - checking out books, downloading books on Kindle, etc.
3519	7/12/2012	Quite.
3520	7/12/2012	Both Central and Kenton are always crowded whenever I visit.
3521	7/12/2012	It is always busy, day or night.
3522	7/12/2012	very busy.many users are lined up before 10am opening!
3523	7/12/2012	All seem to have several people using the facilities. Always pleased to see people lined up waiting for the library to open on Sunday.
3524	7/12/2012	Very well used. Almost always crowded and busy.
3525	7/12/2012	Very heavily used

3526	7/12/2012	It always seems busy :)
3527	7/12/2012	It appears to be well used. It's always busy and the computers seem to be in constant use.
3528	7/12/2012	Very.well.used
3529	7/11/2012	Seems fairly busy everytime I am there
3530	7/11/2012	Seems pretty popular
3531	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always lots of people in there with smiles on their faces,mostly.
3532	7/11/2012	Extremely. There's always many people in there. It is a stronghold of the community. Very well used, from community events and classes to use of the computers and books. My library, Capital Hill, has a wonderful variety of people who use it every time I'm in there. There are people in a range of ages and from many ethnic and religious backgrounds (based on what they are wearing). My daughter volunteers to help with the Summer Reading program and regularly checks out books.
3533	7/11/2012	
3534	7/11/2012	Very.
3535	7/11/2012	Seems to be fairly well-attended. There're always about 1-2 dozen patrons in there when I'm there.
3536	7/11/2012	Very well used
3537	7/11/2012	Very well used! It is always busy when we are there.
3538	7/11/2012	every time I have been in there it is filled with many people.
3539	7/11/2012	Well Both Kenton and Albina are busy.
3540	7/11/2012	very much so, it's always packed
3541	7/11/2012	There seem to be people coming and going constantly.
3542	7/11/2012	quite well
3543	7/11/2012	very well used
3544	7/11/2012	always seems busy to me, people waiting outside for it to open
3545	7/11/2012	Very well used and beautiful too!
3546	7/11/2012	Very well
3547	7/11/2012	Very. There are always people there. I enjoy using the neighborhood library. However, I'm disturbed by the following: 1. high number of homeless people. I realize that this is a bigger social issue and don't know what the solution is. They are somewhat unsanitary and smelly. 2. People eating in the library. What happened to the old rule of "silence, no food and no drinks"? 3. lack of power outlets for those who use their own laptops.
3548	7/11/2012	
3549	7/11/2012	The NW branch is often very busy with families and homeless people.
3550	7/11/2012	Very well
3551	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3552	7/11/2012	Heavily used, especially internet access.
3553	7/11/2012	Always seems to be busy.
3554	7/11/2012	It seems quite well used by a large variety of ages.

3555	7/11/2012	Whenever I stop in to check out books, the North Portland branch is populated with many faces. I've seen these faces using all of the services the library provides. It's an integral part of our community.
3556	7/11/2012	Very.
3557	7/11/2012	I read to a nursing home resident so the library is a wonderful place to obtain books that she is interested in. I also check out movies to view in the nursing home.
3558	7/11/2012	Almost every table has several readers sitting at them, regardless of the day of the week or time of the day. Most of the computers are being used each time I have visited. I always see young children and youth in abundance, checking out books, both after school hours and during the summer.
3559	7/11/2012	Not sure.
3560	7/11/2012	It appears to be quite busy on the days we visit especially in the children's section.
3561	7/11/2012	Usually busy with young families.
3562	7/11/2012	I dont understand this question?
3563	7/11/2012	Seems to be fairly busy whenever we stop by.
3564	7/11/2012	I usually only get there on the weekends, and it's usually pretty hopping!
3565	7/11/2012	Always busy when I am there. All computers in use
3566	7/11/2012	Extremely busy
3567	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
3568	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy most of the time. Since North Portland is on a bus line and near a school, I think that it is used by a variety of age groups.
3569	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3570	7/11/2012	Fairly busy.
3571	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
3572	7/11/2012	extremely well used!
3573	7/11/2012	It always seems to be very busy!
3574	7/11/2012	Seems like there are lots of people there
3575	7/11/2012	Always a lot of other people there
3576	7/11/2012	It is busy, but that does not necessarily mean it is well used.
3577	7/11/2012	Well used
3578	7/11/2012	Couldn't say, I'm in and out, but there are lots of books on the hold shelf.
3579	7/11/2012	I'm not sure exactly what you're asking here. But, I believe the library has many inefficiencies. At both Northwest and Central I frequently have the impression that the library is a day camp for the homeless. I think many of the library's services could be accessed remotely without the need for a branch to be open all the time. Thus, I feel the library is well used, but that doesn't mean that I think it is being used efficiently.
3580	7/11/2012	It's always busy, and there's a long line at the door 15 minutes before it opens EVERY day.

3581	7/11/2012	Central is very well used. Local branch is not as easy to use for my mother-in-law since handicapped parking is not as easy to get and the entrance is less accessible (particularly since book return is not inside library front area)
3582	7/11/2012	The Kenton Library is always being used. Whenever I go in there, the computers are in use and there are people in all sections of the library. It's a smaller library, but it's set up great and in the perfect location.
3583	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. It is never empty. There are always people at most of the computers and scattered around the whole room. Plus, a lot of those people are teens which is certainly wonderful.
3584	7/11/2012	Very well used. Every time I go there I'm surprised by all the people in the library.
3585	7/11/2012	I would say very highly used as when we arrive, depending on the time, there is usually a line to get on the computer.
3586	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. There are lots of young children and youth on the premises.
3587	7/11/2012	very well...
3588	7/11/2012	Rather well used.
3589	7/11/2012	Very well used, but not in the sense of being "worn out."
3590	7/11/2012	Very well used. I feel that, regardless of what time or day I stop in there are plenty of people using computers, reading to their kids, or checking out books.
3591	7/11/2012	Seems busy to me.
3592	7/11/2012	Hollywood branch is almost always very busy and the quiet rooms and computers are in high demand. Many many people rely on computer access because their finances keep them from having Internet service or even a working computer at home. The reference desk is always busy, and even though most checking out is done by the customer, the employees behind the service desk are almost always assisting someone and often there is a line.
3593	7/11/2012	Busy
3594	7/11/2012	very well used. There are often many people utilizing the computers and the programs for small children. It can often be too crowded to join in the reading programs for small children (ex: toddler and preschool story times).
3595	7/11/2012	Very well used...always busy
3596	7/11/2012	very well used. often all computers are busy
3597	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library seems to be the most popular. I like to look up materials on the website, put them on hold, then pick them up when they are ready.
3598	7/11/2012	The Hollywood branch seems to be busy whenever I stop by.
3599	7/11/2012	well!
3600	7/11/2012	It always seems to be pretty busy. I love the library. You can check out books, dvds and cds for free! What a concept!
3601	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. Every time I go in the Librarians are busy helping patrons. Two Sundays ago was even more busy. Lots of children and families, elderly, and 20-somethings.

3602	7/11/2012	It is always very busy
3603	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3604	7/11/2012	very well used
3605	7/11/2012	Very - it's wonderful!!!
3606	7/11/2012	well
3607	7/11/2012	very well used. it is always busy and full of life. an amazing community space.
3608	7/11/2012	Very. There are always people here, and I use it all the time.
3609	7/11/2012	Very well!
3610	7/11/2012	I myself visit the Library with my daughter once a week. My husband often goes with her or by himself an additional day a week.
3611	7/11/2012	In what sense do you mean? In terms of apparent numbers of library patrons, I would say that my library branches are quite well used. The central branch in particular can sometimes be sufficiently crowded to be described as actually noisy.
3612	7/11/2012	Well
3613	7/11/2012	very well used
3614	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
3615	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
3616	7/11/2012	Hollywood Branch is always very busy, and well used
3617	7/11/2012	It is very useable but needs to be used more after work hours.
3618	7/11/2012	there are always people there when I go to pick up a reserved item that has come in...
3619	7/11/2012	very well used
3620	7/11/2012	We believe it is extremely well used. Every time we visit, no matter the day or the time, the parking lot is pretty well filled. There is usually a waiting list for computer usage (we do not ourselves use it) and the children's library is well used. We have never experienced a library that provides the services ours does (same goes for the whole county) and we will gladly support the larger tax increase in order to cover charges. The library serves a needed and happily used community center for Multnomah's multiple population, particularly, in our view, its children and adolescents.
3621	7/11/2012	It is busy whenever I go so I'm guessing it's well used.

		I have been an avid user of the library system since I was a child, however, in the last 12 years I have really put it to weekly use. I've stopped buying books, DVDs and music; utilizing your vast resources.[]
		[]
3622	7/11/2012	When I was in outside sales, I greatly appreciated your business librarians and their vast knowledge of the data-bases that I could use to segment my business. They are a fabulous resource and extremely knowledgeable.[]
		[]
		Thank you for being so awesome and in the community!![]
		[]
		Linda K. Landrum
3623	7/11/2012	We usually go at the weekend and it always looks busy. Its great for families with young children.
3624	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy whenever I go in. It also offers classes for the community and space for meetings. I think our libraries are invaluable and deserve as much financial support as we can muster. I happily pay my overdue fines because I know they will go back to the library.
3625	7/11/2012	very well
3626	7/11/2012	Very.
3627	7/11/2012	very
3628	7/11/2012	In most cases the library is very busy and only a few times in the last 8 months have I noticed only a few times during mid afternoon that it was not fairly full.
3629	7/11/2012	It appears to be well used. There are always plenty of people there when I go in, and there are always people waiting outside the door before it opens.
3630	7/11/2012	Seems to be very well used. My partner makes at least 2 or 3 trips a month and I many times read the books he has checked out.
3631	7/11/2012	I often see people lined up before they are even open.
3632	7/11/2012	It's generally busy when I'm there. Seems to serve a wide spread of demographics.
3633	7/11/2012	Always busy
3634	7/11/2012	I used alot
3635	7/11/2012	Well used and well loved.
3636	7/11/2012	Very well used, usually busy.
3637	7/11/2012	well used, lots of traffic, lots of collaboration with internet access.
3638	7/11/2012	The Hollywood Branch is very busy. The computers are usually all in use, Parents and children are lined waiting for storytime. People of all ages are selecting books or picking up books on hold to check out. The staff is busy helping people with questions and assisting people with check out or at the computers searching.
3639	7/11/2012	Not sure what you mean by this question.
3640	7/11/2012	It's always busy with a broad mix of all ages.

3641	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used based on my experience, always has at least 10 people there and usually more.
3642	7/11/2012	It is always very busy. People of all ages and income levels.
3643	7/11/2012	Usually seems fairly busy
3644	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3645	7/11/2012	It is very well used. Very important to the community.
3646	7/11/2012	N/A
3647	7/11/2012	It always has lots of people in both libraries we go to. They appear to be well used and are rarely not bustling.
3648	7/11/2012	finding a parking place in the fairly large lot is sometimes a challenge. Usually at least 3/4 full at all times. I go to library about 5 times a week.
3649	7/11/2012	Always bustling with activity. Sometimes wait in lines to use self-checkout machines. Looks like lots of holds on the shelves. Always folks on the computers. Kid's section generally quite active. Seems to be some activity or other occurring every time I'm there.
3650	7/11/2012	It seems to be pretty busy every time I go in.
3651	7/11/2012	Fairly well.
3652	7/11/2012	We live closest to the Hollywood Library and go there most often. We love it and all the county libraries. They are great resources for the community! My children love them (ages 11 and 4) and go there at least weekly or more often. They love the programming there, the children's sections, the computer access (including the children's game), and the teen sections. We'd love to see more to the teen sections (like the Beaverton library has - separate hang out area for teens). But overall, we love the Multnomah County libraries and want them well funded for a long long time! We see many people frequent the libraries we visit.
3653	7/11/2012	It's busy
3654	7/11/2012	There always seems to be a large number of people at both midland and rockwood libraries. Both are on major bus lines and near schools. We go in to one or the other at least twice a week more often in summer
3655	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3656	7/11/2012	Very well used. We uses it all the time to checkout books and audiobooks. It is always very busy (a good thing!).
3657	7/11/2012	It looks busy when I go in to check out books.
3658	7/11/2012	It appears to be well used, the times that I have been there I have noticed that there are enough people there to make it feel full.
3659	7/11/2012	well used
3660	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I am there
3661	7/11/2012	Very good.
3662	7/11/2012	Very

3663	7/11/2012	Very well used. People are always waiting for it to open in the mornings. On weekends I love seeing all the families there. I even see teenagers there on their own. It makes me really happy to see people of all ages who love the library as much as I do.
3664	7/11/2012	The library is always well attended when I visit.
3665	7/11/2012	It seems to be filled with all ages and races. It looks like it will need double the size as the area grows.
3666	7/11/2012	Both the Hollywood and Woodstock libraries are hives of activities.
3667	7/11/2012	Very
3668	7/11/2012	Very
3669	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3670	7/11/2012	Very!
3671	7/11/2012	The library is a family staple.
3672	7/11/2012	Very well.
		Seems pretty well: The Albina branch is in a block of storefronts that offer several different resources to the community, so it seems like a natural fit. One is likely to see people from all walks of life using it to better their lives.[]
3673	7/11/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>The Belmont one is in a great area between Belmont & Hawthorne. Very bikeable, good kids' & reference resources.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The Central one is beautiful, inside and out, and constitutes an irreplaceable institution for the residents of Multnomah County. I've never been there when it wasn't full of folks, happily finding the resources they need.</p>
3674	7/11/2012	Seems extremely well utilized.
3675	7/11/2012	The libraries I have visited always seem quite busy.
3676	7/11/2012	I go after work and on the weekends and there are always people sitting at the tables or milling around. I consider it well-used during those times.
3677	7/11/2012	appears to be very well used. also appears to be used as a free babysitting service after school hours.
3678	7/11/2012	Feels like Hollywood has a steady flow of people using it.
3679	7/11/2012	The library I go to, the central library, is always used by a LOT of people.
3680	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights, my neighborhood library, seems to be doing a brisk "business". It provides a significant service to it's surrounding neighbors.
3681	7/11/2012	our library rocks!
3682	7/11/2012	very well used
3683	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy. Always people waiting for the doors to open.
3684	7/11/2012	busy
3685	7/11/2012	I see many frequent the beautiful library

3686	7/11/2012	It is always very busy with many activities and uses happening simultaneously.
3687	7/11/2012	It is well-used. There are many people who come and go, picking up book/other media. There are plenty of people who use the computers too. Overall, many people use the Midland library, which is my most visited library.
3688	7/11/2012	Despite being a small branch, my local library (belmont) is fairly busy every time I go there. Because of its small selection and convenient location, it seems to be used primarily as a pickup point for books and media that has been put on hold.
3689	7/11/2012	used quite a bit VERY well (Hollywood & Sellwood-Moreland). □
3690	7/11/2012	I sometimes have to wait to use the 15 min. computers at Hollywood (to do a quick e-mail check, while I am out & about running errands) and there are no 15 min. express internet computers at the Sellwood-Moreland branch. □ Most times the tables with people reading (at both branches) are crowded & there are noisy children too close by for these two libraries to be a comfortable place to do serious work.
3691	7/11/2012	i don't know
3692	7/11/2012	Very, always seems busy.
3693	7/11/2012	iT ALWAYS APPEARS TO BE BUSY
3694	7/11/2012	I use the Central and Belmont libraries the most and they are both extremely busy every time I am there. There are people checking out books, using the computers, attending events, looking at local art or just reading. It's a bustling and vibrant social scene and an amazing community resource.
3695	7/11/2012	Very. It is always full with people reading, using the computer.
3696	7/11/2012	very very well used
3697	7/11/2012	Well loved and adored. Always want more library!
3698	7/11/2012	Definitely necessary- - -use of computers extremely important.
3699	7/11/2012	Always several other people there when I go.
3700	7/11/2012	I use it about once a week to check out audio books, paper books and dvd's. I am planning to buy an electronic reader of some type in the near fututre and plan to download books from the library as well.
3701	7/11/2012	seems very populated everytime I am there, chairs full etc.
3702	7/11/2012	The Belmont library is always busy when I am there. All ages. Lots of people on the computers.
3703	7/11/2012	I think it's used tremendously
3704	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people there
3705	7/11/2012	When we have been there, it has always been full of activity. It is a lovely library enhanced by a park visible throughout. Love it.
3706	7/11/2012	Albina would be local for me, and it appears very well used.
3707	7/11/2012	extremely!
3708	7/11/2012	There are people in there everytime I go either utilizing the computers or checking out books.
3709	7/11/2012	Always busy

3710	7/11/2012	I mainly use the central library, which is always swarming with people.
3711	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3712	7/11/2012	Very well used. Often a crowd. I use a lot of online services such as library search. Wish my card # could be saved on my computer. Although I do mostly on line searches, holds, etc. I then pick up my holds at the library and often broze then. Will also look for special topics.
3713	7/11/2012	Both always seem very busy and well run.
3714	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3715	7/11/2012	We use the library regularly and LOVE the library system!
3716	7/11/2012	very well
3717	7/11/2012	I know for a fact the Hollywood library is heavily used in the Hollywood District. There was an occasion when I had to meet someone near the library, so I will set in my car waiting and notice people parking and entering the library," lots of men and women and children". You can tell when the library is fill because the lack of parking around the library.
3718	7/11/2012	Very busy! I love our library. I use it more and more since I started to pay attention to my library tax! []
3719	7/11/2012	The folks at the Hollywood branch are great. It is always full of life!
3720	7/11/2012	Its always busy
3721	7/11/2012	There are usually quite a few folks who are using thelibrary. The computers are almost always being used, lot's of children using the children;s section.
3722	7/11/2012	It must be used a lot. It is always busy.
3723	7/11/2012	Very well used. Very well used! The Central Library is always hoppin. this question isn't terribly clear, so i'll try. []
3724	7/11/2012	there are many people in and out of the hollywood branch, all the time. this implies a great deal of use. [] used as in worn? looks fresh and delightful to me! [] do people use the library to a full potential? probably not.
3725	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. I order books over the internet and pit up holds so I don't spend a whole lot of time in the in the stacks.
3726	7/11/2012	It's always busy
3727	7/11/2012	Well used
3728	7/11/2012	seems pretty well used.
3729	7/11/2012	Usually busy and full.
3730	7/11/2012	They seen to always have quite a few people in there whenever I'm there.

3731	7/11/2012	It is always full of people when I visit. If I get there before opening time there are several people sitting in their cars or waiting at the door for it to open.
3732	7/11/2012	The St.Johns library is hopping each time we visit, children, adults both cluster around the computer stations and in the stacks. After a closure day, the return bin is full and the patrons are waiting at the door to come in.
3733	7/11/2012	Very well used
3734	7/11/2012	Every time I go to the library I see many people making use of its resources. It is never empty. The computers are usually all in use and there are quite a few children in the kids' section as well.
3735	7/11/2012	I see people in there all the time. I LOVE the library (my mom was a librarian), but we need to re-vision our libraries, and that vision needs to be better publicized to the public. The old model of the library as a place to check out books needs to be modernized!
3736	7/11/2012	very well
3737	7/11/2012	My library is always full of people when I go in. This would be during the afternoon hours-2pm
3738	7/11/2012	Always busy
3739	7/11/2012	very well used.
3740	7/11/2012	The Woodstock branch always seems to have a fair number of users about. I have never noticed it ever being bereft of patrons.
3741	7/11/2012	It is a rare occasion that I go to the Woodstock branch and it is not filled with people from the neighborhood. I would say that it is a very popular destination for many families in the Woodstock neighborhood.
3742	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy.
3743	7/11/2012	Very!
3744	7/11/2012	always busy when I visit. usually a line outside waiting to get in at opening time.
3745	7/11/2012	Very! There are always lots of people about, and I don't think I've ever seen a vacant computer.
3746	7/11/2012	i use it all the time and there is always, no matter what library i visit, an line before opening. too bad hours are getting cut..again.
3747	7/11/2012	It's nearly always full and busy
3748	7/11/2012	Almost every time I go to the Woodstock library, it is busy.
3749	7/11/2012	It seems pretty busy, depending on time of day, season, weather, etc.
3750	7/11/2012	Very
3751	7/11/2012	very well
3752	7/11/2012	It seems to me it is very well used. My husband uses it more than I do and is very grateful to have access to so many audio c.d.'s and books. [] [] Whenever I go to the library there are always people there using the computers and looking for books.
3753	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
3754	7/11/2012	Constant flow of people, especially families with youth.

3755	7/11/2012	It is a good learning environment for my childrn to play on the computer and pick out books. The library is always full of people and well used.
3756	7/11/2012	It seems that there is always a line outside before they open. I'd say it's pretty well used.
3757	7/11/2012	The N. Portland library is very well used, and often very crowded.
3758	7/11/2012	As it's currently summer, the libraries are always full and the resources as computers are heavily used. Sometimes the average wait time for computers is over an hour. It's a hassle having to wait but luckily with being in a library there are plenty of books to keep me occupied until my computer opens up. I appreciate the availability of my neighborhood library, Midland Library, because it gives me time to go to the library after my babysitting and chores. It's safe, a cool place to resort to during hot summer days and I can bring my siblings along knowing that there's plenty for us to do and the world is literally at our fingertips. Going to the library with my family is my favorite part of summer when I'm home visiting as I'm an undergrad student at Oregon State University.
3759	7/11/2012	Very well used
3760	7/11/2012	I think pretty well used. I enjoy Hollywood over Belmont because it feels more spacious and less crowded. I love that both are open until 8 a couple nights per week.
3761	7/11/2012	I pay more for less. My property taxes went up and you shorten my access to the library
3762	7/11/2012	Our library is always busy and there is often a line for Internet and other computers. I have come many times in the morning right before they opened just to see a line at the door. As a family we often put things on hold and go get them when they are in so we do not have to go looking for items. Often times our library does not have what we want when we come in and just look for it.
3763	7/11/2012	Albina, my neighborhood branch and the one i use the most was jam-packed yesterday, Tuesday, July 9th at about 1:30 when I dropped by to pick up books on hold...it is never not busy...
3764	7/11/2012	always busy
3765	7/11/2012	It seems busy whenever I go
3766	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy every time I visit.
3767	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3768	7/11/2012	Fairly busy whenever we are there!
3769	7/11/2012	very well used; it's always bustling with activity
3770	7/11/2012	I don't know
3771	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. Hard to find a place to park sometimes!
3772	7/11/2012	For being a rather small library, Albina library, is always full. The selection is not very large in this library but nevertheless it seems to be a popular little spot. I only really go to pick up and drop off books BUT this location is extremely convenient for us that live here in the Northeast.
3773	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is very well used. I've never been there when there weren't at least 30 people (aside from librarians) in the stacks, at computers, at reading tables, etc.)
3774	7/11/2012	I dont know... i use it every once and awhile
3775	7/11/2012	Extensively. It is always busy when I am there.

3776	7/11/2012	well used.
3777	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
3778	7/11/2012	Very well used. Many people depend on all the existing locations.
3779	7/11/2012	It seems very busy!
3780	7/11/2012	I'd say very well used.
3781	7/11/2012	Always seems pretty busy to me!
3782	7/11/2012	It is super busy everytime we go! At the toddler storytime, there is always a packed room with Tasha over at Capital Hill Library. Love all the family centered activites at our local libraries.
3783	7/11/2012	Heavy use
3784	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always crowded, the parking lot is usually full, the computers are all in use and I've never been there at a time when it was empty. It's busy ALL THE TIME.
3785	7/11/2012	It is heavily used.
3786	7/11/2012	very busy
3787	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy
		This question is vague. "How well used is your local library?" could mean:[]
3788	7/11/2012	- How much do I and my family use our nearest branch?[] - How much do I think others (not me or my family) use my local branch?[] - Does "well used" mean frequency of visits? Or amount of items checked out?
3789	7/11/2012	very well used
3790	7/11/2012	very well used
3791	7/11/2012	cannot comment. I am an Oregon resident and voter, but live overseas and am only able to visit the library facility when on home leave. at those times though the library seems very well used, i.e. full of people
3792	7/11/2012	I am so happy that we have a library it hold a world of information
3793	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always plenty of patrons
3794	7/11/2012	Quite popular. Often full with all different age types.
3795	7/11/2012	The Belmont Library, which I use the most - is very well used. It tends to act as a hub for interlibrary loans - due to its small size - but is a great resource. Additionally I enjoy sitting in the Hollywood library to read, there's a bit more room, and I've found that there are a lot of quiet fellow readers there.
3796	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3797	7/11/2012	Seems to be somewhat functional, but Central Library office seems to be frequented by homeless and transcient individuals versus active resource users
3798	7/11/2012	It is extremely busy whenever I visit it.
3799	7/11/2012	In the mornings before Midland opens, at the old hours, there is always a line of people waiting to enter. Everytime I have been there there are many folks using the library. [] We love the many options the library has to offer.

3800	7/11/2012	It seems like regardless of the day or time we go there, the Belmont branch is always full of families. And since the hours change, many mornings folks are lined up outside the door waiting for the library to open.
3801	7/11/2012	Very well used
3802	7/11/2012	too general of a question
3803	7/11/2012	pretty good.
3804	7/11/2012	I don't know how to answer that -- compared to what?
3805	7/11/2012	VEry well - there are always people there and there is a nice social feeling.
3806	7/11/2012	Seems like there are always lots of people there when I go, and cars in the parking lot when I drive by. I wish my local library offered computer access.
3807	7/11/2012	What I have observed is that both of the libraries that I frequent are extremely busy. There are always people on the computers and browsing the stacks. this is true in all of the seasons.
3808	7/11/2012	Heavily used. I wish it were bigger.
3809	7/11/2012	Very well used, there are always people there and there is ususally a wait for the computer.
3810	7/11/2012	Very well used, the libraries are wonderful!
3811	7/11/2012	It seems well used.
3812	7/11/2012	It's always very busy when I visit. There are a variety of ages of people using the computers, books, and programs.
3813	7/11/2012	good
3814	7/11/2012	Belmont Lib is always busy with many people checking out books on the six computers that are often filled to capacity. I go about 3 times a week to pick up or browse. I read from 8 to 15 books a month, mostly non fiction. The MCL is the reason I moved to Portland and have stayed for 12 years. A raise in taxes is fine because if we dont support libraries they will dry up by slow attrition. Being Portland , I would not be surprised to see more taxes go to disabled parking for cyclists. Wake up Portland. I depend on MCL!!
3815	7/11/2012	I don't know.
3816	7/11/2012	All three I use are busy, with noticeable increase in users---- a good sign. The automated checkout system is great. I love the Lucky Day system.[] I use the iPad to search and download books, but the process is cumbersome and not very satisfactory. The selection is poor and that system has a long way to go, but I assume there is a plan. [] I recently visited the Hood River library-----it was nearly empty, the staff people were cold and disinterested. And automobile parking was only at paid meters. What a contrast. Guess Mult. Co. Folks are spoiled. Thank you.
3817	7/11/2012	I think it is a community hub from my observations. Also, I am attached to this branch since I spent a lot of time with my children there when they were young and it was in its old location. The tradition continues; I know that the weekly trip to the Hollywood branch is now a well loved ritual for my daughter and her family.

3818	7/11/2012	Very well used! I've accessed libraries in different communities around the country and have been impressed by the Multnomah County Library system on a number of levels, one being how well used it is.
3819	7/11/2012	it always seems busy but not crowded. it is easy to find a computer or someone to offer assistance
3820	7/11/2012	It appears to be used by folks who use the library as resource for books, computers, job seekers, and children. However, the Central Library (inside and outside) also seems to be a shelter for loiterers.
3821	7/11/2012	Not sure what this means. It's never empty when I'm there.
3822	7/11/2012	very well always busy
3823	7/11/2012	The local library is well used. When I visit the library, there are a lot of people inside using the computers or checking out materials.
3824	7/11/2012	Both libraries always seem busy when I go.
3825	7/11/2012	Very.
3826	7/11/2012	The Northwest branch always seems to be in use, regardless of time of year or time of day.
3827	7/11/2012	Whenever I'm there it is always busy.
3828	7/11/2012	good
3829	7/11/2012	usually quite busy
3830	7/11/2012	How well utilized? It's good. Maybe some coordination with other archives in the city like the historical society would help out.
3831	7/11/2012	Excellent
3832	7/11/2012	WE loved our local library and whenever we were there we found many people of all ages.
3833	7/11/2012	Central is always being used! ... For its intended purposes? Maybe not, but it's definitely a community staple.
3834	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question. Do you mean how busy is it? If so, then it's always busy when I am there.
3835	7/11/2012	Apparently very well used.
3836	7/11/2012	it is very well used...these libraries are hubs of our community life
3837	7/11/2012	Woodstock location is the one I use most frequently and it seems busy each time I visit.
3838	7/11/2012	It's always busy with all age groups. Kids in the reading area with parents, computers occupied, browsing galore. I place A LOT of holds on books and am grateful for that service. During the school year, I tutor students in reading and come in regularly to pick out books related to the students' interest. Always someone ready to help.
3839	7/11/2012	It's difficult to determine. Depending on time of day and day of week, may be rather crowded or almost empty. I like the building, but it's not very big.
3840	7/11/2012	VERY!
3841	7/11/2012	Very
3842	7/11/2012	i feel that the library is well utilized
3843	7/11/2012	Very - I think ours is the branch most used in the entire system!

3844	7/11/2012	Often
3845	7/11/2012	Very. I see people coming in and out all the time.
3846	7/11/2012	Always seems busy and full of life. I love going there and am so happy it is so close by.
3847	7/11/2012	There are always serveral people at my local library.
3848	7/11/2012	It is always busy and the people who work there could not be any nicer or efficient and helpful. We are very happy with the online system as it is in reality another way of helping the environment, less driving back and forth when we want to reserve something or to extend the date to return it.
3849	7/11/2012	Very active place
3850	7/11/2012	It is always well attended, but not crowded. It is perfect and approachable
3851	7/11/2012	Always a lot of people
3852	7/11/2012	Never seen any branch anything but crowded.
3853	7/11/2012	I've never seen it empty. Its always bustling with people, even though the selection is relatively small, due to its size. There are always generations of folks using the computers.
3854	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale library always has a fair amount of people in it. After-school and after-work hours I can depend on the library being full.
3855	7/11/2012	It is pretty busy typically.
3856	7/11/2012	Very
3857	7/11/2012	It's good.
3858	7/11/2012	???? sorry, this is a strange question, what the heck do you mean?[] []
3859	7/11/2012	Belmont Library is well used. How well? What scale would you like? It seems to be well used every time I am in there. My kids and I love going to the library.
3860	7/11/2012	That is an odd question that should have been thought through better by the people preparing this survey. Am I giving an opinion on how it appears to be used by the number of people in there when I am there, meaning it is "well used" due to volume? Am I commenting on "how well" I use the library and what I "use" while there? Not a well targeted question in my opinion.
3861	7/11/2012	It seems to be very busy.
3862	7/11/2012	It is always busy
3863	7/11/2012	I am not sure if I understand this question. The library seems to be busy whenever I am there. But I primarily use the online services and only occassionaly pick up these books or return them after online checkout of books and kindle ebooks.[] [] I would use the library more if you had more kindle books.
3864	7/11/2012	VERY
3865	7/11/2012	Quite well, as far as I can tell. Story time seems to be popular as well as computers.

3866	7/11/2012	Woodstock is well used by everyone in the neighborhood. It is getting harder to get a computer because they are always being used. There is a line when the library opens and you better be one of the first in the door or you have to wait.
3867	7/11/2012	It appears to always have a lot of people who enjoy using it.
3868	7/11/2012	Wood stock and Belmont always seem to be full and active, with many users on the internet. Woodstock seems to also have a number of well attended programs.
3869	7/11/2012	Valuable resource for homework, always seems busy.
3870	7/11/2012	My local library is the Belmont branch, which I know has a very high rate of use.
3871	7/11/2012	There is a line outside of the door before it opens.
3872	7/11/2012	busy
3873	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3874	7/11/2012	Very well used
3875	7/11/2012	very well
3876	7/11/2012	The St Johns library is always full of school age children. It gives the kids a safe place to go and learn. Cutting back the hours/days leaves kids 'looking' for things to do.
3877	7/11/2012	Every time I go there, a lot of people are there, especially at the computers. Before I started school as a graduate student at Lewis & Clark, I would go there weekly to check out books. I go there about twice a month to print things off. I usually can't get there until after 5pm, so I appreciate the later hours. I always find a lot of people there between 5 and 8 pm!
3878	7/11/2012	When I visit the library it is always busy with people of all ages.
3879	7/11/2012	Very busy!!!
3880	7/11/2012	Extremely well used.
3881	7/11/2012	Always busy
3882	7/11/2012	It always seems full of people using it for a variety of reasons.
3883	7/11/2012	I am SO grateful for all it provides. My family has used many of the libraries resources.
3884	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3885	7/11/2012	Very well used, I live in NW Portland and frequently there is no access to the computer and the site is generally too small for the volume it gets for what I need. But I do like being able to pick up books there
3886	7/11/2012	people are always there, it is always busy
3887	7/11/2012	very well used
3888	7/11/2012	Seems very busy with computer stations full every time I visit the library
3889	7/11/2012	The Belmont branch seems to always be full of people reading, using computers, or checking out materials.
3890	7/11/2012	extremely. always busy
3891	7/11/2012	I split my time between Central and Hollywood and there is always a good crowd at both of them.
3892	7/11/2012	They always seem very busy.
3893	7/11/2012	VERY well used.

3894	7/11/2012	I don't understand the question.
3895	7/11/2012	Very
3896	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy. Many people on computers.
3897	7/11/2012	highly used
3898	7/11/2012	very well
3899	7/11/2012	The libraries that we visit are always full of patrons. I have never visited a branch that isn't full of people. All the branches are filled with happy people, I love the staff every well. Thank you!
3900	7/11/2012	Central is always busy!! Hollywood is used and very busy too. I go to St Johns when I visit my parents, who also use it frequently.
3901	7/11/2012	Busy
3902	7/11/2012	seems lively when we are there
3903	7/11/2012	I've only lived in this area 1 year and been to the library twice but it seems well used. I'm in college, so I don't get as many chances to use the public library as I used to.
3904	7/11/2012	People are always there when I go.
3905	7/11/2012	always busy, but librarians are always available for help, sometimes there is a brief wait. They are smart and always cheerful!
3906	7/11/2012	Very.
3907	7/11/2012	Pretty busy
3908	7/11/2012	very
3909	7/11/2012	it is always busy!
3910	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I visit (evenings & weekends)
3911	7/11/2012	It's always busy as it should be.
3912	7/11/2012	I use the Gresham branch and it seems to always be busy.

- Very well. I started using the Hillsdale library as a small child as soon as it was built. I remember even earlier my excitement when my mother would take me to visit and get to pick out my very own books from the Bookmobile. This converted vehicle was a huge source of wonder and fascination.[]
- []
- But to your question: My wife visits Hillsdale library almost every day. We live on the other side of Wilson High and it's less than a 5 minute walk. I visit probably weekly. We both see heavy use by what appears to be a wide cross-section of neighborhood.[]
- []
- It's doing a great job and we feel SO lucky to have a pleasant upgraded branch as our Home Branch. We place and pickup holds regularly on a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, and DVD. []
- []
- I personally won't be terribly inconvenienced by the loss of one day/week of operation, but as a general philosophy I think it's almost an obligation for us to provide as unlimited-as-possible access to our libraries by all.
- 3913 7/11/2012
- 3914 7/11/2012 the gregory heights and woodstock branches are always very busy
- 3915 7/11/2012 Very well used.
- 3916 7/11/2012 It is always busy when I go in there.
- 3917 7/11/2012 fairly busy
- 3918 7/11/2012 Busy every time I go in.
- 3919 7/11/2012 always busy - very kid-friendly, sometimes waiting lines for computers - a necessity for our neighborhood
- 3920 7/11/2012 When I visit, there seems to be many other visitors.
- 3921 7/11/2012 It is very busy every time I go to the St. John's branch.
- 3922 7/11/2012 There are always people there when I go.
- 3923 7/11/2012 Tremendously, always crowded when I visit.
- 3924 7/11/2012 Our lib. is always busy!
- 3925 7/11/2012 Very well - always busy.
- 3926 7/11/2012 It's always busy, no matter what time I go, but very well organized and efficient.
- 3927 7/11/2012 It is in the heart of Sellwood and is a core part of the community. It would be devastating if it were closed. I would do anything to keep it open.
- 3928 7/11/2012 It's very well used. It's almost always busy.
- 3929 7/11/2012 It is usually pretty busy, when I visit I go during lunch on a weekday or on the weekend.
- 3930 7/11/2012 Very well used
- 3931 7/11/2012 Always seems busy. May be the time of day that we are there. ??
- 3932 7/11/2012 the belmont library is always full of people for the PC use and other programs. very dynamic.

3933	7/11/2012	Between me and my kids we check out 5-10 items per week. The library is ALWAYS busy and well staffed. I love the new self checkout system! We all use it almost every time.
3934	7/11/2012	Kenton is usually very busy. I've not been to the North Library location enough to know.
3935	7/11/2012	It's a very popular place...always people (of all ages) waiting for the door to be unlocked in the morning.
3936	7/11/2012	Very busy
3937	7/11/2012	always seems busy
3938	7/11/2012	Very well-used, and in fact often very crowded.
3939	7/11/2012	Always busy!!! It's awesome!
3940	7/11/2012	Very well used! It is always crowded.
3941	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I come in. They do a great job.
3942	7/11/2012	It is the best place ever.
3943	7/11/2012	Although we do a great deal of our access online, when we visit the libraries, they seem to be well used.
3944	7/11/2012	Very well used, at least on weekends. Always at least a dozen people either browsing for books or using the computers.
3945	7/11/2012	n/a
3946	7/11/2012	I use my library card quite frequently to check out books, movies on DVD, music on CDs.
3947	7/11/2012	VERY! Both the Gregory Heights and Hollywood branches are always bustling when I am there, and I visit at all hours.
3948	7/11/2012	VERY WELL There are always young readers, families, English Language Learners, people using the internet..... always pleasantly
3949	7/11/2012	full.[] Holgate
3950	7/11/2012	Do you mean is it busy...? It is always busy.
3951	7/11/2012	Very well used. Busy almost every time I am there.
3952	7/11/2012	How well used by me or by others? It's always busy whenever I go to the Belmont library, which is typically after 5:00 pm or on the weekends. All the computers are usually being used and there are lots of people looking at and checking out books.
3953	7/11/2012	By me? Not as well as it should be.
3954	7/11/2012	N/a
3955	7/11/2012	The Woodstock library is very popular, there is always a line at the door waiting to get in.
3956	7/11/2012	The three libraries that I use are always fairly busy.
3957	7/11/2012	Always seems busy.
3958	7/11/2012	Central appears very well used
3959	7/11/2012	seems busy most of the time when I am there
3960	7/11/2012	my family visits the library multiple times a week and they get lots of books each time, from kids books, to adult books. my husband and i also get books on tape, music, and dvds.

3961	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is always busy. I often see very diverse groups of people there. It seems especially use by families with kids.
3962	7/11/2012	Very well used, always busy.
3963	7/11/2012	The central library is always busy. I went on a Monday a week ago and it was closed, that was a big disappointment :(
3964	7/11/2012	The Hollywood branch I visit most is quite busy whenever I am there. That can be both a blessing and a curse. The Multnomah County Library system serves a variety of user and community needs that draw people to them for different purposes. Let me say that I prefer the Central library for those times when I need to find and work with materials. The Central location, understandably, has the most in physical collection. It is also a larger facility and it is easier to find a more quiet and less busy place to read and think - the branches are often pretty noisy..
3965	7/11/2012	Very well, it seems.
3966	7/11/2012	It is very well used.
3967	7/11/2012	Very!
3968	7/11/2012	There are always many other patrons there when my family is there, and some events for kids are "sold out". The hold shelves are generally packed. I would say it is very well used!
3969	7/11/2012	seems to be well used
3970	7/11/2012	It is very well used.
3971	7/11/2012	Theyre always busy
3972	7/11/2012	The Multnomah Library is a beautiful building, well kept, with constant circulation of new materials to match all types of interests, I no longer live in Portland so I do not use the Library but I feel it deserves funding since it is the most diverse and widely used..The Library workers are kind and helpful to everybody.[] [] Security protocol may need a bit of repair since there is the occasional problem with stolen media. (can't find a book because it has been stolen) as well as the random perv using the comps to view unsavory material. (do that on your own time..)[] [] Other than that it's an outstanding piece of Portland's culture that deserves its peoples support.
3973	7/11/2012	The three braches we visit are all extremely well used.
3974	7/11/2012	odd way to phrase the question: for the population of the area, the local library does not seem to be a popular destination.
3975	7/11/2012	More on line than in person
3976	7/11/2012	It seems well used, many people coming and going, computers almost always full, etc.
3977	7/11/2012	Very
3978	7/11/2012	very good

3979	7/11/2012	It is very well used. I believe it is mostly used by folks in the lowest income bracket for it's free resources. It becomes less appealing for the community that pays for it.
3980	7/11/2012	I go to the Troutdale Library. If I do not get there weekly I certainly get there every couple of weeks. I love to read and they have a great selection of books. There always seem to be people at the Troutdale Library utilizing it's services. I love the Troutdale Library. People who work there are always very kind and very helpful.
3981	7/11/2012	Extremely. Just saying "library" makes me feel like I'm on vacation.
3982	7/11/2012	Our local library is always very busy no matter what time we visit.
3983	7/11/2012	For me, if there was enough parking would have utilized better. I spend more time finding the parking than spending time in the library.
3984	7/11/2012	Always busy when I'm there, and it appears to be used by a cross-section of the community.
3985	7/11/2012	Capitol Hill is aging, but still good condition. Hillsdale is very new and clean and resourceful. Also directly across from Wilson High School, so many students use it. Much better than the school library, especially when researching for projects and college.
3986	7/11/2012	Very well used.
3987	7/11/2012	The branches I visit always seem active and well used.
3988	7/11/2012	I would say, very used. There is always a group of people there when I go in.
3989	7/11/2012	Very well used. Some crazy people go there, but I appreciate the diversity and the support it provides people who are interested in bettering themselves, their children, and their community. The library is very valuable to this area, and what is offered through the Multnomah library branches is superb.
3990	7/11/2012	There seem to be many people there each time my husband or I go there.
3991	7/11/2012	Stains, bends, scratches, but the scanner can still read the barcode. :)
3992	7/11/2012	I'm not sure I know what you mean by "used." If by "used" you mean condition, the library in my neighborhood (Woodstock) seems well cared for and in good condition. If by "used" you mean the amount of traffic, I would say the Woodstock branch on some strains at its seams. On those days there is only one or very few seats at the tables and it gets very crowded. It is very small for the number of people who use and love it.
3993	7/11/2012	Very well used
3994	7/11/2012	Busy
3995	7/11/2012	It is almost always busy, but you already know that.
3996	7/11/2012	It seems like it is always busy.
3997	7/11/2012	frequently
3998	7/11/2012	People fill this library branch all day, everyday. It's a downtown historical and cultural anchor.
3999	7/11/2012	Not sure I understand the question. Do people access it? Absolutely.
4000	7/11/2012	????
4001	7/11/2012	Very. I've never seen a library branch *not* bustling with folk using the computers and exploring the collections.

4002	7/11/2012	I would say both Gresham and Troutdale libraries experience very high traffic. There are always people utilizing both when my son and I visit and there is always a line at the door when they first open in the mornings.
4003	7/11/2012	Someone who uses the library only monthly can't judge this.
4004	7/11/2012	Looks busy all the time... But poor choice of books to check out.
4005	7/11/2012	Very! Always hopping when we are there, usually after 4:30pm weekdays or as early as they open on the weekends.
4006	7/11/2012	It is very busy!
4007	7/11/2012	it's always packed when I go inside
4008	7/11/2012	Very well- always full
4009	7/11/2012	Alwyas busy when I am there
4010	7/11/2012	There are always plenty of people when I go.
4011	7/11/2012	always seem fairly busy
4012	7/11/2012	The Hollywood and Gregory Heights library always have good materials not overly used or worn out
4013	7/11/2012	All that we use are well used.
4014	7/11/2012	Often busy
4015	7/11/2012	Very well used!!
4016	7/11/2012	Central is always well used!
4017	7/11/2012	The library is a mainstop in our community. The staff is super! Not having them is a thought that is hard to bear. I wish I could do more for the library.
4018	7/11/2012	I can't imagine a high quality of life for my world w/o a strong library nearby. I use it constantly. Access is nearby, totally efficient, and unbelievably rich in its range of resources. It is a critical hub in my NW community.
4019	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I go...
4020	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4021	7/11/2012	Very well-used. It is always busy.
4022	7/11/2012	Very well, you can see people checking out books, looking at books, and using the programs on the computer.
4023	7/11/2012	Very busy on Sundays afternoons can't get on sometimes.
4024	7/11/2012	Very well used
4025	7/11/2012	search books online, reserve books
4026	7/11/2012	always busy
4027	7/11/2012	seems popular with the homeless for public services
4028	7/11/2012	Fairly busy in the summer for families w kids, active year rond w activities
4029	7/11/2012	It seems busy every time I am there. Usually there is one chair available for me to sit at during my visit. Which is nice. It is busy, but not packed. I guess it is for the person behind me. :)

4030	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used. The pc's are all being used when I go to the library & the workers all appear to be busy. I think they're doing a great job.
4031	7/11/2012	It could be better.
4032	7/11/2012	It is very used!
4033	7/11/2012	very
4034	7/11/2012	Both libraries I frequent are well used.
4035	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. It always seems busy when I visit and I've heard good things about the childrens programming from friends with younger kids.
4036	7/11/2012	its all good....
4037	7/11/2012	Well used
4038	7/11/2012	very well used.
4039	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy, with a steady flow of people.
4040	7/11/2012	Very. I fell in love with the central library when I moved here 10 years ago.
4041	7/11/2012	Always busy, with all ages. A vital part of the community.
4042	7/11/2012	Always packed! Building is MUCH too small, and computer resources are in high demand because many area residents do not have computer or internet access at home.
4043	7/11/2012	Its usually bustling with people at almost all computer terminals, and kids hanging out in the children section either using the kid-friendly computers or reading/being read to by an adult. The reserved section appears to be increasing in size, taking up more shelving than I remember in the past.
4044	7/11/2012	very well used
4045	7/11/2012	it is a nice library the workers are very helpful. my mother and sister use it for movies and talking books
4046	7/11/2012	Very well, clean and orderly .
4047	7/11/2012	I used the library much more when my children were young, it seems to be quite active at that time. However, I don't get there very often anymore. It used to be open later and was easier for me to get to. The last few times I have been there, it has seemed pretty empty. However, I believe goes more along the lines of convenience.
4048	7/11/2012	Most people just waste time playing video games on the computers
4049	7/11/2012	It seems to be always busy. Lots of people sitting and reading. Many using the computers.
4050	7/11/2012	North Portland library is always busy in a good way. I always walk to it. They are super helpful with all my library needs.

4051	7/11/2012	Every time I visit the Central Library there are people in every room reading, studying, making copies, using computers, speaking with library workers, browsing shelves of books, audio CD's, movies, and resource materials. The Central Library not only needs all the funding it can get to maintain current levels of excellence, but could use additional funds to expand on its current materials and services. The library system in general is a resource that gets taken for granted by most, but I hold it dearly in my heart. It is something wonderful and beneficial to all. We can't afford to allow ourselves to think that libraries are an area to go cheap to save money.
4052	7/11/2012	central branch is very well used
4053	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights branch seems busy each time I visit. Staff is usually engaged with patrons in service orientated tasks. Staff very attentive to patrons' needs.
4054	7/11/2012	Very.
4055	7/11/2012	Always busy. But staff available and helpful when needed for suggestions and using checkout system
4056	7/11/2012	Very well used - by all ages from young families to senior citizens
4057	7/11/2012	very well
4058	7/11/2012	Always full of people
4059	7/11/2012	Very well-used. Every time I go there it seems to be a hive of activity.
4060	7/11/2012	Both libraries are well used and extremely needed.
4061	7/11/2012	Always busy! Lots of people in the stacks, on computers, sitting at tables reading or working!
4062	7/11/2012	very well used
4063	7/11/2012	very well used
4064	7/11/2012	very.
4065	7/11/2012	It's almost always busy if the parking lot is any indication. Thanks for putting a 15 minute parking sign up for non-electric vehicles on the not very often used electrical charging stations
4066	7/11/2012	It is over used. The belmont Library is way to small and severely crowded with homeless people trying to sleep. Please make a bigger library in inner SE and kick out drooling homeless people.
4067	7/11/2012	Very well used. I've never been there but what all the computers are full, and people are scattered all through the stacks.
4068	7/11/2012	I don't really know but it seems busy when I visit.
4069	7/11/2012	always busy, appears to run efficiently
4070	7/11/2012	Extremely! There are always people there, sometimes lined up outside waiting for it to open
4071	7/11/2012	very
4072	7/11/2012	Very well used, always busy, lots of events and activities.
4073	7/11/2012	It's a very busy place. An important resource for the downtown community.
4074	7/11/2012	Midland Branch is busy most of the time
4075	7/11/2012	It's very well used, I see people in it all the time.
4076	7/11/2012	The computers at the Gresham branch are always in use and most of the time there are people waiting for a computer to use.

4077	7/11/2012	Very well. Always full with people.
4078	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used.
4079	7/11/2012	Very well used! The library is always busy.
4080	7/11/2012	It's used all the time it's always very busy @ both of them. We love going to the library and my daughter loves going on the computers for games and stories.
4081	7/11/2012	very well used. it is usually crowded in libraries that I use.
4082	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always bustling (in a quiet, library sort of bustle)
4083	7/11/2012	It is always well used when I visit.
4084	7/11/2012	Very
4085	7/11/2012	Wonderful
4086	7/11/2012	I think that the library is great, except I dont go there that often because of the fees. I don't think that that is fair to have to keep the fee after you have returned the book
4087	7/11/2012	Always busy!
4088	7/11/2012	seems constantly busy
4089	7/11/2012	Very well!
4090	7/11/2012	Alot I am constantly amazed at the abundance and variety of clients of our local
4091	7/11/2012	branch. It demonstrates a community in constant pursuit of information, education, and recreation. I know of no other substitute for this endeavor that is open to all comers, few questions asked, for free!
4092	7/11/2012	Very well used, theCentral branch the only site I know in Portland where groups of folks wait in silent and mannerly crowds awaiting its opening :) I not only appreciate its selections, but also note others, as well as I, using its accomodating facilities (such as cooler temps in summertime, warmer temps in wintertime plus bathroom facilities and, for me, occaional access to the computer when my own PC stalls) plus attractive gift shop.
4093	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used, by a wide variety of people. There always seem to be families with young children there, as well as adolescents, adults, and older adults.
4094	7/11/2012	i think it is used often by the surrounding community.
4095	7/11/2012	It is constantly busy. I have no problem believing that our libraries have some of the highest use of any in the country (per capita).
4096	7/11/2012	It looks like there is always a lot of people there when I visit. the parking lot is full every day that the library is open. There are people waiting
4097	7/11/2012	at the door for it to open. The computers are well used with a waiting line. It's some times hard to find a seat at a table. The Midland branch is well used.
4098	7/11/2012	Always seems busy
4099	7/11/2012	EXTREMELY busy all the time!
4100	7/11/2012	I think it's pretty well used. It is always busy when we are there.

4101	7/11/2012	Don't know
4102	7/11/2012	It seems very well used to me. Always people there at opening time.
4103	7/11/2012	The library seems busy, and is maintained well.
4104	7/11/2012	Good enough
4105	7/11/2012	Very well used and always many folks in the library and many book pickup shelves as well
4106	7/11/2012	The St. Johns Library is always full of people. It is close to the community center, grade school and community center. We love the library. We recently attended a puppet show that was packed with kids.
4107	7/11/2012	It is always jumping! After growing up in Houston, where the only folks who used the libraries were school kids, as an excuse to go "study" away from home with their friends; or in Spokane, where the libraries weren't open on weekends and always closed early, and the majority of the patrons were the homeless trying to escape the climate, moving here to Portland was library heaven.
4108	7/11/2012	There's always a line when it opens and there's always people in various parts of the library.
4109	7/11/2012	very well used
4110	7/11/2012	I think the library is used very well. Whenever I go into the Albina Library it is bustling with a wide spectrum of community members of many races and ages learning, using computers, reading and searching for books. For me personally, the library is an incredible resource for expanded knowledge with a wide array of reference books, general knowledge, novels, movies and CDs. I love using this resource as often as possible.
4111	7/11/2012	Always seems busy and mostly pleasant to visit.
4112	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used
4113	7/11/2012	It looks very busy to me during the day.
4114	7/11/2012	always busy
4115	7/11/2012	Very-great programs, resources & always busy.
4116	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when i'm there
4117	7/11/2012	I fear it is now being used more for computer needs than written.
4118	7/11/2012	I do not know.
4119	7/11/2012	Steady stream of people in and out over a 2-3 hour period.
4120	7/11/2012	VERY!
4121	7/11/2012	Midland is busy all the time!
4122	7/11/2012	Unknown
4123	7/11/2012	usually busy
4124	7/11/2012	The Midland Library is a busy facility. It seems to be utilized by many. We value the services offered by our library and take full advantage of it frequently.

4125	7/11/2012	Well used!
4126	7/11/2012	hardly used
4127	7/11/2012	very much since the economy went bad in 2008
4128	7/11/2012	Very well used! :)
4129	7/11/2012	very well used.
4130	7/11/2012	It is ok
4131	7/11/2012	Very well used
4132	7/11/2012	Well--it's always busy.
4133	7/11/2012	Both of our neighborhood libraries are very busy, very community oriented. Sometimes parking is more than a block away because they are so busy.
4134	7/11/2012	It appears busy whenever I go, and parking is difficult which also means people are there (that I might not immediately see).
4135	7/11/2012	I feel like it is always busy but not overwhelmed
4136	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy!
4137	7/11/2012	Always seems busy to me! I am normally impressed with the variety of activities and types of groups that meet at the library.
4138	7/11/2012	very well used
4139	7/11/2012	Very!
4140	7/11/2012	It seems quite well used. It is always busy and parking can be challenging because of the amount of people there.
4141	7/11/2012	very well
4142	7/11/2012	very. it's always full.
4143	7/11/2012	very well.
4144	7/11/2012	Very and we feel very fortunate to have this resource and the excellent main library in our community.
4145	7/11/2012	I have never seen any of our libraries empty. Always very busy no matter what time of day.
4146	7/11/2012	It seems well used.
4147	7/11/2012	Belmont is always packed!
4148	7/11/2012	I always see so many people at the library, I'd say it is very well used.
4149	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is very popular in our community.
4150	7/11/2012	Hollywood Library seems to be a gathering place for a potpourri of people. I appreciate how hard they work to appeal to the diversity of neighbors who live in the the neighborhoods of: Alameda, Beaumont, Sullivan's Gulch and Hollywood.
4151	7/11/2012	very well used
4152	7/11/2012	is always busy when I am there
4153	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4154	7/11/2012	well used

4155	7/11/2012	It seems very very busy when we are there. I think having it open 6 days a week is totally fine. We work our schedule around when it is open so that we can visit it often. It's a great resource, but personally, I think it goes overboard in terms of hours offered. I'd rather stay with the .89 levy and have to deal with the minimal inconvenience of it being open less frequently.
4156	7/11/2012	Looks busy all the time
4157	7/11/2012	wow! always busy. St Johns loves their library.
4158	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4159	7/11/2012	It's always crowded and filled with adults and kids. It's a delight!
4160	7/11/2012	It is always very busy.
4161	7/11/2012	Very well. It seems that the majority of usage revolves around computer usage. However, the book depository is being used very frequently. Therefore, books and other media must be checked out frequently.
4162	7/11/2012	Very
4163	7/11/2012	it always seems to be busy
4164	7/11/2012	As far as I can tell, it's well-used. There are always several people in there when I visit.
4165	7/11/2012	there are always people there, always a line for the computers.
4166	7/11/2012	I would say very well used.
4167	7/11/2012	There is usually a good amount of people there.
4168	7/11/2012	There seems to be a lot of online reserving and hold pick-ups.
4169	7/11/2012	I don't know how well used it is , but every time I go in there it is pretty well full.
4170	7/11/2012	Extremely. It's never so busy that it's unpleasant to be there but there are always people in all parts of the library.
4171	7/11/2012	It's usually pretty busy
4172	7/11/2012	The Sellwood location is the one I go to most frequently and it's always busy when I stop in.
4173	7/11/2012	well used
4174	7/11/2012	very well used
4175	7/11/2012	It always seems busy to me! Also, it's right across the street from James John Elementary, which is great.
4176	7/11/2012	Central library is fantastic. Personnel is always helpful and courteous.
4177	7/11/2012	Very well.
4178	7/11/2012	It seems busy all the time! I go to the North Portland branch most frequently.
4179	7/11/2012	extremely well used!
4180	7/11/2012	It's always busy!
4181	7/11/2012	Pretty well used, always seems busy
4182	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy when I am there.

4183	7/11/2012	There are always people at the Kenton library. I enjoy taking advantage of the hours it is open. I work 8 to 5 Monday through Friday and love that I can go to the library later on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (open until 8) and on the weekends. There are frequently events and workshops going on in their conference room, and it seems like many people utilize the computer/internet and printing resources.
4184	7/11/2012	I do not go to the Woodstock library, though my home is near the Reed college area. My brother goes there often as he has a mild form of autism and it helps him in his daily life immensely. I go to the downtown library to read older media that is archived and on occasion to look for recorded books.
4185	7/11/2012	I don't understand the question.
4186	7/11/2012	very
4187	7/11/2012	It seems pretty busy in there whenever I'm in. All the computers are in use, and most aisles have a number of people milling about. Lots of kids as well.
4188	7/11/2012	It is busy but I usually get helped quickly. Lines are never a problem, at least when I'm there. Thanks for asking.
4189	7/11/2012	I always see lots of people going in and out.
4190	7/11/2012	There are always people there! Kids, young adults, adults and senior citizens. Hillsdale is a great community and it's library is definitely at the center of this community. It would be a great loss if it was unavailable for daily use.
4191	7/11/2012	The Central Library always appears a buzz when we attend.
4192	7/11/2012	Seems always pleasantly busy - not crowded but full of people
4193	7/11/2012	Extensively from all appearances.
4194	7/11/2012	I always see both the branches I go to with lots of people inside. The computers are in use, I often ask for help with the help staff to locate a book, or research material, or help to understand the new digital e-books reading system. I love the library, and will always use it. I like the printed page far better than digital, sadly, I think the wave of the future will eventually eliminate paper books....
4195	7/11/2012	Great.! I love it.
4196	7/11/2012	It is very well used, not crowded to the point of being uncomfortable but always in use.
4197	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4198	7/11/2012	Very
4199	7/11/2012	We visit the library approx 2 times a month. There is usually about 20 people in there at all times.
4200	7/11/2012	It seems to me that there are always people there when I arrive, but it is probably not as busy as other locations. We appreciate that there is a branch near us.
4201	7/11/2012	it seems to be always fairly busy!
4202	7/11/2012	Very!
4203	7/11/2012	VERY!
4204	7/11/2012	My local branch is constantly active. I visit on a regular basis and always encounter a broad mix of community members engaged in both traditional print and electronic media. My interactions at this branch are always very positive.

4205	7/11/2012	From my perspective, the NoPo library is always busy when I'm there, but I've had little opportunity to see the programs described above in action. As a teacher, I rely on the library for secondary source material for my classes, and I use it for my own research and professional development.
4206	7/11/2012	It is a beautifully used library; every time I go into the Hollywood library, everyone is peaceful, happy, and extremely functional.
4207	7/11/2012	When I have gone to the library, there are a few people there. The majority of the people are on the internet doing who knows what.
4208	7/11/2012	extremely helpful - staff gives usually immediate response - re printing - ordering books - PC - reference material - check out - payment of fines - copying services - restroom facilities - returns - etcetera - children love to come here - very active summer - a service to all ages - all languages
4209	7/11/2012	Very!
4210	7/11/2012	Extremely well used....Our primary, 99% of our visits, branch is Hollywood.
4211	7/11/2012	very well
4212	7/11/2012	it appears to be quite active
4213	7/11/2012	Very well.
4214	7/11/2012	Seems pretty well-used
4215	7/11/2012	I find that it is always being utilized and I believe that there is a large and ongoing demand and need for the continued availability of the library system.
4216	7/11/2012	Always busy and have to wait in line.
4217	7/11/2012	The Library is always full of people of all ages. It is a wonderful feeling to be inside a library. I know that minds and hearts are being filled with words and imaginations are turned on. Information about life in the form of academics is better understood.[] Everyone who utilizes the offerings at the library benefits. rz
4218	7/11/2012	Extremely well used.
4219	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
4220	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale Library always looks busy. My daughter volunteered there 4 summers with the reading program. To be honest though, I usually use the Lake Oswego library since we own a business in LO and the hold wait is usually pretty short.
4221	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy every time I've been there
4222	7/11/2012	Very. I live near the Central Library and it's always packed.
4223	7/11/2012	Hollywood Branch is always very busy whenever I go there.
4224	7/11/2012	I think well used?
4225	7/11/2012	Very good. There's always a good amount of people there.
4226	7/11/2012	The library is always busy when I come in to drop off/pick up my reserved books.
4227	7/11/2012	I would say that the central Library is used quite frequently.
4228	7/11/2012	I was just there yesterday, and the place was packed. People of all ages, in every section of the library. I love going there.

4229	7/11/2012	Although the Albina Library is very small, we always see many people using, it seems, every inch of the small space. It is heartening to see people from all walks of life together seeking to read and learn. We are impressed by helpful staff and patient patrons. The hold system brings books to our neighborhood in an efficient and well utilized manner. Thank you for having such a dynamic library program.
4230	7/11/2012	Very well. At times it is hard to find a spot to park.
4231	7/11/2012	Very well.
4232	7/11/2012	It is always busy and well used.
4233	7/11/2012	I think it is quite well used, but i don't spend a lot of time there. There are always people there on the computers and childrer reading. I think it's such a community necessity!
4234	7/11/2012	very well used
4235	7/11/2012	Extremely. My boyfriend and I are on a personal status with a few of the libraians as are other members in the community, and many faces are recognizable when walking in not just with library staff and ourselves, but other faces in the community as well. It is a well used and well loved watering hole.
4236	7/11/2012	It is busy when I am there, I try to go on Sunday because that is when parking is available
4237	7/11/2012	it seems to be busy all the time when I go, especially on the weekends
4238	7/11/2012	Extremely! Both Central Library and my neighborhood library are always buzzing with activity when I stop by either one.
4239	7/11/2012	It ALWAYS seems very busy. The computers are always full and there are usually a lot of kiddos/families in the children's area. There is no day of the week when it is not crowded.
4240	7/11/2012	Gresham library is always busy and provides a great service to all ages.
4241	7/11/2012	I use the Central Library and I believe it is very well used. Some of my friends and I are really bumed about the Monday closeur, but understand about budget cuts. The library is such a wonderful resource for so many. I have always utilized every library in whatever town I may be living. I've been told that they've never seen someone so excited about getting their library card more than once. PLEASE KEEP THE LIBRARIES OPEN IN AMERICA!
4242	7/11/2012	well
4243	7/11/2012	Very
4244	7/11/2012	Very well used small library, especially large numbers of kids and teens.
4245	7/11/2012	very well
4246	7/11/2012	I do not know.
4247	7/11/2012	The Library is usually well occupied when I am there.
4248	7/11/2012	Very busy at Troutdale. Maybe a little small for all the activities going on.
4249	7/11/2012	very well
4250	7/11/2012	It seems to be extremely well used.
4251	7/11/2012	Heavily used.
4252	7/11/2012	A lot?

4253	7/11/2012	Very well, always busy.
4254	7/11/2012	Very useful as books provides a lot of informations (Learning is a continuing process)...
4255	7/11/2012	It's pretty used. It's small and we are a growing community. It would be nice to have a little more space to sit and read or study.
4256	7/11/2012	There are always people in the Belmont branch! Once I went right before it opened and there was a line. That warmed my heart. The library is essential!
4257	7/11/2012	It always seems to be full of people and yesterday when I went there was an event for kids going on which was nice to see.
4258	7/11/2012	It was very full of people yesterday, all ages! I am not sure if you are asking if I believe the library is using the space and time well or is I observe many individuals taking advantage of the library.[]
4259	7/11/2012	[] The library is always quite busy when I am there. Many people seem to be using the electronics available as well as checking out books etc.
4260	7/11/2012	Seems to always be busy with people.
4261	7/11/2012	Very well used. When I'm there it is almost always full. Most of the computers are in use, families, lots of people.
4262	7/11/2012	There are a always a number of people in the NW branch so I would say it is well used.
4263	7/11/2012	Monday the library was closed and on Tuesday morning there was a large crowd of people waiting for the doors to open. We believe the Central library should be open all seven days. Several patrons have expressed their unhappiness with the closing of the Central branch on Monday.
4264	7/11/2012	good condition
4265	7/11/2012	Always busy
4266	7/11/2012	I use the central library, which always has people inside. I've often been there at closing when people are still trying to get in.
4267	7/11/2012	Extremely.
4268	7/11/2012	I don't understand the question.[] It's always busy. I think there are too many staff.
4269	7/11/2012	Central is always crazy busy.
4270	7/11/2012	I don't go that often, but there are always people there when I do. It seems like a busy branch.
4271	7/11/2012	my primary library is Woodstock. Whenever I go there to pick up materials for which I placed a "hold" the library is full of people. So I would say the library is well used
4272	7/11/2012	If you mean by people..a steady crowd[] If you mean the building it's pretty new
4273	7/11/2012	Heavily
4274	7/11/2012	The main location I frequent is always pretty busy.

4275	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. I always get what I want when I want it. I'm very satisfied with the way things are.
4276	7/11/2012	It's busy every time I'm there.
4277	7/11/2012	I use the library for a variety of books and media and see it well used by others as well.
4278	7/11/2012	Very much.
4279	7/11/2012	Our library always seems busy. The children's story times we attend are usually at capacity, all the computers are regularly in use, and there seem to be many shelves of reserved materials awaiting pickup.
4280	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. Overcrowded (Albina branch) most of the time when I am there.
4281	7/11/2012	Very well.
4282	7/11/2012	I don't know.
4283	7/11/2012	fairly well
4284	7/11/2012	Very - both libraries we use always seem to be very busy.
4285	7/11/2012	Every time I go in to pick something up there are at least 25 people (my guess) in the library with kids, seniors, all different ages using resources and asking for help from librarians. I go to the library once or twice a week to browse for books or other media and put things on hold through the internet. The staff there is extremely nice at Kenton Library and have always been helpful with any questions I have.
4286	7/11/2012	The main library and branches with which I am familiar are always very busy with a diverse population of all ages. I see it as a necessary community resource..
4287	7/11/2012	Both of them are always fairly busy
4288	7/11/2012	Extremely well-used
4289	7/11/2012	My local library is well used. There is a line at the door when it opens and patrons are then when it closes. The staff are friendly and the library is well kept. I'm sure there are things that need to be repaired and replaced, but I only use the first floor of my library (central) so I only really know about that.
4290	7/11/2012	Very well used! Always bustling.
4291	7/11/2012	The Library is always busy, it seems to me. Children are being read to, people are working at computers, people like me are picking up books or CDs or movies they've ordered online, etc., etc. When elections are coming up, the ballot boxes are quickly filled up. I check in with the reference librarians fairly often to find out how to search for something I want to know. The librarians are always helpful and gracious.
4292	7/11/2012	I feel that it is well used and offers a great resource. The web features are really great and make its use much easier.
4293	7/11/2012	Very well. Closest to me is Sellwood and it always is full of people.
4294	7/11/2012	Out of the three libraries I use, the downtown central library is the one I visit most often. I think it is a tremendous resource for many people and that it is used extensively.
4295	7/11/2012	Our library (both) always seems to be busy and if I happen to pass by early in the day before it is open there is always a line waiting for patrons to get in.

4296	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy when I stop by. The other day I showed up just before the library opened and there was a huge crowd waiting to get in.
4297	7/11/2012	not sure
4298	7/11/2012	Very. Busy staff, few seats available, computer use high, childrens area full when advertised, shelving for books on hold full with need to expand storage. Building clean and maintained including restrooms.[]
4299	7/11/2012	[] Staff alert to patrons and willing to help.
4300	7/11/2012	very well used. My entire family uses it for various reasons. It is a great community anchor too. There are so many resources we use there. It is also very good place for inspiration for new books to read and things to learn about.
4301	7/11/2012	It seems very busy whenever I go in.
4302	7/11/2012	don't understand the question
4303	7/11/2012	My neighborhood branch is always really busy when I go there which says to me it is well used. Even when I drive by but don't stop in, there are always quite a few people in the library.
4304	7/11/2012	It seems to be very popular- there are always dozens of people there at any given time and there are always lines for the internet.
4305	7/11/2012	Normal
4306	7/11/2012	I think it's very well used.
4307	7/11/2012	well used. both locations I visit seem to be busy when I am there.
4308	7/11/2012	Seems to be well used. Always active.
4309	7/11/2012	It always is in use. It seldom has lines for check out, now that there are self-serve options.
4310	7/11/2012	Very well. However, I usually use the library's elibrary feature instead of going to the physical location.
4311	7/11/2012	Very.
4312	7/11/2012	Belmont location seems always very busy to me, as well as Central.
4313	7/11/2012	seems to always be busy with lines waiting for opening daily
4314	7/11/2012	a lot
4315	7/11/2012	The computers are always in use whenever I'm there. I see many teens and young children at the library, as well as older people who are likely job-searching. The summer reading program seems to draw many younger people in.
4316	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy to me.
4317	7/11/2012	It is well used.
4318	7/11/2012	Whenever I go in, it seems quite populated. I'm usually only there to pick up/return books but there's always many people in there using the facilities.
4319	7/11/2012	It seems to be always busy whenever I'm there in the evenings.[] It is only more recently that I have limited time amd go so infrequently
4320	7/11/2012	The North Portland library is very well used, it is always full of people when I go there.

4321	7/11/2012	very extremely always busy
4322	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is a delight to see toddlers using the computers. I recently saw a child of about 3 pull up a chair and use her own card to check out books (with mom's supervision) using the computerized checkout. It was a delight. I loved seeing the baby's "onesy" that had the summer reading logo on it displayed as I came in the door.
4323	7/11/2012	I see many people using our local library.
4324	7/11/2012	On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the busiest, our local libraries would be 7
4325	7/11/2012	We have an extremely well used and well run library. I am amazed to see the traffic in and out of Midland Branch.
4326	7/11/2012	Very well used
4327	7/11/2012	Well used
4328	7/11/2012	Albina is always full of people and Hollywood I'd characterize as always busy too. Because it is so much larger, it doesn't seem quite so crowded.
4329	7/11/2012	Very well used. Many times it looks like a daycare center.
4330	7/11/2012	Very well used
4331	7/11/2012	It's always seems to be busy & there's always someone available to help.
4332	7/11/2012	I think it's been a valuable addition to the neighborhood. Every time I visit there are a good number of others there. I love being able to walk to the library.
4333	7/11/2012	Do you mean by us or by all. We love reading and prefer to do it with a book in hand. We like to peruse the shelves to look for books that might be interesting. We also get ideas from news papers, magazines, book stores of what we would like to read. We also check out CDs & DVD's. We buy from your bookstore and your annual sale. Whenever we are in the library, there is always a crowd of people there, using computers, reading, searching for books. We are senior citizens on a fixed income, so that it is beginning to be difficult to support all the taxes. Currently because of taxes, medications, health insurance, food there is little left over for entertainment, which is why we use the library as we do.
4334	7/11/2012	Seems to be very well used.
4335	7/11/2012	always lively on my weekly visits
4336	7/11/2012	very well used, there are always people there and always programs going on.
4337	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy, and we mostly come on a Sunday.
4338	7/11/2012	Quite busy
4339	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used, but not overly used.
4340	7/11/2012	(I go to Gresham and Central on occasion). I go almost weekly. I use it for finding or picking up reading material, school material, computers, or getting books through the ILL.
4341	7/11/2012	Very. It is always busy (not crowded though). It is small but there is still a decent selection of newer, current books for adults and children.
4342	7/11/2012	In general, it is always busy.

4343	7/11/2012	always seems to have quite a few people there when I visit to check out books, so probably pretty well used. Unknown how well used for programs.
4344	7/11/2012	very well used. Very busy all the time.
4345	7/11/2012	I think it is well used. The computers are always busy. Not everyone has a computer
4346	7/11/2012	It's a great source of entertainment for my toddler and myself!! We are avid readers in our household (reading at least 15-20 minutes before naptime & bedtime) and the library provides us an amazing variety. I believe that my son's advanced speaking skills are, in part, due to his wide exposure to literature.
4347	7/11/2012	Quite full
4348	7/11/2012	There seems to be a steady flow of people. Its by a high school so a lot of the kids use it.
4349	7/11/2012	Always seems busy. Computers are always in use when I visit. Often there are people waiting outside for the library to open.
4350	7/11/2012	It appears *very* well used - e.g. 7/10/2012 every PC was in use, and the library had an overall "crowded" feel to it (I wish I could give you a head count, but I didn't pay THAT much attention to everyone).
4351	7/11/2012	Busy most of the time - it's a wonderful library!
4352	7/11/2012	it's always crowded when I'm there.
4353	7/11/2012	Fairly well, events are regularly held there and many of my friends go there every to every other weekend.
4354	7/11/2012	Seems like a lot. Especially the computers and the study rooms. The latter are a valuable feature of the Hillsdale Library.
4355	7/11/2012	Pretty well, I wish the music CD's were better arranged (like Fred Meyer). I enjoy checking out music...Also DVD's
4356	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights is an active library, always buzzing. Makes me feel good to walk into such a small space and see how well it is used by everybody from toddlers to seniors, and ethnic groups as well (Hispanic and Vietnamese mostly, I think). There's always something scheduled for the meeting space, it seems, though I haven't yet had a chance to use it myself. The staff is always friendly and helpful. Overall, a wonderful experience.
4357	7/11/2012	It seems to be well use but not overly busy
4358	7/11/2012	It is always busy when we come.
4359	7/11/2012	whenever i attend the library, there are loads of people there! i find it that the library has a good balance, usually enough books in stock to keep my interest, but at times i have to wait for a book to become available.
4360	7/11/2012	Always seems quite full when I visit.
4361	7/11/2012	Always busy inside, and children's programs at capacity.
4362	7/11/2012	Very! Hard to find parking at either the Hollywood or North Portland branches and there is always a bustle of activity inside.

4363	7/11/2012	It appears to be very busy
4364	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy every time I'm in there.
4365	7/11/2012	The Hollywood branch seems full to capacity at most times when I visit weekly. The computers are busy, children's reading programs are going on and folks are wandering up and down the stacks. I would most strongly support a stable funding base for this incredibly valuable resource for all ages, all walks of life.
4366	7/11/2012	good exelent job, lovely
4367	7/11/2012	Overused. It's not large enough.
4368	7/11/2012	Very well used - lots of foot traffic and hard to find parking nearby when it is open. Only a small wait for terminals, and always some space at tables. There always seem to be 20-50 users in the building.
4369	7/11/2012	Very well used!
4370	7/11/2012	It seems busy every time we're there (North Portland).
4371	7/11/2012	Well.
4372	7/11/2012	Very.
4373	7/11/2012	VERY! Always lots of people there and great service from the employees!
4374	7/11/2012	Very Busy lots of computer use. Large amount of books on hold
4375	7/11/2012	Pretty well used. Do you mean "used well"? Or like "well worn"? Maybe clarify this question.
4376	7/11/2012	usually busy
4377	7/11/2012	Gresham library is always busy. Its so convenient and so close to me.
4378	7/11/2012	very busy all the time
4379	7/11/2012	Very well used. People are always waiting to get in at opening time. Computer stations are regularly in use. Kids are at tables and on the floor reading, or being read to.
4380	7/11/2012	very
4381	7/11/2012	It is typically very busy.
4382	7/11/2012	It is very well used and appreciated by patrons
4383	7/11/2012	It is always busy while I'm there, if that's what you mean. There are always people in each aisle of books, and at all the computers. It's nice having multiple self-checkout stations AND a librarian, so there's almost never a line to check out at Northwest. I do often have to wait in line at Woodstock, but that's because I go there with the kids I nanny and I don't have their card's pin number.
4384	7/11/2012	When I've showed up right before the library was due to open, there is usually a crowd of people (often no fewer than 20-25) waiting to get in. The computers are always occupied, the library is always full of people (no matter the day or hour), and there is substantial shelf space dedicated for patron holds.
4385	7/11/2012	Generally every time we go to the library there are quite a few people inside using the facility as well as checking in and out books. Side rooms usually in use, people at the tables using the computers. Even on Sunday visits there are groups of people within the library.
4386	7/11/2012	Always looks busy.
4387	7/11/2012	The Gresham Library is very well used and always busy when I am in there.

4388	7/11/2012	It seems very well used since there is always a very long wait list for new books.
4389	7/11/2012	I am not there enough to know. I love the mult county library system for its online resources.
4390	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy when I go in.
4391	7/11/2012	the storytime for kids is sometimes too full and people turned away.
4392	7/11/2012	I feel very well
4393	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
4394	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4395	7/11/2012	Always full to capacity, with excellent employees making the experience.
4396	7/11/2012	Very well
4397	7/11/2012	I usually go at lunchtime to pick up materials I requested online and there are always quite a few people there. All computers are in use almost every time.
4398	7/11/2012	It is always packed with people. I've never been there when there's not a full library of people.
4399	7/11/2012	It seems well used to me...especially the Central Library.
4400	7/11/2012	very
4401	7/11/2012	It seems busy to me.
4402	7/11/2012	The library always seems bustling with activity and people. Both locations that we attend are very well used and appreciated.
4403	7/11/2012	The place seems to be very popular, regardless of day of the week.
4404	7/11/2012	Heavily used as it provides a lot of access and options for people in our community that do not have access to computers & books in their homes.
4405	7/11/2012	Albina never seems to be empty, with a broad spectrum of ages. It ain't just for kids.
4406	7/11/2012	very
4407	7/11/2012	It appears to be well used. When I go in to check out books, it is always full of folks.
4408	7/11/2012	Always very busy with people using the resources.
4409	7/11/2012	Usually it's packed. I go down there to work occasionally and get out of my home office, and it's rare to find a seat available with a power plug.
4410	7/11/2012	I love it, it is the best public library that I have used in my life.
4411	7/11/2012	Fairly well used.
4412	7/11/2012	We visit the library most weekends with the children and check out books for them weekly.
4413	7/11/2012	highly used
4414	7/11/2012	Whenever I go in to pick-up books I reserved online, there are always people on the computers using the Internet. It looks like some people use the library as a "hang-out" rather than a resource for knowledge and literature.
4415	7/11/2012	Very well. It is always busy and very efficient. We're big fans!
4416	7/11/2012	Incredible usage!
4417	7/11/2012	Very busy
4418	7/11/2012	Very Used :)

4419	7/11/2012	Our local library is very heavily used and a focal point for the community.
4420	7/11/2012	Very! (Hollywood)
4421	7/11/2012	The Capital Hill library is very close to my apartment complex and it seems to be used extensively especially by school aged children, many of whom do not have computers at home. It is a busy well used branch. The staff are friendly and helpful and the facility is well maintained. Thank you.
4422	7/11/2012	Always has a large attendance fo young persons- all good
4423	7/11/2012	Good
4424	7/11/2012	Always well attended
4425	7/11/2012	the central library is farly busy i would say
4426	7/11/2012	I download an E- book abut once a week
4427	7/11/2012	Hollywood is always busy. I go pretty close to daily and voted for more money to go to Libraries, then you cut the days!! Very unhappy about that! The Woodstock Branch is very well used. Whenever I visit, which is at least once a week, there are always many people occupying the tables, using the computers, and browsing in the stacks. The library is a wonderful resource in our neighborhood. We would be much the poorer without it.
4428	7/11/2012	¶ Until my retirement three years I also occasionally used the Northwest Portland branch and found it equally useful and much frequented by people from that neighborhood.
4429	7/11/2012	Very well used
4430	7/11/2012	The library is very well used and is a social hub for the community.
4431	7/11/2012	Very well
4432	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy every time I am in there, so I assume it is well used.
4433	7/11/2012	Very. Lots of people of all ages there using it in different ways. The computers are usually full.
4434	7/11/2012	Don't know but there are always a lot of people there whenever I've been there. A lot of people especially myself check books out on line for my Nook. I am a senior.
4435	7/11/2012	Very, very, very well. I have lived many places and used libraries everywhere that I've lived. These are the busiest I've ever seen with many, varied activities taking place at any one given time. It's quite impressive!
4436	7/11/2012	It always looks busy.
4437	7/11/2012	It seems to be heavily used be people of all ages.
4438	7/11/2012	Kenton is extremely well used, lot's of people there all the hours and the staff is very helpful and experienced.
4439	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy. The selection of DVDs is always rotating and the holds shelf is always full.
4440	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4441	7/11/2012	It is always busy and seem well used.
4442	7/11/2012	It seems to be used very much everyday that I am there. Because I travel often for work, I visit on various days.

4443	7/11/2012	Very
4444	7/11/2012	very well used
4445	7/11/2012	Very. Both Central and Hollywood libraries are well populated during the times I visit, usually during the afternoons / early evenings.
4446	7/11/2012	The NW library is usually packed, so I would say well used.
4447	7/11/2012	seems very active
4448	7/11/2012	very well used. ?
4449	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy. We love the library, especially story times and the online requests of books.
4450	7/11/2012	My local library is almost always busy. It looks well used to me.
4451	7/11/2012	It is often busy but courteous.
4452	7/11/2012	Sellwood is always busy. Central is super busy
4453	7/11/2012	I've never not seen a line at this branch, there are always people (and small children) about. It seems a well used resource.
4454	7/11/2012	very well used. always busy, many people on computers, children always coming and going with families.
4455	7/11/2012	Extremely busy, especially computers
4456	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always people using all the computers any time I've been there, and every time I check out at least one of the other check out station is being used. I see people of all ages, including many parents with children who are checking out books for the children.
4457	7/11/2012	N portland is often full of people inside and out, albino is much quieter it is where I go to pick up books or ask questions b/c I know someone will have time for me, Hollywood seems well used as well and is a common place for folks to meet up. If you mean used as in worn, I would like to see both albino and north be upgraded in terms of shelving space, book condition, and general organization.[] [] .
4458	7/11/2012	The Central library is well used, I feel.
4459	7/11/2012	All seem quite busy when I attend.
4460	7/11/2012	Always VERY busy and on a major bus line
4461	7/11/2012	Always people there.
4462	7/11/2012	convenient. I ate at Whole Foods, then visited the Albina Library.[] I see lots of people, all ages when I am there.
4463	7/11/2012	Hollywood branch is always busy with families and adults working on computers. I find it to be very well used.
4464	7/11/2012	Our local library is well used.
4465	7/11/2012	very :)

4466	7/11/2012	I do not know, however I did not know they had all those resources like job seeking and small business.
4467	7/11/2012	Very well used. I would have to say that it is one of the bussiest, packed with people almost constantly. The employeees are great and work hard to help everyone, but it would be great to have a larger facility. As a parent at Alder Elementary, I see many of the kids and families using the library. This is great since Alder and the Rockwood area have such a high poverty rate. Having access to books and services through the Rockwood library is very helpful. Can't say enough about how great Multnomah County Library system is.
4468	7/11/2012	Over the summer and weekends it is very very packed with people.
4469	7/11/2012	Looks active when ever I stop by, and the parking lot has cars.
4470	7/11/2012	very well
4471	7/11/2012	Very well. It's always busy and I love seeing the kids reading sessions when I come in!
4472	7/11/2012	It seems to be always full of humans...
4473	7/11/2012	It is a very small branch, so it is usually pretty full up. Not overcrowded though.
4474	7/11/2012	central seems to be very well used
4475	7/11/2012	Always busy, always seems to be packed
4476	7/11/2012	This is the most well-used library that I have ever seen in my 71 years.
4477	7/11/2012	I think the majority of our community flourishes from the services available at our local library.
4478	7/11/2012	It has been busy when I have visited. On at least one occasion, there were people waiting at the entrance for the library to open on a weekend day.
4479	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
4480	7/11/2012	I think my local library is very well used. There are always people in the NW branch of the library when I visit. There are always computers in use, kids reading in the children's section and people paroozing the shelves,
4481	7/11/2012	It seems very well used. Every time I go in there are lots of people, both on the computers and in the book aisles.
4482	7/11/2012	very well used. i love the library, keep it up! we must keep reading!
4483	7/11/2012	I see lots of people there, so I assume it's well-used.
4484	7/11/2012	I enjoy the library very much; but my household's use is limited mostly to reserving items (DVDs, books and CDs) on line and then stoppinig by the actual library only to pick up and drop off items.
4485	7/11/2012	The Gresham library is very busy everyday.
4486	7/11/2012	Hmmm? Do not know.
4487	7/11/2012	always seems busy to me!
4488	7/11/2012	? nice library
4489	7/11/2012	Very well used, as far as I can tell.
4490	7/11/2012	very well used
4491	7/11/2012	There are always families, groups, or individuals using the resources

4492	7/11/2012	The Belmont library is always bustling with all sorts of people.
4493	7/11/2012	Very well used. Young families with small children Our family checks out thousands of items every year. We also frequently visit the children's section to look for books with our daughter and enjoy the library activities, as well as participate in the Summer Reading program.[] []
4494	7/11/2012	I've never been in the library (and we visit on average two to three times a week) without seeing at least dozens of people reading, using the computers, and looking for books and other materials.[] [] It's a shame that the hours have been reduced as it makes access more difficult.
4495	7/11/2012	VERY!
4496	7/11/2012	very well used by myself and others in the community ... too much cell phone activity though
4497	7/11/2012	Very
4498	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people at the Woodstock library.
4499	7/11/2012	Very well.
4500	7/11/2012	Very heavily
4501	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are times when the aisles are so full, you have to go around people
4502	7/11/2012	it seems like there are alot of people who use this library. I primarily use Central because I work downtown. Every time I am in there, it is crowded, with people at most computer stations, reading tables in use, etc. I sometimes have to wait for a computer for looking up book locations, but not usually. I never see that library quiet or with few people. []
4503	7/11/2012	I can't speak on the Gresham use because I am in there less frequently, and usually at the end of the day just to pick up or return books, so don't really know how well it is utilized. When I use the drop off box, there is very often a line of cars trying to get to it. It would be very useful to have a drive pass drop box instead of having to park and walk up to the front doors, especially when there is a line, because the cars do get in the way of traffic.
4504	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
4505	7/11/2012	The Woodstock library is great, and very well used!
4506	7/11/2012	Good amount.
4507	7/11/2012	There are always people there...they run a lot of community programs and have friendly librarians.
4508	7/11/2012	It seems to mainly be a place for people to access the internet
4509	7/11/2012	usually pretty busy
4510	7/11/2012	The place is always jumping!
4511	7/11/2012	It's always very, very full.
4512	7/11/2012	Well used, always crowded

4513	7/11/2012	Very! There are great resouces for kids, the computer terminals are often all in use, private rooms are used, I usually see a constant flow in and out while there. ☐ ☐ Love it!
4514	7/11/2012	Well-used. Seems busy whenever I go in. Lots of families with kids.
4515	7/11/2012	Both branches and Central always seem mobbed and being used productively and appropriately.
4516	7/11/2012	Very
4517	7/11/2012	very used always crowded when i am in there
4518	7/11/2012	the librarians at Kenton are doing a wonderful job. I've never been disappointed, they are very helpful and respectful.
4519	7/11/2012	very well used
4520	7/11/2012	Well used- always busy any day or time I go. I always see kids and adults at computers, looking at books, and talking with library staff. The St. Johns library is fantastic!
4521	7/11/2012	Central Library is a downtown hub and a safe place for teenagers, elderly, homeless etc. People who can't afford their own computer or ISP line up outside waiting for the doors to open. It is busy all days and all hours.
4522	7/11/2012	Every time I go to the library, there are a large number of people checking out books or using computers.
4523	7/11/2012	Very well used
4524	7/11/2012	very well used
4525	7/11/2012	I use it a lot. It always seems quite busy.
4526	7/11/2012	From my observations when I'm there, I believe it is VERY WELL USED. Thanks for you great services to our community.
4527	7/11/2012	overly well used - always crowded- always a waiting for computers, no place to sit and wait, so people always sitting and lying on the floor
4528	7/11/2012	Very well used, there are many people in the library any hour of the day that I go.
4529	7/11/2012	Seems crowded.
4530	7/11/2012	it's always packed
4531	7/11/2012	Seems well-used.
4532	7/11/2012	Central more so than Kenton, but both are popular.
4533	7/11/2012	good and organized
4534	7/11/2012	It's busy everytime I go in; it's a great location.
4535	7/11/2012	very! it's busy!
4536	7/11/2012	Very well used. always full and usually a 10-15 minute wait for a computere.
4537	7/11/2012	(I'm not sure what exactly is being asked)
4538	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4539	7/11/2012	Both the NW branch and the Central branch always seem busy when my wife and I visit.

4540	7/11/2012	Very! I live next door and the foot and vehicle traffic is constant. That is in no way a complaint. I love having it there.
4541	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always visitors--of all ages and using all the resources. I love my library.
4542	7/11/2012	Midland is always busy. The parking lot is always full and the computers are always taken. I feel the hours of operation aren't long enough even before the hour decrease on July 1st.
4543	7/11/2012	Well used
4544	7/11/2012	Its always full of people, so a lot!
4545	7/11/2012	I'd say pretty well used....but I have just moved in recently and have only been there 3 times.
4546	7/11/2012	It's always full of people.
4547	7/11/2012	I have never visited a branch that was not busy.
4548	7/11/2012	Very well used!
4549	7/11/2012	It is always busy in the library. I feel like it is like a community gathering place much like the central water fountain/ town water source in times past.
4550	7/11/2012	not sure
4551	7/11/2012	It is a central aspect to our neighborhood community.
4552	7/11/2012	always busy
4553	7/11/2012	usually pretty busy, but overstaffed. Most folks use the self-check out, but it seems like there are the same number of employees. Now they just talk to each other while customers are trying to read or work on their computer.
4554	7/11/2012	The library seems quite busy at all hours of they day.
4555	7/11/2012	seems busy enough when i go there
4556	7/11/2012	Fairview, Midland, and Central are always well-populated when I visit.
4557	7/11/2012	i think kenton library is definitely well used and loved!
4558	7/11/2012	It's busy all the time,
4559	7/11/2012	Yes.
4560	7/11/2012	Very well used. Wen you do the summer reading, it encourages you to read and also its fun because you get rewarded with prizes after you complete each level. I appreciate having 3 libraries close by.
4561	7/11/2012	The Northwest Library is very accessible in a densely populated neighborhood. There are narrow aisles and sometimes it gets crowded. It's great fun to watch parents reading to their children. It would be nice to have an entire section devoted to that aspect, separate from the general goings on. ¶ In general, I would probably use it more frequently if it weren't so congested, and properly reconstructed to suit everyone.
4562	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4563	7/11/2012	Very. All three of the branches that I visit (two close to my house and one close to my office) are always busy.
4564	7/11/2012	There appears to always people be people at the library using the various services. Every chair is almost always full and a line asking the librarians questions.

4565	7/11/2012	Very.
4566	7/11/2012	Very! In fact, i am amazed at how much all the libraries are used in Multnomah County.
4567	7/11/2012	well used!
4568	7/11/2012	Library is a vital and thriving cornerstone of our community.
4569	7/11/2012	I love to use the library. I feel that it is part of me extension of my home library. Any question me , my children or friends might have, librarians are there for us. They are a hub of useful tailored problem solving team of people, whom I enjoy to recognize outside of library buildings as well.
4570	7/11/2012	very
4571	7/11/2012	They are all usually very busy.
4572	7/11/2012	Always activity at the branch
4573	7/11/2012	Fairly well used. There are always people there when I go in. It's right next to a high school so it gets a lot of student use.
4574	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4575	7/11/2012	So busy, All.The.Time!
4576	7/11/2012	It is very well used. There seem to be a lot of people there whenever I go there.
4577	7/11/2012	Very well used
4578	7/11/2012	very well used. there are always people there and a line for the computers.
4579	7/11/2012	both Hillsdale and Capital Hill computer stations are always full or mostly full whatever time of day I enter. Seem to be lots of children as well - and the 'quiet rooms' are always full.
4580	7/11/2012	Extremely. Might even be over-used.
4581	7/11/2012	Every time I'm there (2- 3 times a month) there are quite a number of people.
4582	7/11/2012	very
4583	7/11/2012	Always well attended when i pass by.
4584	7/11/2012	Usually full wh eb I go in, especially the computers
4585	7/11/2012	Pretty well.
4586	7/11/2012	Busy when I am there
4587	7/11/2012	Seems to be very well used
4588	7/11/2012	There always seems to be at least 2 dozen people in there every time we visit.
4589	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always seems to be at 75% attendance capacity.
4590	7/11/2012	well used, integral part of local community, afaik
4591	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I have stopped by to pick up books and DVDs. The computers are usually all in use.
4592	7/11/2012	We are told that the Hollywood branch is one of the heavily used. It is packed with families and the rest of us!
4593	7/11/2012	Classes are offered upstairs. Activities for the Grandkids. Lots of people use it because its close to the colleges.

4594	7/11/2012	Kenton Library opened about two years ago, and is increasingly being used by more people in the community. I go to the library weekly. It is always crowded which is a good thing, because it means that a lot of people know about this new neighborhood library! I occasionally use the computers to check e-mail or access the Internet/web. I've noticed a lot of people appear to use library's computers for job searches, which is wonderful because many jobs today require on-line applications. I also read magazines and newspapers when I visit the library. Due to the sour economy, I cancelled most of my magazine subscriptions in 2008, and just rely on the library for magazines.
4595	7/11/2012	very well used
4596	7/11/2012	It appears to be busy most of the time.
4597	7/11/2012	It always appears busy.
4598	7/11/2012	seems to be very well used by a wide range of ages and is diverse in the nature of those who visit
4599	7/11/2012	It's VERY busy whenever I am there.
4600	7/11/2012	it seems to always have alot of people there when we go and the kids programs are standing room only. we were so sad to see peter go.
4601	7/11/2012	It is ALWAYS full of People and has so many great community resources. It is very well used and a huge asset to Gresham.
4602	7/11/2012	Our library is always busy. The staff do an excellent job of service. It is well maintained. Process of placing books on hold from other branches is excellent and a service I use regularly.
4603	7/11/2012	Hillsdale always seems to have about as much traffic as the the space and resources will comfortably allow. I use Capitol Hill less frequently, and so don't have recent information or sufficient observations to make an informed comment.
4604	7/11/2012	The central library is always busy and extremely well used.
4605	7/11/2012	I go in monthly. I am not aware of any senior services.
4606	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used, always busy when we go in.
4607	7/11/2012	Pretty well used, I'd say.
4608	7/11/2012	It is well kept up
4609	7/11/2012	Very well as there are always people there at all hours and lines to get in before doors open.
4610	7/11/2012	very
4611	7/11/2012	very well used
4612	7/11/2012	My local library is the Central Library, and it is extremely well used.
4613	7/11/2012	Very well used from my observations.
4614	7/11/2012	The Kenton Library is truly loved and well used, an inviting place that brings the community, neighborhood together.
4615	7/11/2012	I love the library and use it often... I live near the Sellwood branch and it seems pretty busy during the daytimes when I stop in. It appears to be much quieter and not very busy in the evenings when I drive by or the few times I have stopped in at later hours.
4616	7/11/2012	Seems to always be busy.

4617	7/11/2012	Very!
4618	7/11/2012	Always seems busy
4619	7/11/2012	Very well. All the books seem to have waiting lists.
4620	7/11/2012	It seems very well used based on the times we visit. This question is poorly phrased, however: by whom? what's the context for me t evaluate others using the library?
4621	7/11/2012	When ever I am visiting the library branches I frequent there are always people - adults and children there.
4622	7/11/2012	I visit Woodstock once or twice weekly, and I have never been in the library that there weren't several people there. Often, there are no computers available for use, and there have been several times that I have had to wait for a check-out computer, due to the number of people actually checking out at the same time that I am. I have a 5 year old granddaughter that enjoys many of the children's programs offered and who also checks out books and o DVD's every couple of weeks.
4623	7/11/2012	It seems to always be busy.
4624	7/11/2012	All three have pretty heavy traffic when we are there.
4625	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy whenever my husband or I are there. They seem to have a lot of programs going on so I would say it is well used.
4626	7/11/2012	Whenever I visit Belmont it is always reasonably to very busy.
4627	7/11/2012	Very. Whenever I go ,which is sometimes daily, there are alt of people there. I like to go when they have programs for the children. I like to get ideas about books my great granchildren would like to read, The children live in Upper Michigan. Going to a bookstore is an all day trip for me. Knowing what I want to buy helps alot.
4628	7/11/2012	Midland seems to be always busy.
4629	7/11/2012	very well
4630	7/11/2012	Very well I think.
4631	7/11/2012	Always crowded, very well used.
4632	7/11/2012	Always busy. People wait outside to get in before the opening time.
4633	7/11/2012	extremely busy
4634	7/11/2012	Very well used. Crowds often form outside the door before opening.
4635	7/11/2012	Very well used - always lots of people of all ages.
4636	7/11/2012	ALWAYS BUSY AND FULL, NICE TO SEE IT THAT WAY
4637	7/11/2012	Very well used. When I go, there are always lots of people there using the computers, reading, childern groups or being social.
4638	7/11/2012	

4639	7/11/2012	Highly used, to me it's one of the busier library. It's set-up User Friendly..The Staff are always kind & considerate,they show compassion to each of us & to our request.The Woodstock Library is special to our Community...Closing for one day,I know times are hard,but for those that are less (monetary-wise) & for those that love what this library offers the need for open 7 days is so essential....For our Kids,for the Elderly,heck for people like me...Woodstock Library ROCKS
4640	7/11/2012	well used
4641	7/11/2012	Very.
4642	7/11/2012	It's always packed with users. Although I have always found Central Library always well maintained, clean, and very helpful staff to help me find books, materials or helping with any issues I have.
4643	7/11/2012	Kenton library has been a wonderful addition to the Kenton community and the library system. It is very user friendly and appears to have patrons that span several demographics - all seem to really appreciate this local branch and its services and events.
4644	7/11/2012	Our local library is highly used. Constant stream of users at checkout counter, table space is frequently at capacity, computers are often at maximal use.
4645	7/11/2012	It always seems like there are always many people at the computers and terminals
4646	7/11/2012	Always busy!
4647	7/11/2012	Well used
4648	7/11/2012	I believe it is very well used.
4649	7/11/2012	I always find our branch filled with people of all ages, including a lot of children.
4650	7/11/2012	Both libraries I use are always busy and full of people. If you want to be able to use the computer one usually has to arrive before the library opens. Whenever I have arrived right before the library opens there is always a group of people waiting to get in. I have personally never seen either library not busy.
4651	7/11/2012	there are always plenty of people using the computers at the Albina branch, and the kids programs also seem well attended. Same at Hollywood. Central has plenty of use, but I have to say, the gauntlet of homeless youth and under-serviced mentally ill people that always loiter out front really mars what should be a great public resource.
4652	7/11/2012	well used
4653	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy whenever I go there
4654	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights appears especially well used in the summer time.
4655	7/11/2012	I find the library usually has a fair number of people when I am there.
4656	7/11/2012	The library is in great shape, having just been built. Everytime I go into the library it is "bustling" with people checking out books, children in the kids library reading and using computers, the computers are continually used by adults for checkout purposes as well as research, etc.[] Overall - I'd say it is VERY well used.
4657	7/11/2012	Seems in good repair.
4658	7/11/2012	My local library is always buzzing with activity/ it's very busy and a true community resource center.
4659	7/11/2012	Central Library is always very busy.

4660	7/11/2012	It is always crowded and busy.
4661	7/11/2012	Very well used
4662	7/11/2012	always busy when I go there, especially the computers
4663	7/11/2012	There are always people there when we come. It appears to get good use
4664	7/11/2012	very busy
4665	7/11/2012	Main branch is certainly a vital resource to thousands of Portlanders!
4666	7/11/2012	very well
4667	7/11/2012	Very well
4668	7/11/2012	Very well used
4669	7/11/2012	Extremely well used
4670	7/11/2012	very, there is ALWAYS people in there
4671	7/11/2012	It always seems like people are inside when I go and the computers are busy.
4672	7/11/2012	Very well used
4673	7/11/2012	We do not visit the local libraries often because they are not conveniently located. I've used the reserve system infrequently, although the mail system is the most convenient for our busy lives.
4674	7/11/2012	Very well used! Some days I can not find a place to park.
4675	7/11/2012	Very busy
4676	7/11/2012	Very well. Always seems quite busy!
4677	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I stop by :)
4678	7/11/2012	Seems full when I am there in the afternoons.
4679	7/11/2012	Always seems to be active with a large use group
4680	7/11/2012	Everytime I go it's fairly full.
4681	7/11/2012	Whenever I visit the Belmont branch, it is always well-attended.
4682	7/11/2012	very well used
4683	7/11/2012	It's used often.
4684	7/11/2012	Always busy, usually crowded
4685	7/11/2012	I believe all 3 of the libraries we frequent are very well used by a strong, numerous cross-section of the communities they're within. There is never a time when I visit any of them that the computer stations aren't completely occupied and there are many patrons involved in some other activities there. (Reading, studying, attending a function, etc.)
4686	7/11/2012	Always busy, never a parking spot available.
4687	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people there. I LOVE our library. My children LOVE the library.
4688	7/11/2012	It appears to be busy during all hours of operation.
4689	7/11/2012	Very well used! It's always busy when I'm in there - it's a great resource for the local community in Rockwood
4690	7/11/2012	borrow novels and DVDs

4691	7/11/2012	The local library always seems busy when I'm there. People checking out books, using tables to read magazines and other resources, using the computers, and lots of children doing the group activities.
4692	7/11/2012	Woodstock Library, seems very busy every time I am there. Lots of young students and older people as well. A small library, but satisfactory for the neighborhood.
4693	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4694	7/11/2012	I have never seen the library when it is not packed with people. My library is very well used. It's a pleasure to be there with so many others doing their thing, too.
4695	7/11/2012	Capital Heights is my current local Library. If you mean how busy, then medium busy. If you mean how efficient are the patrons at using this library, I have no idea.
4696	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy most of the time
4697	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy whenever I go there or walk by.
4698	7/11/2012	It's always busy
4699	7/11/2012	Very much used.
4700	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I am there. I don't usually have to wait to use the computerized card catalogue, but there are always people using them. Same with the check-out lines.[] When my grandson was small we visited frequently and attended programs for young and school age children. We loved it.
4701	7/11/2012	Wierd question. Surveys should ask questions requiring few words unless you want a box with for additional comments. I see all locations I visit well used. I love your library and especially the children's section with the brass tree.[] It is a symbol for democracy and dialogue, and it offers access to ideas,[] relationships and learning that no other venue can in such an open way.[]
4702	7/11/2012	Like public schools, libraries speak of access, participation and possibility for all.[] Please keep this beautiful part of Portland open and alive.[] [] Pauline Baker[] part-time resident of Portland and Tucson, AZ
4703	7/11/2012	very
4704	7/11/2012	Seems like a lot of people are there when we are and the parking lot is often busy
4705	7/11/2012	Belmont Library is well used but not worn out. Everytime I go (on weekends) I'm amazed how busy it is. And the lines of internet users do not look like property tax payers.
4706	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people there when we go (on weekends)
4707	7/11/2012	It's always packed on almost every day.
4708	7/11/2012	I absolutely cherish my local library. It is an integral and important part of my life and my personal growth. I will do whatever I can to help save my local library!

4709	7/11/2012	Our library is very busy, serving Portland's young families, immigrants from Somalia and other Middle Eastern, young adults, and Seniors. I believe it is the sole internet provider for many immigrant families. I have almost never seen it empty even on weekday mornings. It is located next to a popular park, and Markham Elementary School, so it's a vital part of our community where everyone gathers.
4710	7/11/2012	Always busy when I am there/ Volunteer groups get a good turn out.
4711	7/11/2012	It's always bustling.
4712	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4713	7/11/2012	Woodstock Branch is a very important and vital part of our community. It always seems to be busy and is a favorite place to take our children.
4714	7/11/2012	Very! The Kenton branch always seems to be busy.
4715	7/11/2012	it is very well used....there are always people coming and going from the Gresham Library. I forgot to mark the Fairview library, but it is also a well used branch...and in a location where people who use it probably can't really get to another library easily....
4716	7/11/2012	Seems to be used a lot.
4717	7/11/2012	Very well used; always busy and bustling.
4718	7/11/2012	It usually has a steady stream of visitors.
4719	7/11/2012	Very well used - there's always lots of people there no matter what time of day. I love that it serves people who can't afford computers, too.
4720	7/11/2012	My local libraries are well used. There are always people doing things in the library. I always see children and senior citizens as well in large numbers taking advantage of the benefits the library has to offer.
4721	7/11/2012	I use it 2-3 times a week. I love talking to fellow patrons there and learning about whatl Movies to watch. We borrow a lot of DVD's and I don't mind waiting a while to get the ones I want. I went on vacation to Glacier Park recently and borrowed 2 wonderful guide books that I took with me. Great information always.
4722	7/11/2012	Always busy with all ages, very helpful and friendly staff. I love it :)))
4723	7/11/2012	Very much so; it is always crowded, with people of all ages. Every area of the library is well used, also (i.e. check-out, computers, story time for small children, etc.).
4724	7/11/2012	People are at Central Library all the time.[] [] I don't think cutting Library hours is a terrible thing as it doesn't need to be open 7 days/week. What I'm most concerned about is maintaining the investment we made a number of years ago in building new and renovating a number of branches. It is a crime if these facilities aren't treated as assets and regularly maintained inside and out.
4725	7/11/2012	My husband and I just moved to the area and got a library card about 1 month ago. We've been to the library 3 times so far.
4726	7/11/2012	Seems consistent, not packed but always has users at the branch.

4727	7/11/2012	It's always got people coming in and out, and there is often a line at the door before it opens. Best of all, it's used by lots of families with young kids.
4728	7/11/2012	Always busy, clean and quiet
4729	7/11/2012	Always very busy
4730	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used, there is always a full parking lot and people using the facility.
4731	7/11/2012	It is pretty used within the community
4732	7/11/2012	Very... there are always people there and in the morning families will be waiting to get in.
4733	7/11/2012	The Gregory Heights library seems to always have a lot of people sitting at tables and working at computers--all ages. On Sundays, when it opens at noon, we often stand outside with other people if we get there too early. I would say it's very well used.
4734	7/11/2012	Heavily
4735	7/11/2012	keeps busy
4736	7/11/2012	always busy
4737	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used. Every time I have been in recently it has been packed with a wide variety of people using the various resources available.
4738	7/11/2012	Very. Always people. Most computers in use. At least one of private rooms always in use (only 3). I couldn't live without it.
4739	7/11/2012	Extremely well used when I go there.
4740	7/11/2012	always seems busy when I go. ☐ I go 2-3x per week either in am or weekend.
4741	7/11/2012	VERY WELL USED
4742	7/11/2012	Often 10 -20 patrons.
4743	7/11/2012	Really don't know. We usually use the online search for what we want and have it delivered to the library. So we don't spend much time in the library itself.
4744	7/11/2012	Very well. Always people in there- young and old. Awesome place.
4745	7/11/2012	Very much so
4746	7/11/2012	Very well used
4747	7/11/2012	Always busy!! People always waiting until the doors open.
4748	7/11/2012	It is very busy whenever I am there.
4749	7/11/2012	Definately well used. Always filled with info-gathering adults and children.
4750	7/11/2012	There is very rarely a lull in business at the Woodstock Library. There is usually a line at the open of business, and crowd at closing time. The computers are always busy, and the librarians are kept on their toes throughout their shift.
4751	7/11/2012	Always busy!
4752	7/11/2012	From what I recall, well used. Since I started checking e-books out, I tend not to visit the physical library as much.
4753	7/11/2012	always seems busy

4754	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what you mean. My only problem with all the libraries is the noise - they're libraries, not bars. And the staff are frequently the worst.
4755	7/11/2012	Very much.
4756	7/11/2012	always busy
4757	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4758	7/11/2012	I love my library. I look at book on line. I also used it to start a book club.
4759	7/11/2012	very well used, there are always a lot of people in there.
4760	7/11/2012	I think both locations are very well used. Each time I attend the library, it seems to be full of all sorts of activities: reading, computers, programs, etc.
4761	7/11/2012	Very busy. I reserve books online and go to library to pick them up. Judging by the size of the reserve books shelves, other do the same thing. Only in library for 5 min. I did attend some book discussions with Oregon authors and these drew a great crowd.
4762	7/11/2012	I would say all three are fairly well used. Most visits I find the libraries full of patrons. Often times there are no available computers and I have to wait.
4763	7/11/2012	Appears to be quite busy. I have no idea what other priorities and/or reasons other users find themselves in the PUBLIC's library. In my belief it is not my business or right to know what other people are doing in any PUBLIC library. It is their right to be there. For all of us to have open full access to public property and public services. But I have no right knowing anything about any one else or why they use any public library.
4764	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what this means. There are always families, groups and individuals using the facility when I visit
4765	7/11/2012	Always busy.
4766	7/11/2012	Sometimes. I like the feel of the library. It is a very friendly place to visit and meet friends and the community.
4767	7/11/2012	very well used! it always seems busy and well attended.
4768	7/11/2012	Very
4769	7/11/2012	good
4770	7/11/2012	I think the online resources are extremely useful for checking out e-books, and requesting books to be on hold at my requested library. I am not usually aware of other programs offered, due to not seeking them out.
4771	7/11/2012	don't know

4772	7/11/2012	Woodstock is now my "main" library and by "well used" I think you mean does it serve a lot of people. I would say yes. I have seen 5-10 people waiting at the door 15 minutes before opening time. There are many times all the computers and "catalog computers" are in use. There are always lots of young people...and old. [] There are 5 people in our family and we often return and pick up items for each other and I still end up going to the library once a week.
4773	7/11/2012	Albina Library is always busy with readers, children, borrowers.
4774	7/11/2012	It seems very busy every time I go in to pick up books.
4775	7/11/2012	Very
4776	7/11/2012	seems busy whenever I visit.
4777	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I go there.
4778	7/11/2012	very busy.
4779	7/11/2012	Very
4780	7/11/2012	It's always busy. The library in Kenton is a major business and brings many people to the Kenton area. I was so excited to have a branch that I could walk to.
4781	7/11/2012	Very Weyl used
4782	7/11/2012	It is used a lot, especially by school aged students and young mothers.
4783	7/11/2012	Very well used, there are always lots of people there when I go
4784	7/11/2012	Very well used. Both Albina and Hollywood branches are always busy.
4785	7/11/2012	It is often busy when I am there. I usually see at least five or six others around, but often many more. Our local library branches are very well used. At Gregory Heights, there is often a line of people waiting to enter when the library first opens, and there are still many patrons using the library when it is ready to close for the day. The regular programs in the community room usually seem to be well attended, and there are many patrons who take advantage of the summer reading program for kids. The other two branches we use regularly, Hollywood and Midland, are also generally busy with patrons taking advantage of the library's resources and programs.
4786	7/11/2012	
4787	7/11/2012	It always seems busy! I always see tons of people utilizing the library and its resources. The library appears to be a vibrant place and unique
4788	7/11/2012	resource. In particular, the zine library and the African American resource section at the North Portland library are excellent collections. very well used. []
4789	7/11/2012	please keep St. Johns library!!! it's a community center. [] I see lots of children in for story times. I don't think people would just switch to another library over ten miles away.

4790	7/11/2012	people use it
4791	7/11/2012	Very
4792	7/11/2012	It always seems pretty busy when I go; I can never find parking! :)
4793	7/11/2012	Very! It's also very beautiful, which isn't necessarily something that comes with libraries. I found the staff to be as helpful as they could be and the services to be quite efficient. I'm proud of that library.
4794	7/11/2012	very well
4795	7/11/2012	The Sellwood/Moreland library is very well used, particularly by children. There are a number of children in the neighborhood, and I wouldn't be surprised to hear that they are the predominant users. As for Central, which is a block from my office, I would say that it is also very well used, but by a different crowd. The majority of users appear to be adults.
4796	7/11/2012	I am a preschool teacher, so I am in a constant state of hunting for books online, putting them on hold, checking them out and returning them. I use the library more than once or twice a week during my busy seasons!
4797	7/11/2012	always seems busy and actively used
4798	7/11/2012	Always busy
4799	7/11/2012	I rely on my local library branch, as it can be difficult to make it to the main library to pick-up books.
4800	7/11/2012	There are always plenty of people there whenever I go!
4801	7/11/2012	It is always busy, it's actually hard to find parking. I think this is good because so many people are actively literate. I see many families with children every time I go.
4802	7/11/2012	The Belmont branch is very popular. Although relatively small, it has a lot of good materials, and the staff is knowledgeable and helpful.
4803	7/11/2012	not sure
4804	7/11/2012	I am honestly unsure of that, but there are always other patrons there when I check books out and drop them off.
4805	7/11/2012	It is used a lot!
4806	7/11/2012	We frequent Woodstock library often(2-3 times a month) and always see quite a few people in the library.
4807	7/11/2012	Looks busy everytime I go in.
4808	7/11/2012	I use the Central Library about two or three times a month. From what I have seen, it is really well used and there are always patrons in every room of the library. Many others use it to study, read, and do research, like I do.

4809	7/11/2012	It is walking distance from three public schools and several private ones, so there are lots of children and teens in the building. Parents brings younger children to get books and attend the wonderful programs. Adults of all ages use the library as a community center -- meeting friends, using the computers to interact with family or friends, and, always, looking for books. This summer I've seen so many kids happily and proudly presenting their Summer Reading game board and talking about the books they've read. People appreciate the welcoming smiles of library staff. I've seen Hillsdale staff making sure everyone has a positive experience -- from the other-abled adult or teen to the lonely older person to new parents who have brought their baby to the library for the very first time, to the teen who needs a book for school. Well used and well loved is the Hillsdale library.
4810	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I visit. I notice people using many areas of the library. The children's story times are so popular that they are sometimes full and I can't get in.
4811	7/11/2012	Go down and take a good look.....we need more hr,s and day,s OK
4812	7/11/2012	Very well.
4813	7/11/2012	Very; there are always quite a few people there. It never feels deserted.
4814	7/11/2012	It seems underutilized
4815	7/11/2012	very well. it is always crowded everytime we are there.
4816	7/11/2012	Well, the parking lot is usually full... :~) And there are always activities going on with people attending them. Sometimes a queue of people are checking out materials, although the self-checkout has helped a lot with that.
4817	7/11/2012	Very
4818	7/11/2012	Both Rockwood and Gresham seem to be busy most of the time I'm stopping in to pick up or drop off materials. It seems many are using computers, kids reading books, people asking staff for help. Rockwood is a small place but usually has a fair amount of people there whether it's morning or evening. Most days they have a group standing at the door wating to open.
4819	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy when I go
4820	7/11/2012	It seems very busy all the time!
4821	7/11/2012	Very well used. I wish it had more funding.
4822	7/11/2012	not sure
4823	7/11/2012	It is always very busy, especially with children. There is often not a seat to be had!
4824	7/11/2012	Always busy...the storytelling classes are always full or close to it.
4825	7/11/2012	Seems well used.
4826	7/11/2012	DK
4827	7/11/2012	It is extensively utilized whenever I am there (once or twice a month) but I drive by almost every day and I always observe patrons coming and/or going.
4828	7/11/2012	Extremely well. Proximity to PCC and Jefferson brings in lots of traffic. Used by all ages. Often have to look around for a place to sit.
4829	7/11/2012	Highly used

4830	7/11/2012	I work downtown near the Central Library so use it frequently, probably 3-4 times weekly. Capitol Hill is the nearest to home but I seldom need to go there.
4831	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4832	7/11/2012	It's always active when I am there.
4833	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
4834	7/11/2012	Very well
4835	7/11/2012	Every time I go there it is very very busy on all fronts. Lots of folks at computers and checking out books and videos. Please keep our libraries open. WE NEED ACCESS TO OUR LIBRARIES! It is always well populated when we are there. For us, the later hours are the most important as I am a working, single mom.
4836	7/11/2012	I don't get off work until after five, and often am not home until after six. As a result, the late hours are imperative to keep the system the most functional for our family. Obviously, the weekend hours help as well, but we are traveling out of town every other week.
4837	7/11/2012	It tends to be slower in the mornings but overall it seems actively busy most of the time.
4838	7/11/2012	Very!
4839	7/11/2012	Pretty well
4840	7/11/2012	It always seems pretty busy when I go in there.
4841	7/11/2012	On a scale from one to ten, a seven.
4842	7/11/2012	Every time I go in they have a wait list for the computers.
4843	7/11/2012	Just moved from inner southeast Powell (no nearby library) to NE Ainsworth, I am looking forward to using the North Portland branch. I work near the Kenton library, which I use now and then. I would describe it as pretty well used, certainly never empty. I primarily use the Central branch, which is always hoppin'.
4844	7/11/2012	Kenton is very busy. There are usually 30-50 patrons at the branch when I'm there.
4845	7/11/2012	Very well
4846	7/11/2012	Extremely...there are always crowds of people in the St Johns branch.
4847	7/11/2012	seems to be very busy all the time
4848	7/11/2012	Very busy
4849	7/11/2012	Seems busy every time I am there. I think it is very well used.
4850	7/11/2012	Very well used and the service is good
4851	7/11/2012	Intensively!
4852	7/11/2012	It's extremely busy every day.
4853	7/11/2012	It seems pretty popular
4854	7/11/2012	Always busy serving patrons. I often see others returning materials after hours.
4855	7/11/2012	The Midland library is busy constantly. We use the Hollywood and Albina as well....good to see that they are also very busy places. I think the whole city takes advantage of the Central library for its beauty and great resources.

4856	7/11/2012	Very. It's usually busy-- full of all ages and ethnicities. The staff is hard-working and helpful, trying to get everyone's information needs met. Kids, especially, use it ALL summer.
4857	7/11/2012	Its never empty when I go, but not usually packed either. Seems like a steady stream of people, more so in winter.
4858	7/11/2012	Always lots of users there. Always people waiting for internet use. Are they all using the net for educational/library type purposes? or are they letting the taxpayer fund their high speed internet? If the library restricted or charged for that, how much could be saved? Also your library system has more movies than Blockbuster. We use this feature "big time". Good for us not so good for the taxpayer. We don't even go to Blockbuster anymore. How much could be saved by only buying educational/non-fiction titles? We're big supporters/users of the library system but restricting the days and hours seems like a political move to get us to vote for additional funding. Don't dispute that they couldn't meet the budget but there must be a multitude of other ways to have made it! I just gave you two possible ways. I suppose the the pollsters have told them that restricting days/hours would be a good strategy to get the vote and I'm sure they're right, but this is deceptive and very poor management and you guys/gals should be assamed of yourselves for backing it! Arn't you loosing just a little bit of sleep? Will be voting against this and most likely you people next time around.
4859	7/11/2012	it always seems busy when I go in on Sundays
4860	7/11/2012	It's a great resource that we rely on!
4861	7/11/2012	There are constantly people there using the computers, doing homework, getting books/movies.
4862	7/11/2012	Midland is always extremely busy with people waiting for the doors to open. It offers programs for all ages which my daughters used from preschool through high school. There are so many preschoolers at Midland being introduced to the wonders of the library.
4863	7/11/2012	It seems that whenever I go to the library, it is always busy. I think a lot of people use it daily.
4864	7/11/2012	heavy use...always people there right up until closing and, often, waiting for open
4865	7/11/2012	I am there very often and it always seems to be full or nearly full (the tables with computers).
4866	7/11/2012	very
4867	7/11/2012	It is very well used.
4868	7/11/2012	Very, we love it.
4869	7/11/2012	Midland library always seems busy. The parking lot is usually full. With school out for the summer it is flooded with kids checking out books and participating in the summer reading program. It is a valuable asset to our community.
4870	7/11/2012	Very busy
4871	7/11/2012	??
4872	7/11/2012	I think it's very well-used. There is always a line of people waiting for it to open, and when I go in, I always see people using the computers, browsing, checking out books, etc. There's rarely a time when I go that the library is not busy.
4873	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.

4874	7/11/2012	It is heavily used. □ For Question 2: I visit Northwest Library several times a week, although not daily.
4875	7/11/2012	it's always busy
4876	7/11/2012	Very well used
4877	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
4878	7/11/2012	It's always crowded when we're there, whether we're at Midland or Rockwood. We don't visit Gresham quite as much, but it looks pretty well used also.
4879	7/11/2012	Whenever I am in the branch there is always a lot of activity; for example computer use appears to be quite popular, viewing the available periodicals seems to be enjoyed by patrons, as well as many books are checked out by the young and old alike. I believe the Sellwood/Moreland branch is well attended.
4880	7/11/2012	very
4881	7/11/2012	The Northwest branch is always busy.
4882	7/11/2012	Its always busy!
4883	7/11/2012	very well used.
4884	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4885	7/11/2012	I most frequently go to the Belmont Library and whenever I am there it always seems to be very busy.
4886	7/11/2012	the library is always busy
4887	7/11/2012	Not sure what you are asking. I think it serves any and all who come and it is always busy with all manner of media close to hand.
4888	7/11/2012	We pick up books, CDs, and movies from the branch and download digital books, music, and audiobooks from the website.
4889	7/11/2012	it is always really busy in there.
4890	7/11/2012	Very busy
4891	7/11/2012	Very busy and a great resource always
4892	7/11/2012	Very!
4893	7/11/2012	Always people using library and meeting rooms
4894	7/11/2012	well used
4895	7/11/2012	I don't understand exactly what this question is asking...Is the library worn? I suppose so, but I think the Central Branch is also in a historic building. Is it busy whenever I go in there? Yes, there are always many people when I tend to go- during lunch break and after work.
4896	7/11/2012	It seems it is a vibrant, busy place every time I am there, from young families enjoying books to people using the computers.
4897	7/11/2012	Don't know, I've only ordered books online a couple years ago.
4898	7/11/2012	It always is full and busy when I am there, but the hours could be better
4899	7/11/2012	It's usually busy, but not too overcrowded

4900	7/11/2012	Always busy
4901	7/11/2012	There's always people there.
4902	7/11/2012	Am amazed at how many people use it every time I go there.
4903	7/11/2012	always occupied. Lots of people of many ages. People using computers, children with parents, storytime. Great place. Will vote for bond measure to keep them open.
4904	7/11/2012	Seems very well used
4905	7/11/2012	Its very well
4906	7/11/2012	All three locations that I visit are well used. I've never seen a "down" time.
4907	7/11/2012	Excellent
4908	7/11/2012	Very well used - always busy there
4909	7/11/2012	When I do stop by to pick up books, it is always busy. That is true during the past 12 years that I've been using the Belmont Library.
4910	7/11/2012	very well used
4911	7/11/2012	Quite well, if open 24 hours a day it would always have patrons
4912	7/11/2012	Kids Galore!
4913	7/11/2012	Extremely. The library is always full of people in the stacks and on the computers
4914	7/11/2012	It seems very well utilized, but I'm sure there are programs and services I'm unaware of.
4915	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question.
4916	7/11/2012	a lot
4917	7/11/2012	Well used
4918	7/11/2012	Every time I go in there are several people there. Computers are well used. Love thier programs for seniors and children. They cannot shut down this library!!!
4919	7/11/2012	Well used
4920	7/11/2012	It is always packed! Appears to be very well used.
4921	7/11/2012	rephrase the question.
4922	7/11/2012	There are always people there.
4923	7/11/2012	It always seems pretty busy when I go there. For the most part, I go in the evening and on the weekend.
4924	7/11/2012	Central Library is ALWAYS busy!
4925	7/11/2012	Very well used by all ages - always busy!
4926	7/11/2012	The Albina branch is always busy.
4927	7/11/2012	Always seems really busy.
4928	7/11/2012	Both Central and Hillsdale branches are very well used. They're busy with people every time I come in.
4929	7/11/2012	thiis branch is very well used. and the staff is very helpful when it comes to using machines and finding the right items.
4930	7/11/2012	Our library is very well used. We love it.
4931	7/11/2012	The new Kenton library is always very busy every time I go and I feel it is VERY well used.
4932	7/11/2012	Very. There are always people in there and usually a line at the door when it opens.

4933	7/11/2012	It seems like there are always plenty of people there when ever I go.
4934	7/11/2012	They are very busy places.
4935	7/11/2012	Fairly
4936	7/11/2012	Always full and people wait in line before it is open.
4937	7/11/2012	Very
4938	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used.
4939	7/11/2012	Well used!
4940	7/11/2012	very well noisy, but pretty busy.[]
4941	7/11/2012	Mainly noisy.[] Sometimes I have to leave
4942	7/11/2012	way overused
4943	7/11/2012	very very well used - it is always busy.
4944	7/11/2012	EXTREMELY
4945	7/11/2012	very
4946	7/11/2012	Extremely
4947	7/11/2012	There are always lots of folks at my local library.
4948	7/11/2012	NW is always full and busy-its small!
4949	7/11/2012	I am always looking at the programs and trying to find time to attend them. In the summer I would think that the library being open MORE and not LESS would be important.
4950	7/11/2012	there is always people there using all of the recources
4951	7/11/2012	It is always busy when we go.
4952	7/11/2012	Very busy all day every day.
4953	7/11/2012	It seems to be extremely well used. Especially during the summer when few schools are in session.
4954	7/11/2012	Well used
4955	7/11/2012	Very well it would seem to me! A must in the community!
4956	7/11/2012	Very well.k
4957	7/11/2012	well used by small percentage of the neighborhood
4958	7/11/2012	My library is used all the time.
4959	7/11/2012	Very
4960	7/11/2012	Extremely
4961	7/11/2012	love it...always seems busy, but not overcrowded
4962	7/11/2012	very well used . there are people pooring in and out every day
4963	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always full, especially on weekends.
4964	7/11/2012	It is always busy. This is especially true of the Central branch.
4965	7/11/2012	Very well used
4966	7/11/2012	Very well used, always lots of people inside.

4967	7/11/2012	Very well The library is loosing to the computer. A visit to any library will show computer use far exceeds book reading. Once books are scanned into hard drives libraries will be hard pressed to exist. Personally, going to the library is like going to the museum...]
4968	7/11/2012	once in a blue moon.
4969	7/11/2012	it is always busy, but I do not support more taxes (or levy as you decide to call it)
4970	7/11/2012	Very busy
4971	7/11/2012	Usually full, small though. I'd hate to lose it, within a short walk from my home, which is important for a senior.
4972	7/11/2012	Woodstock: VERY USED -- always lots of people there and parking is sometimes difficult.
4973	7/11/2012	The Midland branch is always well used when I'm there. The staff is cheerful, helpful, and patient with children.
4974	7/11/2012	This is an odd question. You should have partial data. My perception is that the library is always busy.
4975	7/11/2012	Very well used
4976	7/11/2012	very busy
4977	7/11/2012	Very well used.
4978	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy whenever I visit. computers are usually full. Lots of kids for events like puppet shows.
4979	7/11/2012	Belmont is a very well used library and it's a delight to see young families, small children and people of all ages making use of all it offers. I often go also to the Fremont library and occasionally to Hillsdale, Northwest and Hollywood libraries - all of which are good resources as well as community assets.
4980	7/11/2012	very.
4981	7/11/2012	My local library is very well used.
4982	7/11/2012	The Hollywood branch is very well used.
4983	7/11/2012	There is always a line waiting for it to open!
4984	7/11/2012	All the branches I visit appear to be bustling every time I'm there. I would classify them as "very well used".
4985	7/11/2012	always busy when we're there.
4986	7/11/2012	It always seems full of people.
4987	7/11/2012	Very
4988	7/11/2012	Always very busy
4989	7/11/2012	Fairly busy during the day
4990	7/11/2012	seems very popular
4991	7/11/2012	very well used. constantly busy.
4992	7/11/2012	Very well used, people are there all the time!
4993	7/11/2012	When I am there, I see people there!
4994	7/11/2012	Well used.

4995	7/11/2012	Seems very well-used by all ages. Many patrons are on foot. It's a great neighborhood for walking.
4996	7/11/2012	I think it is pretty well used, every time I am visit, there are many other patrons.
4997	7/11/2012	It is always very busy with the computers completely full. I love the library and use it on a regular basis.
4998	7/11/2012	There is always activity going on..the computers are in constant use as is the children's section. The meeting rooms are used by the community making the library a very essentail element in the Hillsdale Community.
4999	7/11/2012	From what I see, the library is always busy no matter which day we (my wife, granddaughter, grandson, and myself) go to the library. Reducing the hours may be necessary because of budgetary issues but they need to be resolved so that all patrons can get full access. Ebooks are becoming more popular, and the media to read them is also becoming easier to get. If paper books are cut off from the public, libraries may slowly die off. Politicians are well know for doing stupid things with our tax money. It is time they took a good look at how they use our taxes, and stop their excessive spending and start funding community services, such as the library, that are well used by the people that put them in office, and those that willl soon grow into determining their futures.
5000	7/11/2012	Always has other visitors at library any time that I go in.
5001	7/11/2012	there are people checking out books and reading or using computer terminals every time lgo there.
5002	7/11/2012	Very well used
5003	7/11/2012	Very well
5004	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always very busy with the children classes very well attended.
5005	7/11/2012	Always hopping with people and there is a line in the morning before doors open-I love it and the staff is very friendly.
5006	7/11/2012	extremely well
5007	7/11/2012	Very well used in terms of the number of people I see there when I pick up books. Utilization of the electronic resources the library offers also must be significant.
5008	7/11/2012	Seems well used .
5009	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used, especially in the summer.

		In the past week I have visited the Woodstock branch three times; once to pick up my hold of a DVD and 2 books for my fiance', once to sign a child up for summer reading, and once to take a different child in to retrieve their "level 2" summer reading prize and check out another audio book to listen to for the week. □
5010	7/11/2012	Each of the three times I have gone to the Woodstock library this week I have either seen someone I know, or seen a patron of the library that I have crossed paths with at the library before. □ I visit the library about ten to twelve times a month, each time seeing someone I have seen at the library before, who uses the library in a similar manner as me. This tells me that our local library is utilized tremendously! Our libraries are first and foremost, community centers, providing literacy for the masses.
5011	7/11/2012	Very well used! The librarians are so helpful.
5012	7/11/2012	Very.
5013	7/11/2012	Moderately well used. Always people there using computers, kids in the children's area, usually a few people ahead of me when checking out books.
5014	7/11/2012	I use my library all the time! It is a busy spot, friendly atmosphere and community center.
5015	7/11/2012	I've never seen either location empty or even almost empty
5016	7/11/2012	People lined up at the door when it opens. Have trouble finding a place to sit. Huge hold shelves. Always hopping.
5017	7/11/2012	its pretty well used
5018	7/11/2012	Heavily used.
5019	7/11/2012	they are crowded, but some of the crowding is lack of space for materials. They seem quite busy
5020	7/11/2012	very good library
5021	7/11/2012	very well used
5022	7/11/2012	looks to be fairly busy, but is never over-crowded. toddler storytime is really popular
5023	7/11/2012	There are always quite a few people there whenever I visit. The kids' section is used a lot and the computers are usually all in use.
5024	7/11/2012	The three branches we go to are always busy when we go there. We love to check out DVD's & books by reserving them online and then picking them up when they are ready, and we've been telling all of our friends and family how easy and great it is, especially since Redbox does not have TV series.
5025	7/11/2012	I think pretty well
5026	7/11/2012	Gresham Library seems well used. There are always a lot of people using all of the different resources.
5027	7/11/2012	Very well. There are always patrons in the library when I visit.
5028	7/11/2012	don't know
5029	7/11/2012	it's always busy with lots of people
5030	7/11/2012	Seems like it is well-used, except for the atrium which seems to me to be wasted space
5031	7/11/2012	very
5032	7/11/2012	Always seems to be busy

5033	7/11/2012	very
5034	7/11/2012	Extremely. It is always very busy. I am furious, and perplexed, that the funding measure failed, and not at all happy about reduced hours.
5035	7/11/2012	It's always busy. Appears to need more computers.
5036	7/11/2012	Belmont is heavily used for how small it is
5037	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is often hard to find a parking space, and I usually have to wait in line to check out a book.
5038	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people at the library. I don't always go in but I am around there a lot as it is next to my church and parking is always full and I see lots of people coming and going.
5039	7/11/2012	Since it is a small facility, it is always full of people all ages. It is a much needed resource in that particular neighborhood.
5040	7/11/2012	it is always crowded. people need the resources and for a lot that is the only available.
5041	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's hard to find an open seat or open computer most of the time.
5042	7/11/2012	ALWAYS busy!
5043	7/11/2012	Very well used, always full of people at nearly every single hour.
5044	7/11/2012	In relationship to what...there are always a few people in the library using the internet
5045	7/11/2012	Very
5046	7/11/2012	Usually seems busy!
5047	7/11/2012	Always brimming with activity, love it!!
5048	7/11/2012	I'd say the Central library gets used quite a bit.
5049	7/11/2012	Fairly well used.
5050	7/11/2012	very well used!
5051	7/11/2012	Always filled with people
5052	7/11/2012	I think our library is very well used. The Hollywood branch is not huge but I have never been in there when it was not full of people browsing, reading and going on the internet.
5053	7/11/2012	Well - but Monday is my only day off. Can't you move the closed day around?
5054	7/11/2012	The library appears to have 25 - 30 people in it when I visit. It seems like every other time I am there that they have some type of additional learning opportunity going on.
5055	7/11/2012	The gregory Heights library is not only well used for books and other tools such as computers, but it is a cultural hub for the people of the neighborhood.
5056	7/11/2012	Always crowded and bustling; never empty or sparsely populated
5057	7/11/2012	Very well. The Woodstock library always has people in it and always has a line waiting for it to open in the morning.
5058	7/11/2012	Troutdale Library is a big blessing in our community, heavily used by people of all walks ands races.
5059	7/11/2012	Always busy when I am there, no matter what time or day.
5060	7/11/2012	Always seems busy!
5061	7/11/2012	It seems very well used.

5062	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question. "Used" like worn out? Or, "used" like frequented. □ Both Albina and Kenton are very popular and frequented by many people whenever I am there.
5063	7/11/2012	Very active, I especially use the library online, to have books sent to Albina from other branches.
5064	7/11/2012	Very busy. I usually go mid week and afternoons and there is always many patrons,
5065	7/11/2012	very well used and necessary
5066	7/11/2012	well used and always busy
5067	7/11/2012	I can go to the library any time of the day and never be alone
5068	7/11/2012	The library is always well attended when I visit. People are using the computers, finding books, or doing research at the tables. The libraries are fabulous community resources.
5069	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5070	7/11/2012	It is always full of people.
5071	7/11/2012	There are always people there. It seems to be busy with people of all ages.
5072	7/11/2012	It's usually quite busy.
5073	7/11/2012	Very high traffic, I always see people waiting outside for the doors to open
5074	7/11/2012	It appears to be well liked by everyone and busy most times of days. The staff is quite helpful and encourages folks to come in and enjoy the library and its services.
5075	7/11/2012	very well used!
5076	7/11/2012	Book babies and tiny tots always fills to capacity by start time
5077	7/11/2012	Very. Excellent library. I'm not sure what you mean by this question. Well used by me? I love going to the library ~ the staff is quite lovely and always helpful. If I can't find a book on the shelf ~ it's ordered from another library. So, my Belmont library is well used by me.
5078	7/11/2012	
5079	7/11/2012	Not sure but always very active whenever I'm there.
5080	7/11/2012	invaluable resource - busy all the time
5081	7/11/2012	Very much so.....
5082	7/11/2012	It appears the Hollywood library is always busy. Not unusual to see neighbors or families from school when visiting.
5083	7/11/2012	It is very well used.
5084	7/11/2012	very
5085	7/11/2012	Well used.
5086	7/11/2012	Very well used and organized. It is also very clean and the staff is friendly and helpful at the central library location downtown
5087	7/11/2012	Very well.
5088	7/11/2012	It is full of people every time I go there. There is always a group waiting at the doors for it to open. I always see quite a few people when I go. There are always people using the computers and sitting at the tables or using the private study rooms (Hollywood).□
5089	7/11/2012	the NW Branch is also busy with a few of mom's with strollers or young children.

5090	7/11/2012	It's always busy there.
5091	7/11/2012	I believe it is very well used. It is busy everytime that I am there with many people using the computers and a lot of families with children
5092	7/11/2012	Very--often difficult to get on to the catalog while at the library, lines for the photocopier and the other computers
5093	7/11/2012	very
5094	7/11/2012	Whenever I am at my library the parking lot is usually pretty full. Inside lots of kids in children's area, usually most or all of the computer stations are being used. [] Generally really busy.
5095	7/11/2012	the Albina Branch while small, is pretty packed most of the time. The computers are always being used by students or job seekers and there seem to be lots of well attended kids programs. The staff is terrific!
5096	7/11/2012	Very well
5097	7/11/2012	By looking at the howmany people are either using the computer or in the stacks of book, I would say "it is used a lot.
5098	7/11/2012	Is "well-used" a deliberately vague question? In the interests of improving this survey, I withhold my answer, for frankly I have no idea what information I am to supply here.
5099	7/11/2012	I believe very well used.
5100	7/11/2012	Very well used! It's a community center.
5101	7/11/2012	very busy most of the time.
5102	7/11/2012	Always very busy
5103	7/11/2012	very well used
5104	7/11/2012	always busy with all ages
5105	7/11/2012	Since I use the central library, you can assume that it is always bustling.
5106	7/11/2012	I like to take my 17-month-old son to the tiny tot story time everyday. I will travel to the Midland library, which isn't close to our house, just so he can get in a story time in because other libraries closer to our house do not offer it on Wednesdays. Thus, we use the local library daily for story time.
5107	7/11/2012	Generally quite busy whenever we go.
5108	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is always super busy. The staff are fantastic, as you never "feel" the effects of so many people there at any given time. The demographic range is diverse at any given time of the day.
5109	7/11/2012	Fairly. It's busy every time I visit.
5110	7/11/2012	Very well used, always a lot of people there.
5111	7/11/2012	Heavily used.
5112	7/11/2012	very well used, busy place
5113	7/11/2012	seems to always have a lot of activity

5114	7/11/2012	Always looks busy.
5115	7/11/2012	I don't know
5116	7/11/2012	VERY well used
5117	7/11/2012	Very, very well used. I see it as THE asset in the local community. It brings all types together young, old, wealthy, poor, first generation citizens.[] [] I am very upset by the cut in hours. I understand the budget realities but it saddens me.
5118	7/11/2012	Always seems busy but the clientele is a broad mix, including a lot of derelict & weirdo types. It's not always a comfortable place to be & the facilities, especially the PC's, are always tied up (at least that's how it was when I was there last, which was [] quite a while ago now). The librarians are always nice but seem under-staffed.
5119	7/11/2012	very well used
5120	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I visit.
5121	7/11/2012	Always busy and well located. It would be a shame to close it even one day per week! Surely there are other ways the city could save money rather than shortening library hours. Come on, be creative!!
5122	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy, seems well used.
5123	7/11/2012	Always busy
5124	7/11/2012	It's always crowded and very popular. Everyone loves it.
5125	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
5126	7/11/2012	Very, it's always busy in there!
5127	7/11/2012	It is fairly busy each time I am in there. It is a small location so most people seem to be there to pick up hold.
5128	7/11/2012	Very well used. Jam packed with computer users whenever I go. No place for people to sit and read. As for the stacks, not crowded at both Midland and Gresham. But still, well used.
5129	7/11/2012	Holgate looks well used. Particularly in terms of computers, children's, and foreign language materials
5130	7/11/2012	It's always totally full - all hours of the day/night and every day
5131	7/11/2012	It's always crowded when I go in after work.
5132	7/11/2012	I think the new times are fine, I love my library and go at least twice a week.[] there seems to be too many librarians,it seems I never need one as everything is help yourself that I use
5133	7/11/2012	Very well used. :)
5134	7/11/2012	always looks busy
5135	7/11/2012	very well used
5136	7/11/2012	I think Central Library is used a lot. I love it and go there often. It has a great collection, is a beautiful building, and is a great resource for the community.
5137	7/11/2012	It's very well used...essential to our community.
5138	7/11/2012	Holgate Library is well used. There is usually a line outside just before it opens each day.

5139	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5140	7/11/2012	I am always surprised how many people are there, especially the Hollywood branch, tons of kids, too. But even little Gregory Heights is busy when I visit.
5141	7/11/2012	All the branches are VERY WELL USED. There are waiting list for computer access frequently at Gresham and Fairview. The children's programs seem to be well attended at Gresham when I have seen them there. I do not have small children anymore so I don't have first hand knowledge but used all stuff often when I did.
5142	7/11/2012	All of them are well used .
5143	7/11/2012	Well used. I also use the Washington County Libraries as well
5144	7/11/2012	Very well used by all types of people, from those using it as a standard book check out to job seekers and people looking for computer access.
5145	7/11/2012	Very
5146	7/11/2012	Very
5147	7/11/2012	I actually moved away - was in Portland for summer finishing a book before coming back to Exeter University in England. I made great use of central library and found it to be extremely well stocked in poetry pamphlets, and very well used - indeed, often too busy for my own purposes.
5148	7/11/2012	well
5149	7/11/2012	Heavily.
5150	7/11/2012	Always very busy.
5151	7/11/2012	It's always very busy.
5152	7/11/2012	North Portland not much because PCC library is a block away where I go to school. The Albina branch though is cool as hell and I prefer to go there for my library experience. Love them all but the Killingsworth branch seems redundant
5153	7/11/2012	it's never empty, but not crowded. Computers usually seem to be well-used.
5154	7/11/2012	always difficult to find a computer to search for work, due to high unemployment.
5155	7/11/2012	I consider normal use. Never overcrowded but always people there.
5156	7/11/2012	My local library is used very well. I always see a good amount of people there, and often times I will run into a friend or an acquaintance. I also love my local librarians! It's a great community hub.
5157	7/11/2012	Always quite busy when ever I visit
5158	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5159	7/11/2012	Extremely well used by a diverse population.
5160	7/11/2012	Very well used and a must for our community!
5161	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I arrive.
5162	7/11/2012	It appears to always have tables filled and people roaming around every time I am there or walk by
5163	7/11/2012	My Hollywood library is always busy and sometimes you have to go on a wait list to use computer, but other than that I find the selection and all around atmosphere is clean and staff always helpful! They are knowledgeable and always seem to have the answers. I love and appreciate all my library gives me!

5164	7/11/2012	very well used if going by how many people are there when I visit.
5165	7/11/2012	Extremely well! We would like to see the services resume as before. Cutting something of such great value is a disservice to the American families. Keep up the great work!
5166	7/11/2012	On on going basis. At least 2/3 a wedk
5167	7/11/2012	well used
5168	7/11/2012	every time i visit, the tables and aisles in the library are full. Sometimes it is hard to find a seat to sit in.
5169	7/11/2012	very
5170	7/11/2012	This question is vague...[] Extremely well used.
5171	7/11/2012	From what I recall, quite well.
5172	7/11/2012	VERY well!!!
5173	7/11/2012	Very!! Lots of people using it for lots of purposes -- and the library's multi-lingual staff really helps to reach and serve many many people in our community.
5174	7/11/2012	It seems to be used a lot, both Holgate and Midland. There are always people there and I often have to switch places with others who are perusing the DVD shelf. We also seem to attack the "recently returned" stuff on the cart at Holgate. People seem to be using the computers a lot, and the On Hold shelves seem to be packed, which means people are asking for certain items which they will pick up There seem to be a lot of use of young adult/teen material as well.
5175	7/11/2012	If by 'well used' you are asking is the library busy---I would respond that the library seems to be about as well used now as before.[] If by well used you are asking if the library is used efficiently---I would respond they seem to be well used but the libraries role as a storage and lending facility of books is becoming more antiquated and obsolete. The main reason I used public libraries in the past was for research & info gathering--now I use a PC.
5176	7/11/2012	It's always busy. People seem happy.
5177	7/11/2012	My local library is used by many residents in the community.
5178	7/11/2012	I am in college and I have been using my school library more often than I have been using Multnomah County Library, but in the past I have been a frequent Multnomah County library user and have used the library as much as 3 or 4 days a week.
5179	7/11/2012	usually packed with alot of traffic, but not a problem.
5180	7/11/2012	Very well
5181	7/11/2012	Very well used! There are always people coming in and out, and using all the library has to offer.
5182	7/11/2012	the library is crowded ... please open it back up on monday. i need my library everyday
5183	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5184	7/11/2012	There are always people there when I'm there so seems used!

5185	7/11/2012	Difficult to answer the question as stated, but I cannot imagine any community without daily access to its own library. I am a teacher and could not work without access to my own neighborhood library, as well as the resources, both human and media, at the library in the neighborhood of the school where I work.
5186	7/11/2012	busy, very well used
5187	7/11/2012	Always seems fairly busy whenever I am there
5188	7/11/2012	I've been to five libraries in the last year. Everyone has been busy.
5189	7/11/2012	A highly used resource
5190	7/11/2012	Odd question. Well used I'm assuming. It's packed with patrons every time I'm there.
5191	7/11/2012	As a former library worker (1970s and 1980s in another municipality), I've always been impressed at the number of patrons in any library I have been in.
5192	7/11/2012	The libraries are very much used by all ages but especially by children and adults seeking computer access. Waiting for computer access is very time consuming. □ Places to sit just to read are sometimes difficult to find and the noise level can be a problem. The crowding and higher than traditionally acceptable noise levels are really signs that our libraries are much in demand. Classes for all ages are very helpful especially for those of us who grew up before computers existed. We need more library access...not less.
5193	7/11/2012	Looks likes it's always busy. Of course it's very small.
5194	7/11/2012	It seems to be consistently busy yet not too congested with foot traffic. It is a comfortable place to mill around and search for new books.
5195	7/11/2012	Moderately
5196	7/11/2012	It is always bustling with activity, when I go into the Holgate library.
5197	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale Library is a lovely peaceful place. Even though I live near the downtown library; it's a little too busy and crowded for me.
5198	7/11/2012	It seems to be frequently occupied, and when I have the time, I'm often there, as well. It seems to be well organized, and everyone is respectful of the materials and courteous to other library patrons.
5199	7/11/2012	Fairly well used, I wish it was bigger.
5200	7/11/2012	Always fairly busy!
5201	7/11/2012	I use to use the library so often because that time I have no Internet at home and no places to go but now I don't go there anymore. I havent been there in two years.
5202	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. It is a vibrant place filled with people of all ages learning, connecting and growing.
5203	7/11/2012	I've been volunteering at the library once a week this summer, and during my 2 hour shifts there is a constant stream of people coming and going. I would say our library is very well used.
5204	7/11/2012	Very, very well used. Perfect location for families with young children in Kenton neighborhood.
5205	7/11/2012	Very well used and utilized.
5206	7/11/2012	It always seems to have people on the computers
5207	7/11/2012	good

5208	7/11/2012	My family is in between three awesome libraries and all three libraries are used frequently by the community.
5209	7/11/2012	I often go to the Woodstock library to check out books, pick up books that I've put on hold, print documents from the computers, or to see what DVDs are available. The library seems fairly well used by other patrons as well. I rarely use other services at the library, however I do use the free tax assistance every year.
5210	7/11/2012	Always look very busy
5211	7/11/2012	I have never stepped into an empty building. The Belmont library is a cornerstone of my neighborhood
5212	7/11/2012	Very
5213	7/11/2012	Very.
5214	7/11/2012	We love it
5215	7/11/2012	there is always a hustle and a bustle at certain times.
5216	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy all the time by all ages of people.
5217	7/11/2012	One of the best in the county.
5218	7/11/2012	very well!
5219	7/11/2012	we drive to the hollywood one, though we live closest to midland or rockwood... we love the atmosphere and staff (friendly) at Hollywood, the computer set up, etc.
5220	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5221	7/11/2012	Belmont/Woodstock libraries are very popular.
5222	7/11/2012	The woodstock library is not very good. I never get notified when a book, dvd, or some other media becomes available. When I bring back books, dvds, a day or two early some person sees fit to place a fine on me that necessitates my having to go into the library and ask why. If I place a hold on media and I am never informed then after a number to days the media goes to someone else. Often, the automatic check out machines do not work. No problem ever at the Sellwood library. Very efficient and well run-the opposite of Woodstock. Also I do not feel that the woodstock library is safe for unaccompanied children since there are so many mentally ill people and strange people hanging around. The people who work at woodstock are rude and the people at Sellwood are what one expects of people who have to deal with the public.
5223	7/11/2012	Typically, three of the four locations are very active.
5224	7/11/2012	it is busy all the time
5225	7/11/2012	The Sellwood library is just very small with limited resources and often several children and families
5226	7/11/2012	It seems fairly busy during its open hours- the computer banks are almost always at least 3/4 full, but there has always been a staff person to assist me.
5227	7/11/2012	Very busy

5228	7/11/2012	OK, I've gone in twice in the last few months, to do a bit of research and make some copies, while my computer system was down. I had also wanted to use Gresham library for short-term (1/2 hr) computer-use reasons several times in months/years past, and was in the "waiting line". I left in utter frustration; same frustration these past two recent times, but HAD to wait as I had a deadline to meet. Frustration was: the computers are mere tools for free babysitting services ... mostly with no "parental" supervision. And there is a system in place with these many of these kids: a kid's name comes up for an available computer, he logs on, gets the games going and before you know it there are 2,3,4 kids "playing" along-g-g-g-g-g-g. Result: long-g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g waits for those of us who have a serious reason to come in and use the library facilities. The library has been reduced to a rather noisy playground where parents don't have to be present to supervise their children, because in reality, these kids are now in care of library personnel, who, incidentally (choose to) say nothing. Those sitting next to me while waiting, with whom I sparked a conversation, voluntarily commented in the same vein ... just free babysitting!! The computers are totally monopolized by game-playing kids. I'm delighted to see that kids want to come to the library ... but they shouldn't be allowed to overrun the computer area to hinder "legitimate" use by adults (and no, the
5229	7/11/2012	The Gresham Library is ALWAYS hopping with people. I don't think I've ever been in there once where it wasn't packed to the brim with library-goers.
5230	7/11/2012	I seem to see quite a few people there every time I visit.
5231	7/11/2012	Every time I'm in the computers are almost all being used, there are children in the children section and people seem to be browsing. The two branches I visit are well used.
5232	7/11/2012	Very well used
5233	7/11/2012	Very used
5234	7/11/2012	I feel like the Hollywood library is always packed and I know to get there early for book babies or sometimes it gets full. Gregory Heights is a bit less busy, but its also smaller...I mostly go for book babies (which we adore) and to pick up reserved books
5235	7/11/2012	My local library (Kenton) is extremely well used its one of the smaller branches but is terrific to have in the neighborhood its got a great selection of books and I am an avid reader so I appreciate having access to it also it seems to provide many services to the children in the area.
5236	7/11/2012	It's well used in a good way there are good amount of computers and books. Seems they have a lot of good resources.
5237	7/11/2012	Its always busy and full when I arrive. I love my local library, but I have to go to Central if I want a better browsing experience.
5238	7/11/2012	Always people there when I go. Always.
5239	7/11/2012	Each of the libraries I go to seem to experience fairly strong use when I'm there. I would like to go more often, but often find that hours and locations (combined with the fact that I only use biking, walking, and transit) limit my ability to spend more time there. I also have to admit that I can't always read as many books as I'd like to!
5240	7/11/2012	Very well used

5241	7/11/2012	Usually when I go in to get a book, there are people at all of the computers, however I just noticed this since it was the winter season and I thought it was homeless people getting out of the weather. I know the homeless do this because I have policemen as friends and they police our libraries because of this. Other than that, I've not really noticed anything else.
5242	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5243	7/11/2012	I would not mind seeing more people use it. Having written that it does get some use..
5244	7/11/2012	I use the downtown location. It's always busy but I never have to wait in line to check out. It's always well staffed and I can go in and out within minutes. I value this so much and it keeps me coming back because I only visit the library during my 30 minute lunch break.
5245	7/11/2012	Special interest parent -child diversion/entertainment/nuturement(not widely used but tribe burdened with cost). Libraries have become (sadly unaffordable) antiqitiies. Internet BABY!!!!
5246	7/11/2012	very, so it seems
5247	7/11/2012	I do not understand the question.
5248	7/11/2012	I visit Albina branch library the most. It is always full of patrons. Often most of the terminals are in use. I see patrons of all ages. I also use Central library and it is always full of patrons. I visit the library a few times a week.
5249	7/11/2012	Hillsdale - community feeling, great summer reading program Central - a place for ALL Portlanders, very well used
5250	7/11/2012	I know of family and friends who use the library multiple times per week. I use it regularly once every two to three months.
5251	7/11/2012	It always seems like there are many people there!
5252	7/11/2012	Very
5253	7/11/2012	It appears busy almost every time I go in. It isn't uncommon to see people waiting outside till the library opens.
5254	7/11/2012	Very highly used
5255	7/11/2012	very well
5256	7/11/2012	Very well used
5257	7/11/2012	Both the Northwest branch, which I use, and the Woodstock branch, which my mother uses, seem to be very well used.
5258	7/11/2012	ok
5259	7/11/2012	It seems busy - there are always computers being used, kids reading books, and classes happening in the back room.... it is a great addition to the Kenton neighborhood.
5260	7/11/2012	Very. Always a lot of people.
5261	7/11/2012	While I'm at the library, there are lots of people either reading, studying, or doing things on the computers.
5262	7/11/2012	Well used.

5263	7/11/2012	Very well
5264	7/11/2012	I mostly use the online hold system from home. Then I would go to pick up the book. Other than that I don't go to the library.
5265	7/11/2012	Well attended.
5266	7/11/2012	I always see it rather full. It's a very small location, though, so 20-30 fills it to capacity. (St Johns)
5267	7/11/2012	Very well used
5268	7/11/2012	extremely well-used, always busy
5269	7/11/2012	Very well used and we have a great bunch of people that work there and are very dedicated to their jobs and their love of books, community service and learning.
5270	7/11/2012	It is always busy and It seems to have all ages using the facility.
5271	7/11/2012	good use
5272	7/11/2012	The Gresham Library seems to always be busy when I go in. I do not go often any more because books on tape are almost all gone. I will convert to downloading books on the internet in the near future.
5273	7/11/2012	fairly well. I hope the library was used even more, although it is not far from capacity fairly often, its the easiest way to utilize public services that are provided by the county. measure 5 in 1990 was in honest regards a sham that resulted in rebellion from many tax payers / a small tax on the city / county proposal would bring out either agreement or ideas from the public on funding / hopefully supported by city hall
5274	7/11/2012	Everytime I go in no matter the time of do there are always lots of people there.
5275	7/11/2012	Very well used
5276	7/11/2012	Our library always has a lot of people in it.
5277	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I go there.
5278	7/11/2012	extremely--typically bustling
5279	7/11/2012	The library is always a busy and vibrant place.
5280	7/11/2012	my kids mostly
5281	7/11/2012	Well I use the Central branch, so as you probably know there are people there all hours of the day that I can see.
5282	7/11/2012	I believed they are well used. Library is always full of people looking to use computer, and use the resources.
5283	7/11/2012	I don't know. It's been fairly busy the few times I've been there.
5284	7/11/2012	My library is always full of people in all areas of the library. The staff are wonderful and always helping patrons to find books, DVDs, music or work on the computer. I work with young women with disabilities and they love going to the library.

5285	7/11/2012	I am new to Albina, I used Hollywood for years. Albina is usually full of kids and possibly homeless people on computers (which is great- I don't need the computers but I am glad they are there as a resource). I don't really enjoy browsing because it's so small: I come in and pick up my holds. I would be happy to contribute to a fund to make the library bigger. [] [] It seems Albina is very small but I think it makes a big impact on the people in the community. I grew up going to the library once a week, now my sister is a librarian (not in Oregon). I feel strongly that access to the library is important for everyone.
5286	7/11/2012	I always see many, many people there every time I go, and there is almost always a wait for computer access, so it seems to be very well used. Because of economy it is difficult to buy book often.[]
5287	7/11/2012	I could hold books which does not take time to come to me.[] Movies especially Japanese movies are available.
5288	7/11/2012	very
5289	7/11/2012	Very
5290	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5291	7/11/2012	Very well used; it is always busy when I visit.
5292	7/11/2012	Well used
5293	7/11/2012	The Belmont Libray is packed all the time. People are reading, using teh computers, engaged in events in the event room, being read to in the childrens section. It is a very well used library.
5294	7/11/2012	Well used
5295	7/11/2012	It is well used. It is busy whenever I am there.
5296	7/11/2012	Well used since it is so close and convenient.
5297	7/11/2012	I think it's very well used, especially every time we go in for Toddler or Preschool story time. Natasha does a fabulous job.
5298	7/11/2012	It seems busy all the times I've been there.
5299	7/11/2012	Both the Hillsdale and Central libraries are very well used; they are always plenty of people there when I visit.
5300	7/11/2012	Our local library is very well used. I rarely see a computer free, and there are always people sitting at the tables reading, and parents and children checking out books.
5301	7/11/2012	It's popular enough that the lines can be a couple minutes on busy days.
5302	7/11/2012	Very wvll
5303	7/11/2012	Very. It is packed regularly, especially now with the reduction in hours.
5304	7/11/2012	Every ti e I'm in, there are others using the library. I think this particular branch is well used.
5305	7/11/2012	I always see a stream of patrons of all ages in the Fairview library. The staff is all patient and helpful.

5306	7/11/2012	My local library is actually the main library with the Hillsdale library an alternate. Prior to a change in my health, I used the library once or twice a month and found both the main library and the Hillsdale branch heavily used.
5307	7/11/2012	The Capitol Hwy branch is always busy when I go in. It is a valuable neighborhood resource.
5308	7/11/2012	The downtown central library is excellent.
5309	7/11/2012	It seems fairly busy, but it's kind of a hang-out for some people. I go there, get what I need and get out - and I am content with that.
5310	7/11/2012	Very busy all the time!
5311	7/11/2012	Gresham Library is very popular and the community is disappointed in the decrease in hours. We Love our Library!
5312	7/11/2012	Not well
5313	7/11/2012	It is well used.
5314	7/11/2012	It seems very well used, the parking lot is typically quite full.
5315	7/11/2012	It seems busy all of the time with all age range of people. It's nice. I forget to use it as a resource, and I intend on using it more now that our child is a bit older (3). This means that since I will use it for him, I'll use it more for my husband and I.
5316	7/11/2012	It is a very popular place to go. Well.[]
5317	7/11/2012	I'm in college now, but I still have fond memories of going to my local library, and still do when I'm around.[] I wish we used more of our tax money on libraries. It's so important that people - whatever their economic standing - have a resource to teach themselves whatever they want.
5318	7/11/2012	Very well used - it always seems busy.
5319	7/11/2012	there is always loads of people in the library. Lots of them use the computers. Seems like a lot of kiddos are in the library too. they are the very best kind of children: full of great questions and respectful. the books at my local library often appear well used but are still in good reading condition. the DVD's are often scratchy but no more than rental DVD's can be. I warn the kids at my home that sometimes DVD's malfunction and when that happens we just have to make up what happened in our imaginations. I like to listen to music, so I often browse the CD section and try music that is unfamiliar to me. there seems to be a good turnover of the selection, so I assume other people are checking out and requesting lots of different and interesting CD's. I really like when I get to go to the library. Always friendly people from around the neighborhood. I have never been to the library when there was not a lot of people. What a great resource.
5320	7/11/2012	Always busy computers always full with a wait.
5321	7/11/2012	Very well used. Community could not do without it!!!
5322	7/11/2012	Very
5323	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I go in. Not jam packed but there are always people there.

5324	7/11/2012	It is used very often and well respected.
5325	7/11/2012	very well used
5326	7/11/2012	Don't know
5327	7/11/2012	Very. It is always busy with traffic.
5328	7/11/2012	well
5329	7/11/2012	It is usually very busy when we are there. I often see people lined up outside waiting for the library to open a few times a week.
5330	7/11/2012	Very... it is almost always busy when I'm there.
5331	7/11/2012	Very used.
5332	7/11/2012	Very
5333	7/11/2012	Always full
5334	7/11/2012	Very well used
5335	7/11/2012	very well used- it is always busy! we love Gregory Heights!
5336	7/11/2012	When I go in, typically in the middle of the afternoon, the library is usually very full. I have the impression it's a very important resource and asset to the neighborhood.
5337	7/11/2012	it's always busy!
5338	7/11/2012	The Woodstock library is often busy. I see many families with young children there, school age children, and seniors.
5339	7/11/2012	Very popular, there are always a lot of people visiting the place.
5340	7/11/2012	I use it very often and relied on it for books!
5341	7/11/2012	It seems busy whenever we visit.
5342	7/11/2012	Very - anytime we're in the Holgate branch it's always busy. We use it heavily and continually throughout the year.
5343	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always humming with all different kinds of people. Little kids love it. My 2 year old asks for "librio."
5344	7/11/2012	To put it simply, it is never empty. The shelves where I pick my hold materials are absolutely stuffed. The computers are almost always (on weekends) being used. Most of the browsing shelves have visitors going through them. Most of the books I need are already checked out and I have to get on a waiting list to get them.
5345	7/11/2012	Very well.
5346	7/11/2012	They always seem busy and lively.
5347	7/11/2012	Very! Our library is one of the gems of our city. We are very proud of it.
5348	7/11/2012	Its appearance could charitably be described as "well loved."
5349	7/11/2012	It is always crowded and well staffed.
5350	7/11/2012	extremely well used
5351	7/11/2012	Belmont always seems pretty busy. And there is usually a queue for the books that I put on my waiting list.

5352	7/11/2012	Very well used! People are always there engaging in different reading materials or the different programs that the library has to offer
5353	7/11/2012	Very well used. I see many community members there all the time. N portland has a beautiful space. The lifting fixtures, the upstairs. I am so thankful for the beautiful restoration job that was done ?5 years ago?]
5354	7/11/2012	Whenever I go into any the library feels comfortably busy, variety of age groups and social strata are represented. I am always impressed by the collection I can orris frOm. The community programs are wonderful. I went to several for the everybody reads kite runner.
5355	7/11/2012	Always see lots of people in there.
5356	7/11/2012	It is very good
5357	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy when I am in there.
5358	7/11/2012	Appears well used, lots of people on the computers whenever we are there. Not really sure how to answer this question.
5359	7/11/2012	ok. people could use it more.
5360	7/11/2012	I usually visit evenings and weekends (during hours that adults with day jobs can get there), and it always seems to be hopping.
5361	7/11/2012	pretty busy
5362	7/11/2012	Very well for our family.And seemingly well for the community as well.
5363	7/11/2012	Very Well used
5364	7/11/2012	Always busy
5365	7/11/2012	It seems that the internet access is one of the most common resources used. When the computers were down, hardly anyone was in the library. Having said this, I do think that Albina branch has a high use for such a small space.
5366	7/11/2012	Very much used.
5367	7/11/2012	very
5368	7/11/2012	It feels stately. Somehow, it never feels too busy. Somehow, someone is always ready to help me if I have a question, and while many computers are used, there is always one open. I only come in seasonally, but it is always great.
5369	7/11/2012	I see alot of families go there
5370	7/11/2012	extremely well
5371	7/11/2012	It's always busy and full of families and patrons.
5372	7/11/2012	The Holgate library is usually packed. Woodstock is bustling, and Belmont is usually quite busy. And of course the central library is always happening.
5373	7/11/2012	Quite busy aoo the time.
5374	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5375	7/11/2012	very
5376	7/11/2012	Very well

5377	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question? Do you mean, how busy is my local branch? Or do you mean how run-down does my local branch look? Or are you asking me how well used I think my local branch is?
5378	7/11/2012	there are always people in there, commonly there are few if any computer stations available. lots of kids in their section. I believe this is a popular and appreciated branch of the portland library system.
5379	7/11/2012	Great recourse to use to do research,& staff is very helpful and friendly.
5380	7/11/2012	Used very well.
5381	7/11/2012	Very well used
5382	7/11/2012	We always need to wait to check our materials. It seems well used.
5383	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5384	7/11/2012	I put books on hold regularly and pick them up at Belmont library.
5385	7/11/2012	Very busy, especially in the late afternoons 4-6pm. Also, the programs for children are often full at Sellwood (and sometimes at Capitol Hill), and we cannot attend.
5386	7/11/2012	Very well.
5387	7/11/2012	very
5388	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5389	7/11/2012	The library always seems busy.
5390	7/11/2012	Very well used, by students, adults, and seniors.
5391	7/11/2012	Well used, but it still feels new and up to date as well. The people work here are always nice and it feels very personal there. I think that no matter what you should try your very best to keep libraries around for as long as possible. Thank you for your time, If anyone actually takes the time to read this.
5392	7/11/2012	Very popular with internet users.
5393	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there!
5394	7/11/2012	very well used
5395	7/11/2012	very well.
5396	7/11/2012	really well used
5397	7/11/2012	very.
5398	7/11/2012	Usually crowded.
5399	7/11/2012	Holgate is highly used and always full of people using a number of resources and activities there.
5400	7/11/2012	Very good
5401	7/11/2012	What does "well used" mean? It is used. It is also a hang-out for riff-raff, porn-surfers, etc.
5402	7/11/2012	Very well used
5403	7/11/2012	very.
5404	7/11/2012	Every time I visit, it is full of families, people using the computers, and checking out books. It is apparently well-loved.
5405	7/11/2012	It's always busy with at least 15-20 patrons when I go.
5406	7/11/2012	I would say that our local library does a good job of meeting very diverse needs. The books that are available in the library generally do not appeal to me, but I can place holds on the books I want to read.

5407	7/11/2012	It is very busy, if that's what you mean by "used."
5408	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy when I go there.
5409	7/11/2012	Quite well.
5410	7/11/2012	Always crowded. A great place. Warm and inviting. I love the Belmont library.
5411	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5412	7/11/2012	It seems it is very well used.
5413	7/11/2012	It had a good number of people in it when I was there. It wasn't too crowded but definitely well used.
5414	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. I always see many people in it from young families taking kids there for the children's programming to people using the web resources to people using the netbooks. There is also a large contingent that reserves books and has them delivered to Albina Library where they then pick them up there.
5415	7/11/2012	extremely well used. this evening around 5 p.m. there were children reading to a dog, others at the summer reading table; english language practice upstairs and a group using the meeting room. of course there were others reading and using computers. this is always a busy branch.
5416	7/11/2012	all of the locations we have visited are always busy, organized, and clean. I like that the silent treatment from the past has been relaxed would like a larger selection of books on CD
5417	7/11/2012	It seems very busy.
5418	7/11/2012	Quite busy at all times that I have been there (generally Fri/Sat/Sun).
5419	7/11/2012	It is constantly full of people looking for education, entertainment, and resources. I love the variety I see every day. There are folks from all walks of life who know the value of our library system.
5420	7/11/2012	Fairly well used. The people i know who use it go there often.
5421	7/11/2012	Fairly well it seems; there are always folks in there browsing books & using the internet when I stop in.
5422	7/11/2012	Seems to be extremely well used!
5423	7/11/2012	It's not often as busy as I would expect.
5424	7/11/2012	Very!
5425	7/11/2012	Always busy.
5426	7/11/2012	I love my library. The space small, but well-lit, organized and loved. I cannot imagine a neighborhood or community without one.
5427	7/11/2012	Very well.
5428	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always hopping!
5429	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's important to have programs for english language learners, job seekers, and computer access even though I don't personally need it.
5430	7/11/2012	It is extremely well used.
5431	7/11/2012	Always busy when I am there--either AM or later in the afternoon.
5432	7/11/2012	Most seats are full when I've gone in the middle of a with a line to access a librarian.
5433	7/11/2012	very well used

5434	7/11/2012	Well used.
5435	7/11/2012	Albina is always busy.
5436	7/11/2012	There are always people inside, and the parking lot always has cars in it when we go, but are not full so we can at least find a place to park.
5437	7/11/2012	Very
5438	7/11/2012	Not sure I understand the question, It can be pretty busy at times if that is what is asked. It is always bustling. [] But harmonious.[] Teens at the computers.[]
5439	7/11/2012	Senior citizens reading newspapers at the next table.[] Toddlers' voices peeling from the children's area. [] Patrons greeting staff and other patrons. [] It's a real community.
5440	7/11/2012	Very well used and appreciated.
5441	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people at the Gresham Library. The children's programs we attend are usually quite full.
5442	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used. It is usually busy and children's programs are well attended
5443	7/11/2012	Busy
5444	7/11/2012	Always busy
5445	7/11/2012	Very well used. It always seems busy.
5446	7/11/2012	very
5447	7/11/2012	very busy
5448	7/11/2012	seems like it's always busy
5449	7/11/2012	fairly well used
5450	7/11/2012	?
5451	7/11/2012	Very well organized! I am happy with services, people are friendly and willing to help get the information u need on timely manner.
5452	7/11/2012	I always see many people in the library. The computers are always full, even in the children section. There is usually a line at the "help" desk, even though there are two people helping.
5453	7/11/2012	Extremely well-used. Not only is it beautiful, but Central Library in downtown is a gathering place for a wide variety of people, and the varied demographics matches the immense number of resources. I have completed many a research paper in a "one-stop shop" fashion there, and have seen many others use it often and affectionately as well.
5454	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5455	7/11/2012	fairly regularly by neighborhood
5456	7/11/2012	Busy, hard to park. Usually have a waiting line for computers.

5457	7/11/2012	our branch seems to have peak times between 3-6 pm weekdays, but there is a steady flow of patrons throughout most days.
5458	7/11/2012	Very well used
5459	7/11/2012	They are all always quite busy
5460	7/11/2012	The Downtown library is well used but perhaps by many who need a place to stay.
5461	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
5462	7/11/2012	Very! Always lots of people inside. It's a great community asset.
5463	7/11/2012	Well used.
5464	7/11/2012	Hillsdale appears to be popular and it's a nice environment. Always busy on the days I visit.
5465	7/11/2012	I have always been so happy to see how busy our St.John's branch always is,and by all ages. I have been a regular for 60 years.
5466	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy
5467	7/11/2012	Woodstock seems very well used.
5468	7/11/2012	It appears to be thriving.
5469	7/11/2012	I would say extremely well, it is always reasonably busy and the children's programs seem to be filled quickly.
5470	7/11/2012	ALWAYS busy. I've never been there when there weren't a lot of people there. I've been there at opening and at closing and the branch always has people waiting to get in and lots of people who linger till pushed out. This was true even before the cut in hours. Those same people are still coming but are now compressed into fewer days/hours.
5471	7/11/2012	Very busy.
5472	7/11/2012	It seems pretty used to me.
5473	7/11/2012	The Woodstock Library seems to be pretty well used. There are always many people in the library when we visit.
5474	7/11/2012	Gresham Library maintains a nice hive of activity.
5475	7/11/2012	The question is vague. Every time I visit there are people inside.
5476	7/11/2012	I don't really know.
5477	7/11/2012	It is an important part in my community. It always seems to be fairly busy.
5478	7/11/2012	Highly trafficked
5479	7/11/2012	very well used...it's always busy
5480	7/11/2012	very well used, it is often full, the librarians are very responsive and helpful
5481	7/11/2012	What do you mean by that question? It's a poorly worded question. Assuming you mean something like "How many people do you see using your local library?" I will tell you I am sickened by the number of homeless and vagrants using the library as some sort of place to sleep and use the bathrooms.

5482	7/11/2012	Very! I've never seen it with a small amount of people in it. There are always (and I mean ALWAYS) people in seemingly every section of the library... at least one person is sitting in every section of tables, there's always somebody using a quiet room, somebody looking through CDs, multiple people on open computers, etc. The Hillsdale library is well loved and taken care of.
5483	7/11/2012	I visit hillsdale or central weekly/ bi weekly. Hillsdale is a great resource for students and convient for SW Mult county residents. I generally am able to find the book I want unless it is new/popular. However CDs/ DVDs are lacking, either pickec over by other patrons or low stocked with returns. Staff is friendly & apprecate 2 hour limit for internet & quiet rooms.
5484	7/11/2012	It seems busy.
5485	7/11/2012	Always seems very busy
5486	7/11/2012	It is always active whenever I visit. I also use the library meeting space for work approx once a month. The meeting space is a great community benefit.
5487	7/11/2012	Midland seems to be ALWAYS well used! There are times where I can't even find a place to park & just try another day!
5488	7/11/2012	Very well---always something going on there. Usually have to wait in line to check out books. The tables are often full and the wait for a computer is often upwards of an hour.
5489	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. I love having the library open every day, and the people who work there are stellar. I love my library and don't know what I'd do without it!
5490	7/11/2012	very well used.
5491	7/11/2012	It always seems busy
5492	7/11/2012	I am most familiar with Woodstock, but all of the Libraries we visit seem very busy every time we are there. And actually I would say the neighborhood libraries seem busier than the Central Library, but even it is busy.
5493	7/11/2012	Always busy.
5494	7/11/2012	It appears to be EXTREMELY popular.
5495	7/11/2012	Very well used--there are always 20+ people at any given time
5496	7/11/2012	The Rockwood library has been our favorite library for the past 3 years, we love it and go there weekly. We love all of the programs it has to offer and the events organized by its members. We've never been to a more friendlier library.
5497	7/11/2012	I'd say well. We need more hours though. People rely on the library. Especially during this recession.
5498	7/11/2012	Greatly, there are always many people there.
5499	7/11/2012	I mostly use the North Portland branch, and while a small library, it is always busy with activity. Generally all of the computers are in use and a fair number of people are browsing the stacks and picking up holds.
5500	7/11/2012	There are always people there. It feels very safe and has great memories for me of going there as a small child. I've seen other families there as well. It's very nice.

5501	7/11/2012	Extremely well used--whenever I'm at the central location (generally on my lunch hour from work) it's always very busy
5502	7/11/2012	It seems very well used and appreciated. It is a fantastic re-use of an old commercial space.
5503	7/11/2012	very well used.
5504	7/11/2012	Very
5505	7/11/2012	Very well, always busy when I am in any of branches
5506	7/11/2012	I think it is very well attended. The Gresham library is spacious and definitely fulfills a need for the location it is in.
5507	7/11/2012	Our library is always busy. The computers are often difficult to get time on.
5508	7/11/2012	It's not a busy library but there is always at least a dozen people in the building when I am there.
5509	7/11/2012	Appears to be well used. Always people there.
5510	7/11/2012	The children's section is always full of families when we come.
5511	7/11/2012	Seems to be well used
5512	7/11/2012	Very well used
5513	7/11/2012	VERY!!
5514	7/11/2012	It is always very busy when we are there. Sometimes I have to wait in line to use a kiosk.
5515	7/11/2012	The computers always seem busy and it is busier when I go on the weekends and in the evening after work. I do not know about the business between 8 am to 6 pm.
5516	7/11/2012	very
5517	7/11/2012	VERY
5518	7/11/2012	very busy branch!
5519	7/11/2012	Seems well used. Always busy, and I have seen people lined up to come in when it opens.
5520	7/11/2012	Very well used
5521	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used! we love this library!!
5522	7/11/2012	well used i think
5523	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy most times that i'm there, especially kids section and computer lab.
5524	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5525	7/11/2012	Midland and Gresham are always busy.
5526	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5527	7/11/2012	It is well frequented. I'm usually in and out, but there are always people there.
5528	7/11/2012	Albina library is the library closest to where I live. It always feels a bit cramped since many people are using a small space.
5529	7/11/2012	Good but not often
5530	7/11/2012	Very well!
5531	7/11/2012	Fairly well.
5532	7/11/2012	Very well used. A lot of people really depend on it as a key community resource.
5533	7/11/2012	It usually seems pretty busy for a small branch every time I go in there.

5534	7/11/2012	the Hillsdale library seems very well used, every time I have visited the location it is also very busy. Full of people on computers, in the study rooms and checking out books. It is also full of people of all walks of life and ages.
5535	7/11/2012	We use it all the time. The library is always busy while we're there, though not crowded by any means.
5536	7/11/2012	Hollywood & Belmont are near my work and they seem to always be busy. Woodstock & Sellwood seem less busy.
5537	7/11/2012	Our local library seems to be a key component to the community it lives in. Every time we are there we are surrounded by familiar faces with the same intent...to enjoy the library and all it has to offer.[] We are hoping that the library can open again to 7 days/week.
5538	7/11/2012	VERY well used. It is almost always near or at capacity it seems. But it is well organized and it works well. Everyone seems to be there for many reasons.
5539	7/11/2012	Very well used. Good location serving diverse racial and ethnic population, steady and resourceful librarians.
5540	7/11/2012	Very used.
5541	7/11/2012	They always seem bustling with people when I'm there. I would say the three branches I frequent are VERY well used.
5542	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. Our family typically has between 30-50 items out. Books for kids, parents, movies, books on tape, etc..
5543	7/11/2012	extremely well used
5544	7/11/2012	There seems to always be a lot of people there.
5545	7/11/2012	Well...It looks well used (does have quite a few people in it when I'm there).
5546	7/11/2012	Fair amount
5547	7/11/2012	always seems to have lots of people there especially using the computers. I used to use it more until i bought a kindle, now I buy my books. Haven't figured out how to download books from the library yet
5548	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. It's always full of users when I am there.
5549	7/11/2012	I rarely use the neighborhood library because the books tend to be for children and I have better success finding what I need at the central library.
5550	7/11/2012	Central Library is one of the busiest libraries—and places, really—I've ever been in, and during lunch hour could rival Grand Central Station.
5551	7/11/2012	It's very well used there is a line at the door for opening times and it's always full of people.
5552	7/11/2012	Looks pretty busy when I stop in
5553	7/11/2012	Well used
5554	7/11/2012	The libraries I use are always busy.
5555	7/11/2012	very
5556	7/11/2012	It is utilize to cover a million people trying to find a specific book to fit their feasibility

5557	7/11/2012	Appears to be very active; most of my visits are on the weekend and I see many families/adults with children which lends a real neighborhood/community feel to the branch. Yet I am older and not raising a family so my personal priorities do not always reflect "family life".
5558	7/11/2012	Always many people in the library when I visit.
5559	7/11/2012	The Woodstock Library always seems to be busy.
5560	7/11/2012	It's almost always busy when we visit.
5561	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5562	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy whenever I have gone there.
5563	7/11/2012	It's always very busy
5564	7/11/2012	Belmont is my local library. It is very well used as far as I can tell. I go there on different days at different times and it is always very busy--lots of activity of people browsing the shelves, people on computers, kids, people checking out materials. I love it.
5565	7/11/2012	The Belmont Library is always hopping. I love it.
5566	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy!
5567	7/11/2012	always lots of people there. it is a fun and busy place.
5568	7/11/2012	There's not enough parking to get in. That is why I rarely go - I can't find a place to park and have to leave. Plus the hours are limited in the evenings and it is closed before I can get to it. It is frustrating for me. The times I've managed to get in during the morning, there's been a line of people waiting for the door to be unlocked (mostly to use the computers). I like having the resource so close to be, but am frustrated that I can't often get there.
5569	7/11/2012	I'm not sure.
5570	7/11/2012	I would say that quite a few people visit it. It's nice because it's not the busiest library, but at the same time, there are many people.
5571	7/11/2012	There are always a LOT of people at Kenton Library.
5572	7/11/2012	very busy
5573	7/11/2012	not usually too busy, but active.
5574	7/11/2012	It is very busy every time I enter.
5575	7/11/2012	The last time I was there it was not super busy
5576	7/11/2012	I don't think I've ever been in the library when there was no one using it. Often, there are no computers free. I see it as very well used.
5577	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5578	7/11/2012	always seems busier than Starbucks
5579	7/11/2012	The Kenton library is always busy. I have already noticed the inconvenience the reduced hours have created. We need the levy to restore the library to normal operating hours.
5580	7/11/2012	Our local library is great.I love the fact that they got new system to check out books, Cd, or DuDs(Machines)
5581	7/11/2012	VERY well-used.

5582	7/11/2012	Very well....never any parking!
5583	7/11/2012	Very! I always seem a large and diverse group of people doing any number of things there. It makes me so happy!
5584	7/11/2012	Always full of library patrons, children, seniors and folks using computer resources.
5585	7/11/2012	Belmont is usually thronged.
5586	7/11/2012	It is very well used as every time I go there, there are always lots of people there and they are using everything from checking out books and media to using the computers there and other programs as well.
5587	7/11/2012	They always seem busy
5588	7/11/2012	Very well. It's tiny, but it's always full of people & friendly librarians/aides.
5589	7/11/2012	Very well used. It serves a great need in the community. It's always busy.
5590	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5591	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there when I go
5592	7/11/2012	The sellwood library is heavily trafficked when ever I'm there, if that's what is meant by 'used'. And that's a good thing. A bad thing is that library decorum has gone the way of the dodo. It wasn't that long ago they were quiet places.
5593	7/11/2012	The library is busy and full of people whenever I am there. People are looking for books, reading magazines, using the computer, reading with their kids, using the reference materials, consulting the reference librarian, checking out materials, etc. etc.
5594	7/11/2012	Quite- always a variety of young and old during the day, and professionals popping in after work to pick up books.
5595	7/11/2012	Well used
5596	7/11/2012	Seems pretty popular whenever I go in there.
5597	7/11/2012	Fairly well used, there are always people there when I visit. The parking lot is usually full (though it is admittedly small).
5598	7/11/2012	Midland is the one I'm in the most. It usually seems busy.
5599	7/11/2012	Always busy.
5600	7/11/2012	Very! It's always hopping.
5601	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy on the weekends.
5602	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5603	7/11/2012	Rockwood seems particularly busy when I visit it. People are always waiting for computers.
5604	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people around when I go to either the Central or the Belmont location. Always a wait for the computers, always lots of patrons sitting at the tables. It's lovely to see!
5605	7/11/2012	VERY!!!!
5606	7/11/2012	Fairly well used, but not bustling.
5607	7/11/2012	Very well. Our neighborhood demographic is changing into more young families and new fun businesses. People walk around here now...and right into the library.

5608	7/11/2012	Great, thank you for your help :) we love you :)
5609	7/11/2012	? Vague q? Very.
5610	7/11/2012	Very
5611	7/11/2012	Very well
5612	7/11/2012	My local branch (Sellwood) is always busy when I visit.
5613	7/11/2012	Very well used. Everytime I go in there, I see a lot of people
5614	7/11/2012	very well, belmont and hollywood, and woodstock, and central of course
5615	7/11/2012	Very! Always a line for computers. I visit the library at different times of day and am always surprised by how full it is.
5616	7/11/2012	A Lot every time I'm in there....
5617	7/11/2012	Extremely well. Perpetually busy. Multiple kids of different age groups use the kids section. Adult and kid computers are always in use. Librarians are some of the most helpful I've ever come across in the U.S and U.K.
5618	7/11/2012	Always busy!
5619	7/11/2012	Very. Always lots of people and children
5620	7/11/2012	extremely well used
5621	7/11/2012	very
5622	7/11/2012	Seems very well used (Kenton). I use it, but more for DVDs than books, because I work downtown.
5623	7/11/2012	Always busy
5624	7/11/2012	Meaning how many people do I see using it during our visits? Many. Last Sunday there were at least 20 people patiently waiting (reading - ha!) for the noon opening. The computers are almost always full, two or three families at any given time and usually a one person wait until the check out opens up. [] [] Meaning how well worn like a used book? Not very. Both Hillsdale and Sellwood are relatively new and in tip top shape. Capitol is somewhat outdated and dark (lighting wise) but certainly usable.
5625	7/11/2012	It is used in a very heavy manner so much that I , we, my wife and I worry about burnout of the staffs at the North Portland, Kenton, St. Johns, and Albina libraries. They need new staff and better funding.
5626	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5627	7/11/2012	very well used
5628	7/11/2012	Not very
5629	7/11/2012	People line up outside when opening time is near. If that tells you anything.
5630	7/11/2012	The library is heavily used. I see teachers and students from the nearby Markham school often.
5631	7/11/2012	Belmont is always busy when I go, any time of day
5632	7/11/2012	well used
5633	7/11/2012	Always very busy
5634	7/11/2012	excellent
5635	7/11/2012	Very. It provides books for knowledge and encourages reading and learning for our youth!

5636	7/11/2012	very used and always busy.
5637	7/11/2012	very well used
5638	7/11/2012	Very well used. I used to live by the Belmont branch, which was also always full.
5639	7/11/2012	I see it used often and it is never empty. I would love to see more people visit regularly, but I've never been concerned by attendance rates.
5640	7/11/2012	I see the library being used every time I go into to it. It always has people on every aisle and many children in the kids area. I mostly go in after work around five pm.
5641	7/11/2012	I think extraordinarily well used.
5642	7/11/2012	It seems busy whenever I'm there.
5643	7/11/2012	Seems to be quite well used.
5644	7/11/2012	well used
5645	7/11/2012	It is well used, always busy.
5646	7/11/2012	There is always a fare amount of people at the Albina Library. Computers always in use, storytime always fills up, and lots of books on the hold shelves. I live nearby and stop by the library at least once a week. I use the library A LOT for books and movies.
5647	7/11/2012	Every time I go it is always busy.
5648	7/11/2012	It is used often and is essential to the community
5649	7/11/2012	Its usually relatively packed when I'm there. I would say its used very well.
5650	7/11/2012	We feel like it is very well used. We've just begun using the belmont library as we are closer to it now. We used to use the woodstock library.
5651	7/11/2012	It is pretty well used I guess I would say. I always see people there.
5652	7/11/2012	Very well used. Plenty of people are here at any given time, and I check out a lot of things myself.
5653	7/11/2012	Very! There is hardly ever enough bike or car parking because so many people use Belmont. There are folks waiting outside each day for it to open. Computers are always busy, and tons of people have books on hold. The librarians and checkout systems are often busy.
5654	7/11/2012	They seem to be well used. I am a social worker and many of my clients with no income depend in the library for reading materials, some for Internet access
5655	7/11/2012	The library is very well used by druggies & perverts. I would use the library more often if it wasn't for the homeless, druggies, and perverts hanging out. Last time I was there I had to walk past clouds of pot smoke on the library steps to get into the building. I'm glad my kids are grown, the library used to be a safe family place, I wouldn't dream of bring children there now.
5656	7/11/2012	very used
5657	7/11/2012	I believe it is well used
5658	7/11/2012	it is usually very busy with people lined up outside, waiting for the doors to open. the parking lot (small) is usually quite full and it seems busy even when I merely drive by. it's a valuable community resource.

5659	7/11/2012	based on the plethora of materials and tools available I would think there would be a line around the block to get in. I'm extremely happy about the investments in eBooks and childrens' programs. thanks for all you do for every member of the community.
5660	7/11/2012	I live in between two libraries, the Capital Hill location and Tigard in Washington county. I drive the distance to go to the Tigard because I feel it has a better selection for both my son and I. He gets books and a couple videos weekly and I love self help books. Its really all about the selection and the lack of one I feel that the Capital Hill location has.
5661	7/11/2012	Midland branch is bustling daily, and quite frequently it is difficult to locate a parking place. Many individuals use the computer center for job searching. Others, like myself, use the library resources for the furtherance of our education. It is close, convenient, and staff is knowledgeable and courteous.
5662	7/11/2012	Appears to be very well used.
5663	7/11/2012	Very well loved!
5664	7/11/2012	Well used, usually busy when I am there.
5665	7/11/2012	super well used!
5666	7/11/2012	It's always busy, especially the computer stations.
5667	7/11/2012	very well used
5668	7/11/2012	It seems a busy and vibrant place.
5669	7/11/2012	it's always busy when I visit.
5670	7/11/2012	Very.
5671	7/11/2012	I think it is very popular. There are always lots of folks here - especially at the computers.
5672	7/11/2012	There are always a bunch of people in the library. Some times I have to wait in line to check out books.
5673	7/11/2012	very well
5674	7/11/2012	Pretty well... Generally busy when we are there
5675	7/11/2012	It is always very busy.
5676	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5677	7/11/2012	Always seems busy
5678	7/11/2012	I always see many people using library on Holgate and downtown. Library users will be immensely impacted with a 6-day week schedule.
5679	7/11/2012	always seems pretty busy
5680	7/11/2012	uncertain
5681	7/11/2012	When we visit it is uually busy.
5682	7/11/2012	It seems to have a good amount of people in it when I'm there
5683	7/11/2012	The Woodstock Library is usually busy when it is open.
5684	7/11/2012	very well used.
5685	7/11/2012	Well
5686	7/11/2012	I always see multiple people in there when I go. It seems well-used.
5687	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I go!

5688	7/11/2012	Very well used by people in my community
5689	7/11/2012	It always seem very busy--right up to closing time.
5690	7/11/2012	Albina and Hollywood are always very busy. The staff are very helpful and courteous.
5691	7/11/2012	I have no clue as I almost never set foot inside the local library. However, I reserve books online that my husband picks up from me there.
5692	7/11/2012	constantly busy
5693	7/11/2012	Very used.
5694	7/11/2012	Downright bustling.
5695	7/11/2012	We LOVE our library and see many friends, neighbors and community members there each week.
5696	7/11/2012	well used
5697	7/11/2012	Often busy, particularly the central library
5698	7/11/2012	Well used I feel
5699	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5700	7/11/2012	Belmont is a small but well-loved library.
5701	7/11/2012	Very well used
5702	7/11/2012	They are always very busy, frequently near capacity.
5703	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. The parking lot is always full all hours that it is open.
5704	7/11/2012	There are always a number of patrons using the library. It is well used for its size.
5705	7/11/2012	Both libraries are always very busy. Its not the quiet place of my youth, but a bustling social center for our community. My children are growing up learning wonderful things about our community there. And thank you for supporting us through programs and free books from UPS when the children were born, we still read those books on a regular basis.
5706	7/11/2012	Computers are generally always in use.[] Rockwood Branch childrens' section is utilized to the point of crowding, especially in the afternoon.
5707	7/11/2012	How well used? I'm not sure. We go weekly to do returns and pick up books/CDs/DVDs and there are always people there, and the employees are always very friendly and helpful. We have been going ever since we moved here, about 12 years ago. I enjoy it very much, I love libraries! Though I do wish people who visit them would be a little more quiet. Like you're supposed to be when in a library.
5708	7/11/2012	Very!
5709	7/11/2012	Well-used. It is generally busy (Central library)
5710	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5711	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I go there. It seems like the computers are always busy and has lots of books on hold for people.
5712	7/11/2012	Always pretty busy! Albina is closest to my house and NW is closest to my work. Both branches are small in size, but seem to serve a lot of people in a lot of ways.

5713	7/11/2012	The libraries I use are busy all the time. The Rockwood library is a place I use weekly. There are always lots of people there. Many waiting for computers. The Holgate library is probably the least crowded, but I would consider it well-used.
5714	7/11/2012	When I visit the Holgate library daily between 12:00 - 1:00, the library is always full of adults and children. All the computer terminals are full, as well as all the tables with people reading books, newspapers, or using their own laptops. On days the library opens late, 20-30 people are gathered at the front door waiting for the library to open.
5715	7/11/2012	pretty well used in this neighborhood and appreciated, too
5716	7/11/2012	Seems fairly well used. There are always quite a few people there when I visit.
5717	7/11/2012	Very well used - always busy - pleasantly busy - not crowded.
5718	7/11/2012	Very there is always people there and my kids love to go there and read use the wifi and do school work
5719	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always several people checking out books, using computers and browsing.
5720	7/11/2012	Very!
5721	7/11/2012	well used, it seems to attract a large group of interested users
5722	7/11/2012	very well populated at all times of the day/week
5723	7/11/2012	Seems busy every time I am there. Very helpful staff - extraordinary, I think.
5724	7/11/2012	very!! extremely busy when ever I am there--many kids' programs, computers always in use, etc.
5725	7/11/2012	We love our local library - the staff, the books, the concerts, and other fun stuff for our 5 year old.
5726	7/11/2012	Busy all the time! I love to see the mother/toddler group meeting there in the mornings when I stop by on my way to work. My neighborhood (St Johns) has a lot of low income folks who make use of the computers.
5727	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5728	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there.
5729	7/11/2012	NW library is packed with lots of traffic coming and goin all year around.
5730	7/11/2012	Central is of course well used
5731	7/11/2012	It always gets a lot of traffic and lots of books are checked out. Many people use the tables to meet and work. So I think it is quite well used.
5732	7/11/2012	Very well used
5733	7/11/2012	always seems busy! Being an older adult and going back to college I use it a lot. It been very nice having re- familiarized myself to the library and finding out all the benefits my library card entails.[]
5734	7/11/2012	I love getting the newsletters in my e-mail to keep me updated on what is happening in the community. The various informational seminars given and of course the computer classes and job skill resources...it's been excellent getting to know the library again. [] [] Really more people should use it.

5735	7/11/2012	appears to be bust particularly the PCs
5736	7/11/2012	It was very full when I was there
5737	7/11/2012	The Book Babies class that we go to is very well attended.
5738	7/11/2012	Belmont Library seems to always have many people in it throughout the day. I have gone at different times and I rarely see it empty.
5739	7/11/2012	I see many people use the library more than myself. I rarely use it. But when I do it's to learn a new skill. I check out books that introduce me to that new skill and help me hone it.
5740	7/11/2012	It is always full of people and activity. The hold shelves are quite full. I usually choose my books online and pick them up from library and seems a lot of us do that. My grandson is a toddler and his family greatly appreciates the story time and access to books that would be difficult for them to afford otherwise.
5741	7/11/2012	Very used, there is always a large group of people ther on computers, reading, checking out books, studying,etc. It is a hub for our community activities, particularly because Gresham does not have a community center.
5742	7/11/2012	It is highly used and wish the hours would stay open longer for the students more than myself!
5743	7/11/2012	very busy
5744	7/11/2012	It is always busy whenever I go, mostly on the weekends.
5745	7/11/2012	It is full every time I go in.
5746	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used.
5747	7/11/2012	I consider all of the locations I utilize to be well used by myself, family and friends in the area.
5748	7/11/2012	It is a very busy place all the time.[] The parking lot is almost always full.
5749	7/11/2012	Each and every time I visit the Albina library it is bustling with activity. It seems to be very busy. Each story time that I take my children to is always well attended as well.
5750	7/11/2012	The Rockwood and Gresham libraries are well used.
5751	7/11/2012	Seems fairly busy every time I've been in there. The internet access especially is heavily used. It is hard to find a computer to use the few times I've needed to do so at the library. Unfortunately, this is due to nearly all users being teenagers/young adults browsing social media sites, but I can't think of an effective way to reduce misuse of the library resources that doesn't prevent or inconvenience legitimate uses.
5752	7/11/2012	The Holgate library is a very, very necessary part of the neighborhood. It is used well!
5753	7/11/2012	Very
5754	7/11/2012	My regular library is the PSU library -- it is used nearly to capacity.
5755	7/11/2012	Very well used for a variety of events and activities.
5756	7/11/2012	It is always busy.

5757	7/11/2012	Very. I went recently on a Monday morning to drop off a book (it was 9:55 AM) and there were about 20 people waiting to get in. A line at the library. How wonderful is that? There are always a lot of people at the Hollywood library. We love it!
5758	7/11/2012	It is busy whenever I go.
5759	7/11/2012	Very! Almost always full of people when we visit on random days each week.
5760	7/11/2012	It seems to be a hub of constant activity and always seems almost at capacity with readers young and old and in between.
5761	7/11/2012	Since i don't go regularly it is difficult for me to say. Keeping that in mind I would say that the Capitol Hill branch is a well used library and a focal point for that neighborhood.
5762	7/11/2012	Exceptionally. Always busy.
5763	7/11/2012	Very.
5764	7/11/2012	Parking is very scarce near the library during opening hours!
5765	7/11/2012	Very busy
5766	7/11/2012	There are always many people in the library.
5767	7/11/2012	Well-used
5768	7/11/2012	It is very busy at all hours, and there is a line at the door waiting for it to open nearly every day.
5769	7/11/2012	Seems to be pretty well used, always people there.
5770	7/11/2012	Seems busy each time we're there--full classes, full computer area, lots of activity
5771	7/11/2012	very busy by seniors, high school students, local hispanic families, story time for young children, presentations for community.
5772	7/11/2012	Every time I go to the library, I find it well populated.
5773	7/11/2012	The library is used very often by so many people, it is an essential part of being able to live in Portland and the library should be opened sometime every day of every week.
5774	7/11/2012	I feel it is very well and often. There is helpful staff and tons of resources for various things. I am a bit disappointed that the hours of operation have changed though.
5775	7/11/2012	Very well
5776	7/11/2012	Very. It always seems busy.
5777	7/11/2012	Seems very well used, busy whenever I am there, friendly space for kids, lots of computer users
5778	7/11/2012	PROBABLY VERY WELL USED. ROCKWOOD IS MY CURRENT PLACE OF USE. THEY HAVE NEW CARPET, NEW PARKING LOT PAVING, SOME NEW PAINT. IT IS LOOKING VERY KEPT AT THE PRESENT TIME.
5779	7/11/2012	I don't know what me and my wife we can do to teach and parenting my kids without the help of the public library. the librarians are very helpful and knowledgeable people. and they are always happy to answer with anything I ask them.
5780	7/11/2012	always seems to be very busy.

5781	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy when we go--all ages and types of people very community
5782	7/11/2012	well
5783	7/11/2012	Very well used. The library is always busy when I am there. Every computer is in use and there are always people lined up to check out books.
5784	7/11/2012	It seems very busy every time I am there
5785	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used. There are always people there using the computers or reading.
5786	7/11/2012	there is always 25 people in the front rooms, every time i have been there
5787	7/11/2012	I don't know. My husband goes in. Until recently, we used Gregory Heights almost weekly. I resented the fact that while my husband and I have to work very, very hard at our jobs, invariably two librarians would be sitting at a desk doing virtually nothing the whole time we were there, and one would be doing the world's easiest job of checking out books. When we owe a small fine, the librarian wouldn't even bring it up. I have hazy recollections of similar experiences at other branches. Yet, we are supposed to pay even MORE property taxes?
5788	7/11/2012	Many people at preschool story time. Seems to be a good amount of adults on the computers, mothers with young children, and teenagers after school.
5789	7/11/2012	Very
5790	7/11/2012	Always very busy, with wait times for computers
5791	7/11/2012	It seems very well utilized for it's size.
5792	7/11/2012	Albina is always hopping. Whenever we are waiting for the library to open we are always part of a group. I listed Hollywood but we aren't there as often.
5793	7/11/2012	It appears to be busy whenever I am there.
5794	7/11/2012	well used
5795	7/11/2012	not sure
5796	7/11/2012	Very well used, always busy.
5797	7/11/2012	Very
5798	7/11/2012	The majority of the people who seem to use the library tend to be homeless people. They don't pay taxes - so i'm not sure why they're welcomed. It is also used for its bathrooms and a place to sleep. The way I use the library and the way in which others I know use the library is that we place books on hold, pick up the books when they arrive, and leave.
5799	7/11/2012	Well used
5800	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy but the staff do a good job of keeping it up.
5801	7/11/2012	Very well used. The parking lot is full and there are always many people in the library.
5802	7/11/2012	There are always people there when we go to our neighborhood library (North Portland). It seems to be well used. The downtown library is also usually pretty busy.
5803	7/11/2012	It seems people mainly go there to use the free computers.

5804	7/11/2012	Very well used by kids after school, seniors during the day, mothers and fathers with small children -- for books, for reading times, for computer access (which seems to be especially crucial), for a sometimes quiet place to be.
5805	7/11/2012	I do most of my interactions online, so I'm not sure. When I go in, it generally looks pretty crowded
5806	7/11/2012	well used
5807	7/11/2012	Very busy, a great neighborhood resource
5808	7/11/2012	I feel like my local library is always busy and being used by community members. Specifically, the computer internet stations are ALWAYS in use.
5809	7/11/2012	pretty well used. There are always quite a few people there when I go.
5810	7/11/2012	used enough for me to wish it were quieter
5811	7/11/2012	It is always busy and full of people of all ages.
5812	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people at the library and always a line to use the computer.
5813	7/11/2012	I think it is amazing that you are able to do so much with relatively so little. This is an absolutely invaluable asset to our community. I will always vote to sustain it.
5814	7/11/2012	Very well used!
5815	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5816	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5817	7/11/2012	very well used
5818	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5819	7/11/2012	very well used, especially the computer resources
5820	7/11/2012	There's probably at least 40 patrons every time I'm in the Holgate branch.
5821	7/11/2012	The computers are always in use. Lots of traffic in and out every time I'm there.
5822	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5823	7/11/2012	Always very busy.
5824	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
5825	7/11/2012	It is always busy and full of people whenever I am there. I think it is very well used.
5826	7/11/2012	It is very well used! I see people there all the time and sometimes it's even hard to find parking.
5827	7/11/2012	It is always packed with children, young adults, and seniors. It is wonderful to see so many enjoying our small branch.
5828	7/11/2012	I enjoy going there and have had access to a wide range of material. Although things aren't supposed to "bustle" in a library, it is always occupied such that all or nearly all computers are filled and people are wandering around or reading. Books are checked out often enough for me to put my name on waiting lists for them.
5829	7/11/2012	very very!!

		I do not understand your question here -- how well used is my library? If you mean do I notice a lot of folks using the library and enjoying it? Well, yes, I do. It is difficult in the winter months when the homeless use the library for shelter, as some are a little aggressive and leave me feeling unsafe for myself and my family.[]
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5830	7/11/2012	If you intended to ask, 'how much do I utilize my library?' -- the answer to that is: I have been blessed as a person, a mother, and a student at PSU to be able to use your resources for myself and to help others.[]
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		Our libraries are an invaluable resource -- there is nothing like the feel of a book that others have read, the paper of the pages, the smell of the book itself . . . it is wonderful! Hooray for our libraries -- and especially for those who work so hard for us to have this wonderful privilege to share.[]
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		Thank you!!
5831	7/11/2012	Very well used, it's always full of people
5832	7/11/2012	Seems to be quite well used. Generally full on weekends and evenings when we go.
5833	7/11/2012	very good
5834	7/11/2012	Very well used and well loved
5835	7/11/2012	Extremely, people of all walks and backgrounds use it for necessary computer access as well as books and other media
5836	7/11/2012	There are always people there using the pc's and checking books out. This is at the Sellwood-Moreland and Woodstock branches.
5837	7/11/2012	All three libraries we use, including the one nearest our house, are extremely busy nearly all the time. I sometimes can't decide whether they feel vibrant and lively, or overstuffed and overflowing. Other cities I've lived in definitely had more floorspace!
5838	7/11/2012	There are always other people there when I go to the library, no matter when during the week. There are always children reading books, and adults on their laptops in the quiet room.
5839	7/11/2012	Well
5840	7/11/2012	Always seems busy. Always a bit of a line waiting for it to open as well.
5841	7/11/2012	It seems to always be busy.
5842	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5843	7/11/2012	me and my friends go frequently.
5844	7/11/2012	Everytime I go into the Gresham Library there are crowds of people. I would say at the least 50 or more people are there just when I am there. The library is well used.
5845	7/11/2012	Don't know
5846	7/11/2012	often
5847	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there!

5848	7/11/2012	Well used.
5849	7/11/2012	I seems to be very well used. There are always a good number of people using the library while we are there and always at least 10-15 kids at story time.
5850	7/11/2012	Very it is always inhabited, with all ages of citizens. It's a really buzy place. Belmont, my main library, is always full, which is wonderful. All ages, all types; I love it.[]
5851	7/11/2012	I like that the librarians know me, if not by my name, but often by my interests.[] When folks visit me from out of town, I take them to the Central Library; it is such a beautiful place to be. And many want to return when they visit again.
5852	7/11/2012	Quite alot
5853	7/11/2012	It is always busy with many people coming and going.
5854	7/11/2012	It seems busy every time I'm there.
5855	7/11/2012	I usually see a good amount of people at the library when I stop by.
5856	7/11/2012	It's always busy!
5857	7/11/2012	Very well. It's usually quite busy especially on the weekends.
5858	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. The branches I go to regularly are usually buzzing. I often see people waiting to use the computers.
5859	7/11/2012	The library seems busy every time I'm there, especially of kids.
5860	7/11/2012	Very well always 10-20 people there.
5861	7/11/2012	We live by Hillsdale and go there and to the St John's library by the grandparents' house and those are both always full of people, hard to find a seat and many books out when you want them, long waiting list lots of times
5862	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people in the library whenever I have been in there.
5863	7/11/2012	Very well used
5864	7/11/2012	It's a small library and there is always a crowd when I go there
5865	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5866	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy most of the time.
5867	7/11/2012	Pretty well used. The kids' stpry times seem to always be full and there are always people milling about and using the computers
5868	7/11/2012	I feel it is very well used by a true cross section of the area (based on age, sex, and some assumption about the race of people I don't know). It seems to be a very popular spot, especially for the school age children and parents with toddler/preschool age children.
5869	7/11/2012	Our library seems to have a very good following. It is well run and the people who work there are very helpful and nice to work with.
5870	7/11/2012	Very
5871	7/11/2012	It always looks full when I visit.
5872	7/11/2012	Pretty well used, I'd say. Both that I visit always seem to be busy.
5873	7/11/2012	It is busy all of the times I am in there!

5874	7/11/2012	It is very well used by me and by my neighbors. Often there is a group waiting for the library to open, and at closing time there are still several people there.
5875	7/11/2012	It's always full of people, so I'd say used very well
5876	7/11/2012	It is used alot always alot of people there
5877	7/11/2012	The well educated locals use it as a source of info., education, and sometimes for social interactions (good chess program). The less wealthy and less well educated use it as a main source for computer/internet access. The children in K-12 use it for computer access and books in their own languages (a large portion of St. Johns does not speak English as a primary language.... Spanish, Russian, & Hmong abound). Mothers with pre--schoolers make use of the children's story hour activities. And since it is right across the street from the St.John's Elementary School, the teachers and the families use it both as a source for books and as a safe place to wait for their parents to pick them up from school when "life" interferes with their scheduling.
5878	7/11/2012	The services that the libary has provided has been invaluable to my household. Being low income, I know that the library can provide a safe and rich learing and entertainment enviroment for my child. I know that I can order newly released book from any libary. I can download free songs once a week. My child can go to the staff comfortably and ask any question, and in fact, she learned how to ask someone for what she needs at the libary . If my computer is down and I need to print off forms for a job, I can count on the libary. The bulletin board of the activites and happenings in the neighborhood is always up to date. And more then anything...it is air conditioned and I get to catch up on the latest Ophrah magazine. Thank you. Thank you so much for all that you do for me and mine. I wish that money spent on defence went to you instead. But that is not the world we live in. Yet. Mayhap, someday. Until then, we will do what we have to do, and you will always and forever have my support.
5879	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
5880	7/11/2012	it is always crowded.
5881	7/11/2012	I'm not sure how to measure this but my local libraries are always busy. I visit 1-2 libraries a few times a month and they all appear very well used.
5882	7/11/2012	I feel the Midland library is used fairly extensively.
5883	7/11/2012	It's used a lot
5884	7/11/2012	HOlgate is very busy. We wish it was a brighter library like Belmont, but we will take it however it is lit. It's a bustling branch; we try to go off-hours.
5885	7/11/2012	There always seems to be plenty of people at all three branches when I am there (weekday evenings and weekends). I have always had to wait a little while (not too long) if I need to use a computer.
5886	7/11/2012	Very!! It is busy 7 days a week during open hours. I've never see it not busy.
5887	7/11/2012	Quite, it is always filled with a broad cross section of people from parents with young children to older people using the computers.
5888	7/11/2012	There seems to always be a lot of people there every time I visit.

5889	7/11/2012	I borrow books and movies to read and watch. When i was going to to school it was a good resource tool for projects.
5890	7/11/2012	I love our library and I think it is well-used.
5891	7/11/2012	Everytime I'm in there, it's full of kids.
5892	7/11/2012	very!
5893	7/11/2012	The holgate branch always seems very busy often crowded. I often have to wait a long time to use a computer
5894	7/11/2012	I like the bookshelf with current books.
5895	7/11/2012	There is a steady stream of people visiting our library.
5896	7/11/2012	Busy but not too busy. Always has lots of people in it.
5897	7/11/2012	Seems busy
5898	7/11/2012	Always busy.
5899	7/11/2012	there seems to be people there all the time.
5900	7/11/2012	Very well. Busy.
5901	7/11/2012	I have never seen less than 12 people in there at any day or time. It is well used for this neighborhood and size of space
5902	7/11/2012	My local branch is Hollywood. Everyone familiar with it would agree that throngs of people wait outside to use it each morning. It looks like a line for a rock concert out there before 10 am. It's populated.
5903	7/11/2012	It seems to always be pretty busy
5904	7/11/2012	Very
5905	7/11/2012	All of the branches I use tend to be quite full when I'm there.
5906	7/11/2012	N/A
5907	7/11/2012	Very well used
5908	7/11/2012	It's always full, no matter what time or day I am there.
5909	7/11/2012	Very used. The library always has lots of people in it. The Kenton library is in a great location and a great part of our neighborhood.
5910	7/11/2012	I think very well used...whenever I go in, usually morning or afternoon, there are always lots of people. It is never empty.
5911	7/11/2012	I use the Central Library and do not use the local library.
5912	7/11/2012	Very! Busy every time I'm there with all ages; computers almost all busy; Multiple people using self check-out systems.
5913	7/11/2012	Okay. Belmont seems to be full most of the time. It's a small space but densely used. Outside bike racks full of bikes - adult and kid
5914	7/11/2012	sized . Always plenty of kids with parents in the children's section. Rarely an unoccupied computer. It's a hoppin' place, very welcoming and well maintained.

5915	7/11/2012	I think the Belmont Library is very well used, and since it is a small library, I know most of the staff since I go so often and have been volunteering there for 3 years. I also am familiar with other library users because of how close knit the Belmont library is. Without the Belmont library, I would rarely go to the library only because the others are so far from where I live. Please keep funding Multnomah Libraries!!!
5916	7/11/2012	Extremely! There are often people waiting outside the door before it opens. Very busy and well loved library.
5917	7/11/2012	It is always active.
5918	7/11/2012	Very! There are people waiting to get in on the weekends, as soon as the doors open. And it is often bustling until the lights start flashing for close.
5919	7/11/2012	Quite; computers often are busy, requiring a wait. Lots of kids around; wide range of ages.
5920	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used--the remodel to the Belmont branch was a nice addition and every time i go into the library, its crowded. Same with the Central Library.
5921	7/11/2012	Quite. It's always busy when I go in. I often park on the street because the parking lot is full.
5922	7/11/2012	It's moderately used. Whenever I'm there the library is busy at a steady rate, but not too busy. Its the perfect place for me to get my school work done.
5923	7/11/2012	I enjoy going to the Rockwood library but wish there were more adult/teenage classes.
5924	7/11/2012	it's usually crowded.
5925	7/11/2012	Always busy
5926	7/11/2012	Used a lot more before I got an iPad. Now I get free books on Amazon or other sites.
5927	7/11/2012	Very well used.
5928	7/11/2012	Very busy. Computers are used non-stop. There always seems to be something going on when I'm there.
5929	7/11/2012	Very well used. Children from daycares come there.
5930	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I go there. It appears to be well used and appreciated.
5931	7/11/2012	It is always very crowded
5932	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used.
5933	7/11/2012	Always busy.
5934	7/11/2012	It's crowded every time I go in there, regardless of the day or hour, with a wide variety of people of all ages.
5935	7/11/2012	It is very well used. It provides excellent material for all its customers and satisfies their many needs.
5936	7/11/2012	Hillsdale is pretty brand new looking still and central is just classic
5937	7/11/2012	It is always very busy and full.[] (And no parking!)
5938	7/11/2012	I go 2-3 a month. not quite weekly. It has always been busy at the computers and usually a line to check out. The new scan and check out system appears to be a good idea as soon as users get used to where the buttons are located. The visual screen could be improved. I usually have to exit and then re-do.

5939	7/11/2012	I use the library's resources two or three times a week, whether to check out media or to use the printers. It's always crowded when I go, which is usually during off-peak hours on weekdays. I see people of all socioeconomic and racial backgrounds whenever I go.
5940	7/11/2012	I honestly don't know. I usually find what I want online and request to pick it up at my local branch. I probably only browse around once every few months. Whenever I go inside there are always plenty of people in there working on the computer, browsing, etc...
5941	7/11/2012	It seems well used--there is usually a wait for computers, many items on hold shelves, and patrons seated at most tables.
5942	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I go.
5943	7/11/2012	always full. very well used
5944	7/11/2012	The Belmont Branch is ALWAYS busy when I use it. I generally just go to pick up and return books that I have ordered online. This is a fantastic system that basically gives you the entire library in your home. I am not sure that this is well understood in the community.
5945	7/11/2012	Very well - it is always busy
5946	7/11/2012	Very
5947	7/11/2012	There always seem to be lots of people there.
5948	7/11/2012	very
5949	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy and often a line at the door before opening.
5950	7/11/2012	Very
5951	7/11/2012	I am not sure. I just moved from out of state and used the library once.
5952	7/11/2012	Always busy. We visit sometimes twice a week.
5953	7/11/2012	very. It's always busy. At Capitol Hill there often are not enough power outlets for those who bring their own computers.
5954	7/11/2012	Pretty new.
5955	7/11/2012	Always people waiting for it to open. We used to go on Monday am as soon as it opened to get new books on CD for business travel. Will really miss this interruption in service.
5956	7/11/2012	It always seems busy with young families. The computers appear to be continually in use, mostly by teens and job seekers.
5957	7/11/2012	Bus all the time !
5958	7/11/2012	Very well used, especially by young children.
5959	7/11/2012	very well
5960	7/11/2012	Busy everytime I go there.
5961	7/11/2012	Very busy, very popular kids programs. Good array of programs at Belmont
5962	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy and always has a great community feeling with people of all ages.
5963	7/11/2012	Very well used, with patrons often waiting outside for opening time and staying right up to closing time.
5964	7/11/2012	There are always people of all ages in our library.

5965	7/11/2012	I always seems full of children and very loud. There is no quiet space, though, nor are there comfortable chairs. There is nowhere to just sit and read a book. Still, it seems very well-used.[] []
5966	7/11/2012	I also use the Killingsworth branch. It is always full of people, no matter what time of day I go. Very!
5967	7/11/2012	crowd, not enough facility
5968	7/11/2012	the Albina Branch is always busy. I do most of my book check out online.
5969	7/11/2012	It seems busy everytime I am in there.
5970	7/11/2012	Both branches I attend seem quite busy every time I visit.
5971	7/11/2012	If this question is in reference to the level of traffic in the Belmont library, I would say it is exceptionally high.
5972	7/11/2012	the gregory heights library is nice but well used. the hollywood is fairly new still.
5973	7/11/2012	It seems well used. Its usually busy whenever I go.
5974	7/11/2012	Albina is a small space and actively used. I'm a senior, but am always glad to see so many young children, students and adults. I would say the library is heavily used. [] [] The self check out is a great idea because it frees up librarians to do more helping people with questions.
5975	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people filling up the tables at the Albina Library, the library I visit most frequently. There are a variety of patrons using computers, checking out materials, reading magazines and newspapers and browsing shelves. Patrons represent a wide age range and appear to represent a variety of social/economic/racial groups.The patrons seem to be a cross section of the neighborhood. There are teens and others using computers and I assume they may have limited access to computers and/or internet at home.
5976	7/11/2012	Very busy!!!
5977	7/11/2012	Not sure. I usually reserve books online and then pick them up at the Capitol library. It's quick and easy.
5978	7/11/2012	It's busy.
5979	7/11/2012	Always busy when I visit.
5980	7/11/2012	It usually seems full -- almost all of the seats are taken at the tables.
5981	7/11/2012	Book baby class at the Sellwood library are great.
5982	7/11/2012	I always see dozens of people there, and the parking lot is usually crowded.
5983	7/11/2012	is bery helpful..so glad to have libraries.other countries doesn`t have.
5984	7/11/2012	I don't spend a lot of time there but every time I go, the parking lot is full and people are every where. This includes people of all ages.
5985	7/11/2012	Every time I go in it looks busy, computer users, children projects and check outs.

5986	7/11/2012	Rockwood is so well-used that I try to avoid it due to the crowds. Fairview is a bit sleepier, but has a very nice neighborhood feel. Gresham is very busy, but seems to have the staff and space to accommodate the number of users. Central is always busy, but a beautiful and inspiring place to read and study.
5987	7/11/2012	I think really well used.
5988	7/11/2012	very well used
5989	7/11/2012	Very well used and loved!
5990	7/11/2012	Very well, I think. It's busy at any time of the day and I see a lot of events/gatherings happening there.
5991	7/11/2012	It is usually very busy when I am there. Sometimes there is no room for me to sit down, so I just read in the stacks. I use the library quite extensively when I am there as well.
5992	7/11/2012	I do not know.
5993	7/11/2012	I see people reading magazines and using the computers. I check out books every few months.
5994	7/11/2012	Very well
5995	7/11/2012	Very well used. Quite busy all the time.
5996	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used.
5997	7/11/2012	Usually very crowded whenever I'm there. Computers are always busy. Lots of young ones.
5998	7/11/2012	Extremely. I always have at least one book on hold there, and my family has at least five checked out at any given time.
5999	7/11/2012	very- it is always fairly busy
6000	7/11/2012	It's Great! We really enjoy participating in the summer reading program. There are many children in the kids section every time we come, weekday or weekend. I like being able to borrow magazines and read newspapers. The staff is always helpful and friendly.
6001	7/11/2012	It never seems to be crowded, but there are typically many other people visiting when I tend to visit.
6002	7/11/2012	Well used, I would assume, judging by the crowds in it on a daily basis and the number of people waiting to enter when it opens.
6003	7/11/2012	very: computers are very often all taken. There are always 2-5 other people checking out materials when I am. Many parents with small children.
6004	7/11/2012	It is very well used. There always lots of people there whenever I go in.
6005	7/11/2012	It appears to be extremely well-used, and a true focal point for the community. I work in social services, serving low-income people, and I know many people whose main computer access is via the library. And having a great selection of books and media is a real life-line for many of the low-income folks I know. Some of them are quite chronically depressed and the library materials help keep them connected and stimulated.
6006	7/11/2012	
6007	7/11/2012	well used, it is always busy
6008	7/11/2012	its always quite busy when i go there. at least a dozen other people there, probably more.
6009	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there

6010	7/11/2012	Always looks pretty busy
6011	7/11/2012	Very busy library. Seems to have lots of activity.
6012	7/11/2012	Well used
6013	7/11/2012	It seems to be quite heavily used. I wish it had more space so it didn't always seem to be so crowded.
6014	7/11/2012	It always seems busy
6015	7/11/2012	very
6016	7/11/2012	Whenever I go to the library, it is always full of people.
6017	7/11/2012	Extremely well-used.
6018	7/11/2012	Very well. Beautiful building (both). Too bad we spent so much money vs. funding longer hours, people, and better computer access.
6019	7/11/2012	I have frequently gone to my neighborhood branch (Albina) around the time that it opens; there are always people lined up and waiting. There are always at least a dozen people in the library checking out materials, browsing the stacks, using computers, reading newspapers, and so on. I notice that the children's programs appear to be very well attended as well. The Albina branch (as are all of the other branches that I have used while living in Portland over the last nine years) are well-loved and well-utilized. The Albina Library is the one place where I still feel a sense of diversity in my neighborhood -- young, old, black, latino, white, asian, rich, poor -- we are all here and using the library's resources!
6020	7/11/2012	a lot
6021	7/11/2012	There are always people there when I visit. It is a great local hub of community and ideas.
6022	7/11/2012	High patron traffic whenever I visit
6023	7/11/2012	Extremely well used.
6024	7/11/2012	Whenever I go into the library it is always bustling with activity. All of the computers are usually in use and the shelves are well stocked. I think that the library is very much an important resource for local students and those without internet access in the area.
6025	7/11/2012	The Albina branch is small and always full of people using computers, reading, picking up books, reading with children, and other tasks.
6026	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used to me. It's usually full inside, the parking lot is often difficult to park in as all spots are taken and there's often a wait for Internet terminals. I also often see people attending the activities that the library holds in the adjacent meeting room.
6027	7/11/2012	I check out books in every 2-3 weeks. It is great that Central Library has night hours for people who wish to stop by after work. Please keep night hours. Your meeting place should be open for any private rental with appropriate fees. You have a valuable facility which can add more revenue if you put them to use.
6028	7/11/2012	Very!
6029	7/11/2012	Very well. The parking lot is nearly always 3/4 full, and this has been an increase over the past couple years.
6030	7/11/2012	I'm not there often enough to know

6031	7/11/2012	It's always pretty busy whenever I go in. Most of the computers are full and there is typically several people at the check-out.
6032	7/11/2012	Depends on the time of day.
6033	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I go
6034	7/11/2012	When our family attends the library it is always filled with a wide age range of people. It is busy, but not so busy we are not able to get assistance when we ask. We have always had a pleasureable experience with the library and our children look forward to spending time at the library. We have them signed up for the summer reading program which they are also enjoying. I am proud of our Multnomah County libraries as they are know as one of the best in the nation. I think the library is such a wonderful resource for so many people and for so many reasons which are different for each one of us. I just used the library the last few months to check out books to brush up on my skills for looking for a job. It paid off, I am now in my 4th week of my new job. I have some friends on tight budgets who use the library for movies, outings for their children, or just to spend some quiet time by themselves. I hope the Multnomah Libraries can continue with their stellar programs and service.
6035	7/11/2012	very
6036	7/11/2012	very worn down. lots of people. stuffy and musty.
6037	7/11/2012	The Belmont Library always seems busy when I'm there!
6038	7/11/2012	always busy.
6039	7/11/2012	I always see a lot of people browsing and working
6040	7/11/2012	Very well used and important to most people in my immediate community. It is a magnet for children and essential for those without computer access at home.
6041	7/11/2012	Albina is ALWAYS full. Well used by all ages.
6042	7/11/2012	Lots of people there most all of the time.
6043	7/11/2012	I would say 'well' used. I go in various times of day; morning, afternoon, or evening and there always seems to be several other patrons in there. Some at the computers, some at the counter asking for help. Others at the desks available for those to use their own computers or read. I utilize the self checkout station and typically there is one other person using this as well. If I do need help from an employee, I usually don't have to wait very long for assistance.
6044	7/11/2012	This is a 'Regional Library'. It seems fairly busy. Has a large # of books & I know we rely on it for annual HOA meeting. Booking meeetings seems to be a problem.
6045	7/11/2012	Our Northwest Library most of the time I visit has all of the computer slots in use with a few people waiting, and most of the chairs at the big table are taken with people reading different publications. The events seem to be well attended also, and when I see parents bringing in their children, I notice the parents seem to be quite careful, as though the event of getting their young child to the library is important to them. Staff at this library are extremely helpful and knowledgeable, and very nice about it.
6046	7/11/2012	It always seems pleasantly busy when I'm there

6047	7/11/2012	very
6048	7/11/2012	very, always busy
6049	7/11/2012	Very well used. I go in frequently and there are always lots of other people--adults and children--using the library.
6050	7/11/2012	Don't know
6051	7/11/2012	busy, but not oversubscribed.
6052	7/11/2012	Very well used; always busy.
6053	7/11/2012	Always see people using the computers
6054	7/11/2012	Very well used. Very large hold section.
6055	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6056	7/11/2012	Every time I am there it is packed and there often aren't enough employees to help, so I would say very well used.
6057	7/11/2012	It seems like my library at Kenton is always bustling and busy.
6058	7/11/2012	Seems well-used; many patrons; many activities and a social center.
6059	7/11/2012	It seems to be always busy. Computers, books and small meeting room are bustling.
6060	7/11/2012	When I go in at random times, most of the computers are in use. I notice there are a lot of kids and young adults using the computers in the St. Johns library. It seems like this branch is fairly well used.
6061	7/11/2012	It's busy whenever I'm there.
6062	7/11/2012	tremendously! always crowded and it is great!
6063	7/11/2012	Heavy
6064	7/11/2012	Central is very well used.
6065	7/11/2012	I do not use the library as much as I would like. Time constraints and my lack of poor planning and discipline in researching books I'd love to check out.
6066	7/11/2012	Every time I've passed the library, people were going in and coming out. It appears to be busy every day. I'm new to the State so don't know how much my input will be...I do not have a problem with people having Sunday off...everyone deserves that one day to be with their families, go to religious institutions, have some quiet time for themselves, whatever. Then again, I don't have a problem with all stores being closed on Sundays.
6067	7/11/2012	Very!
6068	7/11/2012	Very!
6069	7/11/2012	It's very popular.
6070	7/11/2012	appears to be very well used
6071	7/11/2012	Seems very popular.
6072	7/11/2012	Albina is busy every time I stop in. There's always a group of kids with their parents and lots of people using the computers.
6073	7/11/2012	It is well used and busy, happily!
6074	7/11/2012	well-utilized

6075	7/11/2012	There are always people of all ages there when I visit.
6076	7/11/2012	It always seems crowded and busy. Lots of kids and people on computers. I'd say it's well used.
6077	7/11/2012	Very well used-- but I disagree with increasing property taxes to pay the deficit- the city needs to come up with other sources of income. Our property taxes are too high already- and, homes are not uniformly taxed, so some of us pay a much higher rate which does not seem fair.
6078	7/11/2012	Every time we visit the library is full of people.
6079	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
6080	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
6081	7/11/2012	Fairly busy most times we are there.
6082	7/11/2012	It always seems to have a full parking lot
6083	7/11/2012	Quite, it is always filled with a broad cross section of people from families with children to older people using the computers.
6084	7/11/2012	Always busy when I go in. Once I showed up ten minutes before it opened and a small old lady told me (rather rudely) that she was in line and I could wait behind her. Rather than take offense I choose to view it as a testament to patron loyalty. :) Portlanders love their libraries.
6085	7/11/2012	Both branches I use are busy busy but very well run and help is always available and resources seem to be managed to maximize availability for all users. Well done!
6086	7/11/2012	Computer services always busy. People, especially poor, need a place for free net access. Library provides a key role for that.
6087	7/11/2012	Its always busy
6088	7/11/2012	I use it from time to time, mainly when there is a book I want to read but know I don't want to buy it.
6089	7/11/2012	Seems well used (Both Hillsdale and Sellwood)
6090	7/11/2012	It is always very busy
6091	7/11/2012	Always busy and full of people and activity!
6092	7/11/2012	Greatly. Extremely.
6093	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I go there. I think the librarians are better equipped to answer this question than I.
6094	7/11/2012	The library is always busy with children and adults. I enjoy the local access to a neighborhood library.
6095	7/11/2012	Unsure
6096	7/11/2012	Seems full to me
6097	7/11/2012	Very!
6098	7/11/2012	The library is always busy. I have never been there when the majority of the tables and computers were not busy. Library staff are knowledgable and helpful, and friendly!
6099	7/11/2012	Very it's always busy.
6100	7/11/2012	It seems that nearly any time of the day, everyday of the week, the Hollywood library is busy. So many families, school aged children, people using the study rooms. It is a refreshing feeling to visit.
6101	7/11/2012	very

6102	7/11/2012	very
6103	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6104	7/11/2012	I believe the woodbury location is used quite often. Everytime I go in there are several people in there.
6105	7/11/2012	Very.
6106	7/11/2012	Both the Albina and Central library are busy pretty consistently when I visit. They seem lively, on their own terms.
6107	7/11/2012	Central Library is always busy. I often go to Reference Desk for help. Unfailingly helpful and nice. i have lived all over US and in Europe. This library system is wonderful.
6108	7/11/2012	For my needs I order library books on-line and pick them up when I am notified they are in...otherwise I'm in the library infreq. and wouldn't be able to say how well used my branch is. It generally LOOKS busy.
6109	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6110	7/11/2012	always busy
6111	7/11/2012	Very well. It's always full of people whenever I'm there no matter what time of day.
6112	7/11/2012	very busy library
6113	7/11/2012	Extremely.
6114	7/11/2012	Moderately
6115	7/11/2012	Very
6116	7/11/2012	Very well used
6117	7/11/2012	very well we use it continually online.
6118	7/11/2012	they're pretty popular, to the extent that there is always a line to use a computer, and there are often people in the aisle i wish to view.
6119	7/11/2012	I am often the car pool in a group or twin of seniors. I work for DHS as a caregiver. Often the library is the only source that a senior on medicare will use.
6120	7/11/2012	Very
6121	7/11/2012	Always seems busy!
6122	7/11/2012	very well used
6123	7/11/2012	Very well used - although Belmont does not have nearly as many books as it should. It is usually pretty full. People bike, walk and drive there.
6124	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people at Albina when I go to pick up books on hold. Many times there isn't somewhere to sit at the tables or you have to wait for a computer.
6125	7/11/2012	Belmont is almost always crowded. I'd like to see an expansion there, or another library near the old Washington High school.
6126	7/11/2012	Very well used and attended
6127	7/11/2012	It seems that they are very well used. I often teach and also attend arts and crafts programs that are offered at libraries, and most programs are very well attended.

6128	7/11/2012	Hollywood--well used Capitol--mediium
6129	7/11/2012	Every time I am there, the place is packed. People browsing, computers being used, people are looking at the bulletin boards and misc. materials in the lobby, and sometimes there are classes or story time. I live very close to the Holgate Library, and drive past it many times, and it always looks busy. I also like knowing that even though my library is small, I can look up books and audio books online, and get them delivered to my local library from wherever the media is normally stored. I suppose I could get them delivered to the house, but I like going in, browsing around, letting my son look at books, and being part of the community. It is the convenience and human connection combined that is so appealing. Plus I don't end up with a ton of books, I might only read once. The ultimate recycling!
6130	7/11/2012	well
6131	7/11/2012	Very well used - I see a large number of people in there every day.
6132	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I am there.
6133	7/11/2012	very
6134	7/11/2012	Always busy whenever I visit.
6135	7/11/2012	It is well used by the entire community.
6136	7/11/2012	Very. It's almost always busy.
6137	7/11/2012	Very, Very well used!
6138	7/11/2012	Very. Library is never empty and sometimes you cannot find a seat. The hold section is particularly active.
6139	7/11/2012	don't understand the question
6140	7/11/2012	well-used!
6141	7/11/2012	It's always busy. Belmont is busy & small. Hollywood has a better selection of browsing books it seems. We go to the storytimes @ Belmont & get holds shipped there.
6142	7/11/2012	all branches i visit are always well used, busy, active, variety of ages, ethnithities, etc and apparently various interests. people always seems quite involved in what they are doing, not just a place to sleep. people seem to be happy to be there, using a variety of services.
6143	7/11/2012	It meets users' needs
6144	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question.
6145	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy when I visit.
6146	7/11/2012	Very well used
6147	7/11/2012	Very well
6148	7/11/2012	Very
6149	7/11/2012	They are both always full of people. Albina is very well used, but not too overwhelming .
6150	7/11/2012	There are always other people using it when I am there. The parking lot is often full too.
6151	7/11/2012	Always busy / full of people.

6152	7/11/2012	Busy Steady use but not crazy busy like other branches I've used (Belmont, Hollywood, Woodstock). When I relied on the library for wifi last year and spent prolonged time there, I always shared my table with at least one other person. Frequently, on the other hand, I could get a study room without making a reservation, which provided extra assurance for a quiet and productive work session.
6153	7/11/2012	
6154	7/11/2012	very well used
6155	7/11/2012	Isn't Belmont the busiest branch in town?
6156	7/11/2012	Often full.
6157	7/11/2012	It's pretty quiet. Never a line. Maybe 20-30 people in there on the weekend
6158	7/11/2012	It's busy every time I'm there! It is well used. I think many families with small children spend a good amount of time there and take advantage of children's programs. I also see community members using computers on a regular basis. I feel the library is an important part of our community!
6159	7/11/2012	
6160	7/11/2012	Whenever I go into the Gresham library, there are a lot of people in there! It is always busy and the computers are busy used. As a teacher, I check out a lot of books for use in my classroom, as well as, personal use.
6161	7/11/2012	Always in use and staff always amazing!
6162	7/11/2012	I think very - there are always a lot of people there.
6163	7/11/2012	Very much! Always busy - lots of books on "hold", lots of kids, lots of computer use - busy, busy, busy!
6164	7/11/2012	It is always busy with people of all ages
6165	7/11/2012	Always busy, because it's such a great resource.
6166	7/11/2012	It always has a good sized crowd when I drop in.
6167	7/11/2012	almost always full
6168	7/11/2012	It always seems busy
6169	7/11/2012	Very well used - there are always lots of folks at the North Portland branch.
6170	7/11/2012	Very busy
6171	7/11/2012	The central branch is very busy. Very, very well used. (The library we use the most is the Hollywood branch.) It is a happening place:) We love it and are sad that it will be closed one day a week now. The computer terminals are always busy with a waiting list. There are kids in the kids area, people checking books out, using the quiet rooms, taking advantage of the internet access, using the librarian's assistance/recommendations.
6172	7/11/2012	
6173	7/11/2012	Too well used. I miss the days when a library was a quiet place of books. I don't think internet should be an option at all.
6174	7/11/2012	Very well used, it seems to always have patrons in it. Keep up the great work, I love what you do!
6175	7/11/2012	very. I've attended several events at Central. Lots of great guest speakers.
6176	7/11/2012	Very. Seems busy with large amount of young families, especially in Summer.
6177	7/11/2012	Very

6178	7/11/2012	Appears to be busy every time we go in there.
6179	7/11/2012	Very well used, I believe it is one of the busiest in the city.
6180	7/11/2012	I feel like it is always busy. Lines to check out books and parking is always full.
6181	7/11/2012	It seems to have people waiting to get in at 10am. There seems to be people there every time I visit. The computer area is always busy. There seems to be lots of families with children checking out books and seated for storytimes. The information area is used a lot, too.
6182	7/11/2012	Always busy
6183	7/11/2012	very. It's always busy, and there's a line outside the door at opening time.
6184	7/11/2012	Very well used. The Kenton library is a beacon in the neighborhood.
6185	7/11/2012	Very well used
6186	7/11/2012	I believe it is very well used. It's near Wilson HS and Robert Gray MS - which makes it convenient for students (including my kids).
6187	7/11/2012	I feel it is used quit well, just look outside at the crowd before the door opens
6188	7/11/2012	Very well used by lots of people We usually use Sellwood/Moreland. It is busy every time we go. There are always people seeking info from the librarians
6189	7/11/2012	(including me sometimes), people on the computers, reading to children, and others simply looking at books. There is usually a group meeting in the separate room too.
6190	7/11/2012	Its very well used! There is always 5+ people when I visit, using computers, browsing, reading with kids, or other activities.
6191	7/11/2012	Seems very well used
6192	7/11/2012	We go to Cedar Mills in Beaverton system which is closer
6193	7/11/2012	All locations all seem very busy a lot of the time.
6194	7/11/2012	It is a vital hub in St. Johns, it's always bustling. I love how vital it is! We go there at least a couple of times a week.....
6195	7/11/2012	Always busy. Hollywood Library is the anchor of the district. It's frequently busy when I'm there. It's difficult to get computer time, and almost always all the tables are in use when I'm at the St. Johns Library. At the Central Library, I always see people there, and for example, today, when I was looking at DVDs
6196	7/11/2012	I could barely get up and down the aisles, it was so crowded. There were people at the self-check-out too when I tried to check out my items.
6197	7/11/2012	All of the libraries I use regularly (Fairview, Gresham, Midland, Rockwood and Troutdale) are very well used. Usage seems to have increased since the most recent economic downturn.
6198	7/11/2012	pretty well used
6199	7/11/2012	SEEMS TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN IT ANY TIME I GO
6200	7/11/2012	very much
6201	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
6202	7/11/2012	It seems well-used- kid/family activities, computer access is full, people about the library...

6203	7/11/2012	I would say it is used very frequently, but its not the most high traffic area unless you live in the neighborhood
6204	7/11/2012	It seems busy whenever we are there.
6205	7/11/2012	I know many people who routinely check out books, and the library is certainly never empty. I would say it gets a good amount of use.
6206	7/11/2012	The library is always busy and seems appreciated by all who visit.
6207	7/11/2012	the Gregory Heights Library is always very well used. It always has programs going on for all ages and is a great place! Please do not change anything about it!! There are always people there who need to use the library resources.
6208	7/11/2012	VERY! Whenever I stop by to drop off materials or pick up reserved books or DVDs, there are always several other people using the library. I have not ever seen the librarians idle. Usually the computers are all taken and being used by folks. The age range is from small children through older adults. It's extremely well-used.
6209	7/11/2012	I was at the library (Midland) on July 3rd. The parking lot was completely full and cars were backed up looking for an open space. There were people of all ages in the library. My husband and I would vote for a tax increase to support this important public resource.
6210	7/11/2012	Well
6211	7/11/2012	Always busy !
6212	7/11/2012	Over used, it needs to be expanded.
6213	7/11/2012	very well used and we are fine with the increase in property taxes to support the local library system
6214	7/11/2012	Very. It's always busy when I'm there on weekends.
6215	7/11/2012	Very
6216	7/11/2012	It is very well used. Always seems to have lots of people in it.
6217	7/11/2012	Very well used: many browsers, computer users; families; people speaking languages other than English
6218	7/11/2012	Very well
6219	7/11/2012	usually fairly crowded
6220	7/11/2012	It is bustling every time I go there!
6221	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy at times such as weekend, some evenings
6222	7/11/2012	Very, it is one of the busiest branches.
6223	7/11/2012	It is always very busy with lots of folks there whenever I have been there.
6224	7/11/2012	I love my local library, and it is busy almost every time I go there (and I go at different times throughout the day). The resources, staff and space is excellent.
6225	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always packed, particularly in the computer area. And it appears that there is a pretty big assortment of books on hold for patrons who have ordered them on line.
6226	7/11/2012	It is very well used and easy to get to. In St. Johns we are a little cut off from the rest of te city. The library is much needed and much loved.

6227	7/11/2012	Very popular
6228	7/11/2012	Always well used.
6229	7/11/2012	No matter what day or time of day I go it seems to be busy.
6230	7/11/2012	Appears to be very well used. Always full of people, good staff, helpful signage and information, lots of Asian patrons with a large section of Asian media.
6231	7/11/2012	It's busy every time I go in there'
6232	7/11/2012	It is very well used. You can walk to it from all the neighborhoods around Rieke Elementary and Wilson High School. With children ages 5 and 7, the Hillsdale library has been a huge part of our families' community experience. We always run into friends there.
6233	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
6234	7/11/2012	Very well used. The stacks of books on order is quite large.
6235	7/11/2012	well used
6236	7/11/2012	Seems to always be hopping!
6237	7/11/2012	always heaps of people and it's really lovely
6238	7/11/2012	Very.
6239	7/11/2012	Always seems busy
6240	7/11/2012	I don't know.
6241	7/11/2012	Always people in the library!
6242	7/11/2012	At any given time I'm in any of the ones I use, there are always many people using the computers, checking out books, research work, etc.
6243	7/11/2012	Very – I like to come right before closing to avoid the mommy & me crowd
6244	7/11/2012	i think my library is one of the best tax supported services I pay for. Whenever I go, there are a diverserve and numerous groups of peoples engaged in a variety of services.
6245	7/11/2012	well used...people there always
6246	7/11/2012	Holgate and Woodstock always seem busy. Lots of kids on computers in the afternoon. Tutors groups often are there. Children's area always seems to have kids there and story time is popular.
6247	7/11/2012	Plenty
6248	7/11/2012	Busy all the time.
6249	7/11/2012	It's always very busy
6250	7/11/2012	Full all the time.
6251	7/11/2012	Very
6252	7/11/2012	Nicely used, always several people at my local branched but never packed.
6253	7/11/2012	Gresham library is well utilized. There are always lots of people there, but it is not too crowded. There are many community groups which use the library for meeting space.

6254	7/11/2012	It's usually bustling with people. About 75% or more of the computers seem to be in use. Children read and play in the children's area and the reading/project tables have people working at them. It's only seldom TOO crowded meaning almost every seat at every table or computer is taken, and I've never seen it completely empty morning or afternoon.
6255	7/11/2012	It is very Well used....
6256	7/11/2012	always very busy, both Holywood and Central
6257	7/11/2012	Always seems to be busy with people coming and going. We use 3 library's as we frequently do childcare for our grandchildren who live in different neighborhoods and the library is a favorite destination for us all.
6258	7/11/2012	North Portland Branch is always bustling with activity when I am there. We visit weekly in the summer, and Bi-weekly during the school year.
6259	7/11/2012	I go to the library weekly! When I hear about something I need to read/watch/listen to, Multnomah County Library is where I get it.
6260	7/11/2012	I think Hollywood is a very busy place with families and individuals. It seems to be always full and has a large hold shelf area which means many people probably use the Internet to reserve books. The building is modern clean and pleasant to visit.
6261	7/11/2012	very
6262	7/11/2012	It is extremely well-used. To get a children's book, you really have to put it on hold as none of the popular ones are ever on the shelf.
6263	7/11/2012	Our branch is always being used by a dozen people or more. It is a crucial resource for the Mt. Scott-Arleta & Foster-Powell neighborhoods.
6264	7/11/2012	It is always busy, used by an incredible variety of people. And people always seem to come out of the library happy - no surprise with the friendly, helpful staff.
6265	7/11/2012	VERY
6266	7/11/2012	I would say it is well used
6267	7/11/2012	Looks very active every time I'm there.
6268	7/11/2012	It seems popular.
6269	7/11/2012	pretty well used -- always looks busy
6270	7/11/2012	Fine
6271	7/11/2012	It is always busy in them.
6272	7/11/2012	Albina is small but well used and sometimes even a little crowded. Hollywood is huge but the same is true there.
6273	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I go in. There are families checking out books, adults browsing the shelves and using the computers. It seems like a vibrant place.
6274	7/11/2012	ALWAYS busy! I love our library
6275	7/11/2012	It seems like it is used pretty thoroughly, especially for such a small branch.

6276	7/11/2012	The computer labs seem to be always busy. In general it seems to be well used.
6277	7/11/2012	pretty well
6278	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I'm there. I usually go to Central to browse - to Holgate or Woodstock just to drop off/pick up materials.
6279	7/11/2012	It's always busy!
6280	7/11/2012	the library is in great shape
6281	7/11/2012	Always seems to be busy
6282	7/11/2012	They seem very well used, lots of people using the Internet and participating in classes as well as browsing shelves.
6283	7/11/2012	The Hollywood Branch seems vety busy, I normal have to wait ten minutes every time for computer use.
6284	7/11/2012	Almost always a line at checkout! Well used.
6285	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6286	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people at all the branches I visit. They are checking out books, attending children's readings and of course using the computers. Very well used! Actually heavily used. Belmont Library is usually filled with people. We don't spend as much time or go as often just to browse books since computer use has become so prominent there. Just the constant sound of keyboards is interference and makes spending time in the library less enjoyable. I get really annoyed when people are talking constantly on the phone or listening to music which audible even though they are wearing headphones.
6287	7/11/2012	
6288	7/11/2012	Broadly used.
6289	7/11/2012	exceptionally well used - it's great !
6290	7/11/2012	Very well used
6291	7/11/2012	The North Portland branch is used heavily. Proximity to PCC and Jefferson High School is paramount in usage patterns.
6292	7/11/2012	Very well used. Every time I go, it seems full with people who appear fully engaged. I appreciate how beautiful it is, too.
6293	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question, but if you mean is it crowded each time I go in then the answer is yes. Everyone loves and uses the library!
6294	7/11/2012	The library is always full of people checking out books and music and using the computers. I have never taken any of the classes offered at the library, but I often see them through the window as I walk passed and they seem very full.
6295	7/11/2012	When I go to the library...it appears busy, not over crowded. Good to see the library used.
6296	7/11/2012	very, very busy...excellent personnel.
6297	7/11/2012	Due to library size we do not get enough to choose from and check out.
6298	7/11/2012	It's very busy. I'm happy with it.

6299	7/11/2012	Well used
6300	7/11/2012	Seems quite well used.
6301	7/11/2012	Seems to be very well used. There are always people there when I stop in to pick up or drop off books.
6302	7/11/2012	The Holgate Library is an essential community resource. Always busy and very well used, it serves a neighborhood that might not have other sources for books. Movies and computer access.
6303	7/11/2012	North, Hollywood and Kenton are always very busy. Librarians and assistants are always helpful. We really enjoy each of these facilities.
6304	7/11/2012	busy
6305	7/11/2012	looks well used
6306	7/11/2012	always busy
6307	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy,
6308	7/11/2012	The Sellwood library is TINY. I would say it's very often used but I don't spend time there or browse - I place holds online and go to pick up when they're in...
6309	7/11/2012	Very
6310	7/11/2012	It is always busy every time I go in. The computers are especially well used.
6311	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy when we visit. People on computers, items on hold shelf, people reading to kids.
6312	7/11/2012	It's usually bustling-very nice to see!
6313	7/11/2012	Albina and Hollywood are both very busy, but Albina is often full of kids socializing after school, rather than using the library.
6314	7/11/2012	It is busy most of the days that I go there, especially on Monday afternoon during the school year.
6315	7/11/2012	Very well used
6316	7/11/2012	I mainly use the Kenton library and it is always full of a wide range of users.
6317	7/11/2012	All of the libraries I go to seem well utilized
6318	7/11/2012	it seems very used. the place is always busy.
6319	7/11/2012	It's always packed when I breeze in and out to pick up requested media.
6320	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy when I an there.
6321	7/11/2012	The library is always packed with people (a good thing). There are also sometimes long waits on the more popular books.
6322	7/11/2012	Our family of six all love going to the library.¶ We check out movies, music, favorite books, new books, find out about new hobbies, get tax forms, see our neighbors, read magazines, and learn new stuff. Its a great place for my youngest kids to try out books as they are just starting to read.
6323	7/11/2012	There are always people there when I go in and more often than not I have a little trouble parking. This is not a complaint but an indication that the Woodstock branch is always busy.
6324	7/11/2012	We all love our new Troutdale Library! It is always busy and well used by our community. Lots of computer users and the program facility is used a great deal. We are very grateful to have it in our area.

6325	7/11/2012	I was at the library last Thursday before it opened. there was a large and diverse (in every way) crowd of people waiting to get in and use the library. It was, for me, both a heartening and sad experience; heartening to see all the different people who use the library and sad knowing that library services have been reduced and library staff are forced to work with less.
6326	7/11/2012	The Sellwood-Moreland branch is pretty lively. I often have to wait in (a short) line to use a self-checkout station. I use the time I spend waiting to look over the new release shelf (awesome placement). The staff members are wonderful.
6327	7/11/2012	Very well used. This past Sunday I waited along with a number of other people for the library to open at noon. I visit at different times during the week and it is always busy: people working at the computers, parents picking up books by the armful for their children, and others picking up books they had put on hold. Our library is extremely important in many ways to many people.
6328	7/11/2012	Very popular and always busy when I am there.
6329	7/11/2012	Very, there are always lots of people
6330	7/11/2012	very well used!!!
6331	7/11/2012	not sure
6332	7/11/2012	I use the Hollywood Library most often, and Central Library next. Both branches are always filled with people of all ages and backgrounds, weekends and weekdays, early and late. Single folks, college students, job-hunters, seniors, kids, families, lots of people glad for the accessible entrance. Personally, I'm at Hollywood once a week, and putting in holds all the time for books for my work (thank you for your fabulous hold-and-transport system!). There's usually a line at Hollywood, waiting for the library to open in the morning, and lots of us at the end of the day sorry to go. I've lived in many cities and never seen a public library system that is so beloved, so well used, and so useful. Based on what I see at Hollywood and Central, I truly believe our local libraries are vital community centers. I don't know what the Hollywood neighborhood would do without the library.
6333	7/11/2012	It's always busy
6334	7/11/2012	it seems to be busy, but a lot of people just seem to be on computers and/or checking out dvds
6335	7/11/2012	it is always very well used.
6336	7/11/2012	There seems to be always people in there.
6337	7/11/2012	Belmont seems very well visited. In fact, I often run into people I know there, which is another great way to build community.
6338	7/11/2012	It is used often, but many people seem to be there to access the computers instead of the printed materials. People often use the library for other things than its primary purpose printed material and resources,
6339	7/11/2012	I don't know how well used it is. Mostly I just reserve books on line and pick them up there. I checked monthly as far as my own usage, it is more than that, but you didn't have any option between weekly and monthly, so I checked monthly because it is closer to that than weekly.
6340	7/11/2012	Very well used

6341	7/11/2012	It is always full when I am there.
6342	7/11/2012	Quite well used! Lots of people in there always.
6343	7/11/2012	Very well used
6344	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy. Programs fill up within seconds of the front doors being opened.
6345	7/11/2012	Very. They both seem busy!
6346	7/11/2012	Seems very well visited, not crowded but there are always visitors and kids when I go.
6347	7/11/2012	It always seems to have a good amount of people at it.
6348	7/11/2012	The parking lot is almost always full and the tables are almost all in use. There are always people inside using the library.
6349	7/11/2012	They are all busy and it helps us in somany ways, school, decorating, hobbies, etc. We are low income and these libraries give us information to better our lives and get knowledge to do things we know nothing about. I love the librarians, always sc helpful. If there is any activities that we can use, we're there!!!
6350	7/11/2012	Kenton is always busy. Great helpful staff.
6351	7/11/2012	Busy all the time.
6352	7/11/2012	It looks busy when we go to the library.
6353	7/11/2012	Very. I was very disappointed the hours were reduced. It is one of the most used resources, right up there with Portland Parks and Recreation. Very diverse groups of people use the library. It really brings the community together. Important resource for job seekers in this economy. I am a single working mom, who lost her job after 20 years. I am working again, but at a reduced salary. I can't buy my kids books as often as I used too, and even before we used the library a lot. Now with reduced hours I find it hard to go get the books I have reserved. I try to work around the library's hours but it has just made it harder. My son who has dyslexia, has used the library as a safe place to meet his tutors.
6354	7/11/2012	It seems well used to me. When I go there, it seems that there are many people utilizing various services that the library offers.
6355	7/11/2012	Well
6356	7/11/2012	My local library is constantly full of people coming in and out. Also it is a gathering place for parents to take their kids somewhere positive and educational.
6357	7/11/2012	Wonderful
6358	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I come in, so I guess it is pretty well used. I am certainly glad it is there and happy with the service, which I think is excellent.
6359	7/11/2012	I am referring to Hillsdale, our neighborhood library. It is well used, although about average versus the congested branches in parts of the east side.
6360	7/11/2012	well
6361	7/11/2012	Our local library is very well used.
6362	7/11/2012	Very well used! Always busy.
6363	7/11/2012	Well-used.

6364	7/11/2012	Always jam-packed.
6365	7/11/2012	Usually pretty busy.
6366	7/11/2012	It is always real busy! I wish there were more space but otherwise I love the Gresham branch!
6367	7/11/2012	It has busy times and slow times.
6368	7/11/2012	The Sellwood Library is an important anchor in the neighborhood - for families, young readers, seniors, job seekers, etc. It's an active, vital place.
6369	7/11/2012	Quite well,. Every time I visited there were 10 - 50 patrons present.[] I lost most of my vision 2 years ago, so I cannot tell how many people use it currently.
6370	7/11/2012	I have a preschooler and school age child and we use it weekly to check out books. The library seems busy when we go. We go during school hours because my children are in private school. I love that we now have a Troutdale location. Troutdale voters- voted to have a library. I showed up at the library July 1st and had no idea why it was closed. Several people were outside wondering the same. Then we saw a small paper right of the door on the window stating Monday was cut. Monday was our "library day" as it worked best for our schedule it's a real bummer.[] Thanks for letting me vent.....Michelle
6371	7/11/2012	don't know
6372	7/11/2012	Very
6373	7/11/2012	very well used!
6374	7/11/2012	Excellent
6375	7/11/2012	I cant go as much as i used to but for what i see, pretty good.
6376	7/11/2012	I think it is used regularly and with lots of patrons
6377	7/11/2012	I use it and there's usually plenty of other users whenever I'm there. Very well used, I think.
6378	7/11/2012	Central Library seems to be very well used. It is always busy with a wide variety of people (students, parents with small children, homeless, etc.) using many different library resources. Oftentimes, if I arrive at the library a few minutes before it opens, there is a line of people waiting outside for the doors to open.
6379	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always people using computers, checking out materials, and bringing their families to events.
6380	7/11/2012	Very well
6381	7/11/2012	seems to always be busy
6382	7/11/2012	Always seems busy.
6383	7/11/2012	Very.
6384	7/11/2012	I guess well.
6385	7/11/2012	Always looks busy to me!!
6386	7/11/2012	Every time I am there it is quite busy.
6387	7/11/2012	It is always busy, but well staffed.
6388	7/11/2012	Belmont, for example, is usually packed.

6389	7/11/2012	Very well used
6390	7/11/2012	Usually quite busy
6391	7/11/2012	It always seems packed with people so I would say very well used.
6392	7/11/2012	We use the Midland library most of the time. The parking lot is always full and not many chairs inside available. It is a very well used location.
6393	7/11/2012	I think it's pretty well used.
6394	7/11/2012	busy busy busy
6395	7/11/2012	It is always busy and full of people!
6396	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy. Since there are seven people in my family, 'weekly' is actually several times per week! I think many other families have the same usage pattern around here.
6397	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people in the library.
6398	7/11/2012	We use a lot for our child and ourselves. We borrow most of our books from the library. We love that. We borrow movies and music too. It is easy to park and close enough to visit quite often.
6399	7/11/2012	Albina, Hollywood, Kenton are very busy. Sellwood is too small a space for people to be there but it seems busy.
6400	7/11/2012	usually fairly crowded
6401	7/11/2012	Very
6402	7/11/2012	very well.
6403	7/11/2012	Based on seeing it only once a week, it seems pretty busy to me.
6404	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used....it is usually quite busy no matter what time of day or what day of the week it is.
6405	7/11/2012	very.
6406	7/11/2012	Belmont is always busy.
6407	7/11/2012	It is quit a busy place. The tables always have patrons using computers or working on projects, or just sitting and reading.
6408	7/11/2012	Quite well. I used to go to book babies at the kenton library, which was extremely popular. (I can't go now, due to my schedule.)
6409	7/11/2012	Our local library is well used; whenever I visit, there are always patrons of diverse ages using the computers, perusing the bookshelves, and engaging in tutoring and other community activities. On special occasions, like Chinese New Year, so many people come to enjoy the performances that you find yourself shoulder-to-shoulder with new friends.
6410	7/11/2012	Quite well used, I believe.
6411	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6412	7/11/2012	Always busy!
6413	7/11/2012	always pretty busy with lots of age groups
6414	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used. It is always busy in there.
6415	7/11/2012	Very

6416	7/11/2012	very active
6417	7/11/2012	Always a lot of people are there. Love it!
6418	7/11/2012	Always seems fairly busy, but it is a very small branch.
6419	7/11/2012	Appears well-used (but not run down). I heart the library.
6420	7/11/2012	seems to be very well used, always busy and full of people every time I am there
6421	7/11/2012	Very well-used. The Albina library is always packed with kids, parents, and people of all other ages.
6422	7/11/2012	Very well! It's always full of people and the hold selves keep growing.
6423	7/11/2012	Looks pretty busy each time I come in to pick something up
6424	7/11/2012	The Belmont library is always busy! There are always people there browsing, reading, and using the computers.
6425	7/11/2012	Always crowded
6426	7/11/2012	The library, especially the Hollywood branch is always busy with people studying, using the computers, and reading to children.
6427	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I'm there. There are people using computers and checking out books. The children's section is well used. There is usually a line at the information desk.
6428	7/11/2012	Fairly well. MAX stop is close.
6429	7/11/2012	I don't understand the question. The facility is brand new. It is always busy, in a good way.
6430	7/11/2012	I haven't been there much. There was hardly anything to choose from and you don't get to keep a book long enough to read it but other people seem to use it a lot. Mostly for the computers.
6431	7/11/2012	Very busy all the time.
6432	7/11/2012	It is always busy!
6433	7/11/2012	The Capitol Hill library is small but always has a number of visitors when I go.
6434	7/11/2012	Very well used!
6435	7/11/2012	Every time I go to the library, there seems to be a lot of people in there. Many times I have to have the books I want have to be shipped in.I would like to see more space and more books.
6436	7/11/2012	Moderately well used
6437	7/11/2012	(I don't understand this question! It's always somewhat busy, if that's what it's asking!)
6438	7/11/2012	Highly used - it is very busy
6439	7/11/2012	very
6440	7/11/2012	It is always busy; kids, teenagers, parents, adults, seniors all using the amenities offered at the library. Often there is a long waiting list for the computers. My library is well used and definitely loved.
6441	7/11/2012	Very busy most of the time. Often few places to sit.
6442	7/11/2012	I frequent my local library 3-4 times a week. I consider it one of the most important services in the community. I always find the library busy with patrons of all ages using a variety of services.
6443	7/11/2012	Not sure I understand the question, but well used, I love the Central Downtown Library. Love it!
6444	7/11/2012	Very well used, lots of turnover in books, lots of people using computers almost all the time.
6445	7/11/2012	We use the hold system often. We love it!

6446	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is the branch we use the most. It is always busy there so I would say it is well used.
6447	7/11/2012	I think it is well used
6448	7/11/2012	Central Library is almost always busy. Northwest Library is often busy.
6449	7/11/2012	Very well used
6450	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights' small parking lot is often full during afternoon hours - I see many other patrons there regularly.
6451	7/11/2012	I now almost exclusively use library to go - to download on-line versions of books to by kindle. That is why I hardly ever go to the physical building.
6452	7/11/2012	Very well used. I often feel uncomfortable using it for something that I can do less conveniently at home because it is crowded with users competing for the same physical resources.
6453	7/11/2012	I always see people there. The tables are always full.
6454	7/11/2012	The library is used all the time by millions of people.
6455	7/11/2012	When I go in to pick up holds that have come in I see most of the computers being used and staff is usually helping someone. I would say that this library is well used. Always busy with people of all ages. It's nice to see.
6456	7/11/2012	The Capital Hill Library is usually pretty busy, with people of all ages.
6457	7/11/2012	well used
6458	7/11/2012	well used
6459	7/11/2012	Fairly used, not really sure.
6460	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
6461	7/11/2012	Parking is always hard to find in Hillsdale....a busy library sign.
6462	7/11/2012	Always pleasantly in use.
6463	7/11/2012	Well used by all age groups, including teens after school, older job-seekers on the computers, families with little kids.
6464	7/11/2012	There are always lots of people there but with such limited hours they all have to come at once so it seems way more used than it probably really is
6465	7/11/2012	very heavily used
6466	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6467	7/11/2012	Very well
6468	7/11/2012	It seems to be fairly busy when we have gone.
6469	7/11/2012	greatly!
6470	7/11/2012	It is usually crowded. The computers are in use most times.
6471	7/11/2012	The Gresham Branch is busy. The computers (maybe not all but most) are being used from the time the branch opens until closing. We are retired so we visit this branch at all times and all days.
6472	7/11/2012	Very well used
6473	7/11/2012	It is very busy every time I visit!

6474	7/11/2012	very well used.
6475	7/11/2012	Appears to be well used.
6476	7/11/2012	It's very busy nearly all the time.
6477	7/11/2012	There are always quite a few people in it every time I visit it.
6478	7/11/2012	There are always multi-generational, multi-cultural users in the library when we go there. It is surprisingly well used given today's world of internet access at home.
6479	7/11/2012	We use the online system to check book/media availability and put holds on various items - when we pick-up the holds we always spend quite a bit of time utilizing the services. And, we love the reading program and everybody read! <p>Every time we visit the library (primarily Troudale's) it is always busy, with a number of people in the stacks, using the computers, reading, attending a program. Our library is very healthy!</p>
6480	7/11/2012	usually teeming with life.
6481	7/11/2012	Albina is heavily used, and definitely too small.
6482	7/11/2012	It is the number one branch library.
6483	7/11/2012	Well used. Mostly by homeless who probably don't pay any taxes.
6484	7/11/2012	It is very busy and there are always things going on in the library! I love being able to check out different books and drop them off at any location.
6485	7/11/2012	It's always full
6486	7/11/2012	I don't go often anymore due to primarily accessing e-books, however when I go to the grocery store which is located next to the branch and when the library is open it always appears to have a lot of foot traffic in and out.
6487	7/11/2012	Gregory Heights story hour is always full to maximum capacity (Maria is great!), and there are always people in the library reading books, using computers, working on homework at the tables, or looking for picture books in the children's section (where we usually hang out). The parking lot is always full with several cars on local streets and strollers and bikes out front for locals who walk or ride. I would say that's pretty well used. <p>Midland is always packed, especially during the summer. Parking is usually scarce and there are floods of people moving in and out of the library constantly. It seems that a lot of people use the computers for various reasons, and there are many people on their own computers using the library's wi-fi or reading for school. The hold shelves are always full and the children's area is always busy with activity. Again, I would say it's a very well used library.</p>
6488	7/11/2012	Extremely well
6489	7/11/2012	Seems to be well-used. It's always crowded when we go in.
6490	7/11/2012	Fairly well used. There are always people inside.
6491	7/11/2012	always busy and much beloved

6492	7/11/2012	very well
6493	7/11/2012	Well
6494	7/11/2012	The hollywood branch always seems busy
6495	7/11/2012	The library is always busy, so I would presume your answer is that it is well used.
6496	7/11/2012	the central library is always busy, I go during my lunch hour downtown.
6497	7/11/2012	The public library is essential to the public school system. As budgets continue to be slashed and less and less money is available to building and improving school libraries, teachers look to the public library to supplement book needs within the classroom. In addition to using the library for professional purposes, I also regularly check out books for personal use. The public library is a staple in this community because it is so abundant and accessible. It truly serves the community.
6498	7/11/2012	I find that most of the libraries I visit have lots of activity every time I go there. Especially the programs for small children. The computers are always full with job seekers and people who don't have their own computers.
6499	7/11/2012	Very.
6500	7/11/2012	It is very busy, The parking lot is almost always full with street filled.
6501	7/11/2012	high usage is evident
6502	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy when I am there.
6503	7/11/2012	My husband and I use our neighborhood library often. Checking out books instead of buying them really helped my new budget after I switched jobs to a lower paid position.
6504	7/11/2012	I think I use my local library pretty well. As a student my local library is a very important place to obtain many information and resources. It is also where my family go to obtain books and internet access.
6505	7/11/2012	It appears that our local library, the Gregory Heights branch, is often well used and always seems that there are plenty of people participating in story time and other programs. I've also noticed that appears to be a large cross section of the Portland population as well as from the very young to old who use the library regularly.
6506	7/11/2012	Very. I mainly use the midland branch and no matter what time of day I go in, it is always packed.
6507	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question.
6508	7/11/2012	I generally use the Belmont Library, although I visit other libraries at times, but it seems that the library is very often full of people using the facilities.
6509	7/11/2012	there are always people there in all the sections. Computers always have a line to use. Kids are reading w/parents..well used! The movie section sucks however.
6510	7/11/2012	Any time I have visited this branch the facility is well attended.
6511	7/11/2012	Very. I feel like it is an integral part of the North Portland community where I live. There is a high volume of people that pass through the doors when I sit with coffee and use it occasionally for wi-fi access. ☐ ☐ I enjoy sitting at the library as much as a cafe.

6512	7/11/2012	Midland library is always busy. Situated near the poorest part of Multnomah County, it is literally a community center. The staff is excellent, and the resources available are top notch. In my neighborhood, it is literally a destination place, and probably more visited than any tourist attraction you could name in the area.
6513	7/11/2012	Not sure. I usually put books on hold and just run in to get them.
6514	7/11/2012	Always, always busy!
6515	7/11/2012	wearing out
6516	7/11/2012	always people waiting for it to open and always not crowded but busy....
6517	7/11/2012	I think it's well used--there are always many people in it when we're there.
6518	7/11/2012	It is always busy at Belmont. There is often a wait for computers. The storytimes are well attended.
6519	7/11/2012	The St Johns library is extremely well used. It is considered a centerpiece to our community.
6520	7/11/2012	Seems very well used and loved by the community. Personally, I really love the design and "vibe" of the Hillsdale branch, and I will always love and appreciate the Central Library.
6521	7/11/2012	It is always busy and the library is well run. Children and teens are welcome and well behaved. The staff is outstanding. It is a pleasure to visit.
6522	7/11/2012	Well-used.
6523	7/11/2012	Don't know
6524	7/11/2012	I don't know.
6525	7/11/2012	always filled with people with I go there.
6526	7/11/2012	very busy
6527	7/11/2012	Central is very well used and busy.
6528	7/11/2012	I don't stay long when I pick-up/drop-off materials but it always seems very busy. People usually line-up prior to opening. They have been patrons lined up every time I've been to library at opening time.[] There's always kids in the kids section.[]
6529	7/11/2012	The tables always look full.[] I usually have to wait to talk to a librarian.[] Looks well used to me!
6530	7/11/2012	Very busy.
6531	7/11/2012	Always busy when I'm there! Heavy[]
6532	7/11/2012	[] Great resource when needed.
6533	7/11/2012	Well used.
6534	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy when I go in no matter what time of day it is.
6535	7/11/2012	pretty well used, as far as I can tell.
6536	7/11/2012	Pretty full most of the time, I always see friends and the students I teach there.

6537	7/11/2012	Seems to be very well used by all age groups, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural neighbors. All come together here.
6538	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6539	7/11/2012	always seems busy when I drop in
6540	7/11/2012	Always looks busy to me
6541	7/11/2012	Well used
6542	7/11/2012	When i do use Kenton Library it is always busy. Computers, people using theri own laptops. Children reading. It is used daily by the Kenton community.
6543	7/11/2012	This is an odd question. Are you asking how many people appear to frequent my local library? If so, I would say it's a very popular neighborhood location, and always has people of all ages in it, despite it's small size. If you are asking how worn the space is, I would say it's not shabby, and seems pretty up to date. It's cute!
6544	7/11/2012	It doesn't appear to be as busy as I would expect given the density of the neighborhood. But I do not patronize Hollywood during the week, during the day. Mostly on weekends.
6545	7/11/2012	Very
6546	7/11/2012	Extremely
6547	7/11/2012	Very well-used. Always very busy.
6548	7/11/2012	it always is busy when we visit. people seem to be using all the computers and there are always people looking for, reading or checking out books...
6549	7/11/2012	Heavily used. It's always busy.
6550	7/11/2012	Very well used. Most of our friends use the online hold system for books, movies and music. I don't know what we would dc without it!
6551	7/11/2012	There's always people in there when I'm there. So, I think it's used pretty well.
6552	7/11/2012	very well used
6553	7/11/2012	It seems busy when I drive by.
6554	7/11/2012	Always seems busy
6555	7/11/2012	I'm not sure exactly, but I suspect it is heavily used.
6556	7/11/2012	very! the Hillsdale branch is humming!
6557	7/11/2012	Very.
6558	7/11/2012	The woodstock library is well used and well loved
6559	7/11/2012	quite a bit.
6560	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used.
6561	7/11/2012	its very well used. there are people there all the time utilizing the library, and its resource materials.
6562	7/11/2012	Very well used. I love my local library!
6563	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I'm there
6564	7/11/2012	The library is often very busy, with many people utilizing its services. It's always very clean and organized, though.

6565	7/11/2012	Very well. Storytime fills up very quickly, and if not 30 mins early to sign up, you will not get in.
6566	7/11/2012	there are always people there, if that's what you mean.
6567	7/11/2012	Quite a bit. There are always several people there, no matter what time I go.
6568	7/11/2012	Amazingly. It's one of my favorite resources in the city.
6569	7/11/2012	Very well used - the Hollywood library. It is always busy with people and children looking for books, checking them out, studying or reading at the tables and using the computers. ☐ My secondary library is Belmont, because I shop nearby so I am in there almost as much as my weekly or more visits to the Hollywood branch. The Belmont library also is extremely busy every time I go in. There are a lot of children in both libraries along with a variety of other people. ☐ The Central Library is the one I used first when I lived downtown. I now go there for its music and reference materials along with the occasional look for novels. I has an extremely valuable collection resources
6570	7/11/2012	very well used
6571	7/11/2012	Well used
6572	7/11/2012	Seems Very good
6573	7/11/2012	There is always a busy bustle at the Albina library. I would say it is used daily!
6574	7/11/2012	Very well; always busy no matter the day or time, materials seems to be frequently checked out but there's still plenty available.
6575	7/11/2012	Very well.
6576	7/11/2012	Very.
6577	7/11/2012	Seems to be quite busy each time I visit.
6578	7/11/2012	It's always busy
6579	7/11/2012	Seems like it is pretty well used.
6580	7/11/2012	Always very busy when I'm there which is generally during the day and when I look for recent/popular items there are many many holds which suggests even more resources are needed.
6581	7/11/2012	Fairly well trafficked.
6582	7/11/2012	not much. by kids mostly.
6583	7/11/2012	busy but not overly so
6584	7/11/2012	I'm not sure how to gage that. There are always other people there when I come. The Fairview branch never has enough room for the children's activities from what I've heard....
6585	7/11/2012	Very well used but too many people using computers for playing games, facebook and other non essential things.
6586	7/11/2012	Very well! There are always many people there.
6587	7/11/2012	It is very busy-
6588	7/11/2012	I think it's a great asset to our community. It's in a great location, it caters to a variety of people: single, married, with kids, seniors, etc.

6589	7/11/2012	Judging by the number of patrons that are in the libraries I have used and now use they all seem to be well used.
6590	7/11/2012	It appears to be busy, active whenever I go there. People walk there, bike there from all over the neighborhood. I love not only the books but all the programs they offer and other information available in paper/pamphlet form as well as internet access.
6591	7/11/2012	It seems to be very busy.
6592	7/11/2012	very busy
6593	7/11/2012	very busy
6594	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6595	7/11/2012	Usually crowded but not uncomfortably so.
6596	7/11/2012	Both Belmont and Hollywood libraries are always busy when I am there at varying times of day and days of the week.
6597	7/11/2012	oh, my. Central library is the busiest one. It is full of people all the time.
6598	7/11/2012	fabuloulsy
6599	7/11/2012	well used
6600	7/11/2012	Busy. Well used
6601	7/11/2012	seems always busy
6602	7/11/2012	Very. It is always busy with people using all the computers I find the library invaluable. It is one of the local institutions that makes Portland what it is. A well informed public is essential to the adequate functioning of democracy. I love the library and want it available for myself and for coming generations.
6603	7/11/2012	
6604	7/11/2012	The library is always full of people. There is always a waiting list for computers and lots of holds on popular books.
6605	7/11/2012	very.
6606	7/11/2012	Very well used
6607	7/11/2012	It's small but seems well used.
6608	7/11/2012	Very. Both Gresham and rockwood are very busy when I visit.
6609	7/11/2012	Busy and well used.
6610	7/11/2012	Very well. It's a small library and there are often just a few seats available.
6611	7/11/2012	Every time I am at the Hillsdale Library, it is busy. Sometimes so busy that there is no parking! I love that it is a bustling place.
6612	7/11/2012	VERY busy
6613	7/11/2012	It is very well used, but then it is the central branch.
6614	7/11/2012	There are always people in the library. It's a great resource!
6615	7/11/2012	It is always busy and I always have to wait for a computer ad when I used to visit albIna more that wasn't always the case.

6616	7/11/2012	It is very well used and loved by many via 1) the internet to check out books that may not be at the Hillsdale location that we use the most, 2) checking out kids books for all 3 of our kids ages 2 - 10. They all love to read, be read too, and just for the act of flipping the pages and getting comfortable and loving books for so much imagination happens in our family with the use of these great resources.
6617	7/11/2012	Seems well used, especially the computers
6618	7/11/2012	It always seems busy, full of people. In outer NE/SE we don't get a lot of the same resources as other neighborhoods (like for parks, sidewalks, renewal) but our libraries are great!
6619	7/11/2012	Very well. There are a lot of kids, after school activities, a lot of computer use and community meetings.
6620	7/11/2012	Extremely. We are in there several times weekly. It is always bustling with people.
6621	7/11/2012	There are always plenty of people using the library whenever I'm there.
6622	7/11/2012	It is very busy. There are always kids in the kid section reading or using computers. Storytimes are well attended.
6623	7/11/2012	Very, though wished it were bigger and had more book choices Ledding Library in Clackamas County is much bigger and has more options
6624	7/11/2012	If you mean in general , pretty well used by community members.
6625	7/11/2012	Incredibly busy always.
6626	7/11/2012	Very well.
6627	7/11/2012	Seems well visited when I'm there.
6628	7/11/2012	VERY!!
6629	7/11/2012	I think it is well used and greatly appreciated in our neighborhood, especially by young families.
6630	7/11/2012	What do you mean? How well used by me? I probably should visit the library more often. ☹ How well used by the community? The few times I have been at the library there seems to be a good number of patrons.

The library, in general, has been a gem for my husband and I for years and years now when we went about bi-weekly, but most especially since we just had a child. We check out books for him at least once a week. I also am always trolling the collection for books on parenting, potty training, etc. and almost always find what I need with a reasonable wait. []

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Hillsdale constantly has people in it. It's the location we use the most now. I really like that I can walk to it from my house and know that I'll find something to bring home with me. It's always well staffed...I never really feel like i have to wait for help.

6631 **7/11/2012** I see lots of people using the internet, the kids section, and the study rooms. []

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Sellwood was always a quieter location, but there were always a few people in it. It was mostly kids and their parents. I like the intimate setting of that library. We still visit it even after we moved to SW.[]

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I also recently tried the online e book service and liked that as well. I was a little frustrated with how long i had to wait for a book I really needed in that moment in time (about 2 months) but it was helpful when I received the rights to use it.

6632 **7/11/2012** Very!

6633 **7/11/2012** Always people there.

6634 **7/11/2012** very well used.

6635 **7/11/2012** Northwest library is very well organized, pleasant to visit and has interesting book on display. The personel is also very accomadating.

6636 **7/11/2012** Very!

6637 **7/11/2012** Baby programs seem very well-attended.

6638 **7/11/2012** It appears to be popular, almost too small for the neighborhood

6639 **7/11/2012** extremely well used!

6640 **7/11/2012** It is always very busy when I go in.

6641 **7/11/2012** Very well used. Always a number of people there.

6642 **7/11/2012** very well used by the community

6643 **7/11/2012** I would say, considering I usually only use the library once a month, it seems to always be well used & very busy with various age groups using several of the varied media sources. And despite the inconsistent time I come in, there always seems to be quite a bit of traffic of people, therefore it doesn't matter what time of day it is, it always has a good amount of people present.

6644 **7/11/2012** By me? By others? Hillsdale is the only one I use

6645 **7/11/2012** Very well, there are always a lot of people at Albina. It is always a relaxing experience whether browsing or just picking up holds.

6646 **7/11/2012** Gregory Heights is always busy and parking lot is mostly full.

6647 **7/11/2012** there are always people their.

6648	7/11/2012	It's a joy to see the library actively used at all hours it is open. Never empty. It is truly a community asset.
6649	7/11/2012	Very busy. I live 1/2 block away so I see people going in and out all day.
6650	7/11/2012	The Kenton library is only a couple of blocks away and we walk to it 3 to 4 times a week. Since the library is so close we only check 1 or at the most 2 books at a time.
6651	7/11/2012	I primarily use the Midland Branch, and it is exceedingly well used. I find that the Belmont Branch, when I go there, is equally well used, such that there is a wait when we want to check out books or get an answer to a question.
6652	7/11/2012	The library is farly newly rebuilt and is very nice. Dont take it away, because its a very needed place for all the needs the library puts out
6653	7/11/2012	very well used
6654	7/11/2012	very well
6655	7/11/2012	The NW library is always full.
6656	7/11/2012	Heavily I work in Se Portland as an occupational therapist with the 0-5 years old children. Besides using the library myself, the programs such as sensory story time and Toddler program are highly valuable. I recommend the families to attend those groups on a regular basis.
6657	7/11/2012	
6658	7/11/2012	I feel like it is very heavy used.
6659	7/11/2012	Heavily: there is always a line at opening time and the building is well-populated throughout the day
6660	7/11/2012	The local library is very popular and very well used.
6661	7/11/2012	Very well. Every time I go to the library, no matter the branch, it's packed. And on days when it opens later (noon on Sundays at Hollywood), there is usually a line of people just waiting to get it.
6662	7/11/2012	It seems well used. There are always a lot of people there
6663	7/11/2012	always seems busy
6664	7/11/2012	very well used
6665	7/11/2012	St. John's? Well used yet nice. Downtown branch? What can you say...top notch.
6666	7/11/2012	It is very well used. Lots of people even on nice days like today!!

		<p>I am always impressed by the number of people using the library whenever I go. Children, adults, seniors (like me) seem to be browsing and borrowing. I go to the library regularly to borrow "real" books and am learning to obtain E books for my kindle. I am a slow learner, but I will be up to speed soon.</p> <p>Thank you for this wonderful resource. I especially appreciate schedules from PCC and other organizations offering community learning experiences.</p> <p>The hours are important, not so much for me, I do not work now, but for workers with odd shifts and people who can only have access to transportation during different times of day.</p> <p>The librarians are always VERY helpful and are willing to explain how to use the new resources as many times as it takes.</p> <p>When I enter the library, I am pleased to see and recognize people who have been there for several years and know the answers to my questions. This is a superior branch; however when I was raising my family and living in N.E. the service was equally kind and efficient. My children felt at ease asking for information and help. They never make you feel like you are wasting their time.</p>
6667	7/11/2012	
6668	7/11/2012	Very busy
6669	7/11/2012	Seems to be well used and bustling whenever we go there.
6670	7/11/2012	Very well used, people love it
6671	7/11/2012	There are always many, many people there no matter the day or time.
6672	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
6673	7/11/2012	Well used
6674	7/11/2012	<p>I visit Central the most and it is always full of people, both inside and outside the building. Also, Hollywood and Belmont are usually quite full of people. I like Gresham because there are lots of places to sit and read. The other libraries I visit do not have much opportunity to sit and read - Central has long tables, but not individual chairs.</p>
6675	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
6676	7/11/2012	The library is beyond capacity in my opinion.
6677	7/11/2012	Very well used
6678	7/11/2012	Extremely used, seems to me, as it's usually crowded.
6679	7/11/2012	IT IS ALWAYS BUSY
6680	7/11/2012	extremely--it's always bustling
6681	7/11/2012	extremely well used

6682	7/11/2012	Whenever I walk into Capitol Hill Library, I notice many people using the computers, many children participating in programs, and the hold shelves are always very full, which tells me that our neighborhood has a ton of readers who enjoy utilizing the library.
6683	7/11/2012	Central Library appears to be very well used; by a variety of folks from young toddlers to seniors.[] The Northwest Library appears to be well used by a variety of folks as well. I use the Central Library most often and pick up library materials 2 to 3 times a week. The Northwest Library I may use on a monthly basis.
6684	7/11/2012	very well used
6685	7/11/2012	very well used, especially for its small size
6686	7/11/2012	VERY very well used. And well loved. I use Belmont (near home) and Central (near work). Both are used heavily used and depended on as I'm sure y'all know.
6687	7/11/2012	Belmont can get very crowded depending on the time of day. I teach classes for MCL as a volunteer at Hollywood and central. The Central classes tend to fill up more.
6688	7/11/2012	it always seems to be very well used. people of all ages
6689	7/11/2012	My local library is not very well used, but is greatly appreciated by the people that do use it.
6690	7/11/2012	Very well. Parking is difficult some days.
6691	7/11/2012	I use the library all the time and think it is a great resource. I was disappointed to vote in the new levy only to find operating hours were still cut.
6692	7/11/2012	VERY!
6693	7/11/2012	It's always so busy! The best library system I've ever been apart of!
6694	7/11/2012	Well used... there are always lots of people in all three branches that I visit regularly.
6695	7/11/2012	very well - there's a line waiting to get in each morning! Would love expanded hours!
6696	7/11/2012	I feel like every time I go in there is always people. The baby and toddler classes were always full.
6697	7/11/2012	Not as well as I would like. usually get books on hold, go straight to them check out and leave. would like to spend more time browsing, but usually kinda crowded.
6698	7/11/2012	The two libraries I go to the most often, the Central Library and the Gresham library, seem to always be pretty busy. The Gresham library always has a lot of families with children - especially first generation immigrants. The Central library has all kinds of people there all the time. I really appreciate how beautiful it is -- it feels like a library you might see in a movie.
6699	7/11/2012	Always full of people - but all employees very personable and willing to help with anything. I order books and dvds online and am pleased with the way I'm notified when the item is ready. I am 81, my spouse is 83 and we've been using the Gresham library since 1956. Thank you for providing such fine service. I think some of the programs are costly, especially books for babies, etc. No one is listening.
6700	7/11/2012	Very well used....computers are usually all in use and patrons scattered throughout the library no matter what time I go in.
6701	7/11/2012	Very.
6702	7/11/2012	well

6703	7/11/2012	Very. It is delightful to see generations of families utilizing the services. It serves a very diverse population and I have never been in when it is not busy.
6704	7/11/2012	It is really well used. It is right next to a high school and middle school, so students go after school to do homework, use library resources and check out books. Also there are always a lot of people in the library.
6705	7/11/2012	Very well. There's always people there.
6706	7/11/2012	I frequent the Rockwood Branch and it never seems to be underused. Even odd hours of the day reveal a good number clientel. All stations are in use, personnel are on task and the patrons seem happy.
6707	7/11/2012	Very well used
6708	7/11/2012	Very well used. The North Portland library is always busy.
6709	7/11/2012	I definitely rely on it for getting books for my book club meetings.
6710	7/11/2012	Very well.
6711	7/11/2012	always well used
6712	7/11/2012	The library is very well used. I also notice that it is used by all age groups -- the very young; school aged; teen-age; adult; and senior populations. I've never been to the library when there wasn't a good sized crowd.
6713	7/11/2012	Very well. We LOVE going!!!
6714	7/11/2012	There are always people there.
6715	7/11/2012	Very
6716	7/11/2012	It is always packed.
6717	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6718	7/11/2012	VERY well used. There is always people there, at the computers, reading, classes, etc
6719	7/11/2012	It appears to be very popular
6720	7/11/2012	Close them all except for weekends... do business online! Our new media is very capable of getting everything via our laptops.. lets not live in the dinosaur world of the 1980s...our library buildings are not needed as they were in the past. Sorry, I love books.. but digital media is here to stay.. and will save us money!
6721	7/11/2012	Rockwood, Midland and Gresham are all very busy. Sometimes it is difficult to even find a parking place.
6722	7/11/2012	It appears to be well used and appreciated
6723	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used. There are always lots of people at the Belmont branch.
6724	7/11/2012	always full of people when I go
6725	7/11/2012	well ;used
6726	7/11/2012	Well used. Both are always busy with all ages of people :-)
6727	7/11/2012	Reading monthly megazines.
6728	7/11/2012	fairly well utilized.

6729	7/11/2012	It's usually full of people, so I guess pretty well used.
6730	7/11/2012	Always seems very busy. Parking is hard to find downtown and in NW Portland, plus expensive, so I rarely use the Mult. Co. libraries. I prefer to use the Washington County library.
6731	7/11/2012	It's a cornerstone and anchor to Hillsdale. I live near the library and walk or drive by it most every day. People young and old, and mom's and kids, dad's and kids, are most always coming or going. With the schools nearby, I see Wilson High students showing up at the library for after school studies. Retired persons in to read the newspapers and check out books.
6732	7/11/2012	it is VERY well used. It is always busy no matter what time of day or day of the week.
6733	7/11/2012	Very well used, it's always busy.
6734	7/11/2012	very well used
6735	7/11/2012	very much so
6736	7/11/2012	The library is so busy that it NEEDS to be OPEN seven days a week!!! Did we just vote to keep the money coming to keep them open everyday!?!?
6737	7/11/2012	The branches we visit are always very busy.
6738	7/11/2012	It always seems full of people using the computers and the reserve section for books seems full every time I pick up my books.
6739	7/11/2012	very well
6740	7/11/2012	seems very well used
6741	7/11/2012	I would not know
6742	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy.
6743	7/11/2012	It is always full of folks with varied needs and desires! We love our local library so much and think it is such a valued asset to any community. Having just returned from Abuja, Nigeria where I worked as a principal at an international school I cannot express how much NOT having a local library impacts the community as well as supporting students in school. Also as a vice principal at Parkrose High School from 2002-2010 I know that many of our students (we had a 60% poverty rate) depended on the library for internet access for research papers and also for their Senior Capstone essay. Not having a local library would seriously put our most at risk youth in jeopardy for not having the necessary resources for being successful academically. Many families (we had many homeless students) do not have a computer in their home or access to the internet.
6744	7/11/2012	Lots of folks
6745	7/11/2012	I am not sure how to answer this...I am equidistant to the Holgate, Woodstock and Belmont libraries - all of which are heavily utilized. I personally use them about every other week to check out/return books and media.
6746	7/11/2012	very well
6747	7/11/2012	The Kenton Library has made a positive impact on our neighborhood. It's a real gathering place and my kids want to go there daily. They feel very comfortable in the library. WE LOVE IT!!
6748	7/11/2012	Very well used.

6749	7/11/2012	The computers always appear full and there are usually at least a half dozen plus folks roaming around in the books area when I stop by around 5:30.
6750	7/11/2012	The Fairview Branch always seems busy. Most of the people there seem to be using the computers.
6751	7/11/2012	I'm not exactly sure what you're asking for in this question, but the library seems to offer a lot of different types of services for a variety of people. In that way it seems well used. I also get the impression that the staff and people who use that branch value and appreciate it.
6752	7/11/2012	very busy
6753	7/11/2012	Very busy whenever I am there. It's good to see!
6754	7/11/2012	It's always fairly busy when I visit.
6755	7/11/2012	Very busy every time we go in
6756	7/11/2012	Fairly crowded most days.
6757	7/11/2012	Pretty well I think.
6758	7/11/2012	Very well. Always full.
6759	7/11/2012	Extremely well used.
6760	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used. It is usually hard to find a parking space in the lot or immediately adjacent, and inside the library is always bustling with people. I usually see people using all of the various spaces and functions of the library during my weekly visits.
6761	7/11/2012	I would say very well used, always a lot of people there
6762	7/11/2012	It is used quite a bit. The parking lot is always nearly full when I visit and there is often a wait time to get on a computer (but the wait is usually short in duration).
6763	7/11/2012	I'm not sure of the question. But, basically I order books over the Internet and pick them up at the library when they are available.
6764	7/11/2012	It's regularly busy.
6765	7/11/2012	Well used. Many patrons and friendly people.
6766	7/11/2012	It appears to be well used.
6767	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy always.
6768	7/11/2012	Amazingly well used during most of the "open" hours.
6769	7/11/2012	The Albina branch appears to be very well used. It always has visitors and often is difficult to find an unused terminal.
6770	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people in there when we go.
6771	7/11/2012	I generally simply pick up books and each time I am there the computer area is almost full, lots of kids with parents.
6772	7/11/2012	There are always people browsing books, working at tables or checking out items when I'm at the library.
6773	7/11/2012	Don't know
6774	7/11/2012	Very
6775	7/11/2012	Very well. I visit at least once a week, and it seems to be very busy.

6776	7/11/2012	very well used, both hillsdale, near pure home; and nw, near my work
6777	7/11/2012	I always see people going in and out of both the libraries I go to. They both seem to be very popular.
6778	7/11/2012	Midland Branch is used extensively. The parking lot is full, and the library is bustling with people.
6779	7/11/2012	Both branches that I use are used to full compacity,
6780	7/11/2012	Don't know, the few times I have been there it seemed busy
6781	7/11/2012	Seems busy in all the branches I use.
6782	7/11/2012	There are always waiting time for the computers and a lot of space for holds.
6783	7/11/2012	The Albina branch seems very well used. It always looks full to me when I go there or just pass by.
6784	7/11/2012	The St. Johns branch seems well attended.
6785	7/11/2012	Very well used
6786	7/11/2012	always seems busy
6787	7/11/2012	Usually quite a few people are there.
6788	7/11/2012	My local library is used by many people for education, research and enjoyment. It is always busy.
6789	7/11/2012	It is always busy and I find its services to be very good.
6790	7/11/2012	Is usually busy, the computers are nearly always in use. It's not overcrowded, but there's always a good number of people there.
6791	7/11/2012	I'm unsure what this means. Some are overused, under stocked and understaffed, while others seem like only the media and computers are well used. There is some inconsistency. Gregory Heights is my nearest branch and I visit it weekly, on a variety of days and at a variety of times. It is always busy when I am there. The computers are almost completely occupied, with others using laptops at the desks. I see lots of
6792	7/11/2012	people browsing the aisles, both for books and dvd's. People are often at the desk, asking questions or for assistance with things. Many families use the library, as do a large number of immigrant adults from a variety of nations. Our library is well-used.
6793	7/11/2012	Belmont library is always busy and active, full of citizens who gain much from it.
6794	7/11/2012	Don't know.
6795	7/11/2012	very
6796	7/11/2012	Very well used. Belmont is always busy.
6797	7/11/2012	Our library is always busy, computers are all being used. The times this I've used the computer lab most of computer were ir use.
6798	7/11/2012	My local library is wonderful, always busy, and the staff is great. Please keep it at 7 days a week!
6799	7/11/2012	fairly well used
6800	7/11/2012	heavily used

Well just the other day a perverted person was anxiously awaiting to go get his pornography fix and realized he'd have to wait an hour later! He began to swear loudly and cussed me out. When I told him he'd have to wait an hour later because that's the librarians new hours. []

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"I've got another appointment!" as he swore at me all the way out of the parking lot and onto the street. At the top of his lungs![]

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6801 **7/11/2012** Is there a way you could stop the library from letting the porn addicts get their fix?[]

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Do you really think it is good for the next person to see thier porn site when their time is revoked? Mind you people of all ages...especially those under 18. Where is their right to a porn free enviroment? You are NOT providing that. You should be not allowing that to happen in a public place. Let the porn freaks go to another county or state to watch sleezey computer filth.[]

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I use the librarty enought to see pron freaks getting their fix that you provide. And leaving it on for anyone including young children to see. Your bond measure was NOT to allow that deviant behavior to continue. You need to put a stop to it.

6802 **7/11/2012** Very well used.

6803 **7/11/2012** Very, very.

6804 **7/11/2012** Very well used by the entire St Johns neighborhood

6805 **7/11/2012** Whenever I go in to pick up my books I notice all the computers are taken & I rarely get to walk right up to check out. Seems to be a popular place.

6806 **7/11/2012** extremely. I am not sure what you are asking for. The Woodstock location is well used.

6807 **7/11/2012** Always busy with activity.

6808 **7/11/2012** very busy

6809 **7/11/2012** Fairly well.

6810 **7/11/2012** It seems well used. There are always people there when I go, and my roommate goes often.

6811 **7/11/2012** very well

6812 **7/11/2012** Always seems busy

6813 **7/11/2012** Very

6814 **7/11/2012** I'm not sure if I understand the question, but all the libraries near by seem to have a lot of people in them whenever I go, and the selection is wonderful.

6815 **7/11/2012** Well used... there are always people in the library when I go

6816 **7/11/2012** It is packed and overcrowded. Very busy with the door open all the time. Childrens' storytime is well-attended and wonderful but disrupts other patrons because the space is so small. It needs a few study rooms.

6817	7/11/2012	It seems like it is very well used as it is always full of people anytime I stop by. Sometimes I am there first thing in the morning, and there is a group of people waiting for the doors to open. So, in my opinion it is well used!
6818	7/11/2012	Every time I go in our library, it is brimming with people of all ages.
6819	7/11/2012	From what I have seen, it is very well used, particularly on the weekends when students may be working on school papers & projects.
6820	7/11/2012	Its a wonderful busy place
6821	7/11/2012	It is very important to have a resources available for the community people to use, Library is a place for all ages, It would be nice for all libraries are available for everyone to use because it is a place to learn, to have fun, to explore your knowledge. Therefore, if the library is not open one day per week, where else people would be able to go? Please do not cut any funding for this good services that are providing many resources for the community. Please consider the library is a place for people to enjoy a good healthy environment and further more, it helps everyone to gain lots of knowledge through out the books, computers, DVD, Cassette etc. Thank you for continuing support our community.
6822	7/11/2012	It seems very busy when I go...
6823	7/11/2012	Very busy
6824	7/11/2012	Very well used
6825	7/11/2012	I often see many people inside.
6826	7/11/2012	I can't say about the one closest to where I live, but the downtown branch is always busy. I use the central library because it is more convenient for me to get to since it's on the MAX line.
6827	7/11/2012	branches are always full
6828	7/11/2012	Our branch always seems to be busy, when it opens and when it closes.
6829	7/11/2012	Just the right amount.
6830	7/11/2012	Very well used as far as I can see. Every time I go in there it is crowded.
6831	7/11/2012	Whenever I am in there, especially during the summer, it seems pretty busy, especially with children. I am happy to see it thrive!
6832	7/11/2012	It is very well used.
6833	7/11/2012	very well used. always busy
6834	7/11/2012	Very well, every time I am in the library there are many other people using the computers, checking material or enjoying a book reading.
6835	7/11/2012	It seems well used when I am there.
6836	7/11/2012	Very well used, active branch
6837	7/11/2012	seems to be busy all the time
6838	7/11/2012	Usually quite crowded with kids and people using computers.
6839	7/11/2012	Our library is definitely well used. We enjoy going and go about twice a week with our children. Hollywood branch has many resources and is always on our top things to do in the neighborhood.
6840	7/11/2012	Very well used. The parking lot is usually full.

6841	7/11/2012	Always busy.
6842	7/11/2012	Currently in Washington co., so Beaverton is closest library--but I don't use it either.
6843	7/11/2012	busy every time I've been there...computers always filled with use.
6844	7/11/2012	Every time I visit, there are several other neighbors using library services. I often see people waiting outside the doors on days the library opens late. I hope hours are not cut, it is so important that everyone, especially children have access to books and the knowledge that the local libraries provide!
6845	7/11/2012	very well used
6846	7/11/2012	It seems very well used. There are always lots of people in there.
6847	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6848	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy any time I'm there, usually weekends or evenings.
6849	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6850	7/11/2012	There is always someone there when I go in.
6851	7/11/2012	VERY well used! There are always a lot of people at the Gresham library.
6852	7/11/2012	Very. I work with homeless youth. It is one of the best places for them to spend their days.
6853	7/11/2012	Seems busy and well used.
6854	7/11/2012	Very. On any given weekday, you can find a crowd at basically any time - parents with very young children as soon as the library opens, older children as soon as school gets out, and local residents using the library's computers or their own laptops at any time of day. There almost always seems to be someone checking out books at one of the automated terminals, too. If anything, it appears to be even busier on the weekends.
6855	7/11/2012	Always filled with people.
6856	7/11/2012	It's usually busy while we're there.
6857	7/11/2012	It is always busy with individuals of all ages and many families.
6858	7/11/2012	Very well used. People are always there, it is humming with activity and one can almost feel the happy thoughts going through peoples minds.
6859	7/11/2012	Very well used
6860	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
6861	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6862	7/11/2012	Very well!
6863	7/11/2012	SO WELL USED. Central Library is packed all the time.
6864	7/11/2012	I think it is well-used and important part of our local community
6865	7/11/2012	very busy place.
6866	7/11/2012	Very well used!! People are there all the time and whenever I am there I am always surprised to find out all the wonderful things happening at the library!
6867	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what you mean, but Central is always very busy and Hillsdale is as well when I go in (on the weekends)

6868	7/11/2012	Very.
6869	7/11/2012	It's always busy
6870	7/11/2012	It is well used and well loved
6871	7/11/2012	Extremely.....loved and attended!
6872	7/11/2012	It is always busy, so it appears to get a lot of use.
6873	7/11/2012	It is always full and busy.
6874	7/11/2012	I feel it is very well used as there are always many people there no matter what time of day I choose to go.
6875	7/11/2012	Always lots of people there but I must say it is ALWAYS clean and the staff are always pleasant and courteous.
6876	7/11/2012	The 2 branches I use the most are Midland and Gresham. Both branches are very well used, always lots of people. When I recently returned some books on Monday, the library had lots of people coming up and clearly upset that the library was no longer available. All libraries usually have folks waiting for the branch to open. Drive past any library at 10am, just moments before they open, there's usually at least a few people standing in line, waiting to go in. I have NEVER been to a library.....any branch.....at any time.....without seeing it well used.
6877	7/11/2012	VERY
6878	7/11/2012	Not sure I was only there once to confirm my library card, but I always see people there when I drive by.
6879	7/11/2012	It is quite well used, it is always full of people and people actually stand in line for the library to open
6880	7/11/2012	In St. Johns, fairly used, yet in good condition. Downtown beach...what can you say...a class act.
6881	7/11/2012	Very busy and well used. ☺ We usually order online and just pick them up later. I think a lot if people are doing it.
6882	7/11/2012	Seems well used to me.
6883	7/11/2012	It always seems busy
6884	7/11/2012	It is frequented by many.
6885	7/11/2012	Lots of people there all the time
6886	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used. There are always lots of people there
6887	7/11/2012	I use the library system a lot and love it.
6888	7/11/2012	It's always busy! :-)
6889	7/11/2012	This library is always busy. Many people of all ages are using this library.
6890	7/11/2012	Poorly worded question. All three of the libraries that I visit always seem to have a lot of people using the services regardless of when I go. I work close to the North Portland library and often go over on my lunch hour or after work and there are always a lot of people there. The same is true for the other two libraries that I frequent.
6892	7/11/2012	Very well used
6893	7/11/2012	Very well used.

6894	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
6895	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
6896	7/11/2012	Beloved. Worn with use. Cherished.
6897	7/11/2012	Every time I visit, many people are in the library using computers, selecting books and media, or interacting with staff. I think this location is highly used.
6898	7/11/2012	It is often necessary to wait for a computer to open up.
6899	7/11/2012	Always busy. Long wait lists for books.
6900	7/11/2012	it is very highly utilized by the community and an excellent resource in Gresham
6901	7/11/2012	Always busy. Always lines for computers.
6902	7/11/2012	gently used
6903	7/11/2012	Very!
6904	7/11/2012	Excellent, I am a socialist at heart when it comes to the access of knowledge and information.
6905	7/11/2012	The libraries that I go to always seem to have a steady flow of people in and out the door. When I do use the computer, there is usually a substantial wait to get on one. In my opinion the libraries in Portland are always very busy.
6906	7/11/2012	The Gresham library always seems busy. We started using the Gresham branch after moving two years ago from SE Portland where we used the Midland branch. I was afraid that I wasn't going to be as happy with the Gresham branch, but it is very well maintained and usually has plenty of selection for our family.
6907	7/11/2012	Seems to be used fairly well when I have been there.
6908	7/11/2012	High usage
6909	7/11/2012	It seems pretty busy anytime I go by.
6910	7/11/2012	I do not know.
6911	7/11/2012	The holgate library is usually well populated, and almost always has a wait for the computers.
6912	7/11/2012	It is usually quite busy in all areas of the library, book browsing, book reading and computers engaged.
6913	7/11/2012	This question is not clear. Does it mean how well do I use the library - Are the resources being used wisely by people - Do the books look used. It could be interpreted in a number of ways. □ When I use the library I research the catalog then usually end up checking about 5 or 6 books out. Sometimes I will find areas of interest outside my original search and make a note then pursue those later.
6914	7/11/2012	Very well used
6915	7/11/2012	Always seems incredibly busy!
6916	7/11/2012	I dont really know.
6917	7/11/2012	The Belmont library is very well used.
6918	7/11/2012	the North Portland Library is always busy, and if I happen to show up when it is about to open, there is always someone waiting outside for it to open.

6919	7/11/2012	Very
6920	7/11/2012	Very!
6921	7/11/2012	pretty well used
6922	7/11/2012	A lot
6923	7/11/2012	library used a lot.[] It's always too crowded.
6924	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used. Whenever I go in, there are LOTS of people in there. Computers full, little kids using kid computers, sometimes storytime stuff. I love that there are always so many people there. It's definitely a part of the community.
6925	7/11/2012	Our local library is very well used. There is a consistent stream of patrons coming and going at any given time.
6926	7/11/2012	Very, I have lived in Sellwood/ Morland, before we had a library, so going to Woodstock was crowded and clackamas county needed updating. It is so beautifully laid out and nice to use. The staff is very helpful and friendly. The hard part is parking. There are so few spaces and even the neighborhood streets have many cars parked. Then walking to the library is somewhat dangerous, but
6927	7/11/2012	if they put in sidewalks (I read in the newspaper) where will we park? Residents probably do not appreciate all the cars that park in front of their homes.
6928	7/11/2012	Very!
6929	7/11/2012	Fairly well used.
6930	7/11/2012	well used
6931	7/11/2012	There's usually always at least a dozen people in my local, very small Kenton library. Central is packed, especially on weekends.
6932	7/11/2012	The library is very well used by our family as well as coworkers in the education system.
6933	7/11/2012	Very well used
6934	7/11/2012	Very well used. The parking lot and bike rack are always full.
6935	7/11/2012	I'd say it's quite active any time I've been there
6936	7/11/2012	I believe it is very well used, it always looks busy!
6937	7/11/2012	Very well
6938	7/11/2012	It seems very busy, very much appreciated, a vibrant hub of the local community.
6939	7/11/2012	The computers are heavily used. Story times are well attended. The stacks are not crowded.
6940	7/11/2012	constant, central
6941	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy.
6942	7/11/2012	That library is always very busy.
6943	7/11/2012	Seems busy
6944	7/11/2012	It's very active in there. Is that what you mean?
6945	7/11/2012	It always seems fairly busy to me. I often see people I know at the library.

6946	7/11/2012	When I walk by on my daily walks, it appears to be used a lot. It is a nice facility and the neighborhood needs it.
6947	7/11/2012	Belmont is very busy. My partner and I go there at least once a week to pick up books and media on hold, scan the Music CD and DVD sections. There are usually a lot of people using the computers (almost all stations are full). Lots of parents and children around, patrons in every aisle. The restrooms are quite busy and are often running low on paper, are stuffy and need to be cleaned better and more often.
6948	7/11/2012	Very well used...
6949	7/11/2012	Seems to always be busy
6950	7/11/2012	Always busy
6951	7/11/2012	The library in Gresham is usually busy when I visit weekday evenings or Saturday afternoons. The Troutdale Library seems less busy to me.
6952	7/11/2012	always busy and full of young and old. Also unemployed for the last 2 years and seniors looking for Medicare help (SHIBA).
6953	7/11/2012	reasonably well used
6954	7/11/2012	Both libraries I frequent, are heavily used. My favorite use of the Hillsdale library is reserving and using the study rooms. Judging from the wait time I often experience, I suspect that other patrons of the Hillsdale library also enjoy using these rooms.
6955	7/11/2012	Very!
6956	7/11/2012	a lot
6957	7/11/2012	alot
6958	7/11/2012	Very well used.
6959	7/11/2012	There are always people there and full of children reading and reading groups which is amazing
6960	7/11/2012	I think it is well used; I always see people there when I walk by and when I stop in.
6961	7/11/2012	Very well. Not much space to sit and work.
6962	7/11/2012	Every time I go to the library, regardless of the hour or day, it's always full, with a lot of diversity in every way. Mult co library system is THE BEST!!
6963	7/11/2012	It's usually pretty damn busy?
6964	7/11/2012	Very busy.
6965	7/11/2012	I feel our library is used mid-to heavily. There seems to be a steady in and out flow the times I visit the library. (Afternoons)
6966	7/11/2012	Very!
6967	7/11/2012	bustling each and every time I go!
6968	7/11/2012	Very well. We often see friends from the community and we discuss the books we're reading. It always looks like a busy place with a happy, buzz of activity.
6969	7/11/2012	It seems pretty busy
6970	7/11/2012	Very heavy use

6971	7/11/2012	It is extremely busy at almost all hours.
6972	7/11/2012	There are always plenty of people in there when I go in at all times of the day.
6973	7/11/2012	My local library is an essential part of the community, as well as all the other branch locations including Central. The library provides invaluable services that allow people to freely access information, whether it is for entertainment, business, learning or other purposes. The library helps foster a health community by providing resources for information literacy and a place for people to gather.
6974	7/11/2012	It appears to be used very well. There are always patrons using the various facilities. Usually there are several children and parents in the childrens section, the computers frequently all in use, and the reserved shelves are full.
6975	7/11/2012	Everybody seems to use it and love it!
6976	7/11/2012	It is always busy when we are there
6977	7/11/2012	don't know, but when i go the parking lot is sort of full
6978	7/11/2012	Every time I visit the library, anytime of the day, there are many people using the computers and looking for books. I cannot imagine the library not being accessible to the people of our community. It is such an important resource for all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.
6979	7/11/2012	very used
6980	7/11/2012	it is a real resource, and now that I am feeling a little strapped, plan to use it more instead of Barnes & Noble and iTunes.
6981	7/11/2012	It is well used!
6982	7/11/2012	It is always busy whenever I go.
6983	7/11/2012	Very!
6984	7/11/2012	never too crowded; popular
6985	7/11/2012	Don't know
6986	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is nearly always busy when I go in for a visit or to volunteer.
6987	7/11/2012	If you mean how busy does it seem when I visit - I usually go to the central library downtown and it is usually fairly busy. It's a beautiful building inside and out as well.
6988	7/11/2012	very well - always full
6989	7/11/2012	It is well used day and night.
6990	7/11/2012	The Albina Library is very well used. It is always busy and their selection of books very good for its size. I love the availability of the library system being open on weekends and, while I understand the budget cut requiring the Monday closure, it was the best of all the days for you to choose to close. The weekends are too busy to close. I come from NYC and have been very happy to find your library system so well used and supported.
6991	7/11/2012	Midland is always busy. Holgate is also busy but not as much. Probably due to the smaller size.
6992	7/11/2012	It is used A LOT when open.
6993	7/11/2012	very busy, well used
6994	7/11/2012	When I visit it's always bustling with activity, and it's always difficult to find a parking place.

6995	7/11/2012	It is always busy when we are there and we are there often! Lots of people reading books and periodicals, using the computers, participating in storytimes - also always a diverse group by age and race.
6996	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is always packed. There are even lines of people waiting to get in before the library opens. I don't ever think I've seen it empty. Even if you don't include the homeless people, the Central Library usually has a good crowd as well.
6997	7/11/2012	Whenever I have been in the library, any branch, it is busy. This is a under-appreciated community asset. I have noticed that the clientele in the library has been older, teens particularly missing. Get the teens "addicted" to books as I was early on, and you have a solid future. Us seniors cannot do it all, try as we may.
6998	7/11/2012	VERY well used! We visit three branches regularly, and they are all always full. It's wonderful!
6999	7/11/2012	porque ayuda a mis hijos a fomentar la lectura , a ellos les gusta ir a la biblioteca.
7000	7/11/2012	There are always people at Capitol Hill Library. They are actively looking for books and are using the children services.
7001	7/11/2012	It always very busy there. The computers are always in use. Lots of kids are around. We love it.
7002	7/11/2012	It's always busy - I see people of all ages when I visit.
7003	7/11/2012	Our local libraries are pretty busy. (Hollywood and Belmont) Although Central is not our local library, I prefer it for so many reasons. It is a sacred place to me.[] [] The Central library is nearly always busy.
7004	7/11/2012	Very well used
7005	7/11/2012	Very well used - almost always busy.
7006	7/11/2012	Looks good, new to the neighborhood
7007	7/11/2012	It always seems busy with people at the computers and mothers with children at storytime, etc.
7008	7/11/2012	very well used, it's often crowded, and i have to wait for books and movies i want to check out.
7009	7/11/2012	Every time I have been there the library has had at least eight to ten other users, about half are children.
7010	7/11/2012	Very well used. I am constantly amazed at the selection, efficiency, and the knowledge of the Multnomah County library staff. I moved here from Memphis, where you had to pay to check out media items, even though the selection was poor. I'd be willing to contribute however I can within my means to help keep the library going, as it is one of the VERY most important resources we have as citizens of Portland. Have you had any cash donation drives? I really feel that people would be willing to pitch in in a nontraditional/non tax way, too. Or at least, one would hope. Thanks for all that you do!
7011	7/11/2012	Always busy. Very well used.
7012	7/11/2012	Very well used, I see 40-50 people in there every time.
7013	7/11/2012	Seems frequently occupied
7014	7/11/2012	Always bursting with people and programs.
7015	7/11/2012	Very well.

7016	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7017	7/11/2012	I think it's pretty well used. (I'm not really sure how to answer this question...)
7018	7/11/2012	ALWAYS BUSY
7019	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
7020	7/11/2012	It is very well used - there are times I am not sure that I am going to be able to find a parking space.
7021	7/11/2012	My local library is used extensively and seems very busy all of the time.
7022	7/11/2012	It's frequently very busy. More so now that it's open one day less each week.
7023	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what this means, but I do think that the Belmont Library is typically pretty busy when I go in there.
7024	7/11/2012	Very
7025	7/11/2012	Very!
7026	7/11/2012	very
7027	7/11/2012	Always see people there, seems rather busy to me.
7028	7/11/2012	Appears to be well-used.
7029	7/11/2012	North Portland is extremely well used. Always full with a diversity of ages.
7030	7/11/2012	Very well used. I usually have to wait for a computer and there are always lots of people reading and checking out books.
7031	7/11/2012	Rockwood is packed with people all the time.
7032	7/11/2012	Very well used; it's always pretty full!
7033	7/11/2012	There are always at least 20-30 people there at the same time I am.
7034	7/11/2012	Always seems busy or at least well-attended. People are there of ALL ages, including parents with children and seniors. I love this community atmosphere.
7035	7/11/2012	Midland is always very busy
7036	7/11/2012	Seems moderately busy Whenever we go
7037	7/11/2012	Very well.
7038	7/11/2012	very busy
7039	7/11/2012	Very.
7040	7/11/2012	Incredibly well used. Kenton is a fantastic branch, staffed by an incredibly fantastic group of people who truly seem committed to the community!
7041	7/11/2012	Extremely well used...
7042	7/11/2012	There always seems to be a bustle of people about the library when I go. I love seeing all generations checking out books!
7043	7/11/2012	The local library is always full of adults and children.
7044	7/11/2012	Central, very well.
7045	7/11/2012	It always seems busy. Not a vast selection of materials on hand, but I think a lot of people have them shipped over from other locations like I do. I also see quite a few people using the internet.

7046	7/11/2012	Seems busy whenever I visit in Gresham.
7047	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what you mean by "well used", but I'll just say that it's always very busy, with lots of people there (including my family) when the library is just closing, trying to get a few more books in! I usually go once or twice a week, and sometimes my siblings go even more. I'd say our library is very used.
7048	7/11/2012	Very
7049	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always buzzing with people and activities. High rate of holds pick up.
7050	7/11/2012	It is usually pretty full.
7051	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy whenever we go there.
7052	7/11/2012	It seems to always be busy no matter what day or time and by both young and old.
7053	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always people in the stacks, on the computers and in the children's reading area.
7054	7/11/2012	VERY WELL used!
7055	7/11/2012	It seems busy when I'm there or pass by.
7056	7/11/2012	Very
7057	7/11/2012	It seems moderate in use.
7058	7/11/2012	Very well used
7059	7/11/2012	Very well used--it is always full of people.
7060	7/11/2012	It seems very well used -- there are many people there whenever I visit.
7061	7/11/2012	<p>POORLY!!</p> <p>1. Midland is nothing more than a free internet site for most. Consider the demographics. I walked down the line of computers and most were playing games...not very good utilization in my view. WHO'S FUNDING? PROPERTY TAX OWNER....UNFAIR!</p> <p>2. Free movie rental resource...but who's paying for this? PROPERTY OWNERS TAXES...UNFAIR!</p> <p>3. I remember something about stolen DVD movies on a large scale from the Libraries...now new system.!</p> <p>What was the dollar figure on the loss?</p>
7062	7/11/2012	Very
7063	7/11/2012	Always see lots of folks there.
7064	7/11/2012	It is busy all the time, i believe it is a very loved place in this great area.
7065	7/11/2012	any time I am there it is packed with people of all ages. too bad to limit the days
7066	7/11/2012	It seems to be fairly busy (at least 10 people) when I go. I'm not sure how well used it is.
7067	7/11/2012	<p>Whenever I go there, there seems to be a significant population of people using the library. All of the computers and most table space are used.!</p> <p>!</p> <p>I have also used the library for tutoring services as it is safe, available, resourceful and appropriate for education.</p>
7068	7/11/2012	Well used; always busy.

7069	7/11/2012	Not sure
7070	7/11/2012	It is always busy. It is a popular place and many neighborhood families take advantage of activities and materials aimed at children.
7071	7/11/2012	Belmont is a very busy library!
7072	7/11/2012	Always busy with a variety of ages all using the computers, reading or chatting.
7073	7/11/2012	The troutdale library is always active.
7074	7/11/2012	news media reports--"a lot".
7075	7/11/2012	It always seems to have a good number of people in it and utilizing the computers when we visit. We use this mostly for our granddaughter as we develop her love of reading. Poppy simply loves going to the Kenton Library. We know this because she always screams in the car when she recognizes that we are at the library.
7076	7/11/2012	Its always full when I go
7077	7/11/2012	It's very busy
7078	7/11/2012	Really, really a whole lot! One of the best resources we have.
7079	7/11/2012	The staff is friendly and helpful. Always a pleasant experience!
7080	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7081	7/11/2012	Very well!
7082	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7083	7/11/2012	I use the hold function frequently.
7084	7/11/2012	the central library is always jam packed. i live close to midland branch and i know that's a really busy one too. i sometimes drop off books there but since i work downtown it's much handier for me to pick up books there.
7085	7/11/2012	Incredibly! There are people in there all the time, there's often a line to check out...it's a well-utilized and beloved part of our neighborhood. Don't let Albina's diminutive size fool you!
7086	7/11/2012	The Belmont Branch is generally full of people--reading magazines, using computers, browsing books, etc.
7087	7/11/2012	It is always busy and full of patrons of all kinds
7088	7/11/2012	Generally seems populated! I have very fond memories of "growing up" in the Gresham Library - especially because of the summer reading program.
7089	7/11/2012	Often full of other people using computers and checking out books. Seems well used.
7090	7/11/2012	It always seems busy as there are patrons searching shelves for books, and the computer terminals are either full or nearly so as I go past them.
7091	7/11/2012	seems very well used. most computers always in use when I am there, good attendance at children's programs and lots of browsers.
7092	7/11/2012	There are always many happy people in the library. Many children, 1/3rd to 1/2 of the computers with users, and half to all of the checkout machines in use.

7093	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always people there from opening to closing and it's a constant stream of patrons every single time I go there. (Gresham)
7094	7/11/2012	very
7095	7/11/2012	VERY WELL
7096	7/11/2012	I love my local library and it seems everybody in the neighborhood does, too. It is usually quite busy.
7097	7/11/2012	branches that I have been to are well used by the public
7098	7/11/2012	It seems very busy whenever I'm there.
7099	7/11/2012	When we go into the library it seems to be in full use. Individuals are at the customer service desks, students are at the computers, and others are reading.
7100	7/11/2012	It's always very busy. The study rooms are always full, as are the computers, and without the self-checkout I think the librarians would have trouble keeping up!
7101	7/11/2012	Seems very well used
7102	7/11/2012	It seems to be quite busy every time I am there!
7103	7/11/2012	seems to always be busy
7104	7/11/2012	busy
7105	7/11/2012	Very well.
7106	7/11/2012	well used.
7107	7/11/2012	fairly well used
7108	7/11/2012	All are busy whenever I go in
7109	7/11/2012	I would say really well used. Its always busy (full of patrons) and I know my roommates and neighbors use the North Portland branch frequently.
7110	7/11/2012	All branches I visit are busy and alot of people are in them. Usually all computers are in use. People read newspapers, magazines and usually all tables have people at them.
7111	7/11/2012	Very well used--both sites are small and always bustling.
7112	7/11/2012	seems pretty well used. always a good amount of people.
7113	7/11/2012	I use the Gresham Library most and it is ALWAYS busy. Children's programs and students studying.
7114	7/11/2012	It seems to always be busy with a range of community members. I see families, older adults, and low-income individuals come through whenever I am in the library.
7115	7/11/2012	I don't know where my local library is since we moved to the Gateway/Rocky Butte area. I use the Gresham library more frequently because I know where it is. The Gresham library seems to be very much in use by families, singles and couples. I like go there because it is very welcoming.
7116	7/11/2012	Very well used
7117	7/11/2012	Very Well used.
7118	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
7119	7/11/2012	Quite well
7120	7/11/2012	Very - love it and can only hope it is better funded to stay open longer hours!
7121	7/11/2012	Are you kidding?

7122	7/11/2012	It always seem busy. We often go more than once a week. I love how we can put books on hold and pick them up at the library -- and look at other books while we are there! Right now we have well over 30 books out in our family of 3.
7123	7/11/2012	very good
7124	7/11/2012	very well used. There is a great feeling of diverse community there and everyone is well served
7125	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I visit.
7126	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always busy whenever I go there.
7127	7/11/2012	Seems to be busy every time I go, no matter what time of day.
7128	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always full of people and kids and it's a very friendly fun place to go
7129	7/11/2012	Usually it has several people all over the library, checking out books, on the internet, or just chilling and reading!
7130	7/11/2012	I think it is well used
7131	7/11/2012	Always very busy.
7132	7/11/2012	Very well used, lots of kids and families, lots of seniors and students.
7133	7/11/2012	not really aware
7134	7/11/2012	i use the hillsboro library much more often. bi-monthly
7135	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7136	7/11/2012	good level of use
7137	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people using it. It is a great service that I would like to see continue at pre July 1, 2012 levels.
7138	7/11/2012	Good condition for its age.
7139	7/11/2012	Seems well used to me. Sometimes hard to find a seat. Many kids use library and there seem to be a fair number of programs designed for young children.
7140	7/11/2012	I believe Belmont is the busiest local branch?
7141	7/11/2012	The Central Library is very well used.
7142	7/11/2012	Very well used - both Central and Belmont are always busy.
7143	7/11/2012	Very well used. Often a parking problem.
7144	7/11/2012	Seems like there are always plenty of people of all ages using the library's resources.
7145	7/11/2012	Very well used, usually busy

		Woodstock always seem busy when i'm there. i don't regularly go to the others i checked i am new here, coming from Mn. western wisconsin area.... we have great libraries there too. i would hate to see you cut services any further. on your new schedule, i do not recall whether or not you have at least 2 nights with late service to 9--- i hope you do, as this is a crucial time for working adults.[]
7146	7/11/2012	i am a 66 yr old retired professional... i grew up in Mandan and Bismarck ND--- i first visited the public libraries at about age 5 and soon became a regular user.... my parents were middle income. Reading early helped me to be an above average achiever in school, K-12, and to attain my M. S at age 30. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE FURTHER CUTS IN HOURS OR SERVICES. LIBRARIANS are such a valuable resource!!!! there are too many under- achieving students already--- Library availability can be a huge help to kids as well as adults. ** i volunteer for the Portland Schools SMART PROGRAM, too, and see the value exposing little ones to books from an early age. ;.)
7147	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7148	7/11/2012	very well used
7149	7/11/2012	It is very used
7150	7/11/2012	Very!! We love the St John's library!!
7151	7/11/2012	It is always busy at Belmont no matter the day or time we go.
7152	7/11/2012	Always seems very busy.
7153	7/11/2012	There are always people there. Most computers are in use, a dozen or more people at tables, plus another dozen looking for books, and often a group in the side room. Parking lot is usually 1/2-3/4 full.
7154	7/11/2012	Yes
7155	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7156	7/11/2012	Hollywood Library is very well used by all age groups. Any time of the day you can visit and see a large number of users. We feel it is one of the most valued community resources a neighborhood can have.
7157	7/11/2012	There always seem to be plenty of people there. At the Capitol Hill library, many of the patrons seem to be using the computers more than books, which seems to me a secondary purpose for using a library. I'd love to see these people enjoying books.
7158	7/11/2012	It is ALWAYS busy
7159	7/11/2012	Very well used. I hate to see it lose any funding.
7160	7/11/2012	well used
7161	7/11/2012	Fairly well used. Albina is small, but the computers are often full when I arrive.
7162	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is used very well. I always see many people checking out books, reading to children, working on the computers, or attending the various programs.
7163	7/11/2012	VERY well used. There are always a variety of people at the branch accessing a lot of different services. It always surprises me how many different types of people I see there.
7164	7/11/2012	very busy
7165	7/11/2012	All of them are packed all of the time.

7166	7/11/2012	well used
7167	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy. Also, I can almost never get the books that I want because they are already checked out or on hold for months.
7168	7/11/2012	very well used -- it's great!
7169	7/11/2012	Very well, i'm impressed with the wide range of users.
7170	7/11/2012	Always busy
7171	7/11/2012	it always seems busy when i'm there
7172	7/11/2012	There are always many people there. The parking lot is often full or nearly so.
7173	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's right next to my high school, so there are always kids in there studying, using the internet, or checking out books. I've never seen it empty.
7174	7/11/2012	Very
7175	7/11/2012	Overused!
7176	7/11/2012	Very, from what I've seen.
7177	7/11/2012	It is quite popular.
7178	7/11/2012	Seems like plenty of people whenever we go there so I'd say it is well used.
7179	7/11/2012	there are usually a few individuals in the library when we are there
7180	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I'm in there! There is a good children's area and a large section of books on hold through the interlibrary loan system. Whenever I arrive before open hours there is a line of people waiting to go inside. I love this little library!
7181	7/11/2012	It's well used. Never without people anytime I go in.
7182	7/11/2012	Always lots of people present
7183	7/11/2012	It usually seems well used, plenty of people there.
7184	7/11/2012	I use it frequently. I like the "holds" via email to order books of my choice and Lucky Day books.
7185	7/11/2012	I would say that I use it very well. I speak French and Spanish and am making lots of headway with the Turkish language. I use books in a many subjects. I like about three art periodicals you subscribe to.
7186	7/11/2012	How well used in general? I think every time I go by, there are multiple people in there browsing or using the computers. How well is it used by me? I love it! Generally I arrange for books to be picked up and it's super fast and easy to stop by on my way home from work.
7187	7/11/2012	well used
7188	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's always extremely busy in the branch.
7189	7/11/2012	Central seems to always be busy, usually with a large group waiting for it to open.
7190	7/11/2012	Well used - It's always full of people.
7191	7/11/2012	It's very well used.
7192	7/11/2012	Well; there are always people coming and going. The Capitol Hill location is right next to the park; talking children into stopping at the library is a breeze. Also located next to PCC. If anything, increase funding!! Thanks :)
7193	7/11/2012	It always seems full to me, but I work 8 to 5 so I may be there at the busiest times.

7194	7/11/2012	Odd question. The belmont library seems to be used mostly for internet and picking up ordered materials. The central library is used for all sorts of things.
7195	7/11/2012	It is the icon; however, being the central library, it is very well used. I suppose.
7196	7/11/2012	the woodstock library seems to be always busy.
7197	7/11/2012	Central Library is the nucleus of my working and reading life; I also borrow DVDs for entertainment. I visit nearly every day and always find it very busy, which heartens me. As a micropublisher, I'm glad to see other readers browse shelves for ideas and treasures and check things out to take home. I think Central is also a daytime retreat from the street for a number of people who really need to be able to get indoors and out of the weather; I'm glad that the library and security personnel manage to work with that situation--unusual in my experience--with grace and tact.
7198	7/11/2012	It is almost always busy when I am there. Kids area, computer stations, tables, "hold" shelves busy busy, busy!
7199	7/11/2012	(Hillsdale) Very well used, by people of all ages, including families.. [] (St. Johns) Very well used by families, students.[] [] I have used library visitations to my classes on the subjects of internet safety, and research resources, [] [] Librarians have been very helpful in finding books for units of study in my class, including lit sets, and theme topics.
7200	7/11/2012	it is busy
7201	7/11/2012	Very well used
7202	7/11/2012	Very Very busy
7203	7/11/2012	Very well used!
7204	7/11/2012	Very. It's always busy and every section, media type and space is being used.
7205	7/11/2012	lots of people every time I go in (good job)
7206	7/11/2012	unknown.
7207	7/11/2012	Troutdale is always busy.
7208	7/11/2012	It's usually quite full and active.
7209	7/11/2012	Very busy. There are always many people moving about the library working on the computers, reading, shelving and browsing. Story time for my 2 year old is always full on Thursday mornings! The computer area is always busy. Later in the afternoon the library has a lot of children and parents. [] I am a senior and have never been good with computers. I use the ones at the library for business knowing your staff are there to help me figure things out. This is a great service for people like me.[] [] I love Mango and study Spanish from home. Thanks for that.
7210	7/11/2012	

7211	7/11/2012	It is constantly busy. Sometimes it is difficult to find a place to sit. There are many children programs which are well attended.
7212	7/11/2012	very as far as i can tell
7213	7/11/2012	The library is always busy.
7214	7/11/2012	pretty busy
7215	7/11/2012	Very well used but it seems that most people are there to get on the internet.
7216	7/11/2012	The parking lot is always over flowing. The books are not new, but not falling apart. It's always very busy. Even though, I don't go to the library more than monthly (less i the summer), I always reserve books on line and someone in my family picks up books at least once a week. Your library system is absolutely essential to the cultural wealth that is Portland.
7217	7/11/2012	on line and someone in my family picks up books at least once a week. Your library system is absolutely essential to the cultural wealth that is Portland.
7218	7/11/2012	they are both usually very busy all hours as far as I can tell. There are many people in Capitol Hill library no matter what time I go in. I have never seen fewer than about 40+ people in our little library. I notice especially that it is serving a wide variety of ethnic groups and ages...computers, journals, checking out books and other media. There are usually people waiting to be let in at opening time and have to be asked to leave at closing.
7219	7/11/2012	our little library. I notice especially that it is serving a wide variety of ethnic groups and ages...computers, journals, checking out books and other media. There are usually people waiting to be let in at opening time and have to be asked to leave at closing.
7220	7/11/2012	I'm always pleasantly surprised to see how many people are there. Kids and adults.
7221	7/11/2012	Very Well! Always busy
7222	7/11/2012	The Hollywood library is always busy.
7223	7/11/2012	extremely
7224	7/11/2012	Very well used
7225	7/11/2012	Always people using all aspects (computers, questions, lending)
7226	7/11/2012	Very well used. Outer SE libraries are not well served by public transit.
7227	7/11/2012	Always busy, so it's safe to assume it's well used.
7228	7/11/2012	it appears the internet and computer access is extremely well used. Little is stocked on shelf, so I typically have to request books from other branches or go to other branches if interested in certain books. It always seems to be extremely busy, with people of all ages streaming through the doors. I also observe that many probably homeless people use the library, doing some reading, but also eating at the reading tables, using the lavatories, staying warm in cold, wet weather. Although it's sad that we are in such a situation that that is necessary, it's uplifting to know that the library can and does provide this kind of service to the community.
7229	7/11/2012	probably homeless people use the library, doing some reading, but also eating at the reading tables, using the lavatories, staying warm in cold, wet weather. Although it's sad that we are in such a situation that that is necessary, it's uplifting to know that the library can and does provide this kind of service to the community.
7230	7/11/2012	Very. There always seems to be people coming, going, sitting & reading.
7231	7/11/2012	Well used
7232	7/11/2012	I would say quite well used. Computer stations are generally all in use, and the hold station is usually full. It looks like there are after-school and other programs that take place, and are well attended. It also looks to me like North Portland library clients are diverse in both age and race; I see lots of families and young adults.

7233	7/11/2012	I usually see most of the resources being well utilized by visitors (librarians, reference desk, computers, and reading areas), although there is almost always sufficient room to lay out my own books and references for study...
7234	7/11/2012	Heavily used I think.
7235	7/11/2012	well used
7236	7/11/2012	I think it's very well used.
7237	7/11/2012	extremely well used!
7238	7/11/2012	The Woodstock Library is always busy when I drive buy or pickup books.
7239	7/11/2012	It is always busy whenever I go in there. The people are great!
7240	7/11/2012	Very much so it is always busy
7241	7/11/2012	The Northwest Branch appears to be very well used. There are always lots of people in the branch using all the various facilities.
7242	7/11/2012	Always seems busy - facility is in excellent condition (Hillsdale). Downtown facility noticeably older, in poorer, but still good, condition.
7243	7/11/2012	Well enough that it's hard to find a near parking space. Well enough that there are always lots of patrons using it whenever I'm there.
7244	7/11/2012	Very well used--I'm in the St Johns library almost every day and it's usually busy.
7245	7/11/2012	Extremely well used!!!
7246	7/11/2012	Lots of users every time I go
7247	7/11/2012	Always busy
7248	7/11/2012	Very
7249	7/11/2012	Well I voted to add a buck per thousand of my home's assessed value to a library tax and you still closed on days. I am not voting for a district.
7250	7/11/2012	It is old but nice
7251	7/11/2012	Very.
7252	7/11/2012	Incredibly.
7253	7/11/2012	Very well used. It's busy whenever I go (especially the Central library) and I always have to wait for the book I want! I put in a hold and eventually get it which is fine.
7254	7/11/2012	i think its great,but and some times i wish if would stay open longer but, i no its hard when there is not much fund.I hope that people that wants to use the Library more should at least think and help out more.
7255	7/11/2012	It is always busy!
7256	7/11/2012	it is always busy
7257	7/11/2012	Its always super busy!
7258	7/11/2012	Midland is well used, but never too crowded, which is good.
7259	7/11/2012	The Belmont location is always decently crowded during normal hours, and it seems like a lot of people have books on hold, so I assume it's very well-used.

7260	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7261	7/11/2012	There are always quite a few people there, using the computers and checking out books and other materials.
7262	7/11/2012	They all seem busy whenever I go. All ages getting book,media and using the computers.
7263	7/11/2012	well used!
7264	7/11/2012	I wish more people used the library "well". It is such a great resource, with so much potential.
7265	7/11/2012	Very
7266	7/11/2012	Very I think. Often crowded.
7267	7/11/2012	Well used, but well kept too.
7268	7/11/2012	It is always in use by many people when I visit.
7269	7/11/2012	It is well used by our family and is seems to be quite busy when we visit the library
7270	7/11/2012	Very
7271	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7272	7/11/2012	Always seems busy when I'm there; a hub of neighborhood activity.
7273	7/11/2012	very...its often overcrowded. Also, there is a sheriff present most hours to prevent misuse by the local high schoolers I guess. This leads to a suspicious environment, and I have had to complain to staff about overzealous sheriffs 2 times.
7274	7/11/2012	Whenever I go there, I notice that the computers are almost always occupied, and there are usually a decent amount of people there. I go on weekends though, so this may be how it is on weekends. I usually go to look for a specific subject (though not a specific book, or author), and find the time to peruse the CD library, since it is diverse and I usually find something I want to listen to.
7275	7/11/2012	Usually busy in all areas.
7276	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale branch is always busy. We also use the Capitol Hwy branch. My son, who attends Markham Elementary, uses that library often during school hours/field trips.
7277	7/11/2012	It's always packed on the weekends when I use it.
7278	7/11/2012	It is well used.
7279	7/11/2012	It appears to be a busy and thriving place at all hours of the day and on weekends. Users are of all ages. The staff is helpfu and resourceful. People see each other at the library. Kids do their homework. It's a beautiful sight.
7280	7/11/2012	alot
7281	7/11/2012	Always lots of people. What I notice most is people using the computers. This strikes me as strange in this day of computers in every household and easy internet access.
7282	7/11/2012	Always full of people.
7283	7/11/2012	Well! The child reading groups were always popular, before and after hours I see folks returning books as I was. And no matter what time I go, there's 15 to 30 patrons of all ages.

		Seems busy all the time at Hillsdale. Lots of kids about and there is a nice flow back and forth to area eateries and parks as well. □ □
7284	7/11/2012	We LOVE using the Library facilities to find great books for our growing children. It allows us to invest in a "renewable" service, because they are circulated to other families and all benefit. I also find that they have enough books to keep the kids interested even from a very young age. We began using the library consistently for books from age 10 months. Also a huge resource for pregnancy and nutrition and decorating books, which all came in handy over the past two years. We even remodeled our stairs and basement, based on research we did through the Library.
7285	7/11/2012	My local library always seems to be busy. Children and parents are in the kid's section, teens and adults are on the computers, and many people are just browsing around. I always enjoy going to the library.
7286	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7287	7/11/2012	The Albina branch is very small, but it is a busy place. The computers are generally all in use and there is a flow in and out of the library as patrons return and check out books.
7288	7/11/2012	The Belmont Library is always busy. And I am always happy to see that there are many people who take advantage of its benefits.
7289	7/11/2012	It is used so much and is so small. When they expanded the Belmont library, I was shocked that that they did not expand it more. They could've expanded the building into where they put the parking lot. In our neighborhood, people would rather have a bigger library than a parking lot any day.
7290	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7291	7/11/2012	very busy all of the time.
7292	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
7293	7/11/2012	I don't know actually
7294	7/11/2012	Very well
7295	7/11/2012	It always has 14-25 people in it and there usually is a line of 5-6 folks waiting to get it when it first opens.
7296	7/11/2012	Heavily used
7297	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used.
7298	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy, and very well used. I have never seen the library empty, even at closing time.
7299	7/11/2012	It seems very well used - there are usually a bunch of people there and sometimes it's quite bustling.
7300	7/11/2012	not sure
7301	7/11/2012	Very well used!
7302	7/11/2012	I assume you are asking my opinion on how many people are usually there? North is always in use, as it is an important resource for the community- I always see families and job seekers there. And we love it just for books, personally.
7303	7/11/2012	Kenton is always busy...trouble finding parking...but well worth the search! St Johns branch is busy also parking easier to find love them both

7304	7/11/2012	Less than a couple of years ago.
7305	7/11/2012	Very well. Always lots of people there and helpful staff
7306	7/11/2012	It is always busy! I would say very well used. It seems to be heavily used to access the internet and to print things.
7307	7/11/2012	It is always busy with every computer occupied, folks waiting to check out or requesting info.
7308	7/11/2012	Our local library, Woodstock, is a gem. It is well used and a vital part of our community. Starting with book-babies, the woodstock library has become the central hub and the context in which we meet and get to know many of our neighbors.
7309	7/11/2012	pretty busy every time I go in
7310	7/11/2012	Often busy, short lines at check out stations
7311	7/11/2012	Well used
7312	7/11/2012	Extremely well-used
7313	7/11/2012	Pretty well
7314	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used by friends and colleagues.
7315	7/11/2012	Very
7316	7/11/2012	Very well used and loved
7317	7/11/2012	Well my local library carries lots of dvds, audio books, lots of graphic novels. I went in looking to get some books to send to my son at camp to find the library carries NO, yeap none at all of such authors as Steinbeck, Hemmingway, Shakespeare.
7318	7/11/2012	very
7319	7/11/2012	Very active. Usually lots of people
7320	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are people waiting to get in as soon as the doors open and leaving as the doors close for the day.
7321	7/11/2012	Very Busy all the time. Sunday's is a big day for usage.
7322	7/11/2012	computer classes are great. It seems as if we have a very active branch as people come and go.
7323	7/11/2012	In 3 hours I alone can do 5 crates of books going out to request at other branches and 5 crates of books coming in to our branch for pick-up
7324	7/11/2012	Very
7325	7/11/2012	very well used
7326	7/11/2012	Always busy
7327	7/11/2012	It always seems pretty well used to me. I frequent the Central library the most, and I always see it buzzing with people. I love that library dearly and go weekly, if not more often. I think people really use it well and take advantage of all it has to offer, even if I just mainly use it to check out books.
7328	7/11/2012	
7329	7/11/2012	Very busy.
7330	7/11/2012	Well loved

7331	7/11/2012	It always seems to have many people, adults and children, in there.
7332	7/11/2012	Fairly well. I think the various activities and events engage the community, and provides something for various age groups and people.
7333	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always lively and busy with tots and parents, teens, adults, seniors. I always see someone I know.
7334	7/11/2012	My library is very well used. There is always a line formed before opening and people are in the library all day long.
7335	7/11/2012	It is always packed.
7336	7/11/2012	There are always people at the library. I love it when I see children in the 23rd street library learning to use computers.[]
7337	7/11/2012	[] Without the inter library loan, I could not keep up to date in my profession.
7338	7/11/2012	Incredibly well used
7339	7/11/2012	Very
7340	7/11/2012	not very busy
7341	7/11/2012	It is used a lot by others, especially youth during the summer.
7342	7/11/2012	It always seems busy
7343	7/11/2012	Central is well used.
7344	7/11/2012	I go to study for college classes; take my children to read, and my niece job hunts online.
7345	7/11/2012	It seems very busy every time I visit to check out a book with patrons browsing in the stacks, using computers, etc. Because it is a small building, it feels crowded when I visit.
7346	7/11/2012	It is well used all of the time and some times you have to wait to get on a computer. I see family's in it all of the time with there kids.
7347	7/11/2012	Rockwood, pretty much a poverty area, is used by young and old, and always crowded.
7348	7/11/2012	It is very well used despite its small size by persons in all groups and ethnicities. Sometimes it is a bit noisy but I guess that is the price one pays for an active environment.
7349	7/11/2012	I don't know. Sometimes it's crowded but mostly with homeless people.
7350	7/11/2012	Very well used! Always full of families looking for books / materials, folks using the computers & people using the community room.
7351	7/11/2012	very busy every time I've visited
7352	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy. People come in and out almost every day and it's never empty. It's a place fit for all ages to wind down and relax and have some time to themselves.
7353	7/11/2012	I'm not sure I understand the question, but if you're asking how well-used my library is by its patrons, I would say it's very well-used; even on very slow days there are dozens of people making use of one library service or another.

7354	7/11/2012	St. Johns Library always has a lot of people in it. I'm afraid a lot of the school age kids are just playing on the computer, not reading books. Our library can almost be considered a hub of activity in our little community. We'd really miss it if it were not here.
7355	7/11/2012	St. Johns is pretty small and weekdays can be over crowded as the school St. Johns is right next to the school but during school hours it's nice and quiet.
7356	7/11/2012	Very well.
7357	7/11/2012	very. always busy.
7358	7/11/2012	I don't know
7359	7/11/2012	Very. Our libraries are great, I just don't want to lose them.....
7360	7/11/2012	Very frequently.
7361	7/11/2012	It's always crowded. Always.
7362	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used
7363	7/11/2012	very well used
7364	7/11/2012	I came from Multnomah County Portland Oregon. They had tremendous usage, I believe one of the best in the country. It looks like in my brief exposure that Aurora does fairly well too.
7365	7/11/2012	Always seems really busy.
7366	7/11/2012	When I am there it is always busy with many individuals using computers, meeting rooms and perusing books.
7367	7/11/2012	Very well used. I feel sad that the hours/days are being curtailed due to budget cuts. Seems it is another institution falling the "Budget uts" ax. It doesn't matter how much we support such places of learning and support for education, somehow such are the first to go for cuts. Not fair, when many social services are being supported, yet abused by illegal immigrants and other forms of fraudulent use social welfare services.
7368	7/11/2012	Very well used. I am there (NW Library) several times a week, and the computers are always in use. The storytimes and youth activities are well attended. I see lots of my neighbors there looking for books.
7369	7/11/2012	it is always full
7370	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
7371	7/11/2012	Always busy
7372	7/11/2012	Appears to be very well used. I always enjoy seeing the crowd waiting to get in on weekend mornings.
7373	7/11/2012	Very we love it.
7374	7/11/2012	Very well. Almost always a crowd with plenty of kids and adults as well.
7375	7/11/2012	Very. Always seems busy. We love going there; its a beautiful space. During the year, we go there to complete homework.
7376	7/11/2012	Each time I visit it is always busy.
7377	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are always many people there when I visit.

7378	7/11/2012	Very very well used
7379	7/11/2012	Fairly well, many families in the Sellwood neighborhood populate this library.
7380	7/11/2012	I visit the NW Thurman location and the St John's location Both are VERY popular and seem to be busy all days of the week and times of day
7381	7/11/2012	VERY well used.
7382	7/11/2012	Very. It's always overflowing with computer users and other patrons. Even with self checkout there is usually a line to check out.
7383	7/11/2012	It seems well used every time I'm in there.
7384	7/11/2012	Very well used. There seems to be a constant flow of people.
7385	7/11/2012	It seems to be full of people, regularly.
7386	7/11/2012	always looks busy to me
7387	7/11/2012	Very Well Used.
7388	7/11/2012	Eliminating a day of service would not cause a detriment since it is under utilized currently.
7389	7/11/2012	They seem to be very busy at the times I have gone.
7390	7/11/2012	It is very well used!
7391	7/11/2012	My local library is always full of people doing different things -- reading, using the computers, getting help from staff. It seems well loved and full of energy.
7392	7/11/2012	The Woodstock library is always very busy when I am there, so I would say it is well used.
7393	7/11/2012	I don't really understand this question. If you mean is it well utilized by the public, I would have to say that it is definitely used by the public. There is always a line for the computers, parents are reading to their small children, videos are being checked out consistently, and patrons are coming in to return and check out books. I wait in line to speak with a librarian assistant. They are very helpful and very courteous. The library is maintained well. It is a wonderful resource for the community. I voted for funding for the libraries when it was on the ballot.
7394	7/11/2012	I use the Gresham library. It is always busy when I go in there. The computers are always being used (that is a busy area). There are always people browsing for books, sitting at tables working or reading, parents helping children find books, etc. That library always seems to be busy. It is a great place!
7395	7/11/2012	Usually fairly busy evenings when I have a chance to be there. Noon is fairly busy at centrallibrary.
7396	7/11/2012	well used
7397	7/11/2012	extremely!
7398	7/11/2012	Well
7399	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
7400	7/11/2012	Always bustling....
7401	7/11/2012	I don't know. Libraries used to be quiet. Now they are more like daycare centers with children running and playing and parents yelling at children.
7402	7/11/2012	It is always packed. The staff is wonderful. I have met many nice people there. I LOVE the library

7403	7/11/2012	the library is used a lot by the residents here, including myself. i was very excited about the new Troutdale library.
7404	7/11/2012	They are very usful, computers and Internet access, kids story time and variety of available books.
7405	7/11/2012	Extremely well -- it is always busy, every day of the week, both the media (DVD) section that I use, the children's room that I visit with my grandchildren.
7406	7/11/2012	???
7407	7/11/2012	I use the Central Library, so it is busy every single day of the week!
7408	7/11/2012	VERY!!!!
7409	7/11/2012	The Belmont library is our closest library and it is well used. We also frequent the Hillsdale library as they have a larger story time capacity and it also appears to be well used.
7410	7/11/2012	Very
7411	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy when I'm there.
7412	7/11/2012	Midland is well used, well supervised and well attended. I think it is one of the best Portland Libraries.
7413	7/11/2012	I think that it is very well used. There always are groups of people there and the amount of use i think it gets is huge
7414	7/11/2012	My local library always has people in it and it's internet access computers are frequently all being used.
7415	7/11/2012	Very, it is almost always filled.
7416	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always people in there.
7417	7/11/2012	Very well used. Every time I go (normally to the Albina or Hollywood branch) the library is packed. There always always people everywhere--looking at books, doing work at tables, using the computers, using the copy machines.
7418	7/11/2012	Not sure.
7419	7/11/2012	We use it regularly and it always full when we are there.
7420	7/11/2012	very
7421	7/11/2012	Usually pretty packed!
7422	7/11/2012	very well
7423	7/11/2012	very well used
7424	7/11/2012	Midland Branch seems to always be busy with seniors, students studying, families and young children.
7425	7/11/2012	Usually is very busy with many people using the facilities.
7426	7/11/2012	They always seem busy. Although I don't use the library for computer services, every time I visit all of the computers seem to be in use. I think it would be a great disservice to people who depend on the library's computers for their personal use.
7427	7/11/2012	Always seems to have plenty of clients.
7428	7/11/2012	It always seems very busy when I am there.
7429	7/11/2012	It's always busy and filled with activity.
7430	7/11/2012	Very

7431	7/11/2012	Very well used. Many people are there every time I am there.
7432	7/11/2012	Always people in it,on computers, kids programs,and book/movie checkout.Books coming in from other branches.
7433	7/11/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever I'm there!
7434	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7435	7/11/2012	very
7436	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used.
7437	7/11/2012	Always PACKED when I go in.
7438	7/11/2012	It seems fairly busy whenever I'm in there.
7439	7/11/2012	heavily
7440	7/11/2012	I believe it is very well used.
7441	7/11/2012	Always seems busy when I go in.
7442	7/11/2012	It is busy most of the time
7443	7/11/2012	never empty, always patrons, always some computer stations occupied, most often, some check-out stations occupied
7444	7/11/2012	Extremely! Capital Hill is very close to Markham Elementary and many families stop at the library on their way home from school pickups. There are always lots of people in there when we visit.
7445	7/11/2012	Very busy.
7446	7/11/2012	Very
7447	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7448	7/11/2012	I think it is very well used by those who use it, but not used by enough people. I think the library could do more to promote the services offered there.
7449	7/11/2012	Very
7450	7/11/2012	Seems to have folks in it every time I walk by.
7451	7/11/2012	Very well used. I voted for the library funding since the library is so important.
7452	7/11/2012	The Hollywood Library is very active, with people of all ages using the library.
7453	7/11/2012	Troutdale is a small town, but its library seems to be well-used. I am THRILLED to have a library in Troutdale!
7454	7/11/2012	My local library is small, but everytime I visit it seems to have 10-20 persons, including several children. There is a nice kid-friendly spot for kids to read and browse and although I don't have any kids, I'm sure this part our library is well loved and needed by the community.
7455	7/11/2012	Very. Always busy and bustling.
7456	7/11/2012	very busy
7457	7/11/2012	they are always very busy in the afternoon and evenings. I prefer to go in the morning when there are less people and more computers availavle.
7458	7/11/2012	too well used, all the shelves are full of reserved books and there's only a couple shelves of books to browse and sit down with (belmont)

7459	7/11/2012	While I don't use my local library very much, when I am there, it seems well used by children (I think providing good library experiences and books to young people a very important resource)
7460	7/11/2012	It's very well used for our family. We utilize it for a lot of those literacy programs offered to young children and volunteer opportunities for our children to help in the community and encourage others to read and be involved in social events. I don't like that the library is closed on Mondays and open on Sunday. We use Sunday as a day of rest and worship, therefore, will never use the library on this day. It's really disappointing that we have to wait until Tuesday to use our local library to get a new books for our weekly reading. Thank you for the survey and we appreciate you're interest in our comments by the public. Sandra Hamilton
7461	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
7462	7/11/2012	Very well used... It is usually busy there.
7463	7/11/2012	very much used
7464	7/11/2012	Appears to be very busy.
7465	7/11/2012	I go right when the doors open see that there are quite a few people there using every resource there. Like the fact that there is reading for children.
7466	7/11/2012	I'm 65 years old with grandchildren, whom I'm teaching to use our Library as one of the most positive resources in their/our lives.
7467	7/11/2012	Very busy. Always a long wait for computer access.
7468	7/11/2012	The Hollywood lib is always busy. My family and I love going there and it seems everyone else in our community does too. They have great resources for kids like tons of books and awesome classes for reading and singing/ music.
7469	7/11/2012	Very well
7470	7/11/2012	Very busy
7471	7/11/2012	Very - there are always lots of people, either browsing the shelves, or working on computers.
7472	7/11/2012	Heavily used with appropriate and very friendly staff. Not happy that the libraries are now closed on Mondays, though.
7473	7/11/2012	I believe my local branch (Hillsdale) is well-loved by our community, and we highly value its contributions. It is part of why we love living where we do.
7474	7/11/2012	It appears to be busy whenever I return or pick up books.
7475	7/11/2012	Unknown. There are usually about 15 people there at each of my visits
7476	7/11/2012	Lots of patrons when I'm there.
7477	7/11/2012	The midland library is used well by the local community - I see people of all ages when I am in the library
7478	7/11/2012	We go to Vancouver more often. Easier to get to and no late fees.
7479	7/11/2012	It's always busy, any time of day. Patrons speak many languages---especially, English, Vietnamese & Spanish. Computers are always in use, people are checking out books & other media, reading newspapers & journals, attending story time, knitting & book clubs & Spanish/English conversations.

7480	7/11/2012	I visit the Central and Hillsdale libraries several times a week. Both are always buzzing with activity, energy, and visitors of all ages.
7481	7/11/2012	seems pretty popular
7482	7/11/2012	very!
7483	7/11/2012	seems to always be quite busy
7484	7/11/2012	Very well used I would assume. Every time I am at my neighborhood library, it is very well attended.
7485	7/11/2012	very well used
7486	7/11/2012	I don't know, as I haven't used the Library in a while.
7487	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7488	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always people in the branch. Personally, I don't know what I would do without it. I see many people from all walks of life and all ages checking out books and media, using the computers, doing research...I would call my library (Central Library), Grand Central Station as a fitting title. There is a constant milling in and out the doors and a friendly and helpful staff who always greets you and offers assistance.
7489	7/11/2012	
7490	7/11/2012	seems busy to mee
7491	7/11/2012	Very well used. Long lines at peak hours.
7492	7/11/2012	Very well used. Awesome public resource!
7493	7/11/2012	Both libraries we use are important to the community. The Central Library would be used extensively until 11 PM each night if it were open. Both the Woodstock and Sellwood-Moreland libraries are always busy places. Woodstock had wonderful activities for children that are always well attended.[] At both libraries the staff is helpful, knowledgeable and pleasant.
7494	7/11/2012	
7495	7/11/2012	Central Library is always in heavy use. By this I mean users of library services and resources not just those folks who choose to "hang out" in a beautiful, quiet, clean space (can't knock anyone for that).
7496	7/11/2012	It appears to be very well used when I visit (once or twice per week).
7497	7/11/2012	It's always busy with families and people using the computers!
7498	7/11/2012	Our local branch (Belmont) seems fairly well used.
7499	7/11/2012	Extremely. Often a wait at checkout. Today. Tues July 10 it was swamped bcause it was closed Monday
7500	7/11/2012	Very well used. The builing is great, there are many titles and subjects. The staff is externally helpful.
7501	7/11/2012	Very well! Usually very busy when I stop in.
7502	7/11/2012	Great Library!
7503	7/11/2012	It always looks well attended when I am there. I visit less frequently now that I can do online checkouts for my kindle but I still appreciate having a brick and mortar library nearby.
7504	7/11/2012	very well used. There's always lots of people in programs. Adults and children alike.
7505	7/11/2012	I do not understand your question.

7506	7/11/2012	I think our library (Woodstock) is central to our neighborhood and is one of the things we love about where we live. It's never overly crowded but there are always folks of every age at the library
7507	7/11/2012	Always busy!
7508	7/11/2012	very well used.
7509	7/11/2012	Very. A critical community resource.
7510	7/11/2012	Very well-used and busy.
7511	7/11/2012	It's always busy in Gresham
7512	7/11/2012	The Sellwood Library is regularly used and my son enjoys going there.
7513	7/11/2012	Always seems to me quite a few people using the library. Computers are almost always in use.
7514	7/11/2012	Very.
7515	7/11/2012	When I visit it is almost always busy
7516	7/11/2012	VERY well used. Every time I visit the library, which is at least once a week, I see seniors sitting at the tables reading newspapers. The computers are in use continuously, mostly by young people, parents and their children, teen ages and middle-aged folks like me are always coming and going. There are shelves and shelves of books in alphabetical order of last names of people (sometimes me) who have reserved a book.
7517	7/11/2012	Think it is busy every day.
7518	7/11/2012	Very
7519	7/11/2012	Central library is highly used. It is bustling every time I go in.
7520	7/11/2012	Very.
7521	7/11/2012	Very well used, to the point of being noisy. Not like the libraries of old which were islands of tranquility from the outside world. Now, it is too much like a mall. Would prefer it to go back to the old days but then I'm probably just showing my age.
7522	7/11/2012	The Midland library always has lots of people there using the computers, looking for books, in the children's area, and reading or studying. It is very well used! I visit 3-4 times each week, picking up holds or looking for books.
7523	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I am in there.
7524	7/11/2012	Very busy
7525	7/11/2012	It is a small branch that is often full.
7526	7/11/2012	My local library is very well used.
7527	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7528	7/11/2012	VERY WELL USED!!!!!!
7529	7/11/2012	In what way???
7530	7/11/2012	I always see lots of people inside the library using the computers, browsing, picking/dropping off books or chatting with the librarians each time I go in.[] [] Very well.

7531	7/11/2012	Heavily
7532	7/11/2012	There always seem to be a good number of people present when I patronize the library
7533	7/11/2012	Very
7534	7/11/2012	very. it is rarely ever empty.
7535	7/11/2012	There are always a lot of people in the building on a daily basis using computers and checking out books. I go there often.
7536	7/11/2012	I am not there as often now as in the past, but I think the Albina Branch is used to its capacity quite frequently.
7537	7/11/2012	VERY!!
7538	7/11/2012	Seems to be pretty busy.
7539	7/11/2012	constantly busy every time I visit.
7540	7/11/2012	The Albina branch is always busy. Lots of students doing homework after school and using computers. Lots of parents with young children are often there. I've checked weekly for my library visits but I often am there three or four times a week.
7541	7/11/2012	very
7542	7/11/2012	IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE BUSY.
7543	7/11/2012	Very well used; always busy
7544	7/11/2012	Very well used. The only time I've been there and it was quiet was when I got there before they opened!
7545	7/11/2012	Very busy.
7546	7/11/2012	Well used ... always people there. There are always tons of people, have to wait in line to get access to a computer. I love it there and my children and all the families adore the staff. ☺
7547	7/11/2012	☺ KEEP FUNDING!
7548	7/11/2012	There are always 20 people or so at our library. It feels busy, but comfortable.
7549	7/11/2012	Very! I have been out of town more than I have been in town lately, so my usage has been way down. When I was in town full time I went at least twice a month
7550	7/11/2012	Very much. The best among the best. It a very interacting place. We get to wisper about the beauty of our Library.
7551	7/11/2012	There are people there, day and night. There's always a line to get in when the library opens.
7552	7/11/2012	Our closest location - NE - always has plenty of people in it. It was recently & very nicely renovated.
7553	7/11/2012	It's almost always very busy.
7554	7/11/2012	I couldn't imagine life here without it.☺ It provides excellent services and knowledge.
7555	7/11/2012	They seem pretty busy most of the time.
7556	7/11/2012	Always busy

7557	7/11/2012	It"s ALWAYS BUSY.
7558	7/11/2012	The North Portland Library is very well used and appreciated by many!
7559	7/11/2012	Very. There's always a lot of activity.
7560	7/11/2012	Library appears busy and occupied most of the times I go there.
7561	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used. When I go in there there are usually a good amount of people.
7562	7/11/2012	Extremely
7563	7/11/2012	every time I go, there are many people - browsing, reading, using the computers, listening to stories and of course checking out books.
7564	7/11/2012	always busy ad full of people
7565	7/11/2012	It's always busy.
7566	7/11/2012	It always seems to be busy.
7567	7/11/2012	Always busy!
7568	7/11/2012	It is very busy all of the time. (Belmont)
7569	7/11/2012	Very well
7570	7/11/2012	;I would say they are well used by the activity I see there when visiting.
7571	7/11/2012	The two libraries I frequent, Belmont and Hollywood, are usually very busy but I have few problems accessing computers or getting assistance from librarians within a short amount of time.
7572	7/11/2012	Very. I was also disappointed to see hours cut when we voted the measure up :(
7573	7/11/2012	The Kenton and St John's libraries are very well used and their resources are in high demand.
7574	7/11/2012	always busy
7575	7/11/2012	always busy, hard to find parking
7576	7/11/2012	Very well used - it is a wonderful resource
7577	7/11/2012	Seems pretty busy
7578	7/11/2012	Belmont library is always full of people. It is a wonderful library!
7579	7/11/2012	Very well used. Always seems busy.
7580	7/11/2012	unknown
7581	7/11/2012	It seems to be busy.
7582	7/11/2012	There are usually a lot of people in there any afternoon I stop in. A good variety, too (seniors, kids, adults, families, etc.)
7583	7/11/2012	Busy and bustling every time I visit
7584	7/11/2012	It's the Central Library, most well used in the nation . . .
7585	7/11/2012	It is positively busy, while not too crowded to be useful.
7586	7/11/2012	Very well used
7587	7/11/2012	It always seems crowded every time I visit.
7588	7/11/2012	It's almost always full
7589	7/11/2012	I'm not really sure I can answer such a question. It seems that they are always busy and utilized.
7590	7/11/2012	always very busy

7591	7/11/2012	Fairly busy, especially the computers.
7592	7/11/2012	Very crowded most times I am there.
7593	7/11/2012	(Belmont) Very. There's always a line before it opens, and people stayign as long as they can at the end of the day.
7594	7/11/2012	almost always very busy
7595	7/11/2012	The library is well used and loved by the community that surrounds it. Its absence would be sorely felt by many.
7596	7/11/2012	Always busy whenever I visit.
7597	7/11/2012	very well
7598	7/11/2012	Central and NW are always busy. As much as I understand the question, I would say they are very well used.
7599	7/11/2012	Very, the parking lot is always full, & most times I have to wait to use a computer.
7600	7/11/2012	Its always busy when I go in and book selection rotates quite quickly so I would think that its well used.
7601	7/11/2012	very very well used.
7602	7/11/2012	Very -- it's always busy and could stand to be twice its size.
7603	7/11/2012	Very well. It's a very important asset of our community.
7604	7/11/2012	Overcrowded at Belmont. Very busy at Central Library. Comfortable at Hollywood.
7605	7/11/2012	It almost always has at least 20 or more people reading using the computers, etc. every time I have gone into the library.
7606	7/11/2012	It's always busy!
7607	7/11/2012	great--nothing negative to say.
7608	7/11/2012	very well used
7609	7/11/2012	I don't know
7610	7/11/2012	Seems pretty well used.
7611	7/11/2012	both branches are very well used.
7612	7/11/2012	Always busy, it seems. There are people in virtually every area of the library during the daytime when we stop by.
7613	7/11/2012	i regularly use 4 different branches(see above) and each of them is always at least moderately utilized at any given time ... the Belmont branch is usually heavily in use ...
7614	7/11/2012	I typically see at least half a dozen patrons at the Northwest branch at any time during library hours.
7615	7/11/2012	Every time I go into the Hollywood Library it is very busy.
7616	7/11/2012	very
7617	7/11/2012	Sometimes at the kenton library it is so busy especially on the computers.
7618	7/11/2012	seems pretty busy, especially when there isn't any school or in the evenings.
7619	7/11/2012	It seems to be consistently used and provides a lot of great resources.
7620	7/11/2012	quite
7621	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. It's always busy.

7622	7/11/2012	Troutdale's library seems to be very well used; however, I've only visited the Fairview and Rockwood libraries occasionally and while there was some decent amount of activity at the Fairview library each time I went (which was often, prior to the Troutdale library opening), I couldn't say regarding the level of activity at Rockwood.
7623	7/11/2012	I usually go to Midland Library and it is always full of people using it as a community resource. I love how easy it is to access what I want and have books I need sent there for me.
7624	7/11/2012	My local library (Gresham) is always in use. Sometimes it is hard to find a computer to use but with the time limit it doesn't take long to find one. The workers at the Gresham branch are always very helpful. If they don't know the answer they find someone who does.
7625	7/11/2012	I visit the library every other day. That was not an option on your survey, but it's important for me to let you know it is a staple in my life. I believe that the library, particularly in Sellwood, is the heart of the community. It is never empty and sometimes it is completely full. I would be willing to spend more of my tax dollars so that the library could remain open every day.
7626	7/11/2012	Very well-ysed
7627	7/11/2012	Woodstock is a very active library and very well maintained.
7628	7/11/2012	Very well. There are always people coming in and out of the library and it always seems busy.
7629	7/11/2012	All three that I use regularly are bustling. I often have to wait a moment to check out materials and there is always a que for the computers.
7630	7/11/2012	I believe the Woodstock Library is a very well used library. We have 3 members to our family (53, 20, 13) and use it for library books and movies.
7631	7/11/2012	I usually have 2-3 books checked out/I also go in and spend time reading periodcald
7632	7/11/2012	Very it is often very busy and full
7633	7/11/2012	very!
7634	7/11/2012	Hillsdale library always seems busy when I'm there....people reading quietly, working on computers, looking for books, having meetings, doing homework, reading to children. My daughter has been reading to the dogs almost every weekend for months. She loves it and her reading ability has improved enormously!
7635	7/11/2012	Always busy
7636	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7637	7/11/2012	?
7638	7/11/2012	It seems always busy
7639	7/11/2012	Very.
7640	7/11/2012	We use Belmont branch and it is usually quite busy. We appreciate the ability to visit the branch and get books reserved on-line
7641	7/11/2012	The Albina branch always seems to have lots of activity happening when I am there.

7642	7/11/2012	It's very useful for all people and we should have our library. As a student we need library some people doesn't have computer at home and they come to the library to do different things. Save our library.
7643	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7644	7/11/2012	It's awesome!!!!
7645	7/11/2012	very busy
7646	7/11/2012	It always seems pretty busy!
7647	7/11/2012	Always busy
7648	7/11/2012	Very used I always find others there when I drop in.
7649	7/11/2012	They seem to have a consistent flow of traffic and even get real busy at times. If I want to use a computer at the Hillsdale branch then I know what times to avoid :)
7650	7/11/2012	seems crowded whenever I go in to pick up or return
7651	7/11/2012	The branch seems to always be busy with lots of books on the hold shelves.
7652	7/11/2012	very well
7653	7/11/2012	Very. Love seeing it packed.
7654	7/11/2012	Almost always busy at all 3the locations we visit.
7655	7/11/2012	It's always busy when I go there, no matter what day of the week or time of day.
7656	7/11/2012	Busy every time I am there, no matter what time or day
7657	7/11/2012	Extremely well used. It's always hopping there.
7658	7/11/2012	seems to have a steady amount of people each time i go there.
7659	7/11/2012	Always very busy
7660	7/11/2012	Very well
7661	7/11/2012	It is always full of people. Computers are always filled up and I have to wait to use them. The staff is so friendly and helpful.
7662	7/11/2012	always busy,always folks waiting for the doors to open.
7663	7/11/2012	very well, very busy
7664	7/11/2012	It seems very busy. always in use []
7665	7/11/2012	an eclectic group of users[] [] doing many things
7666	7/11/2012	It seems pretty well used, especially as a location to pick up holds. The computers are always full though and there are always a couple of people browsing the stacks.
7667	7/11/2012	No idea.
7668	7/11/2012	very!!

7669	7/11/2012	very well used.
7670	7/11/2012	very well used
7671	7/11/2012	It's busy.
7672	7/11/2012	All branches that I visited are always busy and the computers are always full with patrons waiting their turn.
7673	7/11/2012	It is always busy.
7674	7/11/2012	It's so well used, there's never any parking available, which is why we started using the Washington County system.
7675	7/11/2012	it appears to be very used.
7676	7/11/2012	lines waiting daily for the library to open
7677	7/11/2012	If by well used you are asking how busy, it is always very busy when I visit the library. I go at a variety of times during the day and almost always there is but one or two free computers to catalog search with and such.
7678	7/11/2012	busy
7679	7/11/2012	Every time I've been in to the Albina branch (the main one I go to) it's always been at least moderately busy. However I usually go on Saturdays as I work during the week.
7680	7/11/2012	My closest library is Gresham Regional. It is always busy, and the computers are busy most of the time.
7681	7/11/2012	It always seems well populated and diverse to me.
7682	7/11/2012	Very! It's always a busy place!!!
7683	7/11/2012	I don't know since I seldom go there. I usually use the downtown Central Library.
7684	7/11/2012	Central library is always very busy but in the winter it's basically half library and half homeless shelter. I was homeless myself for most of 2010 and I often spent four to six hours a day reading in the library because there isn't anything else to do when you're homeless. "Homeless shelters" aren't what most people think they are. Julia West House is open short hours, mainly in the morning, and they'll let you take a shower and give you free coffee; you can use a computer for one hour; but otherwise there's absolutely nothing to do there. You spend hours just sitting there staring at the wall and engaging in useless chit chat with other homeless people. The Salvation Army only lets in a limited number of people at 8 am and they show old movies on a small TV. If you leave you don't get to come back until the next day. And neither place lets you sleep. That's why so many people doze off in the the library. It's good that the library is open to the homeless but I think it's unfortunate that it has to take the place of a proper venue for the homeless.

7685	7/11/2012	Whenever I'm at my local Sellwood branch, (usually two to three times a week), it's busy! Parents reading to their children, patrons accessing computers, reading newspapers or other periodicals, checking out books or other media and during the school year there are students from grade school through high school working on homework. There is always a capacity crowd whenever there is a special program, arts and crafts or music, guest author, etc. The Page Turners book group is very popular and well attended. Our outstanding Multnomah County Library system deserves permanent funding!!!
7686	7/11/2012	VERY!
7687	7/11/2012	Very well.
7688	7/11/2012	It's well used enough that I don't really have any problems with it.
7689	7/11/2012	EVERYTIME we go, it is always busy. Various ages on the computers. We check out the Spanish book section quite a bit. We wish there were more children's books. K-8.
7690	7/11/2012	It seems to be quite well used; it is almost always busy, people always coming and going.
7691	7/11/2012	Both locations are always busy and I usually wait a while for books on hold.
7692	7/11/2012	Always a number of people in there. 15-20?
7693	7/11/2012	Well
7694	7/11/2012	Our local library is used often. It is generally busy when we go there.
7695	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question. Are you asking how busy it is?
7696	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7697	7/11/2012	Very, it seems. There are always lots of people around when I'm there, no matter the time of day.
7698	7/11/2012	llibraary usually full of people and youngsters
7699	7/11/2012	Very well.
7700	7/11/2012	The central branch always seems quite busy.
7701	7/11/2012	Really good
7702	7/11/2012	It seems well used, always busy and filled with patrons. Personally I order items online and pick them up when they arrive.
7703	7/11/2012	Always seems very busy when I go into the library.
7704	7/11/2012	Very, I think it is among the most busiest and heavily used libraries in the city.
7705	7/11/2012	It is well used by young families
7706	7/11/2012	Very, it is very lively in there all the time.
7707	7/11/2012	Very
7708	7/11/2012	It is the busiest place in the neighborhood - always flocked with people, and lines by the door at opening times.
7709	7/11/2012	It is a busy library important to our neighborhood.
7710	7/11/2012	Belmont seems to be busy all the time and very busy in the summer.
7711	7/11/2012	Overused. I don't want to stick around very long because so many transients use it as a hangout, for begging, or even for a place to go in and use as a temporary makeshift shelter.

7712	7/11/2012	I thoroughly enjoy and use the mobile library van.
7713	7/11/2012	Seems over the top in all depts. whenever I am there, primarily Belmont, my n'hood □ branch library!
7714	7/11/2012	seemingly always busy.
7715	7/11/2012	very well
7716	7/11/2012	Very,
7717	7/11/2012	I'm not sure.
7718	7/11/2012	I believe it is used very well. There are a lot of children activities and author's visiting.
7719	7/11/2012	Let's just say that every time I go to my local library, there's a long queue to use the computers
7720	7/11/2012	VERY well-used. Nearly overcrowded.
7721	7/11/2012	Very well used! There is always a crowd before the doors even open. I take my kids at least once a week and often after the farmers market on the weekends. They are learning to use the library and LOVE books.
7722	7/11/2012	I mostly attend North Portland library and I always find it tidy. I used to visit central all of the time before I moved, and it was also very clean. Both hold shelves were entirely full and there is always around 10 people in North Portland Library whenever I visit, which is surprising for how small a building it is!
7723	7/11/2012	My local library is Belmont and it is very well used.
7724	7/11/2012	Very
7725	7/11/2012	All of the libraries we visit are very well-used and busy.... often there is a line waiting outside until the door open.
7726	7/11/2012	Every time I go in there are at least 10 other folks there. It's a pretty small branch, too.
7727	7/11/2012	Hillsdale and Central are very busy just about any time I'm there
7728	7/11/2012	Extremely!
7729	7/11/2012	Well used. I don't use it and can no longer support the libraries through increases in property taxes--but many others do. There's got to be a better way.
7730	7/11/2012	I love to go to the library all the time and take my kid too.
7731	7/11/2012	How would I know this? I see other people there using the library when I'm there, but have no way of gauging whether it's "well-used".
7732	7/11/2012	Very well used
7733	7/11/2012	I think it is well used.
7734	7/11/2012	Usually not very busy.
7735	7/11/2012	I am not sure I understood the question based on how it is worded. The Fairview/Columbia library appears to be well used.
7736	7/11/2012	Well used. Always has patrons visiting.
7737	7/11/2012	There are always people inside that appear to be using the resources wisely. I mainly see people checking out books & media and also using the computers.

7738	7/11/2012	It appears to me that the young under school aged section, videos and computer access are the primary areas of use.
7739	7/11/2012	It seems to be very well used judging from the parking lot. I do most of my searches and selections by computer and then pick up or return, sometimes after hours.[] [] The internet access makes it much easier to use the library on a frequent basis
7740	7/11/2012	I actually visit the Central branch three or more times a week; I also like the Hollywood branch but am there just occasionally. Whenever I have been in either library, they have been very busy, with many patrons. At the Central branch I visit at least two and sometimes three floors, and I always observe people consulting with librarians (at the desk and in the stacks), browsing both on the shelves and at the wonderful exhibits and "Librarians' Choice" shelves, using the Internet computers and the catalog monitors, and at the desks both with their own laptops or reading. I often see children or young people in groups at the Central branch also. At the Central main floor, the section of videos and DVDs is frequently being explored by a line that goes around the shelves (sometimes I have to wait and come back a few minutes later!).
7741	7/11/2012	Always busy!
7742	7/11/2012	Very
7743	7/11/2012	busy
7744	7/11/2012	hollywood was underbuilt, it's always crowded, but, is my favorite branch
7745	7/11/2012	We haven't been in years.
7746	7/11/2012	It seem to be used frequently. I ue it three-four times a year, but walk by several times a week on my way to PCC, and there seems to be people there all the time.
7747	7/11/2012	The Gregory Hts branch seems to be consistently busy (throughout the day and the week, especially evenings and weekends). I very much appreciate so many options for Vietnamese and Spanish speakers, and for young people.
7748	7/11/2012	greatly
7749	7/11/2012	It's always busy when we visit (we usually go on Saturdays).
7750	7/11/2012	Busy, busy, busy
7751	7/11/2012	Very well used
7752	7/11/2012	it's usually well attended
7753	7/11/2012	Both libraries that I attend seem to always be fairly busy. Especially the Hollywood library, there are always several activities and different events going on.
7754	7/11/2012	I think the Kenton library seems to be fairly well used and myself and my family love to just hang out there. We visit the St. Johns library less often even though it is much closer to our home, and it also seems less busy. I see this as more of a pick up, drop off point as the book selection seems very limited for my children also if we just want to browse the shelves.
7755	7/11/2012	Very

7756	7/11/2012	It seems very well used. Always busy and full of people.
7757	7/11/2012	very well - used, especially by smelly transients.
7758	7/11/2012	Very well
7759	7/11/2012	I have no idea.
7760	7/11/2012	I don' know, but it seems that there are always people comong and going.
7761	7/11/2012	Well used when I am there, and I have come at various different times of the day and day of the week.
7762	7/11/2012	Very well used. There are lots of people in both branches that we use every time we go. I use Gregory Heights mostly, and my husband uses Hollywood branch mostly. I like the additional programs in language and crafts at G.H., and would like to take advantage of them when I am able.
7763	7/11/2012	I'm not there often, but since I'm retired I visit at all different times of the day and week. Every time, yes, EVERY time I visit the library (especially Belmont) it is packed. All the computers are in use, there are dozens of people browsing, and dozens more at tables, doing whatever. There are people of all ages there, from toddlers to seniors and all ages in between. If Belmont is any example, the Multnomah Library system is a VERY well-used resource.
7764	7/11/2012	Always very busy. A line out the door each day before opening.
7765	7/11/2012	Extremely
7766	7/11/2012	I believe the Central Library is very well-used; I always see many patrons there whenever I come in.
7767	7/11/2012	very well used
7768	7/11/2012	I feel my library is very well-used, and have been very pleased to have this branch open in my neighborhood.
7769	7/11/2012	Frequently
7770	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7771	7/11/2012	i am not sure what this question is asking but both hollywood and central librarys seem to be rather heavily used. always lots of people, and definitely kids in the summer at hollywood.
7772	7/11/2012	Every time we go the Troutdale or Fairview library it has been very occupied. Many people use the library.
7773	7/11/2012	It's always well used whenever I am there. A diverse mix of young/old/in-between, white/non-white, male/female.
7774	7/11/2012	Both Central and Hollywood seem to me to be well used,
7775	7/11/2012	very - it's always full of people, especially young people, but people of all ages.
7776	7/11/2012	It's crazy busy!!
7777	7/11/2012	I think its pretty well used but I don't go there very often anymore.
7778	7/11/2012	High use. It's a neighborhood treasure.
7779	7/11/2012	I really enjoy our library and appreciate all I can do there.....
7780	7/11/2012	From what I can see, it is very well used. I volunteer at the NW branch on Sundays, and as soon as the doors open there are people waiting to come in. It is not just a source of books for people but so much more and so important for our community.

7781	7/11/2012	In every neighborhood I have have lived within Multnomah County, I have always found people amongst the desks, computers, and aisles of books during every visit to my local public library. It makes me very happy to see so many people benefiting from this wonderful resource.
7782	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7783	7/11/2012	Always a nice amount of patrons using the facility when I visit.
7784	7/11/2012	Very well used. Both are always busy when I'm there.
7785	7/11/2012	The library always seems busy.
7786	7/11/2012	Not sure what this question is asking...
7787	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is frequently impossible to get a spot in the small parking lot, and the library is always busy with people doing research, reading, or checking in and out books. Very well used. It is a great place for so many good people.☺
7788	7/11/2012	A good library that is well used is a hallmark of a good people looking for good reading and entertainment. We have the best.
7789	7/11/2012	I see the Hillsdale branch as a centerpiece of the community. It is always busy and bustling.
7790	7/11/2012	There is always a steady flow of individuals through the doors of our local library. The children's section, computer area and most tables and study rooms are well populated but not crowded. The librarians are busy helping patrons and the general atmosphere is inviting and comfortable and I feel like I can ask for help any time and get it with a smile.
7791	7/11/2012	It always appears busy on the occasions I visit and the parking lot always has cars in it when i drive by.
7792	7/11/2012	always busy.
7793	7/11/2012	Very well
7794	7/11/2012	always busy there
7795	7/11/2012	It seems that the Hollywood Library is well used. there are always several users present when i visit.
7796	7/11/2012	It seems like it is very well used by multiple patrons.
7797	7/11/2012	It always seems busy.
7798	7/11/2012	Well-used. About 8 years ago, I was a summer reading program volunteer, so I spent a lot of time in the Woodstock Library. I saw it get a lot of use.
7799	7/11/2012	Vibrant busy library.
7800	7/11/2012	Very well-used; everyone I know appreciates it
7801	7/11/2012	very busy and much loved
7802	7/11/2012	If by "well used" you mean that many people frequent it then yes, it is very well used.
7803	7/11/2012	Always busy.
7804	7/11/2012	very
7805	7/11/2012	there is always a crowd
7806	7/11/2012	Holgate Library, which we use more than others branches, seem very well used. I usually put books on hold online and go there to pick them up. I appreciate librarians being available to assist me in every way possible.

7807	7/11/2012	Very we see people we know there all the time.
7808	7/11/2012	very
7809	7/11/2012	There always are people in it when I arrive. Often all the computers are in use.
7810	7/11/2012	It's busy! Lots of kids.
7811	7/11/2012	Very well
7812	7/11/2012	The library always seems to be busy when I go. Sometimes the parking lot is completely full.
7813	7/11/2012	Hollywood seems to be a very busy neighborhood branch. I can't speak to whether its offerings are well used or not, but it seems very popular in terms of the amount of traffic in and out. There's always a small group gathered at its door at opening time each day.
7814	7/11/2012	Belmont Library, my local branch, is extremely well used. It's often hard to find a seat at the library, let alone computer time. Belmont could be open 24 hours a day, and people would use it.
7815	7/11/2012	Always busy, a community resource and meeting place of great value to all ages and all income levels.
7816	7/11/2012	very comfortable, I fill very well , good attention; exelent.
7817	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7818	7/11/2012	Quite
7819	7/11/2012	Very busy
7820	7/11/2012	Extremely well used, especially by street people seeking shelter during the day
7821	7/11/2012	Overly used. Very noisy. Librarians do nothing to control crowd or noise.
7822	7/11/2012	It is always crowded.
7823	7/11/2012	Every time I visit either Kenton or the N. Portland branch, both have several visitors also present. It seems that both locations are commonly used by the public. Additionally, many of my neighbors also visit these branches as well.
7824	7/11/2012	It is certainly well used by the homeless!
7825	7/11/2012	Seems quite a bit.
7826	7/11/2012	very well
7827	7/11/2012	Always has a lot of people in it!
7828	7/11/2012	Very, I'm there all the time picking up books & DVDs that I have on hold, plus checking out the new books & staff picks area.
7829	7/11/2012	They are generally pretty busy, but rarely too full
7830	7/11/2012	There is a lot of foot traffic in the library. All of the computers seem to be in use every time that I go into the facility. I've seen large groups for children's reading time.
7831	7/11/2012	Since Monday closure, very busy!
7832	7/11/2012	I primarily visit Belmont and Central, which are always both quite lively.
7833	7/11/2012	I'm always shocked at how busy it is. There is always a huge line outside when it opens.
7834	7/11/2012	It seems to be quite busy every time I visit, especially computer use although the users are mostly teenager's playing video games!

7835	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7836	7/11/2012	its busy most of the time
7837	7/11/2012	always busy, not enough parking
7838	7/11/2012	very used and loved
7839	7/11/2012	It is frequently busy
7840	7/11/2012	Very well. I'm a huge library fan and am grateful for the resource.
7841	7/11/2012	Very well used by all ages.
7842	7/11/2012	It's always quite crowded; sometimes there are no computers available. Also, the hold lists tend to be lengthy for really popular books.
7843	7/11/2012	There are often many people at the library. I'm always impressed at how much people make use of its resources.
7844	7/11/2012	It's a busy place. People using computers, small children in storytime, pageturners, tax help, computer lessons, summer reading.
7845	7/11/2012	The Troutdale Library is very well used. I feel that it has hurt the community with the less hours the library is now opened. I also have used the Gresham Library and it is very busy also.
7846	7/11/2012	St. Johns is older and well used by many as is the new Kenton library. The Central library is the place to go for research.
7847	7/11/2012	very well used.
7848	7/11/2012	It always seems busy when I drive by
7849	7/11/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
7850	7/11/2012	very well used.
7851	7/11/2012	I think very. There are always many people there when I visit. Computer terminals are usually filled and there are always people browsing the stacks.
7852	7/11/2012	Computer labs are usually full and tables are occupied
7853	7/11/2012	Well used! It's always busy...
7854	7/11/2012	It always has a line for the computer and the parking lot is usually full.
7855	7/11/2012	Always busy when we visit. Many children often at our branch.
7856	7/11/2012	I would say very well. Almost always all computers are in use, kids are playing in the children's section, and many people are quietly reading at tables or browsing the collection.
7857	7/11/2012	I'm sure that there are people using Hillsdale library every hour that it is open.
7858	7/11/2012	There are always people there when I go.
7859	7/11/2012	I think my local library is used quite well by the community.
7860	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale branch is extensively used by the local community.
7861	7/11/2012	Very
7862	7/11/2012	Very. It always seems very busy no matter what hour I'm there to pick up books.
7863	7/11/2012	Quite well
7864	7/11/2012	VERY highly used!

7865	7/11/2012	very very well
7866	7/11/2012	Very well-used. On any given day the Albina branch is crowded with patrons involved in various activities. At times there is a line outside the door in the few minutes prior to open hours.
7867	7/11/2012	This branch ALWAYS seems to have a lot of people in the facility. I notice that computer terminals are nearly always full and meeting rooms are being utilized for various functions.
7868	7/11/2012	You mean worn out? Stupid question! Everything is automated I never ever talk to anyone, I get what I want and leave - like a tree.
7869	7/11/2012	Both locations we visit are well-used, especially Rockwood.
7870	7/11/2012	very
7871	7/11/2012	very
7872	7/11/2012	Always very busy.
7873	7/11/2012	The Hillsdale branch seems to be super-well used!
7874	7/11/2012	I'm not sure.
7875	7/11/2012	Very well from what I hear.
7876	7/11/2012	Always bustling with people.
7877	7/11/2012	lots
7878	7/11/2012	Very well used.
7879	7/11/2012	I always see people there of all ages and backgrounds using it for a variety of purposes and at a range of times of the day.
7880	7/11/2012	seems to be used by just a small handful of people; i always see the same faces when i go there.
7881	7/11/2012	It is well used.
7882	7/11/2012	...the library is constantly full of people...unfortunately, there are a great deal of homeless both inside (especially on a cold and rainy day) and outside (on a sunny day) ...
7883	7/11/2012	I often notice that Central Library is populated with not only folks who check out books / other media, but also those who enjoy reading / spending time within the library and using some of the other resources that the library offers. More specifically, I often see a lot of community members using the computers / accessing the internet, as well as a lot of families who frequent the Beverly Cleary children's library. I'm also friends with a few elementary school teachers whom I know frequent Central Library in order to check out books for their students to read in class.
7884	7/11/2012	The library is usually very busy with residents picking up and checking out books, using computers, participating in groups and as a center where people meet each other. The computer terminals are widely used by all age groups. The children's groups and other activities are wonderful supports to both linking the community as well as their prime purpose of promoting literacy. I support and value the fact that many displays and materials are available in different languages.[] [] I am unaware of any senior programs although I am a senior.

7885	7/11/2012	I hardly ever visit the library as I receive home delivery for the home bound. When I used to go the Holgate Library was always packed.
7886	7/11/2012	It is always busy (I tend to go at the end of the day, on my way home from work).
7887	7/11/2012	BUSY, it is always packed when we come in.
7888	7/11/2012	always seems to be people there, with parkings spaces pretty well filled.
7889	7/11/2012	Central seems well used.
7890	7/11/2012	I mainly use the library to sign out children's books for the classroom in which I teach.
7891	7/11/2012	Very. I visit several times a week and it is always very busy when I'm there.
7892	7/11/2012	I'm a long-time visitor of the North Portland branch, which always seems busy, and always has a line for computers. I recently started using the Kenton branch, which is small, but I always see a lot of traffic when I'm there.
7893	7/11/2012	Midland library seems to be well used. MY friends come back with stacks of books from midland. I usually just check out a couple
7894	7/11/2012	It is always full and busy when I am there!
7895	7/11/2012	Appears to be well used
7896	7/11/2012	Very.
7897	7/11/2012	Very well used
7898	7/11/2012	It seems busy in the Central Library whenever I go.
7899	7/11/2012	Very well used
7900	7/11/2012	It is always crowded, regardless of day or time I use the library.
7901	7/11/2012	The Capitol Hill branch is always very busy and filled with people. I'd say it's a heavy use branch. I can't imagine not having it, because I check out at least 12 books a month.
7902	7/11/2012	very well used, and beautifully maintained. If I may make a suggestion, how about a \$10 or \$20 yearly membership fee?
7903	7/11/2012	We love our local library and use it weekly at the least. We often frequent it bi-weekly. It seems popular in our community and is well used. The programs seem well attended. As a family, we value the help we've received from the librarians and staff. We appreciate that our library is in walking distance, and often walk to it. Our children can walk there with friends.
7904	7/11/2012	very well used
7905	7/11/2012	The library seems to be filled with people at all times.
7906	7/11/2012	Troutdale is very well used, because it is conveniently right next to Reynolds High School.
7907	7/11/2012	It's pretty busy every time I've gone in.
7908	7/11/2012	It seems well used but not overwhelmed.
7909	7/11/2012	It seems busy when we go. Not crowded but busy
7910	7/11/2012	very good?
7911	7/11/2012	I often see lots of people in there of all ages. I think it's a great resource for the students at both Jefferson and PCC, also.

7912	7/11/2012	Both branched are always busy when I go to either one.
7913	7/11/2012	All the libraries we visit-- depending on where our route takes us in town-- are always very well used.
7914	7/11/2012	I have just started to use the library again. The library is an important function for the community. Allowing access to computers and of course information and education for the young and old alike. I began using the library again when I could not longer afford to purchase books. I am retired but work at least one day a week and often refer people to the library to use their computers to get on line to look information when they do not own a lap top or computer.
7915	7/11/2012	Always seems to be well used.
7916	7/11/2012	I think that it is very well used. There are always a lot of patrons in using the various services provided
7917	7/11/2012	It always is full of people every day.
7918	7/11/2012	The Belmont branch always has a good number of people in it.
7919	7/11/2012	It's very well used. It's always crowded, and I often have to wait for half an hour to get a computer. It's really important for job seekers to have access to a computer these days. If you reduce the hours the library is open, you are taking away time from the unemployed.
7920	7/11/2012	Well used, I would say.
7921	7/11/2012	It seems like it's usually busy.
7922	7/11/2012	Kenton is always busy. It seems to always have many children in it.
7923	7/11/2012	Very well. Especially N Portland, which is the branch I use most often.
7924	7/11/2012	I am not sure what this question means?
7925	7/11/2012	I don't go in for physical media much anymore, but i use the web to check out e-books all the time - so I don't really know.
7926	7/11/2012	I don't understand this question. What is meant by "well used"? 1. Like an old used car 2. Frequently used 3. Used but well taken care of?
7927	7/11/2012	It seems like libraries have become a place to use free internet instead of for reading books and studying. The computers are always busy but the aisle are deserted. I value the library as a quiet place one can go or meet to study and use the references and space that are central to the functioning of a good library.
7928	7/11/2012	very well used, constant flow of people
7929	7/11/2012	quite well
7930	7/11/2012	It is always busy with people in there.
7931	7/11/2012	Appears to be used more as a daycare waystation than a library.
7932	7/11/2012	Always seems very busy.
7933	7/11/2012	We go to the library each and every week.
7934	7/11/2012	It is usually very busy.
7935	7/11/2012	It is always busy when I go there

7936	7/11/2012	Very well-used! There's always a line outside, waiting for the staff to open up. There are kids, older folks - a lot of diversity racially, gender-wise, etc.
7937	7/11/2012	Very. Both the Albina and North Portland branches are always busy when I am there.
7938	7/11/2012	There are usually many people at both locations when I'm there.
7939	7/11/2012	Well, it seems that every time I am at the Central branch, it's packed with people looking for books, reading online, checking out the latest 'zines, and so on.[] I'm guessing it's the most widely used in the county library system.
7940	7/11/2012	Don't know
7941	7/11/2012	All of the libraries I visit are very well used. There are always a lot of people there.
7942	7/11/2012	You would know that better than I, but there are always people in there when I come in.
7943	7/11/2012	well used!
7944	7/11/2012	Very busy place
7945	7/11/2012	Lot's of folks there most of the time.
7946	7/11/2012	It seems to be well used. I don't make it to the library very often, but when I do go, there seem to be a lot of people there.
7947	7/11/2012	The Belmont Branch is always busy. We love the library in our neighborhood!
7948	7/11/2012	The Central Library is very heavily trafficked and I always see many many people inside and making use of all the resources there.
7949	7/11/2012	Every time I visit there are many patrons of a variety of ages. People are on the computers, looking for books, reading, etc.
7950	7/11/2012	Pretty well-used. It's never packed but usually busy, and most of the computers are fully occupied.
7951	7/11/2012	There are always people inside and cars pulling in and out. I would say well used.
7952	7/10/2012	Well used
7953	7/10/2012	Very
7954	7/10/2012	very well used
7955	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question.
7956	7/10/2012	I really don't know - but I love the libraries. I have access to wifi at my home but it makes me feel good when I see so many people accessing the internet at the libraries I frequent. Seems like the computers are ALWAYS full and that means people are making use of public resources which I support.
7957	7/10/2012	Good.
7958	7/10/2012	I think it is fairly well used. Looks busy when I've been there.
7959	7/10/2012	It is constantly busy.
7960	7/10/2012	I put books on hold and then pick them up at the Kenton Library. The library is small, crowded, and noisy with kids -- not my idea of a library. Not many places to sit and read and not quiet. When I used to go to the North Portland library on Killingsworth -- the same -- too noisy, nowhere to sit to read, a hangout for teenagers -- not a real library anymore. So I just pick up books and get out of there as quickly as possible.

7961	7/10/2012	I see it busy every time I visit.
7962	7/10/2012	Belmont branch is always busy whenever I've been in there.
7963	7/10/2012	fairly
7964	7/10/2012	very
7965	7/10/2012	It is frequently busy at many different times of the day.
7966	7/10/2012	Moderately
7967	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question means, it's worded oddly. If you mean how busy do they seem to be then they seem to always be pretty busy, especially on the computers and the children's books area which is always bustling with parents and their kids.
7968	7/10/2012	It is a very popular library, always busy!
7969	7/10/2012	always busy
7970	7/10/2012	There are always many people in the library and I have observed people attending classes and events that I had not chosen to participate in.
7971	7/10/2012	Very
7972	7/10/2012	Very--it's almost always busy.
7973	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when we are there.
7974	7/10/2012	Seems busy
7975	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used.
7976	7/10/2012	Don't know--we use the downtown one
7977	7/10/2012	It is small, but very well-used.
7978	7/10/2012	very
7979	7/10/2012	Very well used
7980	7/10/2012	Always busy.
7981	7/10/2012	Very well used and often busy, which is actually encouraging. Many people without computer access can benefit here.
7982	7/10/2012	Lots
7983	7/10/2012	There is always significant traffic no matter what time or day I visit.
7984	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
7985	7/10/2012	Very. The parking lot is always full when the library is open.
7986	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a number of people there, especially using the computers.
7987	7/10/2012	Whenever I stop in to pick up materials, there seem to be a lot of people there. It seems well used by the community. There seem to be many programs available in a variety of languages.
7988	7/10/2012	The libraries I frequent are usually pretty busy most of the time. I see younger children, young adults and older adults. Some are using the library computers. Others are checking out material. Library staff is always available and extremely helpful.

		we love our local library![]
		we look up so many books, place them on hold, and then pick them up at our library. []
7989	7/10/2012	our 5 year old son is a very proficient reader and he really enjoys putting new books on hold. when he shows an interest in a subject we research it with library books. my husband is a woodworker and is always checking out books when he is working on a project that is new to him. i am a sewer, knitter, love to cook/garden, and read so having the library well-stocked is very appreciated!
7990	7/10/2012	very well used, it's always full of people!!
7991	7/10/2012	Very
7992	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I visit. Kids and adults on computers, or reading.
7993	7/10/2012	The few times I have been in it looks full...almost like it is too small.
7994	7/10/2012	It is, more often than not, very busy. So, I would say it is very well used. I love my local library and stop in 3-4 times a week at least twice with my 2 school aged children.
7995	7/10/2012	Very!
		Our library is very well used. People of all age ranges can be seen at any given time of the day using the library's resources from books, to the computers, to just using the library as a quiet place to study. There also community events held at the library such as chess matches for kids and adults, book clubs, and kids activities, which a great deal of the local community takes part in.
7996	7/10/2012	
7997	7/10/2012	usually a very busy library
7998	7/10/2012	Always people in all the Libraries I use
7999	7/10/2012	Very well used
8000	7/10/2012	Parking lot is usually 3/4 to full. Internet computers are the same.
8001	7/10/2012	I don't really use the library that often, but when I do get a chance I would walk right in
		The Troutdale branch is BUSY. It has become a hub of activity for our neighborhood and I can't tell you enough about the value that my family places on having this library branch available. It has given us the ability to access library resources that we haven't used as much as we do now.
8002	7/10/2012	
		It seems quite busy at all times. We use it 1-3 times a week ourselves. We like to participate in special programs as well, like music shows, one time there was a guy with animals, etc.
8003	7/10/2012	
		Every time I go in to either library there are plenty of people using the computers, looking at books, movies and magazines and waiting in line to check out materials.
8004	7/10/2012	
		I believe that the Belmont location that my family uses most often, is pretty well used by the community despite the branch being so small.
8005	7/10/2012	
		I think fairly well, and my largest concern is for the neighborhood's access to information. We live in an area that is still thriving with people that don't have expendable incomes, so I think it's very important this library or one nearby remain open.
8006	7/10/2012	I would love if the local community college could share a library with the public, but I know I've also never seen that happen before. I'm sure there are political reasons, but it seems like a sensible solution. If both can share funding and operate reasonable hours together, I'm sure both could serve a large portion of the area.

8007	7/10/2012	Very well used. I live a half block from our branch and frequent the library often. The library seems to be busy and librarians are busy with people.
8008	7/10/2012	It has high usage, and is an essential part of our community.
8009	7/10/2012	very
8010	7/10/2012	The Northwest branch is regularly full of folks. I would say very well used.
8011	7/10/2012	Well
8012	7/10/2012	Both are very busy, especially with the unemployed. It's a great meeting place and support area for us all.
8013	7/10/2012	It seems very busy.
8014	7/10/2012	The ones on the east side seem a little dead. Downtown seems more used.
8015	7/10/2012	You need to avoid some hours because it is packed, especially if you want to use computers. Hollywood is VERY WELL used! Terrific branch.
8016	7/10/2012	Very busy with computers filled and hardly a place to sit down. I love to see the St. Johns library so busy. Have both grandsons and myself in the summer reading programs.
8017	7/10/2012	I cannot answer this question. I use it fairly regularly for researching matters that interest me.
8018	7/10/2012	I don't use our library much primarily because many of the books I'd normally seek simply aren't at the Sellwood-Moreland library, it's small and doesn't have the kind of selection I, as a reader, am looking for.
8019	7/10/2012	Not sure what this is asking?
8020	7/10/2012	poorly ovrde question, can not respond
8021	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used by persons o all ages at all times of the year.
8022	7/10/2012	very
8023	7/10/2012	It's always busy
8024	7/10/2012	There are always people in there and cars in the parking lot.
8025	7/10/2012	Both libraries are VERY well used, every day they are open and I am visiting.
8026	7/10/2012	Every time I visit, it is always populated, and there seems to be a decent circulation there.
8027	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy.
8028	7/10/2012	Both Hollywood and North Portland branches are filled with families and seniors.
8029	7/10/2012	i mostly use gregory heights. it is amazingly well used. quite a few activities:classes for me(sr),for my teen granddaughter & me,activities for my younger granddaughters and their friends. there are lots of neighborhood children during both school year and summer. the racial and ethnic diversity there is very delightful.so is the socio economic diversity.i need some a.d.a accommidations .there seem to be quite a few other people with "different abilities" there. lots of seniors, tots. young parents. i LOVE the place! the staff and volunteers are multi-lingual and very helpful.very pleasant and professional! very busy.i wish this branch were open most hours.
8030	7/10/2012	Very well used
8031	7/10/2012	very well used.

8032	7/10/2012	always busy
8033	7/10/2012	very busy
8034	7/10/2012	Very well.
8035	7/10/2012	As far as I can tell very well
8036	7/10/2012	very
8037	7/10/2012	I use it quite a bit. I think a library is one of the most important parts of a civil system.
8038	7/10/2012	The library is always totally crammed with people. I would love to use it as a quiet space but as it is now at every location I simply collect my holds and go to a coffee house or park. The library is too loud and full of craziness.
8039	7/10/2012	usually crowded
8040	7/10/2012	extremely my local library is Central
8041	7/10/2012	very well used. new fixtures in the bathrooms on the 1st fl of central for handicapped is very well needed. No real room to use a walker or wheelchair, water fountains too close. Doorways need to be wider. Just a suggestion, very difficult to use 1st fl or any floor bathroom, but 1st need the most work, broken soap, and sink, rail in stall very loose. Please fix soon.
8042	7/10/2012	Its always very busy.
8043	7/10/2012	The Central Library is very active. We love that it is located about four blocks from home.
8044	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8045	7/10/2012	Always busy, especially the IT section.
8046	7/10/2012	Central Library is incredibly well used. I occasionally visit the Northwest branch which seems to have quite a few people there.
8047	7/10/2012	It usually seems pretty busy.
8048	7/10/2012	full all the time
8049	7/10/2012	It is hugely popular and we need to give it maximum financial support!
8050	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I visit.
8051	7/10/2012	There are always patrons in there.
8052	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand how I can answer this question.
8053	7/10/2012	packed, every time I go in.
8054	7/10/2012	Very
8055	7/10/2012	It seems busy all of the time to me.
8056	7/10/2012	Very well used. Such an awesome resource!
8057	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is always a line for computers and there is a large amount of holds on books.
8058	7/10/2012	very busy everytime i'm there
8059	7/10/2012	Extremely well.
8060	7/10/2012	There are always many people there when I go.
8061	7/10/2012	Each time I've been in a Multnomah County Library it has been very busy.

8062	7/10/2012	My local library is very well used, and an essential part of the neighborhood, it is in a location that anyone can get to without much hassle.
8063	7/10/2012	Very well used, always busy.
8064	7/10/2012	I enjoy seeing the Holgate branch frequently busy when I visit. Today (Tuesday after a Monday closure) there wasn't a single open parking spot, and the street parking was also full. The library was very busy.
8065	7/10/2012	The library is always busy. It stands at the center of our community, literally and figuratively. My husband and I love visiting the library: it is a beautiful building, the people who work there are very helpful and friendly. We use it all the time.
8066	7/10/2012	Very
8067	7/10/2012	Very well used by many families.
8068	7/10/2012	good
8069	7/10/2012	The Woodstock branch is busy from the moment it opens until it closes every day. Closing it one day a week will affect many neighborhood residents. I would rather have it open every day but with shorter hours on the slower days (is that data trackable based on the books/media checked out?).
8070	7/10/2012	I just moved into the neighborhood so am not sure. I've only made one visit and can say that the Midland Library branch is not nearly as busy as the Belmont Library branch. Perhaps you need more outreach in that area.
8071	7/10/2012	Excellent resource for all ages - whenever I go in to Albina to drop off or pick up books/videos/etc, it's always packed...but never check out lines! Filled with kids enjoying the books and people on computers who probably don't have their own. Libraries are key to a healthy community!
8072	7/10/2012	very
8073	7/10/2012	Very busy
8074	7/10/2012	Very.
8075	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy - any time of the day.
8076	7/10/2012	used a LOT
8077	7/10/2012	Seems very busy
8078	7/10/2012	the library always seems to be busy, teaming with people
8079	7/10/2012	It is incredibly busy.
8080	7/10/2012	It busy sometimes an other times it's really laid back, it nice.
8081	7/10/2012	Very. It is always busy with a variety of patrons; kids, people using the computer, people with their own computers just using the space and of the flow of people just dropping off or picking up books.
8082	7/10/2012	The two branches I visit are very different. The Hillsdale branck is very well used for programs, and materials check out, while Holgate is crowded always at the computers, maybe less of the materials as it doesn't seem to have very much selection, but both are used quite well.
8083	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
8084	7/10/2012	Very heavily used

8085	7/10/2012	I walk by it all the time and it seems busy
8086	7/10/2012	Seems busy when I am there! Great staff!!
8087	7/10/2012	its used
8088	7/10/2012	always busy
8089	7/10/2012	Its used quite a bit. VERY! ☐ ☐
8090	7/10/2012	See many students in library after school. ☐ ☐ See many adults whom I suspect do not have computers in their homes using computers.
8091	7/10/2012	Always people there, checking out books, reading, using the computers.
8092	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
8093	7/10/2012	The Belmont Library is used by so many local people, given it's traffic I am at times saddened by how under developed it's infrastructure and architecture is. I use it more to pick up/drop off materials than for any reading, research or group related activities. If only it were bigger! If only Walgreens/39th would trade us sites!
8094	7/10/2012	Not sure what is being asked here. If you mean to ask if it my neighborhood could function with a local library being open 6 days a week I would say yes
8095	7/10/2012	It is busy in there almost every time I go in.
8096	7/10/2012	Very wel lused!
8097	7/10/2012	It's always really busy whenever I'm in there.
8098	7/10/2012	very, it's always really busy. Nice community outreach.
8099	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy, anytime of day.
8100	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8101	7/10/2012	There is always at least 10-15 people there and sometimes more than 20.
8102	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. I use Central because it's close to work and bigger. It's not my local library.
8103	7/10/2012	I <3 my neighborhood branch! Often busy.
8104	7/10/2012	I have visited Central library during many different times of the day, and it is always quite busy with patrons using computers, checking out books, or just using the tables to read.
8105	7/10/2012	It's always busy. The computers are always in use and there's normally people waiting for them.
8106	7/10/2012	There a lot of patrons every time I go.....My usual time to go there is Mondays, because of other obligations in the neighborhood, so am kind of upset that it is closed that day now.
8107	7/10/2012	Very
8108	7/10/2012	Always busy!
8109	7/10/2012	Always busy, always someone to help people. I like going in there because there is a sense of people reading, finding information.
8110	7/10/2012	very well

8111	7/10/2012	It is very used. It is always crowded.
8112	7/10/2012	Looks like it gets a lot of use.
8113	7/10/2012	Appears to be well used.
8114	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. Always a fair number of people, and often must wait a bit to be checked out.
8115	7/10/2012	Very
8116	7/10/2012	It's very busy all the time.
8117	7/10/2012	I feel that every time I go to the Gresham branch, it is always well use no matter what time of day. There are people using the computers offered, others on the their laptops. Folks just sitting there reading.
8118	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used every time I am there. Usually there are patrons occupying most of the chairs.
8119	7/10/2012	Whenever I go just to the local branch, there are always a lot of kids and a fair number of middle aged men who are always at the computer outlets. I have never been there when there are fewer than 25 people. I have been there at the opening time, on occasion, and there is always a group of at least ten people waiting to get in.
8120	7/10/2012	My local library (Central) is always packed. Yes it is a refuge for homeless people but not only homeless people are there each day, but people from every conceivable demographic. We often find ourselves waiting on the steps for the library to open. It is a true gem and such an asset to our downtown economy, attracting tourists and people from all over the world. It would be a shame to have it inaccessible any more than it is now.
8121	7/10/2012	there are always lots of people there when i go
8122	7/10/2012	It's always crowded whenever I go. Belmont branch.
8123	7/10/2012	Very
8124	7/10/2012	Always busy.
8125	7/10/2012	Always busy with all computer stations in good use and kids' programs well attended.
8126	7/10/2012	My library is pretty well used, unfortunately, I often have to be on a waitlist for books or other media because they are out. My average wait is about 3 or 4 weeks. thanks.
8127	7/10/2012	Very well
8128	7/10/2012	very - normally busy, often lengthy waits for computer use. 15 min express terminal is a great idea
8129	7/10/2012	It is almost always full every time I come in
8130	7/10/2012	It is a popular place well used by community members and local schools.
8131	7/10/2012	I don't use it as much as I'd like to. I work full time and have two young children so my time is really busy. But we go when we can and fully support it's continuation.
8132	7/10/2012	Midland is generally quite populated and there seems to be no lack of people of all ages visiting.
8133	7/10/2012	always busy
8134	7/10/2012	very well used
8135	7/10/2012	Moderately
8136	7/10/2012	It's seems like it is fairly well used

8137	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is busy each time I visit. They also have activities going on for kids.
8138	7/10/2012	Heavily frequented
8139	7/10/2012	Fairly well. I only wish the homeless could be somehow excluded from the downtown one.
8140	7/10/2012	seems busy whenever i visit.
8141	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Whenever I go there no matter what time of day there are always plenty of people doing various things. There is a line usually for the computers, which is what I use the most.
8142	7/10/2012	Both branches I use are always full of people when I am there.
8143	7/10/2012	What do you mean? By me? I use it alot - I regularly have 3 to 5 books waiting for me on hold every week. There are always 5-10 people in there looking for books and the computers are usually all filled.
8144	7/10/2012	Busy whenever I go there.
8145	7/10/2012	I think very well.
8146	7/10/2012	Very well used as appropriate for it's size.
8147	7/10/2012	Seems to have what I need and look for in a neighborhood library: friendly and very capable staff, easy access to books and computers, the work rooms.
8148	7/10/2012	Always busy.
8149	7/10/2012	Very well used, always seems packed!
8150	7/10/2012	always packed
8151	7/10/2012	Very--it's always busy.
8152	7/10/2012	extremely well used
8153	7/10/2012	Extremely. Always busy when I am there.
8154	7/10/2012	I don't know. If it was bigger and had more resources, we'd use it more.
8155	7/10/2012	It is always somewhat crowded
8156	7/10/2012	Always busy
8157	7/10/2012	Woodstock branch is always comfortably busy. I appreciate the fact that so many people in the community find value in our local branch. I go there weekly with my two young children to find books for them and pick up items (movies, music, books) that I have ordered nearly every other week. I also like that I see people of all ages using the library - I think Woodstock does a great job of developing programs that speak to all ages.
8158	7/10/2012	Extremely well!
8159	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8160	7/10/2012	Always busy
8161	7/10/2012	I usually see many people in the library when I'm there.
8162	7/10/2012	seems pretty busy when I go there
8163	7/10/2012	It appears to be well used.
8164	7/10/2012	Well used
8165	7/10/2012	Quite busy when I have been in it.
8166	7/10/2012	Often it is hard to get a seat!

8167	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library appears to be more than well used. There is always an appropriate number of people utilizing the library.
8168	7/10/2012	i think it is pretty well used
8169	7/10/2012	Consistently.
8170	7/10/2012	The branch I go to is always busy every day of the week. It is going to really be a shame to have it (and all others) closed one day a week. I am saddened to hear this news.
8171	7/10/2012	very well used
8172	7/10/2012	It is busy.
8173	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used.
8174	7/10/2012	Very! It is a super happening place, and always busy.
8175	7/10/2012	There's always a lot of people in our library when I go.
8176	7/10/2012	North Portland is very well used. Wonderful staff!
8177	7/10/2012	very well! (St Johns)
8178	7/10/2012	The library always seems to have many patrons especially computer users. My family goes there several times per week.
8179	7/10/2012	It is good because I can find what my kids and I need. I'm very happy with my local library services.
8180	7/10/2012	Albina is very well used. Both the adult & kid computers are almost always busy. Very family friendly place.
8181	7/10/2012	crowded
8182	7/10/2012	well used
8183	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always full of people whenever I go.
8184	7/10/2012	Albina is almost always crowded. But then, it's a small space. Lots of school children in the afternoon during school days.
8185	7/10/2012	Always seems busy, well occupied.
8186	7/10/2012	Very. It is always busy when I am there.
8187	7/10/2012	I don't quite understand this question. If you're asking how busy it is, I would say it always seems busy but that's probably in part due to its very small size.
8188	7/10/2012	It always looks very busy and there is always a wait to use the computer terminals.
8189	7/10/2012	seems quite popular in all areas. friendly., helpful staff. great room for reserving for meeting (Woodstock) .clean.
8190	7/10/2012	Always crowded and. busy
8191	7/10/2012	Plenty. It's always got a lot of people using the computers and perusing the aisles.
8192	7/10/2012	well used
8193	7/10/2012	It's always busy. Especially young children's area.
8194	7/10/2012	Very busy.
8195	7/10/2012	They seem popular in the summer especially for families and kids doing summer reading. Computer access seems very important for many people as well.

8196	7/10/2012	Very! It is one of only public resources we continually vote for when it comes up for funding.
8197	7/10/2012	Central is used most, but I am scared to go there because you allow druggies to hang out there and it makes the library unsafe to use. Please kick them out!
8198	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is usually busy at all times of the day.
8199	7/10/2012	It seems well-used and lively every time I go there
8200	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people inside and a line waiting to get in before it opens.
8201	7/10/2012	it's very well used, it's always full!
8202	7/10/2012	It is always very busy
8203	7/10/2012	Kenton and NoPo are both very busy. The Kenton branch seems to be an anchor in the neighborhood, contributing to the revitalized downtown area.
8204	7/10/2012	Often crowded with old and young alike. The new instant scan check-out machines are great.
8205	7/10/2012	very well used
8206	7/10/2012	Hillsdale library always seems to have a good number of people in there, no matter when I go in.
8207	7/10/2012	I visit the library weekly and pass by it daily. I see people going in and out of the doors quite frequently. While inside, I see lots of people using books and accessing the computers. Sometimes, I see people waiting to use the computers.
8208	7/10/2012	looks to be very well used whenever i am in there. always impressed by the staff, their friendliness and depth of knowledge! thank you for the excellent resource.
8209	7/10/2012	Very well used. All computers are in use when I go there and all other areas of the library are busy.
8210	7/10/2012	It always seems like there are people waiting in line as it opens every morning, and people are there till closing time each day. I would say it is quite well-used by the local populace.
8211	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8212	7/10/2012	Very. There are always people there.
8213	7/10/2012	very
8214	7/10/2012	Very used
8215	7/10/2012	Very well used because almost every time I go to use the computer I either have to wait or sometimes there are people waiting to get on. There are many children for the childrens story hour on Saturday morning.
8216	7/10/2012	Fairly well used, always a few people using computers and looking for books.
8217	7/10/2012	There are always plenty of people at the Moreland library. It's a community center.
8218	7/10/2012	I think it's pretty well used. Whenever I go in, there are always quite a few people there, no matter what time of day.
8219	7/10/2012	It seems well attended every time I am there.
8220	7/10/2012	Seems very busy most of the time.
8221	7/10/2012	It's well used and well staffed
8222	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
8223	7/10/2012	Seems to always be fairly busy.

8224	7/10/2012	Always busy when I visit
8225	7/10/2012	Well I don't know about the Belmont Library but the North Portland and Central Libraries seem to be heavily used.
8226	7/10/2012	Last time I was there it appeared to be well used with a lot of activity.
8227	7/10/2012	It was always very busy when I went in, no matter what day it was. I came from California in a town that the library was only open a couple days a month. I was amazed that I was able to use the library any day of the week. I hope the library will continue to operate in the same manner. I always wondered what the town did for the youth in the community after making the hours so minimal for the residents and the community in California. I don't understand why the children are punished for what we call "responsible adults".
8228	7/10/2012	very
8229	7/10/2012	Very.
8230	7/10/2012	It's busy all the time. Often you have to wait for help.
8231	7/10/2012	Too well -- crowded with the homeless and free internet users
8232	7/10/2012	When I am there, it seems very well attended.
8233	7/10/2012	The Central Library is always full of people.
8234	7/10/2012	I use the library anytime I need a book for pleasure and at times I have used the library for school projects. It is one of my best resources!
8235	7/10/2012	Every time I've gone there, there are a lot of people. Most of the computers are used and the tables are mostly full too.
8236	7/10/2012	Woodstock library is always busy in the mid to late afternoons when we tend to visit. It is especially busy in the summer months when school aged kids are out of school.
8237	7/10/2012	Our small local library branch (St. Johns) always has a decent sized group of people... The community definitely seems to utilize it.
8238	7/10/2012	There are always people at the Hillsdale Library when I go, doing all sorts of different things. The library is definitely well used, but it never seems to be crowded. It's just about right. I'm not sure what this question is asking, but there are always people (on computers, kids section, at tables and in the event room) when I visit the library in Kenton.
8239	7/10/2012	□ If you mean used as in the wear and tear on the furniture etc, Kenton I believe is the newest branch and is very clean, organized and well stocked.
8240	7/10/2012	seems always busy
8241	7/10/2012	Very well used and loved.
8242	7/10/2012	It's always busy, I'm not sure if that's what the question is about. The building isn't really banged up if that's what this means.
8243	7/10/2012	it is ok
8244	7/10/2012	Seems well-used.

8245	7/10/2012	Well enough that visits are often timed for parking access not need.
8246	7/10/2012	From what I've observed, very well used w/lots of foot traffic. Makes a very nice family friendly addition to the blossoming Kenton business district.
8247	7/10/2012	it seems very well used. i go there a couple of times a week and it's always busy. There are always young people and old at the computers. i am a senior citizen but i note the programs for children--story hour, etc. Other classes for seniors, etc. look interesting though i have not used them to date.
8248	7/10/2012	It's an important resource. I order books and pick them up at my local branch. My housemate takes her baby granddaughte to book babies. Its always busy. I'm usually only there a few minutes, but it's important to me because I can't afford to buy books and don't want to drive to another branch. I live a few blocks away, and can walk there.
8249	7/10/2012	Quite used. I also use it for reference and putting books on hold
8250	7/10/2012	Well used. The computer terminals are full and there are always families going in and out.
8251	7/10/2012	Very
8252	7/10/2012	Well used
8253	7/10/2012	it's often crowded.
8254	7/10/2012	I feel like it is very well used.
8255	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy. Once in awhile I go in there looking for something. I already have so many of my own books that I rarely need to check one out. If I didn't own so many books, then I would check out books regularly.
8256	7/10/2012	fairly
8257	7/10/2012	Belmont Library is always busy, always has customers, and they do a very good job with being busy and servicing their clientele
8258	7/10/2012	Exceedingly. I guess the rules of polite library sociey have changed.. No longer does anyone talk in hushed tones. Even children run around unchaperoned, being extremely loud and adult patrons talk in normal and louder tones. Heaven forbid anyone wanted to study.
8259	7/10/2012	Our local library is the Albina branch and it is extremely well-used. There are always people of all ages and backgrounds in there. It's particularly welcoming to children. Despite it's small size, Albina is very much at the heart of the neighborhood/community.
8260	7/10/2012	We noticed that there are many others who use the same resources. I'm not sure what the question is asking, though.
8261	7/10/2012	Very well used. Lots of families, individuals. Conference room is used. Busy during the afternoons following school.
8262	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy, and a line forms before opening time
8263	7/10/2012	well

8264	7/10/2012	They always seem busy.
8265	7/10/2012	seems to be busy most of the time
8266	7/10/2012	Very. There's always people in there, and the staff is well-staffed and friendly.
8267	7/10/2012	Very
8268	7/10/2012	Belmont is extremely well used.
8269	7/10/2012	Very well used from all ages.
8270	7/10/2012	Very!
8271	7/10/2012	Parking lot is always full
8272	7/10/2012	very, always people and always users at the computer terminals
8273	7/10/2012	Very well used. Meaning, it gets a lot of use, but isn't used up. It is in good condition.
8274	7/10/2012	Always busy.
8275	7/10/2012	Very
8276	7/10/2012	Busy as a one-armed paper hanger.
8277	7/10/2012	Seems to very heavily used - especially midland. We love the children's programs!
8278	7/10/2012	Not sure
8279	7/10/2012	Hollywood Library and Gregory Heights Library are always busy.
8280	7/10/2012	Very busy!
8281	7/10/2012	Very busy. Very well used in my opinion
8282	7/10/2012	Very -- it is always bustling. I can't recall the last time I went in and DIDN'T see lots of action.
8283	7/10/2012	Very well used, always a lot of people in there. Great place to hang out.
8284	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8285	7/10/2012	I am closest to Belmont branch, which is always busy. I tend to go more often to the Hollywood branch, which is also quite popular.
8286	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used and nearly always busy.
8287	7/10/2012	Tremendously well used. Albina is always busy. I think it is essential to have this public service available to all 7 days a week.
8288	7/10/2012	It appears well used when I pass by. My preference at this time is ebooks. Would hope that thought is put into providing more of these services for all ages. Too often the "wait time " is lengthy. We use a reciprocal library in Clackamas. ☐ ☐
8289	7/10/2012	There is one item that seems inappropriate to us. We do not understand the need to offer DVD rentals. Inexpensive rentals are available commercially if people really want this service. With limited funds, spending any resources on this media should be a very low priority. ☐ ☐ The prime usage at this library appears to be Computer access, followed by DVD checkouts.
8290	7/10/2012	Very Well
8291	7/10/2012	Pretty well used. I always see people there

8292	7/10/2012	It is well used. It always seems like there are many people in the Belmont Library when I stop by.
8293	7/10/2012	quite busy
8294	7/10/2012	Seems very busy and popular
8295	7/10/2012	It is very well used by the community.
8296	7/10/2012	Hillsdale looks pretty full every time I visit, capitol hill is smaller and less busy appearing but never empty.
8297	7/10/2012	Very heavily used all day every day.
8298	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is alwa full of patrons picking up books and media and many using the computers. It appears the programs for the kids are full and well liked.
8299	7/10/2012	very
8300	7/10/2012	In my observation, the Woodstock branch is well utilized by a broad range of people!
8301	7/10/2012	They always seems busy but well run.
8302	7/10/2012	Very well used, wish it could still be open 7 days per week!
8303	7/10/2012	I'd say it's high-traffic and well-used.
8304	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always people there.
8305	7/10/2012	very well
8306	7/10/2012	Very well used
8307	7/10/2012	Very
8308	7/10/2012	ve ry good
8309	7/10/2012	When I go into the library, it is always busy. But frankly, i do not physically go to the library as I do virtually all my reading on my kindle. I do check out books all the time
8310	7/10/2012	Parking lot always full when we come.
8311	7/10/2012	Everyone uses it. That library is always busy.
8312	7/10/2012	always buzzing with activity... all ages & ethnicities
8313	7/10/2012	The libraries I frequent are usually a bustle of people of all ages and backgrounds.
8314	7/10/2012	The Main library is our local. It always seems busy and that means way too noisy. The loud voices are as often from the library and security staff, as from the patrons.
8315	7/10/2012	Very
8316	7/10/2012	Both are thoroughly used. There is always a crowd each day that I am at Central and when I go to the Hollywood branch as well.
8317	7/10/2012	Very well used; it is always busy when I go
8318	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question - seems to be busy when I come in.
8319	7/10/2012	It seems to be fairly well used. I in eight years I've lived in PDX and frequented this branch (Belmont), I have never seen it not full of people.
8320	7/10/2012	Both Holgate and Woodstock are always busy.
8321	7/10/2012	I don't see many people when I'm there.

8322	7/10/2012	The library is always full and busy when I and my child are there. I have never been in the library and found it empty. I am also a teacher and use it a great deal for collecting materials for my classroom.
8323	7/10/2012	very
8324	7/10/2012	Kenton, St. John's always seem very busy and crowded with children. The downtown library has always been my favorite with the wealth of material available. Hillsdale is always wonderful and very busy!!! ☐ ☐
8325	7/10/2012	Sellwood library is cozy and nice!!!☐ ☐ Composed by my friend Matt, age 7.
8326	7/10/2012	very much
8327	7/10/2012	a lot!
8328	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go there.
8329	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy during open hours, and I've never been inside and not seen it packed with people picking up books, using the computers, and browsing.
8330	7/10/2012	Very
8331	7/10/2012	Library is always extremely busy.
8332	7/10/2012	Very well-used, judged on how regularly full it is.
8333	7/10/2012	Very busy most times.
8334	7/10/2012	It is always busy and used by both adults and children. It is obviously an important part of the local community.
8335	7/10/2012	I feel like both branches of the library that I visit are always busy and have patrons looking through the stacks as well as using the computers. It is always busy and bustling with people searching the stacks, using the internet and computers, and children getting excited about finding cool books. I usually can't get the day's newspaper because it is being read so I just look at previous copies.
8336	7/10/2012	
8337	7/10/2012	Our local library is an invaluable resource. Every time I go in, it is buzzing with activity, with people of all ages, using the library for all sorts of services, including Internet access, books, periodicals, videos, and other resources.
8338	7/10/2012	very well used
8339	7/10/2012	It is used quite often. Everytime I'm there, there's lots of people going through books, and the internet.
8340	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
8341	7/10/2012	Fairly well used - it's always fairly filled when I visit, and there are rows of hold shelves.
8342	7/10/2012	It seems well used to me! We attend a lot of library educational programs, and they always seem to have large crowds.
8343	7/10/2012	It is a great place where anyone can come to. Everytime I go I see it being used effectively.

8344	7/10/2012	It's always busy. I go there to mostly study and do research. It is a good place to study since I always seem to bump into classmates.
8345	7/10/2012	Very well! I have never been into any branch of the library that was lacking patrons. In fact, every time i go in it seems like peak hour, even if it's late or early in the day.
8346	7/10/2012	From what I could see when I have been to the library, it is usually busy and filled with people either on computers or looking for something or involved in some activity. I would say that on the whole, the libraries are well used.
8347	7/10/2012	Well used!
8348	7/10/2012	Very well, it looks to be an important cultural resource for the community
8349	7/10/2012	It seems very well used! It is always busy every time I visit. I frequently see a line of people waiting to get in the doors before it opens.
8350	7/10/2012	Very well
8351	7/10/2012	?
8352	7/10/2012	Whenever I go there it seems to be busy with lots of people using the resources.
8353	7/10/2012	It is always busy! It needs to be bigger and open more hours.
8354	7/10/2012	Very! Medium or heavy usage whenever I visit. That's great.
8355	7/10/2012	Maximal use, always full of people. Actually I find that it is the only county service that I can depend on.
8356	7/10/2012	Hollywood branch is used intensively.
8357	7/10/2012	I don't know.
8358	7/10/2012	It seems to be often busy with patrons, young and old, of diverse backgrounds.
8359	7/10/2012	Very busy.
8360	7/10/2012	it seems very well used. Staff are great. Very helpful and always courteous.
8361	7/10/2012	It is always crowded.
8362	7/10/2012	Very used.
8363	7/10/2012	Very heavily used
8364	7/10/2012	Seems there are always lots of folks at the Belmont Library. It is usually 5:00 PM or later when I visit Fairview Library. ☐
8365	7/10/2012	☐ There are usually quite a few people using the computers, and a few browsing the stacks.
8366	7/10/2012	Hillsdale library seems to be well used by local residents
8367	7/10/2012	VERY~
8368	7/10/2012	Always busy. It is busy whenever I'm there. I think that if you mean how often it is used by our family...we use both the downtown library
8369	7/10/2012	and the Belmont. We visit the downtown ☐ library nearly every day. The Belmont is used once a week...but on various days.

8370	7/10/2012	Very. I always see lots of people coming and going at both branches and frequently I have to wait for what I want because it is checked out. This is unfortunate but I look at the bright side that others are using the library and are (hopefully) willing to support it as I do.
8371	7/10/2012	Everytime I go there it is busy
8372	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always filled with people. And great staff. We go about 2 times a week.
8373	7/10/2012	okay
8374	7/10/2012	It seems like it gets a bit of use.
8375	7/10/2012	Lov it!
8376	7/10/2012	Very well used
8377	7/10/2012	very well used
8378	7/10/2012	It seems busy. I would say it is well used. I haven't used it for job seeking, but I like that I could if I needed too.
8379	7/10/2012	It's popular and well-used.
8380	7/10/2012	My Kindle is well used...I don't use the public library.
8381	7/10/2012	Never go there, too small.
8382	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is pretty busy every time I go.
8383	7/10/2012	It seems crowded every time I go in. Most of my usage is to pick up books that I've ordered through the website.
8384	7/10/2012	They both seem well used, as they are always busy with patrons of all ages.
8385	7/10/2012	Central Library is filled with people all day long, seven days a week.
8386	7/10/2012	It seems to me that the Northwest library branch is very well used and appreciated by its patrons. Wish there were more parking, but the resources for that are finite. We seem to be able to take turns well enough.
8387	7/10/2012	Very used and loved by all.
8388	7/10/2012	always full of people - and kids there before opening hours
8389	7/10/2012	Very well used - I always see lots of people there.
8390	7/10/2012	very! although don't really use catalog or internet at N. Portland-- it's always full of people.
8391	7/10/2012	We primarily use Hollywood & it seems to be a huge community resource.
8392	7/10/2012	Very well used. either adults or children in the stacks as well as programs in separate rooms.
8393	7/10/2012	There are always many people at my branch. When I bring my laptop to work, I usually share my table with others. I have waited with a crowd when I have arrived early before the doors open.
8394	7/10/2012	It's a very popular library. Very busy. Parking is difficult.
8395	7/10/2012	The Kenton branch seems extremely well used.
8396	7/10/2012	Very! People are using the computers (catalog as well as internet) all the time, and frequently I see groups of people waiting at the front steps just before opening hour. Also, the hold shelf looks like it gets a lot of use.

8397	7/10/2012	Whenever we have gone, no matter the branch, there are always a number of people there. My youngest granddaughter has autism and sometimes has a bit of a wait to get on the children's computers.
8398	7/10/2012	Always seems really busy there.
8399	7/10/2012	It's always got people in it.
8400	7/10/2012	It is physically too small for the number of active users and to have a reasonable number of books on hand to browse.
8401	7/10/2012	very
8402	7/10/2012	Very busy. Belmont could use a larger library, really.
8403	7/10/2012	When i go there is always alot pf people
8404	7/10/2012	There is always a large number of people in the library when we go in. It is sometimes difficult to find a table to work from.
8405	7/10/2012	Both are very well used. Central obviously so, but NW as well, which due to its small size maintains a nice neighborhood feel.
8406	7/10/2012	I don't know about other people but I use my library a lot and if I didn't have access to my library I would quickly run out of books to read
8407	7/10/2012	Belmont is my neighborhood library. While it is always busy I have noticed that it tends to be used more as a place to pick up holds than to actually browse for new books. I realize that this is in part due to its small size. [] By the way, "branch" in the first paragraph of this document is misspelled.
8408	7/10/2012	I see children gathered for storytelling and all computer stations are usually being used. I utilize the services of the librarians often; whether it's looking for a new release or help in locating some research material.
8409	7/10/2012	Not sure I understand this question. "Well used" as in "do I think my local library uses its resources well?" I would say, "pretty well as far as I can tell." They have enough staff available to help but don't appear to have too many, or extra, people. The resources are readily available and well organized for my needs. [] If the question refers to how much it is used by local library patrons, I would estimate "quite well," as many people come and go daily, and I often see lines of people waiting to get in when the doors open in the morning.
8410	7/10/2012	Very.
8411	7/10/2012	Very
8412	7/10/2012	It seems there are always a lot of people already there whenever I go.
8413	7/10/2012	Moderately. Central seems more like a hangout than Hillsdale does.
8414	7/10/2012	Very well used, there are always lots of people there.

8415	7/10/2012	it is always busy when we go there.
8416	7/10/2012	Extremely well! I often need to put books on hold before I can get them and I use the audiobook digital library extensively.
8417	7/10/2012	As I use the Albina branch only to pick up books I have requested, I'm not sure, but I do see many people there every time I visit. Also there are always lots of books on the hold shelf.
8418	7/10/2012	When I am in the library, it is well populated by patrons. The computer use seems to be at maximum availability.
8419	7/10/2012	The central library is always in use.
8420	7/10/2012	They seem very well used.
8421	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. It is constantly busy.
8422	7/10/2012	Every time I go in to pick up a book, the libraries I use are very busy.
8423	7/10/2012	always seems busy,
8424	7/10/2012	It's always full of people when I go to pick up books, so it seems well used.
8425	7/10/2012	Is this a kind way of asking how run-down it is?
8426	7/10/2012	very well used -
8427	7/10/2012	I saw at least 60 people standing out in front of the Central Library last Tuesday at 11 waiting for it to open. It is always full of people reading, computing and just browsing or checking out books. Well, there isn't one here anymore, but there is a great need for one here in the HAND neighborhood. I see strollers everywhere. We are a very walkable neighborhood in every other respect save our lack of library. Both Belmont and Central require a vehicle ride.[]
8428	7/10/2012	[] Belmont is our closest and it is not very comfortable due to its extreme usage. People jostle for space and the Story Times fill up way before the events start. I'm always impressed with the number of people at the library, and how much it's used. Between my husband and I we have
8429	7/10/2012	lived in nine cities and Portland's library system is by-far the most utilized we've ever encountered. It would be nice if the hours were better.
8430	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is always quite busy and most of the computers are used.
8431	7/10/2012	seems well used to me
8432	7/10/2012	Our library is busy whenever we go in. We LOVE it! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
8433	7/10/2012	It seems to be very popular and busy at all hours, based on what I see when there.
8434	7/10/2012	always busy, very well used
8435	7/10/2012	In very good condition
8436	7/10/2012	well used, always busy.
8437	7/10/2012	it is quite busy but I must say most of the people are there to use the internet.
8438	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy whenever I'm there.....
8439	7/10/2012	This question makes no sense. How well used is it?
8440	7/10/2012	well used.

8441	7/10/2012	When I am not in using computer I will be reading some materials.
8442	7/10/2012	the library is always busy
8443	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy
8444	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8445	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8446	7/10/2012	Very busy at most times.
8447	7/10/2012	Well used
8448	7/10/2012	awesome, great service.
8449	7/10/2012	Very important to have access.
8450	7/10/2012	very
8451	7/10/2012	Very well used. Every Saturday morning when I stop by there are a lot of people there.
8452	7/10/2012	Very well used
8453	7/10/2012	My main library is Hillsdale...it is very well used. Capitol Hill Library is also well used. The Central Library is sometimes pretty quiet...but always wonderful.
8454	7/10/2012	There's always people there and if it's not open yet, there's people waiting for it to open.
8455	7/10/2012	It's always been busy when I visit, no matter the day or time.
8456	7/10/2012	I use the Northwest library most often, and it seems to be well-used. It's a very valuable resource to the neighborhood.
8457	7/10/2012	It appears to be over used - long waits (45 minutes to well over hour computer waits); ever increasing stacks of books waiting to be picked up; no chairs for sitting ever at all, just to read magazine or read books (Belmont)
8458	7/10/2012	very! It is always packed
8459	7/10/2012	very, very well used
8460	7/10/2012	always busy...
8461	7/10/2012	very
8462	7/10/2012	Seems fairly busy every time we are there
8463	7/10/2012	Seems to always be busy but not overwhelmed
8464	7/10/2012	Very! Always crowded, except the children's area at Central seems sparsely populated whenever I'm there.
8465	7/10/2012	it is always busy
8466	7/10/2012	Very well. Always busy, especially computers.
8467	7/10/2012	Very well.
8468	7/10/2012	Usually busy by a wide range of age groups. So busy it's sometimes difficult to find a place to park even if it's just to return items.
8469	7/10/2012	Extremely...it is a beautiful haven for all social groups.

8470	7/10/2012	I tend to use the library almost weekly but usually a few times a month. I am a teacher and so I like to check out books that I would not otherwise be able to afford. However, because the library allows teachers to check out books for a longer period, it is an invaluable resource for me. I also check out books for reading pleasure as well.
8471	7/10/2012	Both look to be fairly well used.
8472	7/10/2012	very well used; always seems to be busy
8473	7/10/2012	Very well used!
8474	7/10/2012	Very, impossible to find parking!
8475	7/10/2012	it appears to be popular
8476	7/10/2012	Don't know
8477	7/10/2012	very well used
8478	7/10/2012	We usually visit Hillsdale Library on the weekends, and it is always pretty busy (in a nice way).
8479	7/10/2012	all branches and of course Central Library are very busy all the time. I love North Portland Branch best, but often am unable to find a parking spot so head on over to Albina.
8480	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
8481	7/10/2012	Always alot of people there.
8482	7/10/2012	It appears to always be bustling. The parking lot is usually full, so that's a good sign.
8483	7/10/2012	Very well used by local communities and very well staffed.
8484	7/10/2012	Very well used. The Albina branch is always hopping.
8485	7/10/2012	Generally many people are there
8486	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is a constant line for computers.
8487	7/10/2012	By me? Didn't know you had resources for small business owners.
8488	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
8489	7/10/2012	busy place.
8490	7/10/2012	Both Holgate and Woodstock seem to be bustling every day that I visit. There is always a wait for computers and I see people and children from all walks of life there.
8491	7/10/2012	Very well-used. It's always busy when I am there and often has a wait line for the computers.
8492	7/10/2012	Well loved, but not over-used. Lots of folks, but in very good repair due to the amount of respect and love the library gets.
8493	7/10/2012	It is very nice I like checking out books (especially mangas) from there. Also since I am not allowed on my mom's computer I use the computers there to check my email and stuff.
8494	7/10/2012	Midland is my "local" library and I use it often. It is ALWAYS busy, and there are always people waiting/gathering outside right before it opens. They have to kick people out when they close. In my observation, weekends are the busiest time, especially with kids and families. I always reserve online and then just swing in to pick up my reserved items. It usually takes me under five minutes to be in and out the door - it's very handy and I appreciate that. I have thought at times the Sunday hours were even too short. Maybe taking away Fridays would be better than Sunday?

8495	7/10/2012	Very well used!
8496	7/10/2012	medium to high usage, particularly on the internet computers
8497	7/10/2012	very
8498	7/10/2012	Heavily use thanks
8499	7/10/2012	Don't understand the question. By me? As much as I need it.
8500	7/10/2012	Very well used. So much so that I think inner SE could use another branch(the old library building in Buckman?)
8501	7/10/2012	It always seems to be extremely crowded especially with children at Rockwood using the computers. At Gresham, I notice more adults using the computers. However, there is never a real line to check out items but there is always a line to speak in person to a librarian so I would think people are there for resources other than simply checking out books and media
8502	7/10/2012	Pretty busy most of the time, always a wait for computers. Lots of youth.
8503	7/10/2012	Always lots of people. Very well used.
8504	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale branch always seems to be busy when I visit it, although I don't know much about the children's usage since I have no children.
8505	7/10/2012	There is strong readership at the Hillsdale Library. My autistic son used the Sellwood-Moreland Library weekly during the summers. It was very important in building responsibility and curiosity into his character. He was responsible for keeping track of his books and renewing them on a regular basis. He was just as excited about getting a new book to read, as he was a new toy. Being a single mother on a limited income, the libraries offered an economical way of entertainment and education for my son and myself. Find the funding. Make the monies permanent. There is nothing that replaces an educated population. K
8506	7/10/2012	Well
8507	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy.
8508	7/10/2012	Always seems active. Many people in the library, computers in use, classrooms in use.
8509	7/10/2012	n/a
8510	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
8511	7/10/2012	Whenever I have gone, it has been pretty busy.
8512	7/10/2012	Seems busy all the time to me. There's always people on the computers.
8513	7/10/2012	It is always full of people
8514	7/10/2012	It's very busy all the time.
8515	7/10/2012	I find that my library is very well used by all ages.
8516	7/10/2012	always humming with activity
8517	7/10/2012	It is usually busy.
8518	7/10/2012	Very well, I'll always support a measure for the library.
8519	7/10/2012	It's too full for comfort most of the time, seems over-populated, wall-to-wall people at the computers, at the tables, at the DVD stacks, in the quiet rooms (good luck getting one).

8520	7/10/2012	Very well used!
8521	7/10/2012	Not entirely clear on this question. How well used is it by me, or the general public? I use it fairly often, and it seems pretty bustling whenever I visit.
8522	7/10/2012	Capitol Hill Library is around the corner from our house and we visit it very often. It is also right next to Markham Elementary School which is a Portland Title 1 school. Last year I worked at Markham in the computer lab and many of the 3rd and 4th grade students still did not know how to use computers because they did not have a computer in their home. I see these students at the library every time I go there, checking out book and using the library.
8523	7/10/2012	Always seems quite busy.
8524	7/10/2012	N/A
8525	7/10/2012	Very well used - always a lot of people in the building and extremely pleasant to visit.
8526	7/10/2012	Well, it's generally always full.
8527	7/10/2012	well used
8528	7/10/2012	Seems to always be pretty busy most of the time I go in, so well used in my opinion.
8529	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is often a line to get in the door before it opens in the morning
8530	7/10/2012	highly
8531	7/10/2012	highly used; we order and pick-up
8532	7/10/2012	Very well used
8533	7/10/2012	very
8534	7/10/2012	If by "well used" you mean how well we, as personal patrons use it, then it is very well used.
8535	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
8536	7/10/2012	always busy!
8537	7/10/2012	The queue for the internet is usually full, and the hold shelves are also usually packed as well. There's also a good sized ad board that's also usually full of flyers and newspapers.
8538	7/10/2012	Very well used - always people on computers and accessing a variety of resources
8539	7/10/2012	Woodstock is quite busy all the time
8540	7/10/2012	It's always very busy
8541	7/10/2012	Very well-used. It is always busy with many people utilizing multiple services.
8542	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. Whether I am in on my lunch hour, after work or on Saturday, there are always people in the stacks and on the computers. They also have a wide range of programs for the community.
8543	7/10/2012	It looks well used. There are always a lot of people there when I go.
8544	7/10/2012	The North Portland and Albina branches seem to be used more so for computers; the book selection is smaller. I still see plenty of people browsing, though. The Central branch is of course busy in general, and the one I enjoy being in the most.
8545	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
8546	7/10/2012	Pretty busy, but not too crowded.

8547	7/10/2012	I now live in Canby and visit that library weekly
8548	7/10/2012	There is always a line waiting when the doors open.
8549	7/10/2012	greatly!!!!
8550	7/10/2012	Very! Busy all the time.
8551	7/10/2012	very
8552	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
8553	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8554	7/10/2012	This question is confusing. I assume you mean my branch,Belmont,which is always busy and bursting at the seams
8555	7/10/2012	Im not sure
8556	7/10/2012	Every time I am there, it seems every internet computer is in use. People of all ages are browsing books.
8557	7/10/2012	I feel the newest of our libraries (Kenton) is very well visited and used by all agesand cultures
8558	7/10/2012	pretty busy; good mix of different media
8559	7/10/2012	Well-used
8560	7/10/2012	always busy
8561	7/10/2012	There is always a fair number of people in the library
8562	7/10/2012	Very
8563	7/10/2012	Very busy all the time
8564	7/10/2012	the central library seems very well used!
8565	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
8566	7/10/2012	very well used -- it is always busy when I go in
8567	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people at the library. I constantly see a line forming for it to open.
8568	7/10/2012	It always seems thriving and lively when I go in; I like that. Lots of student programs and young learner programs seem to happen there.
8569	7/10/2012	extremely busy always
8570	7/10/2012	it (Belmont & NW, especially) always seem busy and like tons of people are using the library
8571	7/10/2012	I always see plenty of people there on computers or looking for books/other media
8572	7/10/2012	I have been know to visit the Belmont branch multiple times a day, I don't know what I'd do without it!
8573	7/10/2012	I think, very well used.
8574	7/10/2012	parking lot almost always full, always a wait for the computer, wait list for books months at times
8575	7/10/2012	The central library is occupied very frequently.
8576	7/10/2012	Very well used - it is always busy
8577	7/10/2012	Very
8578	7/10/2012	Very well used!
8579	7/10/2012	The central library seems to be full of people every time I go in.

8580	7/10/2012	There is always a crowd when I'm there! I love the library, the people who work there, and the other patrons.
8581	7/10/2012	very well used
8582	7/10/2012	Well, there's never a parking space!
8583	7/10/2012	Well, there always seem to be 20 to 30 people.
8584	7/10/2012	Very well used (St Johns and Kenton) Always busy when I am there. Preschool librarian time, people using the computers, people studying, librarians bustling about.
8585	7/10/2012	It is busy. Very busy. Most people use the computers or computer access
8586	7/10/2012	I'm amazed at all of the activities, special interest events, and just plain number of people in the library anytime I go in. The staff is excellent, and I love the automation.
8587	7/10/2012	Our library is always busy when I go in. There are lots of people who use the library for computer access and there are lots of kids reading, looking for books and using the computers. the children's programs their are wonderful
8588	7/10/2012	very, very busy every time I am in there all of the computers are in use and there are lots of people in the stacks,
8589	7/10/2012	It's a relatively new library and is almost always filled with people.
8590	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
8591	7/10/2012	It looks like people are there throughout the day.
8592	7/10/2012	It seems fairly well used...
8593	7/10/2012	Pretty well.
8594	7/10/2012	very well
8595	7/10/2012	All three are always busy time of the day or day of the week does not seem to matter.
8596	7/10/2012	They are busy every time I go. Pretty well used.
8597	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library seems to have a steady amount of use and traffic.
8598	7/10/2012	Fairly well-used. Always some people there.
8599	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights library is always quite crowded!
8600	7/10/2012	Very much. Always busy.
8601	7/10/2012	I believe our library is very well used. there are always people there and often the book I want is not available because it has been checked out.
8602	7/10/2012	Wow. I've never been in when it wasn't humming with activity, people waiting to use the internet, get help from a librarian, a room of folks learning or sharing something, checking out or .
8603	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. It always seems bustling with activity. It's hard to find a free computer for research.
8604	7/10/2012	staff always ready to help (searches, directions, advice
8605	7/10/2012	lots
8606	7/10/2012	don't know where the closest branch is at.
8607	7/10/2012	s very well used by us and appears in general to be well used by the community. It is the only part of my property tax bill that I feel good about.

8608	7/10/2012	Very. It is a hub of the Hillsdale community.
8609	7/10/2012	Our branch seems pretty busy, I have not been using it as much as I used to, and sometimes I use it very heavily, so even though I haven't been there for a while, I love it and want it to be there for me and my family and certainly for those who really need it.
8610	7/10/2012	The Hogate Library is well used.
8611	7/10/2012	very much so - always busy
8612	7/10/2012	Fairly well, but it's the main branch, so I wouldn't expect anything less.
8613	7/10/2012	Looks very well used. It's always full.
8614	7/10/2012	very
8615	7/10/2012	My local Library, Holgate, is VERY well used. It is always busy, there is always a group meeting, all computers are being used, programs are full, and someone is always checking out. It is not uncomfortably full but definitely "well used".
8616	7/10/2012	Very well used. Busy, busy!
8617	7/10/2012	really well used! it is almost always busy from the moment it opens. the staff are very helpful.
8618	7/10/2012	Quite well.
8619	7/10/2012	it always looks busy
8620	7/10/2012	Always seems busy with a nice wide variety of people
8621	7/10/2012	Its used by many
8622	7/10/2012	moderately.
8623	7/10/2012	Always busy.
8624	7/10/2012	Both branches seem busy and full of people whenever I visit.
8625	7/10/2012	Used very well.
8626	7/10/2012	The Woodstock library is very well used by all ages. There are always people browsing, using computers and getting help from librarians.
8627	7/10/2012	Constant, steady use from all aspects of our society. A local treasure.
8628	7/10/2012	Very, I think. Though, this is still only by those select few individuals who are cognizant of the privilege of books.
8629	7/10/2012	I think quite a bit. I go to the library two to three times a week. I also check to see if I can check out books or media I need for college that I can't afford to buy. I have always had such a positive feeling from dealing with the people who work there at Central. Always very helpful and friendly.
8630	7/10/2012	I do not understand this question.
8631	7/10/2012	very heavily
8632	7/10/2012	It is jam packed. It needs to be much much larger to support the usage.
8633	7/10/2012	Always has people at it but never too busy at checkout
8634	7/10/2012	I love it. The library makes a huge positive difference in my day to day life!
8635	7/10/2012	very well used, the lines to get in at opening time are quite something
8636	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy, so is Belmont. Sellwood is less busy.

8637	7/10/2012	there seem to be a lot of use of the library. almost over crowded.
8638	7/10/2012	My neighborhood libraries seem to be extremely well used throughout the day. The computers also have an extremely high utilization rate.
8639	7/10/2012	Very busy.
8640	7/10/2012	Very
8641	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
8642	7/10/2012	very well used
8643	7/10/2012	Highly used, although it seems most heavily by homeless.
8644	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used during the hours it is open.
8645	7/10/2012	It seems pretty popular.
8646	7/10/2012	It's always been busy when I have been there.
8647	7/10/2012	there is always a variety of people there.
8648	7/10/2012	Woodstock always is pretty busy no matter what time of the day I am there.
8649	7/10/2012	Very popular, always a crowd.
8650	7/10/2012	There are always people there every time I go so believe it is very well used.
8651	7/10/2012	Extremely well. I see families with young children, children, youth, adults and seniors. The computers generally have a wait list, there are usually many people browsing and reading, and a short (perfectly acceptable) wait to checkout with a person.
8652	7/10/2012	Very, by all ages and people of diverse backgrounds. People are always waiting at the door for the library to open and many are there at closing.
8653	7/10/2012	It's busy whenever I am there, usually EARLY AFTERNOON
8654	7/10/2012	i use it very well, but i could learn more about other services that are offered such as the job search program because i did not know it existed in the library system.
8655	7/10/2012	Both libraries are always busy. The downtown library seems to be a refuge for a enough unwashed people to make the reference library a place you don't want to spend much time.
8656	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy most of the time
8657	7/10/2012	always busy
8658	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy most days. I'd say very well used.
8659	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
8660	7/10/2012	It is well used. There are always people there when I visit.
8661	7/10/2012	always busy
8662	7/10/2012	Woodstock--very well used.
8663	7/10/2012	This question could be interpreted in several ways.
8664	7/10/2012	very heavily used
8665	7/10/2012	Very! It always seems busy.
8666	7/10/2012	I love my local library and it is used very well

8667	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library is generally well used. Not crowded, but full of people using the computers, the reading rooms, in the stacks, and checking out books.
8668	7/10/2012	very well used. A LOT of people depend on the local library for their livelihood and education. Without the local library, a lot more people would be destitute. I'm being as honest as i can. The community NEEDS the library
8669	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy and there are always people waiting to get in before the doors are unlocked.
8670	7/10/2012	Very well
8671	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
8672	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
8673	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. I've been there at the opening a few times, and there has always been a large crowd waiting for the doors to open. The parking lot is usually pretty full too.
8674	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used especially the computer access area.
8675	7/10/2012	Always busy.
8676	7/10/2012	Usually seems busy, and there are huge shelves of reserved books waiting to go out.
8677	7/10/2012	well used - always busy - line of people wait for it to open
8678	7/10/2012	Very well used, sometimes to the point of overcrowded. Always busy in Hillsdale!
8679	7/10/2012	☐ Your website is excellent!
8680	7/10/2012	Very! It is often jam packed. There are always lines to check out books and use the computers.
8681	7/10/2012	I always see lots of people using the Belmont branch when I go in.
8682	7/10/2012	VERY WELL USED!
8683	7/10/2012	I feel it is always busy. Specifically, the computers are constantly in use.
8684	7/10/2012	From what I see, it is a very popular location and generally tables are filled. It is clean, staff are helpful. I have not noticed transients just parking there to get in from the weather (more of a problem in downtown library).
8685	7/10/2012	Very
8686	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy!
8687	7/10/2012	seems to be well used - always people there
8688	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Every time I go in there are many people using internet, checking out books, studying, etc.
8689	7/10/2012	Very well used
8690	7/10/2012	Very- it's always packed!
8691	7/10/2012	I see alot of people going to the St. Johns library, especially Moms and Kids. Its a great place with great employees.
8692	7/10/2012	Very well used.

8693	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
8694	7/10/2012	Fairly well, but not crowded.
8695	7/10/2012	I would say very well used! Hillsdale library is a focal point of the Hillsdale community.
8696	7/10/2012	Very, always busy w/ lots of people. St Johns is a lovely old library, but could be larger.
8697	7/10/2012	Seems well-used; at least it is "full"--if not crowded--when I am there.
8698	7/10/2012	Belmont is always busy when I go. Woodstock is a little more calm, but still seems well used.
8699	7/10/2012	It always appears pretty full/busy.
8700	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
8701	7/10/2012	Well used
8702	7/10/2012	It seems very busy every time I visit it.
8703	7/10/2012	Lot's of people come everyday and each of them make good use of their time in there.
8704	7/10/2012	very much
8705	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is a hub of activity in Northeast Portland.
8706	7/10/2012	My entire family uses the library regularly. We think it is a vital part of the community. The libraries we use seem to be in good condition.
8707	7/10/2012	I have never been in there without there being at least a dozen people. There are children using the Kid's terminals, adults reading at the tables, people looking for material, people on the computers, people checking out material, parents reading to kids, etc. Children's events seem to be well attended.
8708	7/10/2012	very well used, occasionally very busy. The staff is friendly and always provides support in a highly professional manner. They do NOT even hint at their view of their branch being closed Mondays.
8709	7/10/2012	It is well used.
8710	7/10/2012	seems pretty busy most of the time
8711	7/10/2012	I don't know. I don't know what you mean by "well used".
8712	7/10/2012	It is always quite busy with all ages.
8713	7/10/2012	Most used in the country, baby!
8714	7/10/2012	My local library always has patrons and appears to be busy.
8715	7/10/2012	The libraries are always busy, and sometimes over-crowded. We would like to see more quiet areas for children, more seating, and expanded programs overall.
8716	7/10/2012	It is well used. We heavily depend on the library mostly to check out books. On occasion we have taken advantage of the other gatherings for adults and kids offered at the library. The library is always full of a whole range of Portlanders.

		Huh? ☐ Do you mean how many people are using it? Lots...it is rather crowded, esp with people using the computers.☐ Do you mean how well is it used as a library? In the classic sense, it seems that many people are checking out book; then again, I see a lot of movies being checked out, so maybe not so much reading?☐ Do you mean is it used, like old and in need of repair? It is okay, could be bigger.☐ Or, maybe you mean something else. Strangely worded question...
8717	7/10/2012	
8718	7/10/2012	The capital hill library is well used. I take my child to the story times there and he loves it! Tasha, the librarian who leads the story time is FANTASTIC! The kids love her and as a parent, i love that she shares interesting developmental information about reading and singing with children at different stages. She is helping my child learn a love for reading and for the library!!
8719	7/10/2012	Well used.
8720	7/10/2012	Very well used, especially Hollywood, which is always full of users.
8721	7/10/2012	Well used, it is busy, especially the computers.
8722	7/10/2012	Very well used, it's always crowded
8723	7/10/2012	very, always seems busy and crowded
8724	7/10/2012	Belmont is my local library and it seems well used to me. It's always fairly crowded.
8725	7/10/2012	It seems a busy place
8726	7/10/2012	My local library is always very busy.
8727	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy most of the time (troutdale)
8728	7/10/2012	Very well.
8729	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
8730	7/10/2012	Very well used and busy.
8731	7/10/2012	very well used
8732	7/10/2012	They always look busy and full.
8733	7/10/2012	I see that both Kenton and St. Johns are very well used and well loved. I go less right now, but know we will start frequenting again.
8734	7/10/2012	my local Sellwood library is new-looking and usually has people in it when I walk by each day, so I assume it's pretty well used.
8735	7/10/2012	My huband goes regularly to NW branch. He reports that there are always people inside.
8736	7/10/2012	The current internet systems are far ahead of the library program. But it is alright for those who do not have access to computers.
8737	7/10/2012	The North Portland library is almost always quite busy (I am at the library 3-4 times a week). I have never been there when there were less than a dozen☐ people present, and most of the time the number hovers around 40+ people.
8738	7/10/2012	Very well used.

8739	7/10/2012	very
8740	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8741	7/10/2012	very busy
8742	7/10/2012	Always plenty of people in there, seems pretty well used.
8743	7/10/2012	Well used
8744	7/10/2012	I really don't know.
8745	7/10/2012	Both seem super busy each time I'm in either branch!
8746	7/10/2012	fairly well used
8747	7/10/2012	It seems to be fairly busy.
8748	7/10/2012	Very- its always busy when I'm there.
8749	7/10/2012	It seems to be well attended every time we're there. We were very sad that it is now closed on Mondays. There were many disappointed people as we turned in our books.
8750	7/10/2012	VERY
8751	7/10/2012	Pretty well
8752	7/10/2012	It is very well used by the community. Always people coming in, going out and staying in the library.
8753	7/10/2012	Only recently moved here so I do not know.
8754	7/10/2012	It's used a lot
8755	7/10/2012	Our library is always very busy. The computers look to be full - usually with people waiting. There are usually only one or two open tables. Usually come with a friend who checks out many books at a time. I have a vision problem and use bard to download books.
8756	7/10/2012	I use reference books onsite in the library. There are always a lot of people in the library and most are concerned about the hours being cut back.
8757	7/10/2012	our local library is very much helpful in the community.
8758	7/10/2012	Not Sure
8759	7/10/2012	Very
8760	7/10/2012	It's always full of people when I visit
8761	7/10/2012	It always seems to have several people in it - especially at the computers.
8762	7/10/2012	It looks pretty full everytime I'm there- there's never table space. And the reserve shelves are always jammed full with items people have reserved.
8763	7/10/2012	new structure, adequate selection.
8764	7/10/2012	The libraries I visit are well used. Never too crowded, but plenty of people taking advantage of library services.
8765	7/10/2012	Would be better to have a return box outside the library..so returns can be done even when library is still closed. Hillsdale is always busy - it functions as a community hub, I see friends and neighbors there often.[]
8766	7/10/2012	I just started going to NW on my way home from work so am less familiar with it. I was disappointed to arrive at 5:05 and find that the door was locked.

8767	7/10/2012	Every time we visit the library it's crowded. People are using the computers, attending programs, etc. We love the local library and will continue to use the library.
8768	7/10/2012	Fairview branch is a great library, which seems to have several patrons at all the times that our family goes. Summer hours for children on break is critical. I hope the library can be open 7 days a week during the summer.
8769	7/10/2012	It is my observation that the branches I use are always very busy. It doesn't matter the day or time. And computer use seems to be an extremely popular feature.
8770	7/10/2012	It's always very busy when I visit any of the branches listed above
8771	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question. I suppose it is well used by me, and whenever I'm there, there are a lot of people using it.
8772	7/10/2012	often well used
8773	7/10/2012	not sure
8774	7/10/2012	Always busy!
8775	7/10/2012	Usually fairly busy...
8776	7/10/2012	A lot of people use the library for checking out books, studying, computer access, and finding programs in their area.
8777	7/10/2012	It is so well used that it is better to bike or walk because it is very hard to find a parking spot in the lot.
8778	7/10/2012	Very. Well. Used
8779	7/10/2012	Always busy, full of people. Also at the Holgate library as I was browsing I heard preschool songs being sung in the conference room. Joyfully reminded me of when my children and I participated in reading evening at the Holgate library 25 years ago.
8780	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy!
8781	7/10/2012	Both Albina and Central library are always in use. There is never a time when I come in and see it empty.
8782	7/10/2012	pretty well
8783	7/10/2012	My impression is that it is always busy, with the computer stations occupied and people walking around through the stacks or checking out books and other items.
8784	7/10/2012	It's always full with people.
8785	7/10/2012	There are many people there... Always...
8786	7/10/2012	It's a busy place.
8787	7/10/2012	I used libraries which are nearby or on the way from my house to schools or work.
8788	7/10/2012	VERY well used. I am amazed at how many people are there. My favorites are the immigrants. At Midlands, there are people from all over the world. I love the idea that they have figured out that education is the way up. The whole families come together so the kids are beginning to read very early. I also love that at Midlands there are people who speak different languages on the staff. Russians, Asians, even a delightful woman from Scotland. I love my library so much, I wish I could live there. So many books.... so little time.

8789	7/10/2012	Computers seem to be occupied much of the time whenever I visit. Lots of middle school and younger, often without parents--a good alternative to being on the street. Would like to see volunteers holding story readings; the customers do not seem to value silence in the library.[] [] If necessary to limit hours, link open hours to when school is not in session and maintain evening hours in suburban locations because working people cannot visit the library during the work day.
8790	7/10/2012	There seem to be a lot of people there whenever I go.
8791	7/10/2012	I would say it is always busy when I go in.
8792	7/10/2012	Always busy
8793	7/10/2012	Well used
8794	7/10/2012	Always busy when Im there.
8795	7/10/2012	It is always busy, with all ages represented. The computers are always in use, too.
8796	7/10/2012	Very well used. And too small for the area it serves (Belmont)
8797	7/10/2012	The Belmont library has been busy every time I've visited.
8798	7/10/2012	It is always busy with lots of people there whenever I go--which is fairly often. I always see the Belmont branch well trafficed when I am there. People go to the community boards to learn what's happening in the neighborhood and what programs the library is providing. As a staff member at the local hostel I often send
8799	7/10/2012	guests there for information, computer use, and resources.[] The Central library is beautiful and a real asset to our city, it has been a wonderful place for my research and the top floor exhibits always give people pause to learn something new or beautiful.
8800	7/10/2012	they are always very busy whenever we go!
8801	7/10/2012	extremely
8802	7/10/2012	It is always busy when i visit. I like the community feeling.
8803	7/10/2012	They are both busy whenever I go in, especially at the computer stations.
8804	7/10/2012	Extremely! I generally go to the Belmont library, as that is located in my neighborhood, walking distance form my house. There are always parents and children attending activities, people browsing the shelves or picking up books from the reserve shelves, as well as using the free computers. In the morning before the library opens there is usually a line of people, (usually families) waiting to get in. I have even seen people turned away from the storytelling room because it is so full! Attendance has only increased since summer began; not surprising since the library provides such a great, friendly, safe and community-oriented environment.
8805	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8806	7/10/2012	very well used
8807	7/10/2012	VERY!
8808	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8809	7/10/2012	Our NW library is ALWAYS busy! So is the Central.
8810	7/10/2012	Seems to be full when we visit

8811	7/10/2012	There are always a good amount of people at the Central Library, but by no means is it crowded.
8812	7/10/2012	It's usually not very busy.
8813	7/10/2012	always busy
8814	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch seems to be very well used, by a variety of people. I have attended children's programs, I see retired folks like me and there are many younger people.
8815	7/10/2012	It is a wonderful addition to our neighborhood and is very well used.
8816	7/10/2012	Always seems to be active, with checkouts and families, including children at the library reading and using computers.
8817	7/10/2012	I think you can find a lot of books here, but I would love more up to date children's books. They are more culturally sensitive and diverse which is helpful as a teacher trying to diversify her library.
8818	7/10/2012	Busy all the time; all ages.
8819	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch is usually busy, with a short wait for computers. The systems work well for me - for borrowing and returning books and dvds, using the computer, getting assistance. The dvd selection on line is substantial and I like it that I can suggest books and dvds for the library to acquire.
8820	7/10/2012	Always busy! I don't see any inconvenience so far with the schedule shift. All 3 of us in our family (2 adults + 1 teenage child) regularly go online to look for books and movies, place holds, and renew items we've already checked out. Please factor in how popular this internet access is when considering whether to ask for another levy.
8821	7/10/2012	Always full....It has been a constant in our lives as we raised our kids.
8822	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library is always a cheerful, bustling, vibrant place. Folks using the computers, the quiet rooms for tutoring, meetings, private study; the children's section always has something going on and the kids enjoy picking out their books, reading time, etc; seniors, families of all ages, size, and cultural origins; young singles ... I could go on and on. The Hollywood Library is a vital part of our community!
8823	7/10/2012	Very
8824	7/10/2012	Very
8825	7/10/2012	very well used
8826	7/10/2012	Very
8827	7/10/2012	Central library seems full of people when I am there.
8828	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I have gone there.
8829	7/10/2012	It seems well used- always a crowd of folks there, parking lot is always full.
8830	7/10/2012	Always well used when I am there
8831	7/10/2012	Very well used, always crowded.
8832	7/10/2012	It seems to be used by a good number of people from diverse populations and age groups.
8833	7/10/2012	seems to be well used.....Hillsdale less so than Hollywood and Belmont
8834	7/10/2012	The building is too small to accommodate all the folks who want to use it. It needs to be twice its present size.

8835	7/10/2012	VERY WELL. I BELIEVE THAT OUR BRANCH HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF CIRCULATION.
8836	7/10/2012	The Troutdale library seems to be quite busy, but not as busy as the Gresham branch. I go to the library at different times and there are always many people working/playing in each branch.
8837	7/10/2012	Heavily used. Often little or no seating at tables. Computers heavily used. Albina branch is too small for use, but probably will have to do for now.
8838	7/10/2012	VERY well used. The NW branch is always full of people of all ages, looking for books, attending classes and using the computers. I think of it as a neighborhood hub.
8839	7/10/2012	Its loved and people care about it.....its a resource for all ages. Its a place you can always go when there isn't any where else to go.
8840	7/10/2012	I always see lots of people coming and going.
8841	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time we go
8842	7/10/2012	extremely well used
8843	7/10/2012	great
8844	7/10/2012	Very well used and loved!
8845	7/10/2012	Very well used by all ages
8846	7/10/2012	very well
8847	7/10/2012	It is often very busy. Today had to wait 30 min to get on a computer connected to the internet. I am new in Portland and I am pleasantly surprised at how many young people are using the library...all ages, small children with parents, gradeschool especially and some highschool age.
8848	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people there. I also see mothers with young children who seem to have a program.
8849	7/10/2012	Pretty busy.
8850	7/10/2012	it always seems to be busy, computers all in use, patrons getting information and checking out books and media.
8851	7/10/2012	Vry buisy
8852	7/10/2012	Heavily used and loved
8853	7/10/2012	It generally seems well used, and the parking lot is often full.
8854	7/10/2012	Very well used. The computers are always in use by patrons of all ages and ethnicities. Whenever I visit the library, the meeting room is frequently in use and there are often storytelling sessions for small children. Great library run by great staff!
8855	7/10/2012	we love our local library! It always seems busy with a diverse group of people using many elements of the branch.
8856	7/10/2012	Hollywood Library is well used by every segment of our population. During any given day there will be students doing research, children reading stories, folks enjoying the magazines and a buzz of people looking for a new book to read. Busy and fun.
8857	7/10/2012	The Central library is always very busy and I hope it will be open 7 days a week. Many college students use it and I am sure high schoolers use it also as well as all ages.

8858	7/10/2012	<p>This is a very broad question, almost too broad to answer. My personal local library is the Central Library, but my family uses the Belmont, Woodstock, Holgate, and Sellwood branches more often. We as a family use them very well. And I've never visited either the Central Library or any other branch when it was not very busy and being "well used" by many other Portlanders. It is extremely sad and disappointing that the recent schedule cutbacks were made, especially in view of the pro library funding measure just passed at the mid-year election by Portland voters. It feels like we were hoodwinked. No one I've talked to had any idea that cutbacks would go into effect even if the measure passed, which of course it did.</p> <p>I use a number of the libraries in my community, depending on what area of town I am going to be in at the time I need the service. I am trying to use more online services so that I can learn to cope with the reduced hours. During the times that I visit the libraries, I find them to be busy with patrons. I find that many of the books & media I am interested in require HOLDS in order to be used in a timely manner. This includes the e-book and e-media services as well. I do not think that the issue is that the libraries are little used. I think that the issue is that there is not enough money available to run them consistent with the need of those services. In a perfect world we would all be able to walk to our local library, which would be open 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, 7 days/week. This is so that when we become confused by something in the world, we could make contact with our local librarian to help figure out an answer to our puzzlement. Everyone would have a device to visit the library online and download needed books, newspapers, journal articles for research, movies, t.v. shows & other media, as well as chat online with a librarian if help was required. In a perfect world, the library would be the center of the universe. It has always been the center on mine.</p>
8859	7/10/2012	It is a very busy library, too small!
8860	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy.
8861	7/10/2012	Extremey.
8862	7/10/2012	As far as I can tell when I go, very well used!
8863	7/10/2012	Very
8864	7/10/2012	strange question. You should be able to answer this better than I???
8865	7/10/2012	Always seems to be full of users
8866	7/10/2012	Sellwood and Hillsdale branches both seem to be well-used. Mostly younger children and their parents.
8867	7/10/2012	It's always busy -- in a good way.
8868	7/10/2012	Based on the state of the bathroom, I'd say "well used".
8869	7/10/2012	It looks well used
8870	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy. Not overcrowded but well used & appreciated by the community in that area.
8871	7/10/2012	Well used.[]
8872	7/10/2012	More by other than myself.[] But I fully support the usefullness of the Library!

8873	7/10/2012	Busy everyday that I go there. Looks like all the computers are always full, even though I don't use that service myself.
8874	7/10/2012	The Belmont and Hollywood libraries seem to always be bustling with activity.
8875	7/10/2012	Every library I visit is always crowded and busy.
8876	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch has constant traffic with folks coming in and leaving all the time. It's not crowded, but busy.
8877	7/10/2012	Very well used. A nice part of a small neighborhood street.
8878	7/10/2012	Very.
8879	7/10/2012	Our local library is well used. I am so grateful for this wonderful resource.
8880	7/10/2012	Always seems busy and active.
8881	7/10/2012	Very well used
8882	7/10/2012	Well used. People wait for it to open and it's always busy when I go.
8883	7/10/2012	Midland and Rockwood are the two I most often use. They are both fairly crowded at all times. Even if I go early there is usually a group waiting for the library to open.
8884	7/10/2012	Every time I go in, whether in the evening, afternoon, or on the weekend, Woodstock Library seems pretty "well-used" with patrons of all ages. Between browsing and checking out books and other media, using the computers, reading with children and using the table spaces to work, people are definitely using the library.
8885	7/10/2012	If today was any indication, very well used. It is generally very busy for such a small location. I have also noticed that the Holds Pickup shelves have increased 3 fold at least over the past couple years.
8886	7/10/2012	very well used
8887	7/10/2012	It seems well used, but I can't really tell. I use the library constantly, but it is all via internet--mostly downloading digital media, but also putting items on hold and stopping in for a minute or two when they arrive. Since I don't work near where I live, I only access the library on Monday and Tuesday evenings (the 2 days when the library is open after 6:00pm)
8888	7/10/2012	a lot
8889	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8890	7/10/2012	It is always crowded when I've been there.
8891	7/10/2012	It's always busy
8892	7/10/2012	Library is very active
8893	7/10/2012	It is usually full of people on computers and using the self-serve checkout computers. □ I would say it's always full of people.
8894	7/10/2012	Seems very well used -- always an almost full parking lot at both libraries I use, multigenerational patrons. Often when I search for a new or popular book or DVD, there is a wait list, sometimes a fairly long one (which lets me know that many Portlanders go to the library first to find a favorite author's new book or a newly released DVD).
8895	7/10/2012	Extremely busy all days, all hours.

8896	7/10/2012	No idea
8897	7/10/2012	Every time I have been to the Central Library there are many people checking out materials and using the spaces in the building to read or use computers.
8898	7/10/2012	it's always busy
8899	7/10/2012	Our libraries are very busy places.
8900	7/10/2012	If I am an average patron, it is the #1 place I visit. Of all the resources in our community, the library is the one I use the most and there is no close second.
8901	7/10/2012	The Woodstock Library is well used.
8902	7/10/2012	The Albina library is over used and the space is undersized. For me, the adult side is very undersized.[] [] The Hollywood library is well used and a good space.
8903	7/10/2012	by me personally? very well used. i love how easy it is to find a book in the system & have it waiting for me when i arrive. the library is one of my favorite things about Portland. the system is amazing & truly brings me a lot of joy.
8904	7/10/2012	It is very well used - full to extremely full most of the time. Hollywood library.
8905	7/10/2012	I read a books and when my PC is not work. love that feeling in the librerly.
8906	7/10/2012	Very well
8907	7/10/2012	Very well. Always busy!
8908	7/10/2012	appears very well used
8909	7/10/2012	Very
8910	7/10/2012	The library always has a fairly large number of users who seem to take advantage of a wide variety of services.
8911	7/10/2012	Very heavily used
8912	7/10/2012	always busy
8913	7/10/2012	Very well.
8914	7/10/2012	Hollywood branch is always busy... different days of the week/time of day.
8915	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in. It seems very well used!
8916	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
8917	7/10/2012	Always has a lot of people browsing and using computers.
8918	7/10/2012	Very well used, always busy when I am there, lots of programs for children, lots of computer use.
8919	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used, as there are always a lot of children and adults there. if that's what you mean.
8920	7/10/2012	Gresham Library is always busy when I am there--people at the computers, at the help desk, at the study tables. The community room is also usually in use when I am there.
8921	7/10/2012	Very. At no time have I seen fewer than 10 people in a branch.

8922	7/10/2012	I would say very well, it is always busy with all ages. I don't think I have ever been there that the tables were unoccupied or the computers not in use. There seems to always be 4-8 people waiting for the doors to open, the parking spaces are often full as well as the street parking at a premium. I have been using this branch since my children were in grade school so that would be about 25-30 years.
8923	7/10/2012	Every time I visit the North Portland Library and the Central Library, they seem busy. They're never crowded, but never empty either, and almost all of the computers are typically in use.
8924	7/10/2012	Always busy when I'm there, and when I drive by. I usually see a group of people waiting for it to open, on weekdays when I'm on my way to work up the street.
8925	7/10/2012	St John's is most local. The library is always busy. There are many shelves with books and other media on hold. Computer access is extremely important in this low-income neighborhood, and I have rarely witnessed a time when they are not being used at 100%. I, along with other St John's patrons, have enjoyed student art displays and all of the other sights, smells and sensations of being in a library. There is nothing else quite like it. The six-days-per--week schedule does not interfere with my enjoyment of the library.
8926	7/10/2012	Very well
8927	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand this question. How well do I use my local library? I'd say I use it fairly often. Or is it how used looking is the building? I think the building looks great!
8928	7/10/2012	it's always busy!
8929	7/10/2012	Very!
8930	7/10/2012	it is the lifeblood of the neighborhood
8931	7/10/2012	very, always busy
8932	7/10/2012	I think Albina and Hollywood are well-used; almost any time of day I visit there are patrons. I also use them as convenient pick-up and drop-off locations for materials I reserve online.
8933	7/10/2012	it is pretty busy when i visitso well used i think!
8934	7/10/2012	I liek my NW librarya nd staff very much. I roder all my books on line and go get them when they send an e to say they are in
8935	7/10/2012	It's busy each time I've been i, so it seems to be loved.
8936	7/10/2012	Packed! have to wait in line to check out a book.
8937	7/10/2012	Central library is usually a zoo but that's a good thing. Mostly I use Sellwood and there's generally a good crowd. I'm in there a couple of days a week myself
8938	7/10/2012	Very busy
8939	7/10/2012	When I go to my Library it is crowded, all the computers are in use
8940	7/10/2012	central library--extremely!!
8941	7/10/2012	It seems every time I visit there are several other people there.
8942	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I go there.
8943	7/10/2012	very well used

8944	7/10/2012	I think it's used a lot. There are always people in there when I go.
8945	7/10/2012	Always people (of all ages) in the library when I go in.
8946	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy we I go in there so I assume it gets heavy usage.
8947	7/10/2012	full almost all the time...
8948	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy and often crowded.
8949	7/10/2012	Very used
8950	7/10/2012	The Troutdale library is new and in my perception is very well used.
8951	7/10/2012	I think it is very popular and seems quite full every time I have been there.
8952	7/10/2012	This is a confusing question. The Gregory Heights branch feels a bit thread bare and crowded. The Hollywood branch feels nice. The Belmont branch is consistently busy, with no fewer than 25 people. The days there are activities for toddlers/children, there seems to be a hundred of those critters in the library.[] []
8953	7/10/2012	My only complaint about the Belmont branch is the noise. Remember when one spoke in whispers at the library? Not even the librarians speak quietly. The talk loudly to one another across the room. The kids run rampant and cell phones ring. I don't know how anyone can study or even focus on something there. It is obscene how loud people are in there.
8954	7/10/2012	The Troutdale Library seems fairly busy to me. Lots of kids and teens glued to the computers. It looks like a good gathering place for Troutdale. It seems well used, by the community. I've only lived here two years, and could hardly believe it when I found out Troutdale was getting its first library!
8955	7/10/2012	It seems to be semi-busy when I go in there. I've been in about 3 times in the last 6 months, and there are always people in there using the computers, sitting at the tables doing homework, or perusing the book isles. I also see a lot of books on the Book Hold shelves, which indicates that people are utilizing the resources available to them, like the computerized card catalogue and the online search functions.
8956	7/10/2012	Very
8957	7/10/2012	extremely well used
8958	7/10/2012	well
8959	7/10/2012	Very well.
8960	7/10/2012	It appears to be fairly busy, but there is always a place to set up a laptop. Getting on the library computers is another matter...
8961	7/10/2012	Seems like there's always something going on. Also seems like the kids programs are awesome.
8962	7/10/2012	Appears occupied and busy when I drive past
8963	7/10/2012	it is always crowded and well used
8964	7/10/2012	It is very well used; always busy.
8965	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library branch is a high volume library. The staff is always kind and helpful no matter how busy they are. It is a superb library!
8966	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy. Good resources, good selection of materials, excellent staff resources.

8967	7/10/2012	Very well. I always see a steady stream of patrons @ the Kenton branch. I only occasionally visit the North Portland branch.
8968	7/10/2012	Always seems full of people.
8969	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch always seems quite busy when we visit.
8970	7/10/2012	Busy all the time. I love it!
8971	7/10/2012	From what I can tell at least the Central Library seems to be well used. I have not been to any of the others in the system.
8972	7/10/2012	Gauging by the number of people in the library whenever I visit, Capitol Hill and Hillsdale are both well used (and well loved) facilities.
8973	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy, lively, full of life and energy.
8974	7/10/2012	Very
8975	7/10/2012	It usually looks quite crowded to me, but I don't know about services.
8976	7/10/2012	Very well used. Whether I visit in the middle of a weekday, after work, or on a weekend, it is full of patrons.
8977	7/10/2012	Rockwood is always crowded. Gresham seems to have heavy computer use.
8978	7/10/2012	Always busy!
8979	7/10/2012	Very! But There are too many snakes in the grass....Yeah!
8980	7/10/2012	Kenton Library always seems busy without being overcrowded. Downtown is always busy.[]
8981	7/10/2012	[] So is Hillsdale.
8982	7/10/2012	It appears to me to be well used
8983	7/10/2012	it's always busy whenever go
8984	7/10/2012	It is always busy but not crowded when I go in.
8985	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8986	7/10/2012	Folks are often outside waiting for it to open, and there's seldom a chair to sit in, so I'd say very well.
8987	7/10/2012	I would say it's very well used. There are many people there anytime we go.
8988	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always people in and out and the children's reading room is usually very full.
8989	7/10/2012	The Belmont Library always seems very busy.
8990	7/10/2012	Very well, there is always a parking issue at Hillsdale but because people come and go so frequently, I have always found one somewhere nearby.
8991	7/10/2012	seems to be busy whenever i am there - kids, adults, people who appear to live on the street, people with disabilities, apparently poor people. It seems to be a valuable resource
8992	7/10/2012	It is always fairly busy.
8993	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy, but primarily as a substitute for home computers. I am not sure that I think a library is the only, or best, place to offer what amounts to dumb terminals.

8994	7/10/2012	Over the yeas we have used it less since the kids have moved out but find when we do need it, it is always very nice and convinent
8995	7/10/2012	Always busy
8996	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights library is always full. The computers are well used and the meeting room is busy. While working on my thesis, I used this branch's services daily.
8997	7/10/2012	I love my libraries (both in North Portland); whenever I go the place is hopping with families, older adults, people looking for books, people reading, people on computers or waiting for computers. It's a joy to go into the library and see how well used all the obvious services are! At both libraries the community room is frequently in use and the staff are always busy helping people. I will say it again for emphasis, the libraries in NOPO are WELL USED!!!!!! It's terrible to have to cut back to 6 days.
8998	7/10/2012	Very well used.
8999	7/10/2012	Very busy
9000	7/10/2012	Always seems busy at Albina.
9001	7/10/2012	It is always busy so I would say it is well utilized
9002	7/10/2012	I see people in their all the time all ages . either wal;king by or going in its well used when it is opened.
9003	7/10/2012	Very.
9004	7/10/2012	Very well-used
9005	7/10/2012	It's always busy and is very well attended and used
9006	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy, and often has a line at the door before opening time.
9007	7/10/2012	Central branch is always humming!
9008	7/10/2012	I dont know
9009	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a lot of people in there when I go. All the computer stations are generally in use.
9010	7/10/2012	It is always bustling.
9011	7/10/2012	Computers are usually 100% filled and table space is usually pretty full too.
9012	7/10/2012	always busy
9013	7/10/2012	It seems to get a good amount of use.. I usually have a dozen or so items out and another on hold. Sometimes it is quite busy.
9014	7/10/2012	it is always busy. the workers are very helpful. i always vote yes for library funding.
9015	7/10/2012	Hillsdale Library, as well as the other Multnomah County Libraries--are so busy they almost have a "hum" to them or they are so busy with ALL ages of library users.
9016	7/10/2012	It is very well used. I miss having the library on Mondays already. There's always people at the Woodstock branch.
9017	7/10/2012	well used
9018	7/10/2012	Most visits we see plenty of other patrons at our library. We love to visit Hillsdale! We also enjoy visiting other library branches sometimes.
9019	7/10/2012	It always seems very full when I go there.

9020	7/10/2012	very well used!
9021	7/10/2012	very well used.
9022	7/10/2012	midland is always very busy. north portland less so, but still busy.
9023	7/10/2012	very well used - parking lot is always full!
9024	7/10/2012	Our community relies on the library. I am very disappointed that it cannot be open 7 days a week.
9025	7/10/2012	There are always several people in there.
9026	7/10/2012	Very much. There is a consistent buzz of patrons in both locations.
9027	7/10/2012	Depending on the day and time of day, it is often very crowded. The parking lot is often full! People seem to love it--many programs cannot be found elsewhere. Though I don't use them, I am delighted by the childrens' programming. Getting kids turned onto reading and library use is SO important. I attribute my love of reading to my mother taking me to the Chicago Public Library when I was very small. Keep up the great work.
9028	7/10/2012	Hillsdale library is the one I use the most and being in an area of heavy student traffic with a high school, middle school, and elementary school being within a close range it is a very well used family both by students and their families.
9029	7/10/2012	It is very convient for us to borrow the books, and it has a plenty of bilingual and nice, patient staffs. However, If they have programs for using internet to sell the stuffs , I think that will be perfect . Anyway , we are so appreciated for their help. I hope if economy get better we will have 7-days opening libraries.
9030	7/10/2012	Very!
9031	7/10/2012	very
9032	7/10/2012	I can't imagine what you mean by this question.
9033	7/10/2012	Very
9034	7/10/2012	Very. Story time is always full and theibrary tables are always in use.
9035	7/10/2012	It is always busy there, by a diverse group of people. Movies, music, books, free internet, all being used by all sorts of people
9036	7/10/2012	Both are very busy - though the Sellwood library seems to always have New books in stock. The Hillsdale branch's New book section is usually fairly empty.
9037	7/10/2012	newspaper [] researching real estate[] book loan
9038	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always several children and young adults present when I go there.
9039	7/10/2012	The library seems busy and active any time I stop in.
9040	7/10/2012	always busy and always people waiting at the dooors for opening
9041	7/10/2012	Too well! It's great that everyone uses it but sometimes there isn't anyplace to sit.

9042	7/10/2012	Given that the Multnomah county library system is one of the most used systems in the country (New York being the only one with more activity) it is a credit to the current hours, services and staff that we currently have and hard to understand how we can afford to cut anything. Every time I go t the library (and use it frequently) there is an impressive number of people, of all ages, genders, cultures, and languages using it. They are on the computer, kids are doing homework, people are reading newspapers from their home country, etc. etc. To me it is a wonderful, fulfilling use of my tax dollars and I am not able to say that about how much of my tax money is used. I cannot imagine life without it.
9043	7/10/2012	Very
9044	7/10/2012	It always seems crowded
9045	7/10/2012	Seems to me is is thriving. I see lots of people there, and activities.
9046	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9047	7/10/2012	I'd say pretty well. There are always cars in the lot and on the street, and every time I go there, I see lots of people in every area of the library.
9048	7/10/2012	Central branch is always packed and full of activity -- which I like!
9049	7/10/2012	Heavily used, always crowded, cannot get access to the computers because of so many people. It also seems like transient and homeless people monopolize the computers and others can't use them.
9050	7/10/2012	Albina is a busy place. Computers are being used, and always users are looking for books, picking up books on Hold, checking out books, either with the automatic system or with help from a librarian. □ I have sought help from the reference person on duty now and then.
9051	7/10/2012	Kenton Library is small, but it seems fairly popular. Whenever I go to check out a book or print something, there are usually other people browsing the shelves or checking out books. The computers are almost always full. I also frequently see families with children at the library.
9052	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9053	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9054	7/10/2012	Very well used library... always busy. Lucky if you get a parking space close :)
9055	7/10/2012	I think it has a lot of people there at all times of the day using the computers or looking for dvds etc
9056	7/10/2012	There is a consistent crowd at the Belmont Library and frequently a few people waiting for it to open in the morning.
9057	7/10/2012	Always relatively busy
9058	7/10/2012	don't know
9059	7/10/2012	I am not certain what you mean by this question. If you mean are there a lot of people there when I visit, yes. It is packed with people - especially using the computers. My guess is many people who don't have access to computers of their own rely on the library's.
9060	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Programs fill fast....story times always full.
9061	7/10/2012	Very well used
9062	7/10/2012	Very well.
9063	7/10/2012	it's always crowded

9064	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9065	7/10/2012	Very well. Many people are there constantly.
9066	7/10/2012	You should have records of that.
9067	7/10/2012	well used.
9068	7/10/2012	very
9069	7/10/2012	Very. It always seems full of people.
9070	7/10/2012	I appears to always be pretty busy especially now that it is closed on Mondays and has reduced hours.
9071	7/10/2012	Greatly used! It's always packed when we go!
9072	7/10/2012	Very well used
9073	7/10/2012	Not sure what "well used" means -- is that is euphemism for run down? It's somewhat well used, in that case. It's certainly pretty crowded most times I'm there.
9074	7/10/2012	The Library in Downtown Portland is a very well used library. People use it for many different reasons and it is very helpful!
9075	7/10/2012	It is always pretty busy. Sometimes it is hard to get a computer. I use it a lot to print out things because my printer is not working and I also put books on hold a lot, I would say that those are my favorite resources from the library.
9076	7/10/2012	Heavily used.
9077	7/10/2012	It is too well used. The noise level in the library is atrocious and not any of the library people have any control over the noise level and the rowdiness of the people going to the library!
9078	7/10/2012	very - always crowded. wait time for popular books. hard to get on computers.
9079	7/10/2012	There always seem to be people there when we go. Always a line for the computers.
9080	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used. It is always busy when I go in.
9081	7/10/2012	Very well used and am grateful that it is open 7 days a week
9082	7/10/2012	The Woodstock library and Central are ALWAYS packed. I LOVE the Woodstock Library, and people are very friendly there.
9083	7/10/2012	Woodstock and Sellwood Libraries are always in good use when I visit them.
9084	7/10/2012	Almost always busy
9085	7/10/2012	Very!
9086	7/10/2012	Midland seems to be in great condition. Belmont is small but fine.
9087	7/10/2012	Very busy.
9088	7/10/2012	Very much well used by the local neighborhood - we love our library!!!
9089	7/10/2012	There are always people there at any hour of the day.
9090	7/10/2012	seems to be lots of people every time I go
9091	7/10/2012	many people use it for a lot of different reasons, childrens books and programs, job seekers looking on line, students study in the quiet rooms, young adults browse, also older folks use the on line reservation and pick up books. It is a huge asset to our community

9092	7/10/2012	Always bustling and busy.
9093	7/10/2012	Belmont is my home library and it is almost always packed with readers and computer users. There is a wide range of ages at Belmont.
9094	7/10/2012	It appears to be well used. I'm usually there evenings or weekends and whenever I am there the computers all seem to be used, there are readers at the tables, and a number of adults and children browsing for books, etc.
9095	7/10/2012	It is very well used by hundreds of people each day. I am glad to see that libraries are not open on Mondays. That is how it used to be. I think it was very extravagant to have them open on Mondays. There is no need as far as I am concerned.
9096	7/10/2012	Fairly
9097	7/10/2012	Very well used. Many regular patrons.
9098	7/10/2012	Unknown
9099	7/10/2012	Hillsdale branch is very well used.
9100	7/10/2012	very
9101	7/10/2012	Hillsdale is small but seems busy.
9102	7/10/2012	Very well, always busy, however there are a lot of homeless hanging out in there.
9103	7/10/2012	It's always busy and the computer stations are full with people waiting. The staff are really great and so helpful.
9104	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people there every time I go. There are usually a few people waiting outside the doors when it's time to open. It seems like it's a favorite stopping place for all types of people, all ages.
9105	7/10/2012	UNBELIEVABLY BUSY ALL THE TIME, WITH A DIVERSE POPULATION EXPLOITING SO MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES
9106	7/10/2012	We use the library extensively throughout the year, it is always very busy.
9107	7/10/2012	Very and lovingly.
9108	7/10/2012	It seems busy and active every time I go there. I would say very well used.
9109	7/10/2012	well used
9110	7/10/2012	VERY WELL!
9111	7/10/2012	seems to be busy most of the time I'm there. I like Sunday the best though.
9112	7/10/2012	Always busy there.
9113	7/10/2012	It is well used for computer use and book checkout. It is always pretty full when I go.
9114	7/10/2012	We usually go in the mornings during the week, and there are always people there, but it's not overly crowded, which we appreciate.
9115	7/10/2012	Very - it's always full of people whenever I am there. I checked monthly use only because I don't go once a week but usually more often than monthly.
9116	7/10/2012	It seems as though the St. Johns library is VERY well used. It's busy every time I go...people on the computers, people playing games with their kids, people checking out books.

9117	7/10/2012	I am frequently passing the library, even if I don't go in. It is always full of people and the internet is always in use. I go in frequently to get DVD's and cookbooks. Sometimes I even reserve a book to read but I don't have enough time for reading anymore which I find sad. ☹ ☹
9118	7/10/2012	I don't have children so don't attend story-telling events or other activities. Central library seems like it is very important to the community.
9119	7/10/2012	It stays busy.
9120	7/10/2012	I am unsure as I recently moved to St. Johns.
9121	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights is always busy, no matter when I'm there.
9122	7/10/2012	very well used
9123	7/10/2012	Very well used. The Central Library is a fixture in the community, a meeting place, and a wonderful resource - even in the internet age.
9124	7/10/2012	VERY well. It is always busy, people wait to get in before it opens. Computers always full.
9125	7/10/2012	Quite busy, good to see friends there.
9126	7/10/2012	Extremely.
9127	7/10/2012	They always seem busy.
9128	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a lot of folks in the library.
9129	7/10/2012	The central library always has a number of people when I am there. The St. Johns library is also very popular.
9130	7/10/2012	There are always people there.
9131	7/10/2012	The parking lot almost always seems full, except the electric car charging spots. Nobody ever parks there with an electric car, what an absolute waste of money and time spent tearing up the parking lot.
9132	7/10/2012	It's always packed with people of all ages and interests. My three year old loves going to the library and is developing a strong literacy base. A foundation for academic growth and success is being set. I'm certain Portland Public School teachers and Oregonians as a whole appreciate literate, intelligent citizens. Our libraries are invaluable.
9133	7/10/2012	Very much.
9134	7/10/2012	Very. In a good way. Loved and beloved. A nice amalgamation of the neighborhood.
9135	7/10/2012	very
9136	7/10/2012	very
9137	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever we are there
9138	7/10/2012	Very busy
9139	7/10/2012	Seems busy when I'm there.
9140	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy most times of the day that I stop in.
9141	7/10/2012	Seems to be generally busy
9142	7/10/2012	There are people at our Sellwood branch all of the time.
9143	7/10/2012	It seems to be used for internet access more than anything else by far.

9144	7/10/2012	Very well used, Especially the Gresham branch. The Troutdale is really starting to pick up traffic as well. There always seems to be a line of people waiting to get in if it's not open.
9145	7/10/2012	It seems that when i do visit the library the parking lot is usually about 75% full and when i go in the morning to drop off books before the library opens i see people dropping off armloads of books. The computers always have a waiting list and there are always kids in the childrens section.
9146	7/10/2012	Very well used and often very busy. It trully a great place to be!
9147	7/10/2012	I would say very well. often the underground parking is full and you have to park a block away. Also, there are 5 automated checkout machines and it isn't unusual to have to wait to check out.
9148	7/10/2012	It is generally busy when I visit, all computers in use, folks browsing the racks.
9149	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy and frequented by a wide range of users. Went today, the second Tuesday after a closed Monday, and it was slammed.
9150	7/10/2012	Never empty, and when I meet other professionals and teachers in the SE they all say they frequent Belmont when they have the need. I've seen many more folks using the Library for a computer access hub, and not actually checking out books (of which there are less) since the computers have doubled, blessing and curse, but Belmont is quite well used.. =)
9151	7/10/2012	very busy!
9152	7/10/2012	Very well!
9153	7/10/2012	Very!!!
9154	7/10/2012	WELL
9155	7/10/2012	Steadily busy
9156	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used and well-staffed.
9157	7/10/2012	very
9158	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people there, and computers taken up, lots of children and families. I'd say it gets used a lot.
9159	7/10/2012	I have never seen all of the computers in use, but I always hear complaints from friends that the books they want are always checked out.
9160	7/10/2012	i use the computer internet for job search because i am unemployed
9161	7/10/2012	It's got a lot of people in there while I'm in there.
9162	7/10/2012	I believe it is well used. It is always busy when I visit.
9163	7/10/2012	Very well. Northwest is my closest library and it's always full of people, reading, checking stuff out, or children enjoying various activities.
9164	7/10/2012	There are a lot of visitors to the two that I frequent.
9165	7/10/2012	My local library is the Hillsdale branch. It always seems pretty busy.

9166	7/10/2012	Always seems busy. [] School kids from across the street use it a lot.[] I see all ages there.[] Our house has ten items checked out at the moment.[] I love the website for holds etc.[] And the email notifications are amazing - due dates, holds.
9167	7/10/2012	Decently
9168	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy most of the time.
9169	7/10/2012	Extremely well used; however, I live downtown and only frequent the Central Library.
9170	7/10/2012	Very
9171	7/10/2012	Very well used
9172	7/10/2012	Fairly well used. [] People are always lined up outside waiting for the library to open.
9173	7/10/2012	Very well used
9174	7/10/2012	It seems very well used
9175	7/10/2012	Well used
9176	7/10/2012	Albina Library is always very busy when I visit.
9177	7/10/2012	It's is usually busy, tables full, people in the aisles. Librarians always helpful and friendly
9178	7/10/2012	The 3 that I use regularly are all busy when I go in - especially the computer areas. I have never gone into one of them and wondered why there were so few people there. All age groups and ethnicities use these particular branches.
9179	7/10/2012	Usually busy, although many homeless people use the central library as shelter
9180	7/10/2012	Judging by the number of people I see when I visit, I would say the Albina branch is a busy, active branch.
9181	7/10/2012	It seems to be well-used by people of varying ages and languages. I appreciated that there was a Spanish-speaking librarian helping a patron. My roommate participates in a book group, which I may consider joining. I like that "all-read" selections-- almost always participate in that.
9182	7/10/2012	very
9183	7/10/2012	fairly well used. It's usually pretty busy when I access it.
9184	7/10/2012	Very, always busy.
9185	7/10/2012	Very well.
9186	7/10/2012	very. it is always busy.
9187	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
9188	7/10/2012	Is is very busy. People wait for it to open in the morning and are there until the library closes.
9189	7/10/2012	Albina is very well used. No matter what time I go, there are always plenty of people using all the services.
9190	7/10/2012	tons of people. always busy. hillsdale

9191	7/10/2012	seems to be very well used.
9192	7/10/2012	things are always hopping at Belmont branch.
9193	7/10/2012	Seems to usually be busy
9194	7/10/2012	Always busy
9195	7/10/2012	Very! Both libraries (Belmont, Downtown) are always full, lots of kids always around
9196	7/10/2012	It seems to get a lot of use, depending upon day and time.
9197	7/10/2012	Very well used; there are always several people in every area at Woodstock library, at least when I stop in.
9198	7/10/2012	I check out book and DVD for my son and my self
9199	7/10/2012	I've never been in when there weren't a considerable number of people.
9200	7/10/2012	Pretty well. It's always filled with people and it's an escape from summertime heat.
9201	7/10/2012	Hollywood is, I think, the most frequented library with the greatest volume of material checked out (I may be totally wrong with my assertions - but it's BUSY)
9202	7/10/2012	I don't check out books at the library (I check them out through my kindle, though), but I have used the Midland Library for computer/internet access. It has always been busy when I am there and there is usually a wait for the computers.
9203	7/10/2012	Always busy, always lots to do, wait for computers, good staff, many things offered for all ages.
9204	7/10/2012	The Belmont Branch always seems to be busy. The library is an important place for parents with young children, avid readers, and job-seekers and other people who need a place to do research on reinventing themselves for the next economy.
9205	7/10/2012	Usually pretty crowded most any day I'm there...
9206	7/10/2012	Not sure how to quantify - usually a fair number of folks there, maybe 12 - 24 - and it's a fairly small place.
9207	7/10/2012	Split between patrons using the computer facilities and those picking up holds. Instead of a ridiculous parking lot, the building could have been expanded to hold more resources, books, computers, media, meeting rooms. But when they did the renovation a few years back, they must have hired an architect from California, who knew nothing about how people live, particularly in the Belmont library neighborhood.
9208	7/10/2012	It's never full when I stop in, but there are usually a dozen or so people inside.
9209	7/10/2012	always seems busy
9210	7/10/2012	Very
9211	7/10/2012	Very well used
9212	7/10/2012	Well used
9213	7/10/2012	very
9214	7/10/2012	Everytime I go to the library, it is always PACKED! And there is usually a wait to get onto the computers.
9215	7/10/2012	It is usually busy.
9216	7/10/2012	very busy

9217	7/10/2012	It is always busy. The computers always seem to be in use and there is almost always a line at the checkout counter
9218	7/10/2012	If you mean how many people seem to use the library, I would reply that a great number of people use both libraries I use. If you mean, how well do I or other users use the library, I can only speak for myself, and I use it exactly as it was intended....to borrow reading material and music, so that must be well used.
9219	7/10/2012	Most of the computers are in use, there are people reading magazines or newspapers, and the children section is usually busy with parents and children, well used
9220	7/10/2012	My local is Central and it is extremely well-used. I would love to see a larger Central Library, with comfortable chairs, bigger (and better-maintained) restrooms, and a coffee concession.
9221	7/10/2012	I feel our branch is used a lot. There are always people in the library using computers, reading, and checking out books. ¶ ¶ We personally use it a lot to browse for books, as a close location to pick up holds brought in from other libraries, and as a place to volunteer. We use the computers to print materials as a back up if our printer is not working.
9222	7/10/2012	I'm not sure, but it always seems busy when I drop in.
9223	7/10/2012	Good
9224	7/10/2012	VERY! The joint is always jumping when I go. Esp now with shortened hours.
9225	7/10/2012	heavily
9226	7/10/2012	very
9227	7/10/2012	It is very well used, and I love that it is both family friendly and open to helping out those looking for jobs.
9228	7/10/2012	I go to the library at least three times a week. I get books, films and books on tape. I check to see if there is something going on that might interest me. I would be lost without this library.
9229	7/10/2012	Very Well. The computer terminals are in constant use and the number of people in the the stack areas are high for the given space...what do the book circulation numbers say? (This applies to both Central and Hollywood)
9230	7/10/2012	People are often waiting at the doors when the library opens, and it seems to be pretty busy all day. Our branch (NW) has limited seating for just sitting and reading. Most of the seating is either for children or for computer use, so I don't hang out much there. I mostly go to pick up books I've put on hold via my home computer.
9231	7/10/2012	Our library is always packed with folks and inventory of books and other materials are sought over.

9232	7/10/2012	In my humble opinion, the Central Library is very well used. Everyday, there is much activity in every floor. People are constantly checking out materials. The new automatic machines for checking out books are great. The possibility to put a hold in the catalog is wonderful. The communication with the patron cannot be better. I am very satisfied with the library system, I have learned a lot and I am still learning.
9233	7/10/2012	Busy and the staff is always helpful
9234	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
9235	7/10/2012	Very well used
9236	7/10/2012	Both libraries I use are always very busy!
9237	7/10/2012	It is steadily busy.
9238	7/10/2012	always people there, usually busy
9239	7/10/2012	always busy
9240	7/10/2012	There are always people in it-both locations are well used
9241	7/10/2012	It is always full of people!!!
9242	7/10/2012	Too well used. It's as busy as Grand Central Station!
9243	7/10/2012	There are always a huge group of people there.
9244	7/10/2012	There always appears to be a large number of people in the library looking at books or using the computers.
9245	7/10/2012	It seems to always be well used. There is frequently a line of people waiting for the library to open when I pass by, a sign that is very encouraging to me.
9246	7/10/2012	very! Pretty well used, considering the minimal amount of stock that is kept at this location. Most of the adult material is held for reserves, but there is a good sized children's section, which my daughter loves to go to and pick out books of her own to bring home. There are always plenty of people using the computers and I often run into a neighbor or someone else in the community when I am there.
9247	7/10/2012	
9248	7/10/2012	very good
9249	7/10/2012	Very well, always pleasantly busy.
9250	7/10/2012	Very well. It is a great resource.
9251	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy.
9252	7/10/2012	Very well used
9253	7/10/2012	well used
9254	7/10/2012	very well used
9255	7/10/2012	It seems very busy.
9256	7/10/2012	very well used. Close to elementary so always lots of kids.
9257	7/10/2012	It's often full of people of all ages at the computers and reading.
9258	7/10/2012	a great deal
9259	7/10/2012	I'm there now, and I count 70 or so people. So yes, well used.

9260	7/10/2012	Rarely do I find a book that I am looking for at Cap Hill, so I use it primarily to pick up books and DVDs I 'place hold.'
9261	7/10/2012	There is never enough parking, and the computers are nearly always all in use. It is a busy place. There seem to be lots of families coming and going whenever I visit.
9262	7/10/2012	For me each free time I get.
9263	7/10/2012	Very!
9264	7/10/2012	All are well-used.
9265	7/10/2012	Very well used
9266	7/10/2012	well used
9267	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always very busy, no matter the time of day.
9268	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. The events for children are always full.
9269	7/10/2012	I would say very well used... and an important part of the community
9270	7/10/2012	Very
9271	7/10/2012	There are always many people in library when we go.
9272	7/10/2012	Well used at Midland. Dot know much about Gresham
9273	7/10/2012	My local library is always full of people. It is very well used by a broad spectrum of individuals of all ages.
9274	7/10/2012	I can only report on what I see. It is always busy when I visit, and I see all ages.
9275	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty busy. I tend to use the online catalog to browse, order and pick-up and only browse during those pick-up and drop-off times.
9276	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there. I see that it is close on Monday now. Sunday would be a better day. It is not very busy then.
9277	7/10/2012	Very, especially during the summer months. Most people seem to be there to use computers, I bring my own device.
9278	7/10/2012	I don't really understand this question
9279	7/10/2012	very busy
9280	7/10/2012	It's always busy!!!
9281	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy
9282	7/10/2012	Brand spanking new and very popular.
9283	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. Every time I am in the Belmont branch, it is very crowded.
9284	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always plenty of people there.
9285	7/10/2012	always busy
9286	7/10/2012	Very!
9287	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question
9288	7/10/2012	The Kenton library is always busy when I visit. Typically there are no seats to even sit at.
9289	7/10/2012	always busy, especially baby book time is usually filled
9290	7/10/2012	It seems to busy everytime I go in, so I'd say a lot!

9291	7/10/2012	Very. It's centralized location provides our downtown community a place to explore and learn.
9292	7/10/2012	it always looks busy, if that's what you mean.
9293	7/10/2012	Seems to be! It seems to be very popular; lots of families and people using computers also.[]
9294	7/10/2012	This particular branch is well sited on a lovely street for walking, in a cute neighborhood near restaurants, cafes, small shops and the Sellwood park.
9295	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
9296	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
9297	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
9298	7/10/2012	fairly used. each time I went, there were plenty of people. Rarely a computer unused, and lots of checking out books
9299	7/10/2012	Very well used
9300	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
9301	7/10/2012	Always has a large group of people there
9302	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9303	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9304	7/10/2012	there are usually quite a few people there when I go, and the parking lot is usually at least 75% full as I drive by each day. My daughter has used it often as she has grown up, and we always participated in the summer reading program.
9305	7/10/2012	Very. In addition to all of the usual reasons, I and many other people tell visitors/tourists to the Pdx area to stop by Central Library. Everyone is always very impressed by our lovely jewel of the library system.
9306	7/10/2012	It is always VERY busy!
9307	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9308	7/10/2012	There are always a fair number of people present when I go, which is at a variety of times and days.
9309	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9310	7/10/2012	Well used. It is generally busy.
9311	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9312	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people there.
9313	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always full.
9314	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
9315	7/10/2012	Extremely!
9316	7/10/2012	Always VERY busy!
9317	7/10/2012	It's always full of people.
9318	7/10/2012	Very busy every time I've been there. All ages.
9319	7/10/2012	Kenton library is always busy with people. Very popular

9320	7/10/2012	The Northwest Branch is always busy. I was unemployed two years ago for about 18 months and I used the Library weekly not so much now that I am back at work. The computers always are taken.
9321	7/10/2012	The Woodstock Library is very well used. You can scarcely find a seat to sit down. The computers are generally 90% in use. Walking down an aisle of books you will pass 1 or 2 persons looking at the shelves. Lots of books on hold.
9322	7/10/2012	This branch is as busy as a beehive every time I stop by -- people on computers, reading at the tables, browsing the books, attending events, etc. The staff is extremely helpful, it is well-organized, and has a unique energetic yet focused and quiet atmosphere.
9323	7/10/2012	Very well used from the opening to closing. A librarian usually has to chase a few diehard out (gently) at closing time.
9324	7/10/2012	Very much used. My wife and I often use the library as a destination for our walks, so we stop to visit 2 -3 times a week. Always a lot of people in the library.
9325	7/10/2012	If by "well used" you mean busy, then it is well used. There is a very comfortable amount of patrons on any given visit. I also see a variety of patrons. The library for us is an important part of our lives.
9326	7/10/2012	The Central Library seems to be well used. It's always full of people when I am there. I like it the best because it's big and has a great selection of books on hand. I have been to a couple of the Portland area branch libraries and was appalled at how small and crowded they were, with miniscule book offerings on site. I recently moved here from Austin, Texas where I was fortunate to have access to large, modern branch libraries that had excellent selections of books on hand. I know you can order books online here in Portland, but I prefer to personally handle them and select the ones I want to read. I wish that more of the branch libraries here were bigger and had more of a selection of books on hand.
9327	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question means.
9328	7/10/2012	Very
9329	7/10/2012	It seems pretty active whenever I visit. I've never seen it empty.
9330	7/10/2012	very well used
9331	7/10/2012	Very!
9332	7/10/2012	There are always many, many people using the central library for all sorts of services!
9333	7/10/2012	It always seems quite busy
9334	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people going in and out of North Portland library.
9335	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always seems busy.
9336	7/10/2012	What do you mean? Well enough?
9337	7/10/2012	Very well used. I have never seen it empty of patrons, and it is usually bustling.
9338	7/10/2012	It was hard to find a seat at the Belmont library when I went there last week. So yes, well used
9339	7/10/2012	It is very popular, especially the kids storytime.
9340	7/10/2012	Busy
9341	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when I am there. Computers being used. People at tables reading and lots of folks checking out books and videos.

9342	7/10/2012	very
9343	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go.
9344	7/10/2012	Very
9345	7/10/2012	Very. I usually go on Sundays and see people of all ages using all of the services. When I stop by in the afternoon there are teenagers there and in the evening it's a mixed crowd.
9346	7/10/2012	Central Library is almost always full of people. One of the most popular buildings in town!
9347	7/10/2012	Seems to be quite busy whenever I go in. Computers usually full, lots of books and media on hold, and seems to be a lot of activity perusing the stacks.
9348	7/10/2012	I have visited many Multnomah County library branches, and they all always seem to be humming with activity! I would say that the libraries here are very well used.
9349	7/10/2012	ALways seems very busy to me!
9350	7/10/2012	The North Portland library always seems fairly busy for its size. It is a smaller location, but usually has a steady stream of people coming and going, or studying and using the free wifi. Usually, I cannot find titles of books I want at this location, but the online hold system is great, and this location is very convenient to my home, within walking distance.
9351	7/10/2012	Whenever I visit the Capitol Hill branch, it is bustling with people taking advantage of the amenities that it offers.
9352	7/10/2012	Our library is not just well used, it's overflowing with people who use it. The library gets busier every day, and I believe you should take that into account when dealing with your budget issues.
9353	7/10/2012	Our local branch in Kenton is always well used it seems, no matter when we go. We have, however, never been supportive of the computer games for young children (an shame on the library for placing it actually in the children's reading area, very counter productive in regards to teaching the value of books) or the online web access for patrons. Too often myself and my little ones see adolescents adn adults looking at porn, videos, etc. IT MAKES US WANT TO STOP GOING TO THE LIBRARY AT ALL. Free speech isn't relevant when it comes to trying to protect young children. Why shoudl my taxes go to payiing for others to use porn?
9354	7/10/2012	Our local library is an invaluable resource for the community. I can't imagine St. Johns with out it!!
9355	7/10/2012	Seems very busy whenever I'm there.
9356	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I visit the library. People are checking out books, reading books and using the computers.
9357	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
9358	7/10/2012	Pretty well populated when I go.
9359	7/10/2012	Well used!
9360	7/10/2012	Very--always lots of patrons there.
9361	7/10/2012	Very busy
9362	7/10/2012	Very well used

9363	7/10/2012	Extremely busy every time I have been there. Attended Job support today with grandchildren playing on the computer while waiting with their Mom for me to finish.
9364	7/10/2012	I would say that it's pretty well used. Never crowded, never empty
9365	7/10/2012	VERY! Albina Branch is generally crammed after school, evenings; Hollywood seems very busy especially weekends.
9366	7/10/2012	we go at least 3 times a week. it's amazing how many new books we can request and check out. we are also members of the Hawaii library and you don't know how wonderful the multnomah system is until you go elsewhere and they don't offer as much.
9367	7/10/2012	My wife and I moved to Portland because of the Multnomah Library. We depend on it for all our reading and DVD material.
9368	7/10/2012	It is busy on the weekends where we are there.
9369	7/10/2012	Very
9370	7/10/2012	Always a good number of patrons when we visit and the storytime hours are extremely popular.
9371	7/10/2012	Very busy.
9372	7/10/2012	Pretty good traffic. Full family story time.
9373	7/10/2012	moderately
9374	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9375	7/10/2012	Very well
9376	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in. Also we use it for ballot drop-off, community type meetings. My wife belongs to a knitting group meeting there. So, it is not just about the books.
9377	7/10/2012	Every time I am at the St Johns library there are many people there using it.
9378	7/10/2012	Our library is extremely well used and is an essential resource for job seekers and area residents trying to access government agencies and essential social services.
9379	7/10/2012	It is usually fairly crowded, but not to the point that all computers are in use, or that there is a big line waiting to check out.
9380	7/10/2012	It is very well used
9381	7/10/2012	Our library is excellent. Every person is very professional and useful. Staff who presents storytime for young kids is really good.[] We also like puppet shows that happen in the library.
9382	7/10/2012	
9383	7/10/2012	Always seems very busy.
9384	7/10/2012	It is always full of people.
9385	7/10/2012	Really well. It alwas seems full.
9386	7/10/2012	Hillsdale is used extensively by young and old alike. Since the library is close to elementary, middle and high schools, a lot of students frequent the building.
9387	7/10/2012	It is always busy. People wait outside to get in on opening esp Sundays.
9388	7/10/2012	The Belmont library seems to have people during a large variety of its open hours.

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9389	7/10/2012	It is a small library so it always seems to have quite a few people in it, either looking at books, using the computers, or reading.
9390	7/10/2012	At all hours the parking lot is full and there are people entering and leaving the building. Many are using the computer stations, reading or perusing the stacks. The children's reading area is also in much use.[] [] We LOVE our library.
9391	7/10/2012	Fantastically well-used.
9392	7/10/2012	It always seems fairly packed when I stop by.
9393	7/10/2012	Always people there. I feel it is well utilized.
9394	7/10/2012	Usually quite busy whenever I am there
9395	7/10/2012	Very popular but not over-crowded
9396	7/10/2012	good
9397	7/10/2012	Very busy with kids.
9398	7/10/2012	It seems to be very popular. The family programs that we attend are usually full.[] When we go in to browse for books there are always plenty of people there.
9399	7/10/2012	? What does that mean? We use it if we want to but would be fine without it.
9400	7/10/2012	very well used
9401	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always full of people. My local library is the Central library.
9402	7/10/2012	Whenever I've been at the library there have been a lot of people using it.
9403	7/10/2012	I am in the library usually on Tuesday mid-day and occasionally on Fri. and there are always people coming and going. I don't use the computers but they seem to be mostly in use.
9404	7/10/2012	It is always busy, some days more than others. Computer area seems to be at capacity whenever I am there. The childrens story time or summer reading program seems to be very popular as always see lots of children and parents there taking part. I don't understand the question. Sadly, I find that every time I want to "just go check out a book" there isn't much available. I'm not inclined to order in advance & then wait for a delivery b/c the way I choose what to read is flip through, see if it looks interesting, check out, go home. So using the library has become a rare thing, limited to the times when I'm doing research that I can't or don't want to do on the internet and can tell in advance what books I want & have them sent to my branch. I use used book stores more often b/c they have more selection in fiction. I don't feel that my tax money should be going to programs to entertain kids or provide people with free internet access. It should be used to maintain the collections and keep them available to the people who use the books.
9405	7/10/2012	
9406	7/10/2012	Very
9407	7/10/2012	Very!
9408	7/10/2012	It's always incredibly busy.
9409	7/10/2012	Very well used, but I would love to see more young kids there.

9410	7/10/2012	It is well used and well loved.
9411	7/10/2012	It is busy when we are there on the weekends.
9412	7/10/2012	Both Central and Woodstock are always hopping
9413	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go, and I go at least once a week.
9414	7/10/2012	Very well, we use it for ALL of our media needs
9415	7/10/2012	By whom? By me or others?
9416	7/10/2012	It is always full. Most of the time, all computers are in use. I was surprised at the volume of users in this new branch.
9417	7/10/2012	Hollywood is the center of the neighborhood. It is crucial to the neighborhood fabric. There always is a line for computer use, the quiet rooms are always full, it runs out of summer reading reward coupons in June.
9418	7/10/2012	The Central Library is used by a lot of people. It appears to attract homeless individuals as well.
9419	7/10/2012	I would say it's pretty well used, seems always busy. [] [] I also feel it's always over staffed. With a high tech community we need less staff and more automated services.
9420	7/10/2012	I use its resources often. Most of my friends do too. I wish it were open more hours.
9421	7/10/2012	We are in Spain right now and one of the things we miss most about home is the Sellwood library! I can't tell you how much we have used and valued your services and how I have come to appreciate them even more now that we are in a place where libraries are mainly for academics, and certainly not for children. It blows my mind that we haven't been to a library since we arrived. No one even knows where the nearest one is! I want to take all these mothers home with me and show them what they are missing and what is possible! And I was just thinking about going online to see if I could stream a movie from you...
9422	7/10/2012	Always busy.
9423	7/10/2012	Well used
9424	7/10/2012	Always seems high traffic to me
9425	7/10/2012	A community resource. Always crowded when I go there.
9426	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is always a line when it opens and at least 20 or more people using the library at all times of the day if not way way more.
9427	7/10/2012	Very well used it is always busy there.
9428	7/10/2012	It always seems to have a crowd when we're there.
9429	7/10/2012	well used
9430	7/10/2012	Always busy
9431	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy.
9432	7/10/2012	Always busy....the parking lot is always full plus all the bike & walkers!

9433	7/10/2012	The North Portland library is busy every time I go, no matter what time of day. I mostly place holds on line through the Multcolib website, then pick-up at the library. I notice most computers are being used, the hold shelf is full, and there is at least a large handful of people perusing the shelves whether it is 12AM or 5PM. It seems very well used.
9434	7/10/2012	Since I just reinstated my card The library here in gresham is BUSY!! Lots of patrons. As a school employee it is wonderful to see kids excited to be in the library.
9435	7/10/2012	Always busy
9436	7/10/2012	We go to Kenton most often and it is always busy. It's brought more families into the downtown Kenton area and improved the general vibe, as well as increased business. The library has made our neighborhood healthier and more wholesome!
9437	7/10/2012	My library is very well used. I don't think that I have ever been in the library and not had there be many other people there.
9438	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9439	7/10/2012	extremely
9440	7/10/2012	incredibly well used! Always.
9441	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9442	7/10/2012	It seems to be used a lot and is always busy when I am there.
9443	7/10/2012	very
9444	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people there whenever I go!
9445	7/10/2012	It is often very busy...lots of demand for a computer. I notice that when I come at opening time there is a crowd of 25 to 30 people waiting to get in.
9446	7/10/2012	Both libraries are always very busy. gregory heights in particular since it is a bit smaller.
9447	7/10/2012	Usually busy.
9448	7/10/2012	It's always busy.and well staffed. Too well staffed. Service is good, as well as convenient
9449	7/10/2012	The Troutdale library is always full of people when I stop by, no matter what day of the week or what time of day it is. The computer stations are always full and there are people of all ages making use of the library and checking out materials.
9450	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used by all age groups.
9451	7/10/2012	When I go to North Portland Library, it is always busy and there is usually a wait to use the internet computers.
9452	7/10/2012	As a weekly volunteer, I am aware of the activity in our library ... computers are generally busy, periodicals are regularly perused by patrons, quiet rooms are used frequently, children's programs are well attended, use of media is strong, personnel are busy.
9453	7/10/2012	I see a lot of people almost anytime I walk into the library. I've also frequently seen well attended children's story time and puppet shows. Many students are at the computers, as well as all age ranges. The building and staff is welcoming and very helpful.

9454	7/10/2012	Very well used: every time I'm in the NW location, all the computer stands are busy, the library is crowded with pick-ups and drop-offs, or people browsing through books. It serves as a community meet up point with local announcements. A truly phenomenal place!
9455	7/10/2012	It is so crowded, noisy and hard to navigate around the computer banks that I never go there to actually read and relax. Sometimes there are no parking spaces at the Rockwood Branch.
9456	7/10/2012	Both the Albina and North Portland libraries are always full of people. The computers are almost always full with a line of patient folks waiting for their turn. In addition, there is a constant flow of people coming to pick up holds. Both of these libraries also have quite a few families that utilize the children's book area. The children's story time at Albina is very popular from what I can tell. The North Portland library also has the computer lab upstairs which is always busy and a place to find groups of teens using the library.
9457	7/10/2012	The St John's library where I most frequently go is always busy with people of all ages doing all sorts of activities. The library workers are competent, helpful and friendly. Whenever I visit another branch such as Kenton, Hollywood or even the main library in downtown Portland they are always busy but helpful, tho I appreciate my local branch most. I was unaware of programs for seniors and will be checking that out as well. I'd like to give special appreciation to my local library workers whc always make time for even my most trivial questions. Thanks!
9458	7/10/2012	always lively, active members
9459	7/10/2012	It always looks pretty busy.
9460	7/10/2012	IT is very well used. There are always lots of people when I go there.
9461	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9462	7/10/2012	Every time I have gone into my library it is packed with very few seats available
9463	7/10/2012	Very
9464	7/10/2012	It is usually bustling.
9465	7/10/2012	I don't know what this means. Very well? We very much appreciate the resource.
9466	7/10/2012	It usually appears pretty busy when I visit it, which is after work on the weekdays.
9467	7/10/2012	There are people in there all the time. From opening to close. Job seekers. Readers. Kids. Highly used and highly important, especially for the less fortunate.
9468	7/10/2012	ALWAYS busy. It seems to be a community gathering spot for the whole neighborhood...
9469	7/10/2012	Apparently well used. Every time I want to get a book I have to put in a reservation for it. Sometimes I actually get it.
9470	7/10/2012	Lots of people use it all the time.
9471	7/10/2012	Both branches appear busy practically every time I visit.
9472	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there
9473	7/10/2012	Very well used! Always busy.

9474	7/10/2012	How well used? It appears to be a very busy place, if that is what you mean. Computers often are all taken up; the children's area often is busy with children and parents; and people are checking out books. The on-hand supply of books is not great, I would say, but they can be requested easily enough.
9475	7/10/2012	All of the branches I have visited seem very well used, almost to the point of being overcrowded.
9476	7/10/2012	very
9477	7/10/2012	I believe it is very well used and much beloved to the Hillsdale community.
9478	7/10/2012	It is a smaller library, so never that busy.
9479	7/10/2012	Very
9480	7/10/2012	Quite well-used, I'd say.
9481	7/10/2012	Always seems packed.
9482	7/10/2012	Pretty Well
9483	7/10/2012	well
9484	7/10/2012	The Belmont Library is very well used by community. Whenever I go in I always see people using the computers, parents getting books with there kids or people like me who go there to pick up books/movies/CD's there have on hold.
9485	7/10/2012	Very!
9486	7/10/2012	Very well used and loved!
9487	7/10/2012	Holgate is busy; Central even busier.
9488	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used - there always seem to be a good number of people when I go in there.
9489	7/10/2012	Extremely well -- there are always plenty of people, no matter what day or time I go.
9490	7/10/2012	Central is very,,very busy.
9491	7/10/2012	it's a very busy and well used library with excellent people working there
9492	7/10/2012	We love our local library and the folks that work there.
9493	7/10/2012	It always seems crowded when we're there.
9494	7/10/2012	Both libraries I visit are always busy with a variety of people from young to old.
9495	7/10/2012	Very well--always full of people
9496	7/10/2012	it is always busy when i am there. if i go when it opens in the morning, there is always a line of people waiting to get in.
9497	7/10/2012	It is always being used by various people who need a public information source for many different reasons.
9498	7/10/2012	Very well and heavily used.
9499	7/10/2012	Extremely. I know a lot of people who use it daily and would be lost without it.
9500	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the North Portland or Central or Albina Library, there is a wait at the computer and a line at the checkout desk or self-checks. the tables are usually full of young people. I would say the libraries are very well used.
9501	7/10/2012	always crowded and used

9502	7/10/2012	It's always busy. There is rarely an unused computer and the hold shelves are always packed full.
9503	7/10/2012	Very. Always full of people.
9504	7/10/2012	Our local library branches are well used and very much loved. Our household uses the library very frequently (several times a week) and really appreciate the services and selections of materials they provide.
9505	7/10/2012	Quite well. Its always packed when Im there.
9506	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever I'm there.
9507	7/10/2012	Very well.
9508	7/10/2012	Heavily-used; people are waiting for the doors to open every day.
9509	7/10/2012	It always seems busy
9510	7/10/2012	Its busy
9511	7/10/2012	there's always a lot of people there
9512	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy
9513	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is almost always busy, everyday.
9514	7/10/2012	Typically it is busy
9515	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy and many "holds" waiting to be picked up..
9516	7/10/2012	It's always very busy
9517	7/10/2012	very well used - always
9518	7/10/2012	Very- the branches I go to are typically very busy.
9519	7/10/2012	I cant really say-Troutdale seems very well used Gresham has alot of computers taking up space but I believe folks really need the computers to use
9520	7/10/2012	Always seems busys,
9521	7/10/2012	very well used!! Seerms to be well used, however, we should look at other library models. Take Pipestone MN, for example, when they built
9522	7/10/2012	their new High School the incorporated the public library into the school building and the library serves the school and the public.
9523	7/10/2012	The flow in and out is fairly consistent and often all computer stations are in use.
9524	7/10/2012	Whenever I go in to check out or return books, the Library always seems to be busy. Everyone who works there is very courteous and helpful.
9525	7/10/2012	It is almost always crowded except when they first open, but there is often a group of people waiting for it to open. I would be happy to pay an annual fee for my library card. \$20.00 per family is affordable. Or even make it a charity choice for auto monthly deductions, and let folks choose how much they want to donate. I save hundreds of dollars by not having to purchase books, cds, or movies. I love being able to return something I don't like, and not having lost however much was spent on it.
9526	7/10/2012	the library seems to be pretty busy any time i go there. i mainly use the oline services then pick up at the library.
9527	7/10/2012	Used a lot

9528	7/10/2012	Looks always busy ...like the new check-out process.
9529	7/10/2012	very well used
9530	7/10/2012	sufficiently used.
9531	7/10/2012	Very.
9532	7/10/2012	It always seems busy!
9533	7/10/2012	Very. Always busy and most computers in use.
9534	7/10/2012	always busy
9535	7/10/2012	very
9536	7/10/2012	It appears to be well patronized any time I go there.
9537	7/10/2012	Belmont seems to be a very popular location
9538	7/10/2012	Unsure what this question is asking. I do not spend much time actually in the library these days (certainly not as much as I would like), so cannot speak to how many other people are there.
9539	7/10/2012	Super busy and well used.
9540	7/10/2012	very
9541	7/10/2012	Always buzzing
9542	7/10/2012	It usually seems quite busy.
9543	7/10/2012	Very, especially Hollywood. And we love Central but we live in NE Portland and don't go downtown very often.
9544	7/10/2012	Multnomah used to be my libeary and I used the branch off 23rd frequently. I now am in King City and use the library there. As a retiree, I can adjust my hours to library hours.
9545	7/10/2012	Very busy most of the time.
9546	7/10/2012	very well used. always lots of people studying, reading, using computers, or attending events.
9547	7/10/2012	It seems well used. i wonder why we have so many programs for young and school aged children. Seems that the library is trying to do the job of parents and schools.
9548	7/10/2012	Seems well used by local residents. Computers are used during the school year. We use it primarily to pick up books and DVDs that we have placed on hold.
9549	7/10/2012	Very well used; usually a group of people waiting when the doors open for the day. Saturday is very busy, with the Summer Reading Program, kids and parents, and other libr users, are busy looking at books, reading magazines, using computers.
9550	7/10/2012	It's always busy anytime I've been inside - and I've been inside early and late on weekends, and all times of day during weekdays. I've seen everything from all tables and computer stations full, people being helped at both the information and the checkout desk, and people looking through the stacks to being crowded at the tables and computers, people obviously waiting for computers, people standing in line up to 6 deep at the desks, and people looking through the stacks.
9551	7/10/2012	it is costantly, and consistantly busy. The staff are excellent and the resources are superb.

		Very well used.[] I am an elementary school teacher as well as a parent. [] I work in a high poverty school district and my students don't have good access to quality books.[]
9552	7/10/2012	My students learn to love reading and improve their reading scores because of my local library. In a time when school budgets are being cut, cut, cut, - our library is a huge addition to my classroom. [] Secondly, my daughter loves reading because we get lots of at our local library.[] I see our library as huge support to our community. Please ensure constant funding and stop cutting hours!
9553	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty crowded to me at all times of the day.
9554	7/10/2012	very well used - there are always many people there
9555	7/10/2012	Well used
9556	7/10/2012	My "local" library is the Central Library. VERY well used!
9557	7/10/2012	very well!
9558	7/10/2012	It always seems to be a hub of activity. I would say that it is very well used.
9559	7/10/2012	seems fairly busy every time
9560	7/10/2012	It's always very busy - full of people no matter when we go.
9561	7/10/2012	Well-used. The library is always busy when I go there.
9562	7/10/2012	Whenever I stop by the library, most computers are in use and there are a lot of people looking through the stacks or in the meeting room.
9563	7/10/2012	that's an awfully objective question.....always seems busy when we go in.
9564	7/10/2012	Moderately well used, but Portland has fewer branches than most cities it's size, so I would expect to see more patrons.
9565	7/10/2012	Anytime I go to the library it is always busy. It really doesn't make any difference which library I go to.
9566	7/10/2012	People in it each time I go.
9567	7/10/2012	Very...always busy. A line at door before opening.
9568	7/10/2012	It looks pretty loved. I always see people there and it's busy whenever I visit.
9569	7/10/2012	Belmont Library seems very well used. Every time I go in, there seems to be a good (though not overwhelming) amount of people.
9570	7/10/2012	very!
9571	7/10/2012	ALWAYS busy!
9572	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9573	7/10/2012	well used, busy
9574	7/10/2012	It always seems to be a hub of activity when I have been there.
9575	7/10/2012	I have very few complaints
9576	7/10/2012	Very well used
9577	7/10/2012	All 3 of the locations that I visit (Gresham, Fairview, & Central) always have lots of people there each time I visit.

9578	7/10/2012	I would say that it is quite well used. I've never been there when there weren't lots of people (of all ages) there.
9579	7/10/2012	We go primarily on weekends - it appears well used when we go. The computer terminals are almost always full or almost full. There are shelves and shelves of holds for people to pick up, and there is always a person or two ahead of us in line to check out or pay overdue fees.
9580	7/10/2012	Our library is always crowded, rain or shine, computers always in use as well as children being read to by parents, some times lines for automatic check out as well as librarian assisted checkout.
9581	7/10/2012	It's usually pretty busy
9582	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
9583	7/10/2012	nicely busy whenever i visit. computers are always busy.
9584	7/10/2012	Seems busy to me.
9585	7/10/2012	It is always busy at the Gresham branch.
9586	7/10/2012	Seems well used and crowded.
9587	7/10/2012	It seems to be consistently busy with people using various media sources.
9588	7/10/2012	Very!
9589	7/10/2012	Very well used. Every time I'm there, it's PACKED.
9590	7/10/2012	Well used. Always lots of people there.
9591	7/10/2012	It always has patrons in attendance and is quite busy with computer use during peak hours (after school and weekends).
9592	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is the branch I use the most and it is always busy and even crowded- among the stacks and at the computers.
9593	7/10/2012	It seems like there's always people there.
9594	7/10/2012	Very well-used
9595	7/10/2012	Very well and has been an enormous help to me as a volunteer tutor/mentor in the school system. Without their help the children I have been tutoring would not have had the assistance from me that they did receive.
9596	7/10/2012	The Northwest Library (the most convenient to me) is always busy with parents reading to children, people browsing the stacks, others dropping off or checking out books, people at the computer monitors or reading newspapers and magazines at the lone table.
9597	7/10/2012	Always has people. Very busy
9598	7/10/2012	Very!
9599	7/10/2012	Very well used. Most of the time it is difficult getting a parking place.
9600	7/10/2012	the st. johns library always seems to be very busy
9601	7/10/2012	It's always busy
9602	7/10/2012	Very well used!!
9603	7/10/2012	I live in the area and I see quite a lot of foot traffic in and out of the library, by people of all ages.

9604	7/10/2012	Extremely! Doesn't Hollywood Library have the largest number of visitors in the nation (per capita)? I hope, hope, hope it won't be closed on Sundays....
9605	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
9606	7/10/2012	The local library is well used, so much so that it is rather unpleasant to actually spend any time there. I use the library online, and I go there only to pick up and return materials.
9607	7/10/2012	I hardly evey go but when i do the only really used section are the computers.
9608	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I'm there.
9609	7/10/2012	Every time I go there, it seems crowded.
9610	7/10/2012	Very well used! I always have 5 - 10 books and/or DVDs checked out, and I visit the library at least once a week.
9611	7/10/2012	It seems very busy when I visit.
9612	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in there both with people in the stacks and at computers.
9613	7/10/2012	I go online mostly because I live nearer to Lake Oswego Library and have a reciprocal card. I use Mult Co. for online access to databases, ordering specific books which are in the library system, but not in Clack. Co, Libraries to Go.
9614	7/10/2012	The Northwest branch is always crowded with people of all ages, whether searching the stacks or using the computers. It is a hub of activity from the moment it opens.
9615	7/10/2012	I use it a lot and find great resources & information, and it also has a wonderful source of media with music and movies for families like mine that are on a budget.
9616	7/10/2012	always very busy...
9617	7/10/2012	Very
9618	7/10/2012	Looks fairly busy most of the time
9619	7/10/2012	very. always busy when we're there.
9620	7/10/2012	It's always busy! I see many people using computers and parents and children in the children's section.
9621	7/10/2012	Our tiny library is full of people every time we go in there, no matter day or time.
9622	7/10/2012	moderately busy
9623	7/10/2012	very well used- it is the best resource we can have-I support it totally-donate- and can not imagine not having it!
9624	7/10/2012	busy all the time
9625	7/10/2012	It is always busy with children, adults, seniors etc. Wonderful place
9626	7/10/2012	It seems like the computers are always in use and current best sellers are always on hold.
9627	7/10/2012	It seems well used to me. The computers, the study areas, and the children's area always seem busy.

		It looks like lots of people are in the library on a daily basis. ☐ ☐
9628	7/10/2012	We use our library quite a bit with 2 children. My wife and I frequently check out books, books of CD, and lots of children's books. In fact once a week my 2 and 4 half year old like to go to look at new books. The library has been an ongoing resource for my family to learn about dancing, space travel, fire fighters, building . . . the list goes on and on.
9629	7/10/2012	I go to the library to get some references. I heard there is private reference desk system, however I had a difficulty to go to the library.
9630	7/10/2012	very well used. it's a busy place!
9631	7/10/2012	Very! It's always busy in there.
9632	7/10/2012	very well used
9633	7/10/2012	It seems very well used to my eye, there are people there doing research, computing, storytime, reading, interacting with books in all kinds of ways.
9634	7/10/2012	Extremely. Every time I go to the library, it is always bustling. At opening time, there are often a dozen people or more waiting in line for the opening.
9635	7/10/2012	It is often quite busy and children programming fills up quickly. Our family does not utilize the computers at the library but there is always a line of people waiting to use the computers.
9636	7/10/2012	All libraries in the system seem "well-used", but that term is a bit vague. Most of the libraries seem largely like places for transients to hang out during the day. None of them really feel like a nice place to study or read.
9637	7/10/2012	That's subjective; I also access what I'm looking for on Library2Go so I don't always have to go in to the branch.
9638	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the North Portland library, the closest to my home, there is always several people there; using the computers, researching, checking out books, etc. Even though it is a small library, it has been a valuable resource for many. The close proximity to Jefferson High School and PCC may have a lot to do with that. For us, it is the closest to our neighborhood, which offers easy access.
9639	7/10/2012	I frequent Hollywood the most, and I'd say that it is always packed with folks, from all income brackets. I am there at least 3 times a week, browsing, checking materials out, watching the scene. Our branch does a lot to help build the community.
9640	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Crowded with patrons and helpful library employees and volunteers at most times.
9641	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used.
9642	7/10/2012	pretty well used.
9643	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9644	7/10/2012	Tremendously active and alive with great facilitation from staff.
9645	7/10/2012	Very well used. Lots of people in there every time I go.
9646	7/10/2012	Very busy, well staffed.

9647	7/10/2012	Seems to be very heavily used.
9648	7/10/2012	There are always many people there. And the book babies Storytime is usually full.
9649	7/10/2012	Pretty much.
9650	7/10/2012	Very Busy daily and more so no weekends a real asset to our community
9651	7/10/2012	Extremely well used! Patrons in abundance whenever I am there.
9652	7/10/2012	Well used! It's always busy with children, adults and seniors.
9653	7/10/2012	So many ways, it's hard to count: checking out books, cds and dvds, getting help from the wonderful librarians, doing research, using computers, browsing online...buying items in the library's store, attending the talks and exhibits!
9654	7/10/2012	The library always seems 2/3 filled. There is usually an open computer, but most are in use. Whenever I visit--whatever day or hour--I notice 4 or 5 people checking out materials even if I'm there only 5 minutes to pick up a book on hold. It seems to serve many children and young adults as well as older visitors.
9655	7/10/2012	I see patrons at the Capitol Hill location all the time. It seems to be a busy place. I love the library.
9656	7/10/2012	It seems very well used to me. Parking lot is full. Lines form for check-out. Computer terminals are occupied. My wife and I turn around an average of four books a week.
9657	7/10/2012	Pretty well used
9658	7/10/2012	Central Library is heavily used.
9659	7/10/2012	Don't know.
9660	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy
9661	7/10/2012	Very busy most days
9662	7/10/2012	Always full of people. Beautiful
9663	7/10/2012	very good
9664	7/10/2012	seems busy and appreciated by the neighbors
9665	7/10/2012	I would say that it is pretty well used.
9666	7/10/2012	Very well used; there are always students and others using the library.
9667	7/10/2012	It is usually busy. Parking is always difficult.
9668	7/10/2012	Seems busy and pretty well-used whenever I am there.
9669	7/10/2012	Always busy!
9670	7/10/2012	very - rarely is it not a busy place
9671	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always many people at the Hollywood library.
9672	7/10/2012	Every time I've entered any of the branches they are bustling with people. Sometimes to the point where I wish there were fewer people so it would be quieter (especially at Albina)
9673	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always loads of people utilizing it's services when we go.
9674	7/10/2012	Customer count - - - Lots of kids - Local business people reading the New York Times - Seniors catching up on reading - - -

9675	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. The computer access is always popular and essential for many as their only means of using media. I often have the books I check out held with a computer request for author or title.
9676	7/10/2012	very well used
9677	7/10/2012	Very!
9678	7/10/2012	Exceedingly
9679	7/10/2012	Very
9680	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy.
9681	7/10/2012	Seems like it's super busy all the time.
9682	7/10/2012	Fairly well used
9683	7/10/2012	I primarily go to the Hollywood branch and it is always very busy!
9684	7/10/2012	Always busy, lots of users when I go in.
9685	7/10/2012	Since I use the Central Library and have never visited the branches, I'm not sure I can answer this question.
9686	7/10/2012	There are always patrons in the library, and when I go after work there are usually children using the facility.
9687	7/10/2012	It is very busy all the time. We often have to wait to check out material.
9688	7/10/2012	Looks pretty active
9689	7/10/2012	Always busy
9690	7/10/2012	always busy!
9691	7/10/2012	It seems to have people there all the time using the services, but also seems to have more than enough staff. Usually, staff is interacting among themselves since no one is waiting for help.
9692	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy (but comfortable) when I'm there.
9693	7/10/2012	Very well used!
9694	7/10/2012	Well used
9695	7/10/2012	Very well
9696	7/10/2012	Very well
9697	7/10/2012	Always busy and full of people
9698	7/10/2012	Seems very well attended any time that I go in. There are many people using computers and browsing the bookshelves whenever I'm there.
9699	7/10/2012	The Kenton library is incredibly busy! We see lots of young families there for storytime and just perusing the books, and the computers always seem to be full!
9700	7/10/2012	Very.
9701	7/10/2012	always seems to be busy, people browsing circulation materials, computers and publications
9702	7/10/2012	Our library is VERY well used. We love the library and wish we could be there more.
9703	7/10/2012	VERY busy!

9704	7/10/2012	Very well-used. Kenton residents seem to love the new library.
9705	7/10/2012	My local library seems to be very well used all the time.
9706	7/10/2012	I think it is a mess that you have closed Mondays and reduced the time to be open. This is a great source for our community I want you to be open more not less. The small amount that is taken for property tax is not enough. The lottery should contribute more to help the library be open more, and Why cant you see the need for more youth oriented activity that help our youth to grow into adults that can read and understand how things of the government work.[] There needs to be more, not less of the things that a library can offer.
9707	7/10/2012	very well used
9708	7/10/2012	It is always full of people.
9709	7/10/2012	There are always people there!
9710	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9711	7/10/2012	Always busy
9712	7/10/2012	Very well-used
9713	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9714	7/10/2012	seems busy, but depends how one defines "well used"
9715	7/10/2012	Very well used. I love going into the library and seeing all walks of life enjoying all the services the library offers.
9716	7/10/2012	Although I do not use the library often except for online books, I know that it is a major source for many other people in our city.
9717	7/10/2012	Always folks in the library.. If I didn't work, would use the library more. Folks are always helpful.
9718	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is great to walk in the door and see the place full and busy. Staff is always helpful. I see folks of all ages using the resources available.
9719	7/10/2012	Very! Libraries, second to roads, are the BEST USE OF TAX DOLLARS, EVER!
9720	7/10/2012	This question is poorly phrased.[] The systems in place are fantastic simple and easy to use and a valid resource for finding material.
9721	7/10/2012	VERY! I go to the library at least several times a week to check out books and use the quiet rooms. There are always lots of people there--reading books/magazines/newspapers, working at the long tables and in the quiet rooms, using the computers, tutoring, browsing, attending programs like (I presume) story hour for young children, checking items out ... We already miss being able to go to the library on Mondays.
9722	7/10/2012	Very. I've never seen it not in an appropriately hushed bustle.

9723	7/10/2012	I use the library frequency. I am always amazed at how many resources I can get there. How much information I can learn; not only about the library system, but also about the city around me. I work different hours and I really appreciate having certain libraries open later and I know I can get in there for a few hours. When I was job searching the library with my second home. I could I use the computer to apply to different job but I could also sit and work on my resume, learn about different opportunities by the fliers, magazines, and talking with other people. the library is really uplifting place for me to go, to get movies, to read a great variety of books and also to interact with some wonderful people.
9724	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9725	7/10/2012	seems to be well used by a broad section of community
9726	7/10/2012	Appears to be used heavily.
9727	7/10/2012	well loved.
9728	7/10/2012	very well used and well loved
9729	7/10/2012	Very well used
9730	7/10/2012	Very
9731	7/10/2012	Very well used. Generally busy.
9732	7/10/2012	It's always busy and the kid groups are well attended.
9733	7/10/2012	well used
9734	7/10/2012	I think it is used a ton and often many books are checked out in the childrens' section.
9735	7/10/2012	Very well used, often difficult to find parking.
9736	7/10/2012	It seems to be quite busy, almost always numerous patrons are involved in some part of the building.
9737	7/10/2012	not very, but they don't have much selection
9738	7/10/2012	Very. There is always a crowd waiting for it to open.
9739	7/10/2012	The libraries that we go to have a constant flow of people. Particularly useful are the kid storytimes. There is often a long line for the Hollywood branch..
9740	7/10/2012	It's very busy most days - persons wait for computers to become available. Many families with children are there, about 50% of the total. Job seekers could use a FAX as there are some employers who have applications online but these cannot be completed online and must be faxed or mailed or delivered in person. I spent \$5 at UPS Store to fax an application. It is \$1 per page even to a local number.
9741	7/10/2012	Very well used. I have used it less now that I am a PSU student, but when I am done with school, I will frequent the library much more
9742	7/10/2012	fair to lots of participants. I like Monday.
9743	7/10/2012	a lot of people are always there
9744	7/10/2012	I think our neighborhood library is very well used. Often busy but easily accessible for what we use it for.
9745	7/10/2012	Very busy always.

9746	7/10/2012	Very. I see many people there every day taking advantage of the great services provided by the library, whether using the computers, labs, or just checking out books.
9747	7/10/2012	Belmont seems to always be busy whenever I go there. Usually the parking lot is full and all the computers are in use. [] If the question is instead referring to whether the library seems to be in disrepair, it looks fine to me.
9748	7/10/2012	Very well used, especially by the homeless population.
9749	7/10/2012	The Kenton branch is busy most of the time.
9750	7/10/2012	Hillsdale usually seems very busy.
9751	7/10/2012	It seems to be used by a lot of people. I've never seen it "not busy".
9752	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy most any time I am there.
9753	7/10/2012	There are always people in the library when I am there. I see people on computers and children also. Everyone is helpful.
9754	7/10/2012	well used
9755	7/10/2012	It is very comfortable.
9756	7/10/2012	very well used. it's always packed.
9757	7/10/2012	It always seems pretty full of patrons.
9758	7/10/2012	very busy
9759	7/10/2012	Fairly well.
9760	7/10/2012	Always very busy
9761	7/10/2012	I only use the Central library -- close to my work
9762	7/10/2012	Always very busy. My kids and I get books out frequently.
9763	7/10/2012	it' always full of people - we need our libraries open 7 days
9764	7/10/2012	We have visited two libraries in Portland (as noted above). Both are very well used by many people - busy every time we go there.
9765	7/10/2012	Pretty busy library
9766	7/10/2012	There is always a crowd at Belmont but the help is friendly and helpful.
9767	7/10/2012	Very well; there are almost always ten or more people waiting outside for the library to open at noon. I've never seen it empty.
9768	7/10/2012	the parking lot is usually 3/4 full. The events held there seem well attended.it's usually a busy place
9769	7/10/2012	Many people depend on the libraries services, especially the computer resources for job seeking individuals.
9770	7/10/2012	Extremly well used my branch is alwas busy They have to force people out at closing time. the computers are always in use and have waiting lists

9771	7/10/2012	Every time I go in, there are many people actively browsing books, using the internet stations, or reading to their children. It also appears the hold area is heavily used, since this particular library is so small. I, myself, have made use of putting books, movies, etc. on hold from other libraries quite often. It's a small library, but the neighborhood is such that without it, it would be quite a setback. We have a lot of readers here.
9772	7/10/2012	very well used
9773	7/10/2012	very
9774	7/10/2012	Usually crowded
9775	7/10/2012	small but busy.
9776	7/10/2012	Very. We've shown up two Mondays in a row (forgot about cut in hours) and there were mobs of confused people at the doors both times.
9777	7/10/2012	Very much!!!
9778	7/10/2012	Don't spend enough time there to answer this question
9779	7/10/2012	The computers are almost always full and I am always surprised that there is often a few people checking out and often a line, even with our very small size at Albina and the new self checks. I like the programs for kids at the library. They have a nice amount of computers with learning programs for the kids to use,
9780	7/10/2012	my preference is the Gresham library although I have noticed there seems to be a problem with homeless people loitering in and around the library lately.
9781	7/10/2012	We use the library very well, as our family has varied interests and needs.
9782	7/10/2012	People are always there--before the doors open, there is always a small crowd of people waiting to go in. I never pass by it without people going in and/or out of the doors.
9783	7/10/2012	There are always plenty of people there.
9784	7/10/2012	Always seems well-populated when I'm there.
9785	7/10/2012	VERY WELL USED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
9786	7/10/2012	The library generally seems busy whenever we visit - especially with children visiting with their parents in the summer.
9787	7/10/2012	Usually seems busy
9788	7/10/2012	I only use the downtown library because I work downtown - I hardly know where other branches are.
9789	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there - which is mostly on the weekends.
9790	7/10/2012	Very! Always seems quite busy.
9791	7/10/2012	It is always busy! Used by very young children through seniors.
9792	7/10/2012	I don't know.
9793	7/10/2012	Always busy when we've been there
9794	7/10/2012	Each time I visit, the library is humming with activity, is being well used, and most computer stations are occupied.
9795	7/10/2012	It is really helpful resource.

9796	7/10/2012	We don't have a local library, as we are located in far Northwest Portland, which is very poorly served by Multnomah County services, such as library, recreation, and so on. We pay a large share of the taxes but get little in return. I will not support a library levy.
9797	7/10/2012	Albina is busy all the time. Baby story time is packed, you have to get there early on Fridays to avoid being shut out. Albina is not a big library, but it's a great place.
9798	7/10/2012	Each library that I use is generally very busy, with Belmont and Holgate being particularly busy. I notice too, at these libraries that there are often not enough computers or tables for the patrons to use. Something that helps with the shortage of available computers are the tables at Holgate that allow people to access to power their personal laptops- it would be great to see these at the Central library!
9799	7/10/2012	It's always busy and sometimes hard to find a space to sit. Adults often use the small table in the children's section to use computers. It seems like the room behind the desk that holds the book chute and library office could be used in some way for the library users rather than the staff.
9800	7/10/2012	heavily
9801	7/10/2012	VERY--the Cherry Park branch is always busy.
9802	7/10/2012	Very, it sure seems that it is always busy when we are there.
9803	7/10/2012	well!
9804	7/10/2012	Good
9805	7/10/2012	fairly well
9806	7/10/2012	Extremely well used!
9807	7/10/2012	Always busy!
9808	7/10/2012	VERY!
9809	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
9810	7/10/2012	It always appears busy to me.
9811	7/10/2012	very well
9812	7/10/2012	I'd say its busy to very busy. The story times we go to (tiny tots and preschoolers) are always full. In fact, I get to the library 30 minutes early to make sure we get a spot at story time, and sometimes that still isn't early enough - the story time is already full within minutes of the library opening.
9813	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy all the time. We seem to have a high use by Asian adults and children. There's children's reading time, classes for all ages, and the computer access area is nearly always full. Although I mainly use the library to check out books, it seems to be an active place where something is always happening.
9814	7/10/2012	Woodstock is our primary library. We go several times a week to check out books and to take our 3 year old to one of the reading groups. It is important to us to have a strong community library for how we want to raise our child. The library is always full of patrons and everyone in the neighborhood was talking about having no Monday hours.

9815	7/10/2012	From what I see, our library is very well used. There are always parents reading books to children in the tiny section up front near the check out stands. There are always a couple young adults/teenagers using the computers near the librarian in the back. For how small it is, I believe our library handles a fair amount of traffic and is vital to the community.
9816	7/10/2012	People are always at the library, on the computers, at storytime, studying/homework, reading library material, and checking out items to borrow. There is always alot of materials on the hold shelves. It is always a pleasant place to go and be. My family loves that it is small and that the community uses it, we always see people from the neighborhood. I have a 12 and 4 year old, so I can feel comfortable letting my older child go into her section while I take the little one to his section.
9817	7/10/2012	The North Portland library on N Killingsworth is always full of people. I use it between 1-5 times per week
9818	7/10/2012	Very busy.
9819	7/10/2012	pretty well occupied
9820	7/10/2012	Extremely! The Hollywood branch is always hopping.
9821	7/10/2012	Very!
9822	7/10/2012	Very, very well used; always busy.
9823	7/10/2012	Seems about normal.
9824	7/10/2012	Very!
9825	7/10/2012	its always busy when I go there so fairly well used.
9826	7/10/2012	Very well used and staffed with knowledgeable people.
9827	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used.
9828	7/10/2012	All the libraries I visit are always incredibly busy.
9829	7/10/2012	Well used.
9830	7/10/2012	The library is always very busy when I go in. I do also order holds online, which since I am disabled helps me very much.
9831	7/10/2012	Extremely well used -- there are usually people waiting outside the door at opening time
9832	7/10/2012	I think it is well used. Every time that I go there, there are tons of people. I am able to get things done and get out as soon as I want too though. It's not busy to the point where I have to wait forever to do something. If it went away there would be many people who would be sad.
9833	7/10/2012	Lots of people use this library and when we play across the street at the park we see many, many sad folks on Mondays when they realize they now cannot use their beloved library. We also stopped by today only to see a hoard of people waiting outside for the new 11am opening on T/TH.
9834	7/10/2012	the belmont library is over used, often crowded. It needs the spaciousness of the hillsdale library. All the other libraries I frequent are well used, but not crowded.
9835	7/10/2012	It is across the street from a grade school, and seems to get a lot of use from the children, as well as their families. I am at the library probably 2 times a week. There are always people there, all ages and nationalities! I love going there! It is an impoirtant part of our community!!

9836	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
9837	7/10/2012	VERY!
9838	7/10/2012	Very.
9839	7/10/2012	Its busy all the time. I mostly use the online services though.
9840	7/10/2012	It is always well populated; people are always waiting for the doors to open. We love our Gresham library!
9841	7/10/2012	VERY WELL
9842	7/10/2012	Always seems busy to me.
9843	7/10/2012	seems very popular. i usually reserve books & media over the internet, and pick them up - i spend very little time inside the library.
9844	7/10/2012	Just fine!
9845	7/10/2012	Everytime I am there it is full...
9846	7/10/2012	Very well! I love my library and all the things it has to offer!!!
9847	7/10/2012	Lots of traffic in the library.
9848	7/10/2012	always busy when I am there,[] Huge pick up section for those of us who order on line
9849	7/10/2012	It's always busy with people.
9850	7/10/2012	always busy, always. The Midland library, which is the library I use the most, is very well used. Every time I go in there many children are in the children section. All of the computers are being used for internet access. I also really like how multi-cultural this library is
9851	7/10/2012	because it offers many services for Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian/Ukrainian and Spanish speakers. My favorite thing is using the interlibrary loan available on the website. It makes finding books so simple and I can just swing by and pick them up.
9852	7/10/2012	Well used. I always enjoy going to the library seeing how busy it is and people using it. However, I have a major problems with people who are allowed to continue to check out materials when they owe a fine. It should be policy that only those with no balance can take materials out. I'm also very glad there is better security on items.
9853	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
9854	7/10/2012	Very well used....it's always busy
9855	7/10/2012	very busy most of the time
9856	7/10/2012	Very well used
9857	7/10/2012	always full of people using media and resources
9858	7/10/2012	Very well used. Busy whenever I visit.
9859	7/10/2012	don't know
9860	7/10/2012	Always busy whenever I visit
9861	7/10/2012	seems busy all the time
9862	7/10/2012	always seems busy to me

9863	7/10/2012	Very, always busy
9864	7/10/2012	very well used.
9865	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I've been there.
9866	7/10/2012	There are always patrons about the library throughout the time that it is open.
9867	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is very busy with patrons.
9868	7/10/2012	you can answer this better than me. Very well used, always busy. ☐
9869	7/10/2012	I'm located conveniently to both the Albina branch and the North Portland branch. I typically use the Albina branch preferentially though, due to lack of convenient parking at the North Portland branch. I also tend to feel more welcome at the Albina branch.
9870	7/10/2012	They all seem quite popular, especially Rockwood.
9871	7/10/2012	Very much. I was surprised at the usage and overheard others making the same comments.
9872	7/10/2012	Very well
9873	7/10/2012	Very!
9874	7/10/2012	very well-used
9875	7/10/2012	It is always full....
9876	7/10/2012	All three are always busy when I come to visit them.
9877	7/10/2012	It is always busy!!!
9878	7/10/2012	It seems as if there are always plenty of people when I am there, both checking out books as well as movies, CD's, etc. It definitely seems to be a busy location.
9879	7/10/2012	Very!
9880	7/10/2012	usually pretty active.
9881	7/10/2012	Very well used
9882	7/10/2012	Very Well
9883	7/10/2012	the hollywood library is always buzzing with people.
9884	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I visit. I know many of the women in my book club use library books for our readings.
9885	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used. It's usually full of people with many people coming and going from the outside parking every time I go there.
9886	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy: people checking out books, using the computers and the quiet rooms. I think Hollywood is very well used by the community.
9887	7/10/2012	This library location always has a lot of people in it.
9888	7/10/2012	Very well used
9889	7/10/2012	Very well. I think the computer terminals are essential for those who can't afford one at home. In this technological age computer access shouldn't be limited to only those with the means.
9890	7/10/2012	Very well used. When I am there (evenings and weekends) usally very busy.

9891	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights seems very well used at all hours I am there. Lots of activity in all corners, kids, readers, computer users, help desk, classes.
9892	7/10/2012	I believe our libraries are very well used! Not only am I there all the time, but I love to see others using the library too. It is a staple to my week, I love to read and listen to music. I am very grateful for the ease of the library system and the people that they employ, they are always generous and kind!
9893	7/10/2012	Often full
9894	7/10/2012	It's very nice looking, but always people inside.
9895	7/10/2012	Well used
9896	7/10/2012	Very well used (Hillsdale).
9897	7/10/2012	There is nearly always a line waiting for the doors to open. It is used quite a lot.
9898	7/10/2012	It is always busy! I would say well used, we typically have no fewer than 20 books or other media out. Most importantly, I see teenagers and young adults there, which I think is essential in building a strong and safe community.
9899	7/10/2012	The Troutdale library is wonderful. There's always someone there.
9900	7/10/2012	Seems to be very busy whenever I go.
9901	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
9902	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people in the Northwest Library, and the Central Library is always packed, of course.
9903	7/10/2012	I have never seen it without lots of people. All of the computers are always full and it gets even busier if there is an event going on. I really just go in to check out books, but others seem to stay much longer.
9904	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question is asking. There are always plenty of people there when we go..
9905	7/10/2012	Very well used. While I only use the library for checking out books and other media, I always notice that there are people waiting to use the computers when I am in the library. There are also many parents and children there for story time and other children's events. I appreciate the improvements that have been made in technology use by the library system. I generally reserve books online and then pick them up at my local branch. □ When our children were young they always participated in the summer reading programs. I anticipate being able to take our granddaughter to the library when she is a little older.
9906	7/10/2012	While I haven't taken advantage of many of the different programs that the Library has to offer I do understand that it is well used by my family members and myself. I think that not being able to access the resources available at the library at all would be a serious loss to our community at large. I do like to go to the library in the evenings and on the weekend because when I am working it really is difficult to access materials during day light hours. I like having an on-line account where I can check out different reading material and have it delivered to my address, or available when I arrive at the library.
9907	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always people there, sitting around or on computers
9908	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
9909	7/10/2012	Very!

9910	7/10/2012	Love the local library and this it is a great resource for everyone.
9911	7/10/2012	It is always very busy when I'm there.
9912	7/10/2012	Terrific
9913	7/10/2012	Very well used
9914	7/10/2012	very well used .. a great resource for the community ..
9915	7/10/2012	Very well used it seems to me
9916	7/10/2012	It appears to be fairly busy every time I visit, which is at varying times of the day and varying times of the week.
9917	7/10/2012	Always looks busy to me.
9918	7/10/2012	very! I don't know what I would do if I didn't have the library It seems very well used. There are always meetings and classes there, and people at the computers. I'm always happy to see teens and kids hanging out at the library and not getting in trouble. I love our library, and hope that it will continue to be a well used place in the community.
9919	7/10/2012	Very busy
9920	7/10/2012	Always full of visitors, all through the day. People waiting at the door for it to open.
9921	7/10/2012	The downtown library is heavily used and nearly everyone I know goes there. It needs to be open 7 days a week - I hate that it will be closed on Mondays!
9922	7/10/2012	I usually visit Albina or the Central branch (occasionally the North Portland branch) and they always have people. I reserve online and pick up at any of these branches.
9923	7/10/2012	very, it is always crowded and there seems to be a line most times for people waiting to get online. there also is a lot of mothers with their kids and babies for group things that they do.
9924	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question means. If it means, is my local branch busy, the answer is yes. It always has a lot of patrons and the computers are always in use. If you mean how often do I use it, I use it frequently, both to look up books or cds in the catalogue and I stop in often to borrow items, maybe a couple of times a month. If you mean, when I use it, do I do so well—in a good, true, or beautiful manner, I think I do. Sometimes I read less-than-serious books, but I often get a variety of sources, including some great literature, interesting or otherwise informative reads, and creative or inspirational works. Overall, I have learned a lot from the material I've had access to. I can't really say whether other patrons use the library well; I have seen some pretty crappy books be checked out, but I think there are a lot of people learning from some amazing resources.
9925	7/10/2012	
9926	7/10/2012	not very well
9927	7/10/2012	very
9928	7/10/2012	very well used.
9929	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9930	7/10/2012	Very well used, seems like people are there all the time, the programs are popular and there are lots of resources available.
9931	7/10/2012	N/A

9932	7/10/2012	Hollywood is a very busy library.
9933	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9934	7/10/2012	VERY
9935	7/10/2012	incredibly well used...
9936	7/10/2012	it's always busy
9937	7/10/2012	Very busy all year.
9938	7/10/2012	There always seem to be plenty of people in all the branches I go to.
9939	7/10/2012	Very Well Used (all three indicated branches)
9940	7/10/2012	Gregory heights library is often full. I use it weekly to pick up my books.
9941	7/10/2012	If by "well used" you mean consistently full, then incredibly well used. It's always teeming with people and the computer wait times are often higher than twenty minutes.
9942	7/10/2012	I am actually brand new to the libraries in Portland (recently moved), so have not really dug into its resources yet. But I always used the library where I have lived in the past.
9943	7/10/2012	The Sellwood-Moreland library is well used, I consistently see people there for the computers, checking out books, story time.
9944	7/10/2012	There are lots of people there most of the time.
9945	7/10/2012	It seems very well used to me. There are always lots of people in it when I go in.
9946	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
9947	7/10/2012	Very.
9948	7/10/2012	Very well used. Great library!
9949	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy there with people using every available space and resource.
9950	7/10/2012	incredibly well used - love to see how busy and how diverse
9951	7/10/2012	it's a very well used
9952	7/10/2012	Greatly used and usually busy
9953	7/10/2012	Very.
9954	7/10/2012	It seem VERY well used, especially by bums, vagrants and hobos.
9955	7/10/2012	It seems well used. Its always busy but not overcrowded.
9956	7/10/2012	very well used
9957	7/10/2012	I think pretty well. Since it's downtown I assume that college students as well as the casual reader make us of the library.
9958	7/10/2012	Very well - used! Both MID and. GRH
9959	7/10/2012	In continual use - all of them.
9960	7/10/2012	very well as far as I can tell.
9961	7/10/2012	Very!
9962	7/10/2012	seems popular
9963	7/10/2012	all the time
9964	7/10/2012	Hollywood ususally seems the busiest, but all three are well used.

9965	7/10/2012	It's often well populated when I'm there
9966	7/10/2012	Very well used.
9967	7/10/2012	The two north portland branches that I frequent most appear to be heavy use. Central also appears to be heavily used
9968	7/10/2012	VERY well used.
9969	7/10/2012	North Portland branch does not have quite the selection that the Central Library has, but it's more convenient for me. I live only a few blocks away from North Portland branch.
9970	7/10/2012	not sure i understand the question. well-used as in how much my family uses it, or well-used by others as far as we can tell when we visit? In both cases, I would say it is "well-used," meaning popular and filled with people at many times of day.
9971	7/10/2012	Don't know what this question means.
9972	7/10/2012	Every time I've been there it has been crowded.
9973	7/10/2012	Not a very clear question. Do you mean used often, or used well as in people know how to take advantage of all it has to offer?
9974	7/10/2012	I dont understand the question. Do you mean is our library used by other patrons or is it clean?
9975	7/10/2012	There are always people in the library when I go there no matter when I go in. So I would say extremely well used.
9976	7/10/2012	It's frequently used by many people always. All the libraries are. I hope question one has nothing to do with determining which libraries stay open!
9977	7/10/2012	I know that I use the library's resources constantly!! I usually go about 2x a week, actually, order books from other branches and also through ILL on a regular basis. The Central library is always full of people when I go.
9978	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are lines of people waiting many days before they open, and people there up until the doors close in the evening. Thanks to the reduced hours, I am no longer able to get there before or after work to pick up my holds. I try to go there opportunistically, but the reduced hours have made patronage difficult. The county libraries are an invaluable public resource deserving of better funding. I have been proud to live in a place where the library system has generally expanded even as libraries all over the nation have faced severe cuts.
9979	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
9980	7/10/2012	It is very well used by a whole range of people.
9981	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy whenever we are there, usually have to wait in line to check out.
9982	7/10/2012	Belmont Library is ALWAYS busy.
9983	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy most evenings
9984	7/10/2012	No idea what this question means. T It is always full of people
9985	7/10/2012	I enjoy the services it offers and think that it is good how it is though I would recommend providing it more content.

9986	7/10/2012	Very well used. Excellent resource for people.
9987	7/10/2012	Very well
9988	7/10/2012	always busy with lots of programs for kids in the Hollywood branch
9989	7/10/2012	Very busy
9990	7/10/2012	My local library, Belmont, is always busy. It's a TREMENDOUS community resource.
9991	7/10/2012	It's always busy when we are there. We appreciate it's great location next to whole foods. We make it a routine to grocery shop and stop at the library. The killings worth library is closer to us but less convenient.
9992	7/10/2012	Hillsdale library is close to Wilson High School and students study there. My daughter is there about once a week.
9993	7/10/2012	For many years it seemed like there were fewer and fewer people in the branch, but recently (perhaps in the last 18 months) I think that it is busier. I see more people working in the library at tables (vs. just stopping in to check out materials). Perhaps it is due to the economic downturn?
9994	7/10/2012	Seems full of very young children for mom/toddler activities. And lots of people on the computers playing games and social media. Often Sheriff walks through that area. That's the reason I just order books online and only go to library to pick them up.
9995	7/10/2012	always seems very busy which is wonderful. our family believes in the importance of a great public library system. It speaks of civilization
9996	7/10/2012	It seems to be always busy. People using computers, kids attending kid activities, people checking out books, music, movies and lots more.
9997	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in with a variety of people using it. The Gregory Heights branch is so busy I feel guilty speaking to the librarian when I am checking out books. I know the people lined up behind me want me to move along so they can be served quickly.
9998	7/10/2012	We most often frequent the Hollywood library which always has a line awaiting the opening of the doors and a lot of patrons throughout the day. That said, I've never been in a Portland library that felt empty of patrons. They are very well used.
9999	7/10/2012	It's time to cut CITY COUNSEL WAGES BY 20%, It should be a Honor to serve your city, INSTEAD OF BEING A OVER-PAID JOB.[] ELIMINATE GOVERNMENT NOT SERVICES,
10000	7/10/2012	It is very well used. It is always full. Sometimes hard to get a computer. Usually some event or class going on. Administering more cuts will, and has a already, taken a hit to myself and peers who regularly rely on this beautiful resource.
10001	7/10/2012	It's always busy.[] Always people useing internet, reading books, looking for jobs.[] Children love it because its friendly & safe![] Parents trust & like the staff as well as a feeling of a safe place to take their children. We LOVE our local Library! :-)

10002	7/10/2012	It is always pretty busy when I go in. I have never gone in and thought "where are all the people?"
10003	7/10/2012	It's always packed.
10004	7/10/2012	very!
10005	7/10/2012	Busy at times.
10006	7/10/2012	always seems busy
10007	7/10/2012	There always seem to be many patrons when we visit.
10008	7/10/2012	Well used, its pretty busy.
10009	7/10/2012	very well used
10010	7/10/2012	At the Hollywood library, it seems like somebody else is always coming and going at the same time as me - quite busy.
10011	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used.
10012	7/10/2012	It is always busy...with all ages of people.
10013	7/10/2012	always seems busy
10014	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10015	7/10/2012	Very well-used. I especially love weekend hours on rainy winter days.
10016	7/10/2012	I use it often and see all sorts of people reading, using the computers, families with children. It seems to be a community center.
10017	7/10/2012	Very busy in Troutdale!
10018	7/10/2012	Belmont is always packed; there seems to be a good mix of people getting books and using the computers.
10019	7/10/2012	It has been a while since I have been to our library, but it is always busy.
10020	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10021	7/10/2012	It's always fairly busy. In fact, I wish it were quieter. I have to use my earplugs in order to concentrate.
10022	7/10/2012	Always busy in there!! This library functions as a real community learning center.
10023	7/10/2012	There are sometimes when it is quite busy. I primarily use the reserve system. I will reserve items online and pick them up when they are available. I don't stay at the library for any amount of time.
10024	7/10/2012	On a scale of one to ten, ten being most well-used and one being least, I'd give the North Portland Library (next to Jefferson High School) an eight.
10025	7/10/2012	It is usually hard to find a place to park! I don't stay long. Grab a few books and a few audio books!
10026	7/10/2012	It seems like the library is always busy when I visit--all computers in use, several people at the information desk, always someone checking out books. And yet, the staff and volunteers are always friendly and willing to help.
10027	7/10/2012	fairly
10028	7/10/2012	Always busy
10029	7/10/2012	I generally go in after work and there always seems to be a reasonable number of people in there, but it isn't totally packed or anything.
10030	7/10/2012	Very.

10031	7/10/2012	very well used
10032	7/10/2012	Always busy.
10033	7/10/2012	It seems to be used very well. I've always noticed that a good number of diverse people are utilizing the library whenever I visit.
10034	7/10/2012	Very well used, the parking lot is usually pretty full
10035	7/10/2012	North Portland branch seems pretty decently used every time I pop in to pick up a book on hold. It's a small space, so it might feel a bit more abuzz to me. But for sure there always seems to be at least 20 people there at any given time, any time of day.
10036	7/10/2012	The computers seem to be very well used as I have to wait 20-30 minutes usually just to get on a computer for a few minutes to print something
10037	7/10/2012	Very busy with varying age groups
10038	7/10/2012	By me? I go at least once a week, usually two. There are always people in there... I guess I'm not sure what this question is asking.
10039	7/10/2012	It is usually very busy.
10040	7/10/2012	The library I use most often seems to be popular - busy (in use by a variety of people of ages) virtually every time I visit.[] If your question is more in terms of upkeep, I would say it is well maintained for the volume of traffic it receives.
10041	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always parents and their children reading together and checking out books. There are also lots of students who use the library as a place of study. My local library is always full.
10042	7/10/2012	It's always full of clients for the use of computers, the staff is efficient and I use the library weekly. Right now, I have a DVD, 2 CD's and a book to work through. I think closing Mondays at Hillsdale is sad. I know in a matter of time, we'll all adjust. But just yesterday, while returning some rented materials, FIVE cars came up with families in tow, excited for a trip to the library, only to find it closed.
10043	7/10/2012	Very well
10044	7/10/2012	This library is always busy.
10045	7/10/2012	Very well used! I consider it the heart of the community.
10046	7/10/2012	Pretty well, I think. There are always lots of people there and I see people with library books all the time, on the bus or Max.
10047	7/10/2012	Very well used - always full of patrons whenever I go weekly.
10048	7/10/2012	Always busy
10049	7/10/2012	frequently
10050	7/10/2012	seems to be busy every time I'm there
10051	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I visit
10052	7/10/2012	Both branches are consistently full of patrons whenever I visit- there's hardly an available chair or computer and usually a short wait is required.
10053	7/10/2012	Very - there are always people working on a variety of things throughout the day.

10054	7/10/2012	People are regularly there but it is never congested
10055	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy; kids reading hour, computer use and the HOLD section for Belmont is pretty big -at least 3 stacks.
10056	7/10/2012	The Albina branch seems to be very busy each time I'm in there.
10057	7/10/2012	This is a very general question. The Woodstock library seems quite busy and in excellent d repair.
10058	7/10/2012	Always seems to be well attended
10059	7/10/2012	seems quite busy - always folks inside and coming & going... all ages.
10060	7/10/2012	Very well. Valued resource!
10061	7/10/2012	use the library very extensively
10062	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10063	7/10/2012	We are new to St. Johns and frequently visited our local library and LOVE IT! There are always a ton of people there and lots of people always there. Our community was sad to see the hour change and the close of Monday hours.
10064	7/10/2012	don't know
10065	7/10/2012	I don't quite understand this question, but the local library is pretty small. It has computer access, but as far as books go you need to request things before you show up and then just pick up your holds
10066	7/10/2012	It is always very busy whenever I visit it.
10067	7/10/2012	Seems well used
10068	7/10/2012	Very used
10069	7/10/2012	I would say pretty we'll used... There are typically many ppl there
10070	7/10/2012	heavily -- always a line at the door at opening time, and busy after that
10071	7/10/2012	Very well. It is always busy when I am there.
10072	7/10/2012	i think fairly well used
10073	7/10/2012	it looks pretty new to me (cause it is) but there is always people there when I get there
10074	7/10/2012	Moderately, not busy.
10075	7/10/2012	Very well. Always Busy!
10076	7/10/2012	Both Central and Hillsdale branches are always busy when I go there.
10077	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy very often and is an important stabilizing contributor to our community.
10078	7/10/2012	It seems very busy every time I walk by or stop in - kids reading, people on the computers, and two or three people in line to check out books.
10079	7/10/2012	Very.It is always busy.
10080	7/10/2012	It's always crowded, I don't know if the majority of the people there are using the materials at the library or just taking advantage of the bathroom access and relief from the weather, but it's definitely a busy place.
10081	7/10/2012	There are always people coming and going, many families with small children, students, young adults, middle aged and seniors, either gathering books or videos, using the computers, studying, that is, they are using the library. All of the branches I go to are full off vital, energetic and engaged people!

10082	7/10/2012	Well used.
10083	7/10/2012	Very well used
10084	7/10/2012	Always busy, always aa diverse group and everyone always respectful of library property and environment--much needed resource.
10085	7/10/2012	Kenton library always seems busy
10086	7/10/2012	It is always full of people.
10087	7/10/2012	always busy
10088	7/10/2012	Very, every time I go there are many people of all ages using the library.
10089	7/10/2012	The North Portland branch always seems to be quite well used.
10090	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used
10091	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. The Woodstock branch is always bustling.
10092	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy and the kid programs are usually "sold out" meaning at capacity before the start time of the program.
10093	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go there.
10094	7/10/2012	Always busy~ when I come to use the computer, especially in St. John's & Kenton, there's always a wait time.
10095	7/10/2012	It is obviously a very busy branch. It always seems to have large,but not overwhelming, number of patrons. Lines are reasonable.
10096	7/10/2012	Central is very heavily used, obviously
10097	7/10/2012	It's always very busy and well-staffed.
10098	7/10/2012	I use the website a lot for researching stocks and investment ideas.[] Also use library to pick up books and materials I've requested online.
10099	7/10/2012	Central Library gets lots of use by a wide variety of patrons. When my mother was living with me she visited the library daily to make use of computers and internet access. I was there every week for a long time and right now am going into the physical library less frequently because I have purchased an ereader and am making use of ebooks. A lot of folks can't afford those. I also love being able to go into the library and browse, it is a really different experience than looking through the online ebook site. I typically read something like 3 - 7 books a week.
10100	7/10/2012	Very
10101	7/10/2012	Seems pretty well used!
10102	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used
10103	7/10/2012	WE love our Hillsdale Library. It is always busy and fantastic!
10104	7/10/2012	There are always people there, but it rarely feels like it's too crowded. It's just right, I would say.
10105	7/10/2012	Hillsdale always seems to be fairly busy. It seems like it has a consistent flow of patrons going in and out.
10106	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I visit
10107	7/10/2012	It is well-used from what I can tell.

10108	7/10/2012	Very well used
10109	7/10/2012	very well used, it's always full of adults and children
10110	7/10/2012	Very. Always a big crowd there when I go, which is usually on the weekends or evenings during the week.
10111	7/10/2012	It's usually very busy.
10112	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used! There are always tons of people inside and sometimes even a short wait to check out books. There are several shelves of books on hold, so people clearly use that service a lot. I also see children just about crawling out of the woodwork, so whatever programs they offer for kids are being taken advantage of fully.
10113	7/10/2012	Both Gresham and the one in Cherry Park Plaza (not sure if it's considered Fairview or Troutdale) seem busy and well-used.
10114	7/10/2012	My local branch is North Portland, and there are always people in the library, usually 75% of seats taken, and usually a line at the checkout or to ask the librarian a question. The library staff are fantastic, patient, and efficient, but there are more people than the space or the staffing can realistically assist. I usually go in the evening on the days when the library is open after 5 to pick up books on hold and browse.
10115	7/10/2012	seems busy. i only go on saturday or for evening classes. i work longer hours on the weekdays. too long for the library. i used to go to toddler story time but i have too many am nappers to go now...
10116	7/10/2012	We have folks from all walks of life. This is one of the only "East" (near 82nd) Portland libraries and is in a extremely diverse area of Portland. It is a small building but seems very packed with people some days. We love Gregory Heights!
10117	7/10/2012	WELL— it's better to walk in, for those who are able, than to find parking available; it's always busy inside. □ Our branch is very important to the healthy neighborhood community, we are very happy with it.
10118	7/10/2012	It's always full of people!
10119	7/10/2012	The Woodstock branch seems like a pretty busy place
10120	7/10/2012	Always busy!
10121	7/10/2012	We mostly go to the Hillsdale library. It's well used - parking spaces are nearly always full.
10122	7/10/2012	VERY!!!!
10123	7/10/2012	always busy--very busy!
10124	7/10/2012	It is always packed! It is a well used space. It could be twice or thrice as big and still be busy all the time.
10125	7/10/2012	Belmont is almost always packed. NW is great for children's storytimes because they have Susan. She's the best. Kids cry and have to leave if she's expected and doesn't show up for any reason.
10126	7/10/2012	Very well it seems to me.
10127	7/10/2012	I'm not certain. It always seems to have several people in it when I go.

10128	7/10/2012	Always busy, but not overcrowded.
10129	7/10/2012	Constant use on a daily basis. High use of computers, book check-out, and use of special programs. Hot or cold weather the place is still full.
10130	7/10/2012	They both always seem quite busy. But they're also probably the smallest branches...
10131	7/10/2012	Regardless of the day or time that we visit, there appears to be steady usage.
10132	7/10/2012	Since my local library is Central, it is well used.
10133	7/10/2012	Varies but seems well used.
10134	7/10/2012	Always a decent number of people in there.
10135	7/10/2012	I don't understand why you are asking me this when I am not there very much relatively speaking. Times I have been in there it appears very busy.
10136	7/10/2012	Very! The downtown library is a haven for every type of literary-minded person, from homeless folks there to use the computer and internet, to young children with their parents. Always packed, but it is a small space. []
10137	7/10/2012	I go in there and see all members of community: moms with babes, young black boys checking out books, the elderly on computers. My library is really a community center, where all are free to converge and explore. It is a great non-commercial (but consumptive) service.
10138	7/10/2012	Very well used. It always seems very busy every time my wife and I are there.
10139	7/10/2012	I'm not entirely sure--I am a student and usually use my school's library, but whenever I do go there it seems pretty well attended. I can't remember ever going in and feeling that it was empty.
10140	7/10/2012	This is hard to say. A lot of the time, it seems like it's just a hangout for homeless people. I know there are also plenty of people in there using the books, media, computers, etc. The Internet access alone is heavily in demand and many people are using it more than the daily allotment (or at least trying to.) It makes me sad how few of the books and stock available at the library is actually used or even looked at. I know it's the "digital age" but it seems like a big waste of space and resources to maintain all that paper/shelves/etc. and meanwhile be cutting hours, having people so desperate for the internet they are swarming the stations at all times, etc. Finally, I moved recently, and I'm actually hoping I can find a different branch to use as I'm not in love with the grittiness of the downtown branch (not Mult Co Lib's fault - it is the norm for urban libraries.)
10141	7/10/2012	I can't provide an intelligent well informed answer to this question. It is my personal opinion that libraries should be available 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.
10142	7/10/2012	Very - we wish it were bigger!
10143	7/10/2012	busy all the time.
10144	7/10/2012	Very
10145	7/10/2012	seems busy all the time
10146	7/10/2012	Very well used
10147	7/10/2012	Used very Much

10148	7/10/2012	Very well used. In fact it is almost too small for its use.
10149	7/10/2012	very well used,
10150	7/10/2012	The St. Johns branch is very well used.
10151	7/10/2012	I think its in great condition, always clean and well staffed.
10152	7/10/2012	Our branch of the library is always buzzing with patrons. The computers are always full, the table areas are well used, and the kids area seems to be busy with active learners. I enjoy seeing the library well used.
10153	7/10/2012	It is very well used. There seems to be something going on for the kids almost every time I visit. I wish there were more programs for adults.
10154	7/10/2012	well used.
10155	7/10/2012	hollywwod is always very busy. parking is the main issue that we have as we both are 75 plus
10156	7/10/2012	I think it's maximized for it's size.
10157	7/10/2012	My local library provides a critical public space for the community. I've had employees that have used the public library for computer access and support for finding a job etc. [] Our community is suffering by not having access to a library 7 days a week.
10158	7/10/2012	Very well, It's awlays busy no matter what time or what day I am there. I love libraries, they help so many, Helps to educate every one who is looking to learn more. Rockwood is busy no matter what time of day I'm there and I'm delighted to [] note the kid's programs and extra services for recent emigres. []
10159	7/10/2012	[] That means a lot to me because my maternal grandparents came to [] America in 1903 from Norway. They learned fluency in English while raising[] 11 children in ND. Eight of their children earned associate degrees or higher.
10160	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10161	7/10/2012	Fairly busy.
10162	7/10/2012	always seems busy to me!
10163	7/10/2012	Very much liked & used in the neighborhood!! Every time I'm their or walk by it is packed.
10164	7/10/2012	very
10165	7/10/2012	Well used. Always fairly busy.
10166	7/10/2012	Seems like a lot of people use it. It's rarely empty. I see lots of kids there, which is not surprising it's across the street from a school.
10167	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy most of the time, many families with young children using it, many people accessing computers.
10168	7/10/2012	Fantastic
10169	7/10/2012	obviously, the central library is very well used.
10170	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when I'm there.
10171	7/10/2012	Appears to be well used.

10172	7/10/2012	The fact that most digital books and movies have many holds all the time indicates that the library is used a lot.
10173	7/10/2012	It is tiny but it is mighty! It has likely outgrown its space and the needs of the surrounding community.
10174	7/10/2012	I think Gresham is especially a good hub of activity and resources for children and young families. We would go to Troutdale more if the hours were ever in the morning.
10175	7/10/2012	It's always hopping. Last Sunday there was a line of at least a dozen people waiting for it to open. Checkout lines are much shorter now with the self check-outs, but the library seems to be consistently well used.
10176	7/10/2012	I know my family uses it a lot, and if you're talking about how busy it is generally-it tends to be at least slightly busy all the time. There's always lots of other people in it!
10177	7/10/2012	I have moved from Hollywood to SE. All libraries seem to be well used, computers, seats and quiet rooms.
10178	7/10/2012	Very well used. Miss them being open Mondays though.
10179	7/10/2012	Well used. There are usually a dozen or so people browsing the shelves and only one or two computer terminals open.
10180	7/10/2012	Very
10181	7/10/2012	Very well used!
10182	7/10/2012	very well used.
10183	7/10/2012	It is loved and treasured
10184	7/10/2012	Very well used
10185	7/10/2012	it appears to be well used, love that!
10186	7/10/2012	Seems fairly busy most of the time.
10187	7/10/2012	It is a very small branch but it gets a lot of use in terms of how many people use it exclusively. People use it more for getting books from other libraries since it is so small rather than for programs.
10188	7/10/2012	Well used is correct phrase, seems always busy & active when I go.
10189	7/10/2012	Seems like it's always crowded there.
10190	7/10/2012	there are always people at the library
10191	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I'm in the Belmont and Central libraries. I've never gone inside the NW library - I just use it as a location to return materials.
10192	7/10/2012	I feel that the local library is well used, there are always programs being utilized and patrons accessing other services every time I go to the library
10193	7/10/2012	Very well used, always busy
10194	7/10/2012	Very, for such a small space.
10195	7/10/2012	Computers always appear to be in use, other tables usually full, large inventory of books on hold, in short, extremely well-used!
10196	7/10/2012	It seems pretty well used. The computer area is always full- seems to be a good resource for people.

10197	7/10/2012	seems really well used. the collection is outstanding for books and music and we request books/music all the time for pickup at our local library. library always seems to have lots of customers in the building when we go.
10198	7/10/2012	The library is very well used; there are always people in the building when I visit.
10199	7/10/2012	It is sufficiently used, primarily in regards to computer access. It is a very efficient library and has a very good variety of books.
10200	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Popular for individuals, families, study groups, researchers and those who just need a quiet space to read.
10201	7/10/2012	By me when i can.Want & need a job.From Sharonbrwr11@gmail.com
10202	7/10/2012	Moderately
10203	7/10/2012	Always busy.
10204	7/10/2012	extremely well used, always crowded
10205	7/10/2012	They all seem to be well used.
10206	7/10/2012	It's a great branch. There are always families using this library.
10207	7/10/2012	The Central Branch is always very busy
10208	7/10/2012	It seems it is always busy with people of all ages
10209	7/10/2012	Lots of people there always.
10210	7/10/2012	lots
10211	7/10/2012	I go twice a week and there is always a large group of people waiting to go in the doors. I think the library is very well attended.
10212	7/10/2012	Most every time we go it it pretty crowded.
10213	7/10/2012	The staff are helpful,professional
10214	7/10/2012	I believe it's very well used...always lots of people inside each time I go in.
10215	7/10/2012	I'm not sure of the intent of this question. I can say the libraries I'm in are always full, the computers are almost always in use, and often group meetings of some sort are in session. The staff seems regularly and busily engaged in interactions with the patrons.
10216	7/10/2012	It appears to be heavily used, the parking lot is usually 2/3 to 3/4 full. While I don't use it a lot I go past it a lot and it is quite busy.
10217	7/10/2012	Very well used. I pick up my holds at varying hours of the day and, practically, every time the library is full of patrons. I also have visited the Kenton library, to pick up books for my mother, and it was also very full.
10218	7/10/2012	Extremely
10219	7/10/2012	moderate
10220	7/10/2012	very used? this is a strange question
10221	7/10/2012	The Midland library is ALWAYS packed. Hard to find a parking spot!
10222	7/10/2012	very well used
10223	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy much of the time.

10224	7/10/2012	It always seems full of people when I go in...especially arround the computers.
10225	7/10/2012	Don't go often enough to know.
10226	7/10/2012	very well used
10227	7/10/2012	Very difficult for me to evaluate, but there always seem to be other people using the library when I make a visit.
10228	7/10/2012	always very busy
10229	7/10/2012	Seems busy every time I am there.
10230	7/10/2012	well used
10231	7/10/2012	It seems really well used and is always bustling when I'm there.
10232	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10233	7/10/2012	It feels pretty well used to me, thinking in particular of Hollywood.
10234	7/10/2012	It seems to be a popular branch.
10235	7/10/2012	Very well used
10236	7/10/2012	WELL USED!!!
10237	7/10/2012	Very well used!
10238	7/10/2012	very
10239	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy most times when I go there, usually to check out a book I put on hold.
10240	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always a good number of people in the St. John's branch. It actually surprises me how consistent the traffic is there!
10241	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I go in to pick up books.
10242	7/10/2012	Holgate library is well utilized .
10243	7/10/2012	Very well used. The computer stations are always busy and full. The tables are filled with laptops. There is often a line for the checkout stations and librarian's help. None of these statements are meant as criticism just proof that our neighborhood library is well used and loved. I actually visit the library every other day or so in the summer as a space to do school work bu that wasn't a choice on question #1.
10244	7/10/2012	I don't like to physically visit the Midland Branch of the library because it is awkward going in and coming out of the parking area. I am now able to use e books and do so with increasing regularity.
10245	7/10/2012	Well used.
10246	7/10/2012	Seems like it is a steady stream of traffic.
10247	7/10/2012	Fairly well.
10248	7/10/2012	very well used. always busy.
10249	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy when I'm there
10250	7/10/2012	Hollywood is heavily used.
10251	7/10/2012	Our library is always packed! Lots of great programs for kids and a huge kids reading area. It's wonderful to have such a wonderful local library right down the street. We visit every week.
10252	7/10/2012	There are always people in our local branch when we come to check out books.

10253	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people using the computers and I notice that it is mainly used for school projects or job hunting. The library is a valuable resource in my community.
10254	7/10/2012	Always appears busy.
10255	7/10/2012	from the looks of it well used
10256	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy.
10257	7/10/2012	The Central Library is "overused", especially with homeless who need to use restrooms and get in from cold and rain.
10258	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. It is frequently quite busy.
10259	7/10/2012	I would guess it's a well used library. I do not spend much time there personally, but it always seems to be busy. It looks as if many folks spend time there. I usually am just popping in real quick to pick up a hold item.
10260	7/10/2012	The Rockwood library is always full on the computers with a line waiting. There are always people at tables reading and some looking around. The hold shelf is always full. Same with the Midland. The Gresham library is bigger, has more people in it, but I haven't noticed computer usage there because it's so much bigger.
10261	7/10/2012	My local library is used a lot. It is a great benefit to our community to have such plentiful resources such as a Public library to use. The Central Library always has what my family and I need. If they don't, they will find a way to get it for me through an interlibrary loan.
10262	7/10/2012	seems pretty busy.
10263	7/10/2012	Checking out books and other materials to study. Computer use. Interested in classes that I normally sign up for in school setting or pay for necessarily. I know several people who use the central library almost daily and enjoy all aspects of your services.
10264	7/10/2012	Very much so! Not surprising since it's the Central branch, but every time I go in I'm pleased to see that it's full of people browsing, reading, studying, using the computers, and so on. It is full of warmth and life every time, and it's a pleasure to visit.
10265	7/10/2012	very
10266	7/10/2012	very very busy 6 days a week
10267	7/10/2012	Very well used! We love it!
10268	7/10/2012	Very busy
10269	7/10/2012	Very. Lots of people there each time I'm there.
10270	7/10/2012	appears to be used often by varied groups (ages).
10271	7/10/2012	I use my library often. Any time I want to research something, I go to my library first.
10272	7/10/2012	Always seems busy, parking is always tight.
10273	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used
10274	7/10/2012	Busy most of the time
10275	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
10276	7/10/2012	VERY well-used. It's always full of people.

10277	7/10/2012	Book Babies is very popular. You have to get there 15 mins ahead of time or the class is full!!! And now it's even worse since the library is closed on Mondays and one of the sessions has been discontinued.
10278	7/10/2012	Very busy!
10279	7/10/2012	Anytime I visit the library there are numerous people reading, looking through the stacks, or using the computers.
10280	7/10/2012	We don't use public libraries because we can get the same thing through digital means at home.
10281	7/10/2012	I use mine 2 to 3 times a week.
10282	7/10/2012	It is busy all of the time! Our neighborhood is young and it is always full of young families.
10283	7/10/2012	It's newer but well used from what I can tell
10284	7/10/2012	It is very well used. There are always people in line for computers and lots of kids in the kids section. The baby story times fill up so we make sure to get there early. We love our library.
10285	7/10/2012	I see people there all the time, so VERY well used.
10286	7/10/2012	I see a lot of people there for the story times. The computers are almost always in use and there are people there checking out books. Also there are a lot of folks of different ethnicities there.
10287	7/10/2012	Many different people in huge numbers. Please keep the 7 day schedule especially with the current economy reality. Please consider a salary freeze for top Portland administrators making more than \$100,000 per year to pay for the 7 day schedule.[] Please consider a state wide sales tax to support education, libraries, fire, medical crews, and road upkeep.
10288	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used! I visit the Woodstock branch once, sometimes twice a day, and on every visit I observe all Internet terminals and children computer stations in use; every table occupied by at least two people; at least once person retrieving something from the holds shelf; patrons busily engaging librarians; parents reading to their children; people perusing the new releases, "Lucky Day" books, and videos; and patrons going entering and exiting nonstop.
10289	7/10/2012	Appears to be very well used. Lots of kids come in for the storytimes.
10290	7/10/2012	Very well used!!!
10291	7/10/2012	Extremely. The one I use most often is next to PCC so used by students, community members and me all the time.
10292	7/10/2012	Extremely - it is always busy filled with people of all changes throughout the year.
10293	7/10/2012	very
10294	7/10/2012	Very well used
10295	7/10/2012	Our local library is always busy, and there are always people waiting for the doors to open in the morning!
10296	7/10/2012	it appears to always be busy and occupied
10297	7/10/2012	A crowd when it opens and many people in/out throughout open hours. Sorry to see it closed on Mondays...
10298	7/10/2012	The Holgate branch is always busy.

10299	7/10/2012	It's very well used. Always very busy.
10300	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
10301	7/10/2012	It is always busy!
10302	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
10303	7/10/2012	It's busy any time I go in, many friends I know visit the children's story time weekly, the computer area is always full.
10304	7/10/2012	very well
10305	7/10/2012	When I visit the library to check out books, the library usually is half to 2/3rds full. Lots of kids with parents - good for the future.
10306	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used.
10307	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. We go there often and check out many books and other media.
10308	7/10/2012	The Kenton library seems to always be busy. Most of the computers are in use and there are a lot of children in the kids areas.
10309	7/10/2012	Very well used. The library is full of people every time I've been.
10310	7/10/2012	Whenever I go in there is always alot of people so I think that it is very well used.
10311	7/10/2012	extremely well used!
10312	7/10/2012	very well used
10313	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always full.
10314	7/10/2012	It always seems busy
10315	7/10/2012	I always reserve books online and then pick them up. There has never been a time when I've gone in when the library was not busy. If I go right when it opens, there's always a line. I hadn't used the library in years until I lost my job and discovered how many resources the current library system has.
10316	7/10/2012	It's always full of patrons when I'm there.
10317	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used. Whenever I go to the Hollywood location there is always a fair amount of people inside.
10318	7/10/2012	Extremely well used!
10319	7/10/2012	I see many people there every time I visit. I place holds on books through the online catalog, then pick them up at my local library.
10320	7/10/2012	Very well
10321	7/10/2012	Always busy, always diverse group, and always respectful of library--much needed resource.
10322	7/10/2012	It is always bustling.
10323	7/10/2012	I don't understand what context is meant by "well used". If you are asking if it's used by many patrons, the answer would be that the library is always busy whenever I visit the buidling sites in person. If you mean how "well used" is the facility, then the Rockwood Library is the most "well used" facility I visit.
10324	7/10/2012	Very well used, including programs.
10325	7/10/2012	Very well!
10326	7/10/2012	The library is very well used. People wait outside for it to open.

10327	7/10/2012	Pretty well used
10328	7/10/2012	Very well used as far as I can tell. This is an odd question.
10329	7/10/2012	very well used
10330	7/10/2012	I personally think the library is well used.
10331	7/10/2012	There are always quite a number of people in the Belmont library, and if their reserved section is any indication, many people enjoying borrowing materials.
10332	7/10/2012	Pretty well used.
10333	7/10/2012	It was very useful for me personally when my computer break down or there is trouble shooting with internet connection, the library becomes the greatest help for those time. I also used to find many helpful books for my classes, and I hope the library won't cut the hours after the afternoon (4:00- 5:00 pm). Because most of the time we get off from school.
10334	7/10/2012	I see many people there no matter what time of day I arrive. I see people using the computers and going to in house events. I see four of five bins of books being re-shelved. I see young children with their parents checking out stacks of books; after school there is a big surge of teenagers. I never sit and read there because there is never and chairs to sit on in the reading area. I reserve my books on line and the hold shelves are always full.[] [] I am very happy with this library and I am glad to see so many people using it.
10335	7/10/2012	lots
10336	7/10/2012	Seems to always have people...
10337	7/10/2012	When I go there I always see multiple generations of people using all the facilities. It seems to be well used.
10338	7/10/2012	It is always humming with activity.
10339	7/10/2012	Seems popular but never overcrowded
10340	7/10/2012	Very!
10341	7/10/2012	On Saturday mornings there's usually a small group of people waiting for Hollywood to open! Both Hollywood and Albina seem to be busy when I am there.
10342	7/10/2012	Our library is always busy, full of people whenever we go
10343	7/10/2012	from observation, well-used.
10344	7/10/2012	It is always filled with at least a score of people.
10345	7/10/2012	There are adults, seniors, kids coming and going every minute it is open. We know because we live above the library and we get to see the smiles coming in and the smiles going home.
10346	7/10/2012	Very well! I use NW library mostly and it is frequently quite busy.
10347	7/10/2012	Seems pretty productive-My children and I would go more often if we had a closer branch. We used to go at least once a month until we moved
10348	7/10/2012	I'm always surprised at how underused most libraries are.
10349	7/10/2012	Our local library is used very well.

10350	7/10/2012	I chose to live in this neighborhood because the local library looked very well loved. That is usually a sign that a place is good to live in, and the neighbors there are people you would like to know. It is always busy, at least when I visit.
10351	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. The tables w/ computer and database access are always 90% full. It always has a very busy, but not distracting, feel to it.
10352	7/10/2012	Our library is constantly busy. Any number of adults and children are in the library at every time of the day. It makes me so very sad that closing the libraries for even one day could be considered as any kind of an option to rectify a budget shortfall.
10353	7/10/2012	Very well used!!! It's one of my favorite places in this neighborhood!! The staff is super friendly as well as knowledgeable!
10354	7/10/2012	Additionally, books and media are kept well organized and up to date! quite well
10355	7/10/2012	Personally, I haven't seriously used a public library in almost 10-years because I read books--be they fiction(mostly) or non-fiction(seldom, if ever)--via Kindle app or my PC, and I get other media through other electronic means at home(i.e. Cable, Internet). Another thing to consider is the cost of gas, and the costs associated with even a short commute to the library.
10356	7/10/2012	I believe very well used
10357	7/10/2012	very
10358	7/10/2012	Busy almost every time I'm there!
10359	7/10/2012	Extremely
10360	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights branch is always busy, no matter what day or time I go in.
10361	7/10/2012	Extremely busy.
10362	7/10/2012	Very well used - across the street from a school, and it often seems to be full
10363	7/10/2012	It is always filled with people, and many of those there are either children, or involved in some form of study/research.
10364	7/10/2012	It is an extremely important part of our community and my family.[] We LOVE our library!
10365	7/10/2012	The Gresham library seems busy when I am there. I was participating in a weekly toddler reading program (on Monday) and there were always 10-20 children there. The computers are ALWAYS busy.
10366	7/10/2012	It's never crowded when I go there.
10367	7/10/2012	The albina and hollywood libraries seem to be pretty busy but not crowded to me especially during the summer when lots of children are there and participating in the summer reading program It's always busy when I visit either branch. I am not exactly sure how much each program mentioned above are used percentage wise. I value the library because I am a teacher who regularly takes my classes there during the school year. I check out loads of themed books for study in the classroom. I also have my own child whom I am teaching how to use the library system, so that as he grows, he will know and use the resources available to him. Summer Reading Program is the BEST!
10368	7/10/2012	

10369	7/10/2012	Very much!!! The St John branch is a ant box -- sorry but true! I go there for convenience. Mainly on Sunday to read NY Times and pick-up requested items. Otherwise I'll make a trip to the Kenton branch for more elbow room.
10370	7/10/2012	See above.
10371	7/10/2012	Very!
10372	7/10/2012	very well
10373	7/10/2012	always crowded; wish it was open more hours.
10374	7/10/2012	extremely
10375	7/10/2012	Always looks busy
10376	7/10/2012	Very well. Always busy.
10377	7/10/2012	Very well used
10378	7/10/2012	extremely well used
10379	7/10/2012	very; it's always busy.
10380	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy. A large amount of kids and people using the computers usually.
10381	7/10/2012	Always seems busy. Full toddler reading group weekly. People on computers. Multiple kids/adults in children's book area. participation in summer reading program.
10382	7/10/2012	It always seems to be well attended. Lots of people use the computers and can be seen in other areas as well.
10383	7/10/2012	The Kenton branch seems to be busy, but not crowded, every time I visit.
10384	7/10/2012	It is often at capacity. It is well used and well loved.
10385	7/10/2012	TOO much. Parking can be a night-mare since it was 'rebuilt'.... there is a Max bus line on 122... 'kids and young adults' 'hang' outside the building... It is very uncomfortable to go there at time... hate it. ☹ ☹ Do not always feel safe.
10386	7/10/2012	Too well used by kids. Unsupervised kids makes it difficult to use the library. I adjust my schedule to avoid the chaotic noise. I dont go much during the summer because of it.
10387	7/10/2012	The library I use most is Woodstock. It's always full of people and bustling with activity!
10388	7/10/2012	It is frequently full and I love having it within walking distance! The meeting room is also very acessable and pleasant.
10389	7/10/2012	Very well used; it is often very busy and sometimes crowded.
10390	7/10/2012	Well used, I believe
10391	7/10/2012	Always crowded
10392	7/10/2012	Vague question.
10393	7/10/2012	It's always very busy.
10394	7/10/2012	very well used
10395	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10396	7/10/2012	it seems very well used

10397	7/10/2012	very well used - always busy when we go, which is during the work week, usually after school hours
10398	7/10/2012	Seems busy every time I go in.
10399	7/10/2012	It always seems to be full of people.
10400	7/10/2012	I do not understand the question. I assume you have that info already.
10401	7/10/2012	Seems busy all the time.
10402	7/10/2012	It always seems busy whenever I visit. I appreciate a community meeting room.
10403	7/10/2012	Computer stations and general seating are usually full or close to full. Very - we always see many people there, and our family of four continuously has books and movies checked out. While I
10404	7/10/2012	don't make personal use of the programs to benefit job hunters and English learners, I am really glad to know those resources exist and I can refer others to them.
10405	7/10/2012	The Gresham Library is usually packed with people every time I go in.
10406	7/10/2012	It's always busy. Getting on a computer is usually a wait but there are plenty of books and magazines to look through:)
10407	7/10/2012	Very well used by many different people. The Sellwood-Moreland library sponsors activities and offers services that draw in many members of the community. This library is more than just a book lending station, it's a neighborhood gathering place.
10408	7/10/2012	It always seems to have plenty of people in it, and I often see people leaving and entering as I drive by.
10409	7/10/2012	The library is the cultural and educational center of the neighborhood. We have a lot of young families and a growing African immigrant population that both utilize this important resource often.
10410	7/10/2012	very!
10411	7/10/2012	Always busy.
10412	7/10/2012	very
10413	7/10/2012	seems pretty popular place
10414	7/10/2012	The Belmont and Hollywood libraries always seem very busy to me.
10415	7/10/2012	Central is always busy. So has Woodstock been whenever I've gone there.
10416	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10417	7/10/2012	The Belmont Library is always crowded.
10418	7/10/2012	It appears to me that my local Woodstock library is very well used. It is often busy with people when I'm there and often a line for the library waiting to open on weekend mornings.
10419	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy when I'm there and I'm always taking out a bunch of material at a time.
10420	7/10/2012	very busy lots of people
10421	7/10/2012	Very well.
10422	7/10/2012	Extremely. It is as busy as Fred Meyer before a snow storm!
10423	7/10/2012	Crowded lines etc. Kids events are so crowded you need to get there 30min early if not 45 min early to get a spot almost have to always place holds on books i want

10424	7/10/2012	Very. Its typically busy.
10425	7/10/2012	Even tho ...Busy.... receive immediate help and service with a smile!
10426	7/10/2012	It appears very, very busy any time I go there.
10427	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10428	7/10/2012	North Portland Library is always teeming with patrons. I would say it is exceptionally well used.
10429	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how well used it is.
10430	7/10/2012	Very!
10431	7/10/2012	very well
10432	7/10/2012	In terms of how populated it is? It's always crowded, if that is what the question is asking.
10433	7/10/2012	seems consistently busy, but not overwhelmed
10434	7/10/2012	Very busy.
10435	7/10/2012	Very well used
10436	7/10/2012	well
10437	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always crowded and busy every time I go in. There are always lines to use computers.
10438	7/10/2012	Very well used, always busy
10439	7/10/2012	Extremely well!
10440	7/10/2012	Extremely! Always busy, always full of people.
10441	7/10/2012	It always seems fairly busy when I'm there, regardless of the time of day or day of the week.
10442	7/10/2012	Central Library is almost always busy. If any hours are cut, the main branch should remain open longest as it has the greatest resources.
10443	7/10/2012	There always seems to be a healthy crowd whenever we go. I also use online services to renew books and to loan Kindle ebooks.
10444	7/10/2012	It is always busy (yay!). Very friendly and helpful staff.
10445	7/10/2012	Very. The Gresham branch is always very busy and very available to the public.
10446	7/10/2012	always busy
10447	7/10/2012	It seems to always be pretty busy.
10448	7/10/2012	Very well used
10449	7/10/2012	There seems to be quite a few people there when I go there.
10450	7/10/2012	Appears to be busy, and well used most of the time.
10451	7/10/2012	Always lots of people there.
10452	7/10/2012	Belmont library is very well used.
10453	7/10/2012	always busy
10454	7/10/2012	very well used - computers are always full, never less than 30 people in the library any time I visit (Holgate, which is small)
10455	7/10/2012	Very well used
10456	7/10/2012	very well, there are always people in it.

10457	7/10/2012	It is very well used, I see lots of people in there all the time. I use it to get books, and dvds, since the dvd selection there is good. I wish they had more books about a variety of subjects like occult topics and culture.
10458	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy. I spend less time at Central, but it seems busy, too.
10459	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library is full all the time. It actually could use more space and more computers plus cutting days will only increase the load.
10460	7/10/2012	Very well used. I think the homeless people get the most use out of it though, they line up at the door before opening hours, and unfortunately an unpleasant stench usually lingers in the library. Staff is always helpful and I find the library easy to get around and use.
10461	7/10/2012	Belmont Library is very well used by people of all ages; I am particularly impressed with the programs offered to children, even ;though i am a grandmother, or perhaps because i am.
10462	7/10/2012	If you keep cutting the hours you're open, not very well. There are people, like me, willing to work for free to keep a good place like the library open. But no, you remain closed and blame it on money. Which is... you can imagine how stupid. If you fail the people, they will fail you. Take it home with ya.
10463	7/10/2012	very
10464	7/10/2012	very well used
10465	7/10/2012	Well used, it is always busy when I am there
10466	7/10/2012	VERY-----CONSTANTLY-----
10467	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10468	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
10469	7/10/2012	It always appears to be busy.
10470	7/10/2012	Very busy!! :)
10471	7/10/2012	usually quite busy with all ages
10472	7/10/2012	Seems busy all the time.
10473	7/10/2012	My main library is Sellwood which is very small yet there are always many people there when I go. Seems to be quite well-used.
10474	7/10/2012	always busy
10475	7/10/2012	Both Hollywood and Belmont are super busy. You usually have to wait to get computer access. I go to the library 2 or 3 times a week at least.
		This questions is unclear.[]
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		As in used by patrons?[]
10476	7/10/2012	Used as in what services it provides?[]
		Used as as in need of repair?[]
		[]
		Looks very well used. Seems always busy.
10477	7/10/2012	By our standards it is one of THE main hubs of our community.

10478	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used.
10479	7/10/2012	It is busy and a line forms outside while we wait for it to open
10480	7/10/2012	Midland Branch is very busy on most days!!!
10481	7/10/2012	Very busy at most times.
10482	7/10/2012	Pretty busy
10483	7/10/2012	Central Library is very well used. It is in a great location and is always busy.
10484	7/10/2012	Always full lots of people at Central and Hillsdale branches when we are there.
10485	7/10/2012	always busy
10486	7/10/2012	Very well used, The Multnomah County Library System is an immeasurable treasure to our community.
10487	7/10/2012	very. it's always full. very small little branch, but very active.
10488	7/10/2012	Really well used
10489	7/10/2012	It is always busy when i visit. Its a valuable neighborhood asset... Keep it open 7 days a week!
10490	7/10/2012	i come there a lot. Mostly weekends. And sometimes during the extended hours. I work full time and so i cannot make it during weekdays 9-5. I really hope you guys dont cut down extended hours or weekends.
		I am a doctoral student at a school far away(which is a mostly long distance PhD in another state) and I use the Multnomah County Library extensively to conduct my doctoral research. The Multnomah County system, with ebooks, ILL, and the extensive holdings of real books is my first stop to find resources. ☐
		☐
		I also do check out great science fiction books, I LOVE the hold system and easy ways to view my queue.☐
		☐
10491	7/10/2012	I do not think I could have gotten to my final year as a successful doctoral researcher in the field of sustainability education without Multnomah County Library. The staff is exceptional, friendly, and effective. The holdings are extensive. The services are efficient, prompt, and highly usable. You all rock! ☐
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		Furthermore, investing in the library is an investment in a healthy, well, and safe community. The literacy programs and reading programs are wonderful! I would GLADLY pay more property taxes to ensure Multnomah County Library thrives! The Multnomah County Library system is the cornerstone of the high livability and sustainability of the Portland region. Kudos to all that you do!
10492	7/10/2012	very well used
10493	7/10/2012	Very well by all of my neighbors
10494	7/10/2012	very well
10495	7/10/2012	Not sure that I understand the question.
10496	7/10/2012	It seems quite busy to me.

10497	7/10/2012	Our Belmont Branch seems the busiest of all the branches.
10498	7/10/2012	I don't know.
10499	7/10/2012	It seems busy in there every time I go. The computers are always full and there seems to be a lot of action there.
10500	7/10/2012	it seems like a busy hub for all ages.
10501	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
10502	7/10/2012	Both the Hollywood and the Belmont branches are extremely well used.
10503	7/10/2012	very much
10504	7/10/2012	Very well used. What a wonderful treasure it is!
10505	7/10/2012	Don't know.
10506	7/10/2012	Very well-used. If the library is open, people are there using it.
10507	7/10/2012	It seems quite well-used and almost always busy
10508	7/10/2012	It always seems busy there and much beloved by the community. It's an older library but is maintained well and is in good shape, in my opinion. I am very impressed with the number of library users. As an educator, I engage with students and parents and am pleasantly surprised to hear how regularly families visit the library. Each time I have gone, too, I have seen at least one of my students there.
10509	7/10/2012	
10510	7/10/2012	It's a small local library, but it seems to be pretty well used. There are always people in it.
10511	7/10/2012	VERY. It is always bustling in there (Albina).
10512	7/10/2012	Our local libraries are well used along with the Central Library located in Downtown Portland.
10513	7/10/2012	Very, It is always busy when I come. There are people working on computers, studying, reading, and checking out.
10514	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy - kids and adults - using computers, checking out books, etc.
10515	7/10/2012	The library always seems to be quite active throughout the day and more so in the late afternoons
10516	7/10/2012	very well used. There are always lots of patrons. In the past we have really appreciated being able to sign up and use the little rooms for tutoring. I love the Hillsdale branch!
10517	7/10/2012	I usually go to Belmont on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. There are always plenty of people there, looking at or picking up books, checking them out, using the computers, reading magazines. This includes children and adults. I really appreciate being able to reserve books on-line and pick them up at the library.
10518	7/10/2012	It seems that there are always people coming and going at the woodstock branch
10519	7/10/2012	Very- it's always busy!
10520	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy
10521	7/10/2012	Very well used
10522	7/10/2012	Very.
10523	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
10524	7/10/2012	well

10525	7/10/2012	Very well-used. We consider it one of our local hang-outs.
10526	7/10/2012	Very
10527	7/10/2012	Seemingly very well.
10528	7/10/2012	there are always people there, but it is not too crowded. Seems perfect attendance
10529	7/10/2012	I see people all the time at our library.
10530	7/10/2012	Always busy.
10531	7/10/2012	The few times I have gone into the Kenton Library it has always been very busy.
10532	7/10/2012	I use the Belmont Library the most, and there is never a time I go in there that it is not busy with people browsing, using computers, doing research or participating in community events.
10533	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people there when I visit. I've never seen it empty.. Sometimes there are even people waiting at the doors for opening.
10534	7/10/2012	By us? Very. But I also see a lot of folks in there making use of the computers and other resources. Whereas for us, the library is a repository of cultural wealth we can borrow from, for others it can mean access to communication itself.
10535	7/10/2012	I think Fairview is extremely busy for its size. I miss not having it open on Mondays because that's been the day I have used it the most.
10536	7/10/2012	always busy, lots of homeless and poor who depend on it (hopefully to remove themselves from that situation)
10537	7/10/2012	Constant traffic, great attendance at programs, excellent librarians, (especially skilled with kids and their interests) good neighbors to local businesses and community members, lots of lucky days at Kenton branch!
10538	7/10/2012	The library is never "quiet" in the stereotypical sense. It always seems to have the computers filled, people coming for programs, and folks browsing around for materials to check out.
10539	7/10/2012	I only use it for e-books.
10540	7/10/2012	Very
10541	7/10/2012	It always appears to be busy.
10542	7/10/2012	Always busy - full of a variety of people
10543	7/10/2012	Very well used?
10544	7/10/2012	It is usually well used whenever I go in, but not overcrowded.
10545	7/10/2012	It always seems to have folks in, however, they are probably doing the same that I do and stopping by after work to either pickup or return books.
10546	7/10/2012	Usually busy
10547	7/10/2012	well used...there are always people of all ages there getting books on computers etc.
10548	7/10/2012	Very well used. Usually very hard to find a parking space in the lot. Most of the computer terminals are in use as well.
10549	7/10/2012	Very.
10550	7/10/2012	generally, it seems busy

10551	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy when I stop in.
10552	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy, but I don't go enough to know.
10553	7/10/2012	computers are always being used. Appears busy every time I'm there
10554	7/10/2012	It appears to be well used based on the lack of parking, always full computers, and others in the library
10555	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I visit
10556	7/10/2012	It seems well used. My two teenage girls go to the library about once a week. It's a significant part of their community life.
10557	7/10/2012	the library is ALWAYS filled with folks using computers.
10558	7/10/2012	always busy - I am a grandmother - I enjoy seeing so many school aged children using computers and in reading groups. Reconnecting to my library has so enhanced my reading --I just could no longer afford to buy books.
10559	7/10/2012	It always has many people using it. I often am grateful that I have a computer at home so that I needn't count on using the library's machines: I rarely see an empty spot.
10560	7/10/2012	Belmont library is usually busy. It is close to two bus lines and I see people getting off the 75 bus and going directly to the library.
10561	7/10/2012	My local library is the Midland branch, and it has always seemed very well-used. The computer stations are nearly always full, and there are typically many people using the tables for reading or working.
10562	7/10/2012	Very
10563	7/10/2012	Very
10564	7/10/2012	extremely well-used--always busy.
10565	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy.
10566	7/10/2012	Its always very crowded.
10567	7/10/2012	Frequently used I believe. Both of the ones I attend regularly.
10568	7/10/2012	It is very well used and always full of activity!
10569	7/10/2012	Both - very well used.
10570	7/10/2012	I'm not sure that I would know how to judge this. All I can really say is that there are lots of other folks there whenever I go in.
10571	7/10/2012	It seems to be quite well used. I rarely go in and find it not busy.
10572	7/10/2012	Very busy whenever I have been there
10573	7/10/2012	Very. There is always something happening - Computer classes, book club, guest speakers, etc.
10574	7/10/2012	There are always people making use of our local library.
10575	7/10/2012	seems pretty well used
10576	7/10/2012	It's always packed. I accidentally arrived during the first Monday closure, and there was even a flock of people standing outside then, trying to get in.

10577	7/10/2012	This question doesn't make sense to me. If you're asking to describe if I think the library is used, I think so, but I'm not sure. If you're asking to describe if I use my local library, than yes. I do use it often. I wish it would either open earlier so I could go there before work, or that it would stay open a little bit later so I could go there after work.
10578	7/10/2012	amazingly well used! We borrow books, DVD's, Books on CD... frequently. There are three library users in our household and we all have something checked out almost all the time. I never go in that there are not lots of people there.
10579	7/10/2012	The parking lot is usually close to full especially if there are people using conference rooms.
10580	7/10/2012	busy most of the time
10581	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is always busy.
10582	7/10/2012	very Busy
10583	7/10/2012	WE LOVE IT!!!! very popular
10584	7/10/2012	It's a great location--everyone loves it
10585	7/10/2012	I Think it's very well used.
10586	7/10/2012	very.
10587	7/10/2012	VERY WELL USED. At least one of us in the house is there every other day.
10588	7/10/2012	Very- I need books regularly for school, and use my card nearly weekly to search the databases I can only access through the library web page.
10589	7/10/2012	It is in a great location near the farmer's market and many restaurants so it is convenient to our other errands.
10590	7/10/2012	very well used
10591	7/10/2012	The St. Johns Library is very well used. Tables are usually close to full and there is often a children's program going on. The parking lot is often close to full.
10592	7/10/2012	It appears very full when we go.
10593	7/10/2012	This question is too vague to answer. Are you asking if a lot of people go there, I have no idea. If you're asking if I go there often, you already asked that in question 2. If you're asking if it's old or run down, not particularly. Consider revising this question if you want accurate responses.
10594	7/10/2012	Well used
10595	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used. Actually we have just started using it and will likely use it more often in the near future. My husband's 87 year old mother uses the services delivered to Courtyard at Mt. Tabor--as she doesn't use a computer and is not able to walk much she would be lost without this service--or it would be another item added to the list of things we must do for her.
10596	7/10/2012	The library seems to be very well used with a good number of people on the computers and others borrowing books.
10597	7/10/2012	I like going to the Library, however when I am working full time I find it harder to get to the library on breaks from work. Easier after hours and on weekends. I find that there are many people using the Library whenever I am there.

10598	7/10/2012	I cannot do without it and it seems my neighbors feel the same, sinc it always seems busy.
10599	7/10/2012	It is well used student and the community use the N. Killingworth library for many reason. I used there computer lab for job search and other internet searches. Keep the library open for it helps millions of people to learn and asses to media, community events and worldly news.
10600	7/10/2012	Both of the branches I visit seem pretty well utilized. I typically see 20-30 people in the front section of the Hollywood branch when I stop by there. The Central branch is very heavily utilized from my visits.
10601	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights Library is wonderful. I feel it is very well used even though it is quite small. I also love the fact that people of various cultures and ethnic groups use this library. It is so important for people to be able to walk to a local library, and I think the vast majority of people walk to Gregory Heights. The children's programs here are fantastic, largely due to Maria. They are well attended but not so crowded as is frequently the case at the Hollywood Library.
10602	7/10/2012	Each time I visit, there are always folks using the various spaces. The computers for internet access are usually completely occupied. The quiet rooms are occupied such that the periodical space table is used by teaching(?) discussions that are disruptive to others. The racks for online-accessed books on hold fill almost a whole wall. To summarize, all the spaces are usually occupied with print readers or people searching the stacks. The children's section is less occupied but is obviously sourced by parents for multiple take home print material. Importantly, there are people of all ages using the facility. I doubt predictions that e-books will eliminate the printed materials.
10603	7/10/2012	Well...the last book I checked out was in such disrepair I rebound it myself after Chapter 3 through 5 fell out of the book.
10604	7/10/2012	Extremely well used, always crowded.
10605	7/10/2012	lots of foot traffic
10606	7/10/2012	Always busy
10607	7/10/2012	I rely on the library as a constant source of new, interesting reading material.
10608	7/10/2012	Very good
10609	7/10/2012	The bike rack is pretty much full, whenever I am there. So it seems well used
10610	7/10/2012	well used
10611	7/10/2012	We use it for paper books, e-books, audio books, movies and music. The selection and support is amazing.
10612	7/10/2012	I always see a lot of people there.
10613	7/10/2012	Always busy!
10614	7/10/2012	Fairly well.
10615	7/10/2012	average
10616	7/10/2012	Not sure. It seems busy.

10617	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. The Fairview library is very small but it is very convenient to request books from other libraries. Whenever I go in there are many people using the computers, picking up holds, or browsing the magazines. The Troutdale library always has young children there reading and folks using the computers.
10618	7/10/2012	Very, very busy with non-native speakers who lothe the presence of white Amedricans. They make it VERY uncomfortable for many to visit and stay.
10619	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch, which is the library I visit the most, always seems very busy and well-used.
10620	7/10/2012	Very well used-- there are rarely even places to sit when I go.
10621	7/10/2012	There are always people there - and waiting for the doors to open! I don't think we've ever been there when there weren't others in the kids section.
10622	7/10/2012	It is always busy in there. There is usually a group waiting to get in when it opens.
10623	7/10/2012	I've never seen it empty, so its pretty well used.
10624	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the library they are full, middle of the day on a sunny day.
10625	7/10/2012	Very well. It is always full of people and I see community events there often.
10626	7/10/2012	People are usually waiting outside for the doors to open. There is a lot of activity every time I go in. I nearly always have to wait my turn to check out books. Lots of kids, too, wanting "more than ten" books to take home.
10627	7/10/2012	I currently use the Troutdale Library as it is right by my house. However, I believe with the Fairview Library in such close proximity, the Troutdale location is not a necessity but a convenience. Don't get me wrong, I love the convenience, but in this economy, and as a single working mother, I cannot afford more property tax.
10628	7/10/2012	I'm notglad sure what thisto question is asking. Belmont library Always seems very busy. Hard to find a spot to park so I usually try to walk there. The building seems in good repair and nice looking. Sellwood library gets a lot of daily use. Likely not more than a small percentage of the neighborhood actually uses it. I think a lot more use is made of the internet connection and the library computers than actual
10629	7/10/2012	book reading and checking out. How about a fee for computer use to access the internet and surfing? I never use the library computers either for looking up library materials or access to the internet, yet I contribute major support for this service since I am a property owner resident.
10630	7/10/2012	There always seem to be many people frequenting the library whenever I visit. I regularly use the online hold system, and most of the items I attempt to hold or renew are often already checked-out or reserved, with a waiting list of reasonable length.
10631	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when we go.
10632	7/10/2012	Pretty good
10633	7/10/2012	It seems fairly busy when I visit that location.
10634	7/10/2012	Both are always busy.
10635	7/10/2012	usually seems busy

10636	7/10/2012	Quite well used.
10637	7/10/2012	Central Library is always packed!
10638	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well-used
10639	7/10/2012	The Belmont Library is always busy. In fact, I always have to park across the street because all of the parking spaces are filled no matter what day of the week I go to the library!
10640	7/10/2012	It's usually very busy.
10641	7/10/2012	Heavily used.
10642	7/10/2012	Generally pretty busy when we are there
10643	7/10/2012	Very well used! Folks from all walks of life.
10644	7/10/2012	very busy
10645	7/10/2012	Well, it's always busy!
10646	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights branch appears to be consistently busy, and used by a wide range of ages.
10647	7/10/2012	I think it is well used, in that there are generally a lot of people there when I go.
10648	7/10/2012	The Central Library is a hub of activity. My husband and I even had wedding photos taken inside.
10649	7/10/2012	I live next to the main library downtown so it's used quite a lot.
10650	7/10/2012	extremely high use at Holgate -- n'hood has outgrown library very well used at Hollywood
10651	7/10/2012	I've since moved to West Linn (from NE Portland), and so my experience is slightly different. I do still use the Multnomah Library and am a huge believer in funding it properly. I am not sure what this question is asking. There are a lot of people there. I use to use it for internet connection, but now I have my own. I think the building/facility is used by kids a lot that do not have internet connection or strong family connections for after school or kids. □
10652	7/10/2012	I mainly use it to pick up books and media I have reserved on line. Seems like you should have different branches open on different days to cover the whole
10653	7/10/2012	I have seen plenty of traffic in the library. The selections are great.
10654	7/10/2012	seems busy whenever I go in.
10655	7/10/2012	very well used
10656	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10657	7/10/2012	It is very well used and well loved!
10658	7/10/2012	It always seems busy to me!
10659	7/10/2012	Well used
10660	7/10/2012	What a weird, unclear question.
10661	7/10/2012	I think well!
10662	7/10/2012	Very busy.
10663	7/10/2012	very busy
10664	7/10/2012	Its very busy up there at lots of different tims of the day.
10665	7/10/2012	It is always busy and filled with people.

10666	7/10/2012	It is usually busy when I am there.
10667	7/10/2012	Very well used
10668	7/10/2012	Very well used and excellently staffed.
10669	7/10/2012	very well used.
10670	7/10/2012	I have never been in the Belmont branch when it wasn't quite busy.
10671	7/10/2012	Keep providing less service for more money...that is a great business model! when I taught music - I would send the kids to the stacks to get music books.. I am retired now.. but still go there for myself.. a great shared resource..... saves so many lower income from buying music books ..for 1 or 2 tunes
10672	7/10/2012	
10673	7/10/2012	Our library is always bustling with people of all ages. It's a great community that we are thankful is available.
10674	7/10/2012	very well used. I would use Hillsdale more if they had a better selection of books I like. I enjoy mysteries, but they seem to focus on them too much. I appreciate their cd collection though, and often find interesting things. I love Central, it is really tops and it has everything I want, but it is not always open when I can get there, since the Monday closing began.
10675	7/10/2012	Look Busy
10676	7/10/2012	Very!
10677	7/10/2012	There is no parking at Kenton...
10678	7/10/2012	Pretty well-used.
10679	7/10/2012	very well used, it's always busy there, lots of people!
10680	7/10/2012	The Albina branch is always busy.
10681	7/10/2012	Very well used
10682	7/10/2012	very well used - always busy
10683	7/10/2012	Very
10684	7/10/2012	Whenever we go there, it's busy with lots of different activities going on.
10685	7/10/2012	Always pretty busy and people are always lined up before opening. Especially during storytimes.
10686	7/10/2012	well used. it's got a good range of people usually browsing around. It's also a great place to get things like knitting patterns for cheap, as well as a great place for me to pick up some reading. There are always lots of people in this small space. Also lots of books on the hold shelf at all times. I recently stopped by on Monday (whoops!) and discovered I was not the only one hoping to stop in. Later in the day at the dog park the library closure was a topic of conversation. So it feels to me like our library is a well used, frequented and important part of the community.
10687	7/10/2012	

10688	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is the one that I use the most. I have been using that library for the last 12 years and during the summer it is one of my favorite places to be. With the library's changing hours (and the fact that Borders is no more) I have had to find other places to go that are not as welcoming. I am not a fan of these shenanigans and yes, I am being serious.
10689	7/10/2012	They are loved.
10690	7/10/2012	It is busy all the time
10691	7/10/2012	very
10692	7/10/2012	very well used
10693	7/10/2012	Very!
10694	7/10/2012	It's the Central Library, there are LOTS of people here!
10695	7/10/2012	Belmont is consistently crowded.
10696	7/10/2012	seems to be quite active, people there doing various things whenever it's open, including kids. meeting rooms have activities.
10697	7/10/2012	Very well used
10698	7/10/2012	VERY WELL
10699	7/10/2012	I apologize, I don't understand this question. I can't speak for the daily traffic of my library but I use it often.
10700	7/10/2012	I think it's used very well. It's loved by all who use it and is never empty.
10701	7/10/2012	Both Belmont and Central are very well used.
10702	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used
10703	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is almost always busy.
10704	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. There are always lots of patrons when I visit.
10705	7/10/2012	Very well used although Central seems to have a lot of homeless people who are just seeking shelter.
10706	7/10/2012	I am primarily interested in books on CD's. I check out 1 or 2 at a time, usually about once each month.
10707	7/10/2012	I believe that both Central and Northwest are well-used. Every time I visit, there are many people using the libraries.
10708	7/10/2012	My local library seems half to three quarter occupied by people the last four times I've visited in the past year. I don't visit the library as much as pick up and drop off of material I've checked out online.
10709	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used. We love our libraries. My grandchildren are always asking to go to the library. The Albina library seems very well used! It is always noisy.... but there is always a wide age range of people there using a variety of services.[]
10710	7/10/2012	The central library is so big, it doesn't seem as crowded, but there do seem to be a lot of people browsing, working on computers and checking out books[] I usually just drop books off at the NW location without going in, so don't really know about that location

10711	7/10/2012	The closest libraries to my house, Rockwood, Gresham and Midland, are always PACKED when I go there. Rockwood, for me, since it is so small -- but closest to my house -- I use primarily to bring holds in; though I have browsed the stacks occasionally. Because they are both so much bigger, if I need to do research or check out items now, I will use either the Gresham or Midland libraries. I'd say I go 2-3 times a month.
10712	7/10/2012	Is great! I love everything they do, the service is great.[] Thank-you guys very wuch!
10713	7/10/2012	There are always people there when I visit.
10714	7/10/2012	VERY !!!
10715	7/10/2012	Very
10716	7/10/2012	Well used, always busy but not crowded. Baby group well attended
10717	7/10/2012	very well used.
10718	7/10/2012	Always crowded all day, especially people trying to get there before closing time which fluctuates.
10719	7/10/2012	Just moved to NE and have not been to the local library.
10720	7/10/2012	There are at least a dozen to two dozen people every time I make a trip.
10721	7/10/2012	very, always full of people
10722	7/10/2012	very well used
10723	7/10/2012	We use the library more frequently than monthly, but maybe not quite weekly.
10724	7/10/2012	70 %
10725	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used.
10726	7/10/2012	its normally full, especially the parking lot!
10727	7/10/2012	it is usually crowded when we are there, no matter which day.
10728	7/10/2012	Seems very well, always busy.
10729	7/10/2012	Hollywood is plenty busy!
10730	7/10/2012	It is always packed with all sorts of people.
10731	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always people using the computers and reading/working at the library. I really enjoy being at the Gresham branch.
10732	7/10/2012	Holgate always seems to be bustling with people in the stacks and on the computer. I can always get help at the desk as well. We go to the Troutdale library and no matter how often we go or what time of day it is the library is in full swing. (which I love!)[]
10733	7/10/2012	It's well used and well loved!
10734	7/10/2012	Looks really busy to me, I've heard tell it has the highest circulation of all the libraries...
10735	7/10/2012	We visit multiple times per week. Woodstock library is a center of the community with people constantly coming and going. We would gladly pay for more hours open.
10736	7/10/2012	Very well used. Parking is at a premium during busy times, and the computers seem to be constantly busy.

10737	7/10/2012	It's always full of people, and all generations are there every time I come in. It's so diverse and happy, and it's a great representation of what a public library could and should be like. It is very well used.
10738	7/10/2012	Very. It's frequently well-populated when I visit, even for such a small library. One Saturday morning last month, I noticed a large crowd had formed just outside of the library doors. Upon investigation, I discovered that they were all just waiting for it to open.
10739	7/10/2012	Hillsdale seems to be moderately busy anytime I go.
10740	7/10/2012	I have no way of knowing. I've observed people lined up at the door when it opens. With the new check-out machines I haven't seen a line for check-out. Library always seems to have a good number of people, but not crowded. Not skimpy. Just about right.
10741	7/10/2012	It is always full of families, seniors and others. All computers are usually occupied and tables occupied with library users reading magazines, newspaper and other reading materials. Very active library.
10742	7/10/2012	It is always busy!
10743	7/10/2012	Based on personal observation, Capitol Hill branch is heavily used. The norm is a number of people waiting for doors to be unlocked, using various library services, etc.
10744	7/10/2012	sometimes real busy - other times not so much last year a couple of times real loud ethnic music blaring - not against that BUT a library is supposed to be quiet. Take the music to a room away from where people are trying to read or ? In these times of modern electronic wares, e-book and readers, the library might not be so busy. The Rockwood library parking lot was upgraded and a lot of money spent on fancy brick pattern, etc. Looks nice but does it really make a person want to go to the library more? don't think so! Some money should have been put away for a rainy day and used when needed most. People don't always have money to step up and give and give. Need go go back to some real values.
10745	7/10/2012	Very. Computers always full. Lots of kids. Almost always folks waiting to get in when it opens.
10746	7/10/2012	very busy
10747	7/10/2012	Fairly brisk...have never seen it what I would call 'empty'.
10748	7/10/2012	I visit about 3 times a week and have no problems finding what I need.
10749	7/10/2012	Looks pretty busy during weekend when I visisted
10750	7/10/2012	very well used.
10751	7/10/2012	very
10752	7/10/2012	Very well
10753	7/10/2012	It always seems really crowded, lots of people coming and going at all hours of the day.
10754	7/10/2012	I think it's used frequently by many people. It's a vibrant and essential part to the community.
10755	7/10/2012	it is always busy when we are there and a wonderful resource which is held in high-regard by the neighborhood.
10756	7/10/2012	Very well used!
10757	7/10/2012	Well used
10758	7/10/2012	Very well used.

10759	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
10760	7/10/2012	It is always busy. All the services seem to be frequently used.
10761	7/10/2012	It seems to be used fairly well. I usually pick up books that I have placed on hold so I am not in the library for any length of time.
10762	7/10/2012	foot traffic always appears brisk when i stop in
10763	7/10/2012	There always seem to be many patrons in the library at the times I go in, so I would consider it "very well used."
10764	7/10/2012	I feel that everytime I go to the library there are always people in there. It is great for kids and I hope we can continue to provide this service for our children to get them to read.
10765	7/10/2012	It is always very busy. From people looking for books to people using the computers
10766	7/10/2012	very well used, high traffic
10767	7/10/2012	Our Gresham Library is always busy when we are there. The computers are usually all being used and events are well attended.
10768	7/10/2012	I see it busy and full of people especially psu students trying to study there.
10769	7/10/2012	Every time I have been there, it is packed with patrons doing all sorts of things. I would say it needs MORE funding, not less.
10770	7/10/2012	Very well.
10771	7/10/2012	Looks well used to me: hard to find seats, people at desks
10772	7/10/2012	I always see a lot of people there and the parking is always full. It is especially busy because it's near a high school and community college and is on a major bus line. I also see many people who walk to the library like I do, which is really great to see.
10773	7/10/2012	(Re: question 2 - we actually go 2-3x/week, as well as stopping by our old branch in Wash Co/West Slope.) It seems to be well used! We well use it. We moved a couple months ago to Hillsdale and love being in walking distance of the library. My toddler and I walk over all the time to go to the programs or just look at books.
10774	7/10/2012	Both at Belmont, which I still use occasionally, and Woodstock seem to have good staff and a good amount of people using various available services - Belmont more than Woodstock.
10775	7/10/2012	They always appear to be busy, with lots of activity. I use different libraries because I drive back and forth to Mt. Hood Community College, so different library locations are convenient at different times for me. Also, I have heard from several people that they are concerned about reduced hours--they want to be sure with their job hours that they can continue to use the local libraries. I also advocate for local libraries with my students because it involves them in the community in positive and economical ways for the whole family. thank you, Kristine Wood: 971.404.4868

10776	7/10/2012	I would think the Hollywood library staff could answer this question better. To me, it seems like this branch is well used, meaning many people using the computers, checking out books, attending classes for adults and children. Despite the many number of people who use this library every day (or almost every day), it is generally clean and well-organized. It is always busy! Your youth librarian at the Gregory Heights branch, Maria is FABULOUS! She involved my entire family in the Jr. Rose parade this year! [] We LOVE your Summer reading program. My 7 year old is several grade levels ABOVE her age group in reading. I'm so grateful because we can't buy enough books to keep her satisfied! I also APPRECIATE that I can send my students to the Rockwood library in Gresham. I teach reading classes as an intervention in the area and 95% of my students have never been to the library, nor do they know how to check out books. 90% of them come from families whose first language is not English, even those born in Gresham, shockingly have parents who don't read to their kids. Their last happy memory of reading was in Kindergarden having a book read to them. SOOOOO your librarians in the Rockwood area have also been FABULOUS and helped me get paperwork so I can take it to the students and they can get library cards and now (for extra credit) place books and DVD's etc on hold for FREE:) I like that 99% of my reluctant readers now like reading! I also want to give a HUGE shout out to your head librian Ms. White in the North Portland Library. Her art programs like making luminaries are so culturally honoring and fun for kids of ALL ages! You are the best investment in the area and the main reason why I refuse to leave Multnomah County (even over having more land!)
10777	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10778	7/10/2012	Seems pretty popular
10779	7/10/2012	It's very, very busy.
10780	7/10/2012	Very well used, a great library.
10781	7/10/2012	Very well used
10782	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a people in there, so I would say pretty well.
10783	7/10/2012	very
10784	7/10/2012	well used.
10785	7/10/2012	too busy
10786	7/10/2012	Always very busy
10787	7/10/2012	Well used.
10788	7/10/2012	always a good flow of people. lots of families.
10789	7/10/2012	Seems to be used rather frequently.
10790	7/10/2012	It is well used, but still looks like new.
10791	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever I'm there. I've also performed kids music there and that seems well-received.
10792	7/10/2012	Very well - great to see a line waiting for it to open!
10793	7/10/2012	I think the Belmont branch is well used. Often when I am there all the computer stations will be full and there seem to be a lot of families there for summer reading.
10794	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I drop in.
10795	7/10/2012	Very well used, if the number of people in the library when I'm there is an indication.
10796	7/10/2012	

10797	7/10/2012	From my observations, yes!
10798	7/10/2012	Everyone is helpful; I am always able to accomplish what I go there to accomplish.
10799	7/10/2012	Appears to be heavily used.
10800	7/10/2012	All three of my most frequented libraries are always busy, lots of activities, multiethnic, the employees and volunteers exceedingly helpful.
10801	7/10/2012	Always busy with wide range of patron ages using various services.
10802	7/10/2012	All of the libraries I use appear to be vital community assets that have active donor bases and communities supporting them. I hope that we can leverage the support that these libraries receive to offset the costs of maintaining libraries in underserved communities. Libraries are an essential part of the community, for students and families to access quiet work spaces and supportive services like computers, internet and biblio resources.
10803	7/10/2012	Exceptionally well
10804	7/10/2012	Extremely busy, all the time!
10805	7/10/2012	Seems reasonably crowded on a regular basis
10806	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10807	7/10/2012	Highly used
10808	7/10/2012	Very.
10809	7/10/2012	It seems to be pretty busy whenever I go in.
10810	7/10/2012	I see lots of people in there at all hours of the day
10811	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10812	7/10/2012	The St Johns library is always nearly full of patrons, there is nearly always a wait to use a computer.
10813	7/10/2012	It seems to be pleasantly populated whenever I go in, which is almost daily.
10814	7/10/2012	Very well used and loved!
10815	7/10/2012	It is always really busy when I stop in to pick up my books on hold. Too noisy to actually to browse for more books. I just run in and out.
10816	7/10/2012	Very well used. And it is excellent to have such a big collection and open so often.
10817	7/10/2012	Very well used, the parking lot is always at least two-thirds full.
10818	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10819	7/10/2012	Enormously well used and well loved.
10820	7/10/2012	Very well used by the community.
10821	7/10/2012	fairly busy
10822	7/10/2012	The Central Library is excellent
10823	7/10/2012	Very- there are always many people there and I really appreciate going there with my young daughter.
10824	7/10/2012	Its not over crowded...which is nice. Seems like an even stream of people coming in and going out. Good variety of books.
10825	7/10/2012	It is usually quite crowded and it isn't very often that I see a book or other media more than once in a month.

10826	7/10/2012	Always seems filled. A lot of high-schoolers are there also doing homework and on the computer, maybe because it's so close to Jefferson.
10827	7/10/2012	The parking lot, the bike racks, and street parking nearby all seem to be full pretty regularly when I visit. All areas of the building seem to be being used when I'm there.
10828	7/10/2012	I have no idea what this question is asking.
10829	7/10/2012	It always seems busy: computers in use, folks checking out items, full hold shelves, lots of kids in teh children's area, story hours full of smiles and chatter, bike racks full. We go tothe library 2-3 times a week and it is always alive and humming.
10830	7/10/2012	Always seems to be well used at all times of the day.
10831	7/10/2012	Very! There are always people present.
10832	7/10/2012	very well
10833	7/10/2012	Fairly
10834	7/10/2012	medium
10835	7/10/2012	Somewhat well used.
10836	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10837	7/10/2012	It is very busy every time I am there.
10838	7/10/2012	very well-used.
10839	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go inside.
10840	7/10/2012	don't know (Multnomah County wasn't on your list)
10841	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am in there. I appreciate the staff and the up to date books that I find in the library.
10842	7/10/2012	The Belmont library is always busy!
10843	7/10/2012	Always seems busy, especially the computers
10844	7/10/2012	It is extremely well used. There are many patrons daily. It's definitely a community resource that needs to be funded.
10845	7/10/2012	Over-used - the building was too small when it opened and the computer terminals and keyboards are so well-used that the print on the keys is coming off
10846	7/10/2012	Very used! It is always full when I go.
10847	7/10/2012	There are always alot of people.
10848	7/10/2012	Always busy
10849	7/10/2012	Albina always seems busy whenever I go in. Lots of activity, usually a line to check out.
10850	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Programs for young children have always been full when I atend them with my grandson. I always see people at the computers and the librarians are always busy.
10851	7/10/2012	I am extremely appreciative of the libraries, both at Central and Hollywood. The choice of new books is amazing at both. Staff are so kind. I do believe both locations are heavily used, at least every time I go there, the places are full.
10852	7/10/2012	Very well used.

10853	7/10/2012	seems busy most of the time. I was there this morning, 7/10, and it was in full swing with the new 11:00 AM opening time. It's usually busiest in summer with school children.
10854	7/10/2012	very well, usually saturated,
10855	7/10/2012	I see a lot of traffic at the NW branch, from children-related programs to online users to traditional book-lending. I have been popping in 2-3 times a week for the last 4 years.
10856	7/10/2012	Pretty busy all the time.
10857	7/10/2012	very busy
10858	7/10/2012	Very well used
10859	7/10/2012	Fairly well used, but not as bustling as it probably has been in the past
10860	7/10/2012	Always seems busy. I consider it well used
10861	7/10/2012	Well...
10862	7/10/2012	It's busy all the time.
10863	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy. Very resourceful, great staff, so no surprises.
10864	7/10/2012	Always lots of people of all ages are there whenever I go to the library
10865	7/10/2012	Well
10866	7/10/2012	Fairly
10867	7/10/2012	They are being heavily used every time we visit
10868	7/10/2012	In my opinion it is usedd heavily and often
10869	7/10/2012	Very! I always see Albina branch nearly full. It is a staple of our neighborhood.
10870	7/10/2012	There are always patrons present when I have been there, at a variety of daytime hours.
10871	7/10/2012	Very well used...always full when I'm there.
10872	7/10/2012	It's always full!
10873	7/10/2012	So well used that it is often difficult to find parking.
10874	7/10/2012	Very well. Usually many other patrons when I visit.
10875	7/10/2012	Very well. There's always people there, and often a line outside the door before opening.
10876	7/10/2012	Heavily used.
10877	7/10/2012	This question makes no sense. Do you mean how well do people use it, how well do I use it, how well is it to use. Please make sure questions make sense before putting them on a questionnaire.
10878	7/10/2012	I have two young kids and we go there 1-3 times a week. We read books, attend programs, play the games in the library. It is a great place to be with the kids. I also know that the library is a great safe place for kids who don't have their parents around as much and could be out getting into trouble. It would be great to have more activities for middle school and upper elementary aged kids as well as high school. I love our library system and we use it a lot!
10879	7/10/2012	It's always been busy when I've been there
10880	7/10/2012	Its overcrowded

10881	7/10/2012	We visit the Albina branch 3 times a week - usually in the early afternoon or evening hours. Each time we are there it is bustling with members of all ages.
10882	7/10/2012	Very well
10883	7/10/2012	Seems pretty well-trafficked. Every time I've been in there, there are many people inside.
10884	7/10/2012	It's always busy
10885	7/10/2012	I usually go to the downtown library, and I always see a lot of people inside.
10886	7/10/2012	Very well used
10887	7/10/2012	quite well
10888	7/10/2012	Extremely well used, and loved
10889	7/10/2012	Looks fine
10890	7/10/2012	It always seems to be full! =)
10891	7/10/2012	It's very used. However I feel like it's mainly used by the homeless who live downtown and come in to nap. I just moved to town and have very little experience with a city library. I was a little shocked.
10892	7/10/2012	Busy. Always at least 10-12 people in the Albina library at any given time.
10893	7/10/2012	I think pretty well? The last time I was there, it was busier than I remember it usually being.
10894	7/10/2012	Very well used.
10895	7/10/2012	many many children and families enjoying library and its programs and just sitting and reading together
10896	7/10/2012	I use the system a lot
10897	7/10/2012	sometimes busy
10898	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when i've gone.
10899	7/10/2012	It seems pretty well used to me. There are always a lot of people there.
10900	7/10/2012	Every time we have visited the library it has been quite busy, so it appears the Gresham Branch is a very active branch.
10901	7/10/2012	I visit the library at various times and there are always many patrons there.
10902	7/10/2012	Very useful. Easy to find my way around at St Johns Library. Staff being knowledgable and friendly.
10903	7/10/2012	Every time we visit the library it is busy with all ages, etc., represented. It is a wonderful neighborhood asset.
10904	7/10/2012	very well used
10905	7/10/2012	Well used
10906	7/10/2012	It is almost always filled with users/visitors
10907	7/10/2012	My local library is very well used, efficient and a great environment.
10908	7/10/2012	I don't really know It seems there are often many people there when I am there Whenever I visit either branch, there are always a significant number of people. []
10909	7/10/2012	The computers at the NW branch are always occupied. In the Hollywood branch, I see people utilizing the quiet rooms which are available.

10910	7/10/2012	The Belmont library is the one I use the most. It always seems pretty busy. Personally, I tend to use this library as a place to pickup books I've requested through the online system, because the number of books at the branch itself is fairly small. If I want to browse I go to Hollywood or the Central library.
10911	7/10/2012	very well used
10912	7/10/2012	Very
10913	7/10/2012	it's busy
10914	7/10/2012	Very, always busy.
10915	7/10/2012	Very, it is always busy.
10916	7/10/2012	a lot
10917	7/10/2012	Like a 2 bit whore?
10918	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is mostly busy when we are there.
10919	7/10/2012	Always packed there.
10920	7/10/2012	Sufficient to well used range
10921	7/10/2012	Our library branch is always swamped--usually just shy of crowded! It's great to see so many people using the library, but inner SE seems to need another branch.
10922	7/10/2012	Very.
10923	7/10/2012	There always seems to be a lot of patrons in the Hillsdale branch, no matter what time of day I go in. Every book I've checked out has been in good condition.
10924	7/10/2012	I don't know the stats, but it always seems quite busy.
10925	7/10/2012	Very!
10926	7/10/2012	don't know
10927	7/10/2012	very busy
10928	7/10/2012	Both our local libraries are always full with people!
10929	7/10/2012	Albina is small, but there is always a crowd when I visit.
10930	7/10/2012	Well used.
10931	7/10/2012	very well
10932	7/10/2012	I think they are very well used. They always seem to be pretty busy when we are there.
10933	7/10/2012	nicely used - esp. from Wilson students in the winter
10934	7/10/2012	Full every day that I go in there. Need more computers :)
10935	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
10936	7/10/2012	The hold shelf is always groaning with items for pick up, there are always loads of people there at all times of day. Patrons range in age from the very young to the very old.
10937	7/10/2012	My closest library (Hollywood) is extremely well used. In fact, I now have my holds sent to Gregory Heights, which is also well used but can process holds faster.
10938	7/10/2012	very well used. It's always busy when I'm there. I go more than monthly, but less than weekly
10939	7/10/2012	People wait outside the doors waiting for the library to open and there are always several people using the library whenever go, but browsing the shelves and using the computers.

10940	7/10/2012	Very well. The Central Library is an invaluable resource for books not help by the Portland State University, and the Belmont Library computer lab is always in use.
10941	7/10/2012	The libraries I use are always full of people whenever I visit.
10942	7/10/2012	good. i find almost everything i want.
10943	7/10/2012	Our library is very well used. I've never seen it empty. Depending on the time of day, there can be lots of children there. Also, older or less-well-off community members seem to utilize it (and the librarians) often. And people are always going in and out to check out holds or find books/media.
10944	7/10/2012	The Gresham Library always seems busy. The library is smaller but as it is so easy to have books or media transferred to your local library it is perfect for my needs.
10945	7/10/2012	Extremely used! I use the library every 3 or so days up to every other day. I sign onto the online catalog almost daily. I love how it supports families and young readers, even though I don't use it for that purpose.
10946	7/10/2012	I am there at least once a week - sometimes twice. If I arrive before it's open, there is ALWAYS a line waiting to get in. There are all ages - not just young people there for computer use. ¶ ¶ I was at Holgate about 11:30 this morning, and, I wouldn't say crowded, but very busy.¶ ¶ The staff does a remarkable job looking after the needs/wishes of everyone
10947	7/10/2012	Library personnel has helped to secure materials when I was taking a class as well as helping to gain materials of interest. Although I have not used some of the programs the library offers, I can see the value to others. I know that the library personnel is working hard to provide new technology sources for young people as well as seniors. The system sends email; when materials are due or available. In my opinion, this is one of the best library systems I have been privileged to be a part of and I have lived in five states. I can only hope that monies can be found to maintain this excellent system.
10948	7/10/2012	Seems busy, especially computer labs.
10949	7/10/2012	very well used
10950	7/10/2012	very will used. It is always busy.
10951	7/10/2012	very well used
10952	7/10/2012	very
10953	7/10/2012	Very active.
10954	7/10/2012	Very.
10955	7/10/2012	Very well used
10956	7/10/2012	Well-attended but not packed.
10957	7/10/2012	always crowded
10958	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what "well used" means in this context. There are always lots of people, and both libraries we frequent are clear and well stocked.
10959	7/10/2012	Busy

10960	7/10/2012	very well used
10961	7/10/2012	Constantly a busy and bustling place. Often, people are waiting outside for the doors to open.
10962	7/10/2012	I would know as I don't use the library and really don't know of anyone else that does as well.
10963	7/10/2012	Always busy. Good programs for a wide range of community groups (kids, elderly, knitting groups, etc.). Also public meetings. The library functions as a community center of sorts.
10964	7/10/2012	It is always packed with people. They are checking out books and materials. There are usually people waiting to use the computers. They are very popular.
10965	7/10/2012	It seems to be used regularly for a steady stream of individuals.
10966	7/10/2012	it seems busy and vibrate
10967	7/10/2012	It always seems busy and parking can be difficult.
10968	7/10/2012	Very busy every time I visit.
10969	7/10/2012	Well used?
10970	7/10/2012	I personally think the library is very well used. Foot traffic is impressive. It is obviously a community resource that is respected and needs to be funded.
10971	7/10/2012	There's always people in there. Dont understand the question.
10972	7/10/2012	It always seems full
10973	7/10/2012	Very well.[] Please consider rewording the question, so more people could elaborate more on it...)
10974	7/10/2012	It always seems to be fairly busy, but not crowded, when I go to the Hollywood library. People within the community definitely take advantage of the facilities and services that are offered there. It is always crowded.[]
10975	7/10/2012	Those times I have arrived before opening time, there is often a crowd of people waiting for it to open.[] The Kenton Library is likely the busiest location in old Kenton.
10976	7/10/2012	Barely use it. I used it recently only to look in the oregonian archives for a newspaper article.
10977	7/10/2012	Very well-used. I always see people lined up to use the computers, kids are there for activities, people browsing the stacks. There are always lots of reserved books on the shelves for that purpose, so I know lots of people are reserving books online.
10978	7/10/2012	It seems to be very busy. The computers are always full, and there are always many people in there reading or browsing through the books. There is a homey atmosphere in our library and I'm sure it is felt by all who come in.
10979	7/10/2012	In the times I have been in to check out books and media, it has been lightly to moderately used. I would estimate in the range of 10 people also in the library.

10980	7/10/2012	Especially the Gresham one is busy. I am blessed (but question the finances involved) to be within easy access of Rockwood, Gresham, Fairview, and Troutdale Libraries. Does East Mult. Co. really need 4 libraries? The Troutdale one is convenient as I drive in and out of Gresham, but is often near empty and does not serve a walk in population. □ People I hear from are upset that the levy was promoted to maintain current services, they passed it; but then service was reduced. Poor public relations.
10981	7/10/2012	My impression is that Belmont is a busy branch in terms of computer usage and media being checked out; the hold shelves are always full. I don't know how others are using the library, but I use the online request system a lot, and go to Belmont to pick up requested materials. While I still like to peruse the stacks, I admit to doing less of this than I once did. I go to the library a few times a week.
10982	7/10/2012	I would think that our library is very well used and is an important part of our community.
10983	7/10/2012	very much used
10984	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there.
10985	7/10/2012	it's always pretty crowded
10986	7/10/2012	Very well
10987	7/10/2012	Both libraries always seem to be busy to me.
10988	7/10/2012	Not sure what is intended by "well used" but if question is to how busy the Hollywood branch is, it is always busy, and sometimes quite crowded.
10989	7/10/2012	It seems very well used whenever I go in there. Lots of people.
10990	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy when I go in.
10991	7/10/2012	Very Well used
10992	7/10/2012	Very well used - great neighborhood spot!
10993	7/10/2012	Our local library always seems busy but not overcrowded when we go. We typically request books online and then pick them up in person, and sometimes select and pick up children's books while we are there.
10994	7/10/2012	Very well used
10995	7/10/2012	Quite well used.
10996	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is a gem in our poorly funded community.
10997	7/10/2012	Very well used, the library is always busy and very popular, especially among young adults/ teenagers.
10998	7/10/2012	It seems well used. It has a great location.
10999	7/10/2012	Seems to be used a great deal. People are always there.
11000	7/10/2012	All branches that I use are always very busy.
11001	7/10/2012	I'm not certain how to answer this, but in the past whenever I've gone in it seems to be quite active. The computer access apperas to be very popular.
11002	7/10/2012	The Kenton branch seems to enjoy good user traffic, based on the times I've visited.

11003	7/10/2012	Very. There are always lots of folks in the library
11004	7/10/2012	Seems to be really busy most of the time I go by or stop in
11005	7/10/2012	Seems busy when I go
11006	7/10/2012	There are always people there. I've never seen any of the libraries empty. I know several people who always have multiple books checked out. The waitlist for new release titles is long enough that there is certainly interest in and high usage of the online reservation system.
11007	7/10/2012	From what I see It looks like it gets used a lot.
11008	7/10/2012	When I stop in at either locations, it's never empty. About one or two computers are free, so you don't have to wait.
11009	7/10/2012	Our local libraries are a resource the community depends upon for all the services I've ticked above, and more. A well educated populace can only make a community stronger, and libraries are key to educating any population.
11010	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch always seems pretty busy. I have always been pleased with the service there. I have generally please with the overall selection of materials from Graphic Novels to more obscure authors. Over the last decade I would say that our library system is somewhere between good and great.
11011	7/10/2012	At the times I go, both of the libraries that I frequent are busy. People appear to be utilizing books/other media and the taking advantage of computer access.
11012	7/10/2012	The library looks like the lively, vibrant, safe, and inclusive heart of the city (I should say "county", but the Central Library seems key to the very center of Portland). People fill the stairs to wait outside the gates at opening time: some looking for shelter but others just eager to access what the library has to offer. It is always, always full of people.
11013	7/10/2012	very well used - both are always busy
11014	7/10/2012	I don't know, really.
11015	7/10/2012	it always seems busy.
11016	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used.
11017	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy at St. Johns and Kenton.
11018	7/10/2012	It is a fixture of our neighborhood, and is always busy and bustling when I am there.
11019	7/10/2012	? What is meant by this?
11020	7/10/2012	It seems well used by young families and children. Also, I see a lot of older adults using it and reading papers or accessing the internet.
11021	7/10/2012	very! almost too well used! I'd go to Albina more often if it wasn't so busy!
11022	7/10/2012	St Johns is well used and well loved by all kinds of neighbors!
11023	7/10/2012	It varies. It is not uncommon to visit and find that its not very busy.
11024	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11025	7/10/2012	belmont always seems to be busy.....lots of folks on computers and picking up stuff

11026	7/10/2012	It seems very busy all the time. People are always coming and going, dropping off and picking up books. On the weekend, there is a line-up of folks before the library even opens. I think most of them want to get on a computer.
11027	7/10/2012	The library computers are ALWAYS in use with a group of patrons waiting their turn. Also many others using their own computers or the library laptops. See lots of tutoring going on as well as the usual story hours, etc. Conference/meeting room is almost always in use when I'm at the library.
11028	7/10/2012	These libraries are very busy, especially in the summer, with programs for children. Even when kids are not present, all three (Kenton, North Portland, and Central) have folks waiting for computers and utilizing employees for help with media searches.
11029	7/10/2012	The libraries I visit are always very well attended. The library I use most often, Holgate, is a great community resource for the whole neighborhood, especially for the high number of immigrant families in outer SE Portland. The programs our library offers are invaluable!
11030	7/10/2012	Every time I visit the library or even drive by, it is always busy. Before the library opens in the morning, there is usually a line of people waiting to get in. Both Libraries seem full when I visit. []
11031	7/10/2012	I've moved from St. Johns so I don't visit that branch so often it was very full in the afternoons and evenings; particularly during the school year.[] The Kenton branch seems to have plenty of partons when I have visited.
11032	7/10/2012	It is very well used. It will be hard to have it closed on day of the week as it is always busy when I am there. I pick up books generally every week or sooner. It is extremely important to me to have access to the library. I have a traumatic brain injury and cannot read or watch movies/tv, so library audio books are my only access. As I need to spend long hours in solitude in bed, audio books keep me "sane".[] [] Thanks for doing your best!
11033	7/10/2012	Usually, suits my needs well. I appreciate that there two computers available for quick use, such as printing. Sometimes, the library is quite loud making it difficult to study.
11034	7/10/2012	Very!
11035	7/10/2012	okay
11036	7/10/2012	Don't understand this question.
11037	7/10/2012	It's usually busy.
11038	7/10/2012	fairly well used. it would be nice if the librarians at the holgate location were more friendly. They are typically very short, and cold.
11039	7/10/2012	Very busy. Especially newspaper/magazines and computer terminals
11040	7/10/2012	it's well used.
11041	7/10/2012	very well used
11042	7/10/2012	appears busy each time I am there

11043	7/10/2012	It seems to be very busy every time I go. Folks use computers, check out books, attend storytimes.
11044	7/10/2012	They're always busy when I'm there.
11045	7/10/2012	It appears to be very busy! Always a waiting line for it to open in the mornings and it is busy throughout the day/evening.
11046	7/10/2012	Very busy.
11047	7/10/2012	Not really sure. Hillsdale is my local and I think it is on a 6-day schedule now.
11048	7/10/2012	Quite well used in the sense that people use it frequently. It isn't run down if that is the sense meant by the question.
11049	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
11050	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. Whenever I am at the library there are a good number of people there.
11051	7/10/2012	Quite well. There are always people inside and I often have to put books on hold to get them.
11052	7/10/2012	It seems to be used a lot. However, they remodeled the front lobby/checkout area a couple of years ago but the way they configured it wastes space that could hold books.
11053	7/10/2012	Always busy with lots of people every day. Lots of kids seem to like the library. I like it too. I appreciate the library staff who are helpful to me when I need to research on certain subjects.
11054	7/10/2012	I use the library as much as possible. It's very convenient when I need certain books or media.
11055	7/10/2012	The Central library in downtown, is overwhelmed, I believe. We are at a crisis point. I am not sure how our biggest libraries, will be able to continue to serve the common good. They serve so many different groups, in fact. I am fortunate to have internet at home, so I do not need to go to my local library for resources, but I can not speak for those, who do not have such important & vital luxuries. Many jobseekers are trying to go online, and apply for positions, but when the waiting list for a computer grow longer, they get discouraged. How can anyone apply online for jobs, when the limit on computers is an hour? Something needs to give, sooner, or later! Thank you!
11056	7/10/2012	It is always busy!!
11057	7/10/2012	I usually go to Central so much used.
11058	7/10/2012	Always busy and a wonderful location!
11059	7/10/2012	it is often very busy.
11060	7/10/2012	Well used.
11061	7/10/2012	Very much
11062	7/10/2012	I see kids and adults in there all the time...except Mondays.
11063	7/10/2012	Marginal
11064	7/10/2012	Very well. I enjoy it there. It is always busy!
11065	7/10/2012	Very well used
11066	7/10/2012	Very well used- always bustling
11067	7/10/2012	It appears to be fairly busy every time I am in there.
11068	7/10/2012	very well used. There are times when i am using it weekly and other times when i am a less frequent user.

11069	7/10/2012	It seems to have people in a variety of spaces within the library.
11070	7/10/2012	Very well used. There's a line at the door every day at opening. All computer stations are usually occupied.
11071	7/10/2012	Well used, always busy. Used by all segments of the local population.
11072	7/10/2012	Very well used. All four family members in this house regularly check out books, books on tape, DVDs and Cds from the library weekly.
11073	7/10/2012	Do not really understand the question. If you mean, is it busy when I'm there, I'd say, yes.
11074	7/10/2012	Everytime I go to my local library, there are always people there. I know that with the library, people are having access to day to day things that they just don't have at home.
11075	7/10/2012	There's usually a large group of people at my library. All of the long-term internet computers are usually being used, however I don't have any problems gaining access to the quick check computers which provide internet access for 15 minutes. Most of the time I use the computer because I don't have a printer at home.
11076	7/10/2012	My children are now 14 and 18 and we've gone to our Belmont library since they were one year old, checking out books, going to story hour, doing the Summer Reading program, all the way to checking books out for school reports and finding new music on cd's. We love our Belmont branch!
11077	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there and filled with children in the summer. The staff is very friendly and helpful.
11078	7/10/2012	very very busy
11079	7/10/2012	IT always seems busy so I think it is heavily used!
11080	7/10/2012	Very
11081	7/10/2012	It is always very busy. I am in there once a week, sometimes twice.
11082	7/10/2012	It seems to be one of the busiest branches.
11083	7/10/2012	Whenever I go in there it is usually really busy.
11084	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy.
11085	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11086	7/10/2012	very
11087	7/10/2012	Central is always busy, not as familiar w/ North Portland location
11088	7/10/2012	very well used.
11089	7/10/2012	Very well used, and would be more so if the hours were longer.
11090	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean but I do see many people there and I'm glad you let homeless people use the restrooms and reading tables.
11091	7/10/2012	heavily used
11092	7/10/2012	Albina seems to be busy all the time. Hollywood is also well used.
11093	7/10/2012	It always seems to be people there I would say it is used alot
11094	7/10/2012	Very well.
11095	7/10/2012	Confusing question. I guess I would answer very well used?

11096	7/10/2012	Fairly well-used, especially in the summer. Always lots of people using library.
11097	7/10/2012	My local library (Hollywood) is extremely well used. DUring business hours every parking spot is taken and the comuter terminals for internet access always seem to be in use when I visit.
11098	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty busy every time I have visited it. Computers are almost always in use.
11099	7/10/2012	There are always many people using this library. The computers are always full; lots of kids at the special events; and at least 20 or more people in the stacks.
11100	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used, and see many people using the computers, and participating in programs.
11101	7/10/2012	I would say both libraries I use are busy seeminly all the time - or at least when I use them.
11102	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
11103	7/10/2012	well used
11104	7/10/2012	Very
11105	7/10/2012	always lots of foot traffic
11106	7/10/2012	very
11107	7/10/2012	well used
11108	7/10/2012	It is usually busy enough that there's a wait to use the checkout stands.
11109	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11110	7/10/2012	it is always very busy when I am there. They are very efficient.
11111	7/10/2012	it is always busy, lots of children and adults
11112	7/10/2012	Kenton is awesome and it is always busy. My children's nanny lives by Albina library and I have never been in it but they check books and dvds out weekly.
11113	7/10/2012	It is very busy which is wonderful!!
11114	7/10/2012	Very. Whenever we go to the Central Library it is always busy.
11115	7/10/2012	Well used
11116	7/10/2012	Very. There is always a lot of activity. I love it.
11117	7/10/2012	extremely
11118	7/10/2012	It seems to be very busy throughout the day
11119	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch is always busy and many families use the children's activities.
11120	7/10/2012	Since I have no printer connect to my PC, whenever I need to something print out, I use your computer with small money.
11121	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is a revolving door. Parking is tight because a lot of people use it.
11122	7/10/2012	Very well used, it's always busy when Im there. Sometimes we might not get into Storytime if we are late because the room is at its maximum.
11123	7/10/2012	VERY
11124	7/10/2012	always seems busy and vibrant
11125	7/10/2012	very
11126	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy.
11127	7/10/2012	It has a high level of use.

11128	7/10/2012	very well used from what I observe
11129	7/10/2012	The Belmont location parking lot is always full and there seems to be a good amount of people inside whenever I stop in, regardless of time of day.
11130	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
11131	7/10/2012	Well used. There are always people collected there.
11132	7/10/2012	Always busy. Often a line prior to the doors opening. I love this library!!!
11133	7/10/2012	It is always busy there.
11134	7/10/2012	Our local library is Kenton, and it is always busy, often with a line waiting for doors to open.
11135	7/10/2012	Books are great but the carpet always need to be clean!
11136	7/10/2012	Always busy. Very helpful people at reference desk.
11137	7/10/2012	per Fairveiw Library it has higher usage than hours open. The hours are difficult for me to use so I use Midland a lot. It is definately high use.
11138	7/10/2012	It is usually quite busy when we are there. The computers generally are all in use with a short wait.
11139	7/10/2012	Kenton is my closest branch, and it's small but well-laid out. It does get crowded, but I think that must speak to how much the community has grown to depend on it.
11140	7/10/2012	I go to Central Library during the week, it's always crowded. It's well kept, doesn't seem runned down.
11141	7/10/2012	I don't use local library very often, but it seems well organized and definitely busy. I primarily use L2Go. Always have maximum number of titiles to check out and and to have on hold.
11142	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11143	7/10/2012	Too many people playing computer games on the computers. Source for petition signature gatherers.
11144	7/10/2012	The Gresham branch is extremely busy.
11145	7/10/2012	It is very well-used. Good, diverse crowds. LOVE the staff.
11146	7/10/2012	Well used, sometimes sporadically though.
11147	7/10/2012	Seems quite well used.
11148	7/10/2012	decently used, its always full of people reading, checking out books, on the computers.
11149	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11150	7/10/2012	The library is very well used, always very busy.
11151	7/10/2012	Always very active with people coming and going, using the computers, children, readers, etc.
11152	7/10/2012	very
11153	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11154	7/10/2012	well used
11155	7/10/2012	medium - homeless love the bathrooms
11156	7/10/2012	Well
11157	7/10/2012	seems pretty busy most of the time we are there.
11158	7/10/2012	Lots of traffic.
11159	7/10/2012	Very well used, lots of patrons.
11160	7/10/2012	REALLY well used

11161	7/10/2012	Always seems like there are plenty of people in the library whenever I go.
11162	7/10/2012	I would guess very well. It is always full of people when I go there.
11163	7/10/2012	For the computers... heavily used.. but I noticed that that has been the main focus of the Library system. It seems that providing media access has taken priority over everything else lately.[] []
11164	7/10/2012	Books are bought... but at a much lower rate than ever before. alot
11165	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights always has a lot of people using the computers and they have a well used social/class room.
11166	7/10/2012	There are always people at my library and we are displeased that it is closed on Mondays.
11167	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am in there. It is so nice to have a local neighborhood library in our area.
11168	7/10/2012	Always full of people.
11169	7/10/2012	It is filled with people who stink and behave badly.
11170	7/10/2012	very very useful
11171	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question. Well used by the public in general? Well used by me? What do you mean by well used?
11172	7/10/2012	very well used, every time i go there it,s always full.
11173	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale library is always full of people. The computers are all in use, the magazines are all being read, the newspapers are being read, people are picking up holds, wandering the stacks, looking at the new books, kids are being read to, the reference librarians are helping chase down info-it is a very busy place every day of the week.
11174	7/10/2012	???? Please use concise word choices when writing questions. This is question is far too vague, as it could mean anything from patronage to maintenance.
11175	7/10/2012	There seems to be large numbers of people within the building when I am present as well as many coming and going.
11176	7/10/2012	Hollywood is my local library, but I use theothers I indicated. It is always occupied without being crowded. Occassional computer use, but not much. Generally, reference materials and self help books. I greatly appreciate its being available and open so much. I personally could live without Sunday or any other single day closed as long as it was always the same day and not all libraries were closed on the same day but rotated around the city so you could always find one open. P.S. I would not close Central.
11177	7/10/2012	well
11178	7/10/2012	Very well used
11179	7/10/2012	Many people visit and check out books. It's a very popular library, and it's beautiful, too.
11180	7/10/2012	it is very well used. it seems to be always busy.
11181	7/10/2012	It seems well attended. Certainly the internet stations are full.
11182	7/10/2012	Seems like there are always people in there using the library whenever I go.

11183	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
11184	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11185	7/10/2012	Looks like it's heavy.
11186	7/10/2012	Well used.
11187	7/10/2012	Seems very busy when I visit.
11188	7/10/2012	North Portland and Hollywood are vital well used resources for both these areas.
11189	7/10/2012	Very, I think. The parking lot is always full.
11190	7/10/2012	Mobbed most of the time - extremely busy!
11191	7/10/2012	Used enough that there is a wait list for use of the public computers, 15-minute, and catalog computers.
11192	7/10/2012	I'm not quite sure what this question is getting at. The Belmont library always seems pretty busy. I tend to always have a list of books/media on hold that I pick-up/drop off on a montly basis. I really appreciate the breathe of resources available and being able to pick them up at my local library.
11193	7/10/2012	I have friends who use the library much more frequently than I do, as well as friends' children. I know they rely on the library a lot.
11194	7/10/2012	Very.
11195	7/10/2012	quite
11196	7/10/2012	It a was a fun place to my children ,such as reading, playing, and met friends.
11197	7/10/2012	Very well used!
11198	7/10/2012	Very!
11199	7/10/2012	Very! I go nearly everyday, and always see customers.
11200	7/10/2012	Very busy (and very noisy)
11201	7/10/2012	I'm not sure
11202	7/10/2012	very well used
11203	7/10/2012	there are crowds of people there all the time! Also, my husband and I go 2-3 times/week. Which isn't really daily, but certainly more than weekly.
11204	7/10/2012	There are always folks there and the staff seems very helpful! Nice work!
11205	7/10/2012	Extremely. Always full of people.
11206	7/10/2012	It always has people there. I think it is very well used.
11207	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever we are there. We forgot about the Monday closures and were very disappointed yesterday.
11208	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used, there are always people in there - not really sure how to answer this question?
11209	7/10/2012	Very well. It's always busy when I visit, which is either at lunchtime or after work.
11210	7/10/2012	well used
11211	7/10/2012	My local library is highly used.
11212	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always lines on the late opening days, and there are a LOT of young children who use the library programs.
11213	7/10/2012	It is very well used.

- 11214 7/10/2012 It seems to be very well-used. There are always many people there, and the children's story times are very popular.
- 11215 7/10/2012 Very - there are always people inside whenever I am there.
- 11216 7/10/2012 Seems pretty busy every time I go. Also, I tend to put books on hold since other people are checking the same ones out. Must mean that the library is getting some good use!
- 11217 7/10/2012 It seems packed all the time.
- 11218 7/10/2012 Always people there, when we go.
- 11219 7/10/2012 Beyond belief, needs more staffing, not less.
- 11220 7/10/2012 very well used -- always busy. Moms with toddlers reading, school-age children and adults using computers, people reading at tables, librarians helping patrons find books, users checking out books --
- 11221 7/10/2012 The Woodstock library is very well used and always busy. I often have to wait in line to get help. Extremely well!!!
- 11222 7/10/2012 You just have to sit in the parking lot or in the library for 5 minutes to be impressed by the number--and diversity--of the people coming in and out and using the library.
- 11223 7/10/2012 It seems very well used. Always busy when open - it is a vital part of our community. One of the best institutions ever!
- 11224 7/10/2012 Very. It's generally packed when I visit, which is usually during the day.
- 11225 7/10/2012 RE: Fairview is the library I use the most. The library is between 3/4 to full of patrons. There is always a wide age range of people there.
- 11226 7/10/2012 I've rarely seen my local libraries with very many unused seats. I almost never see n open computer. Often, the media I wan to check out has a sizable wait list. All of this leads me to believe that the library system is heavily used.
- 11227 7/10/2012 The holds shelf at Belmonts is always full. Computer stations always 70 percent in use.
- 11228 7/10/2012 Very well used.
- 11229 7/10/2012 Our local branch (Kenton) is always bustling!
- 11230 7/10/2012 Very well used.
- 11231 7/10/2012 popular and busy
- 11232 7/10/2012 Always seems very busy to me.
- 11233 7/10/2012 Very well used, it is generally very busy.
- 11234 7/10/2012 There are always people inside... although some days are much busier than others.
- 11235 7/10/2012 The library is always busy when I'm there. I also attended high school downtown and we were regularly sent to the Central Library for homework and research assignments.
- 11236 7/10/2012 medium busy most of the time I am there
- 11237 7/10/2012 Very well, I think. It always seems quite busy when I'm there. In fact, it may even be slightly on the small side given the numbers there.
- 11238 7/10/2012 It seems quite well used, it is always filled with people and always a very pleasant place to visit.

11239	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch is extremely well used. It's always crowded when I go there, and when I stop by around opening time, there's always a big cluster of people waiting to get in.
11240	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when I am there, which is normally in the evenings after work.
11241	7/10/2012	The two branches i go to are always nearly full in terms of computer use. the library is obviously a major resource for many people in the surrounding areas.
11242	7/10/2012	I see people at the computers, using the hook-ups, reading periodicals and checking out books as well as studying on my visits. This is a question that staff should respond to as they have day to day experience with their patrons.
11243	7/10/2012	Very well used...Central branch is a very popular place!!
11244	7/10/2012	it seems busy; but the hours are relatively erratic, and the local homeless/ transient groups tend to hang-out and bathe in the restroom...this being said, more people i know have stopped using the library as much or go to different branches.
11245	7/10/2012	Very. I use Woodstock mostly.
11246	7/10/2012	Very.
11247	7/10/2012	appears to be well used.
11248	7/10/2012	It's very busy!
11249	7/10/2012	VERY!!
11250	7/10/2012	Very well used - I feel it's often full of people of all ages and backgrounds.
11251	7/10/2012	unk
11252	7/10/2012	The Midland branch is very busy every time I'm there.
11253	7/10/2012	Always fairly busy and I know lots of families that frequent them.
11254	7/10/2012	There are always people in the branch.
11255	7/10/2012	always very busy
11256	7/10/2012	The library always has people in it. The location is very safe and SE portland is very walkable. We love having access to the library.
11257	7/10/2012	The computers are always full.
11258	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11259	7/10/2012	busy
11260	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always packed (Woodstock), and most of the time computers are fully booked.
11261	7/10/2012	There are always folks there. It's a hugely important community resource. Both my workplace and my partner's refer people there for computer access and job seeking assistance as well.
11262	7/10/2012	The Albina branch is full to the brim whenever I go there - children, adults on computers, people in the stacks. Well-used? Ha! It's hot!
11263	7/10/2012	it appears to be busy in all the visits I have made.
11264	7/10/2012	There is always lots of activity there when I visit. The reason I am not there as much these days is because I am a student at PSU and have access to their library and resources.
11265	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used as it is typically very busy.

11266	7/10/2012	Very.
11267	7/10/2012	It has always been busy when we've been there!
11268	7/10/2012	Very, the Central Library happens to be the closest to my home, but it has always been my favorite and is always busy.
11269	7/10/2012	Woodstock is a very busy public library.
11270	7/10/2012	It's always full of people whenever we go. There is usually a line of people waiting to get in before it opens. The toddler time got so full that I stopped going!
11271	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. I am usually there twice a week. I put lots of books on hold. I only wish they had built the Hollywood library larger.
11272	7/10/2012	It seems that there are always at least 10-20 people in the library whenever I am there. Sometimes more, but never less.
11273	7/10/2012	Midland branch parking lot is almost always full, computers are almost always full and there are lots of people - adults and kids there every time I go. I started using Midland branch just before I retired because I knew I couldn't afford to buy all the books I wanted to read. I also like the reading list to keep track of my history so I don't repeat checkouts. The reduced hours won't affect me but I'm sorry staff had to be let go.
11274	7/10/2012	Our branch is small and therefore has limited available resources - books, computers, etc. It is used at a medium level.
11275	7/10/2012	Well.
11276	7/10/2012	It is always very busy when I stop by. There are lots of programs for children and many people are using the computers.
11277	7/10/2012	heavily!!!!!!!!!!!!
11278	7/10/2012	Very
11279	7/10/2012	It is always busy at the Central Library.
11280	7/10/2012	It is used by many families and teachers.
11281	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
11282	7/10/2012	Highly used -- always crowded.
11283	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. computers are always busy, as are check out kiosks.
11284	7/10/2012	It is always busy!
11285	7/10/2012	It's always packed with people, and there are always long waits for books and media.
11286	7/10/2012	It always looks busy
11287	7/10/2012	Quite well!
11288	7/10/2012	very--parking lot's always full
11289	7/10/2012	Always busy !
11290	7/10/2012	It appears to be well used whenever I'm there. I could use it more often
11291	7/10/2012	Not a large volume, but a steady stream.
11292	7/10/2012	"well used" is a relative term so any answer would be subjective.

11293	7/10/2012	Each time I have been there they are quite busy. People are enjoying the services available.
11294	7/10/2012	I order most all of my material on line and go to the library to pick it up. I am there at least once a month probably more often than that if you count dropping off books
11295	7/10/2012	By me, not much. I tried to use the check out feature on my IPAD but time limit for keeping the electronic version was too short.
11296	7/10/2012	Woodstock always has many people inside - sometimes it is difficult to find a table to sit at. I see hundreds of books on the hold shelves every time I pick up a book I had on hold. In the spring I even saw people lined up outside the library waiting for it to open on weekend days.[] [] In short, it is very well used.
11297	7/10/2012	It's very well used. It seems very busy no matter when I visit. I'm especially glad to see computers available to help those without a computer find jobs, and a good children's section for young readers. Heavily and sometimes more.[] []
11298	7/10/2012	I want the magazine and newspaper racks back to the former places.[] I want reading tables back to former places. [] Too much computer emphasis.
11299	7/10/2012	The Kenton Library seems quite busy. I see a lot of children under 12 or so and a lot of seniors using computers, netbooks and tablets. I take my 2-year old to various programs that always seem well attended. I see a lot of people in the blocks around the library carrying books, CDs and DVDs to and from the library.[] [] Before the Kenton branch opened, we used the NoPo branch near PCC on Killingsworth. It always seemed packed with kids needing a safe, secure place to do homework, wait for parents, etc.
11300	7/10/2012	One of the busiest in the system every day of the week.[] Lots of information, easy access, helpful attendants, story times for grandchildren, music and movie videos, auto repairs, DIY and the latest new books. We love our library!
11301	7/10/2012	While I do not use the other branches to compare, it seems like the Midland Branch must be one of the most used branches of the library in the county. I am there a various hours and it is always very busy - no matter the day or time I have visited.
11302	7/10/2012	The woodstock library is always busy!
11303	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used - both Central and Kenton branches are always very busy on any day of the week.
11304	7/10/2012	Always crowded
11305	7/10/2012	Always crowded
11306	7/10/2012	Very! It is always full of people when I go.
11307	7/10/2012	very
11308	7/10/2012	seems like there's always people in them utilizing services across the board.

11309	7/10/2012	very
11310	7/10/2012	The downtown library is beautiful.
11311	7/10/2012	Both branches I go to seem to always be full of people.
11312	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy when we go. We've gone to children events that have been over booked and people were turned away.
11313	7/10/2012	Well used
11314	7/10/2012	It is very well-used. We see dozens of people whenever we visit.
11315	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11316	7/10/2012	always seems busy and hopping
11317	7/10/2012	Not sure, seems to be busy and used everytime I run in.
11318	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. Computers are packed whenever I stop by.
11319	7/10/2012	NW is used heavily
11320	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I am there.
11321	7/10/2012	I usually go to the Sellwood library and there are always other people in it. It's a smaller branch, so the selection isn't as great as some of the other locations, but I can always order what I'd like. I go 2x a month or more.
11322	7/10/2012	Very! I love it.
11323	7/10/2012	very busy place!
11324	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when we're there.
11325	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people there. I used to use Woodstock as well. There were so many people I usually had to wait for a computer or got the last one.
11326	7/10/2012	My local library--the Belmont branch--has at least 10-15 people in it at any given time during the day. Far more after school (3:30ish or so) and on Saturdays.
11327	7/10/2012	very. The library is always full of people. It's wonderful.
11328	7/10/2012	Unsure
11329	7/10/2012	always a lot of people whenever we are there
11330	7/10/2012	There are always lots of other people there when I am there.
11331	7/10/2012	Appears to have a great number of library users.
11332	7/10/2012	New to the area,so don't know.
11333	7/10/2012	Busy all the time, parking lot is nearly always full. Not sure I understand the question but here goes and answer. When I go in it's always humingly busy. For me personally
11334	7/10/2012	I love being able to look up and hold books on line. Librarians always friendly and helpful. Overall the library system is one of the best things this country has to offer and it breaks my heart that it and our entire education system is continuously being pared down.
11335	7/10/2012	I always see people using the computers and the children's library. I see many people checking out materials. I know the hold stacks are always heavily used as this is the usual way I check out materials.
11336	7/10/2012	It's always busy. But staff often stop help me.

11337	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people at the library when I'm there -- usually mid-morning or early afternoon. The computers are always in use -- people frequently have to wait. There are frequent programs going on and I have been there a few times for evening meetings, which are usually well-attended.
11338	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
11339	7/10/2012	It always seems to be filled with people!
11340	7/10/2012	Busy
11341	7/10/2012	It seems full most of the time I go there.
11342	7/10/2012	very
11343	7/10/2012	seems to be very well used, always lots going on inside
11344	7/10/2012	Very well used
11345	7/10/2012	Always very crowded.
11346	7/10/2012	very well used
11347	7/10/2012	Not enough.
11348	7/10/2012	Very well used. The only place that makes me overly happy when I find it CROWDED!
11349	7/10/2012	Very well I would think from observation
11350	7/10/2012	Extremely well used! We depend on it.
11351	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever we are there.
11352	7/10/2012	Our Belmont Library is very well used by the community, particularly the families with children.
11353	7/10/2012	The Sellwood branch is always busy with children and parents in the Children's Nook, youth and adults at the computers, people browsing in shelves-people in and out.
11354	7/10/2012	It's always busy! I think there are great programs available and I people take good advantage of them.
11355	7/10/2012	Very well USED,lots of homeless
11356	7/10/2012	well used. Generally, people are waiting for the doors to open. woodstock: very populated. (children's library focus, pre-school across the street, very well located.)
11357	7/10/2012	☐ central: well, it's a monument isn't it? always busy. Extremely! There are always people in there of all ages. There are continually diverse community events put on by the library as well as several community events, hosted by the library but coordinated by individuals because the library has the
11358	7/10/2012	space to offer. There are book groups and study groups, research librarians and authors, children and grandparents. I am in there almost every other day for something and it is truly a point of pride for me to live in a city with such an amazing library system.
11359	7/10/2012	Very, very well used
11360	7/10/2012	Seems quite busy
11361	7/10/2012	Well, I think
11362	7/10/2012	Very well.
11363	7/10/2012	Very well-used, by a wide range of people (seniors, families, young adults, etc).

11364	7/10/2012	Seems like there are always quite a few people in there.
11365	7/10/2012	Usually busy - but never crowded.
11366	7/10/2012	very
11367	7/10/2012	Great! I always see a ton of people in the NW branch.
11368	7/10/2012	Extremely active
11369	7/10/2012	Always busy.
11370	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go in, early, late or in-between.
11371	7/10/2012	Belmont and Central are always packed. Sellwood and Woodstock fluctuate with time of day, but there are always people using the facility.
11372	7/10/2012	I've never been to my local library. I always just go downtown if I need something.
11373	7/10/2012	Very; it's always full when I go there, and I often have to wait in line to check out materials and use the computers.
11374	7/10/2012	It (Gresham) is used very well and quite frequently.
11375	7/10/2012	Both the Sellwood and Woodstock branches are always busy. The computer terminals are in constant use.
11376	7/10/2012	highly used
11377	7/10/2012	I don't know where I would get the information to answer this question.
11378	7/10/2012	It is very well used. There are always people using the computers, browsing the bookshelves/dvds, and going to storytimes.
11379	7/10/2012	It's very busy!
11380	7/10/2012	seems to be very well used, always crowded when I go there.
11381	7/10/2012	Kenton is my closest branch (four blocks, which was a definite plus in my choice of house) and everytime I go in it's pretty busy. It's not a large branch, but seems to be well-used. The computers are usually full, there's always a program going on in the private room or story hour in the kids section, and the quiet rooms seem to be pretty well used too. Also, the people that work there are really nice and they have a fairly good selection of spanish language materials for such a tiny branch, which is important to me. Oh yeah, and there's always some people browsing for regular old books:)
11382	7/10/2012	Very!!! parking lot is busy and very full. Computers are always at or near capacity of use. Lots of kids and adults, reading, walking around looking for books or videos..I would consider it a hub of activity in our community.
11383	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy usually I think the library is an asset to our community providing resources that are essential to not only function but to grow. Without the library I would not be able to look for employment, read about how to do things such as fix my car/bike and go on the many adventures that books can take me on. During those dreary Portland days it's nice to watch a movie. I'm so thankful to have the library!
11384	7/10/2012	
11385	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11386	7/10/2012	It seems very busy most of the time.

11387	7/10/2012	It seems very busy whenever I'm there.
11388	7/10/2012	Very!
11389	7/10/2012	Very
11390	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11391	7/10/2012	Very well, it is always busy and the computers and tables seem to normally be occupied.
11392	7/10/2012	It is usually very busy every time I am there.
11393	7/10/2012	It's never empty and its always full of children and teenagers and 20-somethings.
11394	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used. Often hard to find a parking spot.
11395	7/10/2012	It is always busy no matter which hour I visit.
11396	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11397	7/10/2012	It's always delightfully busy when we go. It feels alive and well.
11398	7/10/2012	Everytime I go to the library, it seems to be fairly busy.
11399	7/10/2012	There is always activity in the Belmont library. I used it to check out books and movies for my family and for my classroom.
11400	7/10/2012	I would say that it is used extensively. I have never gone and seen it not, at least, mildly busy.
11401	7/10/2012	It's pretty well used, there are many people using the library. I've seen a few of my teachers using the library either for their kids or the job.
11402	7/10/2012	Central library is very well-used. Always a crowd waiting to get in at 10:00 am.
11403	7/10/2012	VERY BUSY
11404	7/10/2012	I don't know?
11405	7/10/2012	There is always a line of children & elders to enter the library. So sad when this past Monday-the library was closed and the kids were walking or being strolled away.
11406	7/10/2012	We try to support it because we love it, but it's clear the library is under funded. Needs some improvements.
11407	7/10/2012	Always in use
11408	7/10/2012	Solid number of people in at closing time and throughout the day. Good location. center point of the neighborhood
11409	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used. There are always people using computers and reading, browsing in the library.
11410	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy.
11411	7/10/2012	We have a very busy library. Our family attends several times a week and love to go,even for a few minutes, to check out new materials or read a few books (kids books) We love the staff there too.
11412	7/10/2012	There is rarely a time I go to the library when it isn't bustling with people using computers, reading at the tables and scanning the shelves.
11413	7/10/2012	The Holgate Branch always seems to be busy. The 'hold book' space has continually grown. The computers and chess boards are always in use. Have been to the Hollywood Branch a couple of times and it's a beautiful place! Wish the Holgate could expand.

11414	7/10/2012	Always seems very busy.
11415	7/10/2012	Seems really busy all the time. I'm mostly there on the weekends.
11416	7/10/2012	VERY. It is always busy
11417	7/10/2012	It seems to be well-used.
11418	7/10/2012	It's always pretty busy when I visit
11419	7/10/2012	Very
11420	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there!
11421	7/10/2012	Extremely well used and always busy.
11422	7/10/2012	very well. it's always busy.
11423	7/10/2012	What? Don't you have statistics? It always seems busy.
11424	7/10/2012	Very well used - we always see a number of people in there when we visit
11425	7/10/2012	Its always very busy, but smoothly functioning at the Woodstock Library.
11426	7/10/2012	It is always busy!!! Need more books and more copies, including e-books, of popular books.
11427	7/10/2012	Seems to get a lot of use
11428	7/10/2012	high traffic library.
11429	7/10/2012	I feel like North Portland is always busy especially with Jefferson and PCC right next door. [] There are always people there when I am.
11430	7/10/2012	Very well used by all types/ages/SES people.
11431	7/10/2012	Having worked at two public libraries in other parts of the country, I would say very well used.
11432	7/10/2012	The Central Library is VERY well used. The Hollywood Library is less busy than the Central Library but still seems well used.
11433	7/10/2012	Very! There are always lots of people, but I never have any trouble with crowds or lines.
11434	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch is always hopping. The staff are great. Helpful and friendly. We appreciate the accessibility of our local branch.
11435	7/10/2012	The Kenton branch is always very busy when we go there. A lot of computer use, and the tiny tots story time always has a large showing when we attend.
11436	7/10/2012	I recently moved to the area of the Yarborough branch. It is a great location and a great building. I'm glad they kept the original fixtures from the Americana theater. I use the library at least 3 times a week.
11437	7/10/2012	Belmomt is always super busy, and that is gratifying to see. Clearly, the library is an important and vital gathering place for a wide range of neighbors, including teens, young children and parents, older adults, and low income people who want and need computer access.
11438	7/10/2012	I would say both the St. Johns library and Kenton branch both appear to be well-used. Often times I stumble upon an event and (1) wish that I had realized ahead of time that the event was scheduled (I'm 'out of the loop' on these activities which may be more my issue than that of the library) and (2) would like to see, perhaps, some stronger lecturers - something more akin to the lectures/readings at Powell's or PSU or Schnitzer - although I'm quite sure that is related to funding constraints.
11439	7/10/2012	Our local library (Gregory Heights) is very well used.

11440	7/10/2012	every time i'm there it seems pretty busy. all the computers are in use and there's usually a line already. I'm mostly there to pick up books.
11441	7/10/2012	St Johns library is always so full.From story time and media to check out.We in St Johns have always used the library to the fullest extent. Personally since 1965
11442	7/10/2012	It is pretty busy every time I've been to any branch. I see the library as an huge asset for non native born people. I like the culture the branches have. It seems to be a shame that the rest of us take it for granted because its has always been there our whole lives
		NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE CANNOT DOWNLOAD E-BOOKS BECAUSE I DO NOT CHOOSE TO MAKE BILL GATES RICHER I USE LINUX
11443	7/10/2012	UNTIL THESE ARE COMPLETELY FIXED THE LIBRARIES HAVE NOT PROPERLY USED THE MONEY THEY HAVE HAD FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS FOR ADA AND THE LAST 3-4 YEARS FOR E-BOOKS: BECAUSE OF THIS ABUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS THEY SHOULD NOT GET ANY MORE UNTIL THEY CORRECT AND REPAY WHAT THEY HAVE ABUSED!
11444	7/10/2012	My local library is well used, and I've overheard a lot of people saying they were unhappy with the new Monday closure, usually qualifying that discontent by saying, " I thought we voted to continue funding the library.."
11445	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library seems like it is constantly busy.
11446	7/10/2012	Very
11447	7/10/2012	Always very busy—good!
11448	7/10/2012	Seems pretty well used. There are people in there every time I go in.
11449	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go there.
11450	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always lots of people there. Story times are well attended. Friends in neighborhood talk about getting books from the library.
11451	7/10/2012	very well used; my local is in Hollywood, but I work downtown so I use both
11452	7/10/2012	Very
11453	7/10/2012	It seems very well used.
11454	7/10/2012	Very
11455	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question - sorry!
11456	7/10/2012	Extremely. It is always packed when I go in there, and there is always a long waiting list for the materials I want to check out.
11457	7/10/2012	Always busy when I visit, but not overcrowded. It's always easy to find help and locate materials.

		I'm not sure I understand the question. "Well used"?
		□
11458	7/10/2012	The Central library always seems very busy.□
		□
		The Hillsdale library always seems pleasantly occupied, but not crowded.□
		□
		I like them both very much.
11459	7/10/2012	ALWAYS BUSY.
11460	7/10/2012	Very full everytime I'm there
11461	7/10/2012	Very, finding a non-crowded (and sometimes even a quiet) corner is not always easy.
11462	7/10/2012	Very well used! We also began using the online book checkout system recently and that is great too!
11463	7/10/2012	Always full of users.
11464	7/10/2012	There is always a line ready at the door when the library opens and the computers and stacks are always busy.
11465	7/10/2012	central library is very well used. NW not as much
11466	7/10/2012	It is very used!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11467	7/10/2012	It is usually busy.
11468	7/10/2012	Very well used! The central library is always buzzing with people. People are constantly coming in and out, there are always people in line to check out as well as using the self-serve check out stations. I'm so grateful to have such a wonderful resource in downtown and I hope it remains open for years to come!
11469	7/10/2012	It always seems super busy when I'm in there. The last time I went there were hardly any board books to choose from for my toddler. That was a bummer for us.
11470	7/10/2012	Fairly well
11471	7/10/2012	Ok
11472	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go there - on weekdays and weekends. Fortunately it's close to a TriMet stop and there is parking underneath the building, otherwise it would be hard to find a place to park when I'm driving. It seems a mixture of people using the small rooms, reading or using the computers. I live on the edge of Multnomah County.□
11473	7/10/2012	My "local library" is West Slope, which is in Washington County.□ It appears to be pretty well used.□
		I only go to Hillsdale if West Slope is closed, or doesn't have the material I want.
11474	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used - there always seems to be lots of people on the computers, checking out books, and attending classes.
11475	7/10/2012	This is an ambiguous question. If you mean is there a lot of people using the facility when I go in I'd say yes.

11476	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is usually bustling with adults and children on most days. I have seen teenagers conducting research for school projects, as well as younger children with their parents or at a story time.
11477	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy and active. Steady level of users all week.
11478	7/10/2012	I generally only use the library for checking out books and picking up holds, but the Albina library generally looks well used (computers in use, etc.) when I drop in.
11479	7/10/2012	It always seems to be somewhat busy, but not usually overcrowded. There are always at least ten to twenty other people using the library when I go.
11480	7/10/2012	I don't know the numbers, but there are always people coming and going at Kenton, St. Johns, and North Portland. In addition, they always have programs in place. Central is busier than most of the businesses in the surrounding area. Kenton, St. Johns, and North Portland have limited selections (books, tapes, etc.) so most of my ordering is done online and I pick up my selections at one of them.
11481	7/10/2012	I think the library is well used. I consistently find books I am interested in checking out, only to find most of them are already all checked out, and I need to put the book on hold.
11482	7/10/2012	We primarily use the Beacon Hill branch -regretfully it was not listed on your introductory questions. Anyway this Library branch is very well used and is an access to the community. I should also say my family moved from Portland a year ago. There are many city services we miss since our move to Seattle. The one new service we have come to love in the Seattle area is the library system. It is outstanding. Please keep up the good work.
11483	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
11484	7/10/2012	comfortably busy
11485	7/10/2012	Very well, always busy
11486	7/10/2012	n/a
11487	7/10/2012	Very well, always crowded when we go in.
11488	7/10/2012	always full of people
11489	7/10/2012	not sure at this point. it seems busy most of the time.
11490	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy- usually it takes a block or two to find parking.
11491	7/10/2012	Rather well. Great librarians.
11492	7/10/2012	There are always people in my library.
11493	7/10/2012	The branch we frequent the most is one of the smaller ones, so it is not always stocked with what we're looking for. But the online hold list makes it so that it is never a problem.
11494	7/10/2012	Very well used. My local branch is St. Johns and here are always people there using all of its resources.
11495	7/10/2012	Usually very busy
11496	7/10/2012	Lots
11497	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go to pick up my books!
11498	7/10/2012	It is quite busy, we love it.

11499	7/10/2012	Very.
11500	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when I stop by to pick up items.
11501	7/10/2012	Constantly busy.
11502	7/10/2012	They are well-used.
11503	7/10/2012	Well used.
11504	7/10/2012	Always very active. Lot's of people using the Woodstock whenever I'm there.
11505	7/10/2012	quite a bit I think Whenever I go into the Gresham library, there are so many people--reading, studying, using the computers, working with the
11506	7/10/2012	librarians. Families, adults, couples, all different ethnicities and even different incomes levels, as far as I can tell. I think the Gresham branch is very well used and loved.
11507	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people there when I'm there or when we drive by. Not sure what you are asking with this question. The Library seems to be well used. The central location usually has too many homeless people. I want to be sensitive, however, that is a barrier to getting people in the door. My local library was great while working on my Master's degree. I was able to access research databases online and also librarians online that could help with my research and navigating the various databases. If my school library didn't have access to an article, MultiCo Library did. It was an important resource.
11508	7/10/2012	
11509	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used. I noticed since I've moved here, Kenton has less traffic than Albina.
11510	7/10/2012	extremely
11511	7/10/2012	Fairly well. Not as much as could be.
11512	7/10/2012	Very.
11513	7/10/2012	I honestly don't use the local one all that much. I prefer to use the Central Library.
11514	7/10/2012	extremely well used-- people in and out all the time
11515	7/10/2012	Always seems busy!
11516	7/10/2012	very very well used
11517	7/10/2012	Very well-used! It always seems to be humming with people.
11518	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people waiting at the door before it opens, and it is always full of patrons when we come in.
11519	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
11520	7/10/2012	Very well-used!
11521	7/10/2012	Seems very busy every time I'm there.
11522	7/10/2012	My local library is Hollywood and it is very well used. Busy.
11523	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy and the hold shelves are full. Programs are always full. We go to the library once a week - sometimes more often.
11524	7/10/2012	Extremely well used for computers and holds. Not enough shelf space for browsing.
11525	7/10/2012	It seems to have a good crowd regardless of day or time. I think it is well used with people often queuing up before it opens.

11526	7/10/2012	I rarely go in. I use it as a source to put my ballot in for voting. I am a poor reader
11527	7/10/2012	seems busy when I am in them.
11528	7/10/2012	I think its well used. Lots of people every time i am there and very busy.
11529	7/10/2012	Seems VERY well-used and popular with people of all ages and appearances. Very impressive.
11530	7/10/2012	Very Extremely well used. The Multnomah library system is wonderful and needs more funding. I am extremely angry about the recent closures on Mondays.[]
11531	7/10/2012	[] Helen Slater
11532	7/10/2012	Pretty well used.
11533	7/10/2012	Most of the computers are taken up and all the tables seem to be in use.
11534	7/10/2012	WE use Gresham branch most frequently. It seems to be well-used every time we visit.
11535	7/10/2012	It is very well used - always full of patrons. The kids and parents in the neighborhood really cherish the wonderful children's programs and the community resources that the library offers.
11536	7/10/2012	not sure
11537	7/10/2012	It seems to be very popular, when we attended programs they were always very full.
11538	7/10/2012	very
11539	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go in, I'm not sure how to gauge it better than that.
11540	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
11541	7/10/2012	It's great we love our library
11542	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. There are always people there and it seems like there are never a lot of empty seats.
11543	7/10/2012	It's always busy. No matter what time of day I go in.
11544	7/10/2012	There always seem to be people waiting for computers and lots of people browsing and reading.
11545	7/10/2012	Heavily
11546	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used.
11547	7/10/2012	very well used, always seems busy at all hours
11548	7/10/2012	It is a well used library. There are always folks there. It's a happenin' place. :-)
11549	7/10/2012	Very!
11550	7/10/2012	It always seems extremely busy.
11551	7/10/2012	Very busy all the time. It is too small.
11552	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question. The condition of the building? The condition of the equipment/books? The amount of traffic? Ability to get access to books/equipment? Sorry, I can't answer this question.
11553	7/10/2012	It seems busy when we go. If we are there before opening, there are several people waiting outside to get in every time.

		Could you rephrase the question?
11554	7/10/2012	<p>□</p> <p>If you are talking about how many people are in it at any one time, I would say that there are quite a few people there when I visit.</p>
11555	7/10/2012	Much appreciated and well used by the community surrounding it! Often a line waiting for the library to open, especially the mornings when there are programs for toddlers.
11556	7/10/2012	Practically every time I visit my branch it is bustling with people. The computers are all being utilized and there are lots of folks search for and checking out materials.
11557	7/10/2012	So well used that the central branch needs better ventilation. The science rooms smell worse than a locker room, not from science experiments but from the people using the computers..
11558	7/10/2012	If by "well used" you mean busy, it is hard to access computers there because of everybody using them, and it is usually full of people.
11559	7/10/2012	every time I've been, there appears to be many families, or Mom's with kids.
11560	7/10/2012	There is no other place to put this comment....But I feel that somebody messed up by not calculating how much funding was needed PRIOR to the vote so we could have passed the measure with the correct funding. It seems silly that voters passed this measure, but it still falls short. Looks like you guys under-shot your goal.
11561	7/10/2012	65 to 90 % capacity, I go on week-ends and after work hours and almost every time in Kenton all or most chairs are filled. I often go 2 or more times a week. My husband on different days because he is retired.
11562	7/10/2012	So well!!! I wish it were bigger!
11563	7/10/2012	It seems very well used by a very diverse community.
11564	7/10/2012	Very busy
11565	7/10/2012	very well
11566	7/10/2012	Pretty well
11567	7/10/2012	Very.
11568	7/10/2012	Very well used; it's always busy.
11569	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
11570	7/10/2012	very well.
11571	7/10/2012	Busy all the time!
11572	7/10/2012	Very well
11573	7/10/2012	Very well used, popular with everyone in the neighborhood, especially young children (and their parents).
11574	7/10/2012	Good...
11575	7/10/2012	The parking lot is almost always full.
11576	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I visit.

11577	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy, but that could be because of the short opening hours, everyone needs to get in and out in a hurry!
11578	7/10/2012	very busy
11579	7/10/2012	Heavily used.
11580	7/10/2012	It is always busy, so I assume it is well used.
11581	7/10/2012	Very. North Portland always has lots of people in it.
11582	7/10/2012	Fairly well used considering the Northwest branch is fairly small
11583	7/10/2012	Everytime i'm there, the library is full or near full of all kinds of people and all ages.
11584	7/10/2012	Always busy!
11585	7/10/2012	Very well used
11586	7/10/2012	There are always people in both libraries, especially people using computers.
11587	7/10/2012	The library is always busy. There is almost always a short computer-use wait period.
11588	7/10/2012	very busy
11589	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11590	7/10/2012	It is always rather busy.
11591	7/10/2012	They always seem to be busy.
11592	7/10/2012	I generally don't stay very long but pick up and drop off items. My library seems busy when I go.
11593	7/10/2012	All of the libraries we frequent seem to always have a good number of patrons.
11594	7/10/2012	I assume it's well-used. It always has people in it.
11595	7/10/2012	very. There seems to be a good amount of users in Kenton library.
11596	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
11597	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people in the library. I think that it is important to note that I see a lot of African American youth taking advantage of the quiet space to do homework. The Albina Library is an important piece of our community, and supports children and youth to maintain healthy schedules and habits, while promoting literacy.
11598	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. It is the center of the community for intellectual activity.
11599	7/10/2012	There is always people in there. Computers are always full, books are always checked out.
11600	7/10/2012	The Belmont library gets lots of use and I am very grateful to have it close by as a resource. I think this is the most important community resource in our neighborhood.
11601	7/10/2012	It is always busy. Very well used.
11602	7/10/2012	Very
11603	7/10/2012	Very used
11604	7/10/2012	very well used
11605	7/10/2012	Very busy always.
11606	7/10/2012	Given the backlog of requests on the books I want, it must be very well used.
11607	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always populated throughout most of the day.
11608	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used--both Branches that I visit

11609	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
11610	7/10/2012	extremely SO!!!! It is an outstanding library with so much to use, enjoy and learn from..... and a great staff to assist us!!!!
11611	7/10/2012	Heavily
11612	7/10/2012	There is always a good crowd when I go to the library. I also see a lot of items being reserved, which tells me the supply is short of the demand.
11613	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy, bustling with kids, computer users, people using the quiet rooms and checking items out.
11614	7/10/2012	It is very important to the community. It is used. I can't imagine not having the Belmont Library. Families and little kids use it a lot. Jenika
11615	7/10/2012	Very, I think. Both the Central & Hollywood libraries are always busy and filled with a mix of patrons -- young children, seniors, people checking out books, using the internet, etc.
11616	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11617	7/10/2012	My local library (Capitol Hill) always seems busy. Usually I have to wait to use the computer.
11618	7/10/2012	I think really well used. I often times have trouble finding parking. =) I love that I can always use it as a resource
11619	7/10/2012	The library I use the most, the North Portland library, is very well used by children and community members of many ages, ethnicities and genders.
11620	7/10/2012	I've been to the Central library and the NW branch many times on weekdays and weekends, and they are always busy. I remember having to wait to use a computer with internet access at the NW library.
11621	7/10/2012	Incredibly well-used. Both Central and Belmont are always filled with people of all ages. The computers are great and heavily used, there are always tons of kids.
11622	7/10/2012	Both the Midland and Central Libraries have a lot of traffic. We go weekly and sometimes a few times in 1 week and it always amazes me at the number of people waiting to enter the library before they open.
11623	7/10/2012	There always seem to be 10-15 patrons browsing the books, and several more using the computers. There always seems to be classes and trainings in the classroom.
11624	7/10/2012	very - always full of people and high energy
11625	7/10/2012	very well - it's always busy!
11626	7/10/2012	well
11627	7/10/2012	Well used
11628	7/10/2012	Constant use. Love the place.
11629	7/10/2012	It seems to always be fairly busy.
11630	7/10/2012	Quite.
11631	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people on the computer and a waiting list.

11632	7/10/2012	Not sure what this question means...
11633	7/10/2012	Seems very...always crowded..happy kids, nice staff, homey and welcoming!
11634	7/10/2012	very
11635	7/10/2012	Very well used
11636	7/10/2012	very
11637	7/10/2012	quite busy, it seems to me.
11638	7/10/2012	It's used very well, thank you
11639	7/10/2012	Use library press display for international newspapers almost daily
11640	7/10/2012	Highly
11641	7/10/2012	Very well used
11642	7/10/2012	well
11643	7/10/2012	Seems like it's always busy.
11644	7/10/2012	Very well used!
11645	7/10/2012	It is very well used. Whenever I am there, the library is busy.
11646	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in. Seems to be very well used.
11647	7/10/2012	It is always full.
11648	7/10/2012	seems highly popular to me. i've lived in many places but portland libraries are by far the busiest i've been to. wonderful services for children too.
11649	7/10/2012	They are widely used with a waiting line to use computers.
11650	7/10/2012	Well used.
11651	7/10/2012	VERY!
11652	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I'm in there.
11653	7/10/2012	at times over used. I had to wait approximately 30 minutes for a computer today
11654	7/10/2012	It always looks pretty busy and the story times are packed. Wish there was more space for everyone at tiny Albina library.
11655	7/10/2012	Each of the branches I visit always seem very populated every time I'm personally there, and lots of books I want (not always super popular mainstream new releases, mind you) are often on hold or checked out, so that indicates pretty healthy usage to me! :-)
11656	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch gets a good deal of use--at least, it always seems like there's a pretty steady flow of people weekends and evenings. I rarely visit during week days.
11657	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the library there is alot of people there and the computers are always busy. Thank you.
11658	7/10/2012	It's busy every time I go there.
11659	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
11660	7/10/2012	Very well.
11661	7/10/2012	very well used...always very busy
11662	7/10/2012	There usually seem to be quite a few people around

11663	7/10/2012	Very.
11664	7/10/2012	It's pretty busy
11665	7/10/2012	very
11666	7/10/2012	It seems generally full of people whenever I'm in there.
11667	7/10/2012	very...
11668	7/10/2012	It is always very busy and there is always a line of people waiting to get in when the library is about to open for the day.
11669	7/10/2012	heavy use
11670	7/10/2012	It seems very well used - there are always people on the computers and people stopping by to check out books that they browse for or that are on hold. I see many families attending story hour on the weekend at the Kenton branch when I am there.
11671	7/10/2012	I use Capitol Highway the most and it seems to be busy most times that I am there, all different age groups, many different purposes.
11672	7/10/2012	It seems pretty active.
11673	7/10/2012	very well used
11674	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy when I go in, and I appreciate the services immensely.
11675	7/10/2012	its very high traffic and in my opinion too small for the amount of people who use it and the area it is in
11676	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used by a variety of people - adults & families alike.
11677	7/10/2012	Very well!
11678	7/10/2012	Very. It is possibly the only place many Portlanders can get warm in the winter. Almost everyone is reading.
11679	7/10/2012	well used
11680	7/10/2012	It is a very active facility. I am always impressed with the activity there and the number of people in the library. It is a wonderful and needed asset to our community.
11681	7/10/2012	Always busy, the hold shelves are full and the computers and tables are continuously in use. The children's programs seem popular as well.
11682	7/10/2012	Busy all the time - walls and walls of transferred books...so while it's a small branch - with the ability to transfer books to Belmont - I have little need to visit other branches and walk at least 2 to 3 times a week to our library. I see all ages and demographics using a variety of resources....also adore the the Lucky Day and the books available for long-term "borrowing" (green tagged items) For me, it is predominately computer access from home.[] []
11683	7/10/2012	If I am going to pay more money to have a library, I want it to work the way it is supposed to. When I put a book on hold, I would like to have the book saved for me, not loaned to some other patron before I can get to the library. Or,when I put a book on hold that I need in a week and get notice 6 months later that MCL has finally gotten it to the library in my neighborhood.
11684	7/10/2012	It is used all the time. The computer stations are full and the place is always buzzing with people.

11685	7/10/2012	Is is well used. The computers are usually full. I use most of it, including the newspapers from small towns in Oregon; I like to read the crime reports in small towns, such as, "Complaint call about the post office leaving a package on the porch and the neighbor's dog peed on it;" that's better than the local news in Portland about shootings, rape, and mayhem. I often read current magazines, like The New Yorker, Antiques, Rifleman, Gormet. The library has enriched my life in endless ways. I could write a book about it. Maybe someday, with the hel of the library, I will.
11686	7/10/2012	Well used
11687	7/10/2012	It's very well used.
11688	7/10/2012	Moderate
11689	7/10/2012	Very well used
11690	7/10/2012	Very well used!
11691	7/10/2012	very busy
11692	7/10/2012	Very well used, almost always busy.
11693	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. There are always lots of people there of all ages.
11694	7/10/2012	very
11695	7/10/2012	Extremely well used - often very crowded.
11696	7/10/2012	very busy every time I am there.
11697	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
11698	7/10/2012	Very well
11699	7/10/2012	don't know but seems to be well-used.
11700	7/10/2012	Seems used a quite a bit.
11701	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question is asking.
11702	7/10/2012	Looks to me like very well used. On this last Sunday, it was full!
11703	7/10/2012	It's always quite busy.
11704	7/10/2012	Very well used!
11705	7/10/2012	Very. The Kenton Library has become a key part of downtown Kenton.
11706	7/10/2012	Always looks busy to me. It is very nice to see it filled
11707	7/10/2012	It's used very well.
11708	7/10/2012	It always has folks of all ages there reading magazines or books, using computers for searches. There are always kids reading or playing computer games.
11709	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11710	7/10/2012	Our library is very well used.
11711	7/10/2012	Very. I go there 2-3 times a month for books and DVDs. I value the availability of books I borrow from it.
11712	7/10/2012	very well used there is always people waiting when it is set to open to go in. and there is every day people taking advantage of the services offered in the library. the staff is helpful and informative, the resources are clean and clear and easy to use and get. it would be a huge blow to loose my library.

11713	7/10/2012	Very well used. Whenever I go, there are a lot of people of all ages getting books, using the computer and reading on site.
11714	7/10/2012	Each library branch always seems very busy. This morning there were about 10 folks standing outside of the North Portland branch waiting for it to open at 11 am!
11715	7/10/2012	I suspect highly used as there is rarely, if ever, a time when there are not patrons. Young families and teens are often there at specific times At Woodstock there seems to be more cultural-based events - but that may just be my random observation.
11716	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always bustling with activity.
11717	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in. People on computers, browsing stacks, picking up holds and going in and out constantly. It feels vibrant.
11718	7/10/2012	Our library (kenton) is always busy. There are a TON of families that attend the story times and use it for a place for their children to explore books in the kids area. There also seem to be quite a few others there using computers and checking out books. It is a part of our families weekly routine. We are there at least twice a week and 99% of the time are meeting friends there.
11719	7/10/2012	The library always seems busy.
11720	7/10/2012	It's a very busy place. Kid programs, computer users, much in the way of people traffic using all services.
11721	7/10/2012	It always seems busy and bustling when I visit! Always. I think it's the heart of the Kenton neighborhood.
11722	7/10/2012	Used a lot
11723	7/10/2012	There is not a time the parking lot is not full, including lot across the street
11724	7/10/2012	I am in the Multnomah County Library at least 3 or 4 times a week. I have traveled in my career to almost every major city in the United States and I consider this library to be the best in the country. I have lived in Mahattan as well as LA and I sincerely believe the Multnomah County to be the best. The staff is extremely helpful, the entire system with includes potential late due dates and notification of held material is flawless. The staff actually listens if you have interest in something that you can't find in their system. I also take the time to listen to vistors from other cities and other countries and without fail, they rave about this Portland landmark. I will continue to support the efforts to get this operation functioning as it should again.
11725	7/10/2012	it's always busy
11726	7/10/2012	I think it's pretty well used. I always see people in there
11727	7/10/2012	Very well used
11728	7/10/2012	very
11729	7/10/2012	Seems to be very busy every time we go in.
11730	7/10/2012	it is busy so I believe it is well used
11731	7/10/2012	Very well
11732	7/10/2012	just fine
11733	7/10/2012	always busy and almost always holds on items desired

11734	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Both Central and Belmont are always bustling!
11735	7/10/2012	pretty well used
11736	7/10/2012	very
11737	7/10/2012	Woodstock is used often. There are always people in there.
11738	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used.
11739	7/10/2012	It's a great place. I love it! Please, don't close.
11740	7/10/2012	It is packed every time I go in.
11741	7/10/2012	Very used
11742	7/10/2012	Very well
11743	7/10/2012	Seems to be used significantly.
11744	7/10/2012	Very well used- constantly 'a buzz'
11745	7/10/2012	All three are highly used.
11746	7/10/2012	Very much well used. I am thankful for the abundant information sources the library offers. Without it I would be lacking so much in my studies.
11747	7/10/2012	The central library is obviously well-used. The Kenton Library is less so, and honestly I seldom do more than return books there so I don't know for sure.
11748	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how I would know except to say that there are always many people there when I'm visiting. Based on that, I would say that it is heavily used.
11749	7/10/2012	I love the library and use it every few days.
11750	7/10/2012	Hugely busy. I was there this morning and the parking lot at Midland was full and inside there were many people of many different ethnicities.
11751	7/10/2012	I feel that it is well used. I guess when it is busy I have wished there were more tables but that is not a complaint. I love this library!
11752	7/10/2012	Fairly well used, especially during school years. Kids and teens in the afterschool times, especially. Adults need to access it during morning or evening hours. Since you have cut down hours and days of service, that makes it harder on older people and retirees. And you haven't dropped the tax rate for lesser service. Where is my money going?
11753	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is always very busy
11754	7/10/2012	Our library is very well used. There are always lots of users while I am there.
11755	7/10/2012	Pretty busy
11756	7/10/2012	Always busy
11757	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11758	7/10/2012	Very well used.
11759	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. The Belmont branch in particular always seems crowded.
11760	7/10/2012	Extremely.
11761	7/10/2012	There is always a good flow of people coming in and out of Central.
11762	7/10/2012	Very

11763	7/10/2012	very well-used
11764	7/10/2012	it's always pretty busy when i go
11765	7/10/2012	It's very busy and vibrant, every time that I go.
11766	7/10/2012	The Northwest library seems to be in constant use every hour that it's open
11767	7/10/2012	seems to be extremely busy each time I'm there
11768	7/10/2012	seems somewhat busy though never crowded
11769	7/10/2012	It's always busy!!!
11770	7/10/2012	very efficient and polite.
11771	7/10/2012	greatly used
11772	7/10/2012	I see many people in and out of the Albina Library throughout the week. We are over by the library on a daily basis.
11773	7/10/2012	Very well.
11774	7/10/2012	They are always busy no matter when we visit.
11775	7/10/2012	The library is always busy when I stop in.
11776	7/10/2012	There are always plenty of people to be seen at the library. Very positive environment-a community center based on gathering knowledge. Don't leave us!!
11777	7/10/2012	It seems well used
11778	7/10/2012	it appears to be well used when we are there. People are frequently checking out books, reading in the kids sections and on all the public access computers. The holds shelves are always full.
11779	7/10/2012	Central is heavily used by readers but also by street people so much so it has become as "social welfare agency." I do have concerns about the use of computers for gaming and pornography.
11780	7/10/2012	It always seems to be full with people using computers and browsing media resources. I think it is very well used.
11781	7/10/2012	Always seems fairly busy
11782	7/10/2012	It's always busy and hard to find a parking spot.
11783	7/10/2012	very well used
11784	7/10/2012	Its always full of people and the programs for kids are great!
11785	7/10/2012	Not much
11786	7/10/2012	Whenever I've been there it's been fairly busy.
11787	7/10/2012	I go to Midland twice a week and it always seems to be rather busy. I greatly appreciate being able to do ILL's and the normal checking out of books.
11788	7/10/2012	Even if I arrive at odd hours of the day, or right after the library opens in the morning, there are always other patrons around, and frequently a waiting period for computer access and other resources. It seems to me that the library is very well-used! And I enjoy the feeling of bustling community that I get when I am there!
11789	7/10/2012	Well!
11790	7/10/2012	Busy

11791	7/10/2012	It is invaluable to us. My daughter is a bookworm and we borrow up to 10 books a week from Albina for her.
11792	7/10/2012	Very
11793	7/10/2012	pretty well used. people are lined up at the door and depend on it.
11794	7/10/2012	It usually seems busy
11795	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used.
11796	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used
11797	7/10/2012	very
11798	7/10/2012	It's always full of people!!
11799	7/10/2012	very well used
11800	7/10/2012	Always busy
11801	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what you are asking?
11802	7/10/2012	Pretty well used.
11803	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
11804	7/10/2012	Extraordinarily.
11805	7/10/2012	It's always very busy
11806	7/10/2012	Always busy
11807	7/10/2012	I mostly use Belmont branch, which is always busy.
11808	7/10/2012	There always seem to be people making good use of the library.
11809	7/10/2012	Seems like it is very well used.
11810	7/10/2012	the branches I use are always actively being used
11811	7/10/2012	They are very busy, sometimes overly crowded. Both branches are rather small.
11812	7/10/2012	The library is heavily used. There are seniors, children, young people and family groups in the library whenever I go there. I think it is one of the most important factors in our neighborhood.
11813	7/10/2012	Heavily used. There are always at least 15-20 people in it when I visit.
11814	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean. The Hollywood library is always packed when I'm there.
11815	7/10/2012	by me or others? It is hard for me to get to the library during weekdays b/c of work. I am a 9-5er. I love belmont's later weeknight hours.
11816	7/10/2012	It's always busy, but most of the guests are homeless people who actually use the library as a lounging area and not for reading books.
11817	7/10/2012	very well used
11818	7/10/2012	By myself? (every week to pick up books & dvd's that I have booked on-line & had delevered to this location. Sometimes, I just drop off materials, & during the cooler months, I may only use the library 2 times per month or less) by other patrons?(I couldn't begin to know)
11819	7/10/2012	Library is a primary life source. I can enjoy materials without cost. That is a big budget saver. Thank You!

11820	7/10/2012	It seems busy, except its limited size makes it more of a check-out library than a regular neighborhood. We need a larger library with a separate children's section.
11821	7/10/2012	Every time I come to any of the libraries I frequent and go there right as the doors are opening, there is always a crowd of people waiting to get in to check out books or utilize the computers. I have never seen the libraries empty and I've gone to the library at all times of the day. Also, I always drop my ballot off at the library during election times. The staff at the library always seem engaged and willing to help community members. Most importantly, I see youth reading in the youth sections or getting on the computer to play educational games. People who do not have access to their own computers or printing services utilize the computers for job searching, resume writing and other employment resources. I've lived in many different cities and Multnomah County has by far, the best library system.
11822	7/10/2012	Always seems crowded with many people.
11823	7/10/2012	It is always busy
11824	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights is always incredibly busy.
11825	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is never empty.
11826	7/10/2012	Very well used every day by many ages and classes of people!
11827	7/10/2012	Very busy.
11828	7/10/2012	It is always full of people!
11829	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy whenever we visit
11830	7/10/2012	Well used. There are people there all the time
11831	7/10/2012	very well
11832	7/10/2012	Quite nicely I believe.
11833	7/10/2012	it is always busy
11834	7/10/2012	seems very busy
11835	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question.
11836	7/10/2012	From what I can tell the children's section and the free computers are the most used areas.
11837	7/10/2012	Very heavily used
11838	7/10/2012	Very well used. Lots of people at any time I've been there.
11839	7/10/2012	There are always many people there. Families with younger children read to each other in the children's room--many people use the internet--many people are browsing the shelves and talking with the reference librarians. It is heavily used.
11840	7/10/2012	Very
11841	7/10/2012	We use if moderately. We are thrilled with the summer program and are going today!
11842	7/10/2012	Very busy, always full of people.
11843	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights and Midland are always busy... Nicely staffed and kept clean. There are always great books available.
11844	7/10/2012	I am not sure. I reserve things online, then go to Belmont to pick them up. It normally looks busy. I think they do story telling with children often.

11845	7/10/2012	Very popular and well used - usually overcrowded, in fact.
11846	7/10/2012	Enjoy the convenience and accessibility through online library services.
11847	7/10/2012	It seems to very well used--when I do go, though not very often, there are always people using the computers, browsing the books, searching through the movies and music, or just sitting at one of the tables reading or working.
11848	7/10/2012	I don't go there often enough to comment.
11849	7/10/2012	Usually can't find a spot in the lot, and very busy.
11850	7/10/2012	Woodstock is my closest. It is is always nearly full with people of all ages-- even when it's closed, there are people trying the door. It is an incredible resource to this further out SE community and brings us all together for both common and diverse goals
11851	7/10/2012	How well used? Do you mean physically, as in its falling apart or seldom used, i.e. pristine? Do you often used, e.g. often crowded? Do you mean that people use it properly and effectively? [] For pete's sake. What a poorly worded question.
11852	7/10/2012	The Gresham Library is busy all of the time. !!!!
11853	7/10/2012	It's always very crowded.
11854	7/10/2012	Extremely well.
11855	7/10/2012	Very.
11856	7/10/2012	very well
11857	7/10/2012	Very well used. Great programming too like story times and lectures.
11858	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
11859	7/10/2012	VERY WELL. We love our library. It is always "hopping" with people.
11860	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy at Hollywood
11861	7/10/2012	very well used
11862	7/10/2012	Well used and efficiently run
11863	7/10/2012	Extremely!
11864	7/10/2012	The library is always full when I go in. I am actually often surprised by how busy they can be!
11865	7/10/2012	It's usually busy at all locations I go to.
11866	7/10/2012	It is heavily used and isn't a large enough building to house all the materials that are in demand.
11867	7/10/2012	always busy when I'm in there
11868	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of cars in the lot and many people inside. Definitely a well-used resource.
11869	7/10/2012	"How well used". What do you mean?
11870	7/10/2012	Seems to busy but not over crowded.
11871	7/10/2012	i me ican do thies foer mee
11872	7/10/2012	Don't know.
11873	7/10/2012	Always busy.
11874	7/10/2012	It seems busy every time I'm there.

11875	7/10/2012	If my local library was a pair of shoes, they'd have been resoled and worn out again by now.
11876	7/10/2012	It's wonderfully utilized. Great staff too. Gift store needs better merchandising and a sprucing up.
11877	7/10/2012	I work near the Central Library, so I have all my holds delivered there. It is constantly bustling. I occasionally visit Midland on weekends to use their wifi and it is always busy as well.
11878	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy most of the time.
11879	7/10/2012	Don't understand your question? do you mean how well do people use it or is the "well use" like worn out?
11880	7/10/2012	Very well, the library is a vital resource.
11881	7/10/2012	North Albina well-used (75%) and Hollywood more so (85%).
11882	7/10/2012	(Kenton) It always seems busy when I visit. Since there is only a small selection of circulating books I imagine that most users reserve books online and pick them up there. Taking out most books, increasing amount of other media and further promoting the option of placing a hold online might be beneficial.
11883	7/10/2012	Well
11884	7/10/2012	Extremely
11885	7/10/2012	Very popular and busy
11886	7/10/2012	ell used
11887	7/10/2012	Always busy!
11888	7/10/2012	There are always people there, quite busy/active
11889	7/10/2012	Extremely well.
11890	7/10/2012	It is always busy with patrons of all ages.
11891	7/10/2012	They all seem busy, but not so busy that I have to wait in line to check books out or use the computers.
11892	7/10/2012	I think very well used.
11893	7/10/2012	Always a busy spot with people waiting at the door for the library to open each day.
11894	7/10/2012	The Albina library is frequently full. I think a larger space someday would be ideal. I see that it is used continuously from the moment it opens till closing. It's a great hub of the neighborhood for me and I use it at least 3-4 days a week to pick up books, read magazines, and to browse the new title selections. Wonderful staff and such an important part of my life.
11895	7/10/2012	It's always busy with people of all ages. We're new to Portland and have found the library system to be one of the strengths of this city.
11896	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question. Are you asking if my library is worn out? Or if I use it? Whenever I go to the St Johns library to pick up or return books, there are many people there looking at books, reading and using the computers.[]
11897	7/10/2012	[] I would use the library far less if I had to drive farther to do so.

11898	7/10/2012	Central library appears especially busy every time I go. Hillsdale is also has a nice flow of patrons. I suspect that the libraries are well used because most of the items I search for are on hold or checked-out. The wait is usually not unreasonable though because there are so many copies.
11899	7/10/2012	When I head in to pick up my media there always seems to be a large gathering of people either on the computers, or picking up their books as well. I always see children checking out books and using the computers too. From my experience I would say our library is very well used.
11900	7/10/2012	well used
11901	7/10/2012	Well used
11902	7/10/2012	Very well used
11903	7/10/2012	Well Used
11904	7/10/2012	I can't say because I always use the main library.
11905	7/10/2012	Very Well
11906	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go in.
11907	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is the hub of the neighborhood.
11908	7/10/2012	Very well
11909	7/10/2012	very, lots of families at storytimes, always lots of people when we go.
11910	7/10/2012	Always seems busy there. I LOVE MY LIBRARY!!
11911	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy. I order all my books online and pick-up at the library.
11912	7/10/2012	I always see people in their and think it is used to capacity.
11913	7/10/2012	Looks busy most days--lots of kids in summer.
11914	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is always crowded. Nearly every seat is occupied every time I go there.
11915	7/10/2012	There always a large number of people in the building and many time is crowded to the point where it is difficult to get from section to the next.
11916	7/10/2012	It is ALWAYS busy at the Belmont branch! I've seen lines to both self-checkout AND the counter on Saturdays.
11917	7/10/2012	It seems very well used, there are always children and adults using the library.
11918	7/10/2012	I use it frequently to check out books and films. I prefer central to other libraries because it is more lively and fun to visit. I use Interlibrary Loan often also.
11919	7/10/2012	Our local branch, Midland, is very busy. Every time we go into the library it is always full of residents. There are always people waiting to use the computers and the sign up list is long. There are many residents with children in the kids section looking at books and discovering new ones.
11920	7/10/2012	Both, the Capitol Hill and Central branches are well used. Every time I visit, the branch is full with people using the resources
11921	7/10/2012	We are new to the community and still have a house in Tillamook County where we use the library so we haven't started using the st john's branch yet. So far I've mainly used the downloadable music. But the couple of times I've been at the St. John's branch it was very crowded.
11922	7/10/2012	The 16 computers are normally all taken. Generally see about 25 patrons every time I visit.

11923	7/10/2012	Whenever I visit the Belmont branch it is packed!
11924	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty crowded!
11925	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy.
11926	7/10/2012	Always busy.
11927	7/10/2012	Very...it's always busy
11928	7/10/2012	very well used.
11929	7/10/2012	Very
11930	7/10/2012	Extremely. It is always very busy when I visit--both the computer stations and the book areas. People of all ages and ethnicities are there.
11931	7/10/2012	very well used...GHeights...
11932	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is ALWAYS busy!
11933	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when I'm there.
11934	7/10/2012	It is always busy. The staff are helpful and they have good programs
11935	7/10/2012	Very well used! The library should propose a ballot measure that would provide the library with ample, steady funding. Portlanders will support it!
11936	7/10/2012	I always find a lot of people in the library, doing different things: computer access, kids reading, elderly people reading newspapers. I generally just pick up books that I put on hold on my computer, but I know the library is a wonderful community resource.
11937	7/10/2012	seems to be busy all the time
11938	7/10/2012	Usually well used for it's size.
11939	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people in the library
11940	7/10/2012	Very well used and always a great resource for books I want to read but don't want to own.
11941	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when we are there, with crowds of people waiting at the door for it to open. The story times that we've gone to (for babies and toddlers) are also very well attended.
11942	7/10/2012	This question is ambiguous and I don't understand what information you are looking for.
11943	7/10/2012	They always seem busy to me. Patrons are on the computers, looking at the shelves, and reading.
11944	7/10/2012	It always appears busy especially the computers.
11945	7/10/2012	it is usually just right, it thankfully is not too crowded, but it is never empty
11946	7/10/2012	it is always full of people
11947	7/10/2012	Extremely! Both are full of people every time I am in there. I am just starting to take my 2yr old to story time & was advised to come early or else they are full.
11948	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy when I stop by.
11949	7/10/2012	Both the Central and Belmont libraries seem very well used.
11950	7/10/2012	Very popular library!
11951	7/10/2012	this is not a good question. Since patrons are mostly only there for a few minutes I would think staff would have a better clue as to how much or little it's used.
11952	7/10/2012	I have a wait for all ebooks that I try to check out so the online portion is well used

11953	7/10/2012	Highest per capita of any branch in MLC. Only Central has a higher per capita. It is full of people every time I go.
11954	7/10/2012	Very, people fill the chairs and computers. Not just for reading/research but for meeting places, and for me The Sterling Writers' Room.
11955	7/10/2012	Every day there is a line to get into the facility thirty minutes before opening
11956	7/10/2012	Our local library is Hollywood. I rarely use it but I might do so, again rarely, now that I've retired. [I became disgusted with the Central Library years ago when I learned that the theft detection equipment had been turned off, allowing thousands of dollars of resources to leave through the front door.
11957	7/10/2012	It always seems to be crowded when I go there.,
11958	7/10/2012	Well used.
11959	7/10/2012	very
11960	7/10/2012	The Central Library is always well used.
11961	7/10/2012	Very much!
11962	7/10/2012	Very
11963	7/10/2012	Very well used -- always busy.
11964	7/10/2012	It looks very well used and busy all the time.
11965	7/10/2012	very well used. it is always full of people using computers. reading magazines. picking up holds.
11966	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's always busy when I visit.
11967	7/10/2012	It is always packed...very well used.
11968	7/10/2012	Seems to be always busy!
11969	7/10/2012	very well used.
11970	7/10/2012	Busy!
11971	7/10/2012	Very. Hard to find parking.Usually a line when it opens.
11972	7/10/2012	very
11973	7/10/2012	appears to be (very) well used
11974	7/10/2012	Always busy. Helpful staff. Never too packed that can't access materials. Always able to find a terminal to do a library search.
11975	7/10/2012	It's great.
11976	7/10/2012	Very busy.
11977	7/10/2012	Well used - there are always people there using the computers, checking out books, and participating in special programs like kids' reading groups, Spanish-English speaking practices, etc
11978	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when we are there!
11979	7/10/2012	Well used by those in and around the neighborhood.
11980	7/10/2012	Very well used. Every time that my wife and I go in, it is usually pretty busy. The parking lot's are never empty! I almost always find a book I want to read that the library offer's. Would be awesome if they had some kind of APP for iPhone, Android & Kindle/Nook's to rent out e-book's as well. maybe 99 cent's for a 2 week rental? Would bring in more income to the library :)

11981	7/10/2012	It always has quite a few people. Also, the composition is very diverse - young, old etc.
11982	7/10/2012	It is always busy with people no matter when I come in.
11983	7/10/2012	It's busy, but I do not think it should serve as a child day care center..
11984	7/10/2012	quite well used. usually pretty busy in all areas--adult stacks, children's room, computers, librarian's desk, checkout area.
11985	7/10/2012	The Midland Library Branch is very well used. I am always happy when I see a full parking lot. Libraries are the great equalizer in these days of unemployment, short financial resources and economic instability. They enable people to acquire educations that would otherwise not be available to them, as well as entertainment and self improvement. In my mind, libraries should be open 7 am to midnight every day to encourage and enable useage from all segments of society.
11986	7/10/2012	On a scale of 1-10, 10 being heavy. I would say that both branches I frequent twould be 7
11987	7/10/2012	Well. There are always people smiling and using the computers and looking at the stacks when I'm there.
11988	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. People from the neighborhood, students from Grant and Fernwood (new name, not Fernwood now).
11989	7/10/2012	very well used
11990	7/10/2012	Very.
11991	7/10/2012	very well used
11992	7/10/2012	well used, but often feels like a homeless shelter.
11993	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
11994	7/10/2012	Always crowded
11995	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.. have seen 25 people waiting to have it open !!!
11996	7/10/2012	Very. It's constantly busy.
11997	7/10/2012	There's always a good amount of people.
11998	7/10/2012	Very, I would say. Really all the branches I regularly visit are busy.
11999	7/10/2012	I always see the library packed with people looking for books and other media related things.
12000	7/10/2012	Very busy especially the computers.
12001	7/10/2012	Always seems to be a busy place.
12002	7/10/2012	We love the Sellwood Library and it always seems to be an active place for people of all ages.
12003	7/10/2012	The computer stations can get crowded on the weekends
12004	7/10/2012	It seems very well visited
12005	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is always full of folks.
12006	7/10/2012	It's usually quite busy. I've seen people lined up to get in when it opens.
12007	7/10/2012	I assume it's well used based on the amount of people I find at the library at any given time.
12008	7/10/2012	Always has peoPle inside during business hours.
12009	7/10/2012	seems to be always active-all ages-all stations busy
12010	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy - at least the Web computers are usually full.

12011	7/10/2012	Wonderful! I love it! There's always activity and energy and enthusiasm at my Hollywood library.[] Lots of oppourtunities.
12012	7/10/2012	Woodstock library is only a mike from my house. I can either drive or walk to it, depending on the weather.
12013	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
12014	7/10/2012	The computers are always busy when I visit the library, but few people are looking over books from the shelves.
12015	7/10/2012	Often used by elders and young people alike. Computers always in use with other people waiting their turn.
12016	7/10/2012	It is very well used, we are having to adjust to the new hours becasue we are used to being able to access the library on our way home from work and that is now limited, in addition to the Monday closure. We visit the library multiple times a week, but not daily.
12017	7/10/2012	I primarily go to the Belmont and Central Library locations. Both are consistently busy. The Belmont branch, while small, has a real neighborly feel to it. To be fair, the waits for computers can be a bit frustrating, but it never hurts to puruse books and impressive DVD collection. I use the Central library for personal and professional reasons. My job requires that I collect literature for co-workers. The Central library's flexible hours have been incredibly useful to acommodating work needs.
12018	7/10/2012	Very busy, but inadequate parking, especially for physically handicapped people like me, so I avoid going to the building anc go online instead, but the few times I have gone in it was quite busy inside
12019	7/10/2012	I use north Portland most, and it certainly seems to be well used. Computers always on use, staff answering questions, seats filled with people, huge hold shelf. I don't know about classes and activities - they happen out of sight.
12020	7/10/2012	My local library is always very busy any time of day! I consider it an integral part of our community that addresses the many needs of a wide based group of citizens.
12021	7/10/2012	Always busy and lots of people when I am there.
12022	7/10/2012	it is always busy
12023	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go in. It's hard to find parking!
12024	7/10/2012	It seems like it is heavily used.
12025	7/10/2012	Very, it always seems to be packed with people.
12026	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12027	7/10/2012	not sure, only been there twice in the last 4 years
12028	7/10/2012	Very well-used. I see a fairly large number of people there every time I go.
12029	7/10/2012	Whenever I go, there are lots of people there.
12030	7/10/2012	It is ALWAYS busy.
12031	7/10/2012	Always large numbers of people using services
12032	7/10/2012	Very well used for ordering & picking up items from other branches, since the Belmont location is a bit small. There seems to be a lot of families who use it often, especially for kids' activities.

12033	7/10/2012	it had been recently updated and is very nice
12034	7/10/2012	I haven't been using it as much lately, but a while ago when I used to go in to the Woodstock Library pretty frequently it always seemed pretty full of people. Seemed well-used.
12035	7/10/2012	All branches are very busy when I go. There are always kids and adults.
12036	7/10/2012	Very well used
12037	7/10/2012	very well-used. always busy.
12038	7/10/2012	It is always busy and active when I stop-in
12039	7/10/2012	I love the library! It is one of the few resources that is truly for the common good.
12040	7/10/2012	Both are very busy whenever I'm there...
12041	7/10/2012	I don't know.
12042	7/10/2012	Always busy.
12043	7/10/2012	It seems well used. There is usually people lined up outside of Central, and when I visit Hillsdale, plenty of activity.
12044	7/10/2012	Very busy everytime I visit. I request items online and pick them up when they are ready. Sometimes this means once a month, sometimes once a week.
12045	7/10/2012	It seems always to be busy, occupied.
12046	7/10/2012	crowded
12047	7/10/2012	Very much. School students, mothers, elderly, and everybody else seem to visit my library. It so disappointing that the budget cuts are taking place in the most useful place.
12048	7/10/2012	It always has people so, subjectively I say it is well used. If you mean specifically, what are people doing? Check with the library
12049	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
12050	7/10/2012	I dont understand this question.
12051	7/10/2012	Don't know, since I don't go often.
12052	7/10/2012	From the amount of folks in there it seems it's used a lot.
12053	7/10/2012	Very well used, there are always people there reading.
12054	7/10/2012	I would at very well used
12055	7/10/2012	Very well used....often crowded. Always a line waiting for the computers.
12056	7/10/2012	tremendously
12057	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always a good number of people in the Woodstock library whenever I visit.
12058	7/10/2012	Busy!
12059	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
12060	7/10/2012	always busy when in to pick up
12061	7/10/2012	I order books online and then pick them up at the library. I don't use the library for other purposes and do not know how well used it is.

12062	7/10/2012	My local library is the North Portland Library, and seems to have consistent traffic flow. During day hours, the computer terminals are almost always fully utilized..for entertainment, job search, and in my case college course work and catching up on emails.
12063	7/10/2012	Its always busy. Patrons of all ages with a wide variety of interests and needs.
12064	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's an essential center for the community!!!!
12065	7/10/2012	very well used, always busy ang full of children, love it!
12066	7/10/2012	It generally seems very busy.
12067	7/10/2012	Don't know.
12068	7/10/2012	Always looks fairly busy when I'm in there. Often all the computers are in use.
12069	7/10/2012	There's always a lot of activity in the Central Library; it is definitely well used. As to the one on Rockwood, I don't generally go there, but when I have gone by I've noticed that it's in fair use.
12070	7/10/2012	The library is always busy.
12071	7/10/2012	Very.
12072	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
12073	7/10/2012	Belmont is my local - they always seem busy + hold shelves are overflowing w/ requests.
12074	7/10/2012	From what I've seen, the library is heavily utilized.
12075	7/10/2012	Very
12076	7/10/2012	Extremely so
12077	7/10/2012	Very well used -- it is always full of people.
12078	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy all the time. I think the location is at the hub of Killingsworth/Jefferson HS/PCC - and is very well used and loved!
12079	7/10/2012	Seems to usually have a lot of people
12080	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12081	7/10/2012	Always fairly crowded!
12082	7/10/2012	Very.
12083	7/10/2012	It's pretty busy most times I'm there.
12084	7/10/2012	Very busy, parking can be an issue and now with the lessened hours even more so.
12085	7/10/2012	don't know
12086	7/10/2012	Very well used...excellent small library
12087	7/10/2012	Seems busy every time I go in there
12088	7/10/2012	Relatively well used. Lots of families and older adults seem to be there consistently. Computers are always full.
12089	7/10/2012	Heavily The computers are very well used - almost all taken at any given time.[]
12090	7/10/2012	[] There is a lot of foot traffic, however the "stacks" don't seem too populated at any given time.
12091	7/10/2012	Seems busy.

12092	7/10/2012	It appears very busy.
12093	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is always a line to check out books, etc.
12094	7/10/2012	You know that better than I.
12095	7/10/2012	BUSY
12096	7/10/2012	Seems packed most days. People wait in line in the mornings.
12097	7/10/2012	The library is very busy, I think it is well used.
12098	7/10/2012	It is nearly always busy, at times (after school), packed. Hold shelves are full, as are computer terminals.
12099	7/10/2012	It is always mostly filled when I go there.
12100	7/10/2012	Kenton Library - very well used. I don't have children, but this neighborhood is growing and I don't want to see children's programs reduced. The others are always busy; Gresham seems to have plenty of seniors.
12101	7/10/2012	It always seems to be quite busy with all ages.
12102	7/10/2012	I use it monthly at least. It's in good condition.
12103	7/10/2012	Usually very crowded.
12104	7/10/2012	Pretty well used. Books that I'm interested in are often checked out.
12105	7/10/2012	It appears to be full of users in the computer section, a busy place when special programs are occurring, and always people coming and going and using library materials when I visit.
12106	7/10/2012	It always seems busy and hard to find parking.
12107	7/10/2012	The St Johns Branch is always busy. Neighbors of all ages use it.¶ The service level is excellent
12108	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
12109	7/10/2012	It appears to be plenty, though rarely do I go on Sunday.
12110	7/10/2012	Do you mean busy? The Hollywood branch is always bustling. My own usage varies from 1-2 times/week to 2 times/month, depending on how much I'm reading or listening. I live near the Woodstock library and visit several times a month, some times multiple times a week. It's always pleasantly bustling with families using the kids area and lots of adults and teen taking advantage of the computers and other resources.
12111	7/10/2012	I visit Hillsdale less frequently as it's near my partner's work, but it seems to have a very similar feel to it as Woodstock. Lots of families, student, and adults, though Woodstock usually has more people using foreign language resources than Hillsdale.
12112	7/10/2012	It normally seems packed with people.
12113	7/10/2012	Very
12114	7/10/2012	always seems to be busy
12115	7/10/2012	well enough--not sure by which standard I should measure this
12116	7/10/2012	Always busy and vibrant
12117	7/10/2012	Extremely.
12118	7/10/2012	Very well used.

12119	7/10/2012	well used
12120	7/10/2012	It seems busy when I'm there.
12121	7/10/2012	From what I can tell--well used!
12122	7/10/2012	Very
12123	7/10/2012	appears extremely well used.
12124	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12125	7/10/2012	Extremely
12126	7/10/2012	Very
12127	7/10/2012	It is frequently used. It is always busy.
12128	7/10/2012	It always seems packed with people.
12129	7/10/2012	Very... There are lots of people there every time I go in.
12130	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy.
12131	7/10/2012	It appears to be bustling everytime I'm there!
12132	7/10/2012	Every time I drop in it seems to be densely populated.
12133	7/10/2012	Very well used
12134	7/10/2012	Very!
12135	7/10/2012	I always see a lot of people on computers, in the stacks, and throughout the library when I'm there.
12136	7/10/2012	incredibly well used
12137	7/10/2012	very
12138	7/10/2012	I don't really know I mostly use my card for ebook lending the past few years
12139	7/10/2012	Very well used. There always seem to be many people in the space and sitting at the tables.
12140	7/10/2012	Capitol Hill is always busy, especially with youth. This is great!
12141	7/10/2012	Very well used
12142	7/10/2012	Very!! Hard to even find parking at Midland.
12143	7/10/2012	Very well used
12144	7/10/2012	No sure how to answer this? Used a lot by the community and in good condition.
12145	7/10/2012	They always seem busy. Computers always virtually fully used, and there are always children in their section. I also see a lot of adults at all times of the days that I stop by.
12146	7/10/2012	I was a constant library supporter. I stopped due to the unruly, not supervised children, so I have not used the library in the past year.
12147	7/10/2012	Thinking of the Hollywood Library as the one visited most often, it is very well used. There are always many diverse people there using all the library offers. The library is one of Portland's best assets!
12148	7/10/2012	We check out and return items 3-5x/week. I am a student and really like and need the interlibrary loan service
12149	7/10/2012	Hollywood library is always full.
12150	7/10/2012	Very well used
12151	7/10/2012	Extremely

12152	7/10/2012	Always very busy!
12153	7/10/2012	Very busy
12154	7/10/2012	Very used. Lots of people of all ages.
12155	7/10/2012	Very well used!
12156	7/10/2012	very
12157	7/10/2012	Very busy.
12158	7/10/2012	It always seems really busy to me.
12159	7/10/2012	Highly used. There is always activity at that branch.
12160	7/10/2012	It is used very well.
12161	7/10/2012	allways full of people
12162	7/10/2012	it's well attended when I visit
12163	7/10/2012	Busy whenever I'm there.
12164	7/10/2012	always busy
12165	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
12166	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library is a beehive of activity when I am there. Young, old, male, female, black, white--it's a diverse crowd that seem to use and appreciate it.
12167	7/10/2012	There's always lots of people milling around when I go, no matter the time of day.
12168	7/10/2012	There are always people in it and always a line waiting for it to open.
12169	7/10/2012	I know at least 16 families who rely on the library for storytime weekly. It is a wonderful place to go with our children, especially when the weather is not great. At 10:50am this morning, Tuesday the 10th of July, there were at least thirty people waiting to enter the library when it opened at 11am. This is typical. ☐
12170	7/10/2012	☐ I am proud that our library system is one of the most used in the country (per capita) and am outraged that the funding is not prioritized to have them open twelve hours a day, seven days a week.
12171	7/10/2012	hey well used
12172	7/10/2012	It always seems active and I see lots of children there. When I'm in there, it seems like there are always at least some folks at the computers.
12173	7/10/2012	It is ALWAYS very busy whenever I go, especially on weekends. If I arrive just before opening time, there is a crowd waiting to get in. I cannot imagine our neighborhood without our local library branches. We live between Albina & Hollywood, but probably use Albina the most. Both are busy hubs filled with multigenerational patrons----no matter what time of day/day of the week.
12174	7/10/2012	Where would moms/dads & toddlers go? Where would kids hang after school? Where would seniors on fixed incomes go for information and entertainment? What would job seekers do without library resources? We would all be lost without our library!
12175	7/10/2012	I don't know, because I use the library's website to place holds on books, and only visit the library to check out/return books.

12176	7/10/2012	Extremely
12177	7/10/2012	Very well used from my experience
12178	7/10/2012	It always appears to be very busy and it is a great community resource!
12179	7/10/2012	Very
12180	7/10/2012	Very busy and well used.
12181	7/10/2012	The North Portland library is very well used. There is always a wait to get on the computers.
12182	7/10/2012	Extremely well used!
12183	7/10/2012	Always busy!!!!
12184	7/10/2012	It's always busy -
12185	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy to me.
12186	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is almost always busy, lots of young children and teens too.
12187	7/10/2012	Exceedingly well, to put it mildly!
12188	7/10/2012	Extremely well used and..for good reason!
12189	7/10/2012	Very. Love to see all the kids using the library.
12190	7/10/2012	It is always a busy hive of activities.....great location, good service, I love our library.
12191	7/10/2012	We usually go every 3 wks when the library books are due & pick out new ones. Our library seems to be very well used library. It seems to always have people using it.
12192	7/10/2012	Well used. The computers are usually busy and there are always people browsing.
12193	7/10/2012	Very well used. Computers are always full, as well as seating areas and people in the stacks. It is a very busy place.
12194	7/10/2012	Important asset. I see a lot of people use our libraries. While I don't visit quite as often these days - there have been stretches where I relied on the library a lot (weekly visits). I expect for this to happen again in the future. I need you guys to be there.
12195	7/10/2012	It's used well, and it's abused. Too many people bring what amounts to suitcases and back packs that take up a lot of space and seem to smell. People should be forbidden to bring such large items into the library. The library is a place to read and research, not a place to get in from the outdoors. If we need more day shelters fund day shelters, not libraries.
12196	7/10/2012	The Northwest branch seems to be busy and full of activity as does the central downtown branch. I am always impressed by this.
12197	7/10/2012	By many people of all walks of life
12198	7/10/2012	People are waiting before the doors open, and shoed out when they are closing at the end of the day. I live on the same block as the library, and all day long I watch families going to the library. It is one of the best resources in our community and I'm delighted to see how many lives it touches every day (not counting the online users I don't see who are relying on it, too).
12199	7/10/2012	Every time I go the library seems well-attended and, I would venture to say, used.
12200	7/10/2012	Very
12201	7/10/2012	Both Hollywood and especially Central are always busy.

12202	7/10/2012	It's always very lively when I'm there.
12203	7/10/2012	My son and I check out books several times a month
12204	7/10/2012	very well used, always full
12205	7/10/2012	It is enormously busy at all times of the day
12206	7/10/2012	They are always busy.
12207	7/10/2012	Seemed wonderfully busy each time I have been there
12208	7/10/2012	It's always packed with people.
12209	7/10/2012	From all appearance, the Northwest Library is very well used.
12210	7/10/2012	Extremely well used - always very busy.
12211	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always very busy.
12212	7/10/2012	Seems to be very busy everytime I am there.
12213	7/10/2012	Seems very well used by all ages, all hours, all days.
12214	7/10/2012	Very!
12215	7/10/2012	very
12216	7/10/2012	It's not a crush of humanity - but the computers are generally full and the stacks of books are being browsed
12217	7/10/2012	Always busy - lots of people, but not too crowded.
12218	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
12219	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used; it is always busy.
12220	7/10/2012	Very well used! All computers are typically in use, the "hold" shelves are very full and patrons are actively browsing.
12221	7/10/2012	Very
12222	7/10/2012	There are always quite a few people in there when I go to pick up holds and check out resources
12223	7/10/2012	Belmont is always busy. It is small but great for the Hawthorne District, Mt. Tabor neighborhood, Sunnyside neighborhood, etc. Hillsdale and Hollywood are also busy on a regular basis.
12224	7/10/2012	I don't use my local library. I got out of my way to visit the Central library since that's the only one that seems to stock the books I need, which is to say that it carries more than just popular fiction.
12225	7/10/2012	It is well used. Generally there are more than 15-20 people in the library when I am there
12226	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by this. The libraries are crowded, and the turnover is quick.
12227	7/10/2012	Very, always busy, can't find a place to park, but that's a good thing.
12228	7/10/2012	Parking lot seems fairly full most of the time.
12229	7/10/2012	Seems like it's always jam packed, mostly kids and people using the computers.
12230	7/10/2012	I am not sure if I understand the question. From my perspective my local library (Belmont) is used well. I see people there all the time using the facilities, the staff is friendly and helpful and the library as a whole meets my needs with excellence.

12231	7/10/2012	Troutdale is busy in the summer, very sparse usage during school hours when school is in session. In winter mostly older guys using free wifi. Not as family friendly (places to sit-isolated childrens area, etc) as Gresham library. Gresham: Good place to browse for books. Like the kids/childrens section for the family. Families seem to be more relaxed in this area then other areas of the library. Public area for the computers (at main desk) has quite a bit of individuals looking at very questionable material in front of minors.
12232	7/10/2012	very well used
12233	7/10/2012	Very, there are always people in the library
12234	7/10/2012	Very!
12235	7/10/2012	Extremely busy
12236	7/10/2012	I think very well used! Always busy!
12237	7/10/2012	Incredibly well. The Belmont branch is always busy.
12238	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12239	7/10/2012	Always busy.
12240	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how everyone else uses it.
12241	7/10/2012	It seems fairly popular
12242	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
12243	7/10/2012	Very
12244	7/10/2012	well used
12245	7/10/2012	there are always people there, it's a wonderful little library
12246	7/10/2012	Very
12247	7/10/2012	I'm not quite sure what this question means. Used, as in beat up?
12248	7/10/2012	very
12249	7/10/2012	It seems well used -- it's always busy when I go in.
12250	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever I go
12251	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well-used. Always a bustling place.
12252	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. Usually "busy," but not crowded.
12253	7/10/2012	Lots of families at both branches. The Hollywood branch adds lots of seniors to the list. Both Kenton and Hollywood are well-used.
12254	7/10/2012	Very popular with classes full, and lots of books checked out.
12255	7/10/2012	The central library is always bustling, and the Capitol Hill branch seems pretty well used, even in the summer.
12256	7/10/2012	The library is always busy, with all computers in use, and there are many small children as well.
12257	7/10/2012	always steadily busy, people wait outside every morning for it to open, and i saw at least five people attempt to go in on the first monday it was closed during the one minute i was returning items to the drop box.

12258	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used. Parking is often a problem and it always seems bustling inside.
12259	7/10/2012	Very well used. Especially in this economy where there aren't too many places to take your children where they will have a good time and it costs nothing. It's also centrally located by trimet.
12260	7/10/2012	The library is mostly busy.
12261	7/10/2012	Our library always seems to have a lot of people in it, especially when there are children's activities going on. Sometimes there is a line outside waiting for it to open.
12262	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what that question means; all Multnomah County library locations I've visited were good. They are run well and I've frequented whichever was closest to where I lived for years. I used to go to the library almost daily but don't live as close to one now so it's more of a weekly thing for me.
12263	7/10/2012	I'm in usually a few times a week. There is no way I could support my book habit without the Multnomah Library system - especially since my husband was laid-off from work.
12264	7/10/2012	The Kenton library is the hub of the Kenton community, always filled with families, people using the computers there or browsing the stacks. It has made Kenton a frequented destination and made us take notice of the local businesses there that we had previously just driven past.
12265	7/10/2012	I find our library always populated with folks and some kids. Most all the computers are at work. There are lines for folks waiting to check out material leaving the library; but they move a lot of folks along in a timely manner.
12266	7/10/2012	Very well used. While I can usually find a computer to use to look things up in the online catalog, I often wait for a terminal to become available for internet use. There is always at least one person ahead of me in the self-checkout line (but the branch has several stations so I never have to wait long); the holds shelf remains pretty steady state (ie my materials are almost always in about the same place - which suggests to me a pretty steady state of demand)
12267	7/10/2012	It's frequently busy.
12268	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
12269	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12270	7/10/2012	Seems pretty well frequented, always full and bustling.
12271	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
12272	7/10/2012	always seems to be busy. I can't ever park my bike or my car close.
12273	7/10/2012	Very well used; it's always full of people.
12274	7/10/2012	Very. Always busy when I go.
12275	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is ALWAYS bustling with activity --- it makes me proud of our community that our library branch is so highly utilized and appreciated.
12276	7/10/2012	Very well.
12277	7/10/2012	I cannot quote numbers but it is always busy.
12278	7/10/2012	very well used and staffed
12279	7/10/2012	Fairly
12280	7/10/2012	seems very well used. there are always people there and the computers are frequently full.

12281	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used.
12282	7/10/2012	very well used.
12283	7/10/2012	seems to always have 15-30 people there when I go in
12284	7/10/2012	Always busy
12285	7/10/2012	It always seems pretty busy in there when I go in. Especially during the summer, I assume they must have some sort of kids programs as there always seems to be tons of little kids in there during the summer.
12286	7/10/2012	very well
12287	7/10/2012	Very well used by a large cross-section of local residents
12288	7/10/2012	It is always busy with a variety of ages, of all types of diversity.
12289	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty busy most times I go there
12290	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch is a well-trafficked branch. There is always a healthy amount of people there. Lots of seats are taken at the study tables and at the computer terminals. I always see groups in the meeting room as well.
12291	7/10/2012	very used and it's very comfortable. I love the public library across from PCC and the main downtown library the best!
12292	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always lots of patrons there.
12293	7/10/2012	Extremely
12294	7/10/2012	Always busy - all ages. People using computers everyday as wells.
12295	7/10/2012	Incredibly well used. I volunteer there once per week (twice a week during the summer when I add in the summer reading volunteering) so I see how many people use the library. The computers are always full and there are always people about reading things and looking up things. It's a crime that the library is closed on Mondays and I would like us to have the vote for the Library District sooner rather than later.
12296	7/10/2012	Whenever I visit, which runs about twice a month, the library's busy without exception.
12297	7/10/2012	Its Ok. Doesent need much.
12298	7/10/2012	Rockwood is always packed with people. Hollywood is, too, but it doesn't seem as congested.
12299	7/10/2012	Our Belmont library is always busy. The children's room has happy children, the computer table is almost always full, the librarians are always pleasant and helpful, people are roaming around looking at the new book shelf, the mystery section, the large print section and so much more. If anyone in charge is thinking of closing our library you wil not be popular. Our library is within walking distance for many Sunnyside residents who want the exercise of walking or do not drive.
12300	7/10/2012	it is a very busy place!
12301	7/10/2012	It's always being well used!
12302	7/10/2012	Always seems like lots of people inside.
12303	7/10/2012	Very well
12304	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I visit.

12305	7/10/2012	Busy all the time!
12306	7/10/2012	Always very busy. I am at the library at least once a week, if not more often.
12307	7/10/2012	Very well used - I often see many patrons when I go there.
12308	7/10/2012	Very heavily used
12309	7/10/2012	It's always busy
12310	7/10/2012	Belmont Branch seems very busy most of the time.
12311	7/10/2012	Very busy. This is an important asset for our Sellwood neighborhood
12312	7/10/2012	Very well
12313	7/10/2012	very much so
12314	7/10/2012	It seems to be very popular
12315	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always a ton of people at the Belmont Library. It seems to be incredibly popular.
12316	7/10/2012	Belmont Location. Very used! You can tell by the smell. (;
12317	7/10/2012	Very well used--desks and chairs full every time I go in.
12318	7/10/2012	It's probably the busiest in NE.
12319	7/10/2012	It seems to be very busy in all sections of the library.
12320	7/10/2012	I feel like my local library is always packed with people and wait times for computers and other resources can be lengthy...services are definitely being used.
12321	7/10/2012	Very well used. I see a lot of people there when I go.
12322	7/10/2012	VERY!!!
12323	7/10/2012	Always looks busy. I know my unemployed acquaintances would be lost without their access to the library. Our grandchildren use the library a lot
12324	7/10/2012	Very good condition, most books and other media are like new or gently used.
12325	7/10/2012	There are almost always patrons at the branches I visit, there are a variety of programs and the facility is well used
12326	7/10/2012	It 's closed to where I live so every week on my way to the mass i like to stop by to check out DVDs and community news.
12327	7/10/2012	It always seems well used. Always many people there; the computers being used, outlets for computers are filled.
12328	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when I go. And there is usually line of people waiting at the doors when it's time to open!
12329	7/10/2012	Both are quite busy when I go
12330	7/10/2012	What do you mean? If you mean how well used, literally, then it is pretty well used. It's a bit run down and could use a facelift. If you mean "Is it used by many people?" or "How busy is it?" then it's pretty darn busy. It would help to be clear in your language.
12331	7/10/2012	If you mean is it busy, I'd say certainly yes.

12332	7/10/2012	Very!!! It is such a pleasure seeing so many nationalities making use of the services offered - and the number of children, absolutely delightful. The staff is very helpful, knowledgeable and will go out of their way to get answers for you. I moved here from MA just last year, regretting leaving my library "back home" but this one is wonderful.
12333	7/10/2012	very well/ Always people there
12334	7/10/2012	Very well used
12335	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12336	7/10/2012	Very well trafficked
12337	7/10/2012	Always busy when I go.
12338	7/10/2012	Seems busy to me! Lots of immigrants.
12339	7/10/2012	not good
12340	7/10/2012	Very!
12341	7/10/2012	Busy on most occasions that we visit.
12342	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
12343	7/10/2012	I use the one closes to my work, currently-Central Library. It's convenient to pick things up on my lunch break.
12344	7/10/2012	It appears to be well used by the community.
12345	7/10/2012	Very busy
12346	7/10/2012	It seems very well used, especially the North Portland branch on Killingsworth
12347	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
12348	7/10/2012	Very well used!
12349	7/10/2012	Very- I think!
12350	7/10/2012	Not very -- I work downtown so I go to the Central library more often.
12351	7/10/2012	Always busy
12352	7/10/2012	There are always a ton of people in there.
12353	7/10/2012	It always seems quite busy when I am there.
12354	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used. Always plenty of people there.
12355	7/10/2012	It is a rare visit when it is not busy.
12356	7/10/2012	Very well, I try to keep my fines low and return everything in perfect condition.
12357	7/10/2012	Very good
12358	7/10/2012	Both Central and Hillsdale are hubs of activity whenever I am there.
12359	7/10/2012	Both of the libraries are used a lot. The Central branch is always busy.
12360	7/10/2012	It's always very busy.
12361	7/10/2012	there is always a lot of people in the library, using the computers and checking out books and reading.
12362	7/10/2012	Quite well used many people there regularly

12363	7/10/2012	Very well, it serves the downtown community in an exemplary manner.
12364	7/10/2012	Heavily used as a resource and a day use shelter.
12365	7/10/2012	It always seems well-attended -- not sure how I'd be able to gauge this as a patron.
12366	7/10/2012	Moderately. There are always other patrons but I never have to wait for service when I need it.
12367	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always very busy with a lot of patrons in and out and many staying to use the computers and reading or studying.
12368	7/10/2012	Very well, there is always a steady stream of people coming in and out
12369	7/10/2012	Not real sure. The 3 times I've beenint here in the last 6 months, people were there. Iwas glad to see children at their table all on computers. A library is a great place for youngsters to "hang out". I enjoy strolling thru once in a while, but I order online.
12370	7/10/2012	Central library is always busy. Not usually crowded. I don't personally visit other branches.
12371	7/10/2012	There are always several people on the Internet, parents helping their young kids select books, school-age kids using computer games or doing homework, and people picking up holds at the Sellwood branch. I feel that it is extremely well-used by our community.
12372	7/10/2012	Very well used. I order books online and also check out Lucky Day books. I feel privileged to have use of such a great library system.
12373	7/10/2012	All the branches we go to seem well-used. The staff are friendly, helpful and efficient. All our branches seem very busy whenever we're there -- and we often wish the branches stayed open later. We were very disappointed to find our Hillsdale branch closed on Monday.
12374	7/10/2012	Very well used; parking lot often full at Capitol Hill, and usually at least a couple dozen people inside
12375	7/10/2012	Always busy! LOVE IT
12376	7/10/2012	Well used to be sure.
12377	7/10/2012	Very
12378	7/10/2012	It seems very well used.
12379	7/10/2012	Pretty well-used. It always seems busy when I'm there.
12380	7/10/2012	very busy and active library
12381	7/10/2012	Not sure. Seems busy whenever I'm there.
12382	7/10/2012	it's always full
12383	7/10/2012	It's an active, well used library.
12384	7/10/2012	Extremely
12385	7/10/2012	Pretty well... Need more pc-net time for when my Laptops down
12386	7/10/2012	Well used.
12387	7/10/2012	It is a busy place
12388	7/10/2012	Very well used
12389	7/10/2012	Very well.
12390	7/10/2012	fairly
12391	7/10/2012	Not well

12392	7/10/2012	It's always busy (Belmont) when we go, which is often in the last hour of opening hours.
12393	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's beautiful space with lots of families and diversity in race, class, and gender.
12394	7/10/2012	Not sure, seems to be well used.
12395	7/10/2012	it feels like there are always people in there and its fairly busy, but in very good condition
12396	7/10/2012	Seems very popular!
12397	7/10/2012	It's usually quite busy.
12398	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12399	7/10/2012	There are always a ton of people at the library when I visit.
12400	7/10/2012	Midland Library is very busy. When I am taking classes I go to the library for research. It is friendly, clean and quiet.
12401	7/10/2012	I feel that the library system of Portland, OR is a key to how this city runs and the oppurtunities that it brings to people of all ages.
12402	7/10/2012	I and my step mom use it frequently
12403	7/10/2012	I think it is well used and a valuable resource.
12404	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is always a line when it opens and always appears to have a good number of people in the various departments within the library.
12405	7/10/2012	Well used. Although I don't visit the library as much as I used to, I believe the library is necessary for the community, both as a community resource and a place to learn. It's a vital institution.
12406	7/10/2012	Very Well. The Kenton Library has been amazing!!!! Always busy, very efficient, inspiring architecture. My family uses the hold system at our limit, always patient for when items come up, delivery to our local has greatly increased our use. We always have library items at home and rotate constantly. My 4 & 6 year old feel safe and comfortable navigating the children's section independently and respectfully.
12407	7/10/2012	It is always busy and people are lined up at the door to get in when it opens - seems loved to me. :-)
12408	7/10/2012	vert
12409	7/10/2012	It's always crowded.
12410	7/10/2012	The three libraries I visit are always busy
12411	7/10/2012	There are always people there when I go, and often waiting outside for the library to open.
12412	7/10/2012	Very. It is always busy.
12413	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy all the times we've been there.
12414	7/10/2012	Well used.
12415	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy.
12416	7/10/2012	Always busy
12417	7/10/2012	I use it extensively and there are always lots of people there when I visit. I like this branch very much.
12418	7/10/2012	Very well used
12419	7/10/2012	well used!
12420	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
12421	7/10/2012	very well used

12422	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. I walk by the library most days of the week and it seems busy almost all the time.
12423	7/10/2012	Generally quite full. I have seen many in line at opening in the morning.
12424	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12425	7/10/2012	Very well used and always full of people.
12426	7/10/2012	Pretty busy from what i can tell.
12427	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there.
12428	7/10/2012	Very well used
12429	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is a popular spot.
12430	7/10/2012	Excellent
12431	7/10/2012	Appears to be well attended.
12432	7/10/2012	Very well used. The parking lot is always full and there are always lots of people inside when I go.
12433	7/10/2012	It is always full when I am there. I actually put many of the books I want on hold and pick them up there. But I also take my grandson there. Probably I use it more than once a month, but not weekl y.
12434	7/10/2012	There is oftentimes a line of people waiting to get in the library when it is about to open.
12435	7/10/2012	Exceedingly. It's always full when I go in, no matter what time it is. I'm able to use it as much as I am because of the two days where it's open late (8 pm).
12436	7/10/2012	Always full of people
12437	7/10/2012	We visit the branch at various hours and it always seems well used, yet we have no problems checking out books.
12438	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always patrons throughout the library whenever I visit. It is a very valuable community resource.
12439	7/10/2012	Seems very busy each time I am there (*about twice a month).
12440	7/10/2012	It seems very busy! I've lived in lots of different places around the U.S., and Multnomah County has one of the best library systems I've seen. It's wonderful and worth funding.
12441	7/10/2012	As far as I understand, our branch has the highest circulation per capita in the country... so, very well used and loved.
12442	7/10/2012	It's alway full of people.
12443	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always lots of people making use of it when I am there.
12444	7/10/2012	It's always full of people, particularly kids and computer users of all ages.
12445	7/10/2012	My family and I visit both the Central Library and our neighborhood Hollywood Library at least once a week, if not twice. Both branches are busy, but never too crowded where we can't enjoy the space. We can usually find what we need and the staff & volunteers are friendly and helpful. It is like a second home for us!

12446	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used. It is well located in the hub of Hillsdale and there is always traffic, foot and vehicle, in and around the library. Parking is always a challenge which is a pleasant inconvenience. Fortunately, here in Hillsdale, walking to destinations is more a way of life than in some neighborhoods. I personally appreciate the support the Library staff provides for events outside the normal library functions such as meetings.
12447	7/10/2012	This appears to be a busy library. When my husband and I were unemployed we used the library daily to look for jobs and we found one by using your computers. We discovered how easy it was to check out books and we read fast and were no longer able to buy books we thought the library was an underutilized resource and began using it on a regular basis. We look forward to going to the library and discovering what is available.
12448	7/10/2012	My local library is Hollywood so it is beautiful and very well used by the neighborhood. I feel very fortunate to have access to it and the whole library system. It seems like it has more programs and is better organized than many systems from other parts of the state or country.
12449	7/10/2012	very well used
12450	7/10/2012	Extremely.
12451	7/10/2012	Well, as far as I can see
12452	7/10/2012	It always seems quite busy when I go. It's surprising sometimes because the parking lot is not usually full. It's nice to see most people are probably walking or taking transit to the neighborhood library.
12453	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when I'm there.
12454	7/10/2012	It's always busy at the Belmont branch!
12455	7/10/2012	VERY busy
12456	7/10/2012	Fairly busy.
12457	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used.
12458	7/10/2012	Always busy and large turnout for story times.
12459	7/10/2012	There always seems to be people there, using the computers and parents with kids.
12460	7/10/2012	Well used
12461	7/10/2012	well
12462	7/10/2012	It is always packed. When the Hollywood movie store left, I kept thinking the Library should take over that space to give them more room.
12463	7/10/2012	seems always busy to me
12464	7/10/2012	The parking lot at Capitol Hill is always full of cars when I visit.
12465	7/10/2012	very well used
12466	7/10/2012	I believe it is very well used
12467	7/10/2012	I think it's really well used. It's difficult to find parking; I've begun riding my bike instead.
12468	7/10/2012	I hardly ever use it. I don't want to pay the local option levy tax - there are already too many other needs.

12469	7/10/2012	Very well used as is Central, the other branch I use.
12470	7/10/2012	It is a very busy library.
12471	7/10/2012	Very well used by the community. If they had more programs for small children, we would use it more.
12472	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy when I'm there.
12473	7/10/2012	A lot! Always full of people, using computers, checking in and out, browsing.
12474	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. There are always lines in the morning before it opens and parking is often difficult to find.
12475	7/10/2012	It is usually pretty busy when we stop by. A wait for the machines is not rare (although that's more because people don't know how to use them still)
12476	7/10/2012	Always crowded
12477	7/10/2012	Very and much loved.
12478	7/10/2012	It is always busy and people seem to be using a range of programs.
12479	7/10/2012	very
12480	7/10/2012	I feel quite heavily used. Every time I have visited it is always busy with patrons making use of the library resources for various reasons.
12481	7/10/2012	Hillsdale and St. Johns are always full of people when I visit.
12482	7/10/2012	I do not understand this question.
12483	7/10/2012	Very well used, there is always a line to access a computer. Whenever I've gone in it's a lot of kids which I think is great!
12484	7/10/2012	Belmont library always seems very busy!
12485	7/10/2012	very good
12486	7/10/2012	Very popular and well attended at Albina and Hollywood branches.
12487	7/10/2012	Very well used. Everyday there's a crowd of people waiting at the door before the library opens.
12488	7/10/2012	(Rockwood) I would say very well used. Inside the library is always busy during open hours -- lots of families with kids, people using the computer stations, people browsing, etc. The parking lot is typically 3/4 full or more during the afternoon and early evening.
12489	7/10/2012	Usually Midland is a very busy library. I have been to Rockwood and Gregory Heights too. Gregory Heights seems to be the least used of the 3 I frequent. There are always several people there when I get to the library; some getting reading books, others searching reference materials for reports, and others on the computers.
12490	7/10/2012	Having computer access available is essential in today's world.

12491	7/10/2012	While our use of the public library is off and on, when we need it, we really need it. The library is always busy, much more so than when I was a kid. Although I have to wait to use the computer (having that privilege has been a god-send when family has been sick or when my home computer was broken and I couldn't afford to fix it. Also when job hunting. Because the economy is hurting and taxes in Mult. Co. are high now I would rather see continuation of the present hours than asking home owners to cough up more money. People want to support libraries but they can only take so much burden. If there was a way to only tax homes over \$300,000. I'd be for that.
12492	7/10/2012	Its very well used. Its right in the middle of the neighborhood, so its easy for people to walk to. It's probably one of the busier libraries in my experience and know its well needed for our community.
12493	7/10/2012	It looks very well used. There are always quite a few people there when I go.
12494	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12495	7/10/2012	It appears very well used- it's busy all the time.
12496	7/10/2012	appears very used, always lots of people, except Sunday afternoon
12497	7/10/2012	Very! I use Woodstock library to access Chinese language resources for my kids who are in the Mandarin immersion program. This is very important to our family.
12498	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12499	7/10/2012	Very busy
12500	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Very busy, crowded in the check-out area. Great to see!
12501	7/10/2012	Very well used! There are always people inside.
12502	7/10/2012	well!
12503	7/10/2012	I think it is used pretty well, because they have all kinds of events for all ages to participate in.
12504	7/10/2012	very well
12505	7/10/2012	well used
12506	7/10/2012	usually a packed house!
12507	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12508	7/10/2012	Very well used
12509	7/10/2012	Central library is always very busy.
12510	7/10/2012	Very well used...Always alot of folks in all areas of the library. Appears to include job seekers, children and internet users.
12511	7/10/2012	very.
12512	7/10/2012	Pretty well used. It is always busy when I am there.
12513	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy.
12514	7/10/2012	Well used
12515	7/10/2012	Very well! It is always full of people when we visit.
12516	7/10/2012	Very
12517	7/10/2012	always busy.....
12518	7/10/2012	good

12519	7/10/2012	Very well.
12520	7/10/2012	Very well used -- I'm always amazed.
12521	7/10/2012	Extremely well, I think!
12522	7/10/2012	My local library seems to be very well used by patrons of all ages.
12523	7/10/2012	I stop by and pick up books, I have put on hold, but my sister goes to the young children's programs.
12524	7/10/2012	there are always people in there checking out books and using the computers. however there are always open check-out stations and the staff are available.
12525	7/10/2012	I love it and there is always people there when we go. We also go a lot to the storytime for toddlers and kids.
12526	7/10/2012	Midland Library is always busy. It is central to the mid county area and is used extensively by the students from David Douglas school district.
12527	7/10/2012	Very well. Serves neighborhood with programs, reference, resources and check-out materials.
12528	7/10/2012	Very well used. Everytime I go in to pick up books it is always full.
12529	7/10/2012	Not enough to justify the budgets. I suggest closing down the least used libraries and focus on having fewer, better libraries With so much funding going to public transportation, folks need to use that to get to a library that might be a few miles further away.
12530	7/10/2012	Well if I'm understand this question correctly, the library is often busy at the Northwest location! Especially the computers.
12531	7/10/2012	When I go to the library it is typically busy with various individuals using the various facilities and media within the library. It is a rare occurrence that I find the libraries to be underutilized. The age range of users is very broad with a great number of school age children using both the Albina and North Portland branches.
12532	7/10/2012	very well used
12533	7/10/2012	always busy
12534	7/10/2012	Very well used
12535	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
12536	7/10/2012	very well used, always busy and a happy place to go.
12537	7/10/2012	lots of people are in there everytime i go by
12538	7/10/2012	A lot
12539	7/10/2012	Seems to be fairly busy every time I'm there. Computers very well utilized.
12540	7/10/2012	VERY
12541	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always a decent amount of people in there..
12542	7/10/2012	Very well used
12543	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
12544	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12545	7/10/2012	It is always well-populated when I go there.
12546	7/10/2012	it is always busy

12547	7/10/2012	I am not sure
12548	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12549	7/10/2012	Not sure, but when I've been there it is always busy. There have been lines out the door before openings and folks are always on the computers.
12550	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when it's open. It's always crowded though it's a small branch so that's not hard to do.
12551	7/10/2012	Always busy.
12552	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go on the weekend. Vicki does a great job attending the Lents Neighborhood Association meetings to keep us informed about upcoming events.
12553	7/10/2012	I think it is used alot.
12554	7/10/2012	Very well used. I go 1-2 times a week, and see people every time I go, in the stacks, using computers, or in the meeting room. The parking lot is often pretty full and sometimes totally full.
12555	7/10/2012	Well used. Always busy and in demand.
12556	7/10/2012	very well used. and loved by lots and lots of people. seriously, it's always busy.
12557	7/10/2012	Can't say - I'm new to the area (8 months.)
12558	7/10/2012	Very -- it is always full of people and there is always a line of people waiting to get in when it opens.
12559	7/10/2012	Very
12560	7/10/2012	Brilliantly well. I visit the Belmont Library weekly, often going in not knowing what I am going to find.
12561	7/10/2012	pretty busy all the time.
12562	7/10/2012	Verry good.
12563	7/10/2012	Quite well used. It's never empty when I'm there.
12564	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what you mean by this. If you mean how many people go there, the answer is that it is very well used (Central Library).
12565	7/10/2012	Very well used downtown, and very well used on SE Belmont. Staff at both locations is exceedingly prficient and professional, friendly and helpful too.
12566	7/10/2012	Loved and appreciated.
12567	7/10/2012	It seems very well attended. Finding parking is often the biggest challenge of my visit.
12568	7/10/2012	As a frequent visitor, I am often surprised at the number of patrons the library attracts. It doesn't matter what time of the day, or which day of the week, it is always busy. The library is an important resource for the community as a whole. In fact, it might be considered vital to the local ethnic community that heavily utilizes the library's resources. The next closest library is some distance away and any cut in services would be challenging for them as most everyone walks.[] [] Thank you for listening.
12569	7/10/2012	"Adult day care and wi-fi hotspot" - downtown employees placing/picking up holds - tourists - school groups
12570	7/10/2012	Quite well used.

12571	7/10/2012	Very
12572	7/10/2012	It is often bustling, especially the computer areas.
12573	7/10/2012	Very well used
12574	7/10/2012	Whichever day and time I go, it's always active.
12575	7/10/2012	Central is always busy.
12576	7/10/2012	I have never been in the local library alone. I would say it is highly trafficked.
12577	7/10/2012	There are always people checking out books. The library is across the street from a school, so lots of kids use it.
12578	7/10/2012	Very!
12579	7/10/2012	Very. Good mix of generations, too.
12580	7/10/2012	Very
12581	7/10/2012	It's amazing and gorgeous and I love it. It is VERY well used!
12582	7/10/2012	very
12583	7/10/2012	there are always plenty of people in the library when I go in, or when I walk by. Seems like it gets good use.
12584	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well-used.
12585	7/10/2012	every library i use is always packed!
12586	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
12587	7/10/2012	Well, it always looks plenty busy when I visit, that's for sure. All employees are WONDERFUL, helpful, full of suggestions.. they're as good a resource as anything on your shelves, and I mean that
12588	7/10/2012	Very, it's always in use at a comfortable level for our community.
12589	7/10/2012	very. there are always a lot of people there and the holds shelf is very large
12590	7/10/2012	Not as busy as some of the other branches, but there are always people going in and out to retrieve their materials.
12591	7/10/2012	Quite well. I'm always impressed by the number of young parents I see with their children at the Hillsdale branch.
12592	7/10/2012	Busy every time I have been there, no matter the time of day. Always ten to fifteen waiting on opening. All computers usually in use and research staff always seem to be helping.
12593	7/10/2012	There are always people using the resources at the Kenton library. People without computers at home go there to find jobs on the free Internet.
12594	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there, lots of internet and other computer use and LOTS of kids! There are several shelves exclusively for items on hold. It is a very central location.
12595	7/10/2012	I don't use it often because my book our on my ereader, but I do see the library being used quit often.
12596	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how to evaluate this question...but from my perspective, whenever I go there are always quite a few people using the computers or checking out books. It seems to be well used at all times.

12597	7/10/2012	I often request materials online and pick them up when I receive a notification email. Whenever I got into the library, it is filled with people of all ages using the computers, at the counter talking to staff and at tables reviewing material. I think it is well used. If there was more space and content for St. Johns, I believe the neighborhood would benefit greatly.
12598	7/10/2012	Very well used during all hours, particularly the computers. The Belmont Branch sometimes resembles a day-care center and homeless shelter.[] [] Outside the Central Branch is the best place in Portland to inhale second-hand smoke. The Central Branch bathrooms are where the homeless go. We are very, very tired of the creepy, smelly street people at the Central Branch, who use it as their daily office.[] []
12599	7/10/2012	We always vote for Library funds. Always. Let's not cut funding, it is disrespectful to the people who vote to have their taxes raised to support the Libraries.[] [] A little less coddling of our dead beat residents and a little more government support for the Libraries, please. In Brooklyn, I live equidistant from three branches (Central, Belmont, and Sellwood) but chose the Central branch to be my primary branch because a) it's the largest, b) it's a nice old building, and c) because I normally walk to the library (~45 minutes each way), this route downtown along the river is the most scenic of the three walks.[] []
12600	7/10/2012	The Central branch is always busy but not crowded. I never have to wait in line and the employees and volunteers are friendly and helpful when needed, though most of the time I'm there to pick up books on hold, maybe get a drink of water (after all that walking), and do self-checkout. I'm usually in and out in under five minutes. I also value the fact that there is a wide social class range that uses this branch, homeless people sitting and reading next to yuppies.
12601	7/10/2012	In 2000, the library was open a few nights until 9, but over the years scaled back regularly. Because of my work schedule I can't go to the library most days. If it was only open Saturday and Sunday, I wouldn't notice much difference. [] [] Now, if I want to browse books, I go to Powells, because they have a good selection. [] [] If there is a specific book I want to just borrow from the library, I reserve it online and then pick it up.
12602	7/10/2012	Very well!
12603	7/10/2012	Very used
12604	7/10/2012	well used

12605	7/10/2012	very well used and popular. Staff are great and so helpful. They must love their jobs because they are so pleasant
12606	7/10/2012	I haven't used the local library in quite some time. I value the library, and used to visit frequently, I just have not had the time lately.
12607	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
12608	7/10/2012	Very well used - Northwest Library
12609	7/10/2012	very well
12610	7/10/2012	It seems quite busy. The parking lot is usually over half full and the place is quietly buzzing.
12611	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy.
12612	7/10/2012	It is always busy!
12613	7/10/2012	We use it on a weekly or twice weekly basis.
12614	7/10/2012	Always busy, always full, but not too uncomfortably so except for peak hours. (Woodstock)
12615	7/10/2012	Very well-used--it's always busy.
12616	7/10/2012	very well, always lots of people
12617	7/10/2012	our library is always busy!
12618	7/10/2012	VERY
12619	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. There are always many people there. And if how long I've been waiting to get things on hold is any indication, 1000's are using it!
12620	7/10/2012	It's busy pretty much all day, except near the closing hours. Despite this, it's upkept well.
12621	7/10/2012	I don't know
12622	7/10/2012	Very
12623	7/10/2012	There always seems to be at least a dozen people in our little St. Johns branch. We're sometimes short on seating.
12624	7/10/2012	it seems to be used mostly by the homeless....doesn't really bother me that much as i am just picking up books i've reserved online.
12625	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy.
12626	7/10/2012	I most often visit the St Johns library and it's always crowded! It's fun to run into neighbors and is a huge asset to the community.
12627	7/10/2012	we only live in portland part time. We use the ASHland library weekly-when we are in portland we use this one
12628	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there.
12629	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm at the Hollywood branch.
12630	7/10/2012	Sorry, but I'm not sure what you're asking here.
12631	7/10/2012	There were always people in the Woodstock library when I went to pick up my books.

12632	7/10/2012	There are always people in our small local branch. I LOVE being able to walk to the library. I always see families there, people browsing the shelves, people picking up books on hold and folks using the computers. When I get there early, before the doors are open, there is always a cluster of folks waiting for the doors to open.
12633	7/10/2012	It is always busy and extremely active. There is normally a wait for computers and the self-checkout stations are steadily used.
12634	7/10/2012	Very.
12635	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of folks in there. This is a very vibrant library. We are in there usually twice or more a week.
12636	7/10/2012	We visit the Gresham branch most often, and it seems busy all the time.
12637	7/10/2012	most often very busy
12638	7/10/2012	Both of the branches I use are among the very most visited. On any day and time I go to either of these buildings, there is a lot of activity.
12639	7/10/2012	My impression is that Albina is heavily used. There are always people there when I visit and a number of times, I've seen people waiting at the door before the library opens.
12640	7/10/2012	How well used by me, or by others? All the libraries around town seem well used, as there are always people around.
12641	7/10/2012	it appears to be busy most of the time. Parking can often be an issue, but that means this resource is being used to its fullest. I appreciate and enjoy the extracurricular activities aimed at both youth and adults in the form of physical as well as educational (chi-kung, computer, read along etc)
12642	7/10/2012	St John's library is essential to the community. It is always busy.
12643	7/10/2012	Belmont is always very busy whenever I am there. At opening there are sometimes people right away to use the computers. The back room for personal computer use for jobs, classwork, etc is often busy. I enjoy talking to the people outside too that I meet. □ When I lived in NW Portland for a couple yrs, and when lived in St Johns for 1yr, used those libraries a lot too; coffeeshops were so noisy for my studying, and I didn't have to be tempted by pastries at library; NW library is so busy! So many kids, and adults, back room was usu. quieter than at Belmont. But people are SO nice there. St Johns, less busy. Central, adorable Oregon City Library when I see my mom, N Portland - I guess it would be nice for me if there were less other users but libraries seem very well used whenever I go to one. Maybe it's the economy.
12644	7/10/2012	Services are great. I especially like the convenience of book requests and renewing on line. Internet aside, nothing can replace wandering the shelves and discovering books and resources. I tend to use the library more some months than others, depending on my schedule.
12645	7/10/2012	library is usually well used, however many are homeless people using it for shelter and not using the books etc. The library smells! It is a little scary to be there sometimes
12646	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12647	7/10/2012	used well

12648	7/10/2012	Our library is extremely well-used, always full of people and activities!
12649	7/10/2012	Very busy
12650	7/10/2012	There is always lots of people there. The parking lot is always full.
12651	7/10/2012	Usually not many people
12652	7/10/2012	always crowded and busy. Used by all ages and computers often full.
12653	7/10/2012	very well used
12654	7/10/2012	Fairly well used from what I can see.
12655	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
12656	7/10/2012	Well used
12657	7/10/2012	it is incredibly loved and is an indispensable asset to the Kenton community.
12658	7/10/2012	It is always pretty busy when I'm there but not overrun
12659	7/10/2012	Its always crowded
12660	7/10/2012	very well used
12661	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy.
12662	7/10/2012	Heavily
12663	7/10/2012	WELL USED!
12664	7/10/2012	very well used What does this question mean?[]
12665	7/10/2012	I use my local library pretty frequently, especially the online hold system. It seems pretty busy when I stop by. But I'm not quite sure what you're getting at here. By me? By others?
12666	7/10/2012	Very well for children early reading learners and family activities.
12667	7/10/2012	Very well used
12668	7/10/2012	We use frequently
12669	7/10/2012	High use. When our child was young, we used it quite a lot.
12670	7/10/2012	It is always packed with people when we visit between 3:30 and 6:00 pm. there is usually no place to sit except in at the kid tables.
12671	7/10/2012	It is busy every time I visit.
12672	7/10/2012	Very popular; always crowded
12673	7/10/2012	There's always a lot of people using the computers. A fair number look at/check out books.
12674	7/10/2012	It is at capacity if not always full. Computers there are in great demand.
12675	7/10/2012	Our closest library is the Holgate library. I always see it very actively used. The computers are usually all or nearly occupied, and I've never seen it empty of people.
12676	7/10/2012	Although I don't use it regularly, I live in the area and I see a lot of traffic coming and going from the Hollywood Library. With that being said, it appears to be used frequently and needed.
12677	7/10/2012	very well used
12678	7/10/2012	I was at the North Portland library recently, and most seats were taken for the computers. It seemed busy.

12679	7/10/2012	We have two kids under 6. They love going there and finding new books and coming home with 5 or 6 each. We also use the summer reading program. Our 5 year old is actually motivated to read in 30 minute chunks simply so that she can fill in another square on the reading program paperwork.
12680	7/10/2012	It is always very busy
12681	7/10/2012	It seems to be a bustling place.
12682	7/10/2012	Very well.
12683	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when I go.
12684	7/10/2012	always crowded
12685	7/10/2012	Very well used. Regardless of day or time there seems to be a variety of people engaging in a variety of activities there.
12686	7/10/2012	Very well used
12687	7/10/2012	I also attend the free events.
12688	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go.
12689	7/10/2012	Very used?
12690	7/10/2012	very busy, a fantastic resource for all with lots of customers
12691	7/10/2012	It's very busy whenever I stop in. I believe it is a well used library branch.
12692	7/10/2012	It seems well loved and used by the community.
12693	7/10/2012	very
12694	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy whenever I'm there. Always at least 20 people there.
12695	7/10/2012	fairly well
12696	7/10/2012	Always seems to be well used - especially for the small space.
12697	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand what this question is asking... the library is always busy, if that's what you're getting at.
12698	7/10/2012	Lots of traffic.
12699	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12700	7/10/2012	Well used, all resources.
12701	7/10/2012	Holgate is busy all of the time.
12702	7/10/2012	Very well used. I love seeing all the children adopting a love of books and learning.
12703	7/10/2012	I use it exclusively to pick up and drop off books I have ordered online, so do not have a sense of its use.
12704	7/10/2012	It's fairly well used - generally always busy!
12705	7/10/2012	Every time I go in, it's busy, regardless of time of day or day of week.
12706	7/10/2012	The belmont library (our closest library) is always full of people. I have gone a few minutes before it opened and there were people already waiting outside.
12707	7/10/2012	Great!
12708	7/10/2012	There's always enough people to make the place look busy. There are also quite a few staff to help out. It looks well used.

12709	7/10/2012	I do not know. There are lots of people in both the Hollywood and Central libraries when I visit.
12710	7/10/2012	There are always people in it. I think it is very well used.
12711	7/10/2012	Very; plenty of patrons around at all hours; particularly busy around child story times.
12712	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by "well used." I use it to pick up books that I place on hold regularly.
12713	7/10/2012	Every time I go in to the Belmont Library, I have to wait for a computer. Access to the library is always busy which tells me that people love the library. I know that children and parents love the library.
12714	7/10/2012	Overwhelmed with computer users.
12715	7/10/2012	Usually fairly full of people of all ages, computers are busy.
12716	7/10/2012	Very!
12717	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale branch is always busy when I am there; classes, internet access, catalog services. quiet rooms and general traffic of returning or checking out materials. This branch is a central hub to the communities it serves.
12718	7/10/2012	Fairly well, it is a small library but seems well used. There are always quite a few people using computers and others reading or browsing books as well as people like myself picking up holds.
12719	7/10/2012	I started using the library again to tutor some children. I started going to 122nd location since it has more books.
12720	7/10/2012	very well used
12721	7/10/2012	well used
12722	7/10/2012	Very busy
12723	7/10/2012	Busy and well used.
12724	7/10/2012	Well used.
12725	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
12726	7/10/2012	We use it quite often
12727	7/10/2012	There are always people there. It seems very busy.
12728	7/10/2012	Very--including Mondays when it was open.
12729	7/10/2012	very!
12730	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy and full whenever I am there.
12731	7/10/2012	It appears to be pretty well-used. It's in a great spot.
12732	7/10/2012	soso
12733	7/10/2012	very
12734	7/10/2012	It is always crowded.
12735	7/10/2012	Always busy with patrons. Very well upkept.
12736	7/10/2012	It is mostly crowded with homeless people.
12737	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used: always tons of people there.
12738	7/10/2012	Very well used
12739	7/10/2012	Very well.
12740	7/10/2012	It seems there are always at least 10 people mulling around the aisles anytime I come in.

12741	7/10/2012	Exceedingly.
12742	7/10/2012	Always busy
12743	7/10/2012	From what I can tell, it's very well used.
12744	7/10/2012	Very
12745	7/10/2012	Hollywood and Albina are always full! We love the programs too, even though we don't use many of them, the one's we've gone to have been great!
12746	7/10/2012	very well used - always has good traffic whenever I'm there, sometimes to the point of being crowded.
12747	7/10/2012	It seems busy all the time when open.
12748	7/10/2012	Very used. It seems like its packed with people most of the time.
12749	7/10/2012	Don't understand the question. Well used as in frequently used? Very. Well used as in properly utilized? I don't know.
12750	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. "How well used" compared to what?
12751	7/10/2012	Seems to busy anytime i go to it. Always the computers are being used.
12752	7/10/2012	very well used, i run into friends and new people every time i stop in.
12753	7/10/2012	It appears to be quite well used.
12754	7/10/2012	It's always busy! I noticed the last time I was there that there was a line for checkouts - even though we have many new automated check out stations.
12755	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used.
12756	7/10/2012	I generally use the central library, which is always full of activity - all ages and demographics are using its resources.
12757	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question.
12758	7/10/2012	very well used by lots of people
12759	7/10/2012	there are a lot of people that use the library - unfortunately - there are so many people trying to get to the internet that if you try to enter at opening time - you might get trampled. I do see a lot of parents taking their children to the reading programs
12760	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. I would say it's very well used.
12761	7/10/2012	very- I always see a busy library with both breif visitors and longer broiwsers. I feel safe letting my teenager hang out at the library.
12762	7/10/2012	Central seems very well used to me. Our neighborhood one is Hillsdale which also seems busy every time I go there. the two branches I mostly use seem to be busy with most chairs and work stations in use every time I go in; Central and NW.
12763	7/10/2012	 It is not clear what you actually mean by 'How well used' - do you mean how it is used or how much it is used?
12764	7/10/2012	Our library is very well used- there are always a va

12765	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights is the only branch that I frequent at various time throughout the day, as it is closest to my home. IT IS ALWAYS BUSY. I do most of my library "shopping" on line, so I can simply walk in and check-out (though events are important to me). I do not very frequently peruse the shelves or stay for any other reason very long. However, if my compute is down... it is soooo very nice to know that laptops are available to use for a couple hours there.
12766	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always many people in the library when I visit. I only visit on the weekends, as we work full time Monday-Friday. Very well. It seems there are usually lines for the internet computers. The neighborhood (near PCC) is fairly high density with apartment buildings near the library, so there are a lot of families with children, and they make good use of the facilities.
12767	7/10/2012	□ □ I tend to reserve books online and drop in to pick them up when they come in, so my visits are short, and I only browse if I'm along with my husband when he's picking up a book.
12768	7/10/2012	When I go in on the weekend or weekday during the day or evening, it is always bustling with people. It sometimes hard to get around since there are so many people there. Also, it's difficult to find seats.
12769	7/10/2012	i think well-used.
12770	7/10/2012	Very
12771	7/10/2012	It seems very well used during the times I have gone.
12772	7/10/2012	It is very well used. Always busy.
12773	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used. It always seems busy.
12774	7/10/2012	well, the NW library is small, but it is almost always busy.
12775	7/10/2012	very well used
12776	7/10/2012	Always very busy
12777	7/10/2012	Fairly well
12778	7/10/2012	Very well used. Sometimes it's hard to find parking, and it always seems packed -- especially at little kid story times.
12779	7/10/2012	I live closest to the Central Library, which is always busy.
12780	7/10/2012	Well used, I think.
12781	7/10/2012	It is very busy at all times
12782	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy. Very popular place!
12783	7/10/2012	Alway busy
12784	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there!
12785	7/10/2012	Seems to be active when I go in.
12786	7/10/2012	i am new to this library.
12787	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
12788	7/10/2012	Don't know.
12789	7/10/2012	Very well used, I would say. Always buzzing.

12790	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used
12791	7/10/2012	It is always busy with people when I visit, so I would say well used.
12792	7/10/2012	Looks well used
12793	7/10/2012	It seems quite well used. There are always people in there when I am there, which is all different times of day.
12794	7/10/2012	extremely
12795	7/10/2012	It seems very well used
12796	7/10/2012	Pretty well used, I'd say. Like, really well-used.
12797	7/10/2012	Very well used. I usually see at least 20 people in the library when I go after work.
12798	7/10/2012	I use the Washington County library system 99% of my needs. Multnomah County Library system provides me with outside book loans only.
12799	7/10/2012	I can tell by the parking lot that Belmont is a very popular library.
12800	7/10/2012	I've never been to the library near my house. I've always used the one downtown.
12801	7/10/2012	There is always a group waiting when they open the doors. The story times always have a good number of children.
12802	7/10/2012	Always is busy when I am in the branch.
12803	7/10/2012	well used lots of immigrants in this area use it
12804	7/10/2012	I feel that it is a good community space where family can gather. It is one of the last "free" resources.
12805	7/10/2012	Always busy. Hard to park in lot or street.
12806	7/10/2012	I think it is used quite well by the local neighborhood.
12807	7/10/2012	Very well used, I think! Although I don't think the Sellwood library has a great selection right away. It's great we can get books from other libraries but sometimes waiting is a barrier.
12808	7/10/2012	Very used! We LOVE the Troutdale library!! It is so new and clean, with great programs for children! We use the library at least weekly.
12809	7/10/2012	There is always a noticeable volume of patrons whenever we visit the Central Library in downtown Portland.
12810	7/10/2012	It is very well used, to the point that the books I want are pretty much never on the shelf. I have to rely almost exclusively on the hold system, which is fine, except I know I will never see a lot of good books from browsing.
12811	7/10/2012	Central seems to be pleasantly full, or sometimes crowded. Not overwhelmingly, though. I am always able to get what I need with a minimum of waiting.
12812	7/10/2012	Well used.
12813	7/10/2012	very well used
12814	7/10/2012	We use it weekly.
12815	7/10/2012	It always seems busy
12816	7/10/2012	Very well used. Pretty much always busy.
12817	7/10/2012	Adequate

12818	7/10/2012	it looks busy to me!
12819	7/10/2012	Very!
12820	7/10/2012	there are Always people lines up to get inside, and it is never empty.
12821	7/10/2012	it is very well-used in the afternoons , 50-70% full
12822	7/10/2012	very
12823	7/10/2012	Well used
12824	7/10/2012	Very well used, it's always busy when I'm there.
12825	7/10/2012	When I am at the Belmont Branch I see it as very busy.
12826	7/10/2012	There is NO local library in our area so we have to use the Central Library. Since we have to travel - why not use the largest library?
12827	7/10/2012	Very well used!
12828	7/10/2012	E
12829	7/10/2012	It always seems busy and full.
12830	7/10/2012	Seems busy and filed with people.
12831	7/10/2012	Very well used. I have often seen lines of community members outside before opening hours, and it is always busy inside when I've visited.
12832	7/10/2012	There's always a lot of people there whenever I go in to pick up books, especially when it is story time.
12833	7/10/2012	Very
12834	7/10/2012	Heavily used!
12835	7/10/2012	very well used
12836	7/10/2012	well
12837	7/10/2012	Seems to be a very busy and appreciated location
12838	7/10/2012	always busy, always staffed with helpful people.
12839	7/10/2012	Troutdale Library is very well used, and the staff are stellar!
12840	7/10/2012	The library appears to have many users each time I go in.
12841	7/10/2012	By me...well used. I will also say that every time I have gone into ANY of these libraries, there have been people waiting at the doors to be let in or there are people throughout each library...they are a sacred place for people...
12842	7/10/2012	Very well used! I know of lots of kids that stay at the library after school and wait for their parents to get off work. I'm very worried about where these children (mostly elementary schoolers) will go with the new six day schedule.
12843	7/10/2012	very popular There are people waiting even before the doors open. There are always folks from the Somali community checking out books and using the computers. The Capitol Hill library is always full of children of all ages with parents and grandparents. I would say the Capital Hill branch is essential to the surrounding community for a number of indispensable services. I'd give a pint of blood every eight weeks to keep the branch open seven days a week, it's that essential my intellectual and writing life..
12844	7/10/2012	

12845	7/10/2012	Always appears to be busy - at least when I am there. It is convenient for those living close by, you see many walking. The computers are well used, I personally don't take advantage of this service but recognize there may be a wait at times if I did.
		Being right by a grade school, the Capital Hill branch is used a lot by students and adults as well. The computers to access the internet often have a 'waiting list' at some times of the day. Usually Early and after school hours are the busiest.[]
12846	7/10/2012	I can vote there too, as do a lot of the neighborhood residents. I am glad that my branch is so close to me. Less than 100 yards from my front door. []
		Keep you the good work. Steve B
		Very busy.[]
		More so w reduced hrs.[]
		Computer access and help.[]
12847	7/10/2012	Kids reading programs.[]
		Job seekers help.[]
		Reduced hrs affect those most in need.[]
		This is a vital service for the community.
12848	7/10/2012	Every library I've been to in Portland seems to be well-used, there are always people going in and out, hanging out there, I know several families who take their kids there for both events, and just to spend time reading or whatever. It seems like there are often people using the libraries for computer access as well.
12849	7/10/2012	It seems fairly busy.
12850	7/10/2012	Always very busy.
12851	7/10/2012	Always busy.
12852	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when we visit.
12853	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12854	7/10/2012	Looks pretty busy!
12855	7/10/2012	very
12856	7/10/2012	it is usually quite full when we are there
12857	7/10/2012	don't know?
12858	7/10/2012	I constantly have at least two items checked out!
12859	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy when we go in.
12860	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
12861	7/10/2012	very
12862	7/10/2012	I can't imagine not having my library to go to. There is always a crowd waiting for those doors to open in the morning.

12863	7/10/2012	very
12864	7/10/2012	Very well used. All the computers are in use most times I go there. There is often a short wait to check my books out.
12865	7/10/2012	very
12866	7/10/2012	Very well used
12867	7/10/2012	Seems fairly busy most of the times I visit
12868	7/10/2012	Always is busy when we are in there
12869	7/10/2012	its always busy when I go in, but since receiving my kindle for a gift, I dont hardly ever go into the library anymore
12870	7/10/2012	is ALWAYS BUSY
12871	7/10/2012	Very!
12872	7/10/2012	Very well.
12873	7/10/2012	Very well used; there are always people at the computers, and often checking out items as well.
12874	7/10/2012	Well-used and beloved by all. [] [] For what it's worth, I voted for every library bond all of which IIRC passed. Why are we still coming up short for funds?
12875	7/10/2012	Over used
12876	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how well it's used, and while I don't use Libraries much, I think it's very important to have libraries as part of any community.
12877	7/10/2012	It is always busy and often one must wait to use the computer.
12878	7/10/2012	It seems relatively busy when I've been there!
12879	7/10/2012	It is always busy, the lot is usually full and when I moved into the neighborhood several people who already lived here mentioned the Gregory heights branch as a plus for the community
12880	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy and full of people of all ages.
12881	7/10/2012	There are usually alot of people using the library when I go. All conmuters in use unless you go in the morning soo as they open up.
12882	7/10/2012	It is always busy. Often there is no where to sit. Programs for children are always well attended, with the room set aside for that packed full and people sitting on the floor.
12883	7/10/2012	The Gresham Library is well used and well-maintained. I enjoy going to the Library to check out books. Very well used. When I arrived on July 2nd, a Monday. to find a line of people at the book drop, none of them seemed to know why the library was not open on that day, and they were disconcerted not to be able to use the facilities. Whenever I have been there, any day of the week, it has been really pretty busy with folks reading at the tables, using PCs and the library computers as well.
12884	7/10/2012	

12885	7/10/2012	I think the Midland branch is used allot. Every time I go there is always seems to be very busy. I usually go the the library several times a week. I read allot and also listen to books on CD. I seldom leave my house. I read several books a week, plus I oil paint and listen to books on CD while I'm painting.
12886	7/10/2012	Very well used. The North Portland library was not enlarged during its refurbishment due to its historic status. It already has an unused fenced in "backyard". You could put chairs out there in the summer and allow people to read there.
12887	7/10/2012	Always busy!
12888	7/10/2012	very busy!
12889	7/10/2012	Very well-used
12890	7/10/2012	Very well
12891	7/10/2012	Very
12892	7/10/2012	Very well used. I also go to rockwood and it is a samll venue, but always busy.
12893	7/10/2012	Central Library is almost always crowded with all computer terminals in use and most of the check out stations also being used.
12894	7/10/2012	Well-used. There are always at least a dozen other patrons when I visit.
12895	7/10/2012	My library is always busy. It's like a train station.
12896	7/10/2012	It is both well used and an asset to our community.
12897	7/10/2012	The libraries I visit regularly are always busy.
12898	7/10/2012	Very busy
12899	7/10/2012	well
12900	7/10/2012	The library's always busy. Often there are folks waiting outside for it to open.
12901	7/10/2012	It is always full of people browsing, using computers or other resources. I see it as a valuable community asset that I am thankful I have the benefit to take part in.
12902	7/10/2012	very [] always seems busy and full
12903	7/10/2012	It is pretty good.
12904	7/10/2012	It seems full whenever I go. It is a great place to study
12905	7/10/2012	Always nicely busy.
12906	7/10/2012	The Troutdale branch is new and looks great. However, it is small and most of the books I rent, I request from other branches.
12907	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always lines for the computers and many people occupying tables.
12908	7/10/2012	Very. Always plenty of people there.
12909	7/10/2012	I wouldn't know the answer to that. I know when I drop in its comfortable- maybe 50 or 60 people.
12910	7/10/2012	active
12911	7/10/2012	The both seem to be very well used. Plenty of traffic.

12912	7/10/2012	Seems busy when I am in there... we love having it close to our home and both my children visit almost weekly.
12913	7/10/2012	Well used? Like how frequented or "packed" are my branches? Pleasantly filled with my community members, in fact, I wish there was a tiny budget for marketing all of the great resources to my non library using neighbors.
12914	7/10/2012	No idea; I don't use it.
12915	7/10/2012	Very well used - it is always busy!
12916	7/10/2012	From all appearances, it is well-used. The user-traffic is very lively.
12917	7/10/2012	Hillsdale Library always seems busy! Being next to the high school, it's nice to see so many students using the space.... and I know I used it for silent, distraction-free study during college, including the quiet rooms. I also like that it is close enough for me to visit on a jog or bike ride.
12918	7/10/2012	Whenever I go to either of the branches I frequent they both seem to have a relatively large group of people reading, checking out stuff and using the computers.
12919	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well-used. There are always a number of people using the computers, browsing the book sections, or participating in children's and adult group activities when I visit. The parking lot is never empty except for after hours.
12920	7/10/2012	Very. Whenever I visit, the computers are all or nearly all being used, patrons are searching through the stacks, and I see people at one of the many programs offered by the library.
12921	7/10/2012	We primarily visit the Hillsdale library, and it seems to be busy and get a lot of use by the community. The library is well maintained.
12922	7/10/2012	very well used is my local library. thank you
12923	7/10/2012	Very there are always lines for the computers, and kids hanging out in the children's section.
12924	7/10/2012	It seems as though it it very well used and well loved. With my husband and I working in different parts of the city, we have come to rely on different libraries.
12925	7/10/2012	Always seems busy and full of people of all ages !!
12926	7/10/2012	Went in recently on a hot day and it was packed.
12927	7/10/2012	VERY
12928	7/10/2012	Well
12929	7/10/2012	seems to have many people.. great staff
12930	7/10/2012	very well used
12931	7/10/2012	very
12932	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12933	7/10/2012	very well used
12934	7/10/2012	Always people there
12935	7/10/2012	Seems to be always busy....
12936	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used. Always a crowd, bike racks and parking lot full.
12937	7/10/2012	Very well-used! It is always bustling with people.

12938	7/10/2012	very well used. always busy
12939	7/10/2012	well used
12940	7/10/2012	Fairly well-used, I think.
12941	7/10/2012	Extremely. It is always quite full of patrons.
12942	7/10/2012	There are quite a few people there every time I visit, I would call it well used.
12943	7/10/2012	It is usually quite populated when I am there, so I think it is well used and well loved.
12944	7/10/2012	very well used there are always lots of people there.
12945	7/10/2012	The central library is very busy.
12946	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's typically busy, if not crowded.
12947	7/10/2012	Consistent, but definitely not overwhelmed. I think we could reduce libraries and handle it. I'm sad they opened the Troutdale branch, Fairview is less than 4 miles away. C'mon people
12948	7/10/2012	It tends to be a packed house every time I go there. Often I see people queued up waiting for the doors to open.
12949	7/10/2012	It is very well used. We need to do more to reach the Latino community.
12950	7/10/2012	it looks pretty well used to me. usually there are a plethora of people using all the visible resources, all ages, all incomes.
12951	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people in the library every time I go in. I would also like you to be aware that the Belmont Library is very small and does not have as many books in it as I would like, therefore I am usually having to order books from other libraries to be picked up at the Belmont location.
12952	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when it's open. Greater demand for internet access and computer use than there are resources available.
12953	7/10/2012	very, it is great. I wish it was bigger. The online resources are fantastic.
12954	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I visit. Lots of people coming and going, and a very helpful staff.
12955	7/10/2012	hillsdale branch always seems to have 20 or more people in it. there are always people using the computers and the long study tables. there are almost always families using the children's area as well.
12956	7/10/2012	It is jam-packed at all hours. Librarians should be less hostile to homeless and mental patients. Library does not do enough internet marketing of itself. Library does not offer indy local music to check out, as far as I know. Library does not offer literary mags.
12957	7/10/2012	It is always very busy. I never see it empty. I used to go all the time, several times a week, until I had a child. When she is older, we will use the library for the kids programs and materials. I love the library and use it a lot. I used to carry a checked out list of over 50 books at a time. I only dropped to 10 or so at a time, since it's hard to find the time with a baby.
12958	7/10/2012	Whenever I have visited the Kenton Library, for it's size, it is well used. I don't utilize all of the programs, but I see other parents taking advantage of them. I utilize your 'Library to go' ALOT! Hoping more books can be added to it. Perhaps that would save cost in the long run?

12959	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale and Capitol Hill branches always seem to be busy when I'm there, and the "hold" shelf is always full at Capitol Hill. The 2-year old story time at Capitol Hill is usually packed (15-20 kids plus parents), but the same one at Hillsdale was not (less than 5 kids). My experience at the Northwest branch is pretty limited; we've been there 3 or 4 times, but it seems less busy than the others. Could be time of day, though. Storytime is very popular there.
12960	7/10/2012	How well used? I don't understand your question...It is very busy. Always packed (I'm sure you already know that?). It is an excellent resource for our community. I think longer and more consistent library hours should be the direction the county is going in-not less! We should raise taxes on the rich to pay for libraries, schools and vital community services. I think even more literacy programs would be a benefit, like book babies more than once/week. I love that the mcl system sent us literacy information and a book after the birth of our first child. I think parents and children really benefit from that information. [] [] I hope that answers your (poorly worded) question.
12961	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is jam packed with both media borrowers and people using computers, and frequently with people using the community room and private work rooms. During library operating hours it is often difficult to find a parking spot in the designated library parking area as well as in the immediate blocks, including the adjacent street parking.
12962	7/10/2012	VERY!
12963	7/10/2012	Based on the number of people using the library every time I go there, I would say it is very well used.
12964	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used.
12965	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
12966	7/10/2012	very well, it seems
12967	7/10/2012	It always seems busy
12968	7/10/2012	Very.
12969	7/10/2012	Very well used; it's always busy.
12970	7/10/2012	It's always busy - with lines for the computers, and a line of people waiting to check out.
12971	7/10/2012	Extremely.
12972	7/10/2012	Standing room only!
12973	7/10/2012	I don't know what this means.
12974	7/10/2012	It is the Central Library so in my opinion very well used. There are always many people checking out books or reading when I go in.
12975	7/10/2012	Nothing Portland is packed all the time. Books fly off the shelves. Staff are excellent.
12976	7/10/2012	Both are always very busy.
12977	7/10/2012	It is always busy - I have difficulty getting some books because there is such demand.
12978	7/10/2012	Somewhat
12979	7/10/2012	Very.

12980	7/10/2012	Very well used
12981	7/10/2012	Very busy
12982	7/10/2012	Very well used.
12983	7/10/2012	It's always well-populated; there is always a wait time for computer use.
12984	7/10/2012	Very well used - there are always people there checking out books, reading, using computers, study rooms, etc.
12985	7/10/2012	always busy!
12986	7/10/2012	It generally seems busy.
12987	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I go there; always many patrons there
12988	7/10/2012	I usually am just running in and out, but sometimes I stick around to browse and it seems to be pretty well-used.
12989	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well-used. I see full tables and lots of activity every time I'm there.
12990	7/10/2012	Always full of people. Line of people waiting for library to open. Well used.
12991	7/10/2012	It seems to be pleasantly humming whenever I go in. I think the location next to the school is a huge advantage for those families.
12992	7/10/2012	People attend each and everyday.
12993	7/10/2012	People are waiting outside the door every morning prior to it opening. It is very busy with people of all ages and socioeconomic diversity.
12994	7/10/2012	Immensely. The Central library is always very busy.
12995	7/10/2012	Heavily used and often crowded. It would benefit from expansion
12996	7/10/2012	If you mean is the building in good shape? Yes, very. I am sure there are libraries more in need of renovation.
12997	7/10/2012	I have only just moved here, but it seems to be bustling with activity.
12998	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. The branches I frequent are busy, if that's what you want to know
12999	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used. Always a crowd of people there.
13000	7/10/2012	What does this mean? The Library has degenerated into a noisy amusement park. Babies crying, librarians reading stories out loud or noisy meetings in adjoining rooms, retarded people noisily engaged in Internet gaming, people talking on their cell phones or having "private" meetings at public tables where it is all but impossible to concentrate on READING. If that were not enough the librarians are ignorant especially of reference materials and do not keep track of important periodicals such as Barrons. Most of the periodicals are collections of advertisements to consumers that should not receive public funding. The library is entirely too small, the older building was actually larger. There is no drive up book drop and insufficient covered parking for bikes. In short the library is dumbing down and not serving its mission to help poor and working class citizens educate themselves. Libraries are too important to be left to professional librarians or politicians and probably have to be starved of funding before they realign with their mission.
13001	7/10/2012	well used!

13002	7/10/2012	Very well!
13003	7/10/2012	EXTREMELY WELL USED
13004	7/10/2012	VERY, the Hollywood library rocks!
13005	7/10/2012	very well
13006	7/10/2012	ALWAYS COMPLETELY BUSY!
13007	7/10/2012	Very busy!
13008	7/10/2012	Well used
13009	7/10/2012	My library is always busy
13010	7/10/2012	Always seems to be pretty busy when I stop by.
13011	7/10/2012	It seems to be pretty busy each time I'm there.
13012	7/10/2012	It's always busy - so VERY!
13013	7/10/2012	Very well.
13014	7/10/2012	just to browse when getting out of the heat
13015	7/10/2012	Every time I go (usually on a weekend), there are several people there, using computers, looking for books/media, etc.
13016	7/10/2012	I may not come to the branch often, but I have a lot of use (and appreciation) for the library's electronic databases and other online resources!
13017	7/10/2012	It's always very crowded!
13018	7/10/2012	Very well used
13019	7/10/2012	Very
13020	7/10/2012	Very well used people queue before it opens. I would appreciate later opening hours
13021	7/10/2012	I love the library. I am on a fixed income and love to read and listen to books on CD. Without the Library this joy would be curtailed in my life.
13022	7/10/2012	seemingly very busy
13023	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale Library is very popular.
13024	7/10/2012	very
13025	7/10/2012	When I go I always see people looking for books and using the computers
13026	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what you mean by this question. It seems like there are always a lot of people there when I go.
13027	7/10/2012	Always a hopping place! We are so grateful for our public library and the resources it offers us. We can't imagine our lives without it.
13028	7/10/2012	Very well. Being right downtown it is often full of people. My only complaint is that the men's rooms are horrifically filthy most of the time and should likely be condemned by the health department.
13029	7/10/2012	Seems crowded and busy most of the time! Wonderful to see old and young using such a valuable source.
13030	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights is on the smaller side of libraries in Portland, but it is always very busy, between people checking out books and using the computers.

13031	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library, where I frequent most often, appears to be very well used. Every time I go in, there is a healthy crowd there, and everyone is using various resources around the library.
13032	7/10/2012	very well -- seems like all computers are in use more often than not, several rows of shelves w/ held books & items, dozens of people in the library at all times.
13033	7/10/2012	When I've gone in at various times there always seems to be quite a few people using the library
13034	7/10/2012	Business looks good when I am there. So much so I am trying to get down the 'slow times' and make my visits then.
13035	7/10/2012	Both branches I visit always seem to have people in them. The Capitol Hill branch gets a lot of visitors from the near by elementary schools. A librarian comes to read to my Head Start classroom at Markham Elementary School and the children love this program!!
13036	7/10/2012	Belmont is crowded and busy at all hours.
13037	7/10/2012	Do you mean how worn out or how well utilized? Seems well utilized but not used up.
13038	7/10/2012	Very well used--many customers.
13039	7/10/2012	It's used a lot. There is alway people in it reading, using computers, and checking books and whatnot.
13040	7/10/2012	Very - the parking lot is usually pretty full at Gregory Heights and Central is always busy of course
13041	7/10/2012	Very well used
13042	7/10/2012	Always seems active and busy. Every time I have visited there have been several other people there utilizing the libraries facilities and services. The computers particularly always seem to be in use. At the same time, I have never had to wait for a service, the librarians have always been quick to assist me when I have requested help, and checking out books has been a quick process.
13043	7/10/2012	I am there probably three times a week, mostly because it is on my way to and from several places I use frequently. I get books for my grandchildren (ages 9 and 6) frequently, as well. I read a lot.[] []
13044	7/10/2012	It seems to me to be a very well used branch.
13044	7/10/2012	The library is used constantly.
13045	7/10/2012	????
13046	7/10/2012	it looks busy to me. We try to take advantage of its programs
13047	7/10/2012	Central Library is never empty but the library's services are outstanding!
13048	7/10/2012	I went this morning and about 5 people were waiting for it to open. When I visit it is always full, not uncomfortably full, just busy.

		Libraries are yet another government service that needs to be eliminated. With the advent of computers and the internet, they are not needed. ☐
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13049	7/10/2012	If we have to pay for the small minority of people who can't get their act together enough to get their own computer, then, alas, libraries are just another stupid service to keep the poor enabled, such as food stamps and all the other government programs that transfer wealth from the haves to the have-nots. ☐
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		And guess what...the have-nots seem to always STAY have nots. Since they have no incentive to do otherwise.
		Monthly and check out☐
13050	7/10/2012	☐ I've never been there when it wasn't busy. The librarians are very helpful and all are pleasant with the borrowers.
13051	7/10/2012	Very well used
13052	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy
13053	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy when we are there
13054	7/10/2012	Seems busy
13055	7/10/2012	very
13056	7/10/2012	Don't know. Went by Hollywood the other day and it's looked hopping!
13057	7/10/2012	Usually busy
13058	7/10/2012	very well used, it seems busy most of the time
13059	7/10/2012	It is always busy and crowded due to how small it is. There is a limited amount of books there as well.
13060	7/10/2012	Seems to always have a good amount of patrons there when I visit.
13061	7/10/2012	Seems well used
13062	7/10/2012	It's always hopping! Very very busy in there. The materials are in constant circulation.
13063	7/10/2012	Pretty well used... it's always busy when I am there.
13064	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is a hub for activity in our neighborhood. If anything it needs to be expanded to better suit the needs of the community.
13065	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
13066	7/10/2012	Well used.
13067	7/10/2012	Seems to be used very well.
13068	7/10/2012	Not much
13069	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy every time I go there
13070	7/10/2012	It looks like there are many patrons - it's unclear what is meant by 'used'. Hillsdale library is a new beautiful building, does not seem used at all.
13071	7/10/2012	Well used, but not over-used.
13072	7/10/2012	Very well-used. Every time I go there, there are dozens of people using the library.

13073	7/10/2012	Very! It is small but always busy.
13074	7/10/2012	very well, there is almost always a large and diverse group of people there
13075	7/10/2012	whenever we go in, there are a significant number of people there, on the computers, reading, checking in and out library items
13076	7/10/2012	It is usually fairly busy.
13077	7/10/2012	Today, I had to circle the parking lot at Midland twice to find parking.
13078	7/10/2012	Belmont is busy every time I go. There are always people in every area of the library and on the computers.
13079	7/10/2012	This library is too small
13080	7/10/2012	It's very busy and very friendly.
13081	7/10/2012	Computers are usually packed' reserve shelves full of requested books. Staff is wonderful.
13082	7/10/2012	Always seems busy- well used
13083	7/10/2012	It's always busy with a diverse clientele.
13084	7/10/2012	Very. The Holgate branch always seems to be crowded. Lots of different people too - young, old, and everything in between; people of all colors (as much as you ever find here, anyway ;o)...
13085	7/10/2012	very active, especially with children For a small neighborhood branch, it seems to have a very strong traffic flow and
13086	7/10/2012	many patrons. It is needed in the far north area of our large city, especially for the low income citizens of the area--who often feel disenfranchised.
13087	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy when I'm at the library.
13088	7/10/2012	From my experience, the Belmont library always seems to be busy with children and adults of all ages visiting.
13089	7/10/2012	On the basis of what I see during my visits, I think that my local library is very well used.
13090	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I've been there.
13091	7/10/2012	always busy
13092	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
13093	7/10/2012	I couldn't say.
13094	7/10/2012	People are always in and out of the library.
13095	7/10/2012	always busy
13096	7/10/2012	very well used
13097	7/10/2012	It's always filled with people
13098	7/10/2012	Very, from what I can tell!
13099	7/10/2012	Very well
13100	7/10/2012	From the parking lot, I would say a lot!
13101	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
13102	7/10/2012	There is always about 20-40 people in it every time I'm there.

13103	7/10/2012	seems busy every time I'm in the library. Often no computers are available too in addition to the people in the stacks and at the tables.
13104	7/10/2012	There is usually a 5-10 minute wait for the computers and a whole row of shelves devoted to reserves, so it appears the library is indeed well-used.
13105	7/10/2012	it seems to be busy all the time
13106	7/10/2012	Always busy.
13107	7/10/2012	The Midland Library is always busy
13108	7/10/2012	Central library is heavily used.
13109	7/10/2012	Well used. It is indispensable to us. I would pay more taxes to support the local library. It breaks my heart to see any kind of cuts to budget whatsoever.
13110	7/10/2012	well used (in a good way)
13111	7/10/2012	Very well, I think. Always pretty busy.
13112	7/10/2012	Our library is very well used and is an important pillar in this community.
13113	7/10/2012	very busy
13114	7/10/2012	Very.
13115	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13116	7/10/2012	It's usually crowded when we go, especially for the kids' programs.
13117	7/10/2012	I think that several people rely on the library for computer access, research, and checking out books and media regularly.
13118	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always patrons in the library, using the computers, reading to kids and checking out books.
13119	7/10/2012	? I guess it seems pretty busy most of time?
13120	7/10/2012	Pretty well used. I see many people in the library every day. I myself frequent it four to five times a week, at least. It's within great walking distance!
13121	7/10/2012	When inside the library, there always seems to be a consistent amount of people using the library services.
13122	7/10/2012	I underuse the library, not because of my wishes but because of the demands of my job. It is a necessity and would be lost without its services.
13123	7/10/2012	very well used. I see youth and adults there quite often. I wish the space was larger and had a better selection.
13124	7/10/2012	Every time we go to look for books there are many people there. We are retired, and so often we go during the work week. It is still busy then.
13125	7/10/2012	I always see a lot of people in the library.

13126	7/10/2012	Hard to say. It is clear that the county system has been under stress since I have moved to Portland (5 years ago). I came from Las Vegas which, oddly enough, had a generously supported library system with beautiful buildings (at least the two branches I went to) and an abundance of new and classic books, movies, music and other media. The Hollywood and especially the branch on 39th/Chavez seem to have a much poorer selections of media. It is a hard time for libraries. You are going to have to innovate in order to survive.
13127	7/10/2012	The Belmont Branch usually has a constant stream of people there when I'm in there about once a month or more. ☐ ☐ I use the online features for virtually all my library transactions. I like the opportunity to place a hold 24/7. ☐ ☐ I wish there were a feature to make a personal comment beside a hold (or freeze) so that I could remind myself when the book becomes available as to what was the reason for placing the hold. Some times I forget after a long wait time.
13128	7/10/2012	Very busy always
13129	7/10/2012	Overused
13130	7/10/2012	Very well used; it's always busy when I go there.
13131	7/10/2012	Both branches that I frequent are always full.
13132	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13133	7/10/2012	It always looks busy when I am in there.
13134	7/10/2012	It is always bustling!
13135	7/10/2012	Very...?
13136	7/10/2012	Very!! Always busy.
13137	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question means... The Central Library gets a lot of foot traffic, if that's what you mean.
13138	7/10/2012	Very well used
13139	7/10/2012	very well used. it is always full of people on the weekends when I go there.
13140	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13141	7/10/2012	Extremely
13142	7/10/2012	It's always a hive of busy-ness whenever I'm there.
13143	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13144	7/10/2012	Too well used! It's always busy and thriving while I'm there and often feels overcrowded. I wish it were bigger.
13145	7/10/2012	I live just houses away from the holgate branch and it seems to be very busy , there are always a lot of people, especially the neighborhood kids there. I love having a Library so close.

13146	7/10/2012	There are always people waiting for it to open, and it is always busy inside once it does open. People are all over the place doing all sorts of things.
13147	7/10/2012	We hardly ever see many people there. Usually just a couple and often its for esl services
13148	7/10/2012	There seem to always be at least 20 to 40 other people in the library whenever I go.
13149	7/10/2012	Very well used - always busy, and a wonderful feeling of community.
13150	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy whenever I visit. Both Hollywood and Albina form an important community space for the neighborhood.
13151	7/10/2012	We have four cards between family members. They are all used A LOT. My children participate in the summer reading program as well.
13152	7/10/2012	Our local library always has a large number of people in it and is pretty busy. The fact that it is easily accessible by walking and biking is also nice.
13153	7/10/2012	always busy with waits for computers. i see all ages, races at the library. truly represents the community more than any other place i can think of in the city.
13154	7/10/2012	Well
13155	7/10/2012	The Capital Hill branch always appears to be very well used, primarily by those in the neighborhood.
13156	7/10/2012	very well.
13157	7/10/2012	By the community...I'd say it's very popular...people often meet there.
13158	7/10/2012	It's very well used. The library always seems bustling and filled with people. Since Burton Barr is my "local" library, there are always so many activities going on. A good example: Will Bruder's talk on the summer solstice. It was so nice to see so many people in the library at noon on a weekday. I know I took time off from work to attend, and obviously hundreds of others did the same thing.
13159	7/10/2012	nicely busy all the time
13160	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy.
13161	7/10/2012	Pretty well used.
13162	7/10/2012	It has seemed fairly busy whenever I visit, with tens of people there
13163	7/10/2012	Very!!
13164	7/10/2012	Very well used. The staff is always helpful even when very busy.
13165	7/10/2012	All of the libraries seem to be hopping every time I'm there.
13166	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used.
13167	7/10/2012	Very - too small at Albina, hard to get in to get holds.
13168	7/10/2012	Very; it's always busy.
13169	7/10/2012	It seems like a busy and happy place.
13170	7/10/2012	Well used. Always crowded when I go there.
13171	7/10/2012	Very busy almost all the time.
13172	7/10/2012	It is very well used by people from many different segments of the community. During the day, I notice that many people take advantage of computer resources.
13173	7/10/2012	Very well.

13174	7/10/2012	Well used. My wife was a librarian for 18years in Pacific City. She lives for books :-)
13175	7/10/2012	Always full of people, lots of programs
13176	7/10/2012	Very very busy. Full most of the time. (Belmont Branch)
13177	7/10/2012	It always seems busy, especially the computers.
13178	7/10/2012	Very well used
13179	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always many people in the NW branch, using the computers and checking out, picking up books, etc.
13180	7/10/2012	Kenton Library is always busy. There are always people on the computers. The children's section is well-loved and busy. The hold shelves are filled!
13181	7/10/2012	always seems to be busy, especially with parents and children.
13182	7/10/2012	It seems busy nearly all the time.
13183	7/10/2012	Albina seems busy all the time, I do wish they had more books that I want to read on the shelves, as it seems more focused on black authors rather than just good books.
13184	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. There are great programs available nearly every day for the children, especially in the summer. I am an avid and constant user of the library and since I retired, I am there more often then ever.
13185	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy. I've observed that the computers always seem busy and people doing research, reading, etc.
13186	7/10/2012	I used the library2go for Kindle books, and audio books several times a month. I love that I can just go online and have access to the format I like most.
13187	7/10/2012	The central library is a Portland gem....I love it. It is always humming with people...my perception is that it is very well used--by locals and visitors. I travel a lot and it is one of the first places I visit when I return to Portland.
13188	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used.
13189	7/10/2012	My local library is a cornerstone for information, knowledge and access to my personal and professional development. I strongly believe limiting the usage of libraries would be a mistake not only for the community but for all humanity.
13190	7/10/2012	Very well, but there is never a long check-out line as there can be at Ledding Lib. and others.
13191	7/10/2012	I believe Belmont is heavily used based on people there when I visit, but I don't have any means to compare to other libraries.
13192	7/10/2012	I think it would be better used if the hours weren't so poor. If the library is only open during normal business hours, how are people supposed to visit it when they work? Packed. So many people are in the branch that a Sheriff's Dept. Deputy is needed. This is a sign of mission creep and over-reach. The Library is not a Social Services Agency to babysit children. The Library is not a place to surf the internet or play video games for free. These are functions best served by an internet cafe, which have been forced out of business by the free library terminals.
13193	7/10/2012	
13194	7/10/2012	Very well used.

13195	7/10/2012	The branch libraries and the Central Library are always bustling places any time I have been in the buildings. The desk staffs are busy, as are the librarians. Patrons are using the computers and looking for material to take home. It gets hectic after school let loose the students.
13196	7/10/2012	Very well used, I often see the computers are full and there are always a lot of children around using the resources.
13197	7/10/2012	Very used, but we now live in tigar
13198	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13199	7/10/2012	Very well.
13200	7/10/2012	very
13201	7/10/2012	Not sure, I only go to pick up and return books.
13202	7/10/2012	The Woodstock library seems pretty busy when I'm there.
13203	7/10/2012	Well used. Every time I'm there, it's busy.
13204	7/10/2012	Very well used
13205	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go in there.
13206	7/10/2012	Very. There are always people at every table and walking through the stacks. It's a very active place whether I go there during the week or on the weekend.
13207	7/10/2012	very, always very full and teeming with kids and adults
13208	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13209	7/10/2012	Very well used and very well loved -- there are always a number of people in it.
13210	7/10/2012	it appears that both the NW location and Belmont have quite a few people everytime I'm in there.
13211	7/10/2012	Very high traffic.
13212	7/10/2012	Very.
13213	7/10/2012	I believe my libraries are well-used. It is always busy when I am there!
13214	7/10/2012	It is always crowded when I am there.
13215	7/10/2012	From my perspective, there are always many people in the reading room, at tables and using the terminals. There's also a lot of traffic checking out materials.
13216	7/10/2012	very well, there always seems to people there
13217	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13218	7/10/2012	always very busy
13219	7/10/2012	very busy with all ages. Seems very popular with parents and young children
13220	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library is always PACKED and is an amazing community resource.
13221	7/10/2012	It is always busy, lots of people in the stacks, on computers and in the quiet rooms.
13222	7/10/2012	Fairly well used but rarely crowded
13223	7/10/2012	I feel like it's rather well utilized. I see folks on the computers and picking up media every time I've gone.
13224	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy and bustling on the times I go there, which is great!
13225	7/10/2012	Quite well used. There are always other patrons in the branches, many using the computers.

13226	7/10/2012	Very. Always seems at capacity. Usually lines waiting to get in before the doors open.
13227	7/10/2012	Both (Hollywood and central) are essential parts of the thriving neighborhoods I live and work on, respectively.
13228	7/10/2012	Very active.
13229	7/10/2012	Judging from the amount of people I see, it is very well used for everything
13230	7/10/2012	Pretty well used
13231	7/10/2012	Weekly...1 to 2 times a week.
13232	7/10/2012	I was there last Saturday and the place was busy.
13233	7/10/2012	Well used. There's generally people waiting to get in in the morning and is generally busy throughout the day.
13234	7/10/2012	Very well used - the Hollywood library is pretty much constantly occupied with a large group of people browsing, taking part in community programs or using the computers for Internet access
13235	7/10/2012	I believe that our library is used very well. It is always full and the staff seems very busy.
13236	7/10/2012	There are usually good number of users there
13237	7/10/2012	Seems to always be full of people using the computers. Selection of books is thin, but we can order from other branches.
13238	7/10/2012	Though it is rarely crowded, I think it has a steady stream of regular users.
13239	7/10/2012	Each time I go there, it seems there are typically 15 or so people there (various times of day/day of week). I don't know if these numbers qualify as well used or not.
13240	7/10/2012	<p>The library is always busy when I visit and yet I have always had wonderful help if I have needed it. I love to see how many children are in the library, although I wish the "library voice" I was taught in the 1960-70's was still respected. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>I obviously need to do some more research, because I was not aware of the programs listed in question #3! I would use the programs for small business owners and would be interested in the programs for seniors for my husband and mom.</p>
13241	7/10/2012	heavy useage. short hours compared to other systems. Too much staff.
13242	7/10/2012	Always appears to be busy
13243	7/10/2012	Very. Both Sellwood & Woodstock libraries are always busy -- in a good way. Central, of course, is also quite well used.
13244	7/10/2012	<p>There are always happy book people in the library when I am there. I must admit to using several different libraries, each has its own ambiance. It's comparable to finding a great coffee shop. I may choose one library over another when I specifically want to use the computers, because I know there will be a shorter waiting time. I usually choose the library that happens to be the closest. I travel a lot for my business and I love the ease and accessibility. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>My latest passion is renting e-books for my Kindle. Too fun</p>

13245	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used! Based on what we see when we go into the library, I mean.
13246	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13247	7/10/2012	It seems busy for a small branch.
13248	7/10/2012	Always busy when I go in
13249	7/10/2012	appears to be quite well used whenever we are there.
13250	7/10/2012	Very
13251	7/10/2012	It's always very, very crowded.
13252	7/10/2012	I just moved and have not visited my local library recently.
13253	7/10/2012	Very well used. Baby story time and tiny tots has to turn away people due to popularity.
13254	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
13255	7/10/2012	From what I can see, the Hollywood library is very busy and an important resource for my local community.
13256	7/10/2012	seems busy all of the time
13257	7/10/2012	high utilization. I see all computers busy at St. John's since so many residents lack computer access.
13258	7/10/2012	It's always full of people. There are always people waiting for it to open.
13259	7/10/2012	Very well
13260	7/10/2012	They are both terrific but sometimes a little noisy since there is so much emphasis on children's programing
13261	7/10/2012	I use it?
13262	7/10/2012	I never go to the branch
13263	7/10/2012	It is very well used and unfortunately it opens later now, which isn't very conducive for young children to go in the mornings as their lunch/naps are around the time it opens!
13264	7/10/2012	The parking lot is mostly full almost every time I go.
13265	7/10/2012	very well used; parking lot is always full
13266	7/10/2012	It's a pretty small library and it's usually full of people.
13267	7/10/2012	Always busy when I'm there. Hard to find parking.
13268	7/10/2012	Always lots of people there when I visit.
13269	7/10/2012	Hillsdale location always has a good crowd when we are visiting for our book/media needs. So this library is well used.
13270	7/10/2012	If this question means how many visitors it has who use it, it is very heavily used. It is always full of people when I visit.
13271	7/10/2012	there seems to be a fair amount of people there most of the times I visit
13272	7/10/2012	always people there when i go
13273	7/10/2012	My local library is very well used, in fact I think we could use a branch closer to the elementary school in the Vernon neighborhood.
13274	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. When ever I've been in there there have been at least 10-15 patrons.

13275	7/10/2012	It's a great, well-used resource for the neighborhoods of, and surrounding, Kenton. The childrens' reading groups are always packed. I've never seen the place empty or anywhere close!
13276	7/10/2012	My wife and I use the library on a monthly basis. Each time we have visited the library, we have noticed many persons there at the library. We believe it well used.
13277	7/10/2012	The libraries seem fairly busy whenever I visit. The long waiting lists for various media are also indicative of many clientele.
13278	7/10/2012	Every time I go to any of the libraries I selected above, there is always a line to check out and (obviously except at Central) lots of cars in the parking lots. This is usually in the afternoons so maybe it's quieter at other times.
13279	7/10/2012	Very. The one we frequent most often is packed all the time
13280	7/10/2012	All ways very busy.
13281	7/10/2012	Very well used, lots of foot traffic and I usually have to hunt for my prefered parking space. When I need computer service It's busy but reasonable turn over. Everyone is courteous, patrons as well as staff. All functions run very smoothly. I like the services on line, I prefer to check the catalog before going even if I'm not going for a very specific reason. I would vote for the increase . It seems very fair to all.
13282	7/10/2012	I don't use the library much.
13283	7/10/2012	Seems rather busy.
13284	7/10/2012	Well Used
13285	7/10/2012	Always busy
13286	7/10/2012	don't know
13287	7/10/2012	Medium well.
13288	7/10/2012	very
13289	7/10/2012	Seems very well used to me--always packed for young children programs.
13290	7/10/2012	It's always packed with people.
13291	7/10/2012	Pretty well
13292	7/10/2012	VERY well used.
13293	7/10/2012	It always seems busy
13294	7/10/2012	Very much so. There's always a line waiting for it to open!!
13295	7/10/2012	Very well
13296	7/10/2012	Very well?
13297	7/10/2012	Very well. Every time I am in the Sellwood branch there is at least a dozen people or more there.
13298	7/10/2012	very!
13299	7/10/2012	very often
13300	7/10/2012	it seems fairly well used. usually a crowd whenever I'm there
13301	7/10/2012	very well used

13302	7/10/2012	Very. It is always busy and the kids book times are packed.
13303	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I go in.
13304	7/10/2012	very well used - a community gathering spot - bump into friends/schoolmates
13305	7/10/2012	Very. There are always more people than I expect using the Northwest branch no matter when I stop in.
13306	7/10/2012	All that I use, Belmont, Hollywood, and NW are always busy and seem to be thriving.
13307	7/10/2012	Hillsdale is very well used.
13308	7/10/2012	It always looks busy when I go to pick up a book on hold.
13309	7/10/2012	Very
13310	7/10/2012	It's very busy.
13311	7/10/2012	Very busy I would say
13312	7/10/2012	always customers in the library when I visit.
13313	7/10/2012	It seems to pretty much always be packed with people. Enough that having the automated checkout is helpful.
13314	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy whenever i go in....
13315	7/10/2012	very very used. i cannot believe that the decison was made to close mondays. that is the stupidest thing i have seen politicians do, this month
13316	7/10/2012	The Capitol Hill Branch seems to always be busy, based on the parking lot!
13317	7/10/2012	there are almost always many people there, and the doors are frequently opening.
13318	7/10/2012	not sure how to answer this. I typically put a hold on a dozen or so books and swap them out monthly - for reading to our toddler. I don't spend much time at the library as my kiddo doesn't sit still or stay quiet that long, but from the time I stop in it looks well used. Capitol Hill seems busy whenever I visit
13319	7/10/2012	Hillsdale somewhat busy, but I only pick up reserved books in in the early evening Central library I love to visit and it always seems busy. However, it's downtown and parking can be dicey or expensive. So...I usually reserve books and have them sent to Capitol or Hillsdale
13320	7/10/2012	We go to the library every Wednesday through the summer months (less while he is in school). As a parent, I enjoy the opportunity for him to be involved in the summer reading program. This is our 4th or 5th year doing it. Great way to keep him reading all summer long. Recently he has discovered Oragami. It was great to be able to select several books from the library for him to look at for what will probably be a short lived interest.
13321	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. It's always crowded by people of all ages. Oftentimes, people linger even minutes before closing time. Besides being a place to check out books/media and providing programs, the library is a great space for tutors to work with students who are temporarily suspended/expelled from school or those seeking extra academic support.
13322	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there, with people checking out books, using the computers, getting help from the desks. I see people of all ages using the library every day when I walk to the grocery store next door.

13323	7/10/2012	I visit the Kenton Library 2-3 times a week, usually between noon and 2pm on weekdays. The library is very well used. I would estimate that 80% of the time the computer usage is at capacity. The librarian are always engaged in helping visitors and there are children and parents reading or searching for books in the children's section. I will also often see students engage in what appears to be school assignments. The back ground of the visitors appears to reflect a cross section of North Portland in age, race and economic status. It is a great library and well used by the community it serves.
13324	7/10/2012	very
13325	7/10/2012	I think it looks very well used.
13326	7/10/2012	Many people seem to be in the Belmont library when I stop in.
13327	7/10/2012	Very well used
13328	7/10/2012	It seems busy all the time.
13329	7/10/2012	Very
13330	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13331	7/10/2012	Pretty busy the times I've been there.
13332	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people there.
13333	7/10/2012	it is always busy with children and adults - it is well loved and used!
13334	7/10/2012	seems busy frequently
13335	7/10/2012	Both seem pretty well attended. Obviously, Hillsdale is a lovely building with a great kid reading area, but i have never seen either close to empty
13336	7/10/2012	It seems very busy and lively whenever I go to the Kenton location.
13337	7/10/2012	I would say it is very well used, I always see families with children, people bustling around.
13338	7/10/2012	Often very busy
13339	7/10/2012	Very! There are always at least 20 people at the library, often more. It can be difficult to find parking depending on when you go, so I usually walk.
13340	7/10/2012	?
13341	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13342	7/10/2012	It's usually very busy when I see it.
13343	7/10/2012	very
13344	7/10/2012	It seems very popular.
13345	7/10/2012	I use it on a regular and frequent basis
13346	7/10/2012	Quiet useing library
13347	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand this question? If you are asking if many people use the library on a daily basis, I would say yes! No only is there always a line waiting for it to open, but every time I go to any branch many people are in there checking out books, using the computers, or attending a storytime.
13348	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. Often filled with patrons.
13349	7/10/2012	It is very well used and often full - all computers in use, all self-checkouts being used, kids at story hour, etc.

13350	7/10/2012	There are always many people there, not to mention the small crowd outside the door at 9:55am any time I'm passing by.
13351	7/10/2012	My kids use the library more than I do personally, but even as an adult age 48 I go to one of the libraries to seek out information, more business/ career related.
13352	7/10/2012	Belmont, not as much as the one near my work/school where I teach. The Belmont library is just not as appealing as some of the other locations.
13353	7/10/2012	All of the branches I visit as well as the Central Library are very heavily used.
13354	7/10/2012	Very well used. The Central Library is always full of people browsing through books, using computers, and enjoying the space. There are even lines outside the entryway before the library opens in the morning.
13355	7/10/2012	Always busy. The small parking lot is almost always full, the library is hopping. Though the collection at my local branch (Belmont) is small, due to the size of the library itself, it is a portal on the whole Mult. Library collection, as you can tell by the amount of space required to shelve reserves waiting for pick up. [] Of all the things tax dollars fund, this is the use it is easiest to love and support.
13356	7/10/2012	I am using the library often because it has a lot of books in Russian language. My kids live to pick books about animals and garden. Look like that it is only one place that you can find all new books to read for school level kids. Kids love the library, they said "That is the best place to go with the family and friend!" Thank you for keeping the library working at list for six day. We are hopping that soon you will come back for your normal schedule. Thank you!
13357	7/10/2012	Oddly phrased question. Do you mean to ask how busy the library appears when I visit? That is fairly up to personal perception. The Central location is the busier of the two I visit, but this has something to do with its downtown location. Because of PSU, the Central location serves as a work space for a lot of students, including myself. Still, the Gresham location is well-used, in my opinion. I use it, as well as my 86-year-old grandmother, whose library account I help manage in order to get her books checked out and turned in on time. She visits the library about once a week.
13358	7/10/2012	It is very busy, but I have the feeling that it is disproportionately (on a per capita population basis) used as homeless shelter than as a library per se. This has been an on-going issue for me in my use of Mult Co. libraries for well over 45 years. As a child, and then as a young teenager in the Sixties and Seventies, I hated the old men (one of whom actually crawled under the table at me to try and touch me) who populated the reading room, which I was trying to use after classes downtown on the weekends. I am tired of the dirtiness, I am tired of being accosted verbally, if no longer physically, and as a consequence my daily library use is at a nearby Washington County library, which is equally busy, but seems MUCH more friendly.
13359	7/10/2012	It is always busy, so I believe it is well used.
13360	7/10/2012	Very well.

13361	7/10/2012	fairly well used
13362	7/10/2012	pretty well used.
13363	7/10/2012	There are always lot's of people.
13364	7/10/2012	very well used
13365	7/10/2012	it seems pretty busy
13366	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there... so quite well, I guess
13367	7/10/2012	Very busy.
13368	7/10/2012	Extensively used.
13369	7/10/2012	Belmont is very well used, there are always people there.
13370	7/10/2012	Very
13371	7/10/2012	moderately
13372	7/10/2012	Our library seems very busy. We use it almost daily!
13373	7/10/2012	very well used
13374	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy when I go there
13375	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used, as far as I can tell.
13376	7/10/2012	Extremely! Always busy whenever I'm in there. And I've often gone there before it opens and found a huge line of people waiting to get in.
13377	7/10/2012	Each branch that I visit seems well used and busy.
13378	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13379	7/10/2012	It seems to me that there are too few books. I usually am on a wait list. The library is always occupied at 50% or more capacity.
13380	7/10/2012	Very. Always quite a lot of people inside when we go.
13381	7/10/2012	Always busy.
13382	7/10/2012	Many people stop in it looks like. It is smaller than ever to me though and didn't have anything I was looking for. BUT I AM NOT THE ONE you should worry about, its my fault I DO NOT READ enough, nor does my Wife.
13383	7/10/2012	very well, by the looks of it.
13384	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Library is always well packed and its difficult to find parking.
13385	7/10/2012	Both the Hollywood and the Belmont branches appear to be quite well used - they are frequently busy, with lines waiting most mornings for the locations to open.
13386	7/10/2012	The Holgate library is always packed. When the doors open in the morning, there is always a line of people waiting to get in. It is definitely an invaluable service for our neighborhood.
13387	7/10/2012	always seems busy, especially younger families, school-aged kids
13388	7/10/2012	There always seems to be regulars, whether waiting for the library to open, reading the papers/magazines and using the computers.

13389	7/10/2012	Central Library is almost always bustling, no matter what time or day I am there.[] Northwest Library, in spite of its small size, limited services and relatively small collection, always has at least a dozen patrons using it whenever I am there.
13390	7/10/2012	Central: It seems to have become the homeless day center. I long for a space where it's quiet and one hears only the sound of pages turning. I'm a part-time student, and I rely on the library as a study refuge (as it's close to my home).
13391	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when I go in. I mostly pick up reserved materials and peruse the Lucky Day section. There are often children's activities in the back room though I've never attended any of the special events at this library.
13392	7/10/2012	I thoroughly enjoy and use my local Gresham library. It's a big part of my life.
13393	7/10/2012	Every time I go into the library it is Full of immigrants and foreigners! I am using it less and less. Mostly because they don't make their children listen or obey.
13394	7/10/2012	The North Portland branch is filled with people any time of day. I use the library seven days a week.
13395	7/10/2012	very
13396	7/10/2012	seems very well used.
13397	7/10/2012	very well used
13398	7/10/2012	It always seems to be very busy.
13399	7/10/2012	Very busy
13400	7/10/2012	Looks to be busy every time I go there.
13401	7/10/2012	VERY. I go once or twice a week. It is one of my favorite things about this great city we live in.
13402	7/10/2012	very
13403	7/10/2012	Usually seems pretty busy.
13404	7/10/2012	It is extremely busy all hours.
13405	7/10/2012	There are always a fair amount of people inside when I pass by... at least 20
13406	7/10/2012	Well Used
13407	7/10/2012	very well used (i.e. it is often crowded and overflowing with children)
13408	7/10/2012	The Kenton library is never empty. It seems to be a well used locale.
13409	7/10/2012	A very busy place!
13410	7/10/2012	Very well-used. It always seems full of people reading and using the computers.
13411	7/10/2012	I seems well used - always people on computers, always many books on shelf for hold pick ups,
13412	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. Always busy.
13413	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is used constantly by the community.
13414	7/10/2012	I love it. It's part of Portland vibrant, unique community. I feel connected there. I think multicolib works.
13415	7/10/2012	It's seems busy but not overly so
13416	7/10/2012	very busy always
13417	7/10/2012	Very well used, as there are always lots of people there when I am there.
13418	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy

13419	7/10/2012	The central library is well used, the library in St. Johns is'nt as well used, I think it needs more publicity as to it's existence.
13420	7/10/2012	It heartens me to see how many people are always in the Central and Midland libraries. I don't think I've ever been to either one when it wasn't well-supplied with patrons.
13421	7/10/2012	very well used
13422	7/10/2012	It's almost always busy and bustling, with young children, teens, adults, and older patrons all using various resources.
13423	7/10/2012	Both the Sellwood and Woodstock libraries are very well used!
13424	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people in the library.
13425	7/10/2012	I use it to check out books. I have been interested in some programs but just have not found the time to incorporate them into my already busy schedule.
13426	7/10/2012	don't know as I only use online ordering of books for kindle use
13427	7/10/2012	There are always a good amount of people in all the branches I attend at any given time of day. The Woodstock library always seems to have an abundance of patrons taking advantage of all aspects of the library's resources (books, movies, music, computer tables). The children and family sections seem to be the most frequented. Fantastic system.
13428	7/10/2012	It seems moderately busy at all times.
13429	7/10/2012	Very!
13430	7/10/2012	Very!
13431	7/10/2012	Not nearly as much as the Central library, but the Capitol hill branch is a much needed branch in the area.
13432	7/10/2012	My husband and I use our library quite frequently, and anytime I visit it is quite busy, and often I cannot find a parking spot. It's always busy when I'm there. Computer stations are generally fully occupied or close to. Usually short lines for help at the check out desk. (Staff is exceptionally helpful and friendly - particularly appreciate the staff who speak languages other than English.) Outside of school hours, always lots of children.
13433	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there. Computer stations are generally fully occupied or close to. Usually short lines for help at the check out desk. (Staff is exceptionally helpful and friendly - particularly appreciate the staff who speak languages other than English.) Outside of school hours, always lots of children.
13434	7/10/2012	mjy branch is very well used by moms with children, kids, adults
13435	7/10/2012	The library always seems busy and it seems like all the services made available are used. My family is very grateful that such a wide variety of books are offered and that the hold system is so easy to use.
13436	7/10/2012	It appears well used. I am a senior so generally go to the library during the day. It is always full of people, young and old using the computers, looking through books, reading or working with books on the tables and attending classes.
13437	7/10/2012	The Central library is busy all the time. The main parts of the library, the children's sections, the book store, and meeting room downstairs are teeming with people. It's nice to see so many people using the features that our library has to offer. It's a wonderful place to get books, info, dvds, and introduce children to all its wonders.
13438	7/10/2012	Always busy!

13439	7/10/2012	Very well used. It always seems busy! It's a happy place.
13440	7/10/2012	It seems pretty popular.
13441	7/10/2012	Extremely
13442	7/10/2012	it's always busy
13443	7/10/2012	Very well
13444	7/10/2012	Don't know
13445	7/10/2012	very well used. all of them are always busy!
13446	7/10/2012	seems heavily used, crowded, and often all computer terminals in use.
13447	7/10/2012	very
13448	7/10/2012	Always busy
13449	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. It is always bustling.
13450	7/10/2012	Very. it's so busy that it's impossible to find a chair to sit on.
13451	7/10/2012	Very well used
13452	7/10/2012	There are always people there when we go in.
13453	7/10/2012	There are always people in them when I go.
13454	7/10/2012	Seems to be very busy - computers are always fully utilized.
13455	7/10/2012	Extremely well used and well loved....always packed....
13456	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. It could be interpreted many ways.
13457	7/10/2012	Very well at both Capitol Hill and Hillsdale. Always full of people.
13458	7/10/2012	Always seem very busy
13459	7/10/2012	There always seems to be people in the library using it.
13460	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
13461	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I am there, both children and adults. I am very aware of the diversity of ages and ethnicities every time I go there.
13462	7/10/2012	Extremely well.
13463	7/10/2012	Really well
13464	7/10/2012	It appears well used every time I attend.
13465	7/10/2012	It always has patrons and often lots of them.
13466	7/10/2012	Our library is usually busy, especially on weekends. People of all ages, races, and classes at the 2 libraries we use the most.
13467	7/10/2012	It's always very busy!
13468	7/10/2012	Midland always seems to have lots going on and has lots of patrons (at least when I am there).
13469	7/10/2012	It is very busy! It is a vital resource in downtown for many people and the customers are from all sectors of the community.
13470	7/10/2012	Sparse

13471	7/10/2012	both branches i use always look very full, busy and parking is not the easiest. dont think i am complaining about parking, though, never a big deal and i think portlanders are not tough enough about parking. try new york or san francisco if you want tough parking.
13472	7/10/2012	Whenever I've been there, I've seen lots of people inside, few parking spaces generally available. It can be hard to find an internet access computer available sometimes.
13473	7/10/2012	Very well used I would say. It is always busy when I am there. The attendants are always busy assisting people, or asking if I need help. I appreciate the Library very much and am sad that Mondays are now going away.
13474	7/10/2012	I would say well used, both the Central and Holgate branch are always crowded.
13475	7/10/2012	It's pretty crowded every time I go to Northwest. I also see a lot of parents with kids there during the day and community members using the computers.
13476	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13477	7/10/2012	it seems to always be pretty busy
13478	7/10/2012	My local library is almost always crowded.
13479	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13480	7/10/2012	Very!
13481	7/10/2012	I use Hillsdale Library primarily and it seems to always be full and bustling.
13482	7/10/2012	seems well used.
13483	7/10/2012	very.
13484	7/10/2012	Very
13485	7/10/2012	seems very busy
13486	7/10/2012	Always busy!
13487	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy when I stop in,
13488	7/10/2012	Well-used.
13489	7/10/2012	Very well. Lots of patrons
13490	7/10/2012	Pretty used. For school and personal reading. I use the internet and a quite space for homework and reading newspapers.
13491	7/10/2012	very well used
13492	7/10/2012	very
13493	7/10/2012	Very heavily
13494	7/10/2012	It seem very well used, it is often quite busy.
13495	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy when I go in.
13496	7/10/2012	Very, it is always a bustling, busy place for all ages.
13497	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
13498	7/10/2012	Very well
13499	7/10/2012	there are always people in there - seems well used to me.
13500	7/10/2012	It is always busy.

13501	7/10/2012	Busy
13502	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13503	7/10/2012	It seems to be pretty busy every time I go. Parking lot is usually full.
13504	7/10/2012	It's very well used!
13505	7/10/2012	Very well used. Almost every time I go in it is busy.
13506	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always buzzing with activity and there is always a wait for the computers.
13507	7/10/2012	There are always other patrons in the library when I visit. They are on computers, reading books, etc...
13508	7/10/2012	It seems well-used to me. I have never seen it empty, even close to opening or closing hours.
13509	7/10/2012	The libraries are always crowded when I go in. I end up having to put books on hold more than I can check them out immediately.
13510	7/10/2012	It always appears busy. I bike by it frequently.
13511	7/10/2012	Always crowded in the computer area, many people reading newspapers & magazines, large number of shelves with books on hold.
13512	7/10/2012	Very well used we always depend on the library for any homework, recreation and business and other
13513	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is almost always a line outside at the time the library opens. No matter when I go, the library seems to be hopping--lots of programs and users.
13514	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always packed when I'm in there.
13515	7/10/2012	The North Portland library is very lively. There's almost always something interesting happening when I stop by.
13516	7/10/2012	Our marvelous library has very heavy user. Every time I have been there it has always been full of people.
13517	7/10/2012	Always buzzing and crowded (but not too crowded) in there. Seems to be very well used.
13518	7/10/2012	Sellwood and Hillsboro are always busy. I have never witnessed a slow period.
13519	7/10/2012	It is always quite full! I often see well attended children's programs going on as well.
13520	7/10/2012	This question is so subjective, I don't even know how to answer it. Are you asking if there are a lot of patrons? Is the building worn down? Lack of materials on the shelf? What sort of answer are you looking for? Very much so, in fact it is all busy anytime I have gone into my branch library.[]
13521	7/10/2012	The computers are in use at all times, patrons are lining up at the reference/information desk seeking help with their informational needs, the conference rooms are in use providing various outreach programs, and the the library holds shelf is always full on books waiting to be picked up.
13522	7/10/2012	Belmont and Central are often very busy. However, I no longer reside in Oregon, so don't visit the library often. However, the tax assessor and I still own a house in SE Portland, so I'll go ahead and finish this survey.

13523	7/10/2012	There are always people using the NW branch whenever I go to the library or just walk by. The patron computers are almost always being used and people are there checking out books. Although it is a small branch and sometimes does not have needed book on its shelves, the system for getting requested books to the branch seems very efficient.
13524	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used. It's truly a useful community-based center. Diverse areas of interest accommodated. See all ages in this library. It's kept clean & items are quickly reshelved or conveniently accessible on carts mid-reshelving. Wish current magazine issues didn't disappear as often since many of us are trying to reduce our mag subscriptions. Pleasant, helpful (& smart) librarians & volunteers. Totally love our branch. Thanks for asking.
13525	7/10/2012	Very - it's always incredibly busy!
13526	7/10/2012	Very
13527	7/10/2012	Seems busy whenever I am there.
13528	7/10/2012	used
13529	7/10/2012	always very busy
13530	7/10/2012	Extremely busy, people wait in line for it to open. (Holgate)
13531	7/10/2012	There are always people sitting at the computers.
13532	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people there and usually people waiting to use the computers.
13533	7/10/2012	very well used
13534	7/10/2012	I'd say the Midland branch is very well-used.
13535	7/10/2012	It is very busy.
13536	7/10/2012	it is very well used, it is never empty when i visit it.
13537	7/10/2012	Very.
13538	7/10/2012	Always very busy every time I am there
13539	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy.
13540	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people at the Belmont library.
13541	7/10/2012	Midland library is extremely well used and every week seems to be busier.
13542	7/10/2012	Computers are busy
13543	7/10/2012	very
13544	7/10/2012	i don't know
13545	7/10/2012	The libraries I frequent always seem to be busy.
13546	7/10/2012	very - its popular with many different age groups
13547	7/10/2012	awesome
13548	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights seems well used but not crowded, especially compared to Hollywood.
13549	7/10/2012	We go at least once a week, sometimes two. There are always a lot of people there everytime we go. The computers are always fully used.
13550	7/10/2012	Busy, busy, busy! We love our libraries!
13551	7/10/2012	Always seems busy to me when visited.

13552	7/10/2012	Generally always busy!
13553	7/10/2012	Very well used and always busy. Hollywood is a terrific branch.
13554	7/10/2012	It seems like it is always busy! It's not well stocked but they are very good about getting books/videos in quickly to pick up.
13555	7/10/2012	Central library is always crowded when I'm there. And many people, including me, use the services the library provides online.
13556	7/10/2012	Hollywood is always busy and usually packed full.
13557	7/10/2012	Very well used, always occupied and active
13558	7/10/2012	I am always impressed at how busy the library is - from classes and activities to computer use and families perusing the stacks. It makes me happy to see so many people using this great resource.
13559	7/10/2012	It's is always busy
13560	7/10/2012	It appears to be moderately used when I'm there. The computer stations appear to be in use most of the time.
13561	7/10/2012	It's an essential community resource. We would love to have even more programs available!
13562	7/10/2012	Hollywood Library is full of folks both young and old every time I am in there...be it during the weekday or over the weekend.
13563	7/10/2012	extremely well, my sense is that limited hours right now are putting more strain on staff/resources as people have fewer options for visiting, programs and have to pack it all in
13564	7/10/2012	The parking lot is usually full...I always have a hard time finding parking. I love requesting a book online for myself and being able to pick it up quickly. I have three small children that roam the aisles of the library and love checking out all kinds of different books. I am really impressed with the library system here in Multnomah County and wish everyone could value it and continue making use of this great resource.
13565	7/10/2012	Being that it is the downtown library, it is used frequently. I mostly stop by to pick up books on hold or drop of books that are due back and consistently see a large number of people using everything from computers, to study areas, to the various other amenities that the library has to offer.
13566	7/10/2012	There is always a good number of people (15-25) using the library, whenever I go.
13567	7/10/2012	Very! It's always busy when I'm there. I always have at least one item checked out from the library with many more on my waitlist, and nearly all of my friends use our local branch regularly, too.
13568	7/10/2012	orthwest is small but never seems too crowded Cental Library is alwas very well used. I think Nothwest branch provides very convenient access o the neighbor hood as well as Chapmen School & Friendly House.
13569	7/10/2012	Always busy.
13570	7/10/2012	The wait list for books is long!
13571	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I'm there and seems to be used by different groups in the community.
13572	7/10/2012	very
13573	7/10/2012	very.

13574	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy -- I try to stop in early in the morning so lines are short.
13575	7/10/2012	It's always crowded!
13576	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13577	7/10/2012	There are always people at both locations.
13578	7/10/2012	It always has several patrons whenever I go.
13579	7/10/2012	There are people visiting and using library services each and every time I am there regardless of time of day or time of week.
13580	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
13581	7/10/2012	Hollywood is extremely busy.
13582	7/10/2012	very well -- it is usually busy!
13583	7/10/2012	Central is overused. NW is comfortable. Belmont can be a bit busy.
13584	7/10/2012	Both branches that I frequent seem well-used. There are usually a range of ages using library resources during the times that I visit the library.
13585	7/10/2012	always super busy
13586	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used, particularly by young people.
13587	7/10/2012	very busy---a happy hum at all times.
13588	7/10/2012	Always lots of people there, kids and adults. Computers are always in use.
13589	7/10/2012	Fairly well used. Each library building is quite small, so it always seems like it is bustling.
13590	7/10/2012	Holgate seems to be pretty frequently used by families especially! I usually am only there to drop off a book that I got through the mail, yet it appears bustling.
13591	7/10/2012	It often seems quite full - especially on weekday afternoons after school.
13592	7/10/2012	It's fairly well frequented when I am in there. Also, when I drive by, there are always people hanging around outside the doo too (Hollywood).
13593	7/10/2012	always busy, when there.
13594	7/10/2012	It's always busy with patrons. It is very well used by the community.
13595	7/10/2012	Central is the closest branch to me and it is always very well frequented.
13596	7/10/2012	I am always surprised at how busy the local branch is at all hours.
13597	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
13598	7/10/2012	It always seems well attended (and noisy).
13599	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a good number of patrons. It has a good selection of books and media.
13600	7/10/2012	It seems busy
13601	7/10/2012	I usually go in just to pick up books I have requested online but there usually seems to be a lot of people there.
13602	7/10/2012	Very busy there is always a buzz of activity. As a teacher I always use the library for curriculum resource, checking out many books during the school year.
13603	7/10/2012	Both branches we frequent are always full of people and buzzing with activity.

13604	7/10/2012	We moved to downtown Portland a year ago. Our use of the library is mostly with our young (3 1/2 years old) grandson who loves to go to libraries so we visit the Central Library downtown almost every time he visits us from Port Townsend Washington. I believe that the the children's portion of the library that he uses is well used since there are always many children and their parents/grandparents in that room
13605	7/10/2012	It is well attended and you need to adjust your services to the current funds available. Can not afford additional taxes.
13606	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library has always been and continues to be a focal part of the community. i have been a user for almost 60 years- and the staff is a viable part of the Hollywood/ multnomah county comunity. I use the services of both Midland and Gregory Heights less frequently yet all 3 are in constant use .
13607	7/10/2012	The library is always full with children, students and seniors and waiting in long lines.
13608	7/10/2012	There are ALWAYS dozens of people at the library at all times of the day when I have used the library. Staff is friendly and helpful. We need to keep hours as they were before July 1st, to ensure both customers and staff can continue to function effectively in this awesome place.
13609	7/10/2012	Very!
13610	7/10/2012	Relatively, I think.
13611	7/10/2012	Usually quite crowded
13612	7/10/2012	It's never crowded, but there are always people there whenever I go
13613	7/10/2012	Very. Always busy
13614	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used, always busy when we go in.
13615	7/10/2012	I think quite well used. It seems busy every time I'm there.
13616	7/10/2012	Very well used
13617	7/10/2012	Consistently busy.
13618	7/10/2012	Very. By all ages and populations in the area.
13619	7/10/2012	Very. It's always busy when I'm there.
13620	7/10/2012	always busy
13621	7/10/2012	Well-used I think
13622	7/10/2012	Very well used. Almost always busy - parking lot full, line for computers etc...
13623	7/10/2012	It always seems pretty busy. People often wait on the doorstep for the library to open.
13624	7/10/2012	Well
13625	7/10/2012	I can't really judge this, but most of the time when I visit the Gregory Heights branch, I see people there, often kids and teens. The library seems well-used to me.
13626	7/10/2012	Usually seems to be a significant number of people there, but usually not lines for check-out or resources.

13627	7/10/2012	In terms of people being there, I would say that it is VERY well used. There are always folks there getting books, using the computers, and sitting at the tables. I cannot think of a time when I went in and was the only one there.
13628	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13629	7/10/2012	extremely well used
13630	7/10/2012	Excellent
13631	7/10/2012	Pretty well.
13632	7/10/2012	I love my local libraries - though I don't spend much time actually at the library, it's so nice to know that it is there (they are all around, LOVE it).
13633	7/10/2012	sometimes it is so full I don't like being there
13634	7/10/2012	Extremely. It's always bustling with people from all walks of life accessing computers for job searching, educational youth programs and general internet use. The programs offered for children are well attended and the shelves of reserved books are always filled!
13635	7/10/2012	It maintains a constant flow of people. Also it is well used enough by me to find Monday's being closed very unfortunate.
13636	7/10/2012	I don't know how "well used" it is. If you meant to ask if it seems to be fairly busy, it usually is.
13637	7/10/2012	always full when ever I have visited.
13638	7/10/2012	I believe the community utilizes the library and it's resources well. I work with low-income individuals and families and I know that many of them visit the libraries often and appreciate this resource.
13639	7/10/2012	Extremely well used! Sometimes can't find a parking spot in the lot.
13640	7/10/2012	Extremely
13641	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's always super crowded & all the books I want are checked out.
13642	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13643	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13644	7/10/2012	It seems crowded. A lot of people go to hang out not just check out books.
13645	7/10/2012	We love our library. It offers a wealth of resources in a beautiful facility.
13646	7/10/2012	very well!
13647	7/10/2012	Very well.
13648	7/10/2012	Its always busy!
13649	7/10/2012	I just go and pick up books-so i dont know.
13650	7/10/2012	It is usually pretty busy.
13651	7/10/2012	Very!
13652	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy
13653	7/10/2012	Many people present throughout the day.
13654	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13655	7/10/2012	Very well
13656	7/10/2012	Always many users when I go in.

13657	7/10/2012	Very busy
13658	7/10/2012	It is always crowded!
13659	7/10/2012	always busy but well staffed to run smoothly.
13660	7/10/2012	As I understand it, the Central Library is the busiest.
13661	7/10/2012	The NW Library always seems busy with a wide variety of people in the community using the library.
13662	7/10/2012	I am very familiar with my local library and the branches I go to.... Especially during the school year I am constantly using the books for research papers and have used the children's programs for the kids a nanny for. I am familiar with the programs that are available and keep update via the website.
13663	7/10/2012	It is very busy and appears to be well used by people in the neighborhood.
13664	7/10/2012	We use our local library extensively. It is used by the afterschool program my grandson attends, as well as his elementary school. My knitting group meets there, a Lego club meets there... it appears to be well-used by the local community in the North West.
13665	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy. It is hard to reserve a community room because they are always reserved. Computers are always busy. Favorite books are usually on hold for many weeks to many months.
13666	7/10/2012	It's not "standing room only," but there are always plenty of people whenever I find myself in a branch.
13667	7/10/2012	It always seems busy to me.
13668	7/10/2012	Very well used
13669	7/10/2012	Very well used. The books are in horrible condition!
13670	7/10/2012	Very busy.
13671	7/10/2012	Moderately.
13672	7/10/2012	Very well
13673	7/10/2012	pretty well used
13674	7/10/2012	much
13675	7/10/2012	Well?
13676	7/10/2012	Very!
13677	7/10/2012	SW Hill branch is busy when I am there (weekends, weekday afternoons)
13678	7/10/2012	Very well-used!
13679	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always many people at the library at all hours.
13680	7/10/2012	Always busy!
13681	7/10/2012	over 30 people waiting when it opens on a tuesday? i'd say welll well used. rarely an open study room? almost all computers being used? tons of kids around? it's crazy!
13682	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's always busy. There's always a queue waiting for it to open.
13683	7/10/2012	Both of them are extremely busy.
13684	7/10/2012	Usually quite a few people in it. Can be crowded on weekends.
13685	7/10/2012	Extremely!!!!!!!!!!!! (North Portland)

13686	7/10/2012	It's always PACKED! Albina is a small space that serves a wide variety of ages & income-levels. I love the energy there, the staff and its location!
13687	7/10/2012	There are always patrons in every section of the library when I'm there.
13688	7/10/2012	Our local library is constantly full, and I am always impressed at what a hub it is for the community. Our children get as excited to go to the library as they do to the swimming pool....it is truly that special to us.
13689	7/10/2012	It is a fun and relaxing environment for all ages. The libraries I visit are always well used. Jam packed on most days. There seems to be adequate staff, and I hope it stays this way. I understand not opening on Mondays to save resources. If the lib has to be closed one day, I suppose Mon or Tuesday would be best. Libraries are vital for our community. Cut legislators' paychecks (and perks) before you cut our libraries.
13690	7/10/2012	
13691	7/10/2012	very well used, always busy and books/media are routinely ordered from other branches....
13692	7/10/2012	My library usage is almost exclusively online now. I have been downloading ebooks fairly regularly since I got my Kindle. I don't anticipate going to the physical library any time in the near future. I have found books for research needs that I couldn't believe I would find at a local library. There is always a computer available. I love just being there because of the beauty of the place. ☺
13693	7/10/2012	I know many many people that utilize the library. It's a highly important component to the humanity of our community. Let's not forget that.
13694	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is always busy. It is a joy to stop in and browse the books and magazines, sit in their comfy chairs and read. I work in Gresham so I go on my lunch hour or after work before I go home as I live in Troutdale. My local library is the Troutdale branch. I am very dissapointed in the Troutdale branch. It is not welcoming - plastic chairs entice no one to sit and lose themselves in a book. The space is too small and parking inadequate.
13695	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well-used. There are always people in there when we visit.
13696	7/10/2012	Generally busy.
13697	7/10/2012	Heavily used
13698	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty busy often.
13699	7/10/2012	Very
13700	7/10/2012	It is always crowded.
13701	7/10/2012	very well used
13702	7/10/2012	I understand it is the most highly trafficked branch in the system.
13703	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by this question?????
13704	7/10/2012	Very well used, it's always busy.
13705	7/10/2012	Very Busy
13706	7/10/2012	VERY!
13707	7/10/2012	adequate
13708	7/10/2012	They always seem to have a lot of traffic when I visit them.
13709	7/10/2012	I wouldn't know

13710	7/10/2012	Quite well used, I believe,
13711	7/10/2012	The Gresham branch is always busy regardless of the day or time I am there
13712	7/10/2012	VERY!!
13713	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy when I go by daily.
13714	7/10/2012	constantly used
13715	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
13716	7/10/2012	It is always busy and full of computer users.
13717	7/10/2012	VERY (Albina)
13718	7/10/2012	It feels like it gets very heavy use.
13719	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13720	7/10/2012	it seems to be busy when I go.
13721	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13722	7/10/2012	They seem to be well used.
13723	7/10/2012	It is always humming with activity. There are always lines before it opens and patrons present at closing.
13724	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13725	7/10/2012	It always appears to have patrons waiting to get in and always people in the library.
13726	7/10/2012	My library seems to be very well used by my community. It is always busy no matter what time of day I go.
13727	7/10/2012	very well used
13728	7/10/2012	Always a lot of patrons
13729	7/10/2012	very. it always seems to be busy and the kiddos love the classes they offer!
13730	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch seems to always be busy.
13731	7/10/2012	The libraries I frequent always have a lot of people anytime of the day I visit, about 30% are usually children.
13732	7/10/2012	Very well. All computer terminals are in use continuously, parents and kids are always in the children's corner, the activity room is nearly always booked.
13733	7/10/2012	I find it to be used by many, many people. It always strikes me how much the DVD's are being used by the general public, but also the research and reading departments are usually occupied. I hope everyone is checking out books with the same enthusiasm as previously.
13734	7/10/2012	Often used by all age groups.
13735	7/10/2012	Since opening the Kenton neighborhood library I am thrilled to see many people use the library on the weekends when I usually go. On occasions when I have gone during the work week, again I am pleased to see so many young families attending story times. Multnomah County Library system is something I am very proud of and extend my gratitude for the continued support my elected officials provide to them.

		VERY. I myself am a power user, and it is always busy there.[]
13736	7/10/2012	[] I do wish it wasn't used as a nursery for children too young to understand basic QUIET rules (and, not surprisingly, too young to even be using a library). Or maybe the parents need to understand...
13737	7/10/2012	whenever I go to the library to pick up or drop off books, there is always a number of people there. it feels busy and well used. it's a very convenient location for me, allowing me the opportunity to go on a nice walk there and back.... not too close and not too far.
13738	7/10/2012	I go to the Gresham branch to pick up books I put on hold. I notice that when I go in the afternoon, the computers seem fully occupied, and there are short lines to checkout books etc. at the self-check kiosks or with one of the librarians. I usually see a handful of people at the help desk. I often see the spaces for reservation occupied with various activities geared toward different demographics (ex., children, adults) or political-related events. I always get a sense of a quiet bustle when I go in and out.
13739	7/10/2012	TOO well used by internet patrons. I thought the basics for the library system was for LEARNING. I would suggest that emails shouldn't be allowed. I use my own connection at home for a lot of learning and find it very useful, but I don't particularly think we should be paying people to chat with email etc. ALSO... WHY is the public library open on SUNDAY??? I am VERY opposed to this policy. If you are semi-solving the financial problem with closing on Monday... then CLOSE it on SUNDAY... a "day of rest"... a family day...etc..get out and stroll in the park for heavens sake. So... limit the internet and close on Sunday. Thank you for all you do for us all.
13740	7/10/2012	very well used
13741	7/10/2012	Very.
13742	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Branch is always busy.
13743	7/10/2012	VERY!
13744	7/10/2012	VERY
13745	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13746	7/10/2012	What does this question mean? Used by whom?
13747	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
13748	7/10/2012	Pretty busy, it is usually lots of people there
13749	7/10/2012	very well used
13750	7/10/2012	Hollywood is the closest library and from the looks of things when I am in there, it is very well used.
13751	7/10/2012	very well used
13752	7/10/2012	Very!
13753	7/10/2012	always seems busy when I go there
13754	7/10/2012	I believe it is very well used
13755	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13756	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. It is very valuable asset of the Sellwood/ West and East Moreland neighborhoods.

13757	7/10/2012	Seems busy ALL the time.
13758	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
13759	7/10/2012	The Gresham library is very well-used and always busy.
13760	7/10/2012	Really good
13761	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
13762	7/10/2012	very well used
13763	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
13764	7/10/2012	There always seems to be people in the library whenever I go. Quite often it is very busy.
13765	7/10/2012	very well
13766	7/10/2012	The library is almost always busy when I go in the evenings or on weekends during the day.
13767	7/10/2012	very used, there are at least 10 people there checking out books, using computers, or helping out with the libraries
13768	7/10/2012	There is generally a large number of people in the library when I go, of various ages. The computers especially are popular, and also the high circulation of new books.
13769	7/10/2012	I feel that the Belmont branch is a very well used library within the Multnomah County Library system.
13770	7/10/2012	Kenton library is a great asset to this neighborhood. It seems regularly used.
13771	7/10/2012	It seems to always have a good amount of people reading, studying, using the computer. I use it to pick up books and dvds I've reserved
13772	7/10/2012	It is used frequently and by many people.
13773	7/10/2012	I tend to stop by on my way home from work and it's always bustling and busy. I tend to stop by once or twice a week.
13774	7/10/2012	It's a wonderful library! Such a great resource. For heaven sakes, don't cut the libraries. We all need them and we definitely need a more educated electorate.
13775	7/10/2012	When ever I go there are a lot of people inside and every computer is taken. I work M-F 8-6pm and am busy on weekends; I don't have much time to visit the library so I am thankful that they are open late two days a week.
13776	7/10/2012	it appears to be well used. I usually reserve books on line and pick them up at Capitol Hill. Hillsdale is my local library.[]
13777	7/10/2012	It is always full of activity.[] The staff there are very helpful.
13778	7/10/2012	All of the ones we visit are very busy and used by all sorts of groups.
13779	7/10/2012	As far as I can tell, it's well utilized by people of all ages. While checking out books is probably the main activity, the computers are almost always in use, again by people of all ages.
13780	7/10/2012	Albina is very small but always busy, especially with kids. Hollywood sees more seniors and is a nice place to relax and read.
13781	7/10/2012	all of the librabries I have visited have been packed with people - adults and children. They are really vibrant places!

13782	7/10/2012	It is usually quite busy.
13783	7/10/2012	Whenever I go to Woodstock, there is always a busy hum coming from all the patrons. Adults and children alike, everyone is working on something there. I don't have a sense of how other patrons access programming there, but the place is always full.
13784	7/10/2012	It always is busy when I go there. The school is right next door which is great for the kids. I saw a child and her mom biking past a few days ago on Monday and the child was very sad that the library wasn't open.
13785	7/10/2012	Too many seemingly homeless people with poor hygiene. Sometimes the library smells so bad I can't stand to be in it. I think that is one of the main reasons why I don't frequent the library as much as I used to. The smell is a deterrent.
13786	7/10/2012	If you mean in terms of how many people use it (Central),then it's very well used in terms of being busy and there's an obvious demand for it.
13787	7/10/2012	It is very busy.
13788	7/10/2012	Very!
13789	7/10/2012	Very
13790	7/10/2012	Always busy
13791	7/10/2012	The computers always seem to be busy.
13792	7/10/2012	Very!
13793	7/10/2012	very well used! there is always a line waiting for them to open each morning.
13794	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
13795	7/10/2012	Very well used, from what I've seen. Always a full parking lot when I go.
13796	7/10/2012	very
13797	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always people waiting outside for the Library to open - computer almost always booked up.
13798	7/10/2012	Central Library seems to stay fairly busy.
13799	7/10/2012	It always seems to be in fair use when I am there.
13800	7/10/2012	The branches I go to are always bustling with people.
13801	7/10/2012	My library is always busy and always has great books and services for families and children.
13802	7/10/2012	Kenton library is very well used. It always seems busy.
13803	7/10/2012	Seems pretty active - always folks there and some programming going on. We love it.
13804	7/10/2012	Everytime I stop in it looks as if the library is getting very well used.
13805	7/10/2012	The library is very well used. Many children, parents, community members checking out books and using the computers.
13806	7/10/2012	Just judging from the parking lot, the usage is very high. appears very well used. the hold shelving is substantial!!!
13807	7/10/2012	and, I tried to go to one of the kid music hours once but it was completely full. please keep offering those services, including on the weekends for parents who work during the week.

13808	7/10/2012	Very well; there are always many people there.
13809	7/10/2012	I think that the Gresham library is used well by a majority of the people who visit it.
13810	7/10/2012	Central- Always seems to be very busy- and even the NW branch has been busy enough that a wait time of thirty minutes to access computer is not unusual.
13811	7/10/2012	it seems that every time I visit the library there are many people there ,mostly either reading or on a computer. I did not see many taking out books, but I was there either to take out a book or a DVD.[] At the present I do not use it much as I live half the year in Australia and the other half here in Gresham
13812	7/10/2012	very
13813	7/10/2012	it's always busy when I'm there
13814	7/10/2012	Very
13815	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13816	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy when we visit it.
13817	7/10/2012	Living within 2 blocks of the Woodstock branch, I can say it is very well used.
13818	7/10/2012	It always seems fairly busy when I am there (evenings and weekends mostly).
13819	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13820	7/10/2012	It's always hopping when I go in.
13821	7/10/2012	I have no idea. I rarely go because it is small, loud, noisy and a generally unpleasant environment.
13822	7/10/2012	Very well used
13823	7/10/2012	Seems fairly full every time I go there.
13824	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
13825	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
13826	7/10/2012	Very used
13827	7/10/2012	Always busy
13828	7/10/2012	Not sure how to evaluate this.
13829	7/10/2012	ALWAY'S BUSY!
13830	7/10/2012	Very well-- always seems busy.
13831	7/10/2012	Well used, moderate traffic.
13832	7/10/2012	very busy
13833	7/10/2012	Very well. Always heavily trafficked
13834	7/10/2012	They are always very busy!
13835	7/10/2012	I notice that it is very well used.--always busy!
13836	7/10/2012	It always seems busy, and it seems like people really use the "hold" system a lot
13837	7/10/2012	quite well used
13838	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale library is an important aspect of our community. I use library services weekly - sometimes daily and believe it to be an extremely valuable resource.
13839	7/10/2012	The St. Johns branch seems to be very well used.
13840	7/10/2012	I'd say that any branch of the library is an indispensable resource for its community.

13841	7/10/2012	We are also involved in every function they have
13842	7/10/2012	My family (2 adults, a 4 year old and a 7 year old) depends on the library. My daughter does "Read to the Dogs" and my son goes to story times, while we all have pretty much a constantly rotating 20-40 items checked out each.
13843	7/10/2012	I think that the Gresham library is used a lot by the people both who live in Gresham & people who live outside Gresham. When I'm at the Library, which is three times a week in the afternoon to early evening, there seem to to be a lot of people in the library.
13844	7/10/2012	I always see folks (especially parents with kids) coming in and out of the library.
13845	7/10/2012	Always lots of folks utilizing this friendly establishment!
13846	7/10/2012	Very well used
13847	7/10/2012	It's always very busy.
13848	7/10/2012	Very well. It's always full of people.
13849	7/10/2012	Looks full just about any time I pass by it.
13850	7/10/2012	It seems pretty popular, I like looking at the dvds and audiobooks, but for paper books I usually use Overdrive to check books out on my Kindle.
13851	7/10/2012	Very - seems extremely busy...
13852	7/10/2012	Belmont branch always appears to be full of people, both accessing book and media as well as using the computers.
13853	7/10/2012	It is always hopping when I go.
13854	7/10/2012	very!
13855	7/10/2012	I think a lot of people use and enjoying going to my local library. The staff is friendly and always helpful. It is a great environment.
13856	7/10/2012	Hollywood library is always a high traffic location. It seems well-used and well-liked by a broad range of the community.
13857	7/10/2012	The Kenton library seems to be busy at all times.
13858	7/10/2012	very, always a busy place, all ages, all people some smelly.
13859	7/10/2012	Very
13860	7/10/2012	Incredibly well used. It's wonderful to see the library busy with people of all ages, from toddlers to seniors.
13861	7/10/2012	People are always working quietly at the study tables, on the computers, and checking out books. The hold shelves appear full when I go to pick up my materials, and staff seem occupied with tasks.
13862	7/10/2012	it is always busy!
13863	7/10/2012	The three locations we regularly visit are busy all the time.
13864	7/10/2012	Very busy
13865	7/10/2012	Central - very heavily used Belmont - well used
13866	7/10/2012	what does this question mean?

13867	7/10/2012	It is always crowded.
13868	7/10/2012	It looks like a lot of people are in there when I go to a physical location. I recommend the library's databases to my co-workers.
13869	7/10/2012	not sure what to compare it to--but there are always other people there when I'm there, several at computers or at tables, some in the stacks, staff friendly and not looking bored :)
13870	7/10/2012	Whenever I go into the Woodstock Library to put up a book that I ordered online, it is always busy with people of all ages coming and going.
13871	7/10/2012	The library is very well used, and from what I can tell, is very much appreciated by the community. I personally enjoy going to the central library whenever I can because of the wonderful architecture and history the building has to offer (in addition to the wonderful assortment of books).
13872	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch always seems busy with a diverse age group of people (though perhaps fewer elderly). There are ample staff and the library's computers are popularly used. Though the collection is small, the interlibrary loan system is used well.
13873	7/10/2012	Every time that we drive by the library, the parking lot is always full. As we walk by, we see much activity within. When we visit the library (weekly), there is always a lot of activity. It is one of the focal points of our neighborhood.
13874	7/10/2012	always busy
13875	7/10/2012	Every time I go into the Holgate Library, it is filled with children from a diversity of socio-economic backgrounds, as well as lower-income and elderly adults who seem to use the facility's computer access. It is ALWAYS bustling.
13876	7/10/2012	? Do you mean "how many people are in the library when you frequent it" or do you mean "what kind of shape is your library in"? Both libraries are in great shape (new) and always clean. We are there at least once if not more a week and both branches are often a little too busy. Sometimes there is a wait for the computers or bathrooms and usually there is a person standing in each aisle. We miss going on MONDAYS!
13877	7/10/2012	Hollywood and Central libraries are always busy hubs in their respective neighborhoods from opening to closing hours.
13878	7/10/2012	Very! Families in particular seem to use it in many ways.
13879	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well utilized.
13880	7/10/2012	Very
13881	7/10/2012	Very well. There are always people checking out and browsing.
13882	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is a lot of traffic in both libraries. Both kids & adults. Kenton has a great layout for kids. The computers are separated, which is also nice. It is easy to watch your kids while checking out a book in the adult section. N Portland has a well stocked African American section.
13883	7/10/2012	Very busy.
13884	7/10/2012	extremely well
13885	7/10/2012	VERY well used.

13886	7/10/2012	Busy
13887	7/10/2012	I always see lots of other people in the library, so it seems pretty well used.
13888	7/10/2012	Very well used!
13889	7/10/2012	Seems well-used when we visit.
13890	7/10/2012	I don't know what this question is asking. How busy is it? Busy. Hollywood has a line waiting for the doors to open in the morning, and Albina always has people in it when I'm there.
13891	7/10/2012	Extremely well used! It is always full.
13892	7/10/2012	Fairly well used, I'd say.
13893	7/10/2012	it's always busy
13894	7/10/2012	i don't know.
13895	7/10/2012	I think they are well used
13896	7/10/2012	Very well used from my observations.
13897	7/10/2012	Appears to be very busy most of the time with a variety of ages.
13898	7/10/2012	Central is always well used.
13899	7/10/2012	Quite well used by local high school students
13900	7/10/2012	Appear to be very busy every time I visit.
13901	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is always very busy. My nephew also volunteers there- a great way for a Sophomore in High School to gain employment experience.
13902	7/10/2012	I check out books using library2go for my reading needs and occasionally go in for a book in print to read.
13903	7/10/2012	It always seems busy. I've never walked in and been the only person there.
13904	7/10/2012	I do photo-copies and use it for computer access and checking out/borrowing DVD motion-pictures to watch with my daughter and her friends!
13905	7/10/2012	It always appears populated when we stop in.
13906	7/10/2012	Our local library, Sellwood, is well used. It is always busy and generally well staffed. Cutting hours/services has an adverse effect on our neighborhood.
13907	7/10/2012	The St. Johns library is busy! There are always a lot of people from the community there, either checking out/returning books or using the computer. I know a lot of students from the neighborhood schools lack computer access at home, so they seem to use the computers a lot. My son (13) uses the library for books and is participating in a summer reading "game," where he gets something for reading a certain number of books. We like to purchase books from Powell's quite a bit, but we check out books ALL THE TIME, as well. Especially the classics.
13908	7/10/2012	Very well-used; it is always full of people, and there are waitlists on computer use. In fact, there are typically people waiting at the door before it opens.
13909	7/10/2012	Very well! We love the Hillsdale Library!

13910	7/10/2012	The Midland branch of the Multnomah library system has, what I believe, high summer traffic. The demographic of the population utilizing the resources at my local library bridge every socioeconomic and racial background. To reduce the available hours, at this branch, at this time both harms and hinders the population in this area and , from my perspective, is politically motivated. By reducing the hours of operation during the summer months, when the library is most utilized, local politicians and city leaders can force a tax increase on an already financially strapped community. Perhaps the time has come for local government to spend the counties resources more effectively instead of acting like a small child with his first allowance.
13911	7/10/2012	Very!
13912	7/10/2012	Very!
13913	7/10/2012	very well used
13914	7/10/2012	Both Central & Belmont are *very* well used -- always busy.
13915	7/10/2012	busy every time I go into it.
13916	7/10/2012	very well used
13917	7/10/2012	seems busy to me every time i am there...
13918	7/10/2012	very well used. lots of people in and out. all ages.
13919	7/10/2012	Busy.
13920	7/10/2012	pretty well
13921	7/10/2012	I am there at least twice a week and it always seems to be busy.
13922	7/10/2012	There are almost always a lot of kids in it, always people using the computers, always people at the desk checking out books.
13923	7/10/2012	Both are very well used and wonderful. The new Monday closures are horrible, however. I would love to help change that.
13924	7/10/2012	there's always a lot of people there
13925	7/10/2012	Very! I usually go to Albina, and it tends to be brimming with people.
13926	7/10/2012	It's always very busy!
13927	7/10/2012	moderate,
13928	7/10/2012	Every time I am there, it is crowded. It has a very diverse clientele, who make use of the library's many services. I always notice that the computers are full.
13929	7/10/2012	All the computers are being accessed, the multi-use room is full during story time and we have always passed people entering and leaving the double doors.
13930	7/10/2012	Very well, there are always lots of people, usually a line in the morning before it opens
13931	7/10/2012	it seems busy nearly every time I drop by. I go up to a few times a week.
13932	7/10/2012	Very. Always crowded with people of all ages. Recently I noticed people escaping the very hot weather by relaxing in the Central Library's lobby.
13933	7/10/2012	The library is frequently busy at times I pick up materials
13934	7/10/2012	It is always full of people when I am there.

13935	7/10/2012	Very well. It's a great place for kids to go. Our neighborhood is still a little rough, so the library is very important to these kids.
13936	7/10/2012	It is always busy and is used by all age groups, all socio economic groups
13937	7/10/2012	Midland is very well used. Belmont is too small for the use it gets.
13938	7/10/2012	Both Belmont and Central library are always in use whenever I visit.
13939	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's packed most every time I go in.
13940	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
13941	7/10/2012	Very clean and when needed help or have a question, I am able to speak to someone right away at the either the resource desk or check out.
13942	7/10/2012	Every time I go into Midland and Gresham there are always a lot of people of all ages using computers, reading, searching for books, in the children's areas.
13943	7/10/2012	I always see a lot of people inside the library when I go. I have my own computer but the library's computers are always in use by people who don't. I love the staff and the environment at my Troutdale Library.
13944	7/10/2012	My closest library (Hollywood) is very heavily used. In fact, that's why I now pick up my holds at Gregory Heights, which is also well used but faster in processing holds. I'm not sure how busy Albina is since I go there rarely.
13945	7/10/2012	Favorably.
13946	7/10/2012	well-used
13947	7/10/2012	Always busy!
13948	7/10/2012	Very
13949	7/10/2012	it seems well used and well liked
13950	7/10/2012	always is busy
13951	7/10/2012	Heavy use
13952	7/10/2012	?
13953	7/10/2012	I believe the library is fairly well used by the community.
13954	7/10/2012	Very well used
13955	7/10/2012	Unsure. I won't speak for other people. Or do you mean "well used" to mean worn down?
13956	7/10/2012	Very well used
13957	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always seems busy.
13958	7/10/2012	There are always a substantial number of people in the library. So I would say very well used
13959	7/10/2012	The parking is almost always full when I go.
13960	7/10/2012	always seems to have a good and diverse crowd of people doing various activities.
13961	7/10/2012	The Central library is well used...by homeless people. Of course, a lot of other people are there, too.
13962	7/10/2012	There are about 20-25 people in the Troutdale library whenever I go there.
13963	7/10/2012	Re Sellwood - 100% and by all age groups. Wish the library structure was larger in size i.e., Hollywood

13964	7/10/2012	I think it is a very very valuable community resource. Our awesome local library system is one of the reasons that Portland is so amazing.
13965	7/10/2012	The central branch is highly used, I often see the same people in there daily and I've used resources for school and job hunting
13966	7/10/2012	I have no idea how to answer this question. What do you mean by "well used"? How would I have access to the information I would need to answer that question? However, whenever I frequent library locations, there seem to be plenty of patrons present (most of them utilizing either the books and media or the computers). I also understand (from my roommate) that many of the community events are interesting, helpful, and well attended.
13967	7/10/2012	My daughter use to go to story telling with her grandmother on Thurs. This allowed them to both get out and it taught my daughter how to sit and listen to the stories, she really like Amy as well as the songs they would sing afterwards. She made friends that she still has today because of this program.
13968	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the library near my house (which is often, but does not follow a regular pattern), it's always full of people. I always see that the computers are in full use, the tables are generally occupied with groups that meet regularly, and there are always a lot of children there. In addition to this there are the people that come in and out for only a few minutes. The Capitol Hill library gets quite a bit of traffic. I think that it's a staple in the community, and is used by both adults and the children that attend the multiple schools in the immediate area.
13969	7/10/2012	Very well used.
13970	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy, regardless of the hour of my visit.
13971	7/10/2012	Don't know.
13972	7/10/2012	Very busy.
13973	7/10/2012	Always busy, but it's a small branch - I normally request books be sent there for pickup.
13974	7/10/2012	very well
13975	7/10/2012	very
13976	7/10/2012	very
13977	7/10/2012	Always busy.
13978	7/10/2012	Always people in there. Sometimes lots of them.
13979	7/10/2012	Very.
13980	7/10/2012	Very well used, always people in.
13981	7/10/2012	I think it gets a lot of use. The function I make the most use of is the online hold system to order a book and then check it out when it gets to the hold shelf.
13982	7/10/2012	It always seems busy, so I would say well used.
13983	7/10/2012	Very well used - always a lot of people in the Belmont branch. Our family of three goes to the library on average once a week, and we use the Place Hold feature online a lot.
13984	7/10/2012	Very well used
13985	7/10/2012	Extremely well!

13986	7/10/2012	very well used...it's always very busy when I randomly stop in.
13987	7/10/2012	I have most often visited the Troutdale branch and it seems very busy every time I go for being so small. Most to all of the computers are taken and many people are wandering between the stacks.
13988	7/10/2012	The Kenton library is where my family goes most - always at least 15 other people there when we go.
13989	7/10/2012	It is a very busy place. People everywhere. Sometimes hard to find a place to sit down and look at books.
13990	7/10/2012	It is busy but not always full
13991	7/10/2012	The parking is mostly full.
13992	7/10/2012	Very well.
13993	7/10/2012	It is very well used. The parking lot is often full and there are always people of all ages in there. The computers are always in demand and there is usually a wait to use one.
13994	7/10/2012	My local library's services are underused relative to its potential.
13995	7/10/2012	We go to book babies every week and the class is full most of the time. I am not sure how well used it is by adults - probably more online, but for the children it is wonderful.
13996	7/10/2012	This question is a little confusing...do you mean how many people are using it at any given time? If so, I would say it is definitely well used.
13997	7/10/2012	It seems it's mostly used by people who want books, and the homeless who want bathrooms. I'd be far more likely to use the library more often if there were less of the homeless hanging around out front. It makes for an uncomfortable experience.
13998	7/10/2012	There always seems to be lots of people checking out books, reading, and using the computers.
13999	7/10/2012	Hollywood branch is most used by my household. Staff are helpful and this is where I pick up holds. There are always visitors.
14000	7/10/2012	It appears to be heavily used by people using a diverse array of services.
14001	7/10/2012	Computer access appears to be a well-utilized service at this branch. The available computer positions seem to be mostly occupied whenever i visit. In contrast, it is my casual observation that the St. John's branch seems to have less computer usage. The childrens' space is also very popular.
14002	7/10/2012	Each time I've gone in to the Woodstock or Sellwood libraries, there have been young children browsing and reading books in the kids section, teens and pre-teens using computers and studying, and adults relaxing and browsing. It's amazing to always see all of the age groups represented each visit. The ones I visit are often busy, but never crowded enough to put me off of going there.
14003	7/10/2012	The computers are very well used. There is often a wait. I see plenty of people checking out books as well.
14004	7/10/2012	Not sure what you're asking.
14005	7/10/2012	always busy
14006	7/10/2012	It is always busy. A good thing...
14007	7/10/2012	very
14008	7/10/2012	very well-used

14009	7/10/2012	very well used
14010	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14011	7/10/2012	It's a very busy branch, with people of all ages. I notice the parents-with-children set using the library a lot.
14012	7/10/2012	love it & use it often
14013	7/10/2012	Albina is very well used. It's always filled with people
14014	7/10/2012	There are always plenty of people in there.
14015	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy at the various times that I visit
14016	7/10/2012	In terms of number of people, very well used
14017	7/10/2012	Steadily, but not overcrowded.
14018	7/10/2012	looks busy to me
14019	7/10/2012	????
14020	7/10/2012	Appears to be very well used.
14021	7/10/2012	It seems full of happy people every time I am there.
14022	7/10/2012	medium
14023	7/10/2012	Excellent
14024	7/10/2012	always looks occupied. Have a challenging time getting computer access for myself or younger daughter due to all available computers being used by other patrons.
14025	7/10/2012	Hollywood branch is always busy.
14026	7/10/2012	It seems to always be full of people and children.
14027	7/10/2012	My local library is well used and much appreciated. I walked by it on my way to the store yesterday and in the minute or two it took me to walk past, two families came to the library entrance (it was closed Monday due to funding) and then walked away again, disappointed. We love the library at our house and count it as one of our neighborhood treasures!
14028	7/10/2012	Every time I walk in there are at least 10-15 people there, easily more, the community room is in use and the librarians are helping someone. It is a busy library for being so small. I think there are as many people there as there are at Gresham when I walk in there.
14029	7/10/2012	It's always very busy. I haven't found it a very helpful library when it comes to children's activities. I showed up once for a reading time. I was 15 minutes early and it was already full. Wasted trip. I haven't tried again. The room does not hold many people. When we used to live in North Portland, I took the kids to story time and other children's activities at the North Portland library. I miss it.
14030	7/10/2012	Having the local branch open is absolutely critical -- we love it and use it constantly! We are especially worried about potential neighborhood libraries closing for people (particularly youth) who don't or can't drive. It is so important to think about the population with fewer resources, which, these days, is a huge number of people. Poorer kids are at a special disadvantage and libraries help bridge that gap. Libraries stand against elitism. We love our library! Please keep all branches open -- and tell us what we can do to support you.

14031	7/10/2012	too used .. due to constant use or internet facilities .. some times a very questionable group of people. seems to be a baby-sitting situation at rockwood. have quit going there because of it.
14032	7/10/2012	very. highest turnover in the system?
14033	7/10/2012	I do not know
14034	7/10/2012	Seems very busy. I like that it is so close to an elementary school.
14035	7/10/2012	Very busy
14036	7/10/2012	Always well used and in demand.
14037	7/10/2012	always seems very busy. love it! I'm retired so I try to avoid visiting on the weekends :)
14038	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14039	7/10/2012	It always seems fairly busy.
14040	7/10/2012	North Portland is my local library and it seems moderately busy whenever I am there.
14041	7/10/2012	Very well used, it always appears to be busy
14042	7/10/2012	extremely!!!
14043	7/10/2012	My local library is always very busy with seniors, teens, children, and adults. It has made a huge impact in my neighborhood.
14044	7/10/2012	This is a very busy library. We also use the meeting rooms for our HOA.
14045	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's small and always full when we visit.
14046	7/10/2012	Very well used
14047	7/10/2012	It is always, always very busy with plenty of traffic, books and other materials being checked out, families using the children's section, and folks at the reference desk. A wonderful resource.
14048	7/10/2012	Seems quite busy to me.
14049	7/10/2012	all three are very well used
14050	7/10/2012	There always seems to be people in there.
14051	7/10/2012	My local library is very well used. Families with kids, people using the computers, it's always lively and busy.
14052	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I am there.
14053	7/10/2012	Always surprised at how busy and active they are
14054	7/10/2012	belmont always seems to be busy, all ages, all types. additionally, central is busy at all hours, too. beyond that, the library system in Multnomah County seems to be better than any other library system in any city or state in which I have lived, and I value the resources (books, media, computers, librarians, meeting place) the library provides.
14055	7/10/2012	very. There are people there all hours of all days reading, researching, surfing the internet... The Hillsdale branch is always full when I'm in there!
14056	7/10/2012	☐ The Capitol Hill branch is often full, and always in use.
14057	7/10/2012	Impressive tool in our community.
14058	7/10/2012	From my observation, very well used.

14059	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I am there.
14060	7/10/2012	Very well used. I think the services, resources and technology is outstanding!
14061	7/10/2012	very well used and busy whenever i am there.
14062	7/10/2012	Seems like all the time it's busy.
14063	7/10/2012	By whom? Used as in visited?[] We consider our library to be a necessary resource of our community and love it.
14064	7/10/2012	(This question is badly phrased in that I'm not clear what you're asking.) Well used? We go once or twice a week and there are always people there.
14065	7/10/2012	It is the most wonderful and helpful resources for every one from the young to the old.
14066	7/10/2012	they are pillars of the community. albina and central are more than just librabries to most who frequent them. they are safe havens and invaluble tools for progression in life
14067	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy, particularly in the summer and after school during the school year.
14068	7/10/2012	It seems to always be bussling and vital - helpful staff keep the lines moving too.
14069	7/10/2012	Holgate is very busy and the wait to check out or ask a question is too long. I prefer Midland or Clackamas county.
14070	7/10/2012	Albina is located next to a grocery store, so it's easy to do "dual duty" on the way home from work. There has always been a heavy patronage whenever I'm there. Wide spectrum of ages and economic strata.
14071	7/10/2012	I often arrive at the Gresham branch when it opens. There are always many people waiting outside. Most of those people use the computers. Access to media is so important, especially with the economic barriers many people have. [] Occasionally, I visit the library at other times, and it always seems busy.
14072	7/10/2012	It's always busy. Computers are always being used. I know many people who rely on library computers for job search. and resource info.
14073	7/10/2012	It is very well used by people of all ages. I regularly see kids reading or using computers. Adults come in to check out books or other media. Clubs meet at the library. It is one of the most important places in our community.
14074	7/10/2012	All three of the libraries we visit most often are very well used. We see people of all ages looking for books and other materials, studying, using computers and attending programs.
14075	7/10/2012	It's very loud and well used with not much space for quiet reading or work.
14076	7/10/2012	very used, please don't take it away
14077	7/10/2012	Belmont is kinda small, but every time I walk in to pick up my holds, the place has a decent sized crowd.
14078	7/10/2012	we love it
14079	7/10/2012	very well used and well loved.
14080	7/10/2012	Very
14081	7/10/2012	It's usually crowded when I go, so I think it's very well used.

14082	7/10/2012	Very well used
14083	7/10/2012	very
14084	7/10/2012	Always appears busy and well utilized regardless of day or time
14085	7/10/2012	Extremely well as far as I can tell.
14086	7/10/2012	Very well used
14087	7/10/2012	very busy!
14088	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used. People are always there.
14089	7/10/2012	well-used, though many are street people in for shelter & bathrooms
14090	7/10/2012	Always busy and story times for kids fill up.
14091	7/10/2012	Very well. Every time I go in there, the place has a lot of people using the facility.
14092	7/10/2012	Not sure since I rarely go inside. That being said, it seems quite busy whenever I do use it.
14093	7/10/2012	Well loved but in good condition.
14094	7/10/2012	Very well
14095	7/10/2012	It often seems pretty busy.
14096	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14097	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always buzzing with members!
14098	7/10/2012	very heavily used
14099	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy when I pick-up my selections.
14100	7/10/2012	Crowded, busy, almost every time we're there. Most times there's a line at checkout.
14101	7/10/2012	every time my family and I visit the library they are always very busy
14102	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is almost always packed with people.
14103	7/10/2012	Seems like there are always people there using the computers and browsing. I've seen some good programs happening, haven't utilized them myself but plan to in the future.
14104	7/10/2012	Central Library seems to be a shelter for the homeless a lot of the time. Hillsdale seems pretty well used
14105	7/10/2012	There are always people there.
14106	7/10/2012	Very. It's a popular library and has a great section for children and many activities for families.
14107	7/10/2012	Whenever we go it is hard to find parking up close because it's always busy... doesn't matter what time of day, or day of the week.
14108	7/10/2012	No matter what day or time of day there are always people using the computers, picking up books or kids having story time. Albina is such a small branch but it is well used and I am grateful to have it.
14109	7/10/2012	Very well used!! There are always people reading at the tables, using the computer, reading newspapers, parents with small children reading to them and of course patrons browsing for books. I see all ages represented the young, teens, adults and seniors. I appreciate that many of our librarians are bi-lingual and can help patrons who are not fluent in English yet.

14110	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when I visit, whether it is during a weekday, evening or weekend.
14111	7/10/2012	The ones that I use the most are always full when I go to them.
14112	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a good number of people there. The wait for a computer can be as high as over an hour at the belmont branch.
14113	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used whenever I am there. I am particularly encouraged when I see younger children there actually checking out books which happens all the time.
14114	7/10/2012	It seems busy every time I am there. The library staff is fabulous and always at the ready for my 7 yr old to ask questions and get help finding books he wants. There are often lines waiting in the morning for the library to open. I have used the Multnomah County library system for my entire life and love being able to take my small children there and introduce them to the system and what a gift it is.
14115	7/10/2012	Both libraries seem to be very well used by the community. Capitol Hill is the branch I use most frequently, and whenever I go there, I notice that there are a lot of people picking up books and media; and using the computers. I don't know that I have ever entered this branch and seen it empty. Overall, I would consider it pretty heavily used by the community. The loss of library access on Mondays will definitely impact the community.
14116	7/10/2012	Every time we go into our Library the computers, tables, counters, and aisles are well peopled.
14117	7/10/2012	It always seems fairly populated when I go.
14118	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question is asking. There are always people there, though they are mostly using the computers.
14119	7/10/2012	Very
14120	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's a hoppin' place!
14121	7/10/2012	They both seem very well-used.
14122	7/10/2012	Very well used....it's always packed when I come in.
14123	7/10/2012	don't know seems busy
14124	7/10/2012	I think very well used. There is always something going on there and there are visitors all over the place. The staff is fantastic.
14125	7/10/2012	Well used. I think both the Hollywood Library (near my home) and the Central Library (near my office) are always busy and being used by people in the community.
14126	7/10/2012	Good
14127	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14128	7/10/2012	Both seem to have a good number of people in them when we go.
14129	7/10/2012	I think the Northwest location is a great little community hub and well-used for its size.
14130	7/10/2012	It is very well used. However, there are a lot of people that just "hang out."
14131	7/10/2012	Very well used. I always see kids and families in there.
14132	7/10/2012	It is very well used. Usually when going to use computers, there is a wait time!!
14133	7/10/2012	Don't know

14134	7/10/2012	all branches that we go to seem very well used
14135	7/10/2012	Very well used, from my observations. All the branches we frequent are always quite busy.
14136	7/10/2012	We love our library and use it often and it seems to always be fairly busy.
14137	7/10/2012	The libraries are a wonderful resource for everyone and I fully support any and all services they provide.
14138	7/10/2012	It's always full of adults and children. Seems like there are always people in the branch when I visit. The parking lot is usually about 1/3 to 1/2 full. The
14139	7/10/2012	computers are usually all in use, and there are usually people in about half of the chairs at the tables. Seems like it's busy, but not jammed packed or hectic.
14140	7/10/2012	The two we use most are the Downtown and North portland libraries - both busy whenever we're there. Extremely well used. Particularly in our current economic climate the library has become a resource for all segments of
14141	7/10/2012	society, from mothers with children learning to read, to the homeless looking for a warm and safe place to sit during the day, to business people expanding their skill sets. Central Library is always crowded and busy, which is one of the things I love most about visiting this branch. I love the smaller local branches for the same reason, but they are always a bit quieter. I love the library!
14142	7/10/2012	I've actually been working outside of the country for a few months. I don't know much of what is going on in the US right now much less back home in Portlan
14143	7/10/2012	It's a happening and hopping place. People of all sorts meet and mix there. Many races and religions are represented in the Caitol Hill Branch. Internet has high usage -- the queuing system is excellent -- but would prefer if all the reservation computers queued to one line rather than multiple lines (computer locations -- 3rd floor etc.). Media - movies: small selection -- this area could really use some funding -- maybe more classics, foreign films and learning videos (signing, gardening etc.). Periodicals - magazines -- high usage -- good selection. Perhaps we need an inhouse coffee shop. Calgary, Alberta Canada has a good set up for coffee -- second cup has a shop next door, with a "window" into the library where you can purchase coffee for consumption in the library. It's nice to have a coffee when you are purusing periodicals. Also notice that the books on CD selection is a little low.
14144	7/10/2012	
14145	7/10/2012	The three local libraries that I visit are all quite busy and have wide range of people (young and old) who visit.
14146	7/10/2012	very!
14147	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
14148	7/10/2012	well
14149	7/10/2012	It is always busy....
14150	7/10/2012	It always looks pretty busy.
14151	7/10/2012	Well used.
14152	7/10/2012	very well
14153	7/10/2012	It appears this particular library has high traffic, which is great.

14154	7/10/2012	very well used
14155	7/10/2012	Very well used
14156	7/10/2012	always busy
14157	7/10/2012	Always super busy!
14158	7/10/2012	Holgate is very well used.
14159	7/10/2012	It always has quite a lot of people there no matter what time of day I go.
14160	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used.
14161	7/10/2012	My husband and I are both writers who depend on the library's resources and the ILL system daily. We used to live in NE and used the Hollywood library daily but have since moved to SE where we now use the Sellwood library daily.
14162	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
14163	7/10/2012	The St. Johns library is ALWAYS busy with people using computers, children reading books and other perusing the shelves or working at the tables (research/studying). Our library is VERY well used and busy everyday.
14164	7/10/2012	Very well used
14165	7/10/2012	Very well used - it's always busy when we're there, and acts as a hub for the entire community.
14166	7/10/2012	Why are you asking me?
14167	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14168	7/10/2012	Kenton is always busy, friendly, and well-attended by a variety of folks.
14169	7/10/2012	It seems busy when I visit it
14170	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always busy with computer users and individuals cheking out materials.
14171	7/10/2012	There is always a good crowd of people there. We need to keep our libraries open every day and as many hours possible.
14172	7/10/2012	Appears to be very well used. It is always crowded whenever I visit.
14173	7/10/2012	The libraries I use have many visitors. Occasionally the Book Babies programs are too full for all the parents/babies that want to attend.
14174	7/10/2012	It was open every day and when we are visiting our family in n.e. portland, we visit almost every day. It would be a shame to have the library closed on any day.
14175	7/10/2012	It is always busy! I have never visited when there were not many kids in the kids section, on the computer, etc., many adults perusing the shelves and folks hanging around outside chatting, ready to go in or leaving with their arms full of books.
14176	7/10/2012	No matter what time of day I visit, the Belmont branch is always bustling. There are always people waiting for computers, families with kids, young adults getting material that's been put on hold...
14177	7/10/2012	The library is usually busy. There is typically a short wait for the computer. The dvd selection is good. The woodstock library is nice and open, easy to find things. The holgate library seems more crowded, lots of people and a smaller space. Its easy to check out at both locations.

14178	7/10/2012	Albina is always busy. I have told you this once and it bears repeating. When my children were younger, I took them to the central library all the time. It is a short trip on the bus. Imagine my surprise when many of their playmates were even unaware of the public library (Albina) down the street. This is a working class neighborhood although even that is changing thanks to gentrification but closing this library will help no one except to keep the poor more ignorant.
14179	7/10/2012	Very well used! Central is 'central' to downtown!
14180	7/10/2012	I'm not sure, but it seems like it is well used by the neighborhood each time I'm in to pick up/drop off books
14181	7/10/2012	It seems busy when I am there. I have to wait for service sometimes but not an unreasonable amount of time. Just a couple minutes while staff is helping others. I love the on-line system and that I can pick up books at Sellwood which we visit the most. Our zipcode is 97219.
14182	7/10/2012	Great.
14183	7/10/2012	Seems very well used
14184	7/10/2012	uhh.. very
14185	7/10/2012	Poorly worded question.
14186	7/10/2012	It's always busy-we love the clerks there and visit at least once a week.
14187	7/10/2012	very
14188	7/10/2012	Always lots of people around!
14189	7/10/2012	The branches are always quite full and busy.
14190	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used. Usually many patrons in attendance, of all ages.
14191	7/10/2012	Well
14192	7/10/2012	Always buzzing with poeple when we go there.
14193	7/10/2012	Seems busy most of the times I'm there.
14194	7/10/2012	How well used? By others or myself beyond the above answers?
14195	7/10/2012	?
14196	7/10/2012	Very well used! Albina and Hollywood always seem to be bustling!
14197	7/10/2012	Very well used
14198	7/10/2012	very...always busy when open
14199	7/10/2012	It always seems busy but we typically go on the weekend.
14200	7/10/2012	It always has many other people there whenever we go.
14201	7/10/2012	It's always full of people. And people line up to get in when it opens. It is VERY used. It was expanded a few years back but should have been made even bigger.
14202	7/10/2012	The Gresham local library is always very busy.
14203	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I go in there!
14204	7/10/2012	It is always very active when I am there.
14205	7/10/2012	Looks to be very busy every time I go!
14206	7/10/2012	Very busy

14207	7/10/2012	Always fairly crowded
14208	7/10/2012	Very well used, there are always lots of people coming and going and new book selections
14209	7/10/2012	very busy! well loved and well used.
14210	7/10/2012	I have property in Portland but live out of town and visit irregularly. It always seems well used when I am there. I also use Woodstock where I always see many children.
14211	7/10/2012	It is always busy, if that is what you mean. It's small though so we often have to request books to be sent to our branch.
14212	7/10/2012	My library is always busy. I think the library is the only opportunity and means many people who are not wealthy have to media, job hunting tools and information in its various forms.
14213	7/10/2012	It seemed to be used a lot as it is the main branch downtown.
14214	7/10/2012	Very well used - usually crowded on weekends, especially
14215	7/10/2012	It is okay and the librarians are friendly and very helpful.
14216	7/10/2012	Central is always busy. Always several people browsing on first floor, resting in lobby, etc. Lots of people on front sidewalk also doing polls, signature gathering, selling, begging, etc.
14217	7/10/2012	I tend to order materials online and use the local library solely for pick-up. In that short amount of time I am present in the library, it appears to always have a number of people there and the "call" items are always heavily stocked.
14218	7/10/2012	Very well used. We're probably using it far less than many of our neighborhood friends just because of our busy work schedules. But when we do use it (especially during the summer when school's out), we love it. It's a great neighborhood library for which we'd hate to see services lost or reduced.
14219	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. I mostly reserve online and pop in to pick up items. The staff are very helpful at Gregory Heights. There are a lot of Asian language materials and there are always lots of people using the computers there. They also host a Spanish/English language swap on the weekends in the community room which is very cool.
14220	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always numerous people there.
14221	7/10/2012	Very. Every time we go in, the library is hustling with neighborhood teens, families, adults. It makes my children feel good about going and checking out more books to read because they see others doing the same.
14222	7/10/2012	Any time I visit the Albina branch it appears to be busy and well-used. The branch is very small but all computers are usually occupied, and there are people working on their own computers and reading at tables. There are usually people in every section of books. Despite being busy the service the library staff provide is excellent. I also know that when I try to renew my materials they are often in demand and cannot be renewed.
14223	7/10/2012	My local library is the Hillsdale branch and it is used extensively. I use my laptop to write and research my grant consultant business. People come in for computer access, check out books, and use their media resources.

14224	7/10/2012	Our Hollywood library is so well used. It could be at least twice as big. It is an important asset to our neighborhood. When my children were school age, we went to story time on a regular basis and we checked out books twice per week.
14225	7/10/2012	Library is well used. I visit ~ 2x's per week and it is frequently busy.
14226	7/10/2012	The Library is crowded every time we go there.
14227	7/10/2012	Very all used and cherished by those who use it, even if infrequently. The main library is a treasure and the Hollywood branch a neighborhood gathering place for all ages.
14228	7/10/2012	It's a popular place for all folks, always full of people. I guess it's one of the most important institutions in the county, well equipped, maintained and served. The importance of the LIBRARY is such that the mere question of budget reduction for library services should never be on the table. It should be exempt.
14229	7/10/2012	very busy!
14230	7/10/2012	Moderately
14231	7/10/2012	Always very crowded.
14232	7/10/2012	very well used, always busy.
14233	7/10/2012	Extremely well used
14234	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14235	7/10/2012	Very popular! There are always people using the computers, and the reserves shelf is always full.
14236	7/10/2012	It seems well used.
14237	7/10/2012	very well...always busy
14238	7/10/2012	extremely well.
14239	7/10/2012	very well
14240	7/10/2012	There are people there on computers and in the book aisles every time I am there.
14241	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. Always busy.
14242	7/10/2012	Very.
14243	7/10/2012	Always looks busy to me!
14244	7/10/2012	Whenever I go into my local library (Holgate branch), it is always filled with people.
14245	7/10/2012	Very well used!
14246	7/10/2012	It's always busy - it's a small library, so it's not surprising.
14247	7/10/2012	very well used... it's also in a stunning building. We also use NW which is also a nice library... but it's hard to beat Central.
14248	7/10/2012	Very well, constantly busy.
14249	7/10/2012	Always busy
14250	7/10/2012	I love the library and use the local library and the online resources. The library in my neighborhood always has a number of adults and children present and it's an important part of our community.
14251	7/10/2012	All three branches I use are busy whenever I stop by. The Belmont branch seems the busiest, and it seems to be the smallest of the three.

14252	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14253	7/10/2012	It appears to be extremely well used. Lots of patrons, regardless of day or time.
14254	7/10/2012	At Hillsdale we always have to wait in line and usually have to excuse ourselves around people as the sections we are in seem to be crowded.
14255	7/10/2012	VERY! We go at least once a week and it is always busy!
14256	7/10/2012	Very well used. Parking lot is almost always full. Hard to find an empty seat anywhere. Always lots of patrons present whenever I'm there.
14257	7/10/2012	Very well used! Always many people at the tables and checking out materials, as well as using the computers.
14258	7/10/2012	Always has quite a few people. The computers are always full. However, the library staff seems like they are not doing too much. I think the new self checkout has greatly lessened their work load.
14259	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used. I only go in to pick up holds. However, I used to use the Belmont branch and it was always very busy.
14260	7/10/2012	our branch is always busy, always full of people
14261	7/10/2012	Our most local library is the Hillsdale Library and it seems very well used. We feel that its use level warrants keeping it opened 7 days a week
14262	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used. There are always many people of all ages in all areas of the library when we have been there My 2nd grader's school also had a field trip there near the end of the school year.
14263	7/10/2012	Very well-used. Perpetually difficult to find a parking spot nearby.
14264	7/10/2012	Somewhat ambiguous question. We use our local library often. It is often crowded/busy. We usually can find something of interest to check out.
14265	7/10/2012	Very well used
14266	7/10/2012	Both of the libraries are always busy but not overly full.
14267	7/10/2012	Very, it always seems busy when I go!
14268	7/10/2012	Very well used
14269	7/10/2012	It is always quite busy.
14270	7/10/2012	Its always busy.
14271	7/10/2012	always busy
14272	7/10/2012	Pretty well used, decent foot traffic when I visit
14273	7/10/2012	extremely well
14274	7/10/2012	Very. It always seems busy.
14275	7/10/2012	Midland is always pretty busy when I go into the library.
14276	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy
14277	7/10/2012	quite well used
14278	7/10/2012	It's always busy

14279	7/10/2012	very well used - every time I go in there, most of the computers are in use and a few people are reading periodicals.
14280	7/10/2012	Every time I visit there are a lot of people. The Parking lot is always crowded.
14281	7/10/2012	A nice balance - it's busy enough, but not so bad there's an excessive wait for items.
14282	7/10/2012	Very well used
14283	7/10/2012	I love it!
14284	7/10/2012	It always looks full of people to us. We go several times a week with our children.
14285	7/10/2012	Belmont Library is always bustling with activity, very well-used, a cornerstone of the neighborhood.
14286	7/10/2012	There are always plenty of people in the libraries I visit. I am glad we have that resource!
14287	7/10/2012	Seems very well used. Especially children's programs. Tons of kids and stay at home moms in our neighborhood.
14288	7/10/2012	The Belmont branch, in particular, is always crowded when I visit--no matter the time of day.
14289	7/10/2012	It always seems busy when I'm in there, and since the North Portland renovation, it's become a very nice place to be. When I was job-searching in 2009, I spent many hours in there, surrounded by fellow job-seekers.
14290	7/10/2012	Very well used. It always is busy when I go in.
14291	7/10/2012	very
14292	7/10/2012	It always seems to be very busy when I go there.
14293	7/10/2012	It seems busy most of the times I visit.
14294	7/10/2012	Very busy inside. I do not sure the Belmont Branch to look around. I most often have books in mind, have them delivered there for pick up. For Central, I use that branch because the Librarian's Choice section is so very, very awesome.
14295	7/10/2012	Very well used. Clean and well lit.
14296	7/10/2012	Well loved and very well used. The library is a very popular spot.
14297	7/10/2012	Very well used, it's always filled with people.
14298	7/10/2012	All of the branches seem very very busy when I am there. sometime it is so busy that I am not able to get any assistance when I need it.
14299	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
14300	7/10/2012	Extremely. I have rarely seen it with fewer than 20 people in it. The Hollywood and Albina libraries are always full of patrons. If I get there before they open, people are waiting to be let in.
14301	7/10/2012	If I get there right before they close, people are always rushing in for last minute items at the end of a work day. Many of us love our local libraries.
14302	7/10/2012	I always say tht the most valuable card I have in my wallet is the Multnomah library card
14303	7/10/2012	both libraries i use seem to be full of people when i go. either checking out items, using computers or attending an event.
14304	7/10/2012	It's my impression that Gregory Heights is heavily used.

14305	7/10/2012	Albina library is always used well by many people. No matter what time of day I go to the library, there are always many people in there. There are great programs for preschool children, and I've also noticed that when high school lets out, there are crowds of high schoolers happy to utilize the library's resources.
14306	7/10/2012	I moved recently, so I'm not as familiar with my local branch. I used to live near the Albina branch and it was always lively -- all computers were in use, lots of browsers in the stacks, frequent activities/programs for children.
14307	7/10/2012	Belmont branch does a great job - while not a large building, it is comfortable, friendly and busy. I pick up books on hold a couple times a week, and also check out the 'lucky day' selections on each visit.
14308	7/10/2012	I pass by the central library quite often and see people going in and out all the time. I think this is one location that would greatly benefit from being open 7 days a week. It's a beautiful building and I think it could also become a tourist destination if properly promoted (simply for it's architecture if nothing else).
14309	7/10/2012	I see people there all the time. I would think well enough to justify its' existence and operation.
14310	7/10/2012	I only just moved to this neighborhood and have only been to my local library (Holgate branch) a few times, and it appears to be a newish but well used building. I look forward to using it more (just put a book on hold this morning), though really the central branch is the only one that's really inviting in terms of spending a lot of time there nooked away reading or writing.
14311	7/10/2012	Not sure what this question is getting at. "Well used" meaning how efficient is the library or how users can find all they need I'll answer both. Well used re: how efficient: Researchers are always availalbe and knowledgeable, but it is hard to know where books are without a search or help. [] Well used as in find all that we need: Of course, the selection is rather limited so new books can be put on hold, but sometimes it's just easier to buy a new book.
14312	7/10/2012	It seems fairly busy.
14313	7/10/2012	Central appears to be busy most of the time. While there is rarely a line at the check out stations they are heavily used. [] I occasionally visit the Capitol Hill branch and it seems equally busy.
14314	7/10/2012	Hollywood library is very busy!
14315	7/10/2012	It is frequently busy with varying demographics.
14316	7/10/2012	Never
14317	7/10/2012	Extremely. Downtown branch is used more than ever, partly for library services, partly as a safe haven for the desperate and homeless.
14318	7/10/2012	All branches we use are always busy, smaller branches have hardly any empty seats for quiet reading (that's a good thing and a bad thing); mostly computer users (adults) and kids' programs and hold-pickups.

14319	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale branch seems to be intensively used, by people doing all sorts of different things.
14320	7/10/2012	Not well used. We use to live in Clackamas county and continue to use their library. We seldom use the Multnomah county library system for a number of reasons. The Capital Highway branch is so small it's not a browsing library which is why we prefer Lake Oswego's library. Multnomah's Capital Hwy branch is mostly a place to pick up books that are on hold. We also do NOT like that it has turned into a computer station. It's about books not surfing the internet. What we like least about the downtown library is that has become a haven for the homeless, sometimes foul smelling street people and crazy talking people. Not a safe feeling. It's a beautiful place that we would like to visit more often if we felt safer.
14321	7/10/2012	There are always people in this library when ever I go.
14322	7/10/2012	Seems to be used a lot
14323	7/10/2012	You mean in general, or by me? (odd wording of question) My local branch always appears busy to me. Especially in the hours after school lets out.
14324	7/10/2012	Very! It's always jam-packed!
14325	7/10/2012	Very used. Always busy.
14326	7/10/2012	It always seems well used when I am there
14327	7/10/2012	Very well attended.
14328	7/10/2012	Seems busy every time we're there
14329	7/10/2012	It's always packed when I come visit. Almost all of the computers are in use and there are always families there reading with their kids.
14330	7/10/2012	Very. It's always busy.
14331	7/10/2012	There always seems to be a healthy amount of diverse activity happening inside.
14332	7/10/2012	N/A- barely visit
14333	7/10/2012	Library seems great
14334	7/10/2012	I used this local library quite a bit.
14335	7/10/2012	Always bustling with activity when I go
14336	7/10/2012	seems to always have people at the computers
14337	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I'm there...
14338	7/10/2012	seems to have a fair amout of people when i'm there picking up books
14339	7/10/2012	It looks pretty busy to me!
14340	7/10/2012	Extremely! It is almost always crowded.
14341	7/10/2012	There are always people there when it's open. Whenever we go and find it not open, there are other people doing the same.
14342	7/10/2012	Very
14343	7/10/2012	It's very well used. I see a lot of individuals using it daily
14344	7/10/2012	It appears well used, always filled with people.

14345	7/10/2012	It is always in use! I love going there and every time I stop by there are bikes out front and the parking lot is full. It is great to see the neighborhood making use of the resource.
14346	7/10/2012	Moderately well used.
14347	7/10/2012	Very well occupied at all times, with friendly staff and good computer access.
14348	7/10/2012	Very well used!
14349	7/10/2012	Very well used. Many patrons each time I've been in, both weekday and weekend.
14350	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is very busy with patrons of all ages!
14351	7/10/2012	Hollywood always seems to have quite a few patrons there whenever I visit. Troutdale I mostly use the drop site.
14352	7/10/2012	There is always something going on at the library, usually a group of kids, and people using computers. I would say it is well used. Additionally, there is constant foot traffic around the library with people picking up, dropping off, etc.
14353	7/10/2012	I've never seen any of the libraries we frequent empty. Ever. Even around closing time. I've seen people waiting in line for the library to open, there is usually some sort of line for the computers... I would say that Albina and Hollywood, at least, are very well used.
14354	7/10/2012	Always busy when I go in.
14355	7/10/2012	It is always very busy. Every computer is in use at all times. People are in line to ask questions of the library staff.
14356	7/10/2012	It's usually pretty busy, never empty. I don't go to Belmont because it's overcrowded often and I prefer Hollywood the best.
14357	7/10/2012	It's always busy
14358	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is highly used. It is often quite full. Almost too many people for the size. The noise level in there is very loud.
14359	7/10/2012	the phrasing of this question is confusing. how well used? meaning worn in? or do i just see people using the library? either way, holgate is the closest to me but not very well stocked. belmont is much better.
14360	7/10/2012	I just got back from the Hillsdale library and it was packed! Parking was at a premium, and there were many patrons inside. I've never gone in this branch and found it devoid of patrons.
14361	7/10/2012	Seems constantly busy! In addition to my personal use, I know local urban schools, from pre-school and up, loce taking class trips to the central library. I think these experiences are invaluable to the students, to know these resources that are available to them.
14362	7/10/2012	There are frequently lots of people at the library when I go there. In addition there is almost always a waiting list for the books I want so that suggests to me that people are checking out books and using the library.
14363	7/10/2012	There are always a handful of people in the library at any given time but never over crowded.

14364	7/10/2012	Midland is always busy and parking is often an issue. Rockwood is small and has a good children's section so I go there occasionally with my daughter, but not often for myself even though it is closer. Gresham and Central are occasional browsing libraries for me, but Midland is my main branch.
14365	7/10/2012	Hollywood: lively with young families in the mornings; busy at other times.
14366	7/10/2012	Kenton: busy--I drop in on various days, times.
14367	7/10/2012	Both branches I go to are always very busy. Every time I visit any of the above branches, the library is bustling. The computers are busy, people are in the carols, sitting and reading, etc. A great hub of activity.
14368	7/10/2012	I'm a confused by the definition of "how well used" ... If it is referring to how "worn" or old the facility is, then the Hillsdale branch is in very good condition inside and outside. If it is referring to how many people "use" or visit the library, then it is very well used by the public as on every visit I've found almost every computer station in use, about half the desks occupied, and many people looking at books in the aisles.
14369	7/10/2012	Very busy anytime I am present at the facility. There are people waiting for it to open and there is a constant stream of people in and out of the library during the times I am there.
14370	7/10/2012	Both of the libraries (Central and Gregory Heights) that I usually go to have been fairly busy when I've gone and the computer stations are almost always full.
14371	7/10/2012	It is thriving with people, from a wide age range whenever I go. I think it is extremely well used
14372	7/10/2012	Very used.
14373	7/10/2012	All three libraries that our family requents are busy most days. We have never attended a class or event that wasn't full orvery close to capacity. The time we spend at our local libraries is valuable. We enjoy the busy environment and it helps our children learn to respect others' space, property and helps us teach waiting and patience.
14374	7/10/2012	It's always busy; always lots of patrons.
14375	7/10/2012	I take my granddaughter and nieces monthly. Everytime we've gone the library is always nicely crowded. We enjoy our time together and try to visit other libraries as often as we can.
14376	7/10/2012	Pretty well used, from what I can tell. Internet-access computers are almost always full, and we are pretty much never the only people in the children's area. (BTW, we use the library more like every two weeks, but there wasn't a box for that option.)
14377	7/10/2012	Always seems busy to me so I'd say that it is very well used.
14378	7/10/2012	very well. always people there, always computers being used. always a friendly staff
14379	7/10/2012	massive. very busy all the time.
14380	7/10/2012	I think pretty well (I don't really understand the question).

14381	7/10/2012	They all seem well used.
14382	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14383	7/10/2012	The Central library is very well used and important to the community, as well as the Sellwood branch.
14384	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14385	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
14386	7/10/2012	It seems very well used.
14387	7/10/2012	very well used
14388	7/10/2012	There always seem to be lots of people in the library when I visit, predominately on the weekends.
14389	7/10/2012	VERY well used. Often there is a line outside the door when it opens in the morning.
14390	7/10/2012	it seems to be well used to me.
14391	7/10/2012	I think it is a great resource. We love our libraries.
14392	7/10/2012	Extremely well used and trafficked.
14393	7/10/2012	very well used
14394	7/10/2012	It is very nice, although it gets pretty loud sometimes.
14395	7/10/2012	very
14396	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
14397	7/10/2012	It seems to be pretty well used.
14398	7/10/2012	Very well
14399	7/10/2012	Very! Lines waiting whenever you open and many books I want to read have extremely long hold lists on them.
14400	7/10/2012	Extremely well used, however not overcrowded.
14401	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used and always seems quite busy.
14402	7/10/2012	It seems very well used, always many people in the library when i visit.
14403	7/10/2012	Seems to be busy every time we are there.
14404	7/10/2012	Ventilation is poor. Always feels a bit stuffy.
14405	7/10/2012	Highly used.
14406	7/10/2012	It seems to be in use every hour that it is open. The tables seem full, the stacks are browsed, and there is a general coming-and-going that would indicate the branch is a dynamic part of the Northwest community.
14407	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy, always a lot going on.
14408	7/10/2012	I don't have another library system to compare it to, but anecdotally, it seems quite busy anytime I'm there.
14409	7/10/2012	Very, very busy all the time, esp when there are preschoolers and their moms there.
14410	7/10/2012	Very well used - it is always busy. I use the hold system a lot to be able to get what I want, which suggests there is a high circulation rate.
14411	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. I love my libraries!!!

14412	7/10/2012	The local library is always busy when we go there.
14413	7/10/2012	Don't know.
14414	7/10/2012	pretty well. i think it's a fantastic and loved resource by so many in the community. i think it's getting more use due to the economic climate, as well, but i only know what i hear from those i know. i've increased my usage, though, as has my partner.
14415	7/10/2012	very
14416	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's a diverse crowd in terms of age, race, etc.
14417	7/10/2012	I've no idea
14418	7/10/2012	Judging from the "crowd" that I observe I would say it is well used, especially by young families with children.
14419	7/10/2012	seems to be very well used
14420	7/10/2012	Each of the libraries I frequent is full of activity. Anytime I've arrived before the doors open, there are people lined up outside waiting to get in.
14421	7/10/2012	Since funding levels have resulted in curtailed hours, my family and I are rarely able to use the library because of our work schedules. In the past, my experience of our local library is that it is well used.
14422	7/10/2012	They seem to stay busy
14423	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is often a wait for the computer, and many of the seats around the tables are taken by people reading magazines, newspapers, books, using their laptops.
14424	7/10/2012	It is a very popular place for many different uses besides our family's
14425	7/10/2012	By me, very well used, I walk there everyday to pick up books, magazine and movies. By the neighborhood, also very, it is very crowded everytime I go in, there are often lines of people waiting for it to open, and people begging to be let in second before/after closing time.
14426	7/10/2012	Not exactly sure what you mean...but there's always other people in there when I go. There's almost always people at all of the computers and the hold shelves are full, so lots of people are ordering books, movies etc to be delivered and picked up at the Holgate library.
14427	7/10/2012	It is always busy. The kids' room table is covered with book each time we visit. This is a good thing.
14428	7/10/2012	Very! There are always loads of people inside! So many in fact that instead of the absolute silence you normally have in a library there is a low hum of many people in hushed conversations as well as many children with their parents.
14429	7/10/2012	there are always people there when I visit.
14430	7/10/2012	Gregory Heights is full almost every time I go there. My guess is that most of the patrons are children and foreign language speakers.
14431	7/10/2012	Seems like there's always a lot if people there.
14432	7/10/2012	very
14433	7/10/2012	Very.
14434	7/10/2012	It always looks busy.
14435	7/10/2012	It always seems quite busy when I'm there or when I pass by.

14436	7/10/2012	always people in it
14437	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
14438	7/10/2012	very well used, there's often people waiting for the doors to open!
14439	7/10/2012	Usually seems busy.
14440	7/10/2012	Central is very active. North Portland less so.
14441	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always people in there when open and often pretty crowded.
14442	7/10/2012	well used. always a line for computers, printers, check out... which I see as a good thing.
14443	7/10/2012	Very well, there are always people there.
14444	7/10/2012	It is usually busy with people.
14445	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when we go.
14446	7/10/2012	Not sure, Central always seems busy.
14447	7/10/2012	Very. There are always lots of people there on the computer, children, and families.
14448	7/10/2012	Very - there are always many people there.
14449	7/10/2012	Albina and Central Libraries appear busy always, especially the central library.
14450	7/10/2012	mostly for books to read, or to help burring schools.
14451	7/10/2012	Very well-used!
14452	7/10/2012	What does this question mean?
14453	7/10/2012	What????
14454	7/10/2012	I find it a very good place to go and read or research.
14455	7/10/2012	appears to be used frequently by many people
14456	7/10/2012	Very well used, I think.
14457	7/10/2012	seems like its always crowded when I go, so I can assume that it is used all the time
14458	7/10/2012	Seems well attended whenever I go. Book babies is usually close to full. Parking is always an issue at Hillsdale.[]
14459	7/10/2012	Those stupid charging stations don't help & is the money that powers them coming out of the library funding. It shouldn't since it has nothing to do with media.
14460	7/10/2012	There are usually about 10 or more patrons whenever I've been there.
14461	7/10/2012	Always bustling. Great resource, recognized by the community.
14462	7/10/2012	Very well use on daily basis.
14463	7/10/2012	very
14464	7/10/2012	Not sure but I think it is well used, at least that is my impression.
14465	7/10/2012	Usually very busy.
14466	7/10/2012	Seems like it's always busy when I go, no matter what time of day.
14467	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used. Almost always busy when we're there.
14468	7/10/2012	Very, it seems.
14469	7/10/2012	Very!
14470	7/10/2012	It's pretty busy most times I visit, which is usually twice a week.

14471	7/10/2012	Very!!
14472	7/10/2012	Very well used
14473	7/10/2012	I'm there at least once a month and the library is very full of people. I'd say it is well used.
14474	7/10/2012	I go to the Tigard Library almost exclusively
14475	7/10/2012	Very well used - not crowded by busy with people using the materials and resources that the library offers.
14476	7/10/2012	pretty well used.
14477	7/10/2012	Always busy when I am there.
14478	7/10/2012	Hollywood library is usually very busy place.
14479	7/10/2012	very well used and very comfortable...access by internet is extremely good
14480	7/10/2012	Not sure, the computers are always full but I'm not sure how many people use books anymore, besides us.
14481	7/10/2012	pretty well-used
14482	7/10/2012	The new troutdale library is a wonderful addition to the city! Whenever I go there people young and old are using and enjoying the services. Thanks for the consideration of providing Troutdale it's own facility.
14483	7/10/2012	I have no way to know that answer.
14484	7/10/2012	Pretty well - not crowded, but always busy.
14485	7/10/2012	it seems in good condition
14486	7/10/2012	Very
14487	7/10/2012	I feel that it's pretty darn well used! Always bustling when I'm in there!
14488	7/10/2012	I love seeing all the people in the library. The employees at Belmont are so helpful, the best really!
14489	7/10/2012	very well used
14490	7/10/2012	Any time we are at the library there are plenty of other people there. We visit the library about 3 times per week. More often in the winter months.
14491	7/10/2012	Very well used
14492	7/10/2012	Its very small but I always see people at the tables using the computers or internet access.
14493	7/10/2012	At the Kenton branch I always see it busy. The branch definitely is a vital part of the neighborhood.
14494	7/10/2012	Both libraries are always very busy with people of all ages.
14495	7/10/2012	Don't understand the question.
14496	7/10/2012	There are ALWAYS people there. It's actually surprising--I've really never seen the SJ library anything short of "bustling". It's a happening place in SJ and really sad that it's closed now on Monday...
14497	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy every time I am there.
14498	7/10/2012	Extremely. There is always a line waiting for it to open. The hold shelves are a significant portion of the shelving. We're constantly placing books on hold ourselves.

14499	7/10/2012	Pretty good, it seems. I am particularly amazed by the large number of books in the reserve section. And the carrels and tables also seem to be in heavy use. I feel proud of the fact the library is so useful to the community. And I love the little coffee shop attached.
14500	7/10/2012	VERY busy!
14501	7/10/2012	constantly and heavily
14502	7/10/2012	Very
14503	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14504	7/10/2012	Heavy use.
14505	7/10/2012	Very Busy
14506	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
14507	7/10/2012	very!
14508	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
14509	7/10/2012	Well used.
14510	7/10/2012	There are always many people there
14511	7/10/2012	Always lots of people there
14512	7/10/2012	Very wrll
14513	7/10/2012	Both are always busy!
14514	7/10/2012	very, lots of people there all the time
14515	7/10/2012	Very
14516	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by this question. Examples would help here.
14517	7/10/2012	very well used
14518	7/10/2012	Seemingly very busy all the time. Computer stations are always in use.
14519	7/10/2012	very well/always full of folks
14520	7/10/2012	Busy
14521	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
14522	7/10/2012	The local library is very well utilized, but I imagine there are always opportunities for improvement (new programing and creative outreach)
14523	7/10/2012	They always appear to be busy and central to the community.
14524	7/10/2012	Whenever I go in, it's always busy - a line in front of the help desk, a waiting list for the computers. Kids peruse the children aisles and adults of all ages mill about, looking for the perfect novel or resource for their latest project or hobby.
14525	7/10/2012	Both the Central Library and North Portland branch library always seem like busy, active places...
14526	7/10/2012	The Midland library is always filled with patrons whenever I visit. I don't normally see people waiting in lines to use computers or check out, but I would say that these services are being fully utilized
14527	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always a lot of people there.
14528	7/10/2012	Hollywood extremely well used

14529	7/10/2012	The library seems to be busy every time I've been there. When I've shown up just before they open in the morning, there has been a group of people waiting for the doors to be unlocked.
14530	7/10/2012	I feel that it is well used, the computers always have people accessing them, I've never seen less than 15-20 people in it.
14531	7/10/2012	The Hollywood library seems to be busy!
14532	7/10/2012	Belmont branch always seem full of people when I am there. I think it is very well used.
14533	7/10/2012	The Woodstock branch is always pretty busy when I'm there.
14534	7/10/2012	There always seems to be at least a dozen people in there at any given time. A lot of times I have had to wait for the computers.
14535	7/10/2012	It seems to have regular traffic. Increasingly I see less use of book and more computer access and media such as audio and video. I moved from Florida 6 years ago and noticed the same trend there.
14536	7/10/2012	The east county libraries, which are the ones that I go to most often, are nearly always busy: there are people lined up to get in every morning, the computers are always full, the programs are packed.
14537	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's almost always busy, with >10 people present at any time (and often many more). Using computers, browsing books, reading newspapers/magazines, etc. I volunteered weekly for a year, so I am confident that my impression of busy-ness is well founded.
14538	7/10/2012	Very.
14539	7/10/2012	Very!
14540	7/10/2012	I would say A LOT
14541	7/10/2012	I am usually only there on the weekends, but it always seems very full and bustling.
14542	7/10/2012	Central library is always busy; the Woodstock library slightly less so but still often full of people.
14543	7/10/2012	Well used. It is always busy.
14544	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14545	7/10/2012	Well used.
14546	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14547	7/10/2012	Well used, but I am no longer in the multnomah county.
14548	7/10/2012	It always seems lively!
14549	7/10/2012	It seems very busy every time we are there.
14550	7/10/2012	Looks pretty well used - there are always people in there.
14551	7/10/2012	It always looks busy when I go with people using the computers, reading, coming-and-going, and what-not.
14552	7/10/2012	I would say it is well used because there are always a lot of people in the library when I am.
14553	7/10/2012	Albina, the branch I go to the most, seems busy (and NOISY!!) at all times; perhaps because it is very small. Hollywood is quite a big bigger, though. and just as busy.
14554	7/10/2012	The Central library appears well used. There are people lined up outside before the 10am opening. When I go inside for a book there seem to be many people there.
14555	7/10/2012	Well used indeed. It's hard to park in the lot, in fact.

14556	7/10/2012	North Portland and Kenton Libraries always seem to be very busy. I enjoy their vitality.
14557	7/10/2012	The Northwest Branch seems to be heavily used for its size.
14558	7/10/2012	The one in Gresham seems to have heavy traffic. Not to say it is overrun but that many, many people use it everyday.
14559	7/10/2012	Seems busy all the time!
14560	7/10/2012	Definitely well used
14561	7/10/2012	It's always busy. It's a nice, safe, cool place people can hang out at.
14562	7/10/2012	Always appears to be very busy.
14563	7/10/2012	There are always people on the computers, checking out books, and asking reference questions when I stop in.
14564	7/10/2012	VERY well used since I use the central one because I work downtown.
14565	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy.
14566	7/10/2012	very well used
14567	7/10/2012	always busy
14568	7/10/2012	very well
14569	7/10/2012	Very well-used. We could actually use another one for my neighborhood - around 82nd Avenue & Glisan/Halsey there are no libraries, we either have to trek to Hollywood or trek to Holgate.
14570	7/10/2012	VERY WELL USED, MANY USERS DAILY AND EVERYTIME I GO IN THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE USING COMPUTERS, RESOURCES AND CHECKING OUT BOOKS.
14571	7/10/2012	Usually very busy
14572	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty busy every time I visit.
14573	7/10/2012	Very well used - consistent wait for computers -
14574	7/10/2012	The Belmont library is very well-used. It is always busy when I am there to pick up books, but I am still able to get in and out quickly. When I've been there at opening time, there has been a line of people waiting to enter the library...I think it's great that people are so eager to read!
14575	7/10/2012	My local library is always occupied with various people, whether they're using the computers, getting holds, browsing, etc.
14576	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14577	7/10/2012	always full of people, lines for the computers
14578	7/10/2012	Our branch is one of the busiest in the nation.
14579	7/10/2012	Seems to be fairly well used.
14580	7/10/2012	Very well. It is always busy from the moment it opens (people often waiting outside) to when it closes.
14581	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14582	7/10/2012	not sure. seems to be plenty of people there whenever i visit.
14583	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when I am there.
14584	7/10/2012	Very -- there are always people -- adults and children -- utilizing the various services and programs.
14585	7/10/2012	The library always seems to be busy ... sometimes crowded.

14586	7/10/2012	The Albina branch has consistent use every day of the week.
14587	7/10/2012	Very.
14588	7/10/2012	always seems busy.
14589	7/10/2012	good shape
14590	7/10/2012	It always seems to be busy when I go in there.
14591	7/10/2012	It is usually pretty busy, especially with very young children and their parents.
14592	7/10/2012	very. all ages.
14593	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale Library is always full of people when I drop by. Seems like a very vibrant place.
14594	7/10/2012	It is always busy. Families and students.
14595	7/10/2012	There is always a steady flow of people at the Woodstock Library. And it is well stocked (to my amazement- as it is so small), and well cared for, as well.
14596	7/10/2012	Always seems bustling when I visit.
14597	7/10/2012	It is ALWAYS busy, and when it is closed, there is frequently people waiting outside for the doors to open. There are many families there that come looking for something to do on a rainy day. My toddler LOVES the library, and I am a self-proclaimed bookworm on a budget, so I buy less books these days, and check more out.
14598	7/10/2012	extremely well used. There were about 10 of us who couldn't enter today (a Monday) when I went by about 11 AM. So sad to see it closed.
14599	7/10/2012	It is very busy. Usually a line outside of the door before opening and is constantly in use during the day. Especially with bike riders and neighborhood people who walk. It really improves the value of our neighborhood in its walk score as well as overall liveability. Thanks for keeping it vibrant and available.
14600	7/10/2012	Love my library People are always there! a great resource for people who cannot afford or have access to all the information the library holds. Love it! I am in a book club and buying a book monthly is not an option for me so I love being able to go online and see if it is available and you will ship it to my branch for me, so nice!
14601	7/10/2012	We order books through the online library system and pick them up when we get our email. Very Very useful system for two busy professionals! We also use the inter library loan system. Multnomah County's system is easier to use than the OHSU Library's ILL system!
14602	7/10/2012	I believe Midland is very well used, there are always a lot of people there and the parking lot is quite full, both for the computers, the community room and the just for books and other media check out. The Gresham one seems well used also the parking lot is often full, but I don't see as many community meetings taking place there, although I could be going at the wrong time.
14603	7/10/2012	It is delightful to walk into Hillsdale Library. People of all ages visit. It is a safe place, especially for children and the elderly, to pursue their interests. I like to peruse the shelves even though I use the internet to borrow many of the books and films we enjoy. Hillsdale is so convenient for pick-up and return of the materials.

14604	7/10/2012	great!
14605	7/10/2012	very well used!
14606	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
14607	7/10/2012	Always bustling and packed with patrons.
14608	7/10/2012	it appears in constant moderate use
14609	7/10/2012	It has appeared busy when I was there. So, pretty well-used I think.
14610	7/10/2012	always busy...
14611	7/10/2012	Very!
14612	7/10/2012	Woodstock is always busy. The community uses this library often, as can be seen by the number of people coming and going, and the families with small children using the programs.
14613	7/10/2012	All these branches seem well used
14614	7/10/2012	Pretty well, it seems.
14615	7/10/2012	Very.
14616	7/10/2012	It's always busy whether I'm there in the morning, afternoon or evening.
14617	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14618	7/10/2012	Very well!
14619	7/10/2012	Used very frequently and with great numbers of people.
14620	7/10/2012	The Albina library is almost always packed when I visit.
14621	7/10/2012	Pretty popular
14622	7/10/2012	The Holgate library is ALWAYS busy.
14623	7/10/2012	Fairly well used.
14624	7/10/2012	I love to go to the library. The Portland central library is great and I almost always get what I want.
14625	7/10/2012	Dont know but Librarians are way to highly paid. Get rid of them and save millions.
14626	7/10/2012	It is always busy. I've never found a time where there was a lull in the number of people and cars.
14627	7/10/2012	Very.
14628	7/10/2012	Very well! Please don't close any libraries!
14629	7/10/2012	Extremely--we love taking our children there and having access to the books, CDs and other materials. We use it most on the weekends.
14630	7/10/2012	The libraires that I visit are always very busy with visitors.
14631	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy the times I've been there.
14632	7/10/2012	Very. Libraries are an integral and essential part of any vibrant community.
14633	7/10/2012	I feel that the libraries that we visit are highly utilized.
14634	7/10/2012	The Sellwood Library holds an important and well loved position in our close knit neighborhood.
14635	7/10/2012	its an excellent library... always seem to be people using it for all different reasons. young, old, families... its a precious community resource.
14636	7/10/2012	since the st johns library is across the street from james john it used often but I haven't ever been in there where I thought there were too many people that I had to leave.

14637	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I go there. There are people galore in the place and I know that the books are being checked out continuously. And I read about different programs being scheduled at both places all of the time thru the Sellwood Bee.
14638	7/10/2012	Seems to be used heavily at Central, and a little less so at the other branches, depends on the time of day and day of the week.
14639	7/10/2012	Albina - seems very busy whenever I am there.
14640	7/10/2012	there are always lots of folks there
14641	7/10/2012	Very well used
14642	7/10/2012	It's pretty busy.
14643	7/10/2012	very well-used - always busy
14644	7/10/2012	Well
14645	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14646	7/10/2012	Unknown
14647	7/10/2012	A lot of people go there.
14648	7/10/2012	Very well used! There is always people in the library, using the great resources it contains!
14649	7/10/2012	The branches we visit seem to be heavily visited
14650	7/10/2012	There is always a lot of people in there.
14651	7/10/2012	Whenever I'm in there people are on the computers, getting questions asked, having a children's hour etc. The library is such a bundle of resources.¶ I volunteer for the library in their Talk Time program and have been very pleased with the program and staff.
14652	7/10/2012	My local library seems very well used - always humming with people.
14653	7/10/2012	Very well-used. Belmont library storytime is almost always oversubscribed, and children are turned away.
14654	7/10/2012	Always seems to have a variety of users.
14655	7/10/2012	On any given day there is line outside the Holgate Library waiting it to open. There is a lot of foot traffic here.
14656	7/10/2012	Book club meetings
14657	7/10/2012	We LOVE our library. We are there at least once a week - often twice a week. Our son isn't reading yet (he's 1 yr old) but we anticipate using the library more once he's able to read as he already is showing a lot of interest in his books at home.
14658	7/10/2012	There are usually a lot of cars in the parking lot. When I took my children to pre-school reading time it was regularly filled to capacity. We love our library!
14659	7/10/2012	It is always full of people & children. I've seen tutoring sessions and people using Wi-fi for laptops & Kindle readers. Holding shelves are always full & selection of books is vast. I really enjoy the convenience of the location of this library.

14660	7/10/2012	Always busy. All ages. Maybe 10% or less homeless but very popular and always humming with activity and readers
14661	7/10/2012	Based on the chronic shortage of parking at Belmont Library, I would say it is very well used. The features I use most are reserving books online then picking them up when ready. Also really enjoy being able to check out electronic books for my Kindle. Thank you for the convenience and service.
14662	7/10/2012	very. many families with small children seem to visit it weekly (if not semiweekly or more often). there usually seem to be piles of books waiting to be checked in, there is always someone shelving reserves, and there is often a short wait up front. the storytimes and other children's programmes appear to be extremely well attended, if the queue of prams outside is any indication. :-)
14663	7/10/2012	The Belmont location is always bustling! People wait outside for it to open in the morning. The staff is fantastic and extremely helpful. I love my local branch and always look forward to visiting. I bet an attached, volunteer run café would bring in more revenue to run this library.
14664	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14665	7/10/2012	Very.
14666	7/10/2012	Very
14667	7/10/2012	There are always people in the library and the staff is great
14668	7/10/2012	Obviously Central is very well used, and Belmont is always bustling with patrons, activities, and groups in the meeting room.
14669	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy.
14670	7/10/2012	very well, it seems to be a strong resource for a very diverse population of patrons.
14671	7/10/2012	Very highly used. Always people there.
14672	7/10/2012	Very, it is always busy.
14673	7/10/2012	It seems like a very well-used library. Every time I visit, there are a few dozen people (including lots of mom/dads and kids) there.
14674	7/10/2012	Very busy, all the time
14675	7/10/2012	Very well used
14676	7/10/2012	Always busy
14677	7/10/2012	very well used
14678	7/10/2012	I think it's pretty well used. There seem to be a fair number of people there whenever I visit.
14679	7/10/2012	It's always busy! Classes for our daughter are always full and sometimes on a waitlist!
14680	7/10/2012	Pretty well used I would say, people are there every day
14681	7/10/2012	It appears busy every time I go.
14682	7/10/2012	There are many people at the Central Library any time I go, not so many at the Holgate library.
14683	7/10/2012	It's always filled with teens and elderly people reading and using the computers! Highly used!
14684	7/10/2012	Seems busy. I don't spend much time there. I reserve my books online then pickup and return only.
14685	7/10/2012	Very well used.

14686	7/10/2012	Very well used...it's difficult to find a parking spot most of the times. We moved to Oregon from Massachusetts and almost did not believe the difference in the library system. Friends and relatives that visit are always blown away impressed by our libraries here!
14687	7/10/2012	I think it's well used, there are always a number of people in there whenever I go.
14688	7/10/2012	Very well frequented by the community. It is always busy anytime or day I go in.
14689	7/10/2012	Judging by the parking lot it is very well used every time I have gone by to either use the library or drop off books.
14690	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale branch is normally a busy hub and bustling when I visit.
14691	7/10/2012	The libraries I visit seem to very busy with lots of patrons engaging in various activities offered by the branches closest to me (Hillsdale and Capitol Hill). I visit my local North Portland library, and sometimes Hollywood, on a weekly basis. And every single time I go, no matter what time of day, it is bustling with people taking advantage of all the amazing resources the public libraries offer. Every time.
14692	7/10/2012	
14693	7/10/2012	It's pretty busy at all times.
14694	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used.
14695	7/10/2012	Very well. Always busy when we are there.
14696	7/10/2012	very
14697	7/10/2012	Always busy!
14698	7/10/2012	VERY-always crowded
14699	7/10/2012	It looks like it is busy when I go there.
14700	7/10/2012	always packed. often people waiting outside before opening hours
14701	7/10/2012	Both the Holgate & Woodstock libraries are always full of people, young and old.
14702	7/10/2012	always very busy
14703	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch is heavily loved and beloved. It's always full and there are often waiting lists for the computers. I love the staff and always feel welcomed.
14704	7/10/2012	packed, always busy
14705	7/10/2012	very well used We use it a LOT, especially with our young kids. And every time we go in, it's busy.[]
14706	7/10/2012	[] We also end up going to Kenton a certain amount, because of friends/playdates over there.
14707	7/10/2012	I don't know what this question means. The building looks like it's in good shape and there are always large numbers of patrons at the library when I visit.
14708	7/10/2012	Every time I go to the library, there are lots of people in it. There are often people waiting at the door for the library to open. It seems like all of the libraries I frequent are well used.
14709	7/10/2012	excellent
14710	7/10/2012	Pretty good
14711	7/10/2012	Busy

14712	7/10/2012	Both seem to always be busy. The Library Staff is consistently helpful and welcoming.
14713	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is often very busy.
14714	7/10/2012	Very well used. Seems busy for all kinds of people
14715	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go regardless of the time or day.
14716	7/10/2012	Gregory always busy. It is an important resource for families and especially our large vietnamese community.
14717	7/10/2012	Over run by homeless that have brought in dogs and live there as a shelter. We can no longer hardly use the downtown main one. Do not want to sit in the same chairs or acquire diseases. Belmont Branch library is always full of people looking for books or waiting to use the computers. It is very small so I only use it for retrieving my holds.[]
14718	7/10/2012	[] [] The library can just cut out the 'Overdrive' and electronic books BS. That is a waste of money.
14719	7/10/2012	All the branches we frequent are always busy. I've lived in Portland over 30 years and have never seen the libraries here busier than they are now.
14720	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14721	7/10/2012	Very well used
14722	7/10/2012	don't know
14723	7/10/2012	Very!
14724	7/10/2012	Pretty well.
14725	7/10/2012	Pretty busy most of the time
14726	7/10/2012	It always appears to be busy when I stop in, as such I think it is well used.
14727	7/10/2012	very! always busy when I go!
14728	7/10/2012	Appears to be busy most of the time.
14729	7/10/2012	It's always busy with families and adults.
14730	7/10/2012	It's always busy. Seems like a healthy branch.
14731	7/10/2012	Midland is always slightly crowded.
14732	7/10/2012	VERY well used. It's packed. My neighborhood LOVES our library. It is a community asset.
14733	7/10/2012	There are always patrons inside when it's open and waiting outside to get in before it opens.
14734	7/10/2012	Seems busy. Central library is always busy!
14735	7/10/2012	It's always busy!
14736	7/10/2012	I wouldn't call it heavily used but it is always bustling .
14737	7/10/2012	It's always crowded when I come in. The library is a well used resource.
14738	7/10/2012	Midland seems busy, and is an important east Portland resource.
14739	7/10/2012	Multnomah N.W. Library is always very busy
14740	7/10/2012	WELL USED
14741	7/10/2012	The library seems very well used.

14742	7/10/2012	Very well used-always busy
14743	7/10/2012	Very well. Usually full. Every seat taken.
14744	7/10/2012	Midland is busy almost all the time. Every time I go, I see students, families, adults looking for jobs, homeless people reading, and a constant flow of people coming in to pick up holds. Hogate seems well-used, but I mainly drop off returns there.
14745	7/10/2012	Our library (Hollywood) is very well used! It is always crowded, but well maintained by staff. Sometimes I wish it was a bit larger so there was a little more elbow room for all the patrons.
14746	7/10/2012	I believe it is very well used; on the times I visit there are always a good number of people in the library.
14747	7/10/2012	We usually go to the Albina library, because it is within walking distance of our apartment. It is usually full when we go there in the mornings, the computers are all in use and there is a good mix of all ages using the facility.
14748	7/10/2012	Very well used. The library is often crowded and busy and I nearly always must reserve the books I'm interested in due to them being checked out by another patron.
14749	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy any time it is open...when i go in the morning, it is quieter than afternoon and evening, but there are always 40 - 50 non-staff persons there, doing a variety of things. Now that it is summer, it is very busy with parents and children.
14750	7/10/2012	The Belmont library seems regularly visited. It is never empty, and often has young families, as well as young adults present. The book selection, while small, seems to be well adjusted for the patrons.
14751	7/10/2012	Very busy
14752	7/10/2012	The library appears to be used quite often. Each time I go in it has many people, working on computers, searching through aisles of books, enjoying the children's programs or sitting reading or studying. It is a well used neighborhood essential.
14753	7/10/2012	Very well used! Often there are people lined up waiting for the library to open. There are always a wide range of people in the library when I visit. I see families with young children, teenagers and older adults every time I am there.
14754	7/10/2012	Extremely! It's always busy and the staff are very helpful.
14755	7/10/2012	Very well used
14756	7/10/2012	Very
14757	7/10/2012	Very well used
14758	7/10/2012	Very well I believe. There are many families in the neighborhood.
14759	7/10/2012	not sure
14760	7/10/2012	Seems always busy
14761	7/10/2012	Very well used...
14762	7/10/2012	very goodly
14763	7/10/2012	very well used, they all are.
14764	7/10/2012	Very.

14765	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14766	7/10/2012	Very well used
14767	7/10/2012	Very busy on weekends
14768	7/10/2012	Very, it is the heart of the community.
14769	7/10/2012	Well used.
14770	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14771	7/10/2012	Very. It seems like it is often quite full at all the tables, plus there are many people who are there just to pick up books etc. and then leave.
14772	7/10/2012	Very.
14773	7/10/2012	Most importantly they are helping folks develop skills to obtain employment.
14774	7/10/2012	Very - it is always a bustling place with folks from every background and socioeconomic level. I love it.
14775	7/10/2012	Always busy.
14776	7/10/2012	Seems to always be busy and used by all age groups.
14777	7/10/2012	Amazingly well. It is really central to the St John's community. Also, as a teacher at Roosevelt High School, the staff at the library will bend over backwards to help you in any way they can.
14778	7/10/2012	The Central branch is my local library, and it is heavily used.
14779	7/10/2012	I think it is well used by the community and the local school students(K-12). Whenever I visit the library it is always full of people and families using the services that the library provides.
14780	7/10/2012	They are well-used by my family. I have no idea how well-used it is by the public. This question is not clear.
14781	7/10/2012	The Troutdale branch should never have opened, we have a Fairview library. Too much wasted resources for latinos to use the computers. I do not want my tax money to be used for internet porn and such!! I know this happens...I have witnessed it. I am sorry but you do NOT need a computer.
14782	7/10/2012	very well used The Gresham library is widely used by all generations.[]
14783	7/10/2012	We need to do whatever is necessary to see that all generations, and futurre generations, have the ability to access the world by use oof books and technology.[] The future of our younger generations depend on it.
14784	7/10/2012	Seems to be used by The high school kids a lot.

14785	7/10/2012	Central Library is very well used, though could use INCREASED staffing. It is an invaluable tool for casual readers and industry professionals alike. As a former publisher, the library's sponsorship of publishing related events was invaluable. As a writer, the writing center area provided an essential space that didn't require buying a cup of coffee in a Wi-fi coffee shop. As a children's writer, I can only say that Central Library's Beverly Cleary room telegraphs a profound statement about Portland's commitment to children's literature. The room's resources are an essential foundation for children's learning. Reading is the building block for opportunity and strengthening democracy through education. Future Beverly Clearys abound in this city. They only need a fighting chance. My only suggestion is to continue your outreach to the publishing industry and seek additional funding from companies that will promote learning in the digital age.
14786	7/10/2012	Very well used, always busy.
14787	7/10/2012	Very.
14788	7/10/2012	very
14789	7/10/2012	It is almost always busy!
14790	7/10/2012	busy ALL the time
14791	7/10/2012	It is always filled with people, especially at the computers.
14792	7/10/2012	It is usually well attended.
14793	7/10/2012	All the libraries I consider my local library seem very well used.
14794	7/10/2012	Very well used
14795	7/10/2012	I think pretty well used!
14796	7/10/2012	Used very often. Many people there.
14797	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14798	7/10/2012	I only just signed up. We plan on going to the story times and checking out books for our son, who is 6 months old. I've gone in once to get library cards and it seemed full and busy.
14799	7/10/2012	Very well used. A wonderful place.
14800	7/10/2012	There are always many people there, using the computer, reading books, or checking out books.
14801	7/10/2012	?
14802	7/10/2012	Very well used
14803	7/10/2012	You have the stats.
14804	7/10/2012	All the time
14805	7/10/2012	seems to be well used
14806	7/10/2012	My local library is always very busy.
14807	7/10/2012	Very well
14808	7/10/2012	It is very active, the computers are usually full or nearly full, There are some wonderful programs for children and families, and it is an invaluable resource for the community.
14809	7/10/2012	The Belmont library is very well used. The staff are VERY friendly and helpful. The collection is good. The facility is clean and user friendly. I love our neighborhood library.

14810	7/10/2012	very well used
14811	7/10/2012	Very!
14812	7/10/2012	it is hard to even find and open computer, so id say, pretty well used.
14813	7/10/2012	Very! Always full of people.
14814	7/10/2012	Belmont library seems busy a lot. Lots of computer users and parents with small children. It always seemed very well used.
14815	7/10/2012	Local Library is ALWAYS busy. Lots of families, young children and teenagers use the library for a variety of services.
14816	7/10/2012	Whenever I go there, parking is at a premium, most computers are already reserved, and lots of books on the "HOLD" shelf.
14817	7/10/2012	Not sure. The vast majority of my interaction with the library is online, checking out e-books.
14818	7/10/2012	It is extremely well used. Most of the time when I go there, there are lines waiting for the computers, lots of people reading, folks there for programs of some type, and folks interacting with library staff with questions, etc.
14819	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by this question but it is always busy when my sons and I go. We love the library and it is our go to thing to do when the rain sets in, as it usually does in Portland.
14820	7/10/2012	Our local library (Sellwood) always has people in it, studying, working on computers and searching the stacks. It is a well loved a and well used part of our neighborhood.
14821	7/10/2012	I do not feel safe bringing my kids to either library I've marked.[] Once while at the NW Library on NW 23rd there were two men hiding from police running through the library.[] Portland has got to realize that the main tax base comes from families and that libraries and schools will always suffer if one doesn't feel safe and it the quality is poor.[] It's highly unfortunate because the Central Library is exquisite!
14822	7/10/2012	Always busy
14823	7/10/2012	I love my local branch of the library and think it is very well used. Whenever I am there I see all areas of the library being used - whether it be people browsing and checking out books, families there for events or to check out materials, or people using the computers. It is a busy place and attracts patrons of all ages. I miss the branch being open on Monday and feel the impact of the earlier closing times. I often count on stopping to pick up books on my way home from work, so the earlier closing time already creates a difficulty in my accessing the library as often as I would like.
14824	7/10/2012	very
14825	7/10/2012	Seems to be well used, always busy.
14826	7/10/2012	very well used
14827	7/10/2012	Central. You tell me.
14828	7/10/2012	lots of people there, most times
14829	7/10/2012	very

14830	7/10/2012	It's always full.
14831	7/10/2012	very, the place is great.
14832	7/10/2012	I think that the local library is well used; I have always seen patrons reading, researching, using computers and other resources. I don't think I have ever walked into an empty library.
14833	7/10/2012	Very well used
14834	7/10/2012	It is a fabulous library!
14835	7/10/2012	Very. I can't imagine the neighborhood without it.
14836	7/10/2012	Very busy.
14837	7/10/2012	Well used, there are always other people there when I visit
14838	7/10/2012	Very well used.
14839	7/10/2012	Always busy and full, with a line for the computers. Great to see it so active. (Belmont)
14840	7/10/2012	Moderate
14841	7/10/2012	well used
14842	7/10/2012	There are always people there. It's in great condition and a very welcoming environment.
14843	7/10/2012	It is very popular! It's filled with people all the time (in a good way).
14844	7/10/2012	Fairly well used
14845	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I'm there.
14846	7/10/2012	albina is very well used. it's always busy with people, young and old, on the computers, reading magazines, and checking out the book selection.
14847	7/10/2012	Extremely well-used. It is always crowded and both locations I go to could use more space.
14848	7/10/2012	Do you mean how well is it laid out, or do a lot of people use it? I believe it has all of the resources I need and it's easy to find what I need. It also seems to always be busy
14849	7/10/2012	It seems to be very well used Whenever I go there I see a fairly large number of people, including children , involved in browsing,, reading, at the computers, or in organized activity
14850	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question and what answer would be helpful, but I absolutely LOVE my library... it is a resource I constantly use and love being able to search and reserve online. I also very much appreciate the service of having books/media delivered to my branch... it is invaluable! I LOVE THE LIBRARY!
14851	7/10/2012	Up until I got a kindle, I checked out books at least once a month (loved reserving online and doing pickup).
14852	7/10/2012	jumping with all sorts of users - young, old, all races and last time, an addict accessing her email (behaving nicely, just kept nodding off).
14853	7/10/2012	I hate the computer check-out, I prefer to interact with real actual librarians. This question as posed makes little sense- how well-used? What is that supposed to mean? Are there patrons? Do I use it? Does it look "used?" There is no real indication of what you are looking for in this instance.

14854	7/10/2012	<p>I feel that the central library is well used. However, it has become a bit of a hang-out for homeless people. Because of this, I prefer not to spend very much time there. Rather, I like to reserve materials online and simply run in and pick things up as they become available. This ends up impeding my library/learning experience. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>I do understand that we can't limit access to the library, but perhaps reducing the availability of internet-connected computers would be a good way to encourage actual reading rather than mindless web-surfing (some of which is inappropriate).</p>
14855	7/10/2012	<p>It seems like all libraries in Portland, not just the central library where I go most, are all getting used a great deal. I also feel that the fact that the online hold and checkout system is so effective that if you are not inclined to stay in the library and hang around, it makes it very easy to run in, grab your books and go. I love this feature of our libraries. I deeply feel that the portland library is a vital resource and I hope that funding doesn't get cut any further.</p>
14856	7/10/2012	<p>The library always seems to be busy with people looking at books, media, participating in programs or using the computers.</p>
14857	7/10/2012	<p>Very well, always many people there and many people need this kind of community service.</p>
14858	7/10/2012	<p>Very -- always full!</p>
14859	7/10/2012	<p>It seems very well used.</p>
14860	7/10/2012	<p>Always bustling, always cars going in and out of the parking lot.</p>
14861	7/10/2012	<p>Always looks busy.</p>
14862	7/10/2012	<p>usually appears busy</p>
14863	7/10/2012	<p>Very well used. The St. Johns Branch is always busy!</p>
14864	7/10/2012	<p>Very</p>
14865	7/10/2012	<p>Very well used.</p>
14866	7/10/2012	<p>Extremely well used.</p>
14867	7/10/2012	<p>Very! It's always bustling with adults and children when I go there.</p>
14868	7/10/2012	<p>Very well used.</p>
14869	7/10/2012	<p>It is always buzzing with people!</p>
14870	7/10/2012	<p>It is always very crowded and much too small for the size of the community it serves.</p>
14871	7/10/2012	<p>Well used. There are always lots of people there.</p>
14872	7/10/2012	<p>Always seems busy when I stop in to get books.</p>
14873	7/10/2012	<p>It's always really busy when I'm there!</p>
14874	7/10/2012	<p>Very well used.</p>
14875	7/10/2012	<p>I go in and it is almost always full of activity.</p>
14876	7/10/2012	<p>Very well used, it could even do with a bit more space for all the people it sometimes gets.</p>
14877	7/10/2012	<p>fairly well</p>
14878	7/10/2012	<p>The Troutdale and Gresham ones seem pretty busy whenever we're there.</p>

14879	7/10/2012	belmont- always lots of activity while we are there
14880	7/10/2012	Very well used. There is always people their studying and using the facility. I never see it empty.
14881	7/10/2012	Very well
14882	7/10/2012	Don't really know. But there are always people there when I visit. parents with kids, people using the computers, a wide cross section of ages.
14883	7/10/2012	It's always busy. Any time that I go in I see people using the computers, reading at tables and sifting through the books. There are
14884	7/10/2012	occasionally lines at check out (fewer now that there is the automated checkout machines), indicating good use during the times I go. The library is always in use when I stop in.
14885	7/10/2012	They appear to always be busy.
14886	7/10/2012	very My local library is always busy, and the staff is always helpful and pleasant - going beyond what I have grown to expect from government employees (once one myself).[]
14887	7/10/2012	[] I consider my local library to be the single most important resource in my community - for people of all ages and inclinations. I will support any and all funding levies targeting the library system.
14888	7/10/2012	Very well used. My family and I visit it several time per week and there are always people there, young and old and every age in between. Thank you for keeping hours on Sunday. I know a lot of people combine trips to the library with the Hillsdale Farmer's Market.
14889	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used.
14890	7/10/2012	It is always busy
14891	7/10/2012	Well used.
14892	7/10/2012	VERY well used.
14893	7/10/2012	Seems to be pretty well used
14894	7/10/2012	Whenever I am there, it seems pretty busy. I would say this branch is very well used.
14895	7/10/2012	Very well used. People are in there all the time.
14896	7/10/2012	very well used! always see people in, never a lull!
14897	7/10/2012	Frequently used. We are central to many neighborhoods. Belmont...
14898	7/10/2012	extremely
14899	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I am there!
14900	7/10/2012	Very well used, usually crowded.like a library should .
14901	7/10/2012	It is always full of seniors, teens and small children with their families.
14902	7/10/2012	Very well
14903	7/10/2012	Don't know
14904	7/10/2012	The library is always a happy and bustling place. I always love visiting the library because it is such a wonderful way to experience community in Portland.

14905	7/10/2012	Very! It's always crowded, no matter what time of day I go there. The programs seem very well-attended, too. The few times I've taken my daughter to the story times, they've been maxed out.
14906	7/10/2012	Very well used!
14907	7/10/2012	The central library is always busy.
14908	7/10/2012	Everytime I pop in there are a lot of people in it. It's the closest one in the neighborhood (st. johns) but when I've used North Portland library, it's the same since it's so close to PCC.
14909	7/10/2012	always hopping
14910	7/10/2012	very well used, always teeming with people, staff busy with requests and delivering services
14911	7/10/2012	Very well utilized- and though it's always busy, the staff are always great to patrons.
14912	7/10/2012	Very well used
14913	7/10/2012	It's always packed when I go there. If I show up before the doors open (at holgate) there are at least 30 people waiting to go in.
14914	7/10/2012	not that often but there are a lot of people who can't afford to buy books or computers helps kids to read books its a great asset to the communtiy without it would be so devastating
14915	7/10/2012	"Local library" is a misnomer. I never go to the library closest to my house (Rockwood, I think), but rather to library closest to my commute: Central. It's very well used and I often see many people there, making use of its many services.
14916	7/10/2012	I don't know if you mean me or others. If you mean we I use the library as much as possible. Now that we can download books I don't go there physically but I use it as much as possible. I love that we can also download music.
14917	7/10/2012	Very.
14918	7/10/2012	Very heavily used.
14919	7/10/2012	Very busy place. We love it and use it regularly.
14920	7/10/2012	its always active
14921	7/10/2012	Very well
14922	7/10/2012	I feel like it is well used. There are always people there when I go to pick up or return books.
14923	7/10/2012	When I do go in, it is usually packed. However, most of the people are on the computers, not checking out books.
14924	7/10/2012	Well used in that there are always many people there. I do note that most are paying no attention to the books.
14925	7/10/2012	Always busy, Seems very well utilized.
14926	7/10/2012	Always seems very busy
14927	7/10/2012	well used
14928	7/10/2012	Very
14929	7/10/2012	Well :)
14930	7/10/2012	it is always pretty busy when I drop by
14931	7/10/2012	Always has people there. Many children at events

14932	7/10/2012	It always seems quite busy.
14933	7/10/2012	It's always busy/
14934	7/10/2012	Both Albina and Hollywood are always quite busy.
14935	7/10/2012	Very much so.
14936	7/10/2012	Seems well used.
14937	7/10/2012	I live by the North Portland library. It is always busy with people of all ages. There is always people waiting for computer access.
14938	7/10/2012	Very! It is always busy and is clearly a much needed and appreciated resource.
14939	7/10/2012	I couldn't say. It appears to be busy, parking is often scarce (although thos pesky electric car spots sit vacant most of the time.) I would guess it is busy.
14940	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are lots of people using the library every time I am there.
14941	7/10/2012	Seems very busy every time I am there. I am there at least once a week.
14942	7/10/2012	Pretty well used, I'd say. Always has lots of people during open hours, and it seems like people enjoy the various programs, too - story time, musical groups, etc.
14943	7/10/2012	Of the three branches I visit the most, they all look like they're being used a lot which I am glad to see, we need our libraries.
14944	7/10/2012	(Albina)[] [] Very heavily. ~12 patrons every time I go in.
14945	7/10/2012	The St. Johns Library is the primary library I use. It always appears to be well used whenever I am there, whether it is during the week or on the weekend and all times of the day.
14946	7/10/2012	It always seems very well attended, and popular with a wide range of folks.
14947	7/10/2012	My local library is always busy when I go in. And there's always a variety of patrons in there doing a variety of things, from checking out books to using the computers.
14948	7/10/2012	very! i love my local library!!
14949	7/10/2012	Always full of people--computers are always being used. Lots of people always reading magazines, newspapers, and books. Very, very well-used.
14950	7/10/2012	Albina is very well used. Don't know about NoPo yet as I have recently moved to its area.
14951	7/10/2012	They both are always busy.
14952	7/10/2012	very well
14953	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
14954	7/10/2012	Very busy all of the time
14955	7/10/2012	I always see the tables with at least one person on them. And 90% of the computers, at least, being used.
14956	7/10/2012	very - it is always busy
14957	7/10/2012	Pretty active. Lots of loud little children.
14958	7/10/2012	Very!

14959	7/10/2012	Seems to be used a lot
14960	7/10/2012	Very well used
14961	7/10/2012	The Central Library is always busy
14962	7/10/2012	consistently - there's always a line outside before it opens
14963	7/10/2012	Thoroughly used.
14964	7/10/2012	It seems to always be busy to me.
14965	7/10/2012	It is a very active library.
14966	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by this. It's always busy.
14967	7/10/2012	very.
14968	7/10/2012	well
14969	7/10/2012	It's very active every time we visit.
14970	7/10/2012	The NW library is busy every time we are there. So many people use that small facility.
14971	7/10/2012	Very.
14972	7/10/2012	Every branch I visit seems pleasantly bustling.
14973	7/10/2012	The Belmont library is the one we go to most and it seems very popular at the times we go there.
14974	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
14975	7/10/2012	My local library, Albina, seems very well used. There are generally quite a few people using the facilities.
14976	7/10/2012	Always seems like its a full house.
14977	7/10/2012	I believe it has the most "traffic" of any of the libraries. Most of the time I'm there the reading tables are 80% filled and most of the computers are in use.
14978	7/10/2012	It seems VERY well used by the community as a whole. It is always busy when I go in, no matter what day of the week or time of day. I think it is a major hub.
14979	7/10/2012	The libraries always seem busy
14980	7/10/2012	It is very busy. My neighbors with young children depend on the story times and reading programs, I rely on being able to search for books online and pick them up while browsing the library. The computers are always in use, as well as the stacks. This leads me to believe that the neighborhood takes full advantage of the library and will be very sad to see librarians laid off, hours reduced, and closed on Mondays.
14981	7/10/2012	Very. there are always about 10 or so people in the libabry when i visit. the Capitol Hill library is not overly large, so this is a fair amount on people.
14982	7/10/2012	Local library mainly used to pick up items on hold.
14983	7/10/2012	The Midland branch is extremely well used. I've never had a visit when the library wasn't full of people and activities. Outer Southeast Portland is so under-supported, it's very encouraging to see a resource that's so strong and available to the community. It's quite unfortunate that this branch can't be open every day.
14984	7/10/2012	The Northwest Library seems to be used quite a bit.

14985	7/10/2012	Busy busy busy
14986	7/10/2012	Very well used (and loved)!
14987	7/10/2012	always filled with people
14988	7/10/2012	it's always busy when I go there. I wish Central was open longer.
14989	7/10/2012	The library is generally well used, with a mix of people from all age groups (little kids to seniors) and a mix of people from the neighborhood.
14990	7/10/2012	Very used! It's always busy in there.
14991	7/10/2012	very well
14992	7/10/2012	Very
14993	7/10/2012	Very
14994	7/10/2012	Very -- it is usually filled with people.
14995	7/10/2012	Kenton library is always busy when I pass by.
14996	7/10/2012	Usually busy
14997	7/10/2012	Always busy, usually lots of youngsters in the kids section. Kids who read turn out better than those who don't, so we need to support our libraries for the kids!
14998	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy at all times I visit.
14999	7/10/2012	Always has an event or something going on- always seems populated
15000	7/10/2012	Not sure.
15001	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy on my visits; I go on any given day at any given hour. Seems to be well located and always in use. :)
15002	7/10/2012	well used
15003	7/10/2012	I assume very. There are always lots of people when I am in there.
15004	7/10/2012	Very. It seems to always have people in it, using the Internet, browsing books, etc.
15005	7/10/2012	extremely well
15006	7/10/2012	It always seems busy to me
15007	7/10/2012	All of the locations I visit regularly appear to be very well-utilized. Admittedly this may have some sample bias as I am usually going on the weekends.
15008	7/10/2012	Very well used. If the library were open more hours, there would definitely be many patrons there.
15009	7/10/2012	Very, Very, Very well used! It's always busy when I come and I have many friends that use the library more than I do.
15010	7/10/2012	This is for Albina -- very well used. There is usually a waiting list for computers, lots of holds, usually a bunch of kids looking for books or using computers. Before the automated check out, there was usually a line to check out books.
15011	7/10/2012	Very well used. It would be well used for more hours on more days if its open hours were expanded.
15012	7/10/2012	VERY well used -- I don't think I've ever been into my local library without it being fairly busy. People of all ages seem to really enjoy our libraries.

15013	7/10/2012	there are always at least 20 people in the facility whenever i visit. And the children's story telling is packed...always! My grandchildren love this resource and the 5 and 8 year old became early readers due to thier love of books fostered by this program. (the 8 year old started to wake up at 5AM on school mornings to read his books....his parents had to almost bribe him to wait until 6AM so he could get his sleep)
15014	7/10/2012	I use Library2Go now much more than the library building itself. I only go to the library to pick up items I've had on hold. While any situation where funding for the library is reduced makes me feel badly - being closed one day a week would not be that much of an inconvenience for me personally. ☹ It is a sad state of affairs in a progressive state like Oregon that we can't seem to fund our schools and our libraries. I fear we have let the anti-tax narrative that has been so prevalent since the 1980's cause us to lose our way and forget what is truly important as a society.
15015	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15016	7/10/2012	very! Every time I go into the Albina branch, it's PACKED!
15017	7/10/2012	Seems pretty busy.
15018	7/10/2012	Computers are very well used by kids playing games.
15019	7/10/2012	Everything seems to be in good condition
15020	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15021	7/10/2012	very well, maybe overused
15022	7/10/2012	very well used
15023	7/10/2012	There are always people in the library. Well used.
15024	7/10/2012	Always busy :)
15025	7/10/2012	Very well used. Crowded, in fact.
15026	7/10/2012	Very popular
15027	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15028	7/10/2012	It is always busy when I come in!
15029	7/10/2012	Very!
15030	7/10/2012	very well used
15031	7/10/2012	very well used.
15032	7/10/2012	Very
15033	7/10/2012	Pretty well used. I'm really glad it's there!
15034	7/10/2012	Very.
15035	7/10/2012	There are always tons of people there whenever I go
15036	7/10/2012	My goodness, the Central library is always humming with activity.
15037	7/10/2012	hollywood and st johns are always packed at Story-Time
15038	7/10/2012	It always appears busy and well used
15039	7/10/2012	Very well used I would say!

15040	7/10/2012	It is always full with people at computers and checking books out. There is usually a line at the door at opening.
15041	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. I usually order books through the website and go to pick them up. I have such a long list of books I want to read that I don't usually browse. When I go to pick up books, there are usually several people browsing and the computer stations are all full.
15042	7/10/2012	The Fairview library, which is the closest to me, is incredibly small, but there are always people in there when I go in.
15043	7/10/2012	The St. Johns library always has a lot of people in it when I visit. Popular with kids, it appears. I like to browse for books and CDs when I'm there.
15044	7/10/2012	It's always busy with kids, adults and seniors. We think the holgate location is great. We use the internet to order and pick up there. We love it!
15045	7/10/2012	It's fairly well used, there area always people accessing the internet on the computers and usually children in the kid's area. When I spend a lot of time there I see lots of people in and out checking out books and running in to people they know. There seems to be a real sense of community that exists in North Portland that I haven't experienced in other neighborhoods in town and the library is one of the hubs of that community.
15046	7/10/2012	Very -- it's always busy!
15047	7/10/2012	Very busy
15048	7/10/2012	very busy all the time
15049	7/10/2012	very well used
15050	7/10/2012	my neighborhood library is very well utilized
15051	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
15052	7/10/2012	Seems to always have people in it. Well used.
15053	7/10/2012	Typically I go to the Central branch, which always seems busy, but not crowded
15054	7/10/2012	Very well used!!!
15055	7/10/2012	very well
15056	7/10/2012	Very. We live across the street and see people coming and going all week long.
15057	7/10/2012	Very well used. I love it!
15058	7/10/2012	Very. It is always crowded when I go in.
15059	7/10/2012	Very
15060	7/10/2012	seems busy
15061	7/10/2012	Very well
15062	7/10/2012	Odd wording?... How busy is it? It seems to be fairly busy.
15063	7/10/2012	It seems like there are always people there.
15064	7/10/2012	There is always a line in the morning before the library is open, and it is never empty.
15065	7/10/2012	It seems to be busy when I am in there. A lot of children are there which is great

15066	7/10/2012	The Hollywood location seems to be go great use to alot of people. At any given time all the areas of the library are busy.
15067	7/10/2012	It's always busy and active when I'm there, usually between 5 and 6 pm when everyone's getting done with their work day
15068	7/10/2012	there are lots of people in there at every time of the day.
15069	7/10/2012	Very. It's a wonderful system
15070	7/10/2012	They are used a lot.
15071	7/10/2012	The library is always full of people whenever I am there. The Kenton Library is especially useful as you can easily stop in when you are in the business district. It is the center of the neighborhood.
15072	7/10/2012	I think I use it pretty well. Appreciate staff and e-mail reminders on current programs.
15073	7/10/2012	Well used. Many resources in a small space.
15074	7/10/2012	its always packed....one of the few things left that people on fixed incomes can enjoy...
15075	7/10/2012	Very well, usually many people there utilizing its resources.
15076	7/10/2012	Belmont is of course very heavily used. I have never been there during a time when it seemed underutilized.
15077	7/10/2012	It's always packed when I'm there with book browsers and computer users. It is a tremendous benefit to the local community. While historically I've been there approximately once per month to check out books, lately I've expanded my use to checking out music and movies as well. Thanks for providing us such a valuable service.
15078	7/10/2012	The St. Johns is a small library, so it always seems busy and well enjoyed by the community. It's a friendly place which sees a LOT of use.¶ Central library has the issues of any major central-city public building (e.g., vagrants littered about) but is one of the most cosmopolitan places in the West End. Even the microfiche seems to get frequent usage.
15079	7/10/2012	extremely well!
15080	7/10/2012	very busy
15081	7/10/2012	Very. Hard to find a parking space no matter what time we go.
15082	7/10/2012	There always seem to be a lot of people in the library when I go there, so I'd say it's very well used.
15083	7/10/2012	Very!
15084	7/10/2012	Please don't close anymore extra days.
15085	7/10/2012	Always seems to be full of people
15086	7/10/2012	It is very well used. Always busy.
15087	7/10/2012	Seems moderately busy whenever I am there.
15088	7/10/2012	Both Albina and Hollywood are well used. Heavy traffic for the children's programs - a very vital link to the library.
15089	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15090	7/10/2012	There are always people there. i have noticed that people are in line to get in before they open

15091	7/10/2012	Seems to be very active and well used
15092	7/10/2012	My local library seems to be very well used. It is generally crowded with lines forming before the doors open on a daily basis.
15093	7/10/2012	The Central Library always seems busy to me!
15094	7/10/2012	There are always patrons there.
15095	7/10/2012	I haven't been for quite some time (I received a Nook for Xmas and now get my books via B&N.com), but it was always seemed to have a good flow of traffic.
15096	7/10/2012	Very well used. Used by all three members of our family and always busy when we go in.
15097	7/10/2012	Very.
15098	7/10/2012	It seems well used to me.
15099	7/10/2012	It is very busy when I am there.
15100	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand the intent of this question. Is it, my opinion on how well this branch is being used by everyone in the community? Not sure how anyone but staffers could answer that.
15101	7/10/2012	Well used. There are always lots of people there using various different resources.
15102	7/10/2012	I order most of my material since its a very small branch.
15103	7/10/2012	I don't know what you are asking. Is it showing signs of wear and tear? Not that I notice. Is it busy when I'm there? It seems busy, but I find parking and don't have to wait more than 2-3 people in front of me. How many people come and go? I don't know.
15104	7/10/2012	The Gregory Heights library is always full of people using the computers, browsing through books/media, and taking special classes or engaging in group activities (i.e. knitting group on Tuesday evenings). My family and I are at the library at least 3 times a week. It feels like a critical resources for the Roseway community.
15105	7/10/2012	Extremely!! Always a crowd outside before opening, and inside it's a veritable "ant farm" of activity--people browsing, using the computers, reading magazines...just what a library should look like--
15106	7/10/2012	Very well, sometimes theres so many people, you meet new people around you. My library is in a great area! I have 9 brothers and sisters we walk to the library just to give us something to do and end up being there for hours !!! Love it and the people and staff (: 10 golden stars in my book <3
15107	7/10/2012	When I go there it is always busy.
15108	7/10/2012	Extremely well
15109	7/10/2012	Very well used-always busy.
15110	7/10/2012	very well, there are always people in there when I go
15111	7/10/2012	very well used
15112	7/10/2012	Frequently used
15113	7/10/2012	greatly
15114	7/10/2012	The parking lot is usually full.

15115	7/10/2012	both the central and the belmont library are always quite busy when I am there
15116	7/10/2012	Almost always packed.
15117	7/10/2012	seems pretty busy to me
15118	7/10/2012	Very!
15119	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used, and I love it! One of my favorite community resources.
15120	7/10/2012	This library is always busy.
15121	7/10/2012	Very popular library. It's always full of people and there is always a line waiting when it opens.
15122	7/10/2012	Very well used! People love our library.
15123	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people in and out, on computers, it is well used after school during the school year. I think it's an essential hub for our community/neighborhood.
15124	7/10/2012	It's busy all the time! I wish Capitol Hill and the Hillsdale Library were open more.
15125	7/10/2012	There are always at least 20 or so patrons present every time I visit the St. Johns library. It is a bustling, vibrant branch.
15126	7/10/2012	(Belmont) Extremely well used. Usually busy, occasionally bustling, but not overcrowded.
15127	7/10/2012	Always busy with a diverse group - young and old and many ethnicities.
15128	7/10/2012	Always busy.
15129	7/10/2012	Very well-used. It's always bustling with activity. I feel quite proud to see this.
15130	7/10/2012	At the Hillsdale library common to see a line out front before opens...
15131	7/10/2012	It appears to have many visitors including a line to use the internet accessible computers.
15132	7/10/2012	I love love love my local library. We would be crushed if it were closed. Seems to be quite busy most of the time. We would be extremely saddened to hear of ANY branch closing.
15133	7/10/2012	I see many people using the local library. I am a student and I use it alot to do my research papers.
15134	7/10/2012	Very well used.... essential! I consider the public library to be vitally important and an asset to the community. Don't touch the library.... shut down the zoo instead!
15135	7/10/2012	I think its fairly busy
15136	7/10/2012	Very. It is wonderful There are always many people, and they are all always respetful. It is a great place to be.
15137	7/10/2012	I wish my neighbors and other community members used it more, and realized how great of a resource it is
15138	7/10/2012	Any of the three libraries that I visit are always busy. Personally, I have not used the library as much as I should. I have recently purchased an electronic reader and look forward
15139	7/10/2012	to accessing e-books from my local library. I have not reviewed the programs available for seniors, but I will be checking to see what is available.
15140	7/10/2012	Usually seems quite busy.
15141	7/10/2012	Always humming with activity.
15142	7/10/2012	Seems very busy
15143	7/10/2012	seems busy

15144	7/10/2012	Very! Always crowded and a-buzz. Nice!
15145	7/10/2012	Always seems very busy.
15146	7/10/2012	Very
15147	7/10/2012	Well used. It is not usually overly crowded but there are always people there.
15148	7/10/2012	Always seems busy when I am there.
15149	7/10/2012	Its always packed!!
15150	7/10/2012	very
15151	7/10/2012	Quite busy
15152	7/10/2012	The library is always packed with people, no matter the time of day..
15153	7/10/2012	My local library - the NW branch - is very well used! It needs more computers.
15154	7/10/2012	It always seems very busy when I'm there, no matter the time of day.
15155	7/10/2012	I always see a fair number of people in then where I visit it.
15156	7/10/2012	Heavy
15157	7/10/2012	Very well. I typically go in on Sunday's and there is always lots of people enjoying and using the resources.
15158	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used every time I have been there.
15159	7/10/2012	There are always many other patrons in the library when I visit.
15160	7/10/2012	Very well used. North Portland is my local branch, and every time I visit there are many people there, using the compeers, checking out books and media, and reading.
15161	7/10/2012	My local one is the branch at 23rd & Thurman. I choose to make the trek to the Central location downtown where I am more assured of finding what I'm looking for.
15162	7/10/2012	It is always really busy!
15163	7/10/2012	It's always busy! Which is awesome.
15164	7/10/2012	There are always lots of people looking at books and on the computers. Lots of kids come in- I see a lot of activities posted on the white board.
15165	7/10/2012	Very well used. Every time I've gone the computers are all taken up with users. Assume it's people out of work.
15166	7/10/2012	It's always full of people when I go there, and the hold shelves are full of books waiting to be picked up. I'd say it's pretty well used.
15167	7/10/2012	very well used.
15168	7/10/2012	usually a large number of users, old and also the very young
15169	7/10/2012	It is busy whenever I go there.
15170	7/10/2012	I generally visit the Belmont library 1 - 2 times a week (with the occasional visit to the downtown branch), and it's generally very busy. Lots of activity.
15171	7/10/2012	Always busy and well loved and used. I see lots of young people and families there, as well as adults.
15172	7/10/2012	Very. It seems busy, the activities are well attended and they always have a full hold shelf.
15173	7/10/2012	Seems well used for holds, and by children. Normally there are internet computer available.

15174	7/10/2012	It's always really busy!
15175	7/10/2012	I can only answer for my usage; I use and value the use of the library sytem a great deal
15176	7/10/2012	Holgate branch is very well-loved. Always busy. Line outside waiting for it to open.
15177	7/10/2012	Very heavily used.
15178	7/10/2012	busy
15179	7/10/2012	Very well used
15180	7/10/2012	Very
15181	7/10/2012	Very. It's always busy when I'm there.
15182	7/10/2012	It seems popular in the neighborhood.
15183	7/10/2012	The two libraries that I most often frequent always seem quite busy.
15184	7/10/2012	NW is my primary library and it is always busy.
15185	7/10/2012	Very
15186	7/10/2012	I like the library
15187	7/10/2012	Very well used! Please don't cut funding for our libraries!
15188	7/10/2012	Always seems busy
15189	7/10/2012	It is used quite a bit.
15190	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I go (lately, even when it's not open, because of the stupidly short reduced hours).
15191	7/10/2012	It seems popular
15192	7/10/2012	Always busy whenever I've visited.
15193	7/10/2012	I think very well used. It is always busy when I stop in.
15194	7/10/2012	The St Johns library is always full of people. It looks well used on all levels.
15195	7/10/2012	More and less full depending on day and time but does serve an important role in the community obviously anytime I visit.
15196	7/10/2012	It seems that every time I go in there, they are busy. What i think is great is that many people come to use the computers and I feel this is a good way for those individuals who may be of lower socioeconomic background, to have access to a computer.
15197	7/10/2012	My local library is The Central Library
15198	7/10/2012	By me, or in general? Personally I use it mostly to pick up reserves and to drop off books. It seems busy in general, mostly for children's programs.
15199	7/10/2012	I don't understand this question. If the question is how many people use the library or how worn is the library's appearance then the answer would be that the library is well attended but not too much so that I can't get what I need and the facilities seem to be in good order.
15200	7/10/2012	I have no regular schedule for getting to the library, so I think I have a pretty good sampling of each day of the week. As far as I can tell, the Albina branch is almost always full of people using the computers or checking out books/media or attending a program. It gets a lot more use than it did 10 years ago.

15201	7/10/2012	REALLY often used! All children's events are well attended. People constantly use the reservation system to access media & books from across the county. Our libraries are small but super well staffed and always full.
15202	7/10/2012	Extremely well
15203	7/10/2012	Seems busy each time I go in.
15204	7/10/2012	Seems to always be very busy when I'm there
15205	7/10/2012	very, it's packed.
15206	7/10/2012	Albina is well used.
15207	7/10/2012	Always busy when I am there
15208	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
15209	7/10/2012	very much so
15210	7/10/2012	Always crowded whenever I go in there.
15211	7/10/2012	It seems like it is very well used! Usually almost all of the computer stations are in use and there are quite a few people there, even though it is small!
15212	7/10/2012	Fine
15213	7/10/2012	Very well used. It is always busy.
15214	7/10/2012	Very busy
15215	7/10/2012	Seems very busy and popular since it opened.
15216	7/10/2012	i use it all the time and it's always busy when i am there so i would say it is very well used.
15217	7/10/2012	Very well used it seems. Every time I go in there it's busy.
15218	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people when I go, seems to be pretty busy most of the time.
15219	7/10/2012	very used, lots of people there all the time.
15220	7/10/2012	There is usually a line forming on Saturday mornings prior to opening. And the place is always hopping.
15221	7/10/2012	Highly used
15222	7/10/2012	It is well used
15223	7/10/2012	I reserve books online and just run in to pick them up or borrow e-versions.
15224	7/10/2012	Belmont library is always busy!
15225	7/10/2012	Not sure
15226	7/10/2012	very crowded with people waiting for the computers
15227	7/10/2012	The libraries are always busy during my visits.
15228	7/10/2012	Very well used, it is always busy.
15229	7/10/2012	Always busy but seems well organized and check out quickly
15230	7/10/2012	Very well
15231	7/10/2012	well-used! little kids, Internet people, all ages...
15232	7/10/2012	There are always people in there when I go. My little brother loves going to get books. Having a library always open is an incentive to learn how to read and read more often.

15233	7/10/2012	It is busy especially weekends
15234	7/10/2012	i so enjoy visiting the multnomah libraries.
15235	7/10/2012	it's always very full of people, it's not quiet like in the "olden days" but rather filled with laughter and talking and people moving about, all ages. i love the library and all it represents. it connects us to the community. i know my taxes are contributing to the library system, but it still feels like one of the best "free" things we have available.
15236	7/10/2012	very well used
15237	7/10/2012	always busy, well-used
15238	7/10/2012	Lots
15239	7/10/2012	Very
15240	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
15241	7/10/2012	Albina - the one we most frequently use, is well used. Always busy.
15242	7/10/2012	Quite well, from what I see.
15243	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.
15244	7/10/2012	very well used
15245	7/10/2012	I appreciate having a library in my neighborhood, however, I frequently use an on-line app to download books. I rarely walk into the physical library.
15246	7/10/2012	Very.
15247	7/10/2012	(Hollywood) -- very. Always busy.
15248	7/10/2012	It is always busy no matter what time or day we go.
15249	7/10/2012	They are both constantly (pleasantly!) busy.
15250	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used every day of the week, especially for children's programs and computer access.
15251	7/10/2012	I would say very well used.
15252	7/10/2012	It is very used many people are always there no matter if its in the morning or in the afternoon.
15253	7/10/2012	By us? Well. We place things on hold and pick them up but then get distracted and end up hanging out.
15254	7/10/2012	Please rephrase the question, it's not clear.
15255	7/10/2012	It is always very busy when I am there. Also, I primarily use e-resources, and cannot speak to how well used those resources are as it is virtual!
15256	7/10/2012	Very busy when I come in, I have been doing the Library to Go quite a bit recently The libraries are also so crowded but well run. Everyone loves the library. Th E online Books are wonderful for Kindle
15257	7/10/2012	readers. Our kids love the library and know exactly where things are. We can't live w/o one and always consider a home close to the library when we buy a new home.
15258	7/10/2012	It appears that my library is always full of people, young and old. I also notice many minority groups, of all ages, using various services. It's pretty awesome.
15259	7/10/2012	Both are very well used - Kenton seems to be more by families and adults and North Portland but school-aged children.

15260	7/10/2012	I go weekly to check out books for school, add I am a teacher. I also love ordering online and having them delivered to my local branch
15261	7/10/2012	Very well used! Every time I have been to a branch or Central, no matter which day or what time of day, it is very busy.
15262	7/10/2012	I am new to the neighborhood but it seems to be a hub with it's central location in a storefront setting and the staff is very helpful.
15263	7/10/2012	There are always people in both the Northwest Branch and Central Libraries. When I pick up held books, I see many other such books waiting to be retrieved by those who reserved them. The magazine rack is always being used, and there are programs often being held in the room reserved for presentations. I love how much the library is used and by so many people, and I want hours and services to be made more available.
15264	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
15265	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used.
15266	7/10/2012	Very
15267	7/10/2012	It looks very well used, lots of people there when I go.
15268	7/10/2012	Always crowded
15269	7/10/2012	Very well used! It's always packed.
15270	7/10/2012	Very well used, and very cherished in our community.
15271	7/10/2012	Used quite a bit.
15272	7/10/2012	Very, very well. It's a central place for the Sellwood/Moreland/Eastmoreland communities.
15273	7/10/2012	The local library is used very well.
15274	7/10/2012	Seems to be thriving every time we go! All ages!!!
15275	7/10/2012	It's very well used. The parking lot is constantly full whenever I try to visit. It's good to see a Library buzzing, albiet quietly.
15276	7/10/2012	Always crowded
15277	7/10/2012	Very well used, especially the Central branch.
15278	7/10/2012	pretty well used but not in disrepair
15279	7/10/2012	It appears to be heavily frequented each time I visit the library.
15280	7/10/2012	Every time I go into the library, I see many people sitting at computers, sitting at desks all working on different aspects of their lives or their creativity. The libraries are an incredible resource and something that we cannot afford to lose as a community.
15281	7/10/2012	Very busy.
15282	7/10/2012	I've never been in the North Portland library when it wasn't operating at what I considered full capacity.
15283	7/10/2012	It seems well occupied most of the time
15284	7/10/2012	I think it's too well-used by homeless and transient people. I try to run in, get my things and get out without touching anything or anyone. It's often uncomfortable to walk into this library.

15285	7/10/2012	When I am at the library, there always seems to be plenty of people using the library for a variety of reasons.
15286	7/10/2012	Very well-used, especially during special events and storytimes.
15287	7/10/2012	The computer terminals are always very busy and usually with a wait required. There are always a lot of books on hold at the Northwest library, lots of kids hanging around the kids section. I think this is a very well-used library by the local community.
15288	7/10/2012	There always seems to be people in the library when I go, I don't think I've ever been the only person in the Library.
15289	7/10/2012	it appears well used and busy.
15290	7/10/2012	There are always people in the library, and it is in a populated, family oriented area.
15291	7/10/2012	Seems to be well-used. It always seems to have at least 10-20 people when I visit. Once I arrived early and was one of 3-4 people waiting for the library to open.
15292	7/10/2012	I am not sure what this question is asking. It is not worn down, if that is what you are asking. If you are asking if others use the library, then I would say that it looks like is very well used.
15293	7/10/2012	Well used and loved; it is always a busy place. It is a great place in the community to go to further ones knowledge or obtain books and other media for personal enjoyment.
15294	7/10/2012	It has non-stop foot traffic. It amazes me. I don't get why the county is providing free computer access to the public, however, and that may account for some of it, but as a book library, it is very heavily used. I have never seen a branch library like it. I voted to increase the levy, and cannot imagine that anyone would not support it unless they were extremely strapped for cash, as some are.
15295	7/10/2012	very well. plenty of books, news papers including foreign language ones! I hope people will realize how important libraries' rolls in our society, after the budget cuts... Good luck.
15296	7/10/2012	Very well used. Whenever I go to the Gregory Heights facility, it has lots of people of all ages and ethnic groups. There are people looking for books, reading magazines, checking out A/V media, doing research on computers, and participating in community group discussions. It's a neighborhood social hub. It's value to the community is very great.
15297	7/10/2012	I have no insight into this information.
15298	7/10/2012	The library I use seems to always be busy. The parking lot is usually almost full and I rarely get an opportunity to park close to the door (it's not a problem, just an observation). I see a variety of clientele -- older, children, middle-aged, young adults / high school age - it appears to be a really good cross-section of the surrounding communities. I have had no need to use the meeting room(s), so cannot address that, but it seems that it is rarely unused - I usually see people in the meeting room when I enter the library. Selection of books & other media is very good, but most of the time I am online looking for books I want and putting a hold on them, so only go into the library to pick up the held materials when I get notice they are available.
15299	7/10/2012	It seems very well used
15300	7/10/2012	very

15301	7/10/2012	Very well used!
15302	7/10/2012	My library always seems busy and full of people using all the parts of it. It's never been empty when I come in on the weekends or after work.
15303	7/10/2012	Very well.
15304	7/10/2012	Very
15305	7/10/2012	quite well used...
15306	7/10/2012	Very well-used!
15307	7/10/2012	Always appears to be well used
15308	7/10/2012	Albina always seems busy, in all areas of the library.
15309	7/10/2012	It is very well used.
15310	7/10/2012	?
15311	7/10/2012	Well used.
15312	7/10/2012	Seems busy each time I visit
15313	7/10/2012	There are always people in there using computers, reading, browsing, etc... every time I've been in (which varies across the hours/days the library is open).
15314	7/10/2012	very well used, judging by the number of people i see regularly when i drop in.
15315	7/10/2012	Extremely busy and well used.
15316	7/10/2012	It's used more than I care for.
15317	7/10/2012	I believe it is well used
15318	7/10/2012	It seems very well used. Always a wait for computers at Albina. I love it.
15319	7/10/2012	It has been busy every time I have been there. Usually its hard to find a place to sit and read. I take the life, which means I have to wait an hour to be picked up. Usually I have to go the the children's area to find a place to sit and wait.
15320	7/10/2012	Well used, but not excessively busy. I see a good mixture of adults and children every time I visit.
15321	7/10/2012	The library is always full of people of all ages using the library in different ways
15322	7/10/2012	Whenever I go to the library there are at least a dozen or more people using it. Some are on the computers, others are looing for books, audio and video materials to check out, others are sitting and reading. I would say it is a very well used branch.
15323	7/10/2012	Extremely well used, always busy. The Staff take good care of customers, doing [] research, finding requested materials, explaining process and programs and maintaining the shelves. There are a great number of youngsters present at all times, pre-school and above, using the multi-language books and the computers. This is a fine local library, run efficiently and with local loyalties and service to the community.
15324	7/10/2012	Well used. Always busy. Right near a school. The steps are hard for me and the ramp is not much better when returning a books. Wish there was flat access. This is St Johns. I use Kenton when returning books because it is at street level.

15325	7/10/2012	Very well used. Every time I visit there are plenty of people using the library. Most of my visits are to the Kenton branch. My daughter loves the toddler reading hour with librarian Diana. I've been to several Portland library branches for the children's reading hour and Diana's is clearly the most popular. We really appreciate this service, and specifically Diana's applaudable work.
15326	7/10/2012	not very
15327	7/10/2012	Very well used
15328	7/10/2012	it always seems busy
15329	7/10/2012	Belmont is always full of people, on the computers, reading, checking out books & media
15330	7/10/2012	The Central library is very well used.
15331	7/10/2012	Seems to be used regularly.
15332	7/10/2012	It is very busy.
15333	7/10/2012	Very well
15334	7/10/2012	Very... I always see lots of people and activity at the Belmont library, which is where I go most of the time. Computers are often in high demand and there is usually a line at the book/media check out.
15335	7/10/2012	Unknown. I never visit in person, I just use the online resources.
15336	7/10/2012	Very, since I usually use Central.
15337	7/10/2012	Very well used. Often there is a line of people at the door waiting for the library to open.
15338	7/10/2012	It is always busy with people checking out books, using the computers, studying there, etc... no matter the date or time I go in. It is very well used!
15339	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. I went in about ten minutes after opening on Sunday, and it was full of people on computers, browsing books, hanging out in the children's section, picking up held items, and checking out. It is an important hub of activity.
15340	7/10/2012	It seems very popular. It is always full of people browsing books, using computers and attending classes. I bring my daughter to one or two book reading events each week, and they are always pretty full.
15341	7/10/2012	Always a large group of people whenever I take my children to check out books.
15342	7/10/2012	We are constantly using our library. It is an indispensable part of our community here in the Sellwood area. Whenever I go, I find it full of others. When children's programming is scheduled there are people lined up outside the door waiting for the library to open.
15343	7/10/2012	I use the library for work books, videos and pleasure reading...It is unusual for me not to have an item or two checked out...based on that I think the library is well used and an important part of my life
15344	7/10/2012	It is generally well-used. It seems to be used more than other branches I have visited in the past except Midland.
15345	7/10/2012	Very well used (North Portland)
15346	7/10/2012	It seems very busy. Always lots of kids and families when I visit.
15347	7/10/2012	usually very busy.
15348	7/10/2012	Always seems to be quite busy ...

15349	7/10/2012	It seems always to be busy and full of people.
15350	7/10/2012	Just fine, as far as I know.
15351	7/10/2012	Very busy from what I can tell.
15352	7/10/2012	Seems to always be bustling with activity
15353	7/10/2012	There are always a number of people at the library, most computers are in use and the children's section is full.
15354	7/10/2012	It's always very busy when I go in there. I normally don't stay very long, as I'm just there to drop off returns and pick up holds, but every time I go it's practically busier than Starbucks.
15355	7/10/2012	Very, very well used
15356	7/10/2012	It always appears busy.
15357	7/10/2012	Seems to me to be well used.
15358	7/10/2012	Seems pretty well used
15359	7/10/2012	Very!
15360	7/10/2012	Highly used. Always busy.
15361	7/10/2012	Very high traffic
15362	7/10/2012	Both locations seems well-used to me. Hollywood is busier than Hillsdale.
15363	7/10/2012	I live near the Hollywood Library and that's the one I use if I check out a book. However, I work near the main downtown Multnomah County Library and have visited it from time to time.
15364	7/10/2012	I was in there last week and it was busy with a constant stream of people coming in and out.
15365	7/10/2012	Very used
15366	7/10/2012	It's heavy use parking can be a pain..
15367	7/10/2012	It seems busy everytime I'm in there .
15368	7/10/2012	The local library is fairly busy every time I go there. However, the large majority of the users appear to be using the library for computer access.
15369	7/10/2012	Whenever I've been there; there are quite a few patrons; enough to say the library is fairly crowded.
15370	7/10/2012	It is always busy but under-utilized. Many more people need to be using library services.
15371	7/10/2012	The Hollywood Branch usually seems pretty crowded, so I'm guessing it's well used. Same for Gregory Heights.
15372	7/10/2012	By what metric?
15373	7/10/2012	very busy
15374	7/10/2012	Very well used. It's always packed with people.
15375	7/10/2012	It seems to be very busy.
15376	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people there and activities are held seemingly every day.
15377	7/10/2012	I think it's well used - it's always busy.
15378	7/10/2012	it is always busy.
15379	7/10/2012	Midland seems to be heavily used. The parking lot (which is too small) is generally full, the computers are always busy, and the self-check out machines almost always have somebody using them.

15380	7/10/2012	Very
15381	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
15382	7/10/2012	I don't know.
15383	7/10/2012	It's in good shape cosmetically.
15384	7/10/2012	I typically go in after work or on the weekends to pick up books. There are always people on the computers and looking through books, so I would say pretty well used.
15385	7/10/2012	I think my branch is well used. It is always full of people and is a great thing for our neighborhood.
15386	7/10/2012	Every time I visit the library there are people there. At slow times I would guess there might only be 5 people there. At busy times I would guess it's more like 50. It's an important resource in our community.
15387	7/10/2012	I am saddened by the reduction in hours at the library. Our local Hillsdale library is always busy and often I wait to use the computer to look up books or reserve books. My children usually need to wait to use the library computers. The self check out stations are ALWAYS busy and I wait in line to check out books. The librarians and reference staff are helpful and friendly and I would definitely vote to support a levy to maintain and enhance our libraries. I don't mind waiting in lines for use of things at our library; I am glad the library is used by so many people. My family especially enjoys using the educational learning games on the kids computers. We also like the summer reading program and look forward to participating every year! I am an avid user of the hold system and place books on hold for pick up at the library. In fact, I will be going to the library today to pick up a few holds.
15388	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15389	7/10/2012	Very..seems pretty busy every time I'm there.
15390	7/10/2012	VERY
15391	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
15392	7/10/2012	very well used - always busy
15393	7/10/2012	Highly
15394	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
15395	7/10/2012	Local library is the hollywood branch - very well used.
15396	7/10/2012	very well used. long lines with new clerks that are slow and don't seem to know how the system works.
15397	7/10/2012	There are always a lot of people there.
15398	7/10/2012	seems busy; but i am concerned about the access to inappropriate material on the internet; the library is not the same safe place that it was when i was growing up
15399	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
15400	7/10/2012	heavily used
15401	7/10/2012	The Capitol Hill Library seems lightly used.
15402	7/10/2012	The library in Hillsdale always looks well populated and loved when I go there, especially on weekday afternoons when I see a lot of students working, doing research, and meeting in small groups.
15403	7/10/2012	Both libraries that I visit are always busy.
15404	7/10/2012	Seems very well used.

15405	7/10/2012	The library is always full when I visit. I go during the day, on weekends and after work.
15406	7/10/2012	Not much by me but seems well used when I've gone there.
15407	7/10/2012	I only use my local library to pick up books I've placed on hold and have been sent over from other libraries. I do not just browse the shelves at the North Portland library.
15408	7/10/2012	Our library is used very often, not only by my family but by the community. Every time we go, the library is full of people. I am a home-schooling mom and so I am always utilizing the library to supplement my children's education. Our family also attends events at the library on a monthly basis.
15409	7/10/2012	Always seems busy.
15410	7/10/2012	Extremely well used.
15411	7/10/2012	very well used
15412	7/10/2012	Always lots of people whenever we go.
15413	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15414	7/10/2012	It's always busy.
15415	7/10/2012	seems to be quite active whenever we're there
15416	7/10/2012	It's a community hub.
15417	7/10/2012	its always pretty busy
15418	7/10/2012	I would say it is very welll used.
15419	7/10/2012	Very busy, all the time.
15420	7/10/2012	Usually busy.
15421	7/10/2012	Very well used, as far as I can tell. There are always people there, we see friends there all the time.
15422	7/10/2012	Very busy.
15423	7/10/2012	Always hopping
15424	7/10/2012	I don't know what this question means
15425	7/10/2012	Very well.
15426	7/10/2012	extremely well used and probably the best library in the counrty
15427	7/10/2012	Very! Always busy with activity and staffed with wonderful knowledgable librarians!
15428	7/10/2012	
15429	7/10/2012	They always seems busy when I'm there (Central during the day on weekdays; Albina on weekday evenings and on weekends)
15430	7/10/2012	very
15431	7/10/2012	Very well used all day
15432	7/10/2012	It seems popular, but the hours are short for someone who works 9-5.
15433	7/10/2012	Well used - always people there.
15434	7/10/2012	very. Although I use the library website frequently.
15435	7/10/2012	Very popular. Usually busy.
15436	7/10/2012	very well used
15437	7/10/2012	Very well used. Hard to get a parking spot.

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15438	7/10/2012	Seems to be very well used. Always people there when I pick up books I've requested.
15439	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15440	7/10/2012	Pretty well used.
15441	7/10/2012	i always see people in there
15442	7/10/2012	Always busy!
15443	7/10/2012	It always seems well used when I am in there.
15444	7/10/2012	Always busy
15445	7/10/2012	I generally frequent the downtown library and it is always busy when I'm there (generally between 5:30-6:30pm).
15446	7/10/2012	I think it is very well used. I always see people in there - programs for young ones, people using the computers, and people picking up books. I love my branch of the library (Albina) !!!
15447	7/10/2012	This question is rather vague. Do you want to know if the branch is busy?
15448	7/10/2012	VERY!
15449	7/10/2012	both seem very busy
15450	7/10/2012	Very well used
15451	7/10/2012	Seems quite busy when I go, which is usually a Saturday.
15452	7/10/2012	I love the Belmont library! It is always very busy when I go.
15453	7/10/2012	It is always busy, and a community hub. We enjoy taking our children to the reading programs and utilizing the summer reading program as a fun activity.
15454	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15455	7/10/2012	Very well used. There are always people there. It is a great resource for the families in the community.
15456	7/10/2012	The Central Library is always busy with people coming in and out all the time to use computers or check out books.
15457	7/10/2012	Not sure what you're really asking - you already know how the library is being used.
15458	7/10/2012	I love my local library, its location and the friendly staff. I use the library as my go-to source for books instead of purchasing them.
15459	7/10/2012	Very - it's always packed
15460	7/10/2012	Always people in it.
15461	7/10/2012	Seems mobbed every time I visit.
15462	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
15463	7/10/2012	I think it's very well used. Most of the time when I'm there, it's fairly crowded, and there is usually a group of people waiting for it to open. I run into other people that I know on a regular basis there.
15464	7/10/2012	its always busy and lively there
15465	7/10/2012	not much
15466	7/10/2012	comfortably busy
15467	7/10/2012	Very well. There is always a crowd of people enjoying it.
15468	7/10/2012	I believe that is is very well used(: I think that especially during the summer it is well used.

15469	7/10/2012	It always seems to be fairly busy. Never crowded or long lines but there are always at least a dozen or so people every time I am there.
15470	7/10/2012	I think that many people in my community benefit from using the library. Most of the people that I know have a library card and visit a library in Multnomah County.
15471	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by the question... if you mean how many people use it, it's a small library, and I'm sure your circulation department has numbers. If you mean how well do we use it, I think that our family knows its way around pretty well.
15472	7/10/2012	They seem popular, judging by number of people
15473	7/10/2012	it's usually full. there is generally a queue for the computers and the hold shelves are ALWAYS jam packed.
15474	7/10/2012	always very busy
15475	7/10/2012	seems well used
15476	7/10/2012	Extremely well used, many people in there all the time.
15477	7/10/2012	It is always packed full of people. Children's programs seem very well attended.
15478	7/10/2012	well used -- always there are people in the library
15479	7/10/2012	Always seems busy, always full of children of different ages.
15480	7/10/2012	Always busy.
15481	7/10/2012	always seems to be busy when i am there. neighbors depend on the library for books primarily. many people can't afford to buy books as often as they read them. can't do without a neighborhood library!!!!
15482	7/10/2012	There are always many families participating in the activities for children in the children's section. Most or all of the computers are occupied whenever I am there. There are always people browsing the book and film aisles.
15483	7/10/2012	Very well used. Always busy.
15484	7/10/2012	Always busy
15485	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15486	7/10/2012	Seems very well used
15487	7/10/2012	It always has a good crowd there, especially for such a small location.
15488	7/10/2012	Very I have never been there when there are not quite a few people there.
15489	7/10/2012	Pretty well used
15490	7/10/2012	The library branches always seem busy when I visit. I mostly use the online resources, however, such as the Library2Go.
15491	7/10/2012	Always seems busy, with adults and children reading, using computers, looking at displays.
15492	7/10/2012	good
15493	7/10/2012	SO MUCH SO THAT THE TODDLER READING TIME GETS FULL! THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE IN THERE!
15494	7/10/2012	seems busy and well used
15495	7/10/2012	Library is always well used

15496	7/10/2012	To my knowledge, it's very well used. The Central Library is always quite busy.
15497	7/10/2012	Seems busy all the time.
15498	7/10/2012	Every time I am in the library it is very busy.
15499	7/10/2012	Very well, it has brought a new life to Kenton and provides a positive hub of activity.
15500	7/10/2012	I visit two to three times per week and it is always busy when I visit.
15501	7/10/2012	Very well-used.
15502	7/10/2012	Very
15503	7/10/2012	I do not understand this question.
15504	7/10/2012	Used to use it much more, but not that often anymore.
15505	7/10/2012	It appears very well used, it's busy every time I'm there!
15506	7/10/2012	It seems pretty busy regularly.
15507	7/10/2012	Very busy with a wide variety of services: computer access; quiet booths for study; programs for toddlers; the use of a large room for other events. Sometimes the library is crowded in various areas. Expanded shelves devoted to reserved books. □ So this is a very well used branch. I myself usually only check out books and other materials, sometimes may ask for research assistance or use the copy machine. Great branch and the expanded space is well used.
15508	7/10/2012	The Hillsdale branch is quite busy during the times we visit (usually weekends and occasionally evenings).
15509	7/10/2012	very well used by many patrons
15510	7/10/2012	Almost always it is very busy, lots of activities and patrons, computer stations are always busy, etc. It is a very important community resource.
15511	7/10/2012	It is very well used and often busy.
15512	7/10/2012	very well, lots of parents with kids always, always a line waiting to get in in the morning, constant family use.
15513	7/10/2012	It seems to be always busy.
15514	7/10/2012	Usually quite busy
15515	7/10/2012	Well
15516	7/10/2012	The library always seems busy - filled with people at tables researching, or using the computers.
15517	7/10/2012	TONS! I speak very highly of our library. I check out on average a 1,000 books a year as the kids and I read most nights 3-4 kid books before bed. I use the library LOTS. :)
15518	7/10/2012	Very well used. At Albina, I see people at the computers all the time, students during school hours doing research or after school doing homework, waiting for parents or friends. Story times for babies are always full and weekend programs for kids are usually packed too. The Hollywood Library is also always packed and well utilized.
15519	7/10/2012	Seems to be active use. Keep listening to the 'customers to find ways to stabilize costs, increase revenue sources! The tax well is nearing depletion.

15520	7/10/2012	It always seem s full, the number of book and other material holdss is very well utilized. It is just a good thing to be a part of. It is, perhaps, the single most-loved, most-used sytem in the county. In short, I love it!
15521	7/10/2012	Library always has a lot of people and children using computers and checking out books
15522	7/10/2012	There is often a crowd of seniors, parents with children, youth and adults waiting for the doors to open. Computers are always in use. I'd say the library is very well used.
15523	7/10/2012	Constantly crowded.
15524	7/10/2012	well
15525	7/10/2012	Very well used. Woodstock is a popular location. I have to say, I ran up a ton of fees because the staff made some errors on clocking materials back in and I ended up bagging my library card for awhile. I am now back into it but there will be hell to pay if that happens again.
15526	7/10/2012	lots of people coming and going; many moms and young kids; much computer use
15527	7/10/2012	I use it weekly.....and ENJOY spending time...reading books and using the computer in my local library
15528	7/10/2012	It's always busy when I am there.
15529	7/10/2012	extremely popular branch
15530	7/10/2012	Always seems to be busy when I go there. And I hear neighbors talk about using the neighborhood library.
15531	7/10/2012	Totally. Sometimes it is a little too well used by transients.
15532	7/10/2012	It is usually busy
15533	7/10/2012	Always seems pretty busy whenever I drop in.
15534	7/10/2012	The local library is well used - the parking lot is always full, folks are always biking and walking in, the computers are constantly in use and folks are waiting in line before the library opens.
15535	7/10/2012	It seems to be well used whenever I am there. It is not uncommon for a line to form to check items out.
15536	7/10/2012	The library seems to be very busy. It's right by a bus line, which make it accessible[] for patrons. It always seems quite busy.[]
15537	7/10/2012	Both of my college attendee kids[] Use the library for resource materials and a convenient place to study between classes.
15538	7/10/2012	Very busy.
15539	7/10/2012	Very well used, always packed with people.
15540	7/10/2012	seems well attended
15541	7/10/2012	Extremely. Always a lot of people, many programs, generally a line at the door on weekends before they open.
15542	7/10/2012	Heavily used
15543	7/10/2012	I do not go to the library every day, but I do go more than once a week. It is always busy, and I love the library. Are there tax benefits for donating to the library? Is there a way to designate tax money to the library?

15544	7/10/2012	Very well used, I often find that books I would like are on hold.
15545	7/10/2012	They do the best they can.
15546	7/10/2012	Belmont is very well used, Woodstock is well used.
15547	7/10/2012	I use them on a regular basis, usually a couple times a week. All of the libraries I go to are always full of people checking out books and using the computers.
15548	7/10/2012	The Albina branch, which I go to most often, is usually very busy and seems to attract all ages. It is located in a shopping center so people seem to come in before or after shopping. I personally do not use many of the programs offered as I have not found any that would be appropriate for me.
15549	7/10/2012	Busy
15550	7/10/2012	It's always very busy. We have a lot of children in the area and there are always children and family members around, especially during the summer. Folks really depend on the library being there and open. Whenever I've been by just before opening it seems like there are people waiting for the doors to open.
15551	7/10/2012	Well used!
15552	7/10/2012	The library is always busy and the computers full.
15553	7/10/2012	Always busy!
15554	7/10/2012	It is always very busy.
15555	7/10/2012	The library often seems crowded.
15556	7/10/2012	Busy all the time.
15557	7/10/2012	quite well. It is busy, and the staff if friendly and helpful.
15558	7/10/2012	Very well used! There are always lots of people using the computers and checking out books. It's one of the few true community gathering places that is free to the public and promotes education.
15559	7/10/2012	Very well.
15560	7/10/2012	Many people use my library. Young, old, and in between. Lots of good people at the library.
15561	7/10/2012	Very!! Holgate is always busy, and I'm there a lot.
15562	7/10/2012	Very well used, in my experience.
15563	7/10/2012	Very well used!
15564	7/10/2012	It is always extremely busy.
15565	7/10/2012	I'd say it's very well used.
15566	7/10/2012	Usually a lot of people there doing a variety of activities.
15567	7/10/2012	Very. There is often a line waiting for it to open and the computers are popular. Many families bring children for reading times and activities.
15568	7/10/2012	It's usually quite busy. Lots of people on computers and kids everywhere.
15569	7/10/2012	When I visit, I see many patrons using the services; many on the computers. I've also seen patrons getting information about e-books.
15570	7/10/2012	Well used my kids loves going to the library. Wish it open longer.
15571	7/10/2012	All the libraries I frequent are vibrant and bustling.

15572	7/10/2012	Very
15573	7/10/2012	very well used--esp. by kids/families
15574	7/10/2012	Every time I have been in either a branch library or the Central Library the buildings have been teeming with patrons. The library staffs always seem busy. Kids are being read to, the public computer stations are full, the meetings rooms are in use.
15575	7/10/2012	It is always busy when we are there. I would also like to note that we visit more than once a week but not every day. We probably go two or three times a week.
15576	7/10/2012	quite a bit
15577	7/10/2012	Very
15578	7/10/2012	Holgate library is always packed! Sometimes I can't find a parking space and if I need the computer, I always have a long wait.
15579	7/10/2012	It's always busy. It's very well used. All of the Multnomah County Libraries are.
15580	7/10/2012	Very well used, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when it's open later.
15581	7/10/2012	I think it's used well by parents and, at least gregory heights, by the vietnamese community but not very much by the average white folk without kids. I tell them all and they're like oh I haven't been to the library since college/high school.
15582	7/10/2012	Very busy all the time....
15583	7/10/2012	Very - it's always busy.
15584	7/10/2012	It appears to be very well used, especially by younger people. Computer stations are full almost every time I go there.
15585	7/10/2012	Very!
15586	7/10/2012	It is busy every time I am there
15587	7/10/2012	Extremely.
15588	7/10/2012	It always seems busy.
15589	7/10/2012	Extremely well used. I wish MCL could expand the Belmont branch or build a much larger branch in a new location.
15590	7/10/2012	Very! We attend toddler story time almost weekly and it is usually quite full. My daughter and I also walk to the library almost weekly to check out books and it is always humming with activity. I love how it is a vibrant slice of our community.
15591	7/10/2012	Very well used
15592	7/10/2012	It is always busy.
15593	7/10/2012	very busy. Every time I go there are lots of people there.
15594	7/10/2012	Not sure
15595	7/10/2012	Gresham and Central are likely two of the most used libraries in the county. I use Gresham the most at about three times per week.
15596	7/10/2012	Very, very busy.
15597	7/10/2012	very

15598	7/10/2012	Very well used.
15599	7/10/2012	Well-used, a vital community resource
15600	7/10/2012	very well used
15601	7/10/2012	I moved here from Tigard and the Capitol Hill library isn't nearly as busy as Tigard. Although a lot of kids from Capitol Hill School go to the library right after school.
15602	7/10/2012	very well used. Even on beautiful afternoons/weekends, there are people there though not as many as on a gray wet day.
15603	7/10/2012	very
15604	7/10/2012	It appears to be busy when I visit the library.
15605	7/10/2012	VERY well used a cornerstone of the neighborhood.[]
15606	7/10/2012	[] People line up before it opens!
15607	7/10/2012	reasonably well
15608	7/10/2012	They have sstrong followings - lines at the door on weekends
15609	7/10/2012	Very well used, busy with families, retired folks, youth, every type of community member using the facility.
15610	7/10/2012	always busy.
15611	7/10/2012	our library is busy in all sections every time we visit.
15612	7/9/2012	MCL is the 2nd busiest in the nation overall. Albina's computers are fully utilized when I'm there, the hold shelf is bursting with titles to be picked up and staff are always busy with patrons.
15613	7/9/2012	It is quite busy - I especially like that I can reserve titles, pop in and pick up my stuff. Also my children are avid readers at ages 3 and 5 - they love the literacy programs on the computers as well as story time not to mention paging through books reading and chossing titles to take home
15614	7/9/2012	There are people ligned up everday, i can see even from the outside that the library is a downtown community hub
15615	7/9/2012	Albina needs to be expanded, or relocated to a larger square foot site if Whole Paycheck is the problem. That's how well my local library is used!
15616	7/9/2012	Very. Always crowded.
15617	7/9/2012	Very!
15618	7/9/2012	Central Library is very busy. There are always people waiting to get in before it opens and many seats are taken in the various rooms whenever I visit.
15619	7/9/2012	Well
15620	7/9/2012	It seems very busy with local citizens taking advantage of many services.
15621	7/9/2012	Belmont is very busy

15622	7/9/2012	VERY well used. I've never been in and seen it empty. I also know that number of bodies in the building does not necessarily equate with "well used" as a number of patrons access strictly online. I frequently see holds for items I am interested in borrowing and the group activities are always well attended (no matter what branch).
15623	7/9/2012	Always busy with enthusiastic clients. It is a true public meeting house/forum. I believe the library represents the best of our community spirit.
15624	7/9/2012	Busy
15625	7/9/2012	Constantly used.
15626	7/9/2012	Not so busy that it's inconvenient to visit the library at any given time, but busy enough to feel like either branch is a vital hub for their respective communities.
15627	7/9/2012	Very well used! Whenever I go there, the place seems full of people of a wide diversity of ages and ethnicities.
15628	7/9/2012	Very well used. I occasionally go to the Albina and North Portland branches, but usually Hollywood because it's so close to the Hollywood Senior Center to which I belong.
15629	7/9/2012	Usually, all the computer terminals are full and normally, I wait patiently in a short line to check out my books. When I read a review for a new book, the library already has a reserve waiting list. It is rare that a new book is freely available on the shelves. I am constantly amazed at how many books are on reserve and awaiting their patrons at the library. Thank goodness we can reserve books! Otherwise life would be impossible at the library!
15630	7/9/2012	Fabulously by our citizenry
15631	7/9/2012	It always seems to be busy.
15632	7/9/2012	Very well used
15633	7/9/2012	it always has many people inside - and on days when I get there before opening hour - there are people waiting outside to get in
15634	7/9/2012	Central, Hollywood, and Belmont look quite busy whenever I am there.
15635	7/9/2012	I select the less probable intended meaning of an ambiguous question: <p>The library is very well used by the people who use it for reading and research, but not so well used for other purposes. A "library" is by definition a collection of "books", a repository for such collections and a facility providing access to books. It is not a center for "programs" other than programs related to a library's functions. Sources of other media at little or nearly no cost are pervasive and cheap. There's no need for "library" money to be spent on housing and distributing such media. If it's deemed wise for the public to bear the cost of maintaining such media and the means to access for those for whom access by their own means is impracticable. we should do it. And if unrelated services are deemed to be a proper public responsibility, then we should provides. But such a services have nothing to do with libraries and the costs of providing them should not be attributed to libraries.</p>
15636	7/9/2012	Very busy

		Northwest Branch seems to be busy when I stop by to pick up a book I have placed on HOLD. I used to pick up my books at the Main Library but switched to the Northwest Library because I can usually find free parking. I almost always return my books to the Main Branch drive -by box because I live closer to it. I used to walk to the Main Branch on occasion.[]
15637	7/9/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>I am distressed that the Main Branch is closed on Monday. I think at least one branch ought to be open on Monday. It is the largest and has more services, PCs, etc.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I was blind-sided by the plan to close the libraries on Monday even though the continuation levy passed. Maybe I didn't follow it closely enough because I had already decided to vote for the levy continuation.</p>
15638	7/9/2012	Very well used. We enjoy going there to look at and check out books, as well as periodic events for our 3 year old.
15639	7/9/2012	Very!
15640	7/9/2012	Very
15641	7/9/2012	hard to say
15642	7/9/2012	Exceptionally well-used by the homeless and transient population, apparently. I WILL NOT go to the restroom in Central Library for health and safety reasons. I will not spend any time in the library either as the ambiance is unattractive.
15643	7/9/2012	Very well used
15644	7/9/2012	Very well used.
15645	7/9/2012	I would say that it is very well used
15646	7/9/2012	very well used
15647	7/9/2012	it's always busy when i'm in there.
15648	7/9/2012	I don't know.
15649	7/9/2012	Very. Always lots of people there when I go in.
15650	7/9/2012	both libraries near us are very well-used it appears to be actively used - i enjoy going there from time to time on weekends to read magazines or just sit quietly and read or write in my journal...[]
15651	7/9/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>the resource librarians are excellent and so kind and helpful</p>
15652	7/9/2012	My local library is small but frequently used.
15653	7/9/2012	VERY well - I speak as a patron and a volunteer there.
15654	7/9/2012	there is always a wait to use computers at Rockwood.
15655	7/9/2012	There is always a line waiting for it to open and I have never seen it empty.
15656	7/9/2012	Very well- always lots of people and activity.
15657	7/9/2012	I mostly use central while on the way somewhere, and it usually seems quite busy

15658	7/9/2012	Very well used! This is an especially important local resource for the kids in the neighborhood.
15659	7/9/2012	We always see several people in the library at Belmont.
15660	7/9/2012	seems good, I'd always like to see more folks there, reading,etc
15661	7/9/2012	very well used, usually many visitors
15662	7/9/2012	Extremely crowded throughout the day.
15663	7/9/2012	Very well used. Always seems busy--people waiting to talk with library staff/ask them questions.
15664	7/9/2012	They both seem busy every time I go in. Rarely is something I ever want on the shelves.
15665	7/9/2012	I hardly ever use my local library. I live near Parkrose High School, but I use Hollywood Library (because I am familiar with this library) or Albina (because I grew up near Ablina Library and I take summer school classes at PCC Cascade). Both of these locations are well used and have supportive and helpful staff.
15666	7/9/2012	I always see lots of people everytime I visit. A large amount of ethnic users as well as native English speakers. If I happen to arrive just before the library opens for the day, usually there are many people waiting for the doors to be unlocked.
15667	7/9/2012	Very
15668	7/9/2012	very - always a bustling place when I'm there
15669	7/9/2012	It always looks busy. Lots of people reading and checking out books. But a portion of that also seems to be derelicts who have no where else to go.
15670	7/9/2012	It's always busy, but it seems to be used by the same small population of people--marketing should be directed at people who aren't using it!
15671	7/9/2012	very well used
15672	7/9/2012	I believe the North Portland library is very well used. It is an important resource for students attending Jefferson High School also.
15673	7/9/2012	It is very well used. Always busy.
15674	7/9/2012	That is a strangely phrased question. There are always lots of people there when I go, if that is what you mean, and everyone I know in the neighborhood (mostly parents of young children) uses it frequently.
15675	7/9/2012	Very well used.
15676	7/9/2012	Seems pretty active whenever I go in
15677	7/9/2012	Always seems busy when I go. Lots of kids at the library near my home.
15678	7/9/2012	It's extremely busy; Belmont is so crowded it needs to be larger!
15679	7/9/2012	Very well used
15680	7/9/2012	Very well used.
15681	7/9/2012	Very. It's busy at Central all through the day.
15682	7/9/2012	very heavily used
15683	7/9/2012	very well.
15684	7/9/2012	It's constantly packed, even though it's small. (Belmont)

15685	7/9/2012	A judgement question! I see both Hollywood and Northwest as busy, well used libraries.
15686	7/9/2012	My local library is the Central branch, which is of course very well used. It is a great place to visit. I've used several other branches and always find them active and busy.
15687	7/9/2012	My main library is Hillsdale, with periodic use of Capitol Hill and the Central Library. Hillsdale is well used.
15688	7/9/2012	Very
15689	7/9/2012	The parking lot is usually full.
15690	7/9/2012	I'm not sure what this is referring to.
15691	7/9/2012	Very
15692	7/9/2012	Very well used!
15693	7/9/2012	well used
15694	7/9/2012	VERY well used.
15695	7/9/2012	I think it is very well used,both by the community and myself.
15696	7/9/2012	To me it seems as if there are always a number of people and it is ofter rather full.
15697	7/9/2012	It is a well used center of our community life... Portland would simply not be the hyper-literate city it is without the library!
15698	7/9/2012	Our family uses the local library very much, traveling there to pick up holds roughly twice a week, depending. It seems to always be well used, with many people at the library all the time.
15699	7/9/2012	This question is poorly worded, and therefore impossible to answer.
15700	7/9/2012	It's almost always busy.
15701	7/9/2012	It seems like there are always plenty of people there when I go.
15702	7/9/2012	Very used! Lots of people there.
15703	7/9/2012	It is VERY busy all the time! We used it much more when the kids were younger and as they transition into young adults we are going back more often now as well.
15704	7/9/2012	I think that the libraries I go to are well attended and play an important role is helping all of the citizens but especially the kids in the local areas.
15705	7/9/2012	Very well used. It always has a lot of visitors when we go.
15706	7/9/2012	Very well used & accessed by everyone in my family.
15707	7/9/2012	very well used.
15708	7/9/2012	Very well used, great asset to the community, invaluable really
15709	7/8/2012	They seem to be very well used - always plenty of people there!
15710	7/8/2012	Seems very well used.
15711	7/8/2012	very
15712	7/8/2012	Fairly
15713	7/8/2012	Very! I see evidence of this every day. The check out area is always busy, the fiction room is filled with people getting help, holds, and materials. Computers are always in use.

15714	7/8/2012	Very! Hollywood is my main branch and the last I heard it had the largest (busiest?) circulation in the country: wow!
15715	7/8/2012	My local library is extremely busy with browsers, people picking up holds and lots of storytime families!
15716	7/8/2012	Quite well used.
15717	7/8/2012	very well used. we often see many people from all economic classes and situations checking out books, using computers, accessing resource material and participating in programs
15718	7/8/2012	Very well used.
15719	7/8/2012	There are always many patrons of all ages in the Sellwood library. Often, but not always, there is a wait for using a computer for internet access.
15720	7/8/2012	well used Very popular with all ages, but if there were more quiet reading spaces it would be better. ☐
15721	7/8/2012	I understand the need for computer facilities, but think they should be more separate from the browsing and reading areas instead of seeming to dominate the library space.
15722	7/8/2012	seems very busy when I am there
15723	7/8/2012	Albina library is always happily busy! It seems to be one of the few safe,productive places for teens to hang out, and there are always plenty of young families.
15724	7/8/2012	Seems to be busy most of the time.
15725	7/8/2012	very
15726	7/8/2012	Very well - there are always individuals and families both sitting in the library and going in and out.
15727	7/8/2012	Very well-used, as far as I can tell. There are always people browsing, using computers, and talking with the staff.
15728	7/8/2012	from when I am in the Central it varies during each day the number of people present.
15729	7/8/2012	Very well used!
15730	7/8/2012	It's extremely busy. Always a lot of people inside with the parking lot filled. Public omputers are always in use and staff are continually occupied with assisting library users with great service.
15731	7/8/2012	There are times when it is quite busy and times when it is less busy.
15732	7/8/2012	Very well used. There are always many visitors there when I go to the library. I've attended a few helpful seminars at my local library. I LOVE my local library!
15733	7/8/2012	Very well used - busy most of the times I'm in there.
15734	7/8/2012	Vigorously, extremely, crowded-ly!
15735	7/8/2012	Very well-used. Always bustling with activity.
15736	7/8/2012	Very well used
15737	7/8/2012	Very well used. There always seem to be quite a few people there.
15738	7/8/2012	It's always a busy and bustling place!
15739	7/8/2012	Almost always full of people

15740	7/8/2012	I don't know what I'd do without MCL. I literally feel like the library is part of my family. The materials I check out, the programs that I attend and the social connections that I make when visiting are all part of a truly enriching experience. I firmly believe that Portland is as desirable a city as it is because of MCL. It needs stable funding and it needs it now--for the sake of all citizens.
15741	7/8/2012	Very well
15742	7/8/2012	Very well used.
15743	7/8/2012	I have never been there when there is no crowd. I used to go to the library weekly, now I go less often. I have never seen an empty library in Portland
15744	7/8/2012	Very well used indeed. It remains a great asset to the city and to individual neighborhoods as well. I've been going to the library since I was a small child and we used to visit the Central branch weekly, first with my mother and then with my school. This was in the 1960's and to think of the possibility of them going away is very disturbing if not downright scary.
15745	7/8/2012	how would i know? how much? how well users behave? or what do you mean?
15746	7/8/2012	Well used...before the automated checkout stations, I had to often wait in line to check out materials.
15747	7/8/2012	It is in constant use, well known and well used.
15748	7/8/2012	Well used!
15749	7/8/2012	Very well-used
15750	7/8/2012	Gresham library is always full of patrons whenever I go there as is the Rockwood library, Holgate and woodstock.
15751	7/8/2012	Extremely well-used.
15752	7/8/2012	It's wonderfully busy.
15753	7/8/2012	Incredibly.
15754	7/8/2012	It is busy every time I am in there.
15755	7/8/2012	Very well used. Always lots of adults and kids there when I visit.
15756	7/8/2012	Its a great library. I might not check books out all the time but I do go in at least once a month. I always look for knitting books to check out. There are always people checking out books or using the computers. It might not got the same traffic as down in Sellwood or the main branch but it is a welcome place to go in this neighborhood. Especially since there isn't much else in St. John's except for a small bookstore, in this economic times, it is cheaper and more welcoming to go to the library up here.
15757	7/8/2012	It's used very well lots of people in it.
15758	7/8/2012	Very well used.
15759	7/8/2012	I think that our local library is very well used. There are always families reading to their children, kids working on puzzles, adults and teens at the computers, and people reading in little nooks. It's a very small library, but it always feels active.

15760	7/8/2012	The computers are always busy, books are always on hold and it's busy.
15761	7/8/2012	Very!
15762	7/8/2012	I'm not really sure what this means. When I go to the branches, my sense is that the library is used at a comfortable level. There are people using the computers, the checkout stations, reading the bulletin boards, looking at newspaper at the tables, going to events, but there aren't long lines for anything. I think they're used at the right level.
15763	7/8/2012	This library is always busy. I'm in there often, myself. I checked weekly, but sometimes more....
15764	7/8/2012	Very well used by most people I know.
15765	7/8/2012	It never seems to be quiet. There is always something going on. I love it that it is used so much.
15766	7/8/2012	VERY!!!!
15767	7/8/2012	fairly well used? Compared to what?
15768	7/8/2012	very
15769	7/8/2012	very well used
15770	7/7/2012	always seems really busy
15771	7/7/2012	Very well used.
15772	7/7/2012	one of the busiest in the entire country
15773	7/7/2012	VERY! There's always a crowd at the Woodstock or Sellwood Libraries.
15774	7/7/2012	Really, really well. I have almost always have at least a 10 minute wait for a computer. The crowd in front of the staff picks and lucky day books are usuually 2 deep. Sometimes a basic catalogue computer is not always available. There is tutors there working with shcool age and college students almost every time I am there. The children's section is usually packe with families including siblings doubling up on children computers so other families have access also. The hold shelks sem to be almost half of the library.
15775	7/7/2012	Very
15776	7/7/2012	Very well used.
15777	7/7/2012	very well used. there is always a wait for compters
15778	7/7/2012	Not sure (live far out in SE but work downtown so I use Central)
15779	7/7/2012	well used.
15780	7/7/2012	It is very popular, many families rely on the events for their young children and the summer reading program!! It keeps kids busy and more intellectually driven to succeed when going back to school.
15781	7/7/2012	Very well used, especially for a small branch.
15782	7/7/2012	Very well used.
15783	7/7/2012	My local library is great! I love being able to find any book I need. It seems that all of the computers are in use every time I go. I love being able to request books and go pick them up. The selection is always great and, while new books are often hard to come by, slightly older books are always in abundance. The self-checkout stations are helpful so I don't have to disturb the busy library staff to check out.

15784	7/7/2012	very busy
15785	7/7/2012	I think it is well used; it seems that the check-out traffic would be one point of evidence, as well as logins to the public computers.
15786	7/7/2012	It is always super busy from the minute they open to closing!!!!
15787	7/7/2012	Kenton branch seems pretty popular.
15788	7/7/2012	Very well used. There is always a good number of people in there everyday.
15789	7/7/2012	Holgate and Central are both very busy. It seems that the Holgate collection probably isn't really large enough for all those who I see browsing there.
15790	7/7/2012	When I am there, it is never lonely. Tutoring is often going on in the small rooms, children are in and about and happy (a delight to see), librarians super helpful, knowledgeable and insightful, computer terminals are busy and periodicals are being read.
15791	7/7/2012	Full story times, families with small children in and out several times a week, a large number of patrons who return weekly for computer use. Belmont is always busy; patrons line up before the doors open and are there up until closing time.
15792	7/7/2012	I have never seen it (Kenton) with less than other 5 patrons, even when I'm there just before closing.
15793	7/7/2012	I would say it is very well used: it's usually pretty busy but not so crazy that it's crowded beyond enjoyment. It's a pretty small branch, so I definitely frequent others, too, to find more book options, as well as media and audio books.
15794	7/7/2012	Always busy.
15795	7/7/2012	We are a family of seven and most days one of heads to the library to check out books. Some of my kids study at the library. We consult with the reference librarians and more. Our usual library, Gregory Heights is always full and busy.
15796	7/7/2012	Very.....
15797	7/7/2012	It seems like it is always pretty full of all kinds of people.
15798	7/7/2012	Very
15799	7/7/2012	We live in inner-Southeast Portland (S.E. 49th Avenue, near Powell). We are equidistant to Holgate AND Woodstock Libraries. Woodstock is the library we frequent most often, for reserves and general browsing. However, our teenage son has attended Summer Reading Program and other events at the North Portland, Hollywood and Holgate Libraries. He is currently volunteering at the Holgate Library. From our experience (and we are faithful library patrons), it seems as if North Portland, Holgate and Woodstock Libraries are always hopping. Holgate is exceptionally busy insofar as young patrons (children and teenagers) are concerned. There seems to be a lot of use of computers because, in a difficult economy, internet access is often something that is first to go, although it remains extremely important in order to job-hunt and be an informed citizen.
15800	7/7/2012	The Albina branch is always busy -- children's programs, job seekers, community artists and writers meeting in small groups, families browsing the stacks.... I love seeing how well used our branch is!
15801	7/7/2012	It is always busy

15802	7/7/2012	Well used indeed!
15803	7/7/2012	There are always people using the library and waiting outside for it to open.
15804	7/7/2012	Over used
15805	7/7/2012	Are you kidding? It's the Hollywood branch!
15806	7/7/2012	moderately
15807	7/7/2012	Very well. Every time I go in there are mothers and children exploring the youth books, lines for the computers, and people just browsing. It always feels like a positive and community-oriented space
15808	7/7/2012	There seems to be a lot of people there every time I go, including quite a few regulars.
15809	7/7/2012	Very Well!
15810	7/7/2012	Very well used by a very diverse group of community members.
15811	7/7/2012	The Belmont library is always full
15812	7/7/2012	very Really I think it's probably over used I work a late shift so I'm usually there in the mornings before work and you should see how many people are there waiting for the place to open. Its madness sometimes there are so many people waiting you cant even get through on the sidewalks
15813	7/7/2012	
15814	7/7/2012	Very well
15815	7/7/2012	The library I use most often is Midland, and it's always packed!
15816	7/7/2012	extremely. Always busy when I am there. The self service stations help reduce the checkout lines. I often need to wait to talk to reference staff with my questions. Meeting rooms fill upnquicklyvfor special programs and if I don't get there early to get admittance ticket or a seat, I lose out. Children get very disappointed when this happens.
15817	7/7/2012	
15818	7/7/2012	Very well used, always busy. It is well maintained but I would prefer longer hours daily.
15819	7/7/2012	Very well used. It is the Hollywood branch and it is packed all the time.
15820	7/7/2012	It is always packed, never empty, rarely even just "full"
15821	7/7/2012	very well. there are always people waiting outside in the morning before it opens.
15822	7/7/2012	It seems very busy on a daily basis.
15823	7/7/2012	very well- always busy
15824	7/7/2012	It generally seems very busy.
15825	7/7/2012	Always full of people - very popular. I see kids there often. Computers always in full use.
15826	7/7/2012	very used
15827	7/7/2012	lots of people, lots of activity, sometimes too much noise and distraction
15828	7/7/2012	It always buzzing with people from toddlers to senior citizens. It's a very important part of our community.
15829	7/7/2012	Hillsdale appears to be heavily used.
15830	7/7/2012	very well used
15831	7/7/2012	Very! Although not so much by me. : /

15832	7/7/2012	Holgate - well used by all races[] []
15833	7/7/2012	Hollywood - well used by mostly white race
15834	7/7/2012	Extensive use!! very!
15835	7/7/2012	Northwest is so undersized for the number of people using it. Hillsdale and Central are also extremely heavily used, but more appropriately sized.
15836	7/7/2012	VERY well used. Constantly busy, almost to the point of having to arrive early to get a seat or use a computer. I live in a lower-income neighborhood, and the children rely almost 100% on the Midland Branch for their computer usage and checking out books to keep them entertained during summers that can be boring for families with little money. The unemployed in our neighborhood visit to use the computers for job searches.
15837	7/7/2012	It is very busy with all ages and many different types of use.
15838	7/7/2012	It's great. A great resource!
15839	7/7/2012	always busy
15840	7/7/2012	It appears well used by both students and local residents--that includes some PCC students. The central library is also well used.
15841	7/7/2012	Very well used
15842	7/7/2012	Woodstock is always busy when I'm there. On the occasions that I'm early, there's always a cluster of folks waiting for the doors to open.
15843	7/7/2012	Very. Huge turnover, lots of holds. It was incredibly busy this morning.
15844	7/7/2012	very well used
15845	7/7/2012	I go to the library every other week or so to pick up holds. The library is busy in all areas; special programs, computer use, librarians helping with reference questions, library clerks showing people the check out system.
15846	7/7/2012	Very well used; a community resource and an oasis of knowledge!
15847	7/7/2012	INCREDIBLY WELL-USED!
15848	7/7/2012	Seems to always busy-
15849	7/7/2012	I am usually only there to pickup holds and drop off materials. Always seems busy though.
15850	7/7/2012	Very! It's always packed.
15851	7/7/2012	The central library is always busy. I love going there with my son. I also visit to check books out in the Spanish section to take to my Spanish preschool. The Northwest branch is also busy all the time, and a place we frequently go to.
15852	7/7/2012	very. I work in Kenton, the library is always full. Often people are waiting to get in on days that it opens late
15853	7/7/2012	very
15854	7/7/2012	Very well used

15855	7/7/2012	Overused
15856	7/7/2012	Very well used. A critical component in the culture of Sellwood-Moreland.
15857	7/7/2012	it is always busy when i am there.
15858	7/7/2012	It is always busy with lots of library users - on computers and perusing the aisles as well as a busy room for toddler sing-alongs.
15859	7/7/2012	I believe that my library is used very well.
15860	7/7/2012	Very much.
15861	7/7/2012	It's always bustling!
15862	7/7/2012	pretty busy
15863	7/7/2012	Quite. Every time I'm there the joint is packed.
15864	7/7/2012	It always has people lined up at opening time and requires the librarians to remind people they have closed at closing time. No matter what time of day I go in, the computers are in use and at least one person is checking out at the self checkout. As well I often find 2 or more librarians actively assisting patrons on the floor during my visits.
15865	7/7/2012	Very well used!
15866	7/7/2012	Woodstock is my local library. It seems to have a constant flow of people in and out of it.
15867	7/7/2012	very popular, always busy
15868	7/7/2012	the place is packed, especially now that you have cut hours
15869	7/7/2012	Very well used. By myself, my family, my neighbors, my daughter's preschool. It is a hub in our community!!
15870	7/7/2012	It is constantly PACKED!
15871	7/7/2012	Very well used
15872	7/7/2012	always busy
15873	7/7/2012	Very! Usually busy.
15874	7/6/2012	Very well used, if the parking lot is any indication! I can never find a place to park in the garage, and the library is always humming with patrons using the library for all sorts of purposes.
15875	7/6/2012	It's always very busy, and everyone is always helpful.
15876	7/6/2012	I have used the meeting room and check or hold and pick up book often
15877	7/6/2012	The Central Branch is always busy but is also surprisingly organize and clean for the amount of people I see. Some of the books I checked out - which is primarily fiction, poetry and graphic novels - are very well used, dirty and beaten up but never unreadable and these have usually been soft cover editions and hardcovers more than 15 years old.
15878	7/6/2012	Very! It is always packed and there are people of all ages coming in and going out regularly
15879	7/6/2012	Very. We see plenty of activity there daily by all ages and backgrounds.
15880	7/6/2012	Very well used. Nearly always packed.
15881	7/6/2012	Pretty well used.
15882	7/6/2012	The library is busy whenever I visit

15883	7/6/2012	Very busy most of the time.
15884	7/6/2012	The Hillsdale Branch is almost always bustling with folks from the community. It's wonderfully located and gets a lot of traffic from families with small children, school age and high school kids, as well as adults. Going to the library and then the park across the street is one of my daughter's favorite outings! (She's four.)
15885	7/6/2012	It is an easy to access neighborhood resource. The building is right on a major bus stop, has plenty of parking, and places to lock up our bikes.¶ It seems to be very busy each day, especially with reduced hours now. My Spanish, Asian, and Russian speaking neighbors are frequent users as well. The staff seem trained to accomodate their needs.
15886	7/6/2012	Very well used. High circulation; always a busy place.
15887	7/6/2012	These a usually well attended
15888	7/6/2012	Quite well used. Always full-ish when I go in!!
15889	7/6/2012	so well loved (aka used) it warms my heart to see people who love their library as much as i do! but it is kept clean and tidy. the people who work at the hollywood library are awesome!
15890	7/6/2012	Staff at Central are extraordinary. They bend over backward to help you. Your books are up-to-date. The re-stacking is done in a timely way. The library staff can find the answer to any question you'd ever think of asking. And that Carolyn Garcia is the best thing that ever happened to the Children's Library. Thank you for letting her use her considerable talents in the place where she can shine.
15891	7/6/2012	Always busy
15892	7/6/2012	Midlands and Troutdale both are always busy--especially for computer access.
15893	7/6/2012	Always seems very busy.
15894	7/6/2012	Very well used, it is a haven and a wonderful place.
15895	7/6/2012	Seems like kids programs, computer services and holds are the most used aspects of the library. Reference desk is also used heavily, but some of that seems unsuited to a library. Dmv now uses a triage system, could volunteers be used to help direct patrons to appropriate resources?
15896	7/6/2012	Kenton is our primary library and it seems very well-used -- never empty and a good turn-over in the books on the shelves.
15897	7/6/2012	The computers are always in use. The parking lot is usually full.
15898	7/6/2012	Very much used.
15899	7/6/2012	seems to be well used! not sure!
15900	7/6/2012	Lots of folks are in the library no matter what time of day me and my children stop by.
15901	7/6/2012	Busting at the seams!
15902	7/6/2012	Always busy
15903	7/6/2012	Always extremely busy!
15904	7/6/2012	I think that the librarys in the East county are used a lot. We really appreciate having the Troutdale Library,

15905	7/6/2012	One of the busiest libraries in the County. It's always busy. I've never gone in there and not had to wait for at least one person ahead of me to check out their books. It's not slow or bad service, it's just a popular branch. Since Belmont's not that big, I feel like it sees a lot of traffic, but maybe
15906	7/6/2012	not a lot of people hang out there for long periods of time. I don't know, I really only put stuff on hold online and then pick it up at Belmont because it's the closest branch to my house. I find the different locations delivery/pick-up system to be the best thing about the library system here. Well, and the reminders that my materials are due soon.
15907	7/6/2012	Around 500 patrons daily
15908	7/6/2012	Very! It is always packed and not nearly big enough.
15909	7/6/2012	Very well used
15910	7/6/2012	Very well used.
15911	7/6/2012	Very well.
15912	7/6/2012	Extremely well used.
15913	7/6/2012	My local library is very useful - with all the cut going on, I really missed the old time. Our library is one of our tools to learn. Do you mean: how busy? I use the Troutdale branch the most and it is always busy. I really like the LUCKY DAY selections.
15914	7/6/2012	I browse those weekly (in addition to routinely having several selections pending ON HOLD). I also often grab BRING 'EM BACK paperbacks for my wife.
15915	7/6/2012	well
15916	7/6/2012	Seems to be pretty busy whenever I visit.
15917	7/6/2012	All of the libraries that I go to (Rockwood, Midland, and Gresham) are always well-used.
15918	7/6/2012	Holgate generally seems pretty hoppin'
15919	7/6/2012	VERY
15920	7/6/2012	The brances we use appear to be well-attended, and we find them to be active, fulfilling environments for ourselves and our young children.
15921	7/6/2012	It always seems busy!
15922	7/6/2012	Very! It is a very active space and quite often I must wait in line (though not a long wait generally) to speak to staff or self-checkout.
15923	7/6/2012	very well used
15924	7/6/2012	Very well used/always busy
15925	7/6/2012	There really are very few books at the Belmont branch. We only use it to pick up items sent there from other branches.
15926	7/6/2012	It is always busy
15927	7/6/2012	very
15928	7/6/2012	Very well!
15929	7/6/2012	Very frequently
15930	7/6/2012	it's always busy when I go there. Packed!

15931	7/6/2012	Very Busy!
15932	7/6/2012	Very
15933	7/6/2012	It seems that they are both busy every time I visit, whether it is people checking out books, children in the children's library area, or people waiting for a computer.
15934	7/6/2012	Good crowd, activities, meeting room is often used. People there from opening to close. Sad about the new hours which limit my visits to three days a week (since I cannot go 8-5). Miss that 6pm close.
15935	7/6/2012	My local library is always buzzing. Sometimes it's hard to walk down the aisles because it's a small branch and there are a lot of people in there. I don't use the computers, but I notice that the screen with wait times shows that if there were more computers they would be used. When I go by the library just before it opens, there is always a group outside waiting to get in. In other words, my library gets used a lot.
15936	7/6/2012	It's overflowing using. There aren't even enough spaces to sit and read. People love it in our community!
15937	7/6/2012	quite extensively!
15938	7/6/2012	The computers are always full and lots of activities going on.
15939	7/6/2012	Extremely
15940	7/6/2012	it's always busy
15941	7/6/2012	The Gregory Heights branch is very well used, and the Holgate branch is a totally indispensable community space in the neighborhood where I work.
15942	7/6/2012	there is ALWAYS a hustle bustle going on☺
15943	7/6/2012	The parking lot at Midland (the branch I visit most) always looks busy when I drive by. It makes me happy to see it so well used.
15944	7/6/2012	Always looks full when I visit. Folks are using the computers, picking up books they put on hold, or looking at media and books to check out.
15945	7/6/2012	There are always patrons in the library -- am glad that the parking lot is rather large.
15946	7/6/2012	Extremely well used! We visit Central most often, but we also frequent Woodstock, Holgate, and Sellwood, and they're always full of library patrons.
15947	7/6/2012	The library always seems to be full whenever I visit. Each section - children's, computer stations, study tables, etc - are being used. I love the community feel.
15948	7/6/2012	Usually go to ROCKWOOD ---- VERY busy always crowded - few open chairs and long computer lines ---- has gotten a little better with the new Chromebooks being used.
15949	7/6/2012	Pretty Populated.
15950	7/6/2012	Very well-used. Never empty. People are there from open to close!
15951	7/6/2012	Very busy
15952	7/6/2012	Very well used. Great people assisting there too.
15953	7/6/2012	very busy
15954	7/6/2012	very well

15955	7/6/2012	Very busy!
15956	7/6/2012	It always seems busy when I go there.
15957	7/6/2012	It's very busy.
15958	7/6/2012	Very, I always see kids and adults on the computers or browsing for books.
15959	7/6/2012	It's always busy & a great place to run into people from the neighborhood.
15960	7/6/2012	Very popular.
15961	7/6/2012	Very heavily used.
15962	7/6/2012	Very well used. There are people lined up to enter before it opens and stay until the lights are turned out.
15963	7/6/2012	Tremendously so.
15964	7/6/2012	Uncertain - I don't visit enough to notice
15965	7/6/2012	Very well used. Whenever I go in there, there are lots of people there.
15966	7/6/2012	It always seems very busy.
15967	7/6/2012	it's very busy!!!!
15968	7/6/2012	Central and Belmont both seem fairly well used. Belmont seems more family oriented. Central is always busy.
15969	7/6/2012	Well-used? There are always people there, on the computers, searching the shelves, checking stuff out, participating in programs. So I guess it's well-used. □ [poorly worded question]
15970	7/6/2012	Very well used!
15971	7/6/2012	Very well used, the holds are extremely popular and there are often wait times for the public pcs.
15972	7/6/2012	Very well used and could use more space! There are only two tables where people (who aren't using computers) can sit.
15973	7/6/2012	Never seen it empty. Always busy.
15974	7/6/2012	Very well used
15975	7/6/2012	It always seems busy to me.
15976	7/6/2012	It is always well patronized, every time of the day that I frequent it.
15977	7/6/2012	There are always at least 20-30 people there and lots of kids to interact with my little one!
15978	7/6/2012	It is used quite extensively
15979	7/6/2012	Always busy with a variety of ages reading, searching for materials, on computers, and taking part in activities.
15980	7/6/2012	extremely well used
15981	7/6/2012	Very well used. Very busy location.
15982	7/6/2012	Very well used.
15983	7/6/2012	Very well used
15984	7/6/2012	Very busy and well loved
15985	7/6/2012	heavily

15986	7/6/2012	Quite busy, many young families, the houseless, seniors, and developmentally challenged young adults are here at Hollywood on a regular basis.
15987	7/6/2012	It always seems busy.
15988	7/6/2012	Very!
15989	7/6/2012	Albina is incredibly well used. It's always full of people of all ages. At times it can be difficult to find a place to sit because all the chairs are filled.
15990	7/6/2012	Very Well
15991	7/6/2012	Our local library, the North Portland branch, is always busy and is very well loved.
15992	7/6/2012	Well used.
15993	7/6/2012	Very.
15994	7/6/2012	Well used, well loved. :)
15995	7/6/2012	It's often crowded with a variety of people.
15996	7/6/2012	I observe more people using computer terminals and/or resting in chairs than people actually in the book stacks. I walk pas the Central Library daily and routinely see a lot of activity on the front steps and adults going in and out of the library, but the skeptic in me believes the many are there to use the bathroom facilities, find a safe place to sit, and/or get shelter from the rain.
15997	7/6/2012	Very well used. It is always busy, and generally has a line of people waiting to use computers. The Hold shelf is also well used.
15998	7/6/2012	VERY...always people in the library using computers and reading books. Great staff in both libraries I use. Nice to go in.
15999	7/6/2012	very well used - there are always people in there
16000	7/6/2012	Well used. There is no above category for using lmultco ibrary more than once a week, which I and other card holders would need to do to pick up any significant amount of hold items.
16001	7/6/2012	well used
16002	7/6/2012	It is always busy. I don't think I've seen fewer than a dozen people in there....ever.
16003	7/6/2012	Fairly well-used and visited.
16004	7/6/2012	Hillsdale Library is a very busy library. High School students use it for research. Young chidren come for story time. When our grandchildren visit we check out books and take advantage of story time.
16005	7/6/2012	sometimes it's so busy we can't get in!
16006	7/6/2012	It's *always* jamming!
16007	7/6/2012	So many people at my branch it's like being at the track after payday!
16008	7/6/2012	Very well used.
16009	7/6/2012	sometimes it's so crowded people are sitting on the floor with their laptops!
16010	7/6/2012	I have never seen a library empty it is always full people on the library computers, looking at books, music, and videos.
16011	7/6/2012	We are always using our library and occasionally visit others.
16012	7/6/2012	It seems to be busy every time I am in there.

16013	7/6/2012	It is always crowded when I go, often with people waiting for the computers. I typically reserve books online and pick them up. The hold shelves have continually grown to meet the needs of other library patrons like me.
16014	7/6/2012	Very well used
16015	7/6/2012	Well used!
16016	7/6/2012	By myself, I use it multiple times a week. I love it and the website is extremely helpful in placing holds on books and renewing.
16017	7/6/2012	Crowded each time I go--even when I'm just picking up material at random times.
16018	7/6/2012	Always seems well-populated when I go there. The Northwest one has a lot of parents with their kids. But in general, it seems like people go there less to browse and more to pick up things they've put on hold, because the footprint of both of the libraries I visit is pretty small (North Portland and Northwest). They both feel like outposts.
16019	7/6/2012	Very! Always busy with a huge diversity that utilizes its services
16020	7/6/2012	It's always busy when I'm there. Parking is hard to find.
16021	7/6/2012	Extremely well! It is always packed.
16022	7/6/2012	Very good. Many people.
16023	7/6/2012	I have never been the only person in the building. If I get there just before the building opens there are at least two other people waiting for the doors to open.
16024	7/6/2012	Always busy
16025	7/6/2012	I utilize the library services from home-finding books online, putting them on hold. I only go in the library to pick up books I've ordered. I never go online there or attend any programs-I used to when my kids were younger. I do really like the lucky day section, where I can check out books that weren't available online.
16026	7/6/2012	I always see people of all ages using the library when I visit.
16027	7/6/2012	Very well used- a community center
16028	7/6/2012	Very-- it's always busy.
16029	7/6/2012	It always seems pretty busy when I'm there. I've been there a few minutes before opening a few times, and there's always a line of people waiting to get in.
16030	7/6/2012	ALWAYS seems full of people.
16031	7/6/2012	Always busy
16032	7/6/2012	well used.
16033	7/6/2012	Often busy
16034	7/6/2012	Very. I use the library a few times a month.
16035	7/6/2012	The local library in my neighborhood (Midland) is very busy. I choose to use the Central branch because I work downtown and it is convenient.
16036	7/6/2012	Much so

16037	7/6/2012	It appears to me that it is used frequently by many people. I'm more of a put items on hold via the website type of patron so I don't spend much time hanging out but there are always at least a few people in every area no matter what time of day I go in to pick up my hold items.
16038	7/6/2012	Holgate is closest. Seems like its always busy now whatever day or time we go.
16039	7/6/2012	Both Belmont and Central are heavily used for many purposes. At Central, I see people looking for jobs all the time. Every time I enter a Multnomah County Library, it's full of kids and parents.
16040	7/6/2012	Heavily.
16041	7/6/2012	Extremely!
16042	7/6/2012	This question leaves much to interpretation. I would recommend changing the question to be more clear in what information you are seeking. My family uses the library for many things from checking out books and media to research and various programs. Whenever we are in the library it has been very busy. Many books that I have checked on have significant hold lists. I would say that the library is very heavily used.
16043	7/6/2012	Very well used. It is always crowded when we are there.
16044	7/6/2012	If parking is a reliable measure of public demand, the Hillsdale library is very well used. Too, when I visit I always see the computers filled, the children's reading area well populated by mothers and young readers, and lots of people checking books and media out. The circulation numbers must be impressive.
16045	7/6/2012	Seems busy
16046	7/6/2012	Usually in use by teens and families along with people like me who run in for holds. I also see people hanging out or working and studying.
16047	7/6/2012	It's always busy when I'm there. I miss the days when it was open more in the evenings for programs and community group meetings.
16048	7/6/2012	Always busy!
16049	7/6/2012	Have you been to the Central Library? It is probably the busiest place in Portland.
16050	7/6/2012	I don't understand the intent of this question. It seems busy, though, if that's what you're after.
16051	7/6/2012	Very well used. Always people in there of all ages, doing a cariety of things.
16052	7/6/2012	It seems well used. Alot of patrons on the computers updating their social networking sites, playing games and/or looking at pornography.
16053	7/6/2012	All three libraries I regularly visit are always hopping! I love seeing the mix of people that make up my fellow library users.
16054	7/6/2012	It's busy
16055	7/6/2012	There is always a line at the door before the library opens. After school hours there are always many students who flood in to use email.
16056	7/6/2012	Always many people, esp. Children, people reading newspapers and waiting to use cOmputers (this is nw)
16057	7/6/2012	Very well used

16058	7/6/2012	Very well used; I always see many people using computers, checking out books, and attending programs when I visit.
16059	7/6/2012	The Gregory Heights library is my home library and a real community resource. People from all walks of life and situations are there. Kids pile in for story time. People come for cultural celebrations and I always see kids being tutored or language classes happening. I treasure this library!
16060	7/6/2012	All the time!
16061	7/6/2012	They are all very busy when I am in using the library.
16062	7/6/2012	Very well used
16063	7/6/2012	Extremely. There are always waitlists for the computers, etc. Belmont is always extremely busy- kids and adults.[]
16064	7/6/2012	Midland is crazy busy too.[] Woodstock is also seldom quiet- there are always many families and school kids.
16065	7/6/2012	every library branch i visit is extremely busy almost all the time
16066	7/6/2012	VERY well used. The Sellwood-Moreland branch is absolutely integral to our neighborhood. The children's area (where I most commonly frequent, with my daughter) is always packed with book-hungry kids. It is truly heartening. Further, the story times are always full and the librarians who host them are beyond lovely. One of the things I love most about our home is that it is walking distance to this library. We go several times per week.
16067	7/6/2012	I'm not sure I understand this question. If you are asking if it gets a lot of use, I would say yes. The computers always look full. The staff is busy. The storytimes are full. There are always people reading at the tables, and the hold shelf is packed.
16068	7/6/2012	very
16069	7/6/2012	Very, It is busy all day every day. It is in easy walking distance for many and right on the max and bus lines. Its great.
16070	7/6/2012	Constantly busy any time or day of the week
16071	7/6/2012	The Sellwood library is a great example of a neighborhood library. There is always foot traffic, staff are friendly, always a buzz of activity for a small branch.
16072	7/6/2012	Very well!
16073	7/6/2012	very well used
16074	7/6/2012	Very. There's never a place to just sit down and read a book, let alone use a computer.
16075	7/6/2012	Very
16076	7/6/2012	Always busy.
16077	7/6/2012	well used
16078	7/6/2012	Its always busy
16079	7/6/2012	It seems to be fairly busy whenever I am there.
16080	7/6/2012	There is always a group waiting to get in every morning.
16081	7/6/2012	Very, if the traffic we see at various times of day are any indication.

16082	7/6/2012	It's always busy. I find it extremely heartening that I see so many parents with children there checking out tons of books for their kids and a few for themselves. Our little Kenton Library is tiny but it's very well used and well loved.
16083	7/6/2012	Both branches are well-used and rarely not busy with possible exception of evenings.
16084	7/6/2012	Wicked awesome. Very Busy - parking is sometimes an issue, always a crowd!!
16085	7/6/2012	☐ We need the Library 7 Days aweek - plus all the childrens classes, etc☐ are an institution!!
16086	7/6/2012	I think it is well used; the check outs are now self serve. There is a queue usually for computer access. There are fun surprises of the lucky day books.
16087	7/6/2012	the aisles aren't literally crowded, but there are always plenty of people around! :D
16088	7/6/2012	There are always lots of people there. Most of the computers are full, people are browsing for materials, and lots zip in an out picking up holds.
16089	7/6/2012	Very--parking is often hard to find and there are many people of all ages using all aspects of the library. As a teacher I find the library crucial to my classroom curriculum and I know I'm not alone in that!
16090	7/6/2012	always busy!
16091	7/6/2012	Very...the Woodstock library is always busy.
16092	7/6/2012	Pretty well used.
16093	7/6/2012	very very busy
16094	7/6/2012	My two branches are almost always packed with children, seniors and community folks using the computers and other resources. I am always thrilled when I have to stand in line to use the check out stand, or to ask a question.
16095	7/6/2012	It is always busy, and full of people reading, studying, using the computers and going to programs.
16096	7/6/2012	Very! The Hollywood Library is one of the busiest branch libraries in the entire country. In my opinion my local library is heavily used. Anytime my husband and I go in all almost all of the computers are occupied.
16097	7/6/2012	We have attended several community classes that are offered at our local library, the last one we attended was the DIY Terrariums.
16098	7/6/2012	If open parking spaces in the lot is any indication' it's used very well
16099	7/6/2012	Hillsdale branch - always busy when I visit.
16100	7/6/2012	It appears to be very well used. There are always people in there; often there are MANY patrons utilizing various services.
16101	7/6/2012	There's a heavy flow of traffic each time I stop in the library. It seems to be used heavily. Not sure what you mean by this question - how well do we use it or how well does the community use it? We use our local library frequently - at least once a week. And it seems well used by the community - always a fair number of other patrons in the library when I've visited.
16102	7/6/2012	
16103	7/6/2012	It's almost always packed.

16104	7/6/2012	by my observation? well used.
16105	7/6/2012	Super busy all the time!
16106	7/6/2012	Very well used!
16107	7/6/2012	Very well used. My family and I visit there more than once a week, but not every day. At least twice a week, if not more.
16108	7/6/2012	The Gresham library is always busy, and the Fairview library is busy but mostly on the weekends. I spent most of my time in the Troutdale library recently and I would say the traffic is low but reasonable. Probably my favorite branch just because it is quiet and serene.
16109	7/6/2012	Very
16110	7/6/2012	The St. Johns branch is always busy. We enjoy seeing how well used it is.
16111	7/6/2012	Very well used!
16112	7/6/2012	Swamped most the time-notice it is taking a lot longer to receive holds that have been ordered from other libraries
16113	7/6/2012	It is extremely well used - teaming with people, in fact.
16114	7/6/2012	It is always crammed with people, especially young parents with their children for various programs.
16115	7/6/2012	It seems very well used, from what I've seen.
16116	7/6/2012	Very. We need to get this on the ballot so that we can reinstate the hours and services. Our local Sellwood branch is very active most days and evenings.[]
16117	7/6/2012	It is a bad idea to close the libraries on Mondays. Monday's used to be a busy day at the Sellwood library. now it is closed, and that is a loss for the Portland economy and community.[] [] I think this is a detrimental decision for Sellwood.
16118	7/6/2012	Always busy seems very active
16119	7/6/2012	Incredibly.
16120	7/6/2012	hgtrgre
16121	7/6/2012	Every day I visit, the library is incredibly busy. It's a diverse crowd, ethnically and socioeconomically. Holgate is often so busy, the parking lot is full.
16122	7/6/2012	I see many people there every time I am there.
16123	7/6/2012	The Woodstock Branch is always busy especially the computers (adult and childrens)
16124	7/6/2012	Most of the computers are taken every time I go. There's usually 15-20 people at least .
16125	7/6/2012	I see people in there all the time. Most of the comfy chairs are filled. I love the library. We participate in the summer reading program, so we are in more often in the summer.
16126	7/6/2012	huh? I don't understand the question
16127	7/6/2012	Always seems busy
16128	7/6/2012	I would say it is very well-used.
16129	7/6/2012	It's constantly in use by people every time I go by it.
16130	7/6/2012	Very.

16131	7/6/2012	Very.
16132	7/6/2012	It's always busy when I'm there.
16133	7/6/2012	Very (Belmont). There is always a good sized crowd there.
16134	7/6/2012	It is always very busy.
16135	7/6/2012	Usually busy whenever I am there.
16136	7/6/2012	I'm not sure exactly what you mean by this. I've been using the library consistently quite a bit since as long as I can remember. The library gave me opportunities and access to things I never would have had otherwise. I would have turned out a very different person if it weren't for the public library system.
16137	7/6/2012	?
16138	7/5/2012	NW and Central seem very busy all the time.
16139	7/5/2012	For my household, we use it very frequently. We go several times a week. But I can also see that it is well used by others in the community.
16140	7/5/2012	I use it often and there are always people in there.
16141	7/5/2012	It is very busy. We also visit the North Portland and Hollywood branches and they are very busy as well.
16142	7/5/2012	Extremely well used. I have never seen the Albina branch empty.
16143	7/5/2012	Our library is the second most used library in the United States.
16144	7/5/2012	Holgate library is always full. I would say it could use more space. Belmont is most often a drop-off site for me when I am running errands in that direction. I do take my grandchildren there since it is near their house. It seems less "packed" with people than Holgate but it may be that it is light and airy and there for seems quite spacious. Of course the children's section IS bigger!
16145	7/5/2012	Very well used in a good way
16146	7/5/2012	Very, my main branch (Holgate) seems to be one of the least updated but with many multi-ethnic families in the neighborhood it seems the most diverse. □ I often encounter sizable lines of people waiting when the doors first open.
16147	7/5/2012	Not sure how to answer this...I stop by weekly to pick up items i've placed on hold and return items.
16148	7/5/2012	usually busy when I go in
16149	7/5/2012	I would be at a loss without our library.
16150	7/5/2012	Very
16151	7/5/2012	It always seems to be fairly busy. They always have customers scattered about...
16152	7/5/2012	It is always busy.
16153	7/5/2012	the parking lot is always full, or nearly so, and many additional people come in by bicycle or mass transit. I believe the Midland library is the largest branch in the system, so it's a very well used and well loved branch of the library. I have been a regular patron since I moved here from Northern California in 1999. I can't tell you how much the superior library system in Multnomah county means to me. It's just stupendous.

16154	7/5/2012	Always quite active whenever we visit! Or did you mean well used as in worn out? Then still in good shape!
16155	7/5/2012	Quite well used.
16156	7/5/2012	The Belmont branch (my neighborhood branch) is always very busy - families with young children, people using computers (license plates of cars in the parking lot are often from out of state)...
16157	7/5/2012	Very! It's always busy. :)
16158	7/5/2012	Very well used. It's always busy when I go in.
16159	7/5/2012	One of the busiest.
16160	7/5/2012	Very. Computers are always used. Folks always coming in to pick up holds.
16161	7/5/2012	st johns library is always busy!
16162	7/5/2012	Extremely well.
16163	7/5/2012	Always seems to have a good number of people using the facilities.
16164	7/5/2012	Very! I volunteer at my local branch every Tuesday morning and there is always a crowd waiting for the doors to open - usually over 30 people. This week, since it was the first week of the new reduced hours, there were over 100 people waiting when the library does opened at 11:00. My branch library is the busiest branch library in the country (literally!).
16165	7/5/2012	It is always busy and full of families. Downtown's central library seems to be a residence for many of the city's homeless.
16166	7/5/2012	Very! I always see kids and teens whenever it is open, never is it empty.
16167	7/5/2012	It seems to be moderately full every time I go in; the Central library is always the busiest.
16168	7/5/2012	Very popular!
16169	7/5/2012	Not sure; I do not really have a local library and take the max to the downtown Central location.
16170	7/5/2012	Very well used
16171	7/5/2012	It is always busy. We love the library....what a wonderful resource!
16172	7/5/2012	Very well used.
16173	7/5/2012	Always noisy and busy
16174	7/5/2012	It's Hollywood, need I say more?
16175	7/5/2012	very well - people would be lost without it
16176	7/5/2012	Pretty busy all the time.
16177	7/5/2012	It seems very busy! We live the quiet study rooms during the otherwise loud weekends.
16178	7/5/2012	Very well - I am particularly impressed with the Hollywood Library and, of course, the Central Library
16179	7/5/2012	Very well used.
16180	7/5/2012	It always seems busy.
16181	7/5/2012	Well used.
16182	7/5/2012	Hillsdale- full every day, books on hold with long wait lists, waiting time for computers..very well used and loved...
16183	7/5/2012	Seems very well-used, always full of people.

16184	7/5/2012	Very well
16185	7/5/2012	It is often vibrant, dynamic and tending to the wants and needs of patrons of all ages. I am consistently impressed by the staff at Holgate!
16186	7/5/2012	Very well used. Usually pretty full of people at all times we've visited, both in the evening during the week and weekend days.
16187	7/5/2012	Extremely well used!
16188	7/5/2012	Very!
16189	7/5/2012	Very crowded - could easily be doubled in size to accommodate everyone!
16190	7/5/2012	It always has a good number of people in it when I'm there.
16191	7/5/2012	It's always full. There isn't enough space to find a seat sometimes.
16192	7/5/2012	Always busy.
16193	7/5/2012	Very well used. Busy whenever I come in... which is often!
16194	7/5/2012	The Midland library is always very busy. Every time I visit a lot people are reading, using computers, and checking out books.
16195	7/5/2012	It seems very well used.
16196	7/5/2012	huh? couldn't you phrase this question better?
16197	7/5/2012	It's always busy. A lot of people are at the computer tables, a lot of people are picking up books on hold, and everyone else is browsing. LOVE IT.
16198	7/5/2012	Central is always crowded, so I would say that it is very well used.
16199	7/5/2012	there are always people in there, the programs are usually standing room only
16200	7/5/2012	The main portion of my local library (North Portland) branch seems to be well used, but the smaller portion (upstairs) seems to be used very little and is often closed.
16201	7/5/2012	Very! Capitol Hill has such a diverse usership and is always bustling with people using its resources.
16202	7/5/2012	It seems busy and helps define St. Johns as a community.
16203	7/5/2012	Very, very well used. There are always young people there, even tiny children making use of media. They seem to have a wonderful (if a bit loud) time.¶ We see older people reading magazines and resting there, also.
16204	7/5/2012	central is -always- busy. I most frequently reserve materials online and pick them up there, but I also love browsing the architecture, science, art, crafts, cooking sections as well. Belmont (which I go to less frequently now that I work downtown) was very busy during the day, especially for families with kids, people picking up materials on hold, and locals just going there to browse and use the computers. the non-kids sections are a little sparse so I normally only went there to pick up orders.
16205	7/5/2012	I know my whole girl scout troop dos the everybody reads program in the summer and all of my stay at home mom friends enjoy the children story times throughout the year.
16206	7/5/2012	Very!
16207	7/5/2012	quite well used
16208	7/5/2012	Belmont is VERY well used, the staff keeps a very small space well organized, clean and well stocked!

16209	7/5/2012	Always busy when we're there
16210	7/5/2012	Very well used.
16211	7/5/2012	Both branches are extremely well-used.
16212	7/5/2012	It's busy whenever I go
16213	7/5/2012	It's pretty good.
16214	7/5/2012	It is well used. There are always people of all ages looking at the books. Also the computers seem to be very busy.
16215	7/5/2012	Very!
16216	7/5/2012	Extremely well used. The tiny Belmont branch is always busy.
16217	7/5/2012	Very well used! Very busy.
16218	7/5/2012	Extremely. Central hums, and the Northwest branch is a meeting center for neighbors.
16219	7/5/2012	Well. Woodstock is my local one. Always people of all ages there whenever I go.
16220	7/5/2012	Always incredibly busy!
16221	7/5/2012	Very!
16222	7/5/2012	We go mostly to Kenton and it always seems busy. Always lots of kids of all ages which is great.
16223	7/5/2012	I believe it's pretty well used.
16224	7/5/2012	I don't know how to accurately address this question. I don't have to wait to check out items, and on the rare occasion that I do, it's for a minute or two. The internet computers seem to be near capacity or at capacity with some moderate time in the queue on most times I come in.
16225	7/5/2012	very popular - the hold shelves are always very full, the tables are all used and the computer stations are full most of the time. I know all the childrens' programs are well used as well.
16226	7/5/2012	Very well used. Having lived in several major cities, I think Portland has an excellent system.
16227	7/5/2012	Always PACKED
16228	7/5/2012	I see lots of people at Albina almost every time I visit! Central, too!
16229	7/5/2012	It's always very busy.
16230	7/5/2012	Always seems busy. Large holds shelf.
16231	7/5/2012	Both are well used, from my observation.
16232	7/5/2012	The Gresham library is very well used, there are always people using it to study, computer access, internet access and checking out materials. The Central library is always full with the same type of use. I have just started using the Belmont library and it seems to be a library that is used mainly for holds pick ups (this was joked about by a librarian at the Gresham library as well) and internet access. I have also seen schools making field trips to both the Central and Gresham libraries and lots of families taking advantage of the child programs at the Gresham library.
16233	7/5/2012	Pretty well used.
16234	7/5/2012	very
16235	7/5/2012	Extremely well used
16236	7/5/2012	It always seems busy and providing important services to the neighborhood.

16237	7/5/2012	It is always bustling with people.
16238	7/5/2012	Seems like the library is always busy when we go there. We love it!
16239	7/5/2012	It's usually packed. It's a high-traffic library.
16240	7/5/2012	Very well used- always people in there doing a variety of things. Checking things out, on the computers, looking for jobs, staying warm, participating in various programs.
16241	7/5/2012	very.
16242	7/5/2012	Very well used. The Central library is always busy.
16243	7/5/2012	Very well used and appreciated! I personally visit it at least once a weekly and am on the library website nearly daily. My family visits the library weekly as well and uses the website multiple times per week as well. There are always lots of people doing the same.
16244	7/5/2012	The Belmont library is ridiculously busy and full almost every time I go. The Woodstock branch is perfect.
16245	7/5/2012	Not sure.
16246	7/5/2012	Both neighborhood branches seem well used and popular.
16247	7/5/2012	Always buzzing
16248	7/5/2012	There's always a crowd when I visit. The branch could be a lot bigger.
16249	7/5/2012	Very heavily - it's always hopping.
16250	7/5/2012	Usually busy, good location
16251	7/5/2012	Very!
16252	7/5/2012	very
16253	7/5/2012	Very well used. It is an essential part of our community.
16254	7/5/2012	Its always busy with people.
16255	7/5/2012	Very well used!
16256	7/5/2012	Very
16257	7/5/2012	There is always a crowd in Fairview and Troutdale Libraries. I have also seen people checking out the hours when it they are closed.
16258	7/5/2012	My local library is efficient and friendly. There are always many people there using the facilities available to them.
16259	7/5/2012	very
16260	7/5/2012	It's always busy when I visit, and it seems like it's being used by a broad demographic-- children, adults, seniors-- and a higher Latino and African-American proportion than in other areas of Portland. I've seen groups using the library for meetings, kids playing video games, adults browsing movies, etc. I'd say it's very well used!
16261	7/5/2012	Very well used--most computers are busy at all hours of the day. It seems that the majority of media is checked out.

16262	7/5/2012	The Kenton Library is pretty well used, always a bunch of people doing a variety of things and there are a lot of programming options. Same for the North Portland Library, not as many programming options though.
16263	7/5/2012	Seems very well used - always busy, always a line at check out
16264	7/5/2012	Very, it's swampy with folk.
16265	7/5/2012	Seems busy all the time.
16266	7/5/2012	Fullily!
16267	7/5/2012	Very well used! I live downtown and the Central Library is very well-appointed.
16268	7/5/2012	Very well it seems.
16269	7/5/2012	Extremely well used.
16270	7/5/2012	There is always a line at the door at opening time. It's very busy.
16271	7/5/2012	Very well used
16272	7/5/2012	VERY. It's busy all the time, which is fantastic. I take my children to Storytime every week and so do many of my friends. I check out several books a month. Every time I visit my branch it is full of people of all ages reading and using the computers. The library is very important to me, my family and my community.
16273	7/5/2012	
16274	7/5/2012	Very much!
16275	7/5/2012	It is very well used. The library is an invaluable source of information for the community! I'm not sure what this question is asking.[] []
16276	7/5/2012	I personally use the library often, at least twice a month and often once a week. Whenever I come into the Belmont branch it is bustling with activity, I would say it is very well used by the community.
16277	7/5/2012	It seems pretty well-used. There are always a fair amount of other people in there when I go.
16278	7/5/2012	Very well used! Parking can be a challenge and the computers are always full.
16279	7/5/2012	seems pretty busy.
16280	7/5/2012	Well!
16281	7/5/2012	extremely
16282	7/5/2012	It's always busy.
16283	7/5/2012	It's always busy with people of all ages.
16284	7/5/2012	Always busy
16285	7/5/2012	Very! Every time I go in, it's bustling, the computers are completely in use, and lots of folks milling about.
16286	7/5/2012	Very! My husband went to the Midland branch Tuesday (after the first Monday closure) and he said it was a madhouse.
16287	7/5/2012	very
16288	7/5/2012	Very busy site!
16289	7/5/2012	heavily loved

16290	7/5/2012	Extremely well used. Very busy!
16291	7/5/2012	Very busy
16292	7/5/2012	It always seems busy to me.
16293	7/5/2012	Very well used - always seems busy
16294	7/5/2012	I believe that a strong library system is central to a healthy society. With that said, each branch that my family uses is well administered and actively utilized.
16295	7/5/2012	Very!
16296	7/5/2012	I'm not 100% sure what you mean by this, but there are always people at Woodstock when I go there. Usually one or two people waiting in line to check out books. I think my answer would be "reasonably well used."
16297	7/5/2012	Well. I use it all the time. Especially the online services.
16298	7/5/2012	amazing. should be fully funded & open 7 days
16299	7/5/2012	Very!
16300	7/5/2012	Very well used, very popular place!
16301	7/5/2012	The system is widely used
16302	7/5/2012	Very well used.
16303	7/3/2012	Well used and well loved!

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QUESTION 5: Please rank the following in order of personal importance: ("1" being most important) *Your rankings will automatically be reordered upon your selection.

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	Rating Average	Response Count
Programs for young and school-aged children: story hours for babies and toddlers, programs for parents to teach their children to read, summer reading and more.	13.3% 2512	21.8% 4122	23.7% 4478	19.6% 3711	11.9% 2255	9.8% 1845	3.24	18923
All branches and Central Library open at least six days a week.	27.7% 5231	28.7% 5436	16.2% 3063	8.0% 1520	11.4% 2147	8.0% 1515	2.71	18912
All branches and Central Library open with full hours - seven days a week.	23.2% 4383	10.9% 2054	10.2% 1930	8.8% 1664	8.9% 1680	38.1% 7202	3.84	18913
Programs for senior citizens: Computer classes and book delivery for those who are home-bound.	1.6% 297	6.8% 1290	16.0% 3026	29.0% 5480	31.6% 5970	15.1% 2859	4.27	18922
Programs and resources for jobseekers, small business owners, homework help for students and English language learners.	2.1% 402	8.4% 1591	16.9% 3193	25.6% 4845	27.7% 5238	19.3% 3657	4.26	18926
Current Materials: new books, magazines, electronic versions of books, large print versions of book, access to paid search engines for research and other library materials.	32.3% 6107	23.5% 4439	17.1% 3241	9.0% 1708	8.6% 1633	9.5% 1790	2.67	18918
							<i>answered question</i>	18934
							<i>skipped question</i>	1430

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QUESTION 6: What is the biggest threat to our local libraries?

Answer Options	Response Count
	14633
<i>answered question</i>	14633
<i>skipped question</i>	5731

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	7/31/2012	The economy creating an unstable future, where services can be cut too readily due to the county's responsibility for social services. A library district would create an avenue for dedicated library services with stable funding that would not have to compete continuously with those other needs. Having library services is part of the education system, in a sense, and helps create knowledgeable citizens capable of good jobs, thus having an effective economic environment that cuts down on the need for social service demands.
2	7/31/2012	theft, vandalism, security issues, deferred maintenance
3	7/31/2012	Not having the funding to keep up with the way individuals access information. Making sure that our community that lacks computer resources still has access to the growing amount of information available only online.
4	7/31/2012	the internet
5	7/31/2012	The seemingly inexorable assault on all public funding being carried out by a vocal cadre of close-minded anti-tax/anti-government nutjobs
6	7/31/2012	Uncontrolled expenses.
7	7/31/2012	The general American opposition to taxation (I was just in Denmark, and have returned rather bitter about this). Maybe also the internet.
8	7/31/2012	lack of clear and relevant vision - library purpose seems muddled, duplicative and tentative library's reluctance to come clean with taxpayers several major services going to the same funding source for the majority of funding

9	7/31/2012	I would like to see the Multnomah county library system respond more quickly to the reading habits of the community. I gifted myself a NOOK last Christmas. My ex-husband and youngest son purchased Kindle readers last month. I have visited the library maybe once in 2012. I much prefer going online to access reading materials. I think the library needs to rethink its purchases; rather than buying large numbers of a new book and waiting to purchase the same book in an e-version until somebody asks them to they should simply buy a few hard copies and the different e-versions.
10	7/31/2012	Other Government intrests
11	7/31/2012	The huge and continual increase in computer usage and electronic books/other reading materials.
12	7/31/2012	Death spiral -- cuts in funding lead to cuts in service that lead to lower use of the libraries that leads to further cuts in funding ... and so on, until the libraries can no longer survive.
13	7/31/2012	Less funding
14	7/31/2012	Our Libraries should be funded from recourses other than property taxes alone especially during these recessionary times.
15	7/31/2012	The community not realizing how useful they are.
16	7/31/2012	I'm inclined to hold to account a general decline of the perceived value of the book and deep literacy in our culture, in contrast to the influx of "easier" new (multi-) media.
17	7/31/2012	Libraries will always be an essential part of our community. The library system just has to ensure technological updates are as essential if not more essential than library access. The majority (99%) of my access to the library is mainly on-line using the Library2Go option. I rarely ever check out books, most of my visits to the physical library location have been for media files. However, the lack of newly released books and the wait time oh "hold" lists of the Library2Go system has made me enroll and purchase and utilize the Amazon.com lending library as a backup option for books that are unavailable digitally (kindle) on the Library2GO. I think more funding should be provided to the digital library to update and extend digital copies which will be an essential for the future of the libraries.
18	7/31/2012	I am guessing it is not enough funding
19	7/31/2012	The digital age!
20	7/31/2012	The plutocracy. The wealthy are not paying enough in taxes.
21	7/31/2012	Need for sustainable funding.
22	7/31/2012	Penny pinching tax haters.
23	7/31/2012	Lack of funding! Lack of resources!
24	7/31/2012	The biggest threat is not receiving funding because those with decision making power don't see the impact that libraries have on communities. I worry that people who are making decisions don't value the library system themselves or know what resources there are available at libraries. There are more than just books!
25	7/31/2012	funding cuts and books on line at home computers
26	7/31/2012	Poor management of the city/county/state budget.

27	7/31/2012	Becoming obsolete. E-Books are an easier, more convenient form of reading and the library is not keeping up with lending out e-books.
28	7/31/2012	Lack of funding.
29	7/31/2012	The media items being stolen or not returned to the cases. It's bad for the library and for the people who frequent the library.
30	7/31/2012	Not sure at the moment.
31	7/31/2012	The mobile telephone/computer craze seems to keep folks from reading books. Children need to learn that reading is both fun and educational, and that they don't need electronic devices to be smart, happy well-informed and successful.
32	7/31/2012	Funding
33	7/31/2012	If the library is not current, alive, and convenient due to budget cuts, it will be more difficult to access and attendance will fall off. I want to live in a community where everybody has equal and wonderful access to ideas, resources, learning, and information.
34	7/30/2012	Becoming outdated (no or few new release books and media) and/or losing the ability to level the playing field for those who otherwise wouldn't have access to internet, newspapers, etc.
35	7/30/2012	unstable, cyclical funding.
36	7/30/2012	Closure of branches, very narrow business hrs
37	7/30/2012	Lack of stable funding.
38	7/30/2012	Accessibility (location and time)
39	7/30/2012	nothing...what do you mean? threat? nothing, no threat here. libraries are not threatened.
40	7/30/2012	Crazy funding mechanisms
41	7/30/2012	Funding! People need to realize how important our local libraries are to our community and support funding for libraries instead of cutting libraries from the budget.
42	7/30/2012	Lack of funding.
43	7/30/2012	Those who believe in not having a free system for all.
44	7/30/2012	The availability of certain resources. When people want to use or research certain things, and those things are unavailable for them to use at the library, they will become uninterested while waiting for the resources to become available. People are impatient and most won't continue using the library if they have to wait around for things they need at the moment. Unless they are truly desperate, no one would wait around 2 hours for a computer or 2 months for a book.

45	7/30/2012	Poor decision making on of the day to day business of our libraries. Central library should never ever be closed on any week, and, in fact, the hours of operations to the the public should be longer. Yes, it is nice to have out lining libraries throughout the city from the city Central, but if the cost out weighs the the balance of the Central library then changes need to be made. Cuts are not pretty, but starving the main Central should never had been an option, and yet it is. Money is not the answer, making tough and hard choices are and they are not popular. [] [] Just as the heart is Central to our bodies, so to, is the Central library to the intellect.
46	7/30/2012	Not enough funding to keep qualified staff employed
47	7/30/2012	budget insecurity
48	7/30/2012	Budget cuts...
49	7/30/2012	lack of government funding and resources
50	7/30/2012	A loss of funding for the wrong reasons. The community need access to literature, research tools, programs and resources provided by the community.
51	7/30/2012	Funding threatened by voters not understanding the full benefits the library provides.
52	7/30/2012	No threat perceived.
53	7/30/2012	Inadequate funding.
54	7/30/2012	I do not know, but would guess that rising staffing costs, facilities maintenance and changing media sources are likely... People not understanding the library's funding situation, and wondering why it keeps coming onto the ballot at the same time that services are cut. I think there could be clearer communication here, to make sure that Portlanders don't vote "no" on the ballot this fall.
55	7/30/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
56	7/30/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
57	7/29/2012	People not connecting between various age levels and sub-cultures. We have stopped visiting the 'Friends of the Library' store after grey-haired woman was rude to my daughter about looking at a card. We do not venture that direction anymore.
58	7/29/2012	lack of resources and funding and the opinion that the libraries are not important
59	7/29/2012	Funding
60	7/29/2012	Adequate funding.[] Perhaps any change in our local culture of reading and overall support of healthy libraries.
61	7/29/2012	Lack of funding.
62	7/29/2012	not enough money
63	7/29/2012	Appears to be funding.
64	7/29/2012	Lack of funding,
65	7/29/2012	Lack of funding, clearly.
66	7/29/2012	Insufficient funding, privatization.

67	7/29/2012	1. 2. 3.[] Probably lack of money, that would be taxes paid by everyone.
68	7/29/2012	Short-sighted and selfish funding priorities. Fund Libraries!! Libraries benefit EVERYONE. Information available to all. This is critical to individual and societal development and growth.
69	7/29/2012	The daily freaks that you let run wild and shoot dope and change clothes in the bathroom. Meanwhile, I get harassed by staff if I answer my phone on silent and whisper as I sprint out to the lobby. Having your priorities that "upside down" can only chase away patrons that pay taxes.
70	7/29/2012	Not enough funding.
71	7/29/2012	Taxing district being voted in
72	7/29/2012	Electronic media.
73	7/29/2012	Funding ~ isn't that true of everything?
74	7/29/2012	Lack of consistent funding
75	7/28/2012	Lack of funding
76	7/28/2012	Ignorance. Easy access to books is a foundation of the strength of any society.
77	7/28/2012	Permanent closure do to participants, students, seniors ability to have access to the library. Its unfortunate that education is not one of the life tools that the county/state is interested in continuing. The biggest threat to our libraries is having the funding tied into our property taxes. Too many programs are dependent on funding through property taxes. Many people resent paying property taxes in the first place, so funding for critical programs, like education and our libraries, are voted down. Finding alternate funding sources, whether they are supplemental to property tax sources or new primary funding and endowments might be a way to maintain more consistent financial support.[]
78	7/28/2012	[] We could also try to keep Central open for selected hours each day with centrally located branches selected throughout the county for full service, so that a library is open within central proximity with the rest of the branches having a limited service schedule. I think that concept has been used when funding has been reduced in the past, but it could be a way to stretch the dollars to provide more current materials and the services most in demand.
79	7/28/2012	loss of books in favor of current and (temporal) social media trend

80	7/28/2012	<p>Bloated and unaccountable administration. I worked in the library for several years, and often saw how they manipulate public sentiment (often by planning a year or more in advance of funding votes by slowing hiring and limiting or threatening to limit services), as well as treating their own people poorly (the previous HR manager used to quell dissent in the ranks by threatening to get rid of the Page classification and hire high school students at minimum wage, instead, one of the reasons she gave for severing from Multnomah County) to get what they want. General mismanagement, using training funds to push issues that do not exist in the library system, little or no accountability for managerial staff who act inappropriately, inadequate or incomplete training for new employees. A too-cozy relationship between HR and the union, with employees going back and forth. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Government needs to be transparent and accountable to the public, and I have seen enough of the inner workings of MCL to know that it, especially, needs some light shone on its darker corners.</p>
81	7/28/2012	<p>Lack of leadership among the state's executive and legislative branches to develop a taxing and financing system that would provide stable, dependable, and sustainable long-term support for a robust and healthy library system (and education system, for that matter). Much of this lack of leadership comes from the nonsensical belief systems of the conservative and libertarian factions of the state who believe that society is better off with an inequitable economic system.</p>
82	7/28/2012	<p>The biggest threat to our local libraries is underfunding.</p>
83	7/28/2012	<p>funding, cutting employee hours and resources</p> <p>I would hate to see the doors closed. I think there can be a wise use of the monies that are brought in as extra taxes are difficult when there is already so much going out of our paychecks. ☐</p>
84	7/28/2012	<p>☐</p> <p>Or to lose the traditional libraries to the computerized books one can download. It seems so sad, not to check out a book anymore. There's something greatly lost in that.</p>
85	7/28/2012	<p>Funding</p>
86	7/28/2012	<p>closure!</p>
87	7/28/2012	<p>Closing due to no money.</p>
88	7/28/2012	<p>theft</p>
89	7/28/2012	<p>Not having enough money to stay open.</p>
90	7/28/2012	<p>I don't know. I was very surprised that even though I voted for the library in the last election the library reduced hours. I felt tricked in a way. I wish the library would have given me the choice to vote for a measure that would have kept the library open 7 days a week. Why didn't they?</p>
91	7/28/2012	<p>Inconsistent funding, having a hard time knowing how to budget for the long term.</p>
92	7/28/2012	<p>Overspending on materials. Overstaffing. Poor management. Too many computers. Losing patrons by the removal of all seating. Inefficiency. Monday closings.</p>
93	7/28/2012	<p>ebooks</p>

94	7/28/2012	People forgetting that we need to fund what we want in our community- losing a sense of reverence for the library. Throughout America few library systems compare to ours!
95	7/28/2012	Relying on levies and other short-term funding strategies. I'll always vote for them (and I always do), but unstable funding models are always a threat, even in a place where a lot of voters love the library.
96	7/28/2012	lack of funding
97	7/28/2012	Reduced hours that make libraries less accessible, which is a direct result of inadequate funding.
98	7/28/2012	Theft of materials Theft of materials Theft of materials
99	7/28/2012	Misspent funds. The artistic parking lot laid at the Rockwood library made me regret constantly voting for the library levys. The money that taxpayers give to the library system should be spent on materials for the library, not a fantastic parking lot.
100	7/28/2012	Socialism
101	7/28/2012	Lack of adequate funding
102	7/28/2012	Loss of funds
103	7/28/2012	Funding
104	7/28/2012	Libraries first and foremost should support literacy. I would be devastated if the local libraries lost the funding for the educational programs for children. The libraries here are more than a service, they are a part of our community. I feel at home in the library. I want to pass that feeling of both a fondness for a sense of community and an avid love of books on to my child.
105	7/28/2012	No funds
106	7/28/2012	Lack of funding.
107	7/28/2012	Lack of funding.
108	7/27/2012	resources and staff being stretched too thin.
109	7/27/2012	Lack of funding.
110	7/27/2012	funding
111	7/27/2012	Budge issues.
112	7/27/2012	funding
113	7/27/2012	Liberalism
114	7/27/2012	Nonesense like passing a funding measure then immediately cutting library hours. How does that make political sense?
115	7/27/2012	Lack of funding
116	7/27/2012	Drastic reductions in: funding/materials/needed computer availability
117	7/27/2012	funding cuts
118	7/27/2012	have gone beyond the realm of being a library
119	7/27/2012	Lack of money, but I'm satisfied with the way things are now

120	7/27/2012	Lack of funding.
121	7/27/2012	Limiting access to the way people use this resource may make it less relevant.
122	7/27/2012	apparently, according to you, funding. Even though the voters just approved funding which we understood would accomplish the above.
123	7/27/2012	I don't know. I don't always pay attention to that kind of thing. Maybe, budget cuts? I'm still not sure.
124	7/27/2012	Business that do not pay their fair share in state taxes.
125	7/27/2012	Money
126	7/27/2012	computers, lack of funding
127	7/27/2012	Lack of stable funding.
128	7/27/2012	Money money money... So many people use the Multnomah County libraries. It is such a shame that such a popular and necessary community resource is threatened due to lack of funds. If the reductions in hours were due to lack of use, I would totally understand and agree. But to take away something so vital because the money can't be found is a shame.
129	7/27/2012	Not enough funds to go around.
130	7/27/2012	Budget cuts
131	7/27/2012	lack of funding
132	7/27/2012	Funding
133	7/27/2012	buget cuts
134	7/27/2012	People who abuse the system.
135	7/27/2012	Lack of sustainable funding
136	7/27/2012	Not enough expanded hours for everyone who works. Why can't the library be open noon to 9:00 three or four days a week..
		I think the answer is somewhere between funding and use. Supply and demand. You have to increase the interest and increase the funding.[]
137	7/27/2012	Honestly, what keeps me from using the library is that I found a more easily accessible supply of tv shows and movies. Physical media is becoming less popular and digital is going up. What if the library could let us stream certain content? That would be very attractive, though I don't know if it's reasonable. Look at Blockbuster vs Netflix. I'm afraid the library is becoming Blockbuster. I would love to go back to using the library if more of its content were digital.
138	7/27/2012	This non-permanent source of funding - levies that need to be renewed every few years. The libraries are really a vital resource, and shouldn't be treated like some kind of side project that needs to be re-approved frequently. I think you should get a permanent, stable source of funding.

139	7/27/2012	Library management. For example, question #5 on this survey, which is designed to elicit results supporting greater hours and more spending on all materials, thereby allowing Lib Mgmt to claim the public supports paying more money. You withheld information at the last election, then immediately after your bond measure passed you reduced hours and made the pitch for over 30% increase in budget. All this during the worst recession in most of our lives. Shame on you.
140	7/26/2012	Funding
141	7/26/2012	The economic situation.
142	7/26/2012	Residents who are not willing to pay to keep our libraries as wonderful as they are.
143	7/26/2012	funds
144	7/26/2012	Closure.
145	7/26/2012	lack of money from government?
146	7/26/2012	Lack of funding. The services provided are so important to a wide array of people. It would be a shame if they were no longer available.
147	7/26/2012	Lack of funding
148	7/26/2012	Money is always an issue, whether building maintenance, salaries, or purchases. I also believe that reduced days and hours is a threat. Its hard for me to remember when the building is open so sometimes I don't go. Integration with electronic readers and smart phones impact library use. The library is where I learned to love books, and I'm not sure our society values physical books anymore. In addition to delivering a variety of current and classic materials, libraries need to be community buildings, where neighbors, especially children and elderly, can hang out, enjoy the resources, and be safe.
149	7/26/2012	lack of security guard
150	7/26/2012	Lack of knowledge about the importance of libraries. It seems many aren't aware of the benefits available to everyone. My family depends on our library for education and entertainment!
151	7/26/2012	ebooks and the economy.
152	7/26/2012	not enough book selection
153	7/26/2012	I dont know!
154	7/26/2012	The poor economy.
155	7/26/2012	Under-funding.
156	7/26/2012	Lack of funding
157	7/26/2012	funding
158	7/26/2012	Funding
159	7/26/2012	If they do not make the effort to serve the poor, and uneducated, and fail to engage with schools and other community institutions that could benefit from them, they will become irrelevant.
160	7/26/2012	lack of funds

161	7/26/2012	It seems to me that it's not having enough money. However, I would like to see reach out programs that take cultural/educational activities to the streets/parks. When more people becomes accustomed to the library services, they will demand the city to provide the library with more funds.
162	7/26/2012	our govt bureaucracy
163	7/26/2012	Increasing property taxes
164	7/26/2012	Unstable funding.
165	7/25/2012	lack of money
166	7/25/2012	Lack of money/funding.
167	7/25/2012	Lack of stable funding.
168	7/25/2012	That funding will stop and all those that need the library will have nothing. The library is an instrumental tool to learning and especially learning to LOVE reading - it is like a vacation away from stress.
169	7/25/2012	N/A
170	7/25/2012	A huge amount of waste on unnecessary management and administration at the expense of staff and materials to support the public at the library itself. Also a general lack of taxation on the very rich which is negatively affecting the entire community and shifting the tax burden onto the middle and lower class.
171	7/25/2012	non-reading voters
172	7/25/2012	Submitting a tax increase through a popular vote process is always a problem and is a significant threat. In addition, the city's shameful opposition to a permanent funding solution for the county library system represents a major threat.
173	7/25/2012	Material and hour budget cuts.
174	7/25/2012	Anti-tax activists. We need to raise taxes in order to pay for this and other vital programs.
175	7/25/2012	E-Books
176	7/25/2012	Dependence on fluctuating general fund levels and vulnerability to political power games.
177	7/25/2012	access
178	7/25/2012	I think the idea that paying taxes is bad is the biggest threat. Somehow people (not so much in Portland, maybe) don't realize that their taxes pay for useful services, like the library. I only wish I could choose to allocate more of my taxes to the library system, and am happy to vote on that, while understanding that it's a hard sell for many people, due to, I can only guess, ignorance of how many of the good things in life are supported by taxes (like libraries).
179	7/25/2012	shortage of funds
180	7/25/2012	Politicians allocating the funds that could be used for the library to their pet projects. Spending cuts made by people who don't understand how important the library is to children.
181	7/25/2012	funding.
182	7/25/2012	Lack of funding/support.
183	7/25/2012	The deadening effect of popular culture, and social and cultural apathy? I don't know.

184	7/25/2012	No money
185	7/25/2012	Maybe not a problem yet, but I think potentially the biggest threat is decreased access (hours and locations right @ public transportation hubs). In order for libraries to thrive long term, I believe parents must take advantage of easy access so their kids learn that library visits are routine.
186	7/25/2012	We have to be creative in our funding and not solely be dependent on taxes and levies
187	7/25/2012	ALEC!!!!!!! A.K.A. The American Legislative Exchange Council. They're looking to, in a nutshell, privatize everything. In your case, it'll look like Wal-Mart getting subsidies to carry more books while the library system is dismantled.
188	7/25/2012	Not open 6 days a week
189	7/25/2012	Not enough funding
190	7/25/2012	Funding.
191	7/25/2012	lack of funding
192	7/25/2012	If hours are reduced to a point where most cannot utilize the library resources
193	7/25/2012	Lack of funds, a lack of focus on reading.
194	7/25/2012	Being under appreciated.
195	7/25/2012	All demographic groups continuing to have access to the community via the library.
196	7/25/2012	Continually expanded copyright law keeps knowledge out of the public domain and makes access to materials unnecessarily expensive.
197	7/25/2012	Funding?
198	7/25/2012	money
199	7/25/2012	Lack of adequate and stable funding--just as in the public schools.
200	7/25/2012	lack of funding
201	7/25/2012	Jeff Cogen Not getting library district in time to adjust to new patron habits before library use drops.
202	7/25/2012	free digital books
203	7/25/2012	Lack of funding. Low taxes.
204	7/25/2012	lack of financial support
205	7/24/2012	Unstable funding.
206	7/24/2012	um, other than not having financial resources?
207	7/24/2012	Lack of funding
208	7/24/2012	Lack of funds
209	7/24/2012	Money to keep them open.
210	7/24/2012	Lack of taxes
211	7/24/2012	Lack of funding
212	7/24/2012	The current funding model.
213	7/24/2012	Closing libraries hours/days due to lack of funding

214	7/24/2012	Funding. Scarcity mentality and economic uncertainty.
215	7/24/2012	Not able to afford new materials
216	7/24/2012	<p>lack of funding to the extent it results in not just reductions to programs but essentially leads to their demise</p> <p>Apparently funding is the biggest threat. Though I still think it's an odd question.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>But here's the thing: why do you assume that all your money has to be forcibly extracted from the unwilling? That's theft. Call it whatever you like -- 'taxes' is as good a word as any -- but what it comes down to is you demanding money from people who don't want to give it to you, and somebody bigger than us giving you your way.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>What on earth is wrong with private donations? There was this guy once called Andrew Carnegie who set a perfectly good example. There's NPR -- another example. There are Bill and Melinda Gates, who can't seem to find enough worthwhile education-type charities to give their money to (so they give it to non-worthwhile ones). And it's not just The Rich you can be dunning. What about normal people who *use* the library? Or the ones who don't use it but believe that Other People should? It's an assumption that library funding can only come from government. That assumption was wrong to begin with and has since -- now that the government has eaten the economy, and now that we have the internet -- gotten even more wrong.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>And it doesn't even have to be charitable donations. I'd willingly pay a reasonable amount (either as a yearly subscription or as a fee-per-book -- only let's keep it small here; if I wanted to pay Kindle prices I'd be buying from Amazon -- think micropayments maybe) for the right (and the ability; let's keep non-functional sites in mind as well) to download all the books I want. Just toss them all up there, like gutenber.org does -- only, since you're a library, you do it with current books -- and let me grab them. You don't need any fancy interfaces designed to make life difficult. You don't need proprietary formats, or special arrangements with anybody else that impose more restrictions, or even a nifty-looking site. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I would never, of course, download free books from any illegal sites. But I can't help having noticed that there ARE sites that have plenty of books I would LIKE to download and that they make the process perfectly painless. Except for that threat of lawsuits. And they've done it without any tax money whatsoever. If THEY started charging a few cents per book, and used the money to bring the whole thing aboveboard, I would not ever come looking for a library site at all.[]</p>
217	7/24/2012	
218	7/24/2012	sweeping budget cuts that do not take into account the vast resources free libraries make to our communities
219	7/24/2012	Lack of funding!
220	7/24/2012	Apparently, lack of funding. I am not aware of any other "threats."
221	7/24/2012	Digital media
222	7/24/2012	Funding.
223	7/24/2012	Legislators and voters prioritizing perceived tax cuts (that actually only benefit the super-rich) over funding for public schools, libraries, and the arts.

224	7/24/2012	Lack of funding to keep our libraries accessible, current, culturally-relevant, and modern.
225	7/24/2012	no funding
226	7/24/2012	Inadequate funding
227	7/24/2012	That funding them is even considered a choice. It should be automatic and untouchable.
228	7/24/2012	A lack of understanding that without taxes services like libraries cannot be provided
229	7/24/2012	Funding
230	7/24/2012	Need to find stable funding. Donations from philanthropists... ☐ Threat is an increasing population in Mult. County and shrinking tax dollars.
231	7/24/2012	Reduced hours and staffing. Keeping staff in their buildings where they have a relationship with the library patrons they serve.
232	7/24/2012	Public funding
233	7/24/2012	Not enough money
234	7/24/2012	Funding -- not being properly prepared to anticipate projected resources
235	7/24/2012	Voters like me who are totally disenfranchised with the way in which our libraries are trying to be all things to all people rather than being a resource of good reading materials and encouraging a love of reading. Being involved with homework help (and I'm a public school teacher!!) is NOT the job of the library!!!!!!!!!!!! My tax dollars already pay teacher's salaries to teach children while they are AT school. I shouldn't have to pay AGAIN to help them with their homework!! Job search?? Not the job of the library!! My tax dollars already pay for the computer bank at the unemployment office. Internet cafe?? No way!! Let private business provide computers for playing games and scanning porn! That is NOT where I want my heard-earned tax dollars to go!! If I wanted to pay for p orn I would do so myself...BUT I DON'T! And I don't think I should have to foot the bill for someone else's disgusting habits!!! My children, grandchildren, students or myself should NEVER have to accidentally wee that stuff just because we entered a tax-funded public library!! Your WASTE of our hard-earned money for bleeding heart duplication of services is your biggest threat. I no longer use the library system and won't until it returns to a focus on promoting READING of decent and wholesome materials!!!
236	7/24/2012	loss of funding.
237	7/24/2012	I have no idea
238	7/24/2012	Dwindling tax revenues in a time of rising demand for the breadth of library services.
239	7/24/2012	Unstable funding
240	7/24/2012	Funding-no interest from the public

		reduce working hours
		books will be limited
241	7/24/2012	
242	7/24/2012	duce working hours
		Further reduction in hours and talented staff.
243	7/24/2012	funding
244	7/24/2012	children not being taught that the library is a life-long resource
245	7/24/2012	funding
246	7/24/2012	Lack of funding, and lack of awareness about programs and services.
247	7/24/2012	The inability to adapt to people wanting immediate access electronically and less wanting a physical space to go to.
		Balancing having access for all with keeping a nice, clean space.
248	7/24/2012	Tax levies not passing because of economy
249	7/24/2012	Budget cuts?
250	7/24/2012	no funding
251	7/24/2012	Poor choices by government with the use of tax money.
252	7/24/2012	Funding and interest from community
253	7/24/2012	Theft and waste.
254	7/24/2012	Money - not enough resources to fund all the important services
		trying to be everything to everyone. with the world expanding, there may have to be a limit. Does the library need to have
255	7/24/2012	all the latest television shows on DVD? Sure, it's great, but is it within the function of the library? Maybe just classic movies and educational videos.

256	7/23/2012	At this point the biggest threat is a failure to understand what a library district is and anger about cut hours. There was not enough info about what effect the levy would have on hours and services prior to the last election. Now people are confused and bitter about the result and not about to vote yes on a request for a library district. So for heaven's sake put more thought into how/when you ask for money and give thorough explanations of the effects. For years there was confusion about the the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation --- probably still is. People were never clear on which of these groups does what. The same is about to happen to the plans for a library district Don't attempt to fashion your info for "the choir." Fashion it for those who easily throw up their hands in disgust over confusing messages. I'm a former library employee and have been approached on the bus, on the walking trail, etc. by loyal library patrons who want to say to someone ---- "that last levy request was a bust ... unfair ... there's no way people will vote "yes" again. In short .. take care!
257	7/23/2012	I'd argue the declining tax revenue that place greater budgetary pressure on all public services. Behind this is a notion that public services like libraries (health care, education, take your pick) are not worth the cost of funding them.
258	7/23/2012	Underfunding is the biggest threat.
259	7/23/2012	More shortened hours or possible closure of libraries due to lack of funding.
260	7/23/2012	Everybody uses them and no on wants to pay for them.
261	7/23/2012	Censorship aside, Under funding.
262	7/23/2012	The biggest threat is likely to be funding. We have one of the most used and loved systems in the country. We just need to keep it open.
263	7/23/2012	The harmful trend in American politics to privatize everything. Federal and local governments should take pride in a strong library system.
264	7/23/2012	The growth of electronic media and people not utilizing physical "books" as well as diminished funding due to higher unemployment rate and fewer tax dollars being collected to fund programs.
265	7/23/2012	Attitude about taxes and realities of the local economy
266	7/23/2012	The lack of adequate funding. However, continuing to increase property tax levies is placing a disproportionate burden on property owners, including many elderly and unemployed or underemployed who are just barely making it now. The funding issue is tied to a complete overhaul of the Oregon tax structure. I realize reformation of the Oregon tax structure is beyond the scope of the commission, but I encourage you to work with local and other county governments to pressure the legislature into fixing our revenue stream for the benefit of all Oregonians.
267	7/23/2012	Funding is clearly a huge threat. I think another potential threat is lack of use and therefore lack of voter support when budgeting becomes a concern. I know that I seriously reduced the number of visits I make to the library with my toddler when our story time changed from a weekday to Saturday.
268	7/23/2012	Inadequate management of the financial resources available, a bloated system that hasn't adjusted to the current economic conditions of the city and state. PERS

269	7/23/2012	The biggest threat is that the materials in them degrade / are not current. Content is key, it is the reason people go to the libraries (newest books, best reference sections, media). I am also not a believer in the library system being used as a proxy for other community service organizations. I only ranked the kids stuff last because I don't have them (and don't plan on having them). Book delivery for seniors is fine - but I think that is what the post office is for. Programs for job seekers should be left up to someone else, not libraries.
270	7/23/2012	Access and funding.
271	7/23/2012	Lack of funding.
272	7/23/2012	People tend to think about taxes as a personal cost and do not understand the large amount of influence a strong library has on a community as a resource and home base for community development and growth.
273	7/23/2012	Lack of stable funding
274	7/23/2012	less days open, shorter hours, enough money for new media
275	7/23/2012	Lack of understanding how important it is to have easy access to books. I grew up in a small town that did not have a public lending library and was very thankful that one of the used book stores was willing to share their books. I do not want to see the electronic age nullify the importance of reading for our younger generation.
276	7/23/2012	Government cuts from the top down, and by top I mean at the Federal Level--especially anything that benefits ordinary citizens. Our property taxes are killing us, \$700 a month. We've been in our house for 32 years, but we really can't afford to stay here and ever hope to retire. Pushing all these expenses down to the individual is not going to work. Most of us ardent supporter of schools and libraries, but when you flat don't have the money for any more increases, you're forced (for the first time in our lives) to vote against these most important services.
277	7/23/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries would be closing them on the WEEKENDS, especially in lower socioeconomic areas. Libraries are a safe-haven and refuge for many families and children on the weekends.
278	7/23/2012	Question #5 is invalid --- There is only one valid answer for our family --- that the library be open at least six days a week. None of the other answers matter, yet the computer defaults to select our choices which invalidates the question completely.
279	7/23/2012	Apathy!
280	7/23/2012	Lack of adequate funding
281	7/23/2012	The economy.
282	7/23/2012	Lack of funding.
283	7/23/2012	Funding
284	7/23/2012	Privatization attempts by those who don't use the library services.
285	7/23/2012	Funding is the obvious answer.
286	7/23/2012	That funding will not keep up with increased demand for current and electronic materials.

287	7/23/2012	Homeless people taking advantage of the free services. i.e. not reading, learning, etc. but just loitering.
288	7/23/2012	Lack of funding - I would support a Multnomah Co. sales tax with some of the money going to libraries over continued property tax levies.
289	7/23/2012	lack of funding I would guess
290	7/23/2012	funding
291	7/23/2012	The homeless, sitting outside, panhandling and stinking up the joint. It has kept me away more than once.
292	7/23/2012	Fiscal instability on income (levy uncertainty) and expense (unsustainable PERS burden) sides.
293	7/23/2012	lack of funding
294	7/23/2012	politicians
295	7/23/2012	electronic books
296	7/23/2012	lack of funding
297	7/23/2012	Republicans
298	7/23/2012	Funding....
299	7/23/2012	Lack of funding
300	7/23/2012	Underfunding. The staff and resources are wonderful, and the more they can be made available, the better.
301	7/23/2012	Lack of adequate funding
302	7/23/2012	To decrease children's access to a wonderful resource and lifetime love.
303	7/23/2012	cutting funds and closing the library during the hours that working people and students are most likely to utilize libraries.
304	7/23/2012	rapists
305	7/23/2012	Funding
306	7/23/2012	unstable funding
307	7/23/2012	Ignorance by politicians.
308	7/23/2012	Closure
309	7/23/2012	Shortened hours not having a diverse supply of reading material
310	7/23/2012	The cutting of funding It has grown way too expensive. □
311	7/23/2012	A library should be just a building where people can check out books. All the professional librarians, programs for jobseekers, elderly, homework help, children are expensive programs that are unnecessary expenses above providing books.
312	7/23/2012	Lac of willingness to fund the libraries.
313	7/23/2012	budget
314	7/23/2012	Lack of funding and interest.

315	7/22/2012	under funding whoever is spending \$\$ on improvements and then shutting down the facilities.[]
316	7/22/2012	What is the point on improvements on places no-one can enter or use?[] i sure hope there is contractor kick-backs or similar malfeasance occurring so that some bloated executives can profit off everyone's deprivation. this IS amerika, rite?
317	7/22/2012	Budget cuts and those making decisions about funding underestimating and ignoring the benefits of having a library.
318	7/22/2012	Apathy... and lack of funding. I wish we valued libraries as much as funding the military.
319	7/22/2012	Trying to address all the needs with declining resource base, i.e., loosing focus on the core mission of the public library. To me that mission is ensuring that citizens have access to up to date information and to encourage/promote literacy for all.
320	7/22/2012	Lack of funding
321	7/22/2012	Funding, apparently.
322	7/22/2012	Budget cuts.
323	7/22/2012	Lack of funding
324	7/22/2012	Potential loss of public revenue sources
325	7/22/2012	drug addicts use bathrooms as showers, outlets to charge phones and on occasion making transactions in the open. then i would say unsupervised non English speaking children being disruptive. please don't get me wrong i am overjoyed they have a semi safe place to learn whatever that may be. Earthquakes.[] Or maybe a government that chooses to spend our money on other things; you choose. [] Don't whine at the taxpayer, begging us for the perennial moremoremore; instead get the .gov to allot its already-high take elsewise.[] []
326	7/22/2012	I for one am never going to 'Vote Yes! On Libraries!', for precisely that reason. I would happily, however, vote No on daycare centers for illegal aliens, or cell phones for Welfare moms, or whatever the issue of the day is. Would this free up some money for you? Can you get it on the ballot? We can't buy everything. Are libraries more important than other stuff, or not?[] [] Also, libraries are for books, not 'programs'. Perhaps 'programs' are the biggest threat. If you eliminate those will you have more money for books?
327	7/22/2012	Budget cuts that don't see the community importance of our solid library system.
328	7/22/2012	Lack of funding in a world where electronics are taking over the uses books, newspapers, and the use of an actual human being.
329	7/22/2012	Not sure.
330	7/22/2012	\$

331	7/22/2012	Lack of Funding
332	7/22/2012	Not adapting better to the increased use of eBooks.
333	7/22/2012	A lot of people are getting kindles and things of that nature, which means that the libraries aren't getting used as much.
334	7/22/2012	money and staffing costs
335	7/22/2012	Reduction in hours and current materials.
336	7/22/2012	The effect of the recession on attitudes toward tax increases.
337	7/22/2012	Failure to adhere to formal policies - should enforce fines & fees, including refusal to lend further materials for those whose account exceeds \$10. Should also limit lending to those with any fines or fees above \$1. Increase security & monitoring of noise levels: I've been in branches where teenage boys are harassing young women for sex - I've reported to branch personnel, who basically shrugged shoulders & did nothing (North Portland), even after 2 different episodes on 2 different occasions. I have stopped going to that branch as a result.
338	7/22/2012	Reduced hours and materials will cause people to use the library less, which will cause a further reduction in hours and materials, bad news for everybody.
339	7/22/2012	Funding and voter apathy
340	7/22/2012	Not adopting technology, and adopting too much technology. Digital readers are good for some types of reading (magazines, pop lit., general reference), but studies have shown that individuals retain more of what they read with tactile pages. That said, there are low-cost digital readers available that should have more publicity, especially for shut-ins.
341	7/22/2012	Keepin up with e-book and online alternatives to traditional library services.
342	7/22/2012	Funding.....people that have jobs or don't use the library, regardless of the reason, do not really see the value lost when funding is cut, hours are cut - it effects A LOT of people.
343	7/22/2012	Budget cuts?
344	7/22/2012	Not being open often enough
345	7/22/2012	The library board. We trusted you when you told us that if voters passed the recent levy, services would not be curtailed. You have betrayed our trust and lost credibility.
346	7/22/2012	do not get enough new books
347	7/22/2012	Lack of funding
348	7/22/2012	Military and prisons spending and the like--lack of funding and government interference. It seems that our recent move to a six-day-per-week strategy will result in less-amazing impacts on our community, and put our library in a dangerous position where funding may be dropped for lack of efficacy.
349	7/22/2012	funding cuts
350	7/22/2012	Assholes who don't vote for more funding. the end
351	7/22/2012	Homeless folks hanging out in the libraries all day.
352	7/22/2012	Funding

353	7/22/2012	Broadening the services - Need to cut back & simplify.
354	7/22/2012	the kindle
355	7/22/2012	All of the budget cuts. This cannot continue...
356	7/22/2012	Kindle and other reading machines
357	7/22/2012	Lack of funding causes limited access to this jewel of a resource. When folks can't get in to use the resources, they miss out on opportunities or the resources to use, and therefore it hurts their education/enrichment/job chances.
358	7/22/2012	<p>lack of funds, the current economy, being dependent on current types funding. Right now the new proposal will on the ballot at the same time as money for schools. The Oregonian ran an editorial suggesting that the library proposal be taken off this</p> <p>year's ballot because it saw schools and the library in conflict for funds during this time.</p> <p>I agree that that is a threat for the new library district. I don't have an opinion on if the library ballot should be withdrawn or not. I assume that the vast number of library supporters also support education.</p> <p>I am not sure how the new library district would be funded, I assume differently than property taxes, but I have poorly educated myself on the two ballot measures, the Library District and School needs ballot.</p>
359	7/22/2012	Continuing to request increases to property taxes particularly as other rates (water and sewer) are increasing. General fund resources need to be dedicated to the library.
360	7/22/2012	Funding
361	7/22/2012	funding budgets
362	7/22/2012	Not being open while I would like to attend the library, or locations closing down.
363	7/22/2012	underfunding the entire system
364	7/21/2012	Lack of funding to keep the library open 7 days a week like it should be.
365	7/21/2012	Lack of adequate funding
366	7/21/2012	People's ignorance of the value of books and other library services.
367	7/21/2012	People often aren't aware of the extent of services the library offers. As book shops close left and right, many anticipate the library following suit. There needs to be a greater depth of understanding of the variety of services offered at our libraries.
368	7/21/2012	Perception that resources provided by library are a duplication of resources found at schools or on the net.
369	7/21/2012	eBooks. I never used the library before I had a child because I just borrow books from friends. I started to check things out electronically, but the library selection is not great.
370	7/21/2012	Not enough money to keep current
371	7/21/2012	funding
372	7/21/2012	lack of funding
373	7/21/2012	underfunding

374	7/21/2012	apathy
375	7/21/2012	state law tax limit.
376	7/21/2012	The funding structure is not predictable or sustainable under the current system.
377	7/21/2012	Inadequate funding; theft.
378	7/21/2012	Lack of funding
379	7/21/2012	Funding needs to be more stable rather than just depending on property taxes to service them.
380	7/21/2012	Vandalism of individual books and property.
381	7/21/2012	The biggest treat is not enough funding. Multnomah County Library is world class, and should stay that way.
382	7/21/2012	Republicans & teaparty
383	7/21/2012	I think the biggest threat to the libraries is the nook readers.
384	7/21/2012	Funding cuts
385	7/21/2012	Not enough funding apparently to keep our wonderful libraries operating at their current level.
386	7/21/2012	Under-funding, misuse and under-use. I think Libraries are an underrated wealth of resources.
387	7/21/2012	The declining trend in funding which might negatively impact hours of operation and maintaining all programs they are currently undertaking.
388	7/21/2012	I am not educated on threats facing libraries. This is probably a threat in itself (uneducated users)
389	7/21/2012	Budget cuts.
390	7/21/2012	Not enough funding. More computers at the libraries would be more helpful as well.
391	7/21/2012	I would say the biggest threat to libraries is theft and funding.
392	7/21/2012	Closing down on Thursdays and not be available for mothers, of those with younger children.
393	7/21/2012	Having to vote constantly to fund them. Library district is definitely needed.
394	7/21/2012	Lack of funding.
395	7/21/2012	less hours & cuts
396	7/21/2012	money
397	7/21/2012	Budgeting decisions that impact the accessibility of library resources.
398	7/21/2012	Lack of funding.
399	7/21/2012	Funding cuts.
400	7/21/2012	Lack of steady funding streams. Our NW branch is too small! We wish it could be expanded.
401	7/21/2012	The scumbag who is looking at porn on the computers! I'm kidding...I would say lack of funding, or the poor allocation of funds by our government. Reading and writing is one of the most important skills a person can learn and use in their lifetime. It should be prioritized as such and put ahead of other things which are not nearly as important. I.E. Parks, nice decorated Max stops, etc. Just my two cents.
402	7/21/2012	Closures
403	7/21/2012	Lack of funding.
404	7/21/2012	Lack of funding

405	7/21/2012	Electronic books and lack of funding.
406	7/20/2012	Funding
407	7/20/2012	FUNDING!
408	7/20/2012	People always thinking that lowering taxes is always better lack of consistent, secure funding?[]
409	7/20/2012	[] I'm confused, because at our last election a measure passed in favor of the libraries that I thought was a funding measure; I presumed that for now at least they were secure, but I see I was wrong....
410	7/20/2012	closing them on sundays is the biggest threat to ME, but I realize the real threat to libraries is that people are relying more on electronic forms of reading and research, so library usage is probably waning.
411	7/20/2012	Sounds like funding is the biggest threat. I think there should be a central fund so we don't have to vote on this every few years.
412	7/20/2012	The Library District!!!! Top manages who have become so obsessed with the Library District to the point that they are destroying our-- library system. The Library District is legalized stealing![] Watch how quick all the money runs out of a Library District. Go ask Vancouver, WA about their Library District!!!
413	7/20/2012	Funding.
414	7/20/2012	Lack of proper funding.
415	7/20/2012	lack of funding due to prolonged acceptance of globalized war.
416	7/20/2012	Not enough funding.
417	7/20/2012	no comment
418	7/20/2012	Funding and keeping the doors open all hours and days.
419	7/20/2012	Closures, job losses
420	7/20/2012	ease of using the website to check out books.
421	7/20/2012	Trying to do TOO much!
422	7/20/2012	loosing funding for all the amazing resources that they currently offer. Unfortunately technology presents a double edged sword. While bringing new avenues to a certain population it can be limiting for the masses. This poses the question to many, what is needed to thrive and remain in the mainstream verses what is wanted. Your task is daunting. To have the insight and vision to meet the future in a manner that is rich in knowledge for a broad human condition.
423	7/20/2012	
424	7/20/2012	I'm not entirely sure what is meant by this question? My opinion perhaps?[] I believe people will learn to adjust to a new schedule with the library being closed on Mon and reduced hours. I think what matters most is offering programs and open hours that meet the needs of the public and working families. So, please stay open till 8pm at least a few days and open Saturday. Job seekers have other resources through employment dept, etc. However, there are not as many other programs for elderly and toddlers, so those programs are critical in my opinion.

425	7/20/2012	Retirement system is the biggest threat.
426	7/20/2012	\$
427	7/20/2012	E Books/ Kindle
428	7/20/2012	County funds usurping library funds. Lack of autonomy.
429	7/20/2012	Budget cuts. I regard schools and libraries as our country's most important assets but these are the first to go when economic times get tough. Without a literate and educated population this country cannot prosper.
430	7/20/2012	People believing that google and netflix and kindles will fill all of our needs and that East Portlanders and other east Multnomah County people are less important than those who live in the PPS district. As an East Portlander, I'm very tired of city leaders paying so much attention to the inner core of Portland and neglecting everything east of 82nd. It would be nice if Multnomah County does not fall into that trap.
431	7/20/2012	Electronics
432	7/20/2012	funding
433	7/20/2012	Lack of funding & lackluster security.
434	7/20/2012	Funding should not depend upon election results
435	7/20/2012	Having to wait too long for materials.
436	7/20/2012	Closing down would be a real loss to the community in Kenton. Overall people should have access to reading and learning materials.
437	7/20/2012	Having to rank these extremely valuable services in order of importance because further reductions in any one of these categories will disproportionately hurt our most vulnerable citizens.
438	7/20/2012	Invisibility. The library needs to continue an aggressive outreach to make sure people understand the potential at their disposal. Most people don't even know what they accomplish at the library.
439	7/20/2012	Funding.
440	7/20/2012	People take libraries for granted and don't understand how valuable they are to a community.
441	7/20/2012	Government wasting our tax money on other things and claiming there's nothing left for schools and libraries. Stop raising taxes, just put schools/libraries first. They spend it all on bike racks and crap no one would vote for, so when they run out of money they can cry "schools and libraries!" and people vote to raise taxes. If the library were a priority for the local government, that would be a big help. [] [] Technology isn't a threat if libraries embrace and use it well. I love the iPad books available now!
442	7/20/2012	Lack of financial support, I think. Online materials are taking over many aspects of periodicals but the Multco Library seems to be doing a fabulous job of keeping up by offering electronic formats. I do think the library needs to make everything as convenient as possible for people. I love the online hold system but frequently don't have enough time to stop by the library to pick up materials, especially because of traffic/parking at the central location.

443	7/20/2012	Funding cuts
444	7/20/2012	I don't believe there are any threats to our local libraries. I don't believe property owners should bear the burden of funding the library. Why should one who owns property have to fund everything? The entire community should fund it. [] The library is a very important resource for many people, however, reduced days and hours is not reason to panic. I don't believe the library should be open on Sundays anyway, it should be a day of rest, as it used to be observed as one.
445	7/20/2012	the homeless problem.
446	7/20/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the taxing authority being outside the pervue of the library and so closely tied to property taxes.
447	7/20/2012	tax compression. we need a new model for local government funding (remove the property tax limitation and allow taxes collected to actually reflect property values) that will protect funding for libraries (as well as other necessary services)
448	7/20/2012	Evidently funding.
449	7/20/2012	Apparently, funding.
450	7/20/2012	Funding.
451	7/20/2012	I feel like taxpayers at voting time don't understand what a crucial resource libraries are for the community. The biggest threat to our local libraries is "stop 7 days services" to the public. The reason is every person who using this libararies on daily basis will loose a day chance of service provided, ;such as person who check an email on daily basis.[] []
452	7/20/2012	I could see that we could keep 7 days service by shortening a daily hours of library's services could accomodate public needs rather 6 days services to meet budget cut requirements.[] Thank you.
453	7/20/2012	Inadequate funding
454	7/20/2012	I don't know how to answer this.
455	7/20/2012	Lack of funding and anti public feelings
456	7/20/2012	Book theft
457	7/20/2012	everything being online - we can't browse the shelves anymore
458	7/20/2012	Losing them
459	7/20/2012	funding that changes from year to year.
460	7/20/2012	Lack of funding.
461	7/20/2012	lack of money, clearly
462	7/20/2012	the homeless and street people camping out
463	7/20/2012	??
464	7/20/2012	cheap bastards who can afford a house but who gripe about property taxes.

465	7/20/2012	A lack of money.
466	7/20/2012	Not using funds efficiently. Too much money is spent on materials in foreign languages. There should be a much smaller collection of foreign materials. Bi-lingual materials are fine. There are also too many copies of the same book being purchased.
467	7/20/2012	The cut back hours and Monday being closed at all libraries. Also, the public stealing library items or damaging library materials.
468	7/20/2012	Funding challenges
469	7/20/2012	The biggest threat I think would be cutting the actual hours in the day the library is open and also days of the week. This is because it would limit the population to who could go to the library. Also then the next threat is probably all the resources (classes, job searching, etc.) that is highly needed.
470	7/20/2012	Not enough money to be open sufficient hours and to hire enough librarians
471	7/20/2012	THREAT? ☐ weird choice of words...
472	7/20/2012	Across-the-board cuts, and the attendant mistaken idea that they are the "fair" way to deal with times of economic difficulty. At times such as this, it is even more important to have library services available to everyone.
473	7/20/2012	Loss of funding
474	7/20/2012	Not sure....I don't mind the Monday closures, but hope it doesn't get much worse than that. Would rather have limited hours than branch closures.
475	7/20/2012	Outdated materials and cutting hours.
476	7/20/2012	The new Electronic books. Nook's, kindles, ect. The internet in general has obsoleted the use of a physical book other than the pure joy of holding a book in your hand, the traditional feel of a good book.
477	7/20/2012	it looks like too much money spent on fancy machines and things to be honest with you
478	7/20/2012	a library that is asleep at the switch and still operating as though the world has not changed;
479	7/20/2012	We dont get e mails when they took a book on hold and took it off hold without notice
480	7/20/2012	Underfunding
481	7/20/2012	Funding & trends in digitization of media diminishing the use value of brick-and-mortar libraries...
482	7/20/2012	Funding. People are apathetic and choose to ignore programs they may not personally use without any regard for others in the community that do use said program. Whether everyone uses the library or not, it's an incredibly important part of any community.
483	7/20/2012	lack of funding
484	7/20/2012	People who don't use it or don't read and don't understand how important it is to a healthy community.
485	7/20/2012	Less resources, less new materials, less computer access, less outreach to non-English speakers and youth, reduced days and/or hours
486	7/20/2012	Funding - or, I should say, taxpayers not being willing to continue to vote for library funding

487	7/20/2012	people don't get what all they do. it's not just about books, it's about computers and being able to hunt for jobs, having help for kids doing homework.
488	7/20/2012	Not keeping them open! I have no problem paying for services through tax dollars provided there the funding goes to the library fund & is utilized with accountability.
489	7/20/2012	funding
490	7/20/2012	LACK OF STABLE SUFFICIENT FUNDING THAT KEEPS OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM ONE OF THE TOP RANKED SYSTEMS IN THE NATION.
491	7/20/2012	Tea-bagging Republicans that want to deny access to information and education are the greatest threat to our libraries. Second, I would say that the library needs to embrace a brand, be a hot spot, somehow become more popular among the millennials.
492	7/20/2012	The cost to manage and keep the infrastructure up to date.
493	7/20/2012	Funding cuts.
494	7/20/2012	Lack of funds or ill-prioritized funds needed to keep the branches open. Programs, other activities, new materials can only be utilized if the facility is open. Why not let more community volunteers run activities more often and use those funds to keep doors open?
495	7/20/2012	Illiteracy
496	7/20/2012	lack of political will to take the big step and create a district so that the library has adequate, stable and permanent funding.
497	7/19/2012	The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.
498	7/19/2012	Death by a thousand cuts of continued budget reductions from reliance on serial levies
499	7/19/2012	Cleanliness of bathroom facilities.
500	7/19/2012	Being obsolete.
501	7/19/2012	Funding, lack of priority in families to read
502	7/19/2012	lack of stable funding
503	7/19/2012	Tablets that can download books, the internet
504	7/19/2012	I think not making more of an effort to keep up with the times is hurting the library the most.
505	7/19/2012	Loss of funding is the biggest threat.
506	7/19/2012	Here I am ignorant. My personal fear is that as ebooks become more favored, physical books will fall by the wayside and receive less priority in supply and availability.
507	7/19/2012	Oregon's tax code.
508	7/19/2012	Funding issues
509	7/19/2012	Costs outrun the income. That is keep costs low so next levy can handle what is needed.
510	7/19/2012	The ability to have libraries staffed at full hours. We vote for tax levies to keep them open, so why aren't they???
511	7/19/2012	closures and reduced hours
512	7/19/2012	Lack of funds.
513	7/19/2012	Underfunding

514	7/19/2012	The budget! And those who abuse the library system to steal.
515	7/19/2012	A defunding spiral, in which cuts mean decline in service, decline in service means decrease in use, which means more defunding, etc.
516	7/19/2012	loss of funding due to economic conditions. as a result, voters could defeat ballot measures for library funding and enhanced resources.
		Reduced funding.[]
517	7/19/2012	For Central, I think the lack of social services makes this location a magnet for homeless and mentally ill people. It would benefit all patrons and the homeless if there was a more appropriate facility for these folks to use that offered more of the services they need (bathroom, laundry, place to be at least during the day).
518	7/19/2012	Not to be able to access materials
519	7/19/2012	The biggest threat is loss of public financial support of our libraries. The economy is poor, and people perceive their taxes as too high. People looking for a place to make budget cuts might see our libraries as a luxury rather than a service benefitting society as a whole. We need to keep plugging those services such as helping people with job searches and helping school children so that the library isn't seen as a luxury.
520	7/19/2012	A balanced and reasonable funding plan that is supported by a healthy majority of the (voting) population is needed. If costs will be too high, the whole system could come down. [] A base service level should be guaranteed and NOT be subject to every-few-year voting uncertainty. Additional functionality can then be added as optional/voted-on measures, such as charging a per-checked-out item charge of \$ 0.25 and annual membership fee versus increased property taxes.[] [] Having ballot measures being tied to all-or-nothing library (yes/no) is too risky: it can "force" people who support the library in concept to oppose it if the proposed cost is too high.....
521	7/19/2012	Not enough funding to purchase new books and to keep libraries at least 6 days a week.
522	7/19/2012	??
523	7/19/2012	Funding. E-Readers. Lack of convenience (open less often).
524	7/19/2012	lack of money
525	7/19/2012	Knucklehead politicians. Un-American citizens who don't believe in paying their fair amount of taxes but want all the enjoyments of a modern country.
526	7/19/2012	People unwilling to pay taxes.
527	7/19/2012	Funding for new books and programs. The funding for the library system should be consistent enough for long term planning and some be marketed to the public for the good that this service provides to the community.
528	7/19/2012	I wouldn't know that, but I'm assuming the threat of lack of funding.
529	7/19/2012	Underfunding

530	7/19/2012	Excessive closure of the branches.
531	7/19/2012	Lack of funding
532	7/19/2012	The homeless people visiting the central library.
533	7/19/2012	Lack of stable funding.
534	7/19/2012	Closing
535	7/19/2012	Reducing the levels of services with perhaps the incentive to save in the short term with the supposed intent to resume when the present economic crisis is over. This is the very worst thing which could be done; people need libraries more than usual at times like these to establish contacts via email, etc. and to email both alert, cognisant of world developments and to maintain their literacy and numeracy.
536	7/19/2012	Republicans
537	7/19/2012	lack of funding
538	7/19/2012	republicans
539	7/19/2012	Over spending your budget
540	7/19/2012	Competition for resources. Library has lots of support - needs its own taxing district.
541	7/19/2012	Funding
542	7/19/2012	Capitalism.
543	7/19/2012	people not understanding how important they are.
544	7/19/2012	Two that I see: 1. Loss of funding, and thus of trained staff to set up and run programs and be resources to patrons; 2. Potential loss of critical access to materials from inappropriate "intellectual property" laws and regulations
545	7/19/2012	The economy and ebooks.
546	7/19/2012	the economy Inflation (cost of books, publication subscriptions, computers, software, utilities, payroll + taxes, property maintenance, utilities, and everything else!)
547	7/19/2012	 Internet (e-books)
548	7/19/2012	lack of funding
549	7/19/2012	Politicians and the conservative anti learning, anti science budget cuts they propose! Once a funding plan is approved the library will cut its services. It seems there is always a rationalization for cuts once the money is approved. This last bill hurt your credibility.
550	7/19/2012	Not enough funding. All of these things above are of the utmost important to the community.
551	7/19/2012	The Internet

552	7/19/2012	The corrupt and sold-out government, their greedy corporate puppeteers, and the lack of responsibility this country has right now for using OUR money to pay for the things we need most as people. It disgusts me that we even need to have this conversation. I say stop funding the war and start funding the libraries, teachers and schools again. That would make the libraries safe.
553	7/19/2012	A lack of comprehensive funding for libraries period, not just fomented by certain strains of anti-intellectualism, but from wasteful spending in the form of unnecessary spending to renovate or remodel libraries in at-risk neighborhoods. The threat from people who do not have homes and who abuse the library's patronage system is also a major threat for the Central Library.
554	7/19/2012	that we have to keep renewing our funding, and that funding keeps shrinking due to byzantine tax limits.
555	7/19/2012	children not having a safe place to learn
556	7/19/2012	Funding and the ability to provide and keep up to date resources and books.
557	7/19/2012	Underfunding!
558	7/19/2012	Money
559	7/19/2012	not having enough money to operate fully.
560	7/19/2012	Lack of funding.
561	7/19/2012	potential for funding to be sacrificed to reduce taxes
562	7/19/2012	Lack of reliable funding.
563	7/19/2012	property tax compression -- voters don't understand why the library doesn't actually get all the money they think they voted for; also, people not understanding the depth and breadth of services provided by the library (and google/internet making them think the library isn't relevant)
564	7/19/2012	Oregon's moronic tax structure.
565	7/19/2012	republicans
566	7/19/2012	Media portraying poor economy and no-tax hype.
567	7/19/2012	Inadequate funding; voters not appreciating the importance of libraries.
568	7/19/2012	Funding cuts for programs. It's so sad to see funding cuts for libraries because it hurts populations who need access the most (low middle class and lower class.) It's inconvenient for the people who have computer/internet access at home and can spare the cash to buy a book on Amazon. But it is devastating for the people who need access because they don't have that at home.
569	7/19/2012	Budget cuts and public ignorance around the importance of this resource.
570	7/19/2012	lack of money
571	7/19/2012	I do not know.
572	7/19/2012	Not sure.
573	7/19/2012	lack of \$\$
574	7/19/2012	lack of funding
575	7/19/2012	The internet
576	7/19/2012	money

577	7/19/2012	Funding? I was going to say lack of use but really, whenever I stop by there are always people there. I thought perhaps with the current technology that people would stop going; it doesn't appear that is the case. Seems like having enough money to keep them going is the biggest threat.
578	7/19/2012	Closing of branches due to the lack of funding.
579	7/19/2012	Lack of funding to keep the doors open, the current materials fresh, and the technology up-to-date.
580	7/19/2012	Budget restrictions or more specifically increased taxes to support the libraries
581	7/19/2012	not having stable funding and opposition to libraries by people who never use them
582	7/19/2012	Electronic readers.[] Library needs to emphasize actual books; through storytime, book reading/author visits, book clubs, etc.
583	7/19/2012	Politics. We need a progressive taxing system to properly fund all social services.
584	7/19/2012	people not using them to make it worth having them open
585	7/19/2012	Um, budget cuts.
586	7/19/2012	Reduced hours/days of operation
587	7/19/2012	The future.
588	7/19/2012	Apathy
589	7/19/2012	Funding. As people struggle in their personal lives I am fearful that Support for the library will suffer. Not because they want it to but because they can't afford to.
590	7/19/2012	People who do not use them do not want to fund them
591	7/19/2012	Inadequate funding
592	7/19/2012	Overspending on videos and music. I appreciate the up to date resources, but it seems like the Library treats their business model like a Netflix and then wants to continually hit voters up for more money. There needs to be more balance in purchases. I can find just about any book, cd or dvd at the Library. This seems great, but not if every election there is a new ballot measure to increase my property taxes.
593	7/19/2012	dreaded ereaders & the decline of information appreciation
594	7/19/2012	(Q5 has some problem - the items did not allow me to select the numbers since the numbers showed in order already.)[] [] No comments on the threats.
595	7/19/2012	funding
596	7/19/2012	Republicans and other pin heads
597	7/19/2012	I would assume funding
598	7/19/2012	Not enough money

		Funding. [] []
599	7/19/2012	Also, the library system's late response to the popularity of ebooks -- providing ebooks is not enough; being able to "check out" an ebook should be as easy as getting a sample off Amazon or Barnes and Noble
600	7/19/2012	lack of funding
601	7/18/2012	Lack of a stable form of funding
602	7/18/2012	Budget cuts from voters and city council members who seem to put the library on the chopping block too often
603	7/18/2012	Those people that don't use the library may not realize the depth of the value, and therefore choose not to fund it. Libraries are a tool for education. This is always important.
604	7/18/2012	Funding cuts, unstable funding
605	7/18/2012	budget cuts and lack of funding
606	7/18/2012	Funding. The economy will only continue to get worse. Things will not get better for several years. Instead of asking for a district at \$1.22, please consider a lower rate such as ~\$1.08. Yes, this would mean that we would have to cut some library services, but it's much more likely to pass than \$1.22. A 37% increase is a LOT to ask of voters considering that they will also be voting for other increases such as schools, police, fire, etc. Ask for a lower rate, get a district, reduce some services (but be open 7 days a week; do an excellent job of informing the public as to why this is), and then a few years from now you can go back out to voters and ask to increase the district amount, if necessary. You will have to ask for an increase anyway if the current levy runs to expiration in 2014.
607	7/18/2012	cutting funding
608	7/18/2012	Lack of funding
609	7/18/2012	lack of funding
610	7/18/2012	Waning usage makes it harder to justify funding for the libraries which diminishes their usefulness for the remaining library patrons.
611	7/18/2012	Lack of funding! Closed doors.
612	7/18/2012	theft and the government
613	7/18/2012	Tax payers that don't see the value.
614	7/18/2012	using multi media to take their place so books become extinct
615	7/18/2012	Funding?
616	7/18/2012	The \$1 million decline in Portland Children's Levy!!
617	7/18/2012	Lack of public funding.
618	7/18/2012	Underfunding causing a lack of resources.
619	7/18/2012	Property tax bound funding.
620	7/18/2012	Funding
621	7/18/2012	Not enough funding!

622	7/18/2012	Loss of E books, open hours, and new materials (Books, DVDs,)
623	7/18/2012	Lack of funding and attempts to defund them.
624	7/18/2012	They seem to serve social needs; not books and research needs.
625	7/18/2012	Lack of funding
626	7/18/2012	Loss of funding. Closures.
627	7/18/2012	<p>The people with the most to lose IN TERMS OF TAXES ONLY are not library users; they just "go to Amazon". They know little if anything about the services the library provides such as programs for young children, the job seekers, small business owners, ELL programs and the senior programs and support for those who are home-bound. □</p> <p>Perhaps a full description of the above programs would help the people with "deep pockets" realize that supporting the library is also supporting a significant number of at risk or near risk people in the community. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>It's just a thought, but keeping at risk people from falling through the cracks via the library is much cheaper than fighting the results of homelessness, mental illness, and neglect when those problems finally result of some sort of more costly "intervention" by taxpayer funded agencies.</p>
628	7/18/2012	Not being open to serve the public because of big overhead, maintenance and staffing costs. It takes financial support to stay open.
629	7/18/2012	Lack of funding
630	7/18/2012	Lack of funding causing shortened hours. As it becomes more difficult to get to the library when it is open, people will get out of the habit of using it as a resource, creating a downward spiral.
631	7/18/2012	Do to lack of enough funding more branches will close and the void that is left may not be filled by other resources making it very difficult to fill the needs that the library fills for many patrons. People go to the library because they enjoy it and because it is a valuable resource for many things. I don't want to ever see this privilege eliminated from my life or community.
632	7/18/2012	I don't know. I guess funding by what is stated at the beginning of this survey. Not sure.
633	7/18/2012	loss of funding
634	7/18/2012	<p>1.Theft. □</p> <p>2.Indifferent attitude, people not aware they have to pay to have the fine services that the libraries provide.</p>
635	7/18/2012	Funding.
636	7/18/2012	rising expenses and economic pressures.
637	7/18/2012	The biggest threat is underfunding being done by the government.
638	7/18/2012	programs and hours reduction
639	7/18/2012	the internet.
640	7/18/2012	falling behind our kids technologically

641	7/18/2012	destroying their present character by making them into entertainment centers & not information & service centers
642	7/18/2012	THE APATHY OF VOTERS
643	7/18/2012	Short sightedness
644	7/18/2012	Funding I believe. People should be aware of all the different options you have at the library. I love the easy check out counters and being able to put books on hold and also renewing online is amazing. Thanks
645	7/18/2012	lack of adequate funding
646	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
647	7/18/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is that the public has grown to expect all the of the programs above. You are correct to rank them because the least popular or needed programs should be cut or reduced to stay within the budget. The public will adjust to libraries opened less hours and with less services.
648	7/18/2012	Funding, theft rate was high in our branch, not sure if this has been resolved
649	7/18/2012	The internet.
650	7/18/2012	I don't think there is any threat.
651	7/18/2012	Funding. It's shocking that they can't be open 7 days a week with full hours. When decreasing library availability it pushes our kids into different avenues for entertainment and education.
652	7/18/2012	lack of funding
653	7/18/2012	Not having access for those who need it most: poor, kids with no computers and a safe place to study and do homework.
654	7/18/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is online media.
655	7/18/2012	Multnomah County - just like all government entities, the salaries and benefits are more important than the service.
656	7/18/2012	Continued collapse of our economic system at all levels, here and abroad coupled with an undermining of the concept of contributing to the "commons" to the idea of the very idea of the public supporting cultural, art and social institutions, leaving such support, instead, to the private sector who increasingly provide advertising revenue, a "sell-off" of our public "brands." Then their is the largess of the "top 400 people, not percent, people, 400 own more wealth now than the bottom 185 million Americans taken together" (Gar Alperovtiz) so it follows that over time our Library system will need a makeover to emerge as not the Central library but the Schnitzer Information Center and the neighborhood branches to reflect the biggest employer and landlord (e.g. PSU EcoDistrict) or group of businesses such as Lloyd Center Library.
657	7/18/2012	Unreliability when not open 7 days a week.
658	7/18/2012	Lost or stolen materials.
659	7/18/2012	Diminishing revenues at a time when people need the service the most.
660	7/18/2012	New tech ways of reading and looking up information

661	7/18/2012	Lack of funding
662	7/18/2012	Nothing.
663	7/18/2012	Apple; the iPhone, iPad, computers...
664	7/18/2012	Budget cut that affected our local libraries. They are important educational and informational centers for our communities.
665	7/18/2012	The demise of the printed book mostly
666	7/18/2012	none
667	7/18/2012	Lack of funding
668	7/18/2012	Reduced funding. Besides hours open it is critical to have enough staff. Good, qualified librarians provide so much in terms of access and information. They are amazing resources and often know so much more than most people realize.
669	7/18/2012	People don't like to pay taxes.
670	7/18/2012	Budget deficits.
671	7/18/2012	Operating Costs
672	7/18/2012	Not enough funding and the move to digital media.
673	7/18/2012	I think the Biggest Threat to Any Institution is a Denial of the Evolving Needs or Trends of Society. The World is Going Digital, And the library is Embracing that Evolution. But to Evolve Completely the Budget and local library Accessibility Need to Reflect that Evolution. If that means the Budget Now in Place for limited Hour Availability Should be Embraced and Not Fought. I would Not Support any Further Tax measures to Extend local library Hours Beyond Current levels.
674	7/18/2012	lack of funding, cutting hours
675	7/18/2012	Lack of consistant and reliable funding.
676	7/18/2012	not enough money?
677	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
678	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
679	7/18/2012	probably lack of money coupled with more people using the library...
680	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
681	7/18/2012	Those who don't use the library don't know the riches, both print and electronic, that are available; Nor are they aware of the help that one can get to access these resources. And they therefore don't see the necessity for continued funding of the library and its resources.[] [] I often see booths for non-profits at Farmer's Markets during the summer. Does Multnomah County Library ever send teams of library staff out to such venues?
682	7/18/2012	Homeless people at Central library Lack of funding.[]
683	7/18/2012	With a more restricting schedule you could see overall less use due to inconvenience of new limited schedule. There could also be more crowding/foot traffic within the during the new schedule.

684	7/18/2012	Lack of funding curtailing hours and availability of services
685	7/18/2012	The web redesign scares me. I sure wish it was in the hands of someone else.
686	7/18/2012	People's unwillingness to pay taxes.
687	7/18/2012	Funding.
688	7/18/2012	Funding
689	7/18/2012	Funding - of course, and sadly!
690	7/18/2012	The top three priorities I ranked here are my personal priorities, but I believe all of the six services listed in question 5 are important to the community, whether or not I need them or they apply to me.
691	7/18/2012	Funding cuts
692	7/18/2012	1. Property owners who do not see that libraries help everyone. They are the great equalizers. 2. Knowledge should be free, and some people don't understand that libraries ensure that everyone has access. 3. Indifference.
693	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
694	7/18/2012	Lack of Funding
695	7/18/2012	Not enough money
696	7/18/2012	people not understanding the importance of libraries
697	7/18/2012	Cost of running the library
698	7/18/2012	Priorities - which are hard to put in order. Everyone has their favorites. I think that the gentle, nurturing presence and services of the the library are so important. As a community, we pay such pompous lip service to children and education but in the end those things are disregarded in favor of bike lanes? parking meter scams?
699	7/18/2012	Cost of doing business.
700	7/18/2012	Not being open enough robe reliable
701	7/18/2012	??
702	7/18/2012	Funding to operate and keep current
703	7/18/2012	budget cuts and too much technology
704	7/18/2012	Lack of money.
705	7/18/2012	not open enough hours.
706	7/18/2012	funding
707	7/18/2012	Unions and PERS system for retirement
708	7/18/2012	Lack of sufficient funds.
709	7/18/2012	The biggest threat to libraries is lack of understanding on the part of the public that to run a quality system it takes stable funding that can be counted on to develop budgets, plan program and adequately staff with highly qualified librarians.
710	7/18/2012	lack of funding
711	7/18/2012	lack of funding
712	7/18/2012	Funding and an increasing burden to fill in the gaps of the social safety net.

713	7/18/2012	Lack of stable and sufficient funding.
714	7/18/2012	funding and the economy
715	7/18/2012	The biggest threat to library is the current mis- management of funds and mis- representation perpetuated by upper management and the county as a whole. You have disrespected the very patrons that have supported your institution; and until you change you mindset you will continue to fail.
716	7/18/2012	The people who may not need to use its resources and do not know the importance of a library for those that do need it. They feel that it's a waste of taxpayer dollars and therefore will not vote for measures that support it.
717	7/18/2012	Sounds like lack of funding.
718	7/18/2012	The biggest threat is obviously funding. With the current economy, the library is dealing with less funding, as well as a high volume of people. With everyone trying to cut costs (and book chains such as Borders closing down) the library provides a free and safe haven for individuals and families. I think with an adequate amount of funding and donations (in media or money form) the library could continue operating well, but I don't know when or if that will ever happen. [] [] One thing I would suggest is a deisgnated area where patrons could make small donations. These might already exist, but if they do I never see them. While I am not rich, I definetly make enough to be able to donate a bit to the library here and there, and would gladly do it.
719	7/18/2012	Lack of consistent funding and the understanding of citizens in how the library is funded.
720	7/18/2012	Having to reduce in any way
721	7/18/2012	Lack of money available to keep them open.
722	7/18/2012	Lack of funding and lack of community using the library. I absolutely love that we have libraries and utilize them when I need them. I do not use the more than once a month but when I do use them, I need them. Please do not cut back on hours and funds to our libraries. They are such a valuable resource to me and I could not manage with out them. I check out videos, books, utilize classes, and also internet from time to time. Our libraries offer incredible resources at a cost that makes them usable to everyone in our community. I feel this is so important.[] Thank you.
723	7/18/2012	Apparently, lack of funding.
724	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
725	7/18/2012	Lack of funding.
726	7/18/2012	When we consider that libraries are the intellectual brick yards of our civilization, fundamental to our survival and growth in providing knowledge of ourselves and the world around us, the biggest threat would be the lack of a stable source of funding.
727	7/18/2012	illiteracy
728	7/18/2012	I think that libraries should be open every day and long enough so people can go after work.

729	7/18/2012	The printing industry. My previous employment (as they went out of business) was working in accounting at a printing company for 20 years. I could see all of the corporate annual reports we printed every year and as the computer and internet got bigger and bigger the less and less we printed. Corporations would just put them up on their website and not print them anymore and save themselves money. So in the future as less and less printing is done and books are all e-books, the library will be used less and less as technology grows.
730	7/18/2012	The growing rate of families who don't read with their children, thus raising kids who lack an innate love of literature.
731	7/18/2012	Can't say
732	7/18/2012	funding.
733	7/18/2012	losing funding
734	7/17/2012	Homeless people making the library unappealing to visit (mostly downtown)
735	7/17/2012	Lack of funding
736	7/17/2012	Funding? It seems to me that the libraries are very well funded and do a good job allocating funds to serve constituents. Modernization (computers/electronic books/etc) might be a challenge.
737	7/17/2012	money of course
738	7/17/2012	Community at large does not know how well-used, busy and important our branch library system is to the children, adults and businesses in branch areas. Some folks are only thinking of their personal usage and not the well being, education and access to all that public libraries provide.
739	7/17/2012	nothing
740	7/17/2012	Funding
741	7/17/2012	unknown, as I am not involved with the library system.[] Media suggests underfunding.
742	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.
743	7/17/2012	Funding/going under "private" management. That would be a travesty.
744	7/17/2012	not enough money to fund all of the programs that we LOVE
745	7/17/2012	Taxpayers who are too cheap and myopic to see the value of public libraries.
746	7/17/2012	Our broken system of tax collection -- the disparity between the federal government's ability to raise revenue at the expense of the states. To a lesser extent, Oregon's reliance on income tax and the lack of a sales tax is a problem.
747	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.
748	7/17/2012	Sounds like funding if what I read in the paper is correct.
749	7/17/2012	Sustainable funding, therefore I would vote for a library district
750	7/17/2012	Shorter hours and folks losing their jobs.

751	7/17/2012	The wrong distribution of money by politicians and people in charge will make it harder and harder for libraries to operate to their full potential. As far as public facilities and access to such, libraries offer so much that to lose those resources would be terrible to our communities. When individuals stop thinking of themselves and their bank accounts and truly lead for the good of others, then money for libraries will not be thought of as expenses that can be cut off.
752	7/17/2012	over used/and way to many over paid employees,Cutiing back the hours after being told by the lib. employees standing out front of the branch (Which I believe should be looked into) All we were told was! with the pasing of the Bond that it would keep all services at current leval. Then 2 weeks after having it passed they cut hours.Maybe 5 hours on the weekends during the summer is ook.But they should keep the opening hours the same.I voted for the bond and feel I was duked by the lib. employees and their hard sell. That isnt a right thing for them to do.As I am writng this on Tuesday afternoon I can see lots of people working here I think all branches should cut 5% of the work force be open all week days at10 and maybe a 12-5 on Sunday and a 10am-5 on Saturdays.
753	7/17/2012	Deviating from core mission. Movies, cds, comics are not necessary. Extended hours, seven days a week not necessary. There are budget tradeoffs with schools, etc that need to be made. I love the library, and wish we could have a cadillac but reality is other services like schools are underfunded
754	7/17/2012	Lack of funding
755	7/17/2012	A NEEDED resource for al COMMUNITIES! We must keep libraries OPEN...to supprt educational and communit opportunities for ALL. Thanks!
756	7/17/2012	Inability to maintain structures and collections. The current reduced hours; library not open after 5 pm makes it challenging for working adults or families with children in childcare until after work to access the library.
757	7/17/2012	Funding, digital books, & shelf space.
758	7/17/2012	lack of funding
759	7/17/2012	Closure
760	7/17/2012	Don't know.
761	7/17/2012	hours and days being cut back
762	7/17/2012	Money
763	7/17/2012	Not being open when needed
764	7/17/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
765	7/17/2012	Pornography being accessed through the internet terminals.
766	7/17/2012	Cutting funding!
767	7/17/2012	amazon and multimedia accessible from home
768	7/17/2012	It sounds like budgeting.
769	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.

770	7/17/2012	Budget Challenges, reduced funding resulting from difficult economy and lack stimulus to restrain spending in much of government
771	7/17/2012	Short-sighted thinking
772	7/17/2012	Funding, it would seem. It is used resource. As a community we need to fund it. I do not know how the funding is spent, but I doubt it is wasted.
773	7/17/2012	The internet.
774	7/17/2012	Budget holders not understanding that libraries are the gateway to education and imagination. Libraries change lives. The 6 year old son of a friend browsed a book shelf, found a book on knights, developed a passion for fencing and became a junior champion in the sport. Browsing is vital for children.
775	7/17/2012	cut back on hours and staff
776	7/17/2012	Lack of sufficient funds. Fortunately, most people appreciate how important libraries are.
777	7/17/2012	Lack of funding
778	7/17/2012	No more than for all public services: prioritize services, control costs, funding
779	7/17/2012	Internet
780	7/17/2012	Funding. Apathy of community members who don't use the services or don't value them.
781	7/17/2012	lack of funding
782	7/17/2012	Teabaggers, if I may be bluntly political. Lack of sufficient finding.
783	7/17/2012	The biggest threat is going backward on many advances that have been made, such as services and programs for non-English speakers, children and senior citizens.
784	7/17/2012	Funding cuts!
785	7/17/2012	I am not sure, but I would guess funding.
786	7/17/2012	Public perception that libraries are outdated or useless because of the Internet, or that they are not necessary to be funded because that individual person never uses them.
787	7/17/2012	Lack of funding and lack of current resources. Education is at the core of all issues. The more the library can support access to information, the better.
788	7/17/2012	Lack of funding, I guess. Fire?
789	7/17/2012	Misunderstanding about the need for the new funding streams for the library... especially after just passing a recent levy. I think the communications efforts for the fall need to be very clear. I think it will be very easy for people to misunderstand the "ask" in the fall.
790	7/17/2012	poor budget management by the state government -- first schools, and now libraries are threatened? Ridiculous! Let's keep everyone illiterate and unemployed! Great plan.
791	7/17/2012	Not enough funding to keep all the branches open with the current wonderful level of services.
792	7/17/2012	Our current system of taxation, which results in fluctuations of income affecting services and programs reliant on them, with no reliable rainy day funds set aside to weather market slumps. We need a more stable source of funding and to maintain a rainy day fund to ensure this disaster doesn't worsen or repeat itself.

793	7/17/2012	lack of funding
794	7/17/2012	1) Development districts & other tax giveaways & 2) politicians overreaching to try to pass too big a levy increase. The increase should be no more than 20-25% in a 2 year period to be palatable to voters. There is no place to say this later on, but a jump from .89 to 1.19 is too big. I do NOT agree with the choices you provided, and only voted for the current level because there was no intermediate choice. To preserve people's ability to afford to live in Portland, property taxes need to increase slowly, and the total increase of taxes, water/sewer bills, etc needs to be considered together, especially as we are still in tight economic times. The way for the library to get more money is for the City of Portland to stop taking properties off the tax rolls needed to fund basic services - the City should be able to forgoe their own portion of tax revenue and spend it on development if they want, but should keep collecting taxes for County and library programs.
795	7/17/2012	Payroll and pension costs....prior commitments eating up resources before the money ever gets to the front door.
796	7/17/2012	Short-sighted politicians and inefficient bureaucrats. That, and a public backlash to voting more money to the libraries, only to have hours and services cut months later.
797	7/17/2012	People that don't understand the advantages and only see it as a tax burden. I encourage my friends to use the library instead of buying books. Great resource but don't feel that it needs to be open every day.
798	7/17/2012	Lack of funding and getting ignored by the community.
799	7/17/2012	funding
800	7/17/2012	Lack of understanding of the convenience and financial advantage of the shared resource.
801	7/17/2012	Tax cuts
802	7/17/2012	funding?
803	7/17/2012	Funding.
804	7/17/2012	Seems like funding. Having to pass levies on a regular basis seems like an unnecessary use of time, energy and money. Plus, voters are becoming so anti anything that might cost them a penny and from which they perceive they don't personally benefit, that I think it is crucial for the library to have stable, free-from-the-electorate funding.
805	7/17/2012	More reduced hours. Lack of funding.
806	7/17/2012	Im not sure
807	7/17/2012	Ignorance of the masses
808	7/17/2012	Competition for tax dollars.
809	7/17/2012	People not realizing how great of a public resource it is and not using it enough.
810	7/17/2012	Readers' (Kindles/iPads etc)
811	7/17/2012	funding cuts
812	7/17/2012	Not enough funding.
813	7/17/2012	that new books or content will not be available.

814	7/17/2012	local government, mis-management of revenues
815	7/17/2012	Economic squeeze' politics which aims to further deprive the neediest members of our population to the benefit of 'have's'.
816	7/17/2012	Lack of access, technology and quality materials.
817	7/17/2012	Trying to be too many things to too many people.
818	7/17/2012	Poor budgetary management coming from the state.
819	7/17/2012	That people do not realize how important they are until they are gone.
820	7/17/2012	Budget cuts are the biggest threat in my eyes. I find the politicization of library funding to be particularly annoying, as libraries play such an essential role in our community, and in my family's life personally.
821	7/17/2012	lack of funding; apathy by the community
822	7/17/2012	Lack of funding from budget cuts.
823	7/17/2012	Not sure. Cost? Lack of information around the funding issue? Education? Folks don't want to pay for a service they think should be free, or don't want to pay at all if they don't use it. Folks don't see how libraries make their communities stronger, whether or not they access them.
824	7/17/2012	That people think they're not important, and that an easy way to reduce their taxes would be to cut library funding.
825	7/17/2012	Trying to do too much. Not focusing on very specific goals.
826	7/17/2012	Lack of funding. People do not know the amount of resources we have available!
827	7/17/2012	Lack of funds to keep them open and to allow them to offer much needed programs to people who need the services there. Also, the growing use of electronic readers which download books are a false replacement but cannot AT ALL replace the services offered to children to instill a love of reading, or to those needing the classes and programs offered.
828	7/17/2012	e-books (which is a good thing in most cases)
829	7/17/2012	well it seems i need to investigate costs for running the library
830	7/17/2012	Not sure.
831	7/17/2012	Gradual cuts that will eventually cripple our library system. I'm afraid that the underfunded levy is the first step. I hope that the county decides to move forward with and actively support a library district which will demonstrate that our libraries are a core service and we won't stand for 20% cuts to this department.
832	7/17/2012	In this day and age children are so exposed to computers, televisions etc. We've got to introduce the library, books and reading early in life to encourage future book readers and library users or I feel as though they will be nonexistent.
833	7/17/2012	Money, of course!
834	7/17/2012	Lack of funding!
835	7/17/2012	Lack of funding due to taxing the lower classes of wage earners beyond their capacity.

836	7/17/2012	No question: the biggest threat to our local libraries is the idea that they would somehow not be funded. I can't even believe we are HAVING this discussion. The fact that somehow we need to have it is just beyond the pale. Libraries have always been a center of learning, discussion and community growth. I cannot even conceive of my community without its libraries. There are some things that are intrinsically worth paying for out of the pot of taxpayer dollars - libraries need to stay on that list.
837	7/17/2012	Budge cuts due to lack of use
838	7/17/2012	Illiteracy, I guess.
839	7/17/2012	Unstable funding.
840	7/17/2012	lack of funding
841	7/17/2012	Funding cuts. Our library system is used by everyone I have talked to and raved about. I get value from my tax dollar. Kids growing up using our libraries will make better community members as adults because their world is bigger than the neighborhood.
842	7/17/2012	That they will close.
843	7/17/2012	Anywhere delivery of information: cell phones, netbooks, iPads, laptops, and computers. The perception that books are the sole purpose of the library, especially by people who never go to the library. Most people don't read much. Negative feelings associated with "failures" at learning and a permanent school record to prove it.
844	7/17/2012	funding
845	7/17/2012	Lack of funding
846	7/17/2012	The unsustainable benefits received by public employees that continue to erode our ability to pay for anything else
847	7/17/2012	Poor regional economic health.
848	7/17/2012	Apathy, and lack of funding.
849	7/17/2012	I don't know enough about your situation to answer this based on any facts, but here's my guess. In an effort to constantly keep up with the latest technology, the libraries may find themselves choosing between "cool" new technology and basic library services, e.g. remaining open at least 6 days a week. For example, if I had to choose between having laptops available for use at the library and having my library open more hours, I would choose :more hours." Also, for example, if I had to choose between computer classes for seniors and book delivery for the homebound, I would choose book delivery.
850	7/17/2012	Nook and Kindle

		Zombies. []
851	7/17/2012	Kidding, I would guess the expansion of local financial disparities and a lack of understanding of community shared financial support for the system. Clarity and openness in financial needs, of the system, may assist in a motivation of those able to provide extended financial support. [] Also exposure and open "book" policy of city, county and state funding may provide increased personal financial participation.
852	7/17/2012	Oregon's over-taxed home owners. Let's get a sales tax going!
853	7/17/2012	Lack of funding making it less accessible to users.
854	7/17/2012	lack of funding
855	7/17/2012	people who can hide in their house with the net ;)
856	7/17/2012	Funding. citizens taking the service for granted[] []
857	7/17/2012	I do not think library has to be open 7 days a week or even 6, 5 days enough but its cannot be be monday to friday, so many workers need the weekend time. just because one must plan time to go does not mean service is inadequate.
858	7/17/2012	lack of funding; lack of awareness by city leaders of the critical role that libraries play in the community
859	7/17/2012	Right wing republican overlords denying food and insurance to the underclasses.
860	7/17/2012	Funding.
861	7/17/2012	people not turning their material in on time
862	7/17/2012	Community not viewing it as a resource.
863	7/17/2012	Funding, obviously.[] Lack of young people reading, interest in reading.
864	7/17/2012	The Kindle? I dunno. I don't think anyone should be barred from the libraries EVER, so I really don't have a solution for this, but it is a bit scary as a woman downtown having to wind your way through all the homeless that hang around outside. I think that has less to do with the library and more to do with needed other social services :)
865	7/17/2012	Internet... people don't read literature anymore. Funding.
866	7/17/2012	If they have to reduce hours, it will be harder for people with jobs to find time to stop in to pick up and return materials. I think that would reduce the amount that people would use the library.
867	7/17/2012	Lack of funding. materials being damaged, stolen, therefore increasing operating costs
868	7/17/2012	Reduced staffing and library hours. Library employees are a precious resource and need to be supported and maintained.
869	7/17/2012	Lack of funding, lack of new material
870	7/17/2012	couch potatoes who don't visit the library and thus don't support it.
871	7/17/2012	Funding.

872	7/17/2012	people who don't believe that libraries have anything more than books to offer. as in, "who needs libraries when we have google and e-books?" and libraries don't do a good-enough job of getting the word out that they have much, much more to offer than paper books.
873	7/17/2012	lack of funding because people might not see the importance of a library.
874	7/17/2012	Other than lack of funding? I'm not sure.
875	7/17/2012	Limited budgets to keep them open and the catalog stocked with relevant, current and useful materials.
876	7/17/2012	Funding cuts.
877	7/17/2012	It seems our libraries are stretched thin for services that can be and are provided by other places. i.e. programs for toddlers that could be provided by the community centers.
878	7/17/2012	Funding!!
879	7/17/2012	ebooks
880	7/17/2012	I use the library primarily to check out books and as study space, but I'm pretty sure I'm in the minority in really focusing on wanting a good fiction selection as to opposed to other media (research materials, music, movies, periodicals, etc.). I think the biggest threat to the library would be the widely divergent interests of the patrons and not being able to do enough with funding to make everyone happy.
881	7/17/2012	<p>The biggest threat to me when at either of my local libraries is the security. The Gresham library is bigger than Troutdale and requires a sheriff as the variety of people coming in to the Gresham library don't always get along. The manager of the Troutdale library has to work very diligently at keeping a sense of safety and security because there are groups of preteens and teenagers coming in that have trouble obeying the rules - in a crowded library (such as Troutdale because of its size) the rowdy teenagers can cause patrons like myself to become too uncomfortable with their presence and force me to leave before my planned time. With the Gresham library, the balance between providing library services and a sense of persona safety can be difficult when the library is crowded. However, the Gresham library's size makes having activities for all age groups more feasible.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The library has changed dramatically since its inception. Societal changes, including computer technology, have placed more demands on library staff than ever before. Besides challenges in funding for the libraries, the need for training staff workers to be of better service to its patrons is the biggest threat to our local libraries, in my opinion. One of the areas of concern to me are behaviors of people with mental problems that disturb others. In a crowded library, it is no wonder that a sheriff would be needed as these behaviors can be quite scary.</p>
882	7/17/2012	Obsolete materials and programs
883	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.
884	7/17/2012	Cutting hours of availability. The PRIMARY purpose of the library is availability of books for the public. All other services are secondary to that. Shutting down branches and cutting days open should always come as a last resort after cutting other "programs."
885	7/17/2012	Not enough funding

886	7/17/2012	Limited hours and non-current materials.
887	7/17/2012	Parking and cutting hours
888	7/17/2012	not enough money, also the internet makes online research for students easier
889	7/17/2012	People who don't value them and are unwillingly to pay extra for them.
890	7/17/2012	Middle management
891	7/17/2012	lack of funding, reduced hours when more people are depending on the libraries
892	7/17/2012	Funding!
893	7/17/2012	Only being open during the day and the week. Night and weekend hours work the most.
894	7/17/2012	Funding and lack of communication from the public about what the public wants, so this is a great step! :)
895	7/17/2012	Indifference of the local population.
896	7/17/2012	Lack of adequate funding
897	7/17/2012	Not enough funding?
898	7/17/2012	Budget cuts and Kindles
899	7/17/2012	on line resources and funding
900	7/17/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is an economy dominated by big corporations that see only increasing quarterly profits and high executive salaries as goals. The corporations with lobbyists are gobbling up all the wealth with impunity. It has made us all paranoid and defensive about paying taxes since the 99% are struggling every day financially to live up to standards of living we see on TV; and the 1% are too insulated from the 99% to comprehend the injustice of the stark wealth inequalities in this country.
901	7/17/2012	Funding
902	7/17/2012	budget cuts
903	7/17/2012	Lack of community involvement and decreasing funding.
904	7/17/2012	Lack of government funding
905	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.
906	7/17/2012	Reliance on ballot initiatives for funding.
907	7/17/2012	Closed too many days
908	7/17/2012	Lack of money.
909	7/17/2012	An illiterate public.
910	7/17/2012	lack of a permanent and stable source of funding
911	7/17/2012	reduction of hours, less staff, availability for children and seniors
912	7/17/2012	Funding
913	7/17/2012	Kindles and electronic books.
914	7/17/2012	Don't know...I am guessing lack of public support, but perhaps the survey topic is leading me to say this...
915	7/17/2012	Not sure, but I would venture to guess it would be accessibility of patrons to utilize the libraries.

916	7/17/2012	Funding, it limits hours, staff and resources.
917	7/17/2012	Lack of funding!
918	7/17/2012	Lack of funding and e-readers.
919	7/17/2012	Lack of funding
920	7/17/2012	lack of education
921	7/17/2012	Lack of funding.
922	7/17/2012	The Internet.
923	7/17/2012	Lack of sufficient funding for the above listed items
924	7/17/2012	Reduced budgets. Closing the library and reducing hours, I think its great to keep them open *later* instead of opening at 8am and focusing on letting people pop in find a great book and leave.[]
925	7/17/2012	[] So many people have computer access to find jobs, and can usually do these things any part of the day but those who are employed suffer with limited library access constantly.
926	7/16/2012	Anti-tax sentiment
927	7/16/2012	Clearly funding, because usage is very high at this time.
928	7/16/2012	It seems obvious that lack of adequate funding is the biggest threat.
929	7/16/2012	Lack of understanding of importance of libraries in promoting literacy, providing expertise in obtaining information. Feeling among some voters that libraries are extraneous because of the internet and ebooks.
930	7/16/2012	not enough funding, ans SERIOUSLY re-check the people volenteering,. I have found many people that stopped going to the one in tigar because of the volenteers
931	7/16/2012	e-readers and television. People don't see the need for actual paper books anymore. Though I now own a kindle, and have checked out kindle books from the library, I don't think they should replace actual books.
932	7/16/2012	Lack of funding. Libraries provide such a great resource for people of all walks of life, particularly people who have less money. By removing funding, they remove the access to resources that the common person needs.
933	7/16/2012	Insufficient funding and citizens not willing to ante up with taxes to cover essential services. Library access being an essential service, in my view.
934	7/16/2012	loss of funding
935	7/16/2012	most members of the Rebulican party, and corporate and wealthy-eletists.
936	7/16/2012	I'm not really sure.
937	7/16/2012	Closure. Budget cuts. Putting money towards projects that should be considered secondary when compared to the importance of our libraries.
938	7/16/2012	Ignorance. People are not aware of all the programs that are available through the library and how it helps the community.

939	7/16/2012	Lack of funding? GODZILLA ATTACK! I have no idea. I imagine the greatest direct threat is suffocation by lack of funding, since money is needed to maintain the collections, to hire dedicated and competent librarians, and to provide all the extra educational and information-related social support programs. Thus, the second greatest threat is indifference, because a population that is indifferent to the services which a vibrant library system provides is not going to participate in the function of that system and is not going to complain when that system is threatened by resource diversions.
940	7/16/2012	
941	7/16/2012	Limiting access.
942	7/16/2012	Lack of funding, ebooks, people don't read as much anymore
943	7/16/2012	lack of access
944	7/16/2012	I think it is lack of a continuous revenue source.
945	7/16/2012	Lack of stable funding
946	7/16/2012	Lack of funding. The demand is there based on what I see on my frequent visits to the library.
947	7/16/2012	lack of funds
948	7/16/2012	Funding
949	7/16/2012	I'm not certain there is any threat, other than a slow eroding of available information due to electronic sources. Getting more money. Too much focus on being 'leading edge' and not enough focus on the basics. You installed new technology to enable patrons to check books out themselves, which should have resulted in labor savings as well. Find more ways of running efficiently (look to real manufacturing or businesses for process efficiency leadership) instead of offering more programs and services, so you can stay OPEN without asking for more money. Run yourselves like a real business, please.
950	7/16/2012	Inadequate funding? [] Lack of public support for increase in funding?[] Lack of security measures to deter theft of library materials?[]
951	7/16/2012	[] I'm not sure what you mean by "threat" - it would have been helpful to have some "threats" listed so that I could chose one from your list.
952	7/16/2012	funding due to lack of information/education in the community about the importance of libraries, reading, and access to information.
953	7/16/2012	Cuts to the services and funding
954	7/16/2012	no idea
955	7/16/2012	not being able to circulate e-media as widely and effectively as traditional media
956	7/16/2012	I don't know if it's the biggest, but e-Readers certainly aren't helping.
957	7/16/2012	Non-readers who don't want to help fund them.
958	7/16/2012	Securing enough money to keep these highly-trafficked cultural assets running smoothly and actually delivering on the opportunities that libraries create in Portland communities.

959	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
960	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
961	7/16/2012	Limited earned income strategies to drive long-term sustainability.
962	7/16/2012	Community support
963	7/16/2012	loss of funding
964	7/16/2012	Internet.
965	7/16/2012	I can't tell you how many people don't know about the wonderful computer access the library offers. I use it all the time. I'd like to emphasize getting kids to the library because I think it starts a good habit. I don't even have children. All the priorities above are important!
966	7/16/2012	I honestly don't know. I suppose, of course, funding is the most important and probably the biggest threat.
967	7/16/2012	funding in tough economy.
968	7/16/2012	Loss of funding! Lack of current books.
969	7/16/2012	Lack of funding! And ignorance among some members of the community about what the library actually 'does'
970	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
971	7/16/2012	I get concerned with it is suggested that the patrons pay a fee for the books they check out.
972	7/16/2012	Lack of support in valuing it for the tremendous resource it is. Do not want to see a 'dumbing down' effect created by reducing and/or eliminating this precious and critical establishment for all. It is a constant boost for our society.
973	7/16/2012	Funding and gradual curtailment of hours and services is an obvious answer, but I think that publisher constraints on e-book loans are a huge challenge for all libraries in the long run.
974	7/16/2012	Funding and competition for resources with other county departments
975	7/16/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
976	7/16/2012	The service and the help
977	7/16/2012	Funding cuts due to the poor economy, due to persistently widening income gap etc.
978	7/16/2012	Libraries are often lower on the money priority list than emergency services, roads, and schools. These days money has to go further, and there's less of it.
979	7/16/2012	Cutting more services
980	7/16/2012	funding inadequate
981	7/16/2012	People forgetting what a great resource they are.
982	7/16/2012	Staying relevant with selection in eBooks, as well as appropriate number of licenses.
983	7/16/2012	The internet of course.
984	7/16/2012	Complacency
985	7/16/2012	staying relevant to younger generation
986	7/16/2012	Ignorance, immaturity, short-sightedness, and a lack of civic responsibility.
987	7/16/2012	Not having the funding to keep the doors open to all.

988	7/16/2012	Spending more on admistration costs, than on books. Also, trying to be everything to everyone.[] That is, Second language users, movies, baby reading are beyond the scope of what a library should be.
989	7/16/2012	Not being able to provide a place for knowledge
990	7/16/2012	I just think that people have less constructive time when the library is closed--the threat is to the community, not the library.
991	7/16/2012	Apparently, it's the shortage of funds.
992	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
993	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
994	7/16/2012	reduced funding that will cut services. libraries allow access to materials that most people would not be able to purchase. without them, the at risk population will really suffer.
995	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
996	7/16/2012	No state and federal funding available for basic programs that benefit all members of the community.
997	7/16/2012	Not sure.
998	7/16/2012	Lack of adequate, stable long-term funding and a poorly educated citizenry. These are actually one and the same problem. Because we have inadequately educated our citizens they have lost the understanding of the position a library holds within its community. Those issues which made the library relevant to the citizens of ancient Alexandria were the same issues which made libraries relevant to our foundling nation when Benjamin Franklin lobbied in favor of municipal libraries, and they are the same issues which make our library pertinent now. If we teach our citizens that "no new taxes" is not a valid political platform, is in fact an untenable one, then we might be able to convince these same people that supporting the public library system is a winning investment. Library funding is a "1 + 1" equation where the sum returned is always greater than 3.
999	7/16/2012	Please do not close local branches! Our libraries are such an incredible asset for each of the neighborhoods where they currently exist, for parents with young children, for teens, for the elderly, for job seekers, for those with limited incomes that need access to the internet and to books and media. I am so proud of the Multnomah County library system and think it is one of the most important benefits of living in Portland. Please do all that you can to protect what we currently have. I always support funding measures and am willing to contact local government officials in support of our libraries.
1000	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1001	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1002	7/16/2012	budget
1003	7/16/2012	In general, lack of use is the biggest threat. Luckily, that doesn't seem to be an issue in Multnomah county.
1004	7/16/2012	The agenda of politicians.

1005	7/16/2012	budget cuts which lead to programs being cut.
1006	7/16/2012	Taking them for granted. They are such a great resource for the entire community.
1007	7/16/2012	that we dont get the funding we need to keep them open, then we will be out of luck what will we do then?
1008	7/16/2012	Lack of operating funds.
1009	7/16/2012	Remaining relevant in the face of technology.
1010	7/16/2012	poor schools - no longer teaching people basic reading and writing skills
1011	7/16/2012	Not enough money to do everything it should: for materials, open hours, services to all.
1012	7/16/2012	?
1013	7/16/2012	Probably lack of funding.
1014	7/16/2012	Not putting the district on the ballot, ie not enough money.
1015	7/16/2012	lack of funding
1016	7/16/2012	Reduced support, resulting in fewer hours and/or falling behind in what current technology offers.
1017	7/16/2012	Lack of public support ie \$\$\$. Please note that question 5 in survey would not all me to rank importance on my blckberry.
1018	7/16/2012	The North Portland branch, I believe, is threatened by violent crime and drug-related crime that occurs at the nearby intersections (N. Haight and Killingsworth and environs). People don't want to risk their lives or safety to go to the library. I can't stress enough the importance of (a) the reading programs for young kids and teens to help them do well in school and see that life has options and (b) police and other security presence to ensure the safety of law-abiding library-goers. It might help to clean up the convenience store located nearby, which seems to be a magnet for unseemly activity.
1019	7/16/2012	Budget cuts
1020	7/16/2012	Middle class and wealthy non-library users who don't understand that not everyone can afford to have internet at home and buy all the media they want. The local library closes the digital divide between the haves and have-nots- that keeps them from being further polarized. I worry that the people calling the shots don't understand this.
1021	7/16/2012	Lack of public funding
1022	7/16/2012	The community becoming disengaged and deciding not to fully utilize the services
1023	7/16/2012	Not being able to sustain the great levels of service to the community
1024	7/16/2012	Projecting ways to keep up with changing technologies.[] [] I think voters generally approve tax levies for libraries. It is important to get the number right when a levy goes to voters for approval. Credibility is lost when voters approve a levy and then lose services anyway.
1025	7/16/2012	Crime from dangerous people hiding out inside.
1026	7/16/2012	Maintaining funding levels

1027	7/16/2012	Implementing services that are not cost effective, stick to core services and don't go chasing technology or services with marginal return. Unfortunately Libraries suffer during economic cycles. The economy is down and will probably stay down much longer than we ever imagined, or is actually the "new normal".
1028	7/16/2012	Their dependence on government funding and taxpayer money
1029	7/16/2012	lack of money and those who would censor
1030	7/16/2012	I'm not sure. I do wonder/worry that folks use the library for computer access solely, and not for books. Maybe that's ok - maybe that's the future. But I'm not sure I want my tax dollar to pay for internet access, yet maybe that's just another form of reading? I'm ok funding books - maybe I'm just 'old school'.
1031	7/16/2012	I think they should have dedicated funding and I would be okay with a tax to keep them open more. I used librarys when I was very young and they were always a place I loved to go.
1032	7/16/2012	That we loose them altogether or even that the hours get greatly reduced.
1033	7/16/2012	Poor budget management, which includes not planning for changes in the economy.
1034	7/16/2012	I think the library is trying to do too many things, then chooses to cut patron hours instead of opting to discontinue non-core programs.
1035	7/16/2012	on line and internet resources taking away the materials. Also, people not wanting to support it due to taxes. I think it's very important to keep up. I like the feel of the books and don't like reading on line. Also, my child checks and books and videos and want to keep that interest going.
1036	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1037	7/16/2012	not enough money to stay open, provide services
1038	7/16/2012	theft, and people not returning books. What would help would be to have a volunteer system set up that you as a home owner would receive "tax" credit for volunteering at the library...
1039	7/16/2012	The increase in the lowlife population of Portland!
1040	7/16/2012	Not enough money for them, that biggest threat is funding. It's a national problem of course, but locally it's a problem wher funding is tied so exclusively to property tax revenue exclusively.
1041	7/16/2012	Ignorance[] under appreciated value of education[] poverty, issues of transportation for people to get to library, feel like they can go in becuaese of a lack of hygiene
1042	7/16/2012	Lack of funding. There seems to be a general misunderstanding that the library is not being used as much as it used to be but this is not true. The way that people seek information has changed and so the way in which they interact with the library have changed. Public libraries are needed more than ever in this economic environment.
1043	7/16/2012	I would assume budget and funding restrictions in this stumbling economy
1044	7/16/2012	Seems that funding for staff is the biggest threat. Certainly I would appreciate expanded hours- earlier in the day, open Mondays, etc.

1045	7/16/2012	Budget cuts
1046	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1047	7/16/2012	Funding.
1048	7/16/2012	funding
1049	7/16/2012	trying to be a community center in addition to being a library. You can't be all things to all people. Rich people who resist paying higher taxes. As a society, we need to agree on what we want and then commit to funding that, regardless of the economy. In hard times, such as these, the rich, not the poor, should pay the extra burden of maintaining the infrastructure that we are proud of.
1050	7/16/2012	
1051	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1052	7/16/2012	Mitt Romney and his ilk who care about nothing but money and themselves
1053	7/16/2012	Lack of clear discussion about why a District is needed both before the last election for the Levy, and now that this has passed. □ This library system is too important to leave to chance in hopes that the citizens will realize what is not being said.
1054	7/16/2012	Internet and extinction
1055	7/16/2012	funding cuts
1056	7/16/2012	funding, lack of use
1057	7/16/2012	Availability to the most citizens
1058	7/16/2012	The effect that the recession has had funding for all governmental and non-governmental services.
1059	7/16/2012	Funding is always a problem -- over the past five years we have been associated with libraries in Harwich, MA, Lee County FL and now Gresham, OR. In every case the issues are the same...enthusiastic patrons, funding problems, and questions of reducing hours. MA and FL libraries were always closed one weekday and Sundays.
1060	7/16/2012	Our poor education system. Oregon's income tax reliant flimsy tax structure. Also, self-serving taxpayers throughout Oregon, who enshrined low taxes into the Oregon Constitution (with Measure 5) at the expense of everybody, but especially those who rely on the social safety net and the commons.
1061	7/16/2012	
1062	7/16/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
1063	7/16/2012	The accessibility of ebooks from places like Amazon and Barnes and Noble.
1064	7/16/2012	Too many administrators.
1065	7/16/2012	Foolish people who don't see the value of the Library simply because they don't use it.
1066	7/16/2012	People don't want to pay for services....just like schools....our funding system in this state is a mess....costs for operations go up but financial support goes down!
1067	7/16/2012	?
1068	7/16/2012	Lack of stable funding source.
1069	7/16/2012	Rush Limbaugh fans.
1070	7/16/2012	Lack of consistent funding.

1071	7/16/2012	Stupid government who don't know how to budget.
1072	7/16/2012	Complacency.
1073	7/16/2012	A consistent form of funding. This needs to be settled
1074	7/16/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is that they will receive less and less funding and disappear altogether. Even the wealthy seem uninterested in the preservation of society's most important assets and achievements: our stories, poems and records. If only the library had fought harder to awaken people to the importance of libraries, maybe they would have received the funding they needed to stay open with more desirable hours.
1075	7/16/2012	Lack of use due to games and media entertainment.
1076	7/16/2012	Underfunding
1077	7/16/2012	Apathy
1078	7/16/2012	Lack of funding!
1079	7/16/2012	I would have to look into it more to actually know what I'm talking about, but it seems to me that libraries have been gradually becoming more of a place of entertainment than learning. It seems a large number of people use the library only to play computer games, rent DVDs or do other things that are purely for entertainment. I love the fact that I can freely rent past seasons of my favorite TV shows or movies that I don't have the money to watch in theaters, buy or pay to rent, but I don't really think tax dollars should be going to pay for unnecessary and noneducational entertainment. As much as I like using the library for entertainment as well as learning, I think money would be better spent keeping seven-day-a-week access to books and other educational materials than it is being spent on DVDs and such.
1080	7/16/2012	I don't really know...funding? But I think its important that they stay open money
1081	7/16/2012	␣ # 5 not able to change the numbers therefore mynumbers are 2 1 3 4 5 6
1082	7/16/2012	People are working very long hours and may not have time to get involved in using the library if they have not been library users before.
1083	7/16/2012	Having only on-line or e-books. Please don't do away with actual books made from paper.
1084	7/16/2012	People who are too cheap and stupid to realize that education is the way we advance our society. The decline of the public good is the reason why our most valuable institutions like libraries are getting the short shrift, the middle class is disappearing and we have the homeless and the Occupy revolt.
1085	7/16/2012	Not being able to prioritize spending with in. The little things that you think only cost 5 or .10 dollars add up. Scrutinize your small spending. I bet you will find a lot of cost savings.
1086	7/16/2012	I think the biggest threats are the budget cuts and all that comes with it.
1087	7/16/2012	PERS
1088	7/16/2012	The library system becoming too costly and unaffordable.

1089	7/16/2012	Short-sighted idiots looking to decrease the funding for the library system.
1090	7/16/2012	The biggest threat is inadequate funding which leads to closures, hours restrictions and reduction of staff. A public library should be open and available to the public. Closures not only lead to a lack of access, but also to the reduction of staff, whose knowledge and experience make the library the complete resource it is.
1091	7/16/2012	? That we don't have any sales tax and all revenue is linked to property tax.
1092	7/16/2012	I don't know.
1093	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1094	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1095	7/16/2012	I suppose lack of funding. They seem popular, well-used, and, for people without other access to the resources they provide (such as computers), necessary. Only lack of funding could lead to their going away.
1096	7/16/2012	The levy system, and lack of stable funding for all library programs.
1097	7/16/2012	Lack of funing
1098	7/16/2012	At least one of the biggest threats is thinking of libraries as just places to get books instead of recognizing them as a multi-faceted resource to access information. I've heard people say "books are obsolete, therefore libraries are obsolete". These people most likely do not use libraries, but if they are property owners and taxpayers, they need to be educated on the value of libraries to others in the community. They need to know what's in it for them to financially support a robust library system.
1099	7/16/2012	The internet.
1100	7/16/2012	Closing earlier so people who work during the day are unable to get there after work.
1101	7/16/2012	lack of funding & lack of people realizing how important local libraries really are.
1102	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1103	7/16/2012	not enough funding
1104	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1105	7/16/2012	Portland loves it libraries and the zoo, but everyone is feeling their pennies being pinched. With that said, we MUST take loving care of the libraries.
1106	7/16/2012	lack of funding
1107	7/16/2012	Other community programs that require funding
1108	7/16/2012	Funding
1109	7/16/2012	It seems like funding is the biggest threat.
1110	7/16/2012	Funding. Clearly they are well used and important.
1111	7/16/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
1112	7/16/2012	People not wanting to support social services and our current tax structure puts too much emphasis on property tax to fund everything.
1113	7/16/2012	funding cuts.

1114	7/16/2012	Reducing library funding to build bridges
1115	7/16/2012	Republicans
1116	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1117	7/16/2012	malaise
1118	7/16/2012	budget cuts
1119	7/16/2012	Ignorance of what libraries do. Even a mayoral candidate today spoke of libraries focusing on books and not on education!
1120	7/16/2012	If Branch (smaller one) were to be closed, access to computers and other resource materials cut.
1121	7/16/2012	Funding (or lack thereof)
1122	7/16/2012	Cutting back on hours.
1123	7/16/2012	Excessive Administrative costs
1124	7/16/2012	Lack of funding.
1125	7/16/2012	republicans trying to dumb down our society and stopping funding to anything that levels the playing field with knowledge.
1126	7/16/2012	lack of funding
1127	7/16/2012	Being under utilized--People don't know the resources available and therefore don't think they are that important.
1128	7/16/2012	Money
1129	7/16/2012	Lack of stable and sufficient funding.
1130	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1131	7/16/2012	Libraries, unfortunately, are forced to do too much these days, especially being available for jobseekers to access the computer. Although I find this a very worthwhile role, it seems like it is somewhat outside the role of the library. Maybe more volunteers and assistance from the Oregon Employment Department (agency?) to help staff this role??? Not sure what the answer is, but our library does an amazing job of trying to do everything!!!
1132	7/16/2012	cutting back of funding - less opening days. People, especially young teenagers, will not have a safe and academic environment to visit, spend their time, and learn.
1133	7/16/2012	Lack of understanding how important they are to the community for the opportunity they provide to lower-income people
1134	7/16/2012	unsafe reading materials--morally, portraying disrespect for parents and authorities--esp. for children
1135	7/16/2012	Lack of funding!!
1136	7/16/2012	politics and funding
1137	7/16/2012	closure
1138	7/16/2012	Not sure
1139	7/16/2012	Not being open when we want / need to use them.
1140	7/16/2012	competing tax dollars and funding issues
1141	7/16/2012	ummm budget cuts??

1142	7/16/2012	Lack of dependable funding. Same problem as with out schools. It is awful
1143	7/16/2012	Closure
1144	7/16/2012	internet restriction for personal laptops. port restriction at the central library and possibly the others.
1145	7/16/2012	I don't know the absolute answer, but it seems like lack of sufficient funding is the greatest threat right now.
1146	7/16/2012	Lack of funding, which is sad.
1147	7/16/2012	Ignorance
1148	7/16/2012	Loss of budget causing less support staff present in the library.
		Low priority placed by county comissioners on library system relative to their other interests.[]
		[]
1149	7/16/2012	A cynical move as has already happened in Hood River County forcing the citizens to create a Library District must certainly be a temptation for the County Board. When the economy eventually rebounds and revenues return to normal, Hood River County Commissioners will not be restoring its former funding to the Library System to reduce the overall tax burden. They'll simply up funding for roads and the Sherif's Office.
1150	7/16/2012	skewed tax system. Wealthiest and corporations need to be taxed more to support basic services like libraries. They all benefit.
1151	7/16/2012	Not enough long-term, stable funding.
1152	7/16/2012	county funding cuts
1153	7/16/2012	Not being availalbe as much as needed.
1154	7/16/2012	Don't know
1155	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1156	7/16/2012	A lack of funding, if the libraries are not cared for & cherished with the same level of commitment as any other "House of Worship", there will be no ways to assist with the expansion of any ones minds (young & old alike)
1157	7/16/2012	Declining revenues for the County.
1158	7/16/2012	I don't know
1159	7/16/2012	lack of county government taking responsibility to provide funding
1160	7/16/2012	I'm not totally sure what the biggest threat is but I just really don't want the libraries to close. I'm an avid book reader and can read multiple books in a week and I don't have enough money to buy tons and tons of books. My local library is my 'mecca', my sanctuary, the place I can go to escape from the world and hide in books. Please don't close the libraries, please.
1161	7/16/2012	Funding obviously! Raise fees and seek more money from government to fund the libraries.
1162	7/16/2012	Lack of funding
1163	7/16/2012	People who do not uderstand the importance of libraries to our well being and education.
1164	7/16/2012	Lack of government funding...and people's apathy about increasing taxes in order to allot the necessary funds.

1165	7/16/2012	um I do not know, is this a trick question....Terroism
1166	7/16/2012	Lack of sufficient funding.
1167	7/16/2012	Under funding
1168	7/16/2012	The internet. Nooks. iPads. Inertia on the part of the public who uses the library but doesn't protest loudly when it's cut back.
1169	7/16/2012	The biggest threat is adequate funds to support an expanding array of services and constantl-increasing personnel costs. Our library system is a cadillac with programs expanded beyond the traditional concept of library services. Can we afford to keep operating this cadillac or should we be considering a more economical model? In addition, are personnel costs increasing at rates that are becoming unsustainable?
1170	7/15/2012	Not helping the young learn to enjoy reading and finding out about the vast array of topics, themes and stories that exist.
1171	7/15/2012	A lack of funding & a lack of individual citizens understanding how critical funding is to a library's success, as well as how critical a library's presence is to the success of individual citizens & the community as a whole. Additionally, more citizens should be supportive of keeping access to the library as open as possible.
1172	7/15/2012	Funding
1173	7/15/2012	lack of funding
1174	7/15/2012	Improper use of technology replacing the tangible with the intangible. Convenient choices such as self check out and e-books seem to diminish the most important element to a healthy library...the human condition.
1175	7/15/2012	Only have 5 years of funding.
1176	7/15/2012	No
1177	7/15/2012	Lack of funding to enable continuation of important programs, resources and staffing needs.
1178	7/15/2012	money
1179	7/15/2012	Shortage of books would be a threat. Also the library paying for inferior digital resources of a sort that it could have gotten for free is a threat.
1180	7/15/2012	i don't know, lack of funding maybe
1181	7/15/2012	Undependable funding.
1182	7/15/2012	lack of funding
1183	7/15/2012	The quality of service and reputation our MCL has earned since we moved to Portland thirty-four years ago, will not be maintained. People of all ages will forget about the level of service and access they have come to rely on just as has tragically happened to school libraries. Certified school librarians working in the metropolitan public schools with well-funded materials budgets is almost nonexistent today. And were it not for the MCL, students, teachers, families and the public would be in dire straits.[] Lack of reliable, stable funding threatens our libraries at a time when our citizens need them most.

1184	7/15/2012	under funding
1185	7/15/2012	Lack of adequate funding (see above question) and censorship by government entities.
1186	7/15/2012	the transition from physical media to electronic media
1187	7/15/2012	Lack of a stable funding base.
1188	7/15/2012	pers
1189	7/15/2012	Poor management of people and money
1190	7/15/2012	OUtrageous public employee pensions
1191	7/15/2012	Layoffs.[] people that don't pay their fines.
1192	7/15/2012	lack of funding
1193	7/15/2012	FUNDING
1194	7/15/2012	Apathy of people who don't read/don't use libraries.
1195	7/15/2012	Not sure...I am assuming lack of funds?
1196	7/15/2012	less community involvement
1197	7/15/2012	Funding cuts.
1198	7/15/2012	NOT SURE
1199	7/15/2012	I would say distrust from voters. You told us that we needed to vote yes on the levy to maintain our access to libraries, and then after it was approved you cut access to our libraries. That was disingenuous, and it broke trust with me. You should have been more upfront with what would happen if the bond was approved, before we voted on it. I don't appreciate being lied to, and I imagine lots of folks feel the same way.
1200	7/15/2012	Lack of funding.
1201	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1202	7/15/2012	apathy about funding by the voters.
1203	7/15/2012	My guess is funding. I hope that taxpayers keep approving levy's but if we don't, the services provided by libraries would be significantly limited. I can't imagine there would be a time I wouldn't vote yes for library funding but I think when times get tough, people want to spend less - that includes for services like our libraries. I think censorship probably also impacts our libraries but it's not something I tend to experience b/c I don't access the internet at the library.
1204	7/15/2012	closing them
1205	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1206	7/15/2012	A lack of funding.
1207	7/15/2012	I think it's important to have the libraries serving the broadest population in the community. I feel that having the library open 7 days a week is less important than offering extended hours on the day it is open and offering the programs that the most people (especially the poor and vulnerable) use and couldn't pay for or access otherwise.
1208	7/15/2012	Funding

1209	7/15/2012	Consistent funding and lack of personnel to help others
1210	7/15/2012	Lack of awareness & or advertising maybe. More people are opting to read be entertained from electronic devices as opposed to a book. Who is teaching what the value rewards are from reading a book, having a place to go to when anothe may not always be available? You wouldn't understand what a library was, unless you visited one.
1211	7/15/2012	Unsure. Lack of funding?
1212	7/15/2012	closures due to budget. LACK OF FUNDING which can lead to the system being totally CLOSED, as has already happened elsewhere in Oregon. Result, ignorance.[]
1213	7/15/2012	[] I have seen what has happened already in many Oregon school districts where trained elementary librarians have been eliminated and replaced by untrained people who simply check out books.
1214	7/15/2012	greedy rich bastards
1215	7/15/2012	Reducing the hours to less than 6 days a week. I don't think it needs to be open every single day, but any less than six would be difficult on some people who rely on the library for internet or research materials, etc.
1216	7/15/2012	Money
1217	7/15/2012	lack of funding
1218	7/15/2012	budget cuts
		Your choice of hours - preventing job-holding voters from accessing the library to retrieve on-hold materials/use reference services and computers after work - on too many days. They have other things to do that can interfere with using the library schedule. You want users to vote - don't alienate them. Open later and stay open to 6 or 6:30. [] []
1219	7/15/2012	Parents that employ reading services for kids do read. I am not concerned about their children and think the subsidy is poorly placed, although the availability of materials and voluntary coop group programs are important.[] [] Seniors and shut-ins need services. Days are long, their abilities to access services by themselves often poor.[] [] Lumping job-seekers, small businesses and school-work together is strange. Make the materials available and allow for coop arrangements (provide rooms) and advertise them for free whether a fee is charged for those services or not.
1220	7/15/2012	unknown
1221	7/15/2012	making them inaccessible to the public - Hours that don't include after work and weekends
1222	7/15/2012	Indifference

1223	7/15/2012	People stealing materials, and funding issues.
1224	7/15/2012	Cutting any more funding/hours. We need the libraries open or the hours re-adjusted so, at least some days, the libraries are still open till 6.
1225	7/15/2012	Not changing fast enough to take advantage of the changing print and media world.
1226	7/15/2012	Electronic books and media
1227	7/15/2012	Complacency
1228	7/15/2012	Funding is always the threat to public libraries, but with Borders going out of business locally, there has been an increase in need for the public library.
1229	7/15/2012	The public school system, iPads, tea party conservatism and the rampant anti-intellectualism that is pervasive within the general population.
1230	7/15/2012	Lack of funding. Complacency - assuming everything will be OK.
1231	7/15/2012	lack of proper funding!! Reduced availability. I am very disappointed that I voted to keep our library funding with the promise from our local librarians that such a vote would would maintain our library availability. Unfortunately, they were not telling us the truth. We have had our library days and hours reduced anyway. Very disappointing and not what I expect from the Multnomah County Library.
1232	7/15/2012	
1233	7/15/2012	funding
1234	7/15/2012	any and all attempts to limit unlimited access to information
1235	7/15/2012	Loosing quality staff and resources. Relying on property taxes as the only source of funding.
1236	7/15/2012	Republicans
1237	7/15/2012	Funding.
1238	7/15/2012	Not having enough resources to stay open. All the fancy materials and specialized programs do no good if people do not have access. Unfortunately, given the great variability in work schedules these days, a library that is not open 7 days a week may very well be inaccessible to many of its would-be patrons.
1239	7/15/2012	Cuts in government funding
1240	7/15/2012	the way it is funded and the economy
1241	7/15/2012	The library not opening seven days a week.
1242	7/15/2012	Funding
1243	7/15/2012	funding
1244	7/15/2012	Funding cuts
1245	7/15/2012	probably lack of adequate funding
1246	7/15/2012	The government.
1247	7/15/2012	Community lack of knowledge about what libraries offer
1248	7/15/2012	If you shut down libraries in certain neighborhoods, you may be cutting off access to education, jobs, and mental health to people who cannot get those resources elsewhere.
1249	7/15/2012	Overuse and underfunding.

1250	7/15/2012	Lack of funding.
1251	7/15/2012	Budget Cuts
1252	7/15/2012	The concentration of wealth--the working and middle classes are being drained of income/money and will have less and less with which to pay to support the library. The tiny tiny tiny fraction of people with the wealth will not pay for a public library with their ill-gotten gains.
1253	7/15/2012	Funding is critical. Increasing use of internet from home seems to replace some general reading time.
1254	7/15/2012	Dwindling support and eventual closure or even more reduced hours/days.
1255	7/15/2012	Oregon refuses to get a sales tax which would alleviate the burden of taxes on property owners. We then find the population aging with limited income in retirement and these folks pay the most..then rents are raised..so the poor with children have no affordable housing...on and on. If we as Oregonians could fix taxes with a sales tax, AND make corporations pay their FULL amt , and get rid of the kicker (or whatever it is called when they return \$ to families, etc we could have a fully functioning state, thus county (because people would pay less at state level and be willing to give at county level) Here we are the most used library in the country and we aren't open at least 5 eves a week late so students can study and use the computer etc??? Crazy.
1256	7/15/2012	lack of (#@&*^%\$#)!! funding (pardon my language)
1257	7/15/2012	Illiteracy and electronic books. I listen to a lot of books but I'm one of those people who also likes to hold a book and turn the pages. More tangibly - funding. Lack of knowledge of all the library has and how it can help.
1258	7/15/2012	Lack of funding.
1259	7/15/2012	not enough money
1260	7/15/2012	Not making it a poirity and cutting funding to an important resource to everyone.
1261	7/15/2012	Lack of money
1262	7/15/2012	Under funding
1263	7/15/2012	Politicians thinking they are not important. I would rank funding for public libraries as important as funding for education and roads. If libraries go away because politicians think stadiums and paying contractors exorbitant amounts of money to build bridges we don't need and public transit that cannot be sustained even at current levels, the country has lost, and we can expect literacy to plummet.
1264	7/15/2012	Not being open to accommodate bus schedules or hours when people can come, e.g, current schedule makes it very difficult for people who work 8-5 or students who have to wait for parents to get home to get them there.
1265	7/15/2012	Not having the funds to buy recently-released books and materials that are in high demand.
1266	7/15/2012	We have a robust system in Multnomah County based on how popular and well used the libraries are, so it appears lack of funding is the main threat.

1267	7/15/2012	Though many of us support the levy, it seems that total county funds actually determine what the library system will ultimately receive. It's unsettling to realize that if the general fund and community economy are unstable and limited, that will negatively impact the libraries.
1268	7/15/2012	I am concerned with continue budge cuts. Appreciate the security present to keep homeless teens / audlts in line.
1269	7/15/2012	lack of funds
1270	7/15/2012	Sounds like funding is.
1271	7/15/2012	Lack of resources
1272	7/15/2012	Trying to do too much. Libraries should be for getting books, etc. Programs for specific groups are wonderful but being open every day should be number one concern. If there is money left over then implement programs.
1273	7/15/2012	Not enough funding to stay current so that the community forgets how important the services of libraries are. My mom was a librarian, so I've always understood the value of libraries.
1274	7/15/2012	Apathy, in the long term. Short term, I'm not sure, probably the economy.
1275	7/15/2012	Funding/bonds based on property taxes carried by home owners...the budget for libraries needs to take this weight off of the home owners..true I can claim my property tax as a deduction..I expect that this deduction through will sometime be cancelled..
1276	7/15/2012	budget cuts due to weak economy
1277	7/15/2012	Being closed, many people do not have computers at home they need access. Having books available for reading is extremely important for all.
1278	7/15/2012	too many bums hanging around the door begging
1279	7/15/2012	People not understanding or valuing what an important role equal access to information on all subjects and all points of view is to a democracy.
1280	7/15/2012	Mismanagement
1281	7/15/2012	Funding
1282	7/15/2012	Money
1283	7/15/2012	Re question 5, at least one library needs to be open 7 day per week-- that's most important re access. The libraries should be on differing schedules so if one must go to the library, another neighborhood would give one that option. Not all 19 or however many branches there are need to be open 7 days, but all libraries should not be cosed on Mondays.
1284	7/15/2012	Continual tax increases leading to funding fatigue. We just voted you an increase/continuation two months ago and now you're crying poverty.
1285	7/15/2012	not enough programs.
1286	7/15/2012	continuing to tax homeowners that cannot afford to keep their houses.
1287	7/15/2012	Lack of financial commitment from all stake holders.
1288	7/15/2012	First, cuts in funding. Second, a lack of funding to improve on an overtaxed yet great library system.

1289	7/15/2012	I believe that people do not know how to budget or use the facilities wisely. I have always supported the library system, but this time it is different. If there is a "threat" it could be that the "people" are getting tired of their continued support only to be asked for more. Remember when the library hired a new Head Librarian? Hours were cut and she got a huge pay raise. Now there are self serve machines checking books out, so where does the money go? So if there was a "threat" it would be from a revolt of the people. Taxes have increased while my household income has gone down. Maybe the library system should take a close look at their staff and see who is worth getting paid and who is not. Also, pet programs by administrators may need to be reviewed for their "value" to the community.
1290	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1291	7/15/2012	People not realizing the breadth of offerings, and the number of ways the library supports our community, especially those with no where else to go. Teaching children a love of reading, engaging isolated seniors, helping support unemployed people get back to work or entrepreneurs fulfill their dreams of starting a business are all under-recognized methods of maintaining the fabric of our society and supporting the public sphere necessary for democracy. It is easy rhetoric to discount the importance of the library as a civil institution, but when one actually considers the work you do, and the number of places it contributes the overall impact is a bit staggering.
1292	7/15/2012	Funding! Get off the levy system so there is consistent funding!
1293	7/15/2012	Other than funding? Not sure.
1294	7/15/2012	I suppose it is lack of funding, and perhaps e-readers, but I really don't know.
1295	7/15/2012	Lack of funding based on poor education or awareness.
1296	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1297	7/15/2012	overuse by kids and parents. They are costly programs, and it is parents and children who misuse the books, overtax staff and are often abusive to the building. The libraries have become babysitters and are not fair to other patrons.
1298	7/15/2012	defunding and a lack of public awareness around how essential libraries are to a democratic society.
1299	7/15/2012	Lack of funding to keep offerings fresh and in demand.
1300	7/15/2012	Underfunding.
1301	7/15/2012	Funding cuts. I would rather pay more than see any diminishment of materials, services, hours, or staff. The library is one of the few county provided services that we use, and our most loved. We can find education, enrichment, new interests, new people, and our friends and family all at the library. It is our community.
1302	7/15/2012	government withholding money from library
1303	7/15/2012	Losing librarians. We need them as much as they need us.
1304	7/15/2012	(the above question has problems and wouldn't record my answers)[] Probably lack of resources so it couldn't be open as often. Libraries should be available for us!!

1305	7/15/2012	The only thing I can think of is funds, because libraries are non-profit.
1306	7/15/2012	Ignorance and poverty.
1307	7/15/2012	spending too much money outside of the main purpose of providing books
1308	7/15/2012	Adaptability.
1309	7/15/2012	I think the biggest threat is under funding which leads all of the above six areas being downgraded. When the hours and staffing are cut the libraries do not get used as much and the people think that the quality is lower.
1310	7/15/2012	I don't know.
1311	7/15/2012	Measure 50
1312	7/15/2012	Funding!
1313	7/15/2012	i don't know
1314	7/15/2012	People not knowing the extent of how the library system can serve them.
1315	7/15/2012	more reduced hours
1316	7/15/2012	Budget cuts.
1317	7/15/2012	not staying current with technology, also not available to the public enough hours or days. If you wish to go to the library and it is closed you get an unhappy experience and tend to look elsewhere for the resources you needed from the library.
1318	7/15/2012	I am a bit of a luddite, but I fear that The Computer is a threat to hardcopy. Also, I believe that MultCo has been legilated out of allocating funding for itself, which means that we continue to look at annual cuts to our best programs.
1319	7/15/2012	Not enough hours or books.
1320	7/15/2012	Lack of funding.
1321	7/15/2012	Adequate funding.
1322	7/15/2012	I would imagine funding. I wouldn't mind paying higher fines to help keep our libraries.
1323	7/15/2012	Trying to cut hours, I thought that with the tax passing that this was going to not happan lack of funding?[]
1324	7/15/2012	[] stupidity?
1325	7/15/2012	Lack of funding.
1326	7/15/2012	budget cuts
1327	7/15/2012	Funding stresses.
1328	7/15/2012	funding
1329	7/15/2012	Conservative political agendas...such as, no new taxes for anything Funding - people not wanting to pay for or support the library which is such an important resource for the community. I
1330	7/15/2012	think the Multnomah Library system is well utilized, and it's just a matter of getting the entire community (whether or not each person uses the library) to support it's ongoing presence.
1331	7/15/2012	The digitization of all reading material I think its a shame

1332	7/15/2012	not sure
1333	7/15/2012	Funding cuts
1334	7/15/2012	Not sure I understand the question.. but funding and open hours.
1335	7/15/2012	Public apathy. Failure of the library system to keep up with new technologies and new ways of using/distributing information. Failure to move from physical to digital media. Why is there no stable funding? How could the library be more self-supporting? ☐
1336	7/15/2012	Look to eliminate waste, too many staff at the library now that we have computerized check out. ☐ I have paid so many library fines over the years, where has all that money gone? Please cut out fluff.
1337	7/15/2012	Don't know.
1338	7/15/2012	Obviously this is a time when lean budgets are the biggest threats to our local libraries. City and County agencies are doing what they can to to make budgets stretch and unfortunately it means a cut to all of our public services.
1339	7/15/2012	Not having enough hours to meet the demand.
1340	7/15/2012	Lack of funding for sure - it makes a difference when people have access to current, popular materials (as well as classic or out of print offerings) in well-maintained spaces.
1341	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1342	7/15/2012	Lack of public awareness on all they offer?
1343	7/15/2012	Republicans that earn over a \$100,000 and do not want to higher pay taxes. The money should come from a state income tax rather than property tax of just homeowners.
1344	7/15/2012	I've noticed a general downward turn in upkeep--i.e. bathrooms not well managed, lighting seems dim, shelves not always well organized. Our libraries should be enjoyable places to spend time. More places to sit with power source nearby.
1345	7/15/2012	Fewer users of the library.
1346	7/15/2012	Tenuous funding or lack of funding.
1347	7/15/2012	For wealthy families to grow indifferent to maintaining them due to their own personal ability to acquire materials through other sources.
1348	7/15/2012	Greedy anti-government mentality that is being ginned up by sociopaths.
1349	7/15/2012	Bureaucrats
1350	7/15/2012	Funding I think?? Republican voters
1351	7/15/2012	Unstable funding or loss of community support
1352	7/15/2012	Not enough funding.
1353	7/15/2012	A library district.
1354	7/15/2012	Tea Party Republicans.
1355	7/15/2012	lack of funding and a lack of understanding about all the great services the library provides

1356	7/15/2012	Not making them enough of a priority when it comes to funding. Libraries are a critical resource for all members of the public, especially as the economic crisis continues. Computer access whether you're employed or a job seeker is necessary in today's world. Access to free information in the form of books and magazines as well as movies, cds, and other media can enrich one's life and growth immeasurably. And, finally, the value of the space itself where people come together is tremendous. We must restore hours and work to expand all that the library is able to offer the community.
1357	7/15/2012	Closing branches and losing funding for programs for children
1358	7/15/2012	Lack of money. What else could there be? Oh, wait. Censorship fanatics limiting content could be a crisis, but we don't have too many of them.
1359	7/15/2012	Not enough funding to stay open or the resources to gain new books and new equipment. I think that its hard to get volunteers and workers.
1360	7/15/2012	lack of funding?
1361	7/15/2012	Lack of funding
1362	7/15/2012	\$
1363	7/15/2012	Lack of funding. I think people will like libraries for many reasons and won't let them disappear even as they might read in other formats.
1364	7/15/2012	Internet
1365	7/15/2012	Funding instability.
1366	7/15/2012	Funding issues and budget constraints
1367	7/15/2012	unstable funding
1368	7/15/2012	unstable funding
1369	7/15/2012	TAX CUTS
1370	7/15/2012	Underfunding. We take this treasure for granted because it's always there and we check out as many books as we want for free. But immigrants and children and seniors need this vital connection to information and services. Reading programs encourage kids to read during the summer. As an educator I see this as very important.
1371	7/15/2012	Shouting down my local librarie because of bugit cuts
1372	7/15/2012	union employees compensation
1373	7/15/2012	Bears.
1374	7/15/2012	Not enough money to stay current and to be accessible to all who want to use it.
1375	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1376	7/14/2012	Not sure without examining the budget...How much of the funding pays pensions? Inadequate funding. □
1377	7/14/2012	Fundng should be higher and it shouldn'r have to be voted on every □ two years. This makes planning difficult and costly. It is costly usage of library staff and not supportive of the excellent services that we receive.

1378	7/14/2012	Cutting hours and staff.
1379	7/14/2012	Funding not used to purchase books or media.
1380	7/14/2012	NOT OPEN !!!!
1381	7/14/2012	Zombies
1382	7/14/2012	funding
1383	7/14/2012	lack of adequate funding to keep our collection, staff and technology up-to-date so that we remain relevant.
1384	7/14/2012	access to the libraries and to the resources
1385	7/14/2012	Capitalism.
1386	7/14/2012	The attitude that government funded projects need to be replaced by private for profit corporations!
1387	7/14/2012	I would guess funding.
1388	7/14/2012	lack of funding, and reduced hours, days, and services.
1389	7/14/2012	Funding cuts!
1390	7/14/2012	Lack of funding for programs that make them such a good community resource. I would be willing to pay more in taxes to keep them operating.
1391	7/14/2012	<p>New program efforts that are not really the mission of a library system, that undermine the primary mission. The library should not be a community center, an entertainment center, a child-care center, or a school. The city, county, and the community have separate programs for those, funded under different mechanisms. It is not the library's responsibility to step in where the other systems are failing. Hours should not be restricted in order to fund "teach children to read" programs, for example.[]</p> <p>Finally, I feel the "closing on Mondays" really undermines those who are depending on library computer access for their job searches. I think that's unfair, and bad for the economy, whose recovery is the best way to restore prior levels of funding. would rather have a more creative approach to shortening overall hours that does not disenfranchise a key user group who has no where else to go. Alternatively, at least keep Central open 7 days a week.</p>
1392	7/14/2012	<p>The failure of our elected officials to understand that the library is more than just a place to check out books or videos but rather an important component of each local community. It IS a social service as critical as the others provided by the county. The library offers so many people a richness that goes beyond basic material needs. I am concerned that deeper understanding of what the library means and how it serves does not come into play in policy decisions.</p>
1393	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1394	7/14/2012	poor decisions being made and not listening to local feedback.
1395	7/14/2012	Funding
1396	7/14/2012	Funding should be independent from other county servies.
1397	7/14/2012	Continuing to cut services will make people use them less, creating a time we will not have libraries
1398	7/14/2012	Overuse and underfunding

		humanity in general :)]
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		short-sightedness]
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1399	7/14/2012	the idea that everything must constantly be growing in scope or else it is a failure]
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		the idea that everything must be monetized or else it has no value]
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		the idea that knowledge for the sake of knowledge is useless]
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		the idea that everything must be a competition / entertainment
1400	7/14/2012	Not having a stable source of revenue.
1401	7/14/2012	funding insufficient to carry more copies.
1402	7/14/2012	Lack of funding, not continuing funding a good levels
1403	7/14/2012	Midland
1404	7/14/2012	It seems to be funding. Voters have shown over and over that they support the libraries, so a steady source of funding can be found. Perhaps financial partnerships with the schools, cities and businesses could be set up.
1405	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1406	7/14/2012	Reduced funding and a restriction of hours. When people consistently are unable to use the library because it is closed, they won't go back to using it when/if it's opened.
1407	7/14/2012	Complacency and the Internet for those that can afford it. If those of us with access to alternatives stop using the library and more importantly, stop supporting it, then it might not be there for the rest of the community for whom it is essential.
1408	7/14/2012	lack of stable funding
1409	7/14/2012	Lack of adequate revenue budget.
1410	7/14/2012	Funding. What can we do without it? You need money for all of it to function. People always forget when you cut the budge you cut social services.
1411	7/14/2012	The biggest threat is they aren't used enough.
1412	7/14/2012	Cut funds and lack of interest.
1413	7/14/2012	Lack of funding and financial resources. Ability to maintain level of resources.
1414	7/14/2012	not enough staff to handle the work load
1415	7/14/2012	funding
1416	7/14/2012	The fact that the economy is so poor their funding is threatened, and users are required to keep them open, with their own fiscal support!

1417	7/14/2012	People not understanding (because they don't use it themselves) just how wonderful having a local library is. Programs are nice, but the real joy is browsing through up-to-date books and magazines, as well as on-line resources. If people don't know that joy, I don't see how they will support it come voting time.
1418	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1419	7/14/2012	NOT BEEN OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO USE THE LIBRARY EVERY DAY. THE LIBRARY IS PART OF MY EVERY DAY LIFE.
1420	7/14/2012	Libraries trying to be everything but libraries, and so duplicating services available even for free elsewhere.
1421	7/14/2012	Disinterest from community members. □ If the community is having their needs met by the library, then we will make sure the money is available to the library to remain.
1422	7/14/2012	Lack of jobs means decreased tax revenues which will impact funds available. Also, those who are struggling to make ends meet will not vote for increased taxes.
1423	7/14/2012	Not enough funding.
1424	7/14/2012	Materialism.
1425	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1426	7/14/2012	Spending Cuts!
1427	7/14/2012	Lack of funding, not enough space for the great volume of patrons. There is great social need for this important service which stretches the capacity of the buildings, parking lots etc.
1428	7/14/2012	Lack of funds; malaise about their perceived unimportance; lack of understanding about variety of resources and materials provided.
1429	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1430	7/14/2012	Funding. I sure hope you can stay open. Our family needs you more than ever!
1431	7/14/2012	Not well enough funded
1432	7/14/2012	unstable funding base
1433	7/14/2012	Lack of big business support and general funding
1434	7/14/2012	Not receiving enough funding to keep offering the hours, materials, customer service, and programming that makes it an amazing public service.
1435	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1436	7/14/2012	Probably the PERS expense that the libraries have to budget for.
1437	7/14/2012	shrinking budgets which lead to smaller staff who have more (too much) responsibility
1438	7/14/2012	funding!

1439	7/14/2012	Sorry to see teen lounge disappear. It became a casualty of what I call "internet social politics", i.e., a complete lack of useful socialization, it would appear in home and school. The library may be quieter, however, not necessarily a better place. The disruptive element has gone underground, where there is, perhaps no 'needful boundaries" at all. This worries me. Youngsters need a broader spectrum to interact with for balanced maturation. It is possible to meet some stinkers, that does not mean we quit on 'em. They are all still out.
1440	7/14/2012	The anti-tax people who don't understand how libraries are funded and used.
1441	7/14/2012	Diminished access.
1442	7/14/2012	closure
1443	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1444	7/14/2012	ensorship and defunding
1445	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1446	7/14/2012	outdated materials, lack of access (closed)
1447	7/14/2012	continued asking for bonds on the property taxes
1448	7/14/2012	Funding problems/ losses
1449	7/14/2012	Uninterested children and youth in reading.
1450	7/14/2012	Resistance of residents to pay taxes for municipal and county services.
1451	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1452	7/14/2012	If voters not approve upcoming levies to keep up with inflated operating expenses. Irresponsible budget planning. Pornography. I am appalled that this is something allowed at the local library, considering all the innocent children and adults who enjoy using the library.[]
1453	7/14/2012	[] I also think the e-readers pose a threat to local libraries, but I am hopeful the library can keep up with technology and offer e-reader material.
1454	7/14/2012	Lack of adequate funding to support it's financial needs on a permanent basis.
1455	7/14/2012	Fools who want to close them!
1456	7/14/2012	Budget cuts
1457	7/14/2012	Not being open 7 days a week.
1458	7/14/2012	Stingy taxpayers
1459	7/14/2012	Gluttany
1460	7/14/2012	insufficient funding
1461	7/14/2012	On-line options and tablets like the Kindle.
1462	7/14/2012	Funding to keep all of our library locations open.
1463	7/14/2012	I think that the internet has lessened peoples' passion for reading books.
1464	7/14/2012	Electronic media, including the computers (which I use) in the system itself.
1465	7/14/2012	budget cuts

1466	7/14/2012	Money
1467	7/14/2012	Funding, I'd think. Shrinking tax base. Americans not wanting to pay for communal resources.
1468	7/14/2012	Definitely a lack of funding.
1469	7/14/2012	Becomes not useful or relevant to the citizen's everyday living.
1470	7/14/2012	Funding
1471	7/14/2012	Complacence
1472	7/14/2012	Lack of ADEQUATE Funding and an appreciation for the importance of the role played by the library in our communitied. Many will make this discovery when the access to and availabilty of OUR library is reduced.
1473	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1474	7/14/2012	permanent funding
1475	7/14/2012	Funding, funding, funding! We MUST create a library district so that neighbourhood libraries are not closed on Mondays! We also need the funds to keep our libraries fully staffed, with staff receiving full time hours.
1476	7/14/2012	It appears that lack of funding is the biggest threat.
1477	7/14/2012	Lack of monies.
1478	7/14/2012	Lack of funding. I know that volunteers are capable and willing, but there has to be a paid staffer on hand to train them and handle more difficult situations. Such staffers can't be paid, not to mention that the library can't open and new books can't be bought, without funding to pay for the workers who keep it all running.
1479	7/14/2012	Vailey.
1480	7/14/2012	In my judgement, the biggest threat to our local libraries is a lack of use due to out-of-date resources and services. If the system doesn't keep up with the current pace of development in the digital realm, I'm afraid people will go to elsewhere for digital resources for research, job development, and multimedia. That said, it is the library's responsibility as well as that of the city and county governments to effectively communicate to the community at large the array of services available through local libraries.
1481	7/14/2012	THE FUCKING REPUBLICANS
1482	7/14/2012	The current approach to funding
1483	7/14/2012	As more electronic media becomes accessible, the cost of books will increase and the supply of books will decrease. This will reduce the number of people frequenting the libraries.
1484	7/14/2012	stupidity on the part of the electorate. Taxpayers who do not understand the value of or use the libraries.[]
1485	7/14/2012	People who only read the back of the cereal boxes and the TV schedule.[] Proliferation of electronic media to read or buy books.
1486	7/14/2012	Any intended and heinous attempt to privatize them! And possibly as Kindle takes hold, people will do less paper book reading. Yikes!

1487	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1488	7/14/2012	unsanitary conditions
1489	7/14/2012	Digital and electronic media making print materials obsolete.
1490	7/14/2012	funding
1491	7/14/2012	Loss of access due to reduction in bussiness hours. Failure to keep updated, current, media in good condition ... for example the latest books on CD. There is a mis-perception that digital ebooks are effective - rather, they are fraught with technology incompatibility problems and also require patrons to own expensive computer equipment as well as expensive online connectivity. Seattle Public Library system, for example, has made the elitist, inappropriate adoption of digital ebook media - BAD DECISION!
1492	7/14/2012	no one turning in there books and because there not that much jobs so no one paying there taxes so the library don't get payed
1493	7/14/2012	Funding to keep them not just open but for all their ongoing programs as well as for new projects.
1494	7/14/2012	REPUBLICANS
1495	7/14/2012	2 threats: not adjusting and adapting to new technologies and user needs.[] and secondly not being open enough so that people stop coming. People think we do not need them, WRONG![]
1496	7/14/2012	We need them now more than ever. People need to continue to read.[] We are growing a generation of people who can only text and not really speak to each other.[] Please, do not close the libraries.
1497	7/14/2012	Personally, I am most concerned that financial and other pressures mean too much emphasis is placed on providing the most current or most popular books, rather than serving as an archive for older, rarer titles which now get regularly purged. I like to think that if the library bought fewer copies of the hot new books, but found new ways to promote older but still worthwhile titles, patrons might end up being as content with their reading selections and the library would be a more valuable community resource.
1498	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1499	7/14/2012	I don't know.
1500	7/14/2012	I think the largest threat to our libraries is the economic recession, which reduces the amount of funding the library gets through sources like levies and donations.
1501	7/14/2012	Funding cuts.
1502	7/14/2012	Taxes and loosing resources that maybe helping keep children out of the streets causing trouble
1503	7/14/2012	Tight funding for competing resources.
1504	7/14/2012	Poor communication. I would bet that very few people knew that a significant cut in hours was in the cards so soon after voting for the levy.
1505	7/14/2012	Taxpayers not being willing to pay for this amazing service -- one of the best utilized in the country!
1506	7/14/2012	That the loss of funding will reduce services for people in our community

1507	7/14/2012	Reduced funding, obviously. The desire is there. The need is there. The usage is there. The volunteers are there (aren't they?). We just need to put our money where it needs to be.
1508	7/14/2012	Funding
1509	7/14/2012	CLOSURE.
1510	7/14/2012	Lack of funding Severe reduction of hours at Central Library and branches.[]
1511	7/14/2012	[] Branch closings.
1512	7/14/2012	Funding
1513	7/14/2012	Funding.[] Rules of behavior (protocal) posted and expected in the library.
1514	7/14/2012	the levy funding system. schools also have one and property owners are less willing to pay than in the past.
1515	7/14/2012	Not sure...lack of funding probably, but also vandalism?
1516	7/14/2012	Property tax fatigue and an unintuitive search engine.
1517	7/14/2012	closure
1518	7/14/2012	People not reading books, and publishers going out of business. While electronic books may be the future of libraries, I love having access to printed books. Funding is an issue of course.
1519	7/14/2012	kids not realizing what a great resource it is, and funding
1520	7/14/2012	?[] People not using them or being disrespectful to the library. The ranking program didn't show choices. Just reverted to the original numerical order.[]
1521	7/14/2012	[] Probably lack of funding. should be more in hard times.
1522	7/14/2012	funding i guess.
1523	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1524	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1525	7/14/2012	Reduction of funding
1526	7/14/2012	I don't know.
1527	7/14/2012	people understanding how important the role public libraries are in so many peoples lies. in these poor economic times, I see more families with young children fill the library each afternoon. I see more people using the library as a social meeting place, both for personal and business. we (my family) borrow movies and music. we sit in the library to study or to work,
1528	7/14/2012	not raising taxes for people who earn high incomes
1529	7/14/2012	Funding and patrons stealing or vandalizing resources.

1530	7/14/2012	You have to realize I already support the library sys. with property taxes from 3 properties to the library budget. There is no more to give you. I cannot support 7 days a week with no CUTS to your budget. Look at the rest of Multnomah county. Look at the State's budget. Why would YOU go without cuts? This is unrealistic. Being closed one to two days a week is reasonable. And be thankful you have help from volunteers.
1531	7/14/2012	Funding cuts from those that don't realize the continued importance of libraries, and the varied resources they provide for the community.
1532	7/14/2012	Funding would run out and we would have to pay a yearly fee to use the library.
1533	7/14/2012	Cuts to hours and days closed.
		A large part of the population could use intensive fun seminars for are getting comfortable in the library. Knowing all of the tools that are available and how to use them without feeling intimidated. Maybe little educational tours with active participation practice. ¶
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1534	7/14/2012	Communication to the whole community. We are a little non concerned with this survey as we thought stable funding had been resolved at least to some degree with the last library funding issue. ¶
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		A public with a poor sense of priorities . When an electronic media provider can erase any particular content world wide with a single push of a button it is essential that we preserve the full scope of knowledge that can only be found in the library. Full media access for all is essential to community and the protection of information and ideas.
1535	7/14/2012	ourselves...¶ lack of resources
1536	7/14/2012	The biggest threat is not managing costs and work with in the budgets of funds that exist.
1537	7/14/2012	The depressed economy.
1538	7/14/2012	The Republican agenda
1539	7/14/2012	Lack of funding. Falling behind in technology.
1540	7/14/2012	the statement that they are anything less than vital in the community
1541	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1542	7/14/2012	Funding
		lack of use due to everything being accessible via the internet. Libraries need to compete with coffee shops that provide internet and coffee services, amazon and "kindles" are pushing "books" the old paper made out of the way. There needs to be community in the libraries, locations where people feel comfortable and connected to their neighbors and each other. A place to gather and read and appreciate learning. However a library can do that, that is what is important. Otherwise we will all become very solitary and sedentary. Having programs for children and parents, neighbors and other offerings is critical.
1543	7/14/2012	
1544	7/14/2012	Reducing hours. Inconsistent hours so that people are unsure whether the library is open or not.

1545	7/14/2012	Financial
1546	7/14/2012	Our biggest threat is funding
1547	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1548	7/14/2012	Lack of people knowing about the library system in Multnomah. I meet so many people from other places, asking me for resources, and I send them to Central Ref desk.
1549	7/14/2012	Funding,
1550	7/14/2012	Kids with no respect for others and others property.
1551	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1552	7/14/2012	Not having District financial support.[] Health care costs burdening staffing.
1553	7/14/2012	MONEY
1554	7/14/2012	The Kicker and other schemes that limit the government's ability to properly budget.
1555	7/14/2012	The economy and apathy.
1556	7/14/2012	I don't know.
1557	7/14/2012	Ignorance upon the part of elected local officials and their constituents... No community is a great community without healthy libraries. Also, while the implementation of broader digital & computer services has been a great boon to libraries, there is no substitution for LIBRARIANS. Sadly, from universities to small rural libraries, the elimination of staff positions hurts far more than it helps patrons.
1558	7/14/2012	Not being used
1559	7/14/2012	Funding being cut, voter apathy, cultural shifts away from values associated with libraries and the utility of libraries themselves...etc
1560	7/14/2012	Surprised when we went to check out that the books could be stacked up & "scanned" as such to be checked out- if this kind of modern automation is a big expense why not have located the Troutdale library in a bigger location w/more books & large resourse books. We have to drive to the Gresham library when my children are doing a report. [] [] *Concerned w/the people who are using computers in the library for personal use & are not monitored. Safety would be a threat/concern.
1561	7/14/2012	Reduced hours.
1562	7/14/2012	FIRE:(
1563	7/14/2012	Reduced days/hours.
1564	7/14/2012	Funding.
1565	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1566	7/14/2012	I'm not very well educated about the current situation with our local libraries, so I can't give a very informed answer, but I suppose our economy is the biggest threat.

1567	7/14/2012	Keeping up with mainstream electronic technology in a way that continues to enrich lives. The age of personalized media on electronic devices makes it difficult to provide share-able services to the community.
1568	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1569	7/14/2012	I don't know
1570	7/14/2012	Republicans.
1571	7/14/2012	new programs that divert money from programs that people already depend on. The programs listed in questions five are excellent. I don't know that all libraries need to be open full hours. People will adjust their expectations. Saturday is important. Some days open until 8 is important. For Hillsdale, for example, you just closed on Mondays. Not a big deal.
1572	7/14/2012	The hours are so limited that it becomes inconvenient for people to use them
1573	7/14/2012	Lack of funding and decrease of the tax base to support libraries.
1574	7/14/2012	Illiteracy, Stupidity, The Republican Party
1575	7/14/2012	Lay offs, shorter open hours.
1576	7/14/2012	Lack of funding, I assume.
1577	7/14/2012	E-Books
1578	7/14/2012	Cuts in funding
1579	7/14/2012	lack of funding - money going to completely unnecessary projects, like covering our already safe drinking water.
1580	7/14/2012	Funding apparently
1581	7/14/2012	budget
1582	7/14/2012	Budget cuts.
1583	7/14/2012	Republicans
1584	7/14/2012	Upper level mismanagement and a lack of creativity in effectively managing the existing available funds. i.e rigid, outmoded, outdated thought. The whole management model apparently needs a re-boot. I contend that a retail style management model would find a way to have a consistent open hours schedule sensitive to when the library is statistically used the heaviest. It may be necessary for the county employees to have to work a less comfortable sort of rotating and/or split shift schedule to provide the required service coverage. It may also be appropriate to geographically consolidate smaller branches and require the public to travel slightly further distances. It may also be appropriate to reconsider which current library services actually "should" fall under the social authority of the library; mail delivery of books to housebound seniors could seem to be appropriate and cost effective using public institution media rate service; but private, in-home computer classes, while admirable, probably should be provided through a different social service organization. Library services should be contained within the physical Library establishments with exceptions limited to meeting some sort of mass-market need. i.e. public school outreach, public senior center outreach. I have always supported the Library levies but at this point would abjectly vote against an increase to \$1.22/\$1000.
1585	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1586	7/14/2012	reader books

1587	7/14/2012	idk
1588	7/14/2012	funding
1589	7/14/2012	funding
1590	7/14/2012	Cutting programs.
1591	7/14/2012	Internet and ebooks
1592	7/14/2012	I don't see any threat. voters support the library consistently. I like the levy method as it requires the library to check in with voters very 5 years and I feel it holds them more accountable to us. I don't care for the district Idea. to me that is creating yet another government agency. And they no longer have to ask voters every 5 years: Are we still doing what you want? With a district they just get their money, they don't have to ask ever again if we like what they do with it. Plus it is not cost effiiecent. If the library froms a district they become a separate entitiy and will need to go out pay for all the shared services they now enjoy from the county at reduced rates, A district will just cost more money and not necessarily improve on the library
1593	7/14/2012	Rising costs of materials, diminished tax base/funding
1594	7/14/2012	I don't visit enough to say for sure. However, it sounds like a lack of funding.
1595	7/14/2012	Modern kindles, ipads, nooks, and all of the stuff that keeps people from communicating with each other. Today people text, email, facebook or twitter! We must keep reading alive~ I voted for[] the libraries to remain viable. One day the 'tech stuff will be a thing of the past' and we will still have our books!! Books are 'the real thing' and they will not go out of style~
1596	7/14/2012	its hard for the people who work and can not go to the library until weekends.. we enoy most sundays. its kind of our day together as a family, if being closed on sundays when would we attend as a family?
1597	7/14/2012	Loss of NEW BOOK funding to other library operating budgets.
1598	7/14/2012	I don't think generally people think to go to the library if they have access to internet and money to buy books. creating a space for people to gather to discover information is so important, but I think without increasing the staff and funding for materials and finding ways to let people know what the library can do for them, the library will become more and more absolete
1599	7/14/2012	The biggest threat to Multnomah County libraries is lack of funding.
1600	7/14/2012	Funding
1601	7/14/2012	Lack of funding

		People who have the fewest resources often don't have a voice. Children especially are at risk. Our libraries can do a lot to meet social, educational and other cultural needs. ¶
1602	7/14/2012	¶ I don't think it is reasonable that funding for our library is less than \$2 per 1000. ¶ ¶ It's hard to rank those above, I don't want any cuts in services to people who already depend on them.¶ When the economy is hot healthy, more people need these resources.
1603	7/14/2012	Lack of money and increased use of internet from home.
1604	7/14/2012	Budget Cuts.
1605	7/14/2012	The economy has made it more difficult for people to say yes to local referenda which would support our libraries financially.
1606	7/14/2012	I know and understand that the shortage of funds has a strong influence as to whether the libraries will remain open and have the materials available to all of us not matter what the age or circumstances of our lives. ¶ ¶ I thought that having volunteers at the library would have releave the strain of the lack of funds, Schools have volunteer teachers aids. Why not the library? There must be duties that volunteers could handle. I am retired and I know many retirees would love to be involved and help out. Plus young mothers who bring their children could also help.
1607	7/14/2012	Spending money efficiently. It's hard to ask the taxpayers for more, so the library needs to make sure they use our money wisely and that we get the most benefit for our taxes being used to fund the library.
1608	7/14/2012	I would guess funding.
1609	7/14/2012	budget restrictions
1610	7/14/2012	Too much is spent on free internet - this is OK for student's research but most people are simply "surfing the net for free".¶ ¶ Library should be charging adults for internet use.¶ ¶ Library should go back to being books & electronic versions of books - modest number of DVD's
1611	7/14/2012	Reducing service levels to the point where residents with higher socioeconomic status chose not to use the libraries because they can get their needs better met elsewhere, and then losing the financial support of those residents.
1612	7/14/2012	Not enough funding to stay open, provide materials, and run programs for the community
1613	7/14/2012	The community not being fully aware of just how much the library and the resources provided affect our lovely city for the best. We need to fund what will continue to help our future!

1614	7/14/2012	Funding sources. It seems to me that the funding for libraries is sort of precarious. I am not well educated in the details, but the idea of a library district, with a set funding source would be the way to go.¶ I am adamantly opposed to library personnel being paid less. I think the biggest threat to local libraries is the possibility of privatization if funding issues are not resolved. Privatization cannot be an option.
1615	7/14/2012	portland public school (PPS) district funding/petition drives. PPS will never have enough \$ and their continued asking makes many vote against any bond measure not road repair related.
1616	7/14/2012	Incompetence of library management. Could the top managers and county officials really not see the shortfall in revenue coming? And why not offer to take the hits themselves, then, and take responsibility for their lack of leadership, rather than pass them on to the public in reduced hours and to the front line staff in cuts and reassignments? The library managers are woefully lacking in leadership skills. They are being led around by the nose, as it were, by huge corporations (publishers, jobbers, vendors of computer equipment) who entice them to buy anything that is new and trendy rather than maintaining their independence and evaluating whether the public really needs these items and the revenue stream can support the purchase and maintenance of them.
1617	7/14/2012	Budgets cuts
1618	7/14/2012	?
1619	7/14/2012	I would say the biggest threat is that those who feel they don't need the library will ignore its necessity to the rest of the community.
1620	7/14/2012	Unappreciation leading to underfunding.
1621	7/14/2012	e-readers and less dependency on actual printed material. So much is available line that i wonder, at times, if not enough people will actually go to the library to check out books.
1622	7/14/2012	Unstable funding
1623	7/14/2012	Like any public service if it isn't funded and there the economy suffers, and the low income are most affected by any cutback.
1624	7/14/2012	Lack of adequate funding
1625	7/14/2012	The columbia river crossing taxes and a general anti intelliectual attitude that has been growing in this country.
1626	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1627	7/14/2012	lack of long-term staff who know the local clients
1628	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1629	7/14/2012	Budget cuts.

1630	7/14/2012	The lack of funding. Here we have people who use the library but they are unwilling to give a little to see that the library says afloat. It feels like a take take attitude, as soon as there is a ask for some support a no way becomes the song. Times change the people need to step up to the plate and help support the library for our government seems to think libraries are not important. The community needs libraries.
1631	7/14/2012	Computers.
1632	7/14/2012	Budget cuts
1633	7/14/2012	How would I know? The obvious answer is money. But you can't keep going back and asking for more and more. It's like OPB. For awhile there they had three different channels broadcasting stuff and the mentality of ever expanding their reach. Now they are down to two channels, the secondary one often running so-called "Classic" movies. Is that something were really need? Is that part of OPB's mission: endless Rick Steves repeats and old movies? So yes to stable funding, but how to achieve it, I don't really know.
1634	7/14/2012	i'd have to frame this as what i perceive as the best attribute of our library system which is awesome selection. the buyers are great at picking out not just the top mainstream stuff but the quasi underground music and books. so the biggest threat to me is loosing the great consistently great breadth of media.
1635	7/14/2012	#1. Unstable funding.[] #2. Inadequate funding.
1636	7/14/2012	No money
1637	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1638	7/14/2012	Funding
1639	7/14/2012	loss of funding
1640	7/14/2012	Not enough money
1641	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1642	7/14/2012	reduced funding
1643	7/14/2012	lack of funding
1644	7/14/2012	No threat. PDX is a library town.
1645	7/14/2012	Lack of funding. Good public libraries build local communities, and teach children and adults to love reading and learning. One of the reasons why I am a reader is because I can access a large selection of interesting books from the pubic library. Cuts to the public libraries are like cuts to public education. These are sad and dark times. Our community will suffer if we do not value reading and learning.
1646	7/14/2012	The county not being able to finance the libraries needs.
1647	7/14/2012	Budget cuts
1648	7/14/2012	lack of security so resources walk out the door
1649	7/14/2012	I don't know

1650	7/14/2012	Lack of funding.
1651	7/14/2012	Funding
1652	7/14/2012	reduced funding which leads to less hours open and resources available.
1653	7/14/2012	There's a lot. It's hard to pinpoint the most threatening.
1654	7/14/2012	A dearth of understanding by the general public of the importance of funding for public institutions and the lack of public involvement and informed voting.
1655	7/14/2012	loss of funding?
1656	7/14/2012	reduced hours
1657	7/14/2012	Other than Body Odor, i didn't know there was a threat. Are those Damn know-nothing Republicrats at it again, chiseling too much gratt and corruption from the War Widows and Orphan Fund, again?.
1658	7/14/2012	Loss of money
1659	7/14/2012	People not paying what they owe and not returning materials on time/at all. Also, of course, budget cuts.
1660	7/14/2012	Thinking small. We need to support and reward library staff for innovative thinking and solutions, as well as ways for supporters to "think outside the box" on solutions for this much-loved community resources.
1661	7/14/2012	Funding
1662	7/14/2012	lack of money
1663	7/14/2012	Becoming obsolete. If libraries don't continue to update their resources, they will become obsolete.
1664	7/14/2012	Lack of funding
1665	7/14/2012	?
1666	7/14/2012	the internet and other electronic media, eg. kindle.
1667	7/13/2012	I think the biggest threat is the move towards digital mediums. However, the library is doing well with their e-library affiliate, but I feel more could possibly be done.
1668	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1669	7/13/2012	People who do not think that they are important! Seriously! free books??? It is such an amazing resource we are STUPID to let it down
1670	7/13/2012	Funding I would assume
1671	7/13/2012	The lack of stable funding.
1672	7/13/2012	Overzealous budget cutters
1673	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1674	7/13/2012	Short term: Lack of funding Long term: Online and digital media forms
1675	7/13/2012	Republicans
1676	7/13/2012	Don't know
1677	7/13/2012	Not being open seven days a week.
1678	7/13/2012	I have no idea

1679	7/13/2012	Funding
1680	7/13/2012	The current economic climate is one. Another is the proliferation of e-readers and e-books.
1681	7/13/2012	Funding. Portland's readership and enthusiasm are high; it feels like the library's are well-used.
1682	7/13/2012	Adequate funding
1683	7/13/2012	loss of funding
1684	7/13/2012	Funding it seems.
1685	7/13/2012	The poor economy
1686	7/13/2012	Spending all the money available and then cutting services for lack of funds.
1687	7/13/2012	Funding reductions
1688	7/13/2012	Underfunding
1689	7/13/2012	funding.
1690	7/13/2012	The unstable funding, levy system.
1691	7/13/2012	The ubiquity of information on the Internet. However, I think by and large there are still people who value information that has been published (and hopefully peer reviewed) over random articles on the internet, so libraries still have importance in our society.
1692	7/13/2012	It is not having enough money to run the Library
1693	7/13/2012	Lack of funding to meet community members priorities for use of the library.Funding is a responsibility shared between the local taxpayer and the federal government. Local taxpayers are part of this threat if they are unwilling to tax themselves for the public good. The federal government is a threat, because through the Patriot Act and Bush era censorship/ terrorist scare tactics, it has forced Multnomah County residents to forgo federal funding that is rightfully ours, and should be currently applied to fund libraries with out censorship or tracking of library customer records.
1694	7/13/2012	Amazon.
1695	7/13/2012	1. Funding[]
1696	7/13/2012	2. Not providing programs or events that are of interest to their community.
1697	7/13/2012	Lack of funding. I unfortunately don't know enough about what's going on with the funding to have an appropriate response. I consider libraries and particularly their influence on child education and healthy development to be of primary importance in my community.
1698	7/13/2012	short attention spans. People not reading.
1699	7/13/2012	Probably lack of funding, and also people simply not knowing what resources are available through their local library.
1700	7/13/2012	competition among bureaus/agencies for funds
1701	7/13/2012	Perception by some people that the library is just a place where homeless and porn freaks hang out, therefore we shouldn't spend tax dollars on it.
1702	7/13/2012	The absurd yet growing belief that the Internet is some sort of replacement for them.

1703	7/13/2012	I do not appreciate the funding going to alternative agenda materials targeted at our youth. The library should be a place where research and reading happens and sex orientation and political agenda and book lists need to stay out of the children's section.
1704	7/13/2012	loss of funding
1705	7/13/2012	Ignorance of their value to the community is the biggest threat to local libraries.
1706	7/13/2012	Funding
1707	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1708	7/13/2012	budget cuts
1709	7/13/2012	Honestly, some of the people hanging out there smell so bad, I can't enter the room they're in. It's also uncomfortable having so many homeless people sleeping at the tables. It is because of this I have stopped going.
1710	7/13/2012	Funding not being given appropriately. Libraries should be funded and accessible to all!
1711	7/13/2012	Not enough funding!
1712	7/13/2012	closing them down
1713	7/13/2012	Lack of sufficient funds
1714	7/13/2012	Lack of funding to update technology. [] Lack of funding to have kids programs available.
1715	7/13/2012	not being open all week long not enough spanish coverage at all at Gresham very crucial
1716	7/13/2012	I would imagine that it must be funding.
1717	7/13/2012	Funding
1718	7/13/2012	asking for too much money
1719	7/13/2012	Funding
1720	7/13/2012	mismanagement of spending and resources
1721	7/13/2012	Funding. Drug addicts and the homeless using Central Library for non-library purposes.
1722	7/13/2012	The Tea Party
1723	7/13/2012	NOthing
1724	7/13/2012	Safety and personal security and reduced funding
1725	7/13/2012	Budget cuts because that limits how many materials can be bought to be checked out, how often they are open, and how many programs can be offered.
1726	7/13/2012	Stable, continuous funding. The threat of privatization. Those who say libraries are obsolete because of Google. But libraries are more important than ever, especially in this economy. We need stable funding for the library to help our communities in this time of need.
1727	7/13/2012	Technology
1728	7/13/2012	poor management and poor selection of books/materials.
1729	7/13/2012	Inadequate funding
1730	7/13/2012	The lack of stable funding, and apathy.

1731	7/13/2012	Our libraries closing. Maybe all staff with the city over 20,000 yearly should be come salary. At 20,000 that would free up some money. Hey my neighbor gave me some dried beans and lasagna noodles. I could deliver.
1732	7/13/2012	I'm not sure what you mean by "threat". The worst scenario is not having libraries. Libraries are funded by property taxes, as is everything else. But property owners can't be expected to shoulder all responsibility for all city/county services. I use the library, I support the library but my salary does not increase each time the county or city comes to me for more money to support services. That's the real threat -- tapping out the money resources, i.e. me.
1733	7/13/2012	Funding cuts! Also ignorance about all that the library provides.
1734	7/13/2012	I don't know.
1735	7/13/2012	Apathy!
1736	7/13/2012	Unwise use of resources
1737	7/13/2012	Disinvestment
1738	7/13/2012	don,t know.....
1739	7/13/2012	I don't know - maybe low federal funding?
1740	7/13/2012	budget cuts
1741	7/13/2012	I'm not sure- I feel very fortunate and appreciative of Multnomah county, that we are literate and generally express our value of the public library system by supporting it in bond approvals. I can imagine that such a large percentage of funds coming from a bond needing voter approval would be threatening if our community's expressed values were to shift, but so far, so good. :)
1742	7/13/2012	Shrinking tax base coupled with voter apathy or lack of knowledge of the funding problem.
1743	7/13/2012	Economic system
1744	7/13/2012	As with all public services, funding. Specifically, when those who don't use the library fail to understand the value of its community function, then bad things can happen.
1745	7/13/2012	Funding
1746	7/13/2012	an internal threat--the computer!!!!!!!!!! The games on the computer are ridiculous and i watch young kids play games--- they should put only reading or math games on the computers--not these batting games i watch kids play! Go home and play those games...or better yet, read!!!!!!
1747	7/13/2012	Excessive city/county taxes
1748	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1749	7/13/2012	Non-users who don't recognize the value of libraries and won't vote to support the cost of sustaining a public, free access to multi-media, multiple programs across the ages, e4tc.
1750	7/13/2012	We need people to want libraries for their community value. People who are only considering their own personal needs should try to reflect upon how all the different groups (age, income, race, ethnicity, education levels) benefit from their access to the various media format. Threat is not the word to use. I hope they change the question to "Why are our libraries underappreciated by the general public?"

1751	7/13/2012	A less and less literate society.
1752	7/13/2012	lack of funding to stay open 6 days a week
1753	7/13/2012	Lack of funding and the stigma created by homeless residents using the library system at Central. The public is in danger of misunderstanding the purpose of the library system and that it is open to everyone, even those people that we prefer to think don't exist.
1754	7/13/2012	Lack of money/funding.
1755	7/13/2012	People have access to books/ reading material via on-line options, can do everything from home.
1756	7/13/2012	Lack of funding/disgruntled users.
1757	7/13/2012	low funding
1758	7/13/2012	The general population not understanding how valuable the local library is, and therefore not making full use of the library's resources.
1759	7/13/2012	Not enough copies for popular material.
1760	7/13/2012	Unstable funding - the library keeps changing their hours.
1761	7/13/2012	Community apathy. The library is very popular and well used but people need to understand that a small cost in taxes gets a huge benefit. If voters don't respond to this need, the downward spiral can begin like it has in other Oregon library systems.
1762	7/13/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
1763	7/13/2012	Funding. Wear and tear on facilities.
1764	7/13/2012	Cut hours and loss of investment for new materials. Biggest threat: loss of budget to stay open. ☐ NOTE RE above - NUMBER 1 PRIORITY, HOURS and COMPUTER access first. (and REFERENCE people of course!). ☐ (if you're broke and don't have computer access you're out of every loop these days) - ALL above other and why is ANY money spent on promotion IN the library (pet peeve: the photo stickers at checkout stations. waste writ large. come ON! We are already IN the library.☐ Suggestion to "marketing department"...why not make people aware of how funding is determined so we can help support the library in our daily routine?☐ i.e. is it by circulation numbers? ☐ is it by a count of people at programs?☐ It might help to counter some of the misinformation floating around influencing people about "government" and UPA - "u.s.a p.a.t.r.i.o.t act" - as "big brother" - peeking at your library record (?) and your card connected to your computer searches... -- "little" erosions of privacy that might not seem invasive to some may keep other people away. 'There's even a public service announcement on the radio features a whiny-voiced librarian ostensibly reading titles out loud of items being checked out....(a "clever" list of about 5 or 6 "how to raise your kids" items...or some such). Yes, I know you aren't responsible for that, but the ALA or someone might contact the government agency that uses this library-negative radio ad and get it off the air. [it's on 620 AM KPOJ, that I know of]☐ ☐
1765	7/13/2012	

1766	7/13/2012	The Internet
1767	7/13/2012	lack of funding - our libraries are a huge resource for all ages and needs to be able to continue to function in an updated and efficient manner. The services provided by our communities are critical to people's lives, especially in a slow economy
1768	7/13/2012	Lack of government funding and a general societal aversion to public works and services.
1769	7/13/2012	<p>I would not have selected the items listed above at the top priorities. I don't think libraries need to be accessible seven days a week, but six days a week means that those who work can have a chance to go on weekends. []</p> <p>As for programs for the young, the old, and the unemployed: all of these are icing on the cake, nice to have when funding is rife but not, I would venture to say, the core mission. Nowhere in your list of priorities is 'sufficient funding to maintain an outstanding and diverse collection of books on a wide range of subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.' That is what I would put at the very top.[]</p> <p>I have no idea what the greatest threat is to our local libraries: I imagine that the answer you want is inadequate funding, but it could be winter mold because buildings have inadequate climate control, or vandalism to books and equipment. In general, however, this is not a good question to ask the general public-- those who do not make the library a career.</p>
1770	7/13/2012	losing additional funding in the future and being closed even more often
1771	7/13/2012	Republicans
1772	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1773	7/13/2012	Waste of time and materials through redundancy and poor planning.
1774	7/13/2012	Funding?
1775	7/13/2012	online books
1776	7/13/2012	Lack of funding, interest, and care.
1777	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1778	7/13/2012	I don't go as often as I'd like to, but if you do go down to 6 days a week - please close a weekday day.
1779	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1780	7/13/2012	Peoples' misperceptions regarding what community libraries are for and how they enrich patrons' lives in many varied ways.
1781	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1782	7/13/2012	No state, or federal funding.
1783	7/13/2012	Apparently lack of funding, since we keep approving measures to give them more funds but they have to resort to budget-saving measures such as limiting access (less days open).

1784	7/13/2012	My biggest concern is a lack of funding! We need both open, well-stocked libraries and to pay our excellent staff well and hire plenty of them. I think a lot of folks think the availability of more digital/internet resources means libraries are less crucial, but I feel strongly that our libraries are a vital space for community education about how to access and really use these new resources as well as more traditional ones: librarians are community teachers, and the library is the best community classroom we've developed in the U.S. ¶ In these economic times, especially, the dollars we spend on libraries come back to us in so many ways; this is not the time to relax our support for them.
1785	7/13/2012	Manipulating opening hours in an attempt to influence electoral outcomes (i.e., ballot referrals)
1786	7/13/2012	Idiots who don't support the library!
1787	7/13/2012	Funding
1788	7/13/2012	funding
1789	7/13/2012	Money shortage. Abusers of the system. Porn sites used when children are nearby.
1790	7/13/2012	Decreasing interest in the written word, in printed material, and reading for leisure.
1791	7/13/2012	That they may have to cut hours even or close some libraries.
1792	7/13/2012	closures!
1793	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1794	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1795	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1796	7/13/2012	the biggest threat is underfunding. The library is a valuable resource for kids and adults wether its reading a book, catching up on homework with a tutor or just being able to access the internet. The library is a safe haven for many kids who otherwise might be out on the streets getting into trouble. I have seen kids getting tutored or learning how to read at the library. Many new citizens use the library to learn better english.
1797	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1798	7/13/2012	Funding, stale content.
1799	7/13/2012	lack of consistent funding
1800	7/13/2012	Budget cuts. Fanatics pushing an "all taxes are bad" agenda, refusing to acknowledge the benefits of shared civic burdens, threatening public school systems and other literacy and cultural programs.
1801	7/13/2012	poor funding and lack of real commitment from tax payers
1802	7/13/2012	The Man.
1803	7/13/2012	Underfunding
1804	7/13/2012	Being taken for granted by the community.
1805	7/13/2012	under funding.
1806	7/13/2012	Lack of funding and lack of prioritization. The Internet is not a replacement for books.
1807	7/13/2012	Having to go to the voters for funding.
1808	7/13/2012	Lack of funding

1809	7/13/2012	Two mistaken ideas: [] Public libraries are unnecessary because "everybody has a computer," [] and: Public libraries can keep up with constantly changing e-technology without adequate funding.
1810	7/13/2012	in adequate funding...PERS seems to be contributing to shortage in funding as well as decrease in property taxes....need an all encompassing fix with both tax structure and PERS funding
1811	7/13/2012	The importance of the library being diminished because of resistance to further taxes.
1812	7/13/2012	Lack of funding - without question.
1813	7/13/2012	preoccupation with the Internet via computers and Smart phones
1814	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1815	7/13/2012	Money.
1816	7/13/2012	Funding cuts.
1817	7/13/2012	People forgetting how important they are.
1818	7/13/2012	I believe, based on my observations, that increased funding to road work that is not visibly necessary as well as funding to the beautiful boys in blue has been the biggest threats. Families that have no desire for education or improvement of their children. Families who are dependent on Government or other agencies. They do not see the benefit or privilege of the US Library system, a system which which does not exist outside North America.
1819	7/13/2012	
1820	7/13/2012	Inadequate funding
1821	7/13/2012	Not enough funding is provided!!!
1822	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1823	7/13/2012	Trying to be all things to all people every day of the week.
1824	7/13/2012	I think that funding is very hard. While I know you can donate to the library, I think it would be good to do a larger campaign for library users and to push personal donations. It's something that most people just don't think about.
1825	7/13/2012	Hearing that libraries might be closed down due to funding issues is terrible. What is a community without a library?
1826	7/13/2012	Internet They are not welcoming places to study or read. My local branch **always** sounds like a preschool at recess. Whatever happened to 'quiet - you're in the library'? Adults merely check out their materials and leave, reading or working on the premises seems to be nearly impossible. Frankly, I think this results in a slightly hostile and chaotic atmosphere for adult patrons.
1827	7/13/2012	
1828	7/13/2012	over-use, we need more of them!

1829	7/13/2012	Lack of adequate, dedicated funding keeps the doors closed. I came with my son at 5pm, and our branch library was closed. I am concerned for working people who cannot use the library after working because it closes by 5pm. The library becomes a resource only for a select many, the jobless, at-home parents etc who deserve a full-service library. I remember the library as a standard resource in my life, with long hours open to the public and on every day of the week. Like coffee shops, pubs and cloudy days in Portland, the library should be an expected landmark for active participation. It's tough to rank library use, because toddlers, job-seekers and seniors should not have to compete for library resources. The public libraries are meant to be free, accessible to all and open most of the time. Let's do it!
1830	7/13/2012	Disinterest
1831	7/13/2012	Being closed hours they are needed most, evenings and weekends
1832	7/13/2012	ignorance. I think it is the city misunderstanding just how important libraries are in terms of the value of the services they provide.
1833	7/13/2012	Having libraries that are accessible and well-stocked is a key element of maintaining an educated population and supporting democracy. Funding cuts. As we come up against continued budget shortfalls the gaze of the city naturally turns to publicly funded institutions. I believe the public library system should NOT be the target of cuts and should if anything have bolstered hours and service. The public library is a one of a kind institution that allows citizens of all backgrounds to have access to a vast amount of information, provides internet access to those who cannot otherwise afford it, and its other resources such as job assistance, computer classes for the elderly, and reading programs for children are IMMENSELY valuable not just for the personal development of those it helps but also for the greater economy. Cutting library funding is a TERRIBLE thing. We must have free access to information and vital resources.[] [] Along these lines, cutting hours is also a huge threat. Some people, especially WORKING CLASS people, cannot always make it in to the library during the small windows that they are open. Expanded hours would be helpful not just for convenience but also for wider access.
1834	7/13/2012	
1835	7/13/2012	I remember being in a Kinko's to use the computer and make copies. This was in suburban Washington, DC. The night employees let the homeless sleep under the desks. Our library is quickly becoming this type of problem! never go because it has become a day care center, a drop in center for addicts and the mentally ill, who should be in other care, a geriatric day care center. noisy, dangerous and full of communicable diseases.
1836	7/13/2012	Too much automation and emphasis on a business model, rather than relationships between library staff and patrons that encourage community and the sharing of information among people, not machines. The emphasis on automation is killing the spirit of the library I love.

1837	7/13/2012	The reduced number of younger people who are using alternate methods than the library for their research and learning. If they're used to using the internet etc for homework, then they are less likely to think of the library when they are looking for books to read etc. A focused campaign that reaches out to young people and reminds them that the library can be fore fun as well as homework might lead to that increased traffic.
1838	7/13/2012	Limited access and resources to the public; cuts in resources that the public otherwise wouldn't have.[] I appreciate and use the Lucky day books,current new releases.We also check out many audio books.I like the later hours.[] [] I work for Head Start,home visitor with the famililes (with preschoolers living in poverty). Together we discuss the library,how the family uses their library and the resources. Many of these families rely on the library for resources that otherwise they would not have:children books,computer use,employment searches,ESL and citizenship classes.[] [] To offset staff budget/staff cuts; hire more community volunteeers,student interns (job training).
1839	7/13/2012	Jeff Cogen[] Chair, Multnomah County[] Dear Mr. Cogen: [] Please find another solution to funding libraries than through additional property taxes! We've had enough and would rathe see the faciiliies close than have taxes rise again. [] Thank you.
1840	7/13/2012	Not enough ANYTHING to keep people coming back.
1841	7/13/2012	The smell of bums.
1842	7/13/2012	People not standing up and vocalizing the primary need for libraries.[] People who have won't speak up for people who have not.
1843	7/13/2012	community apathy has a tenacious effect on the funding
1844	7/13/2012	underfunding- taxpayers not wanting to support the library
1845	7/13/2012	budget cuts.
1846	7/13/2012	???
1847	7/13/2012	funding, of course (i am a public school teacher. it is our biggest problem too). i hope voters continue to support mult co lib!
1848	7/13/2012	Budget
1849	7/13/2012	Budget cuts
1850	7/13/2012	Stable Funding!!

		Unknown.[] []
1851	7/13/2012	I would like to see a public discussion of the library budget and how financial resources are distributed among library services and salaries.[] []
		In the current economy, I simply do not have the resources to vote in another property tax, or any other long term tax. My house is, literally, at risk.
1852	7/13/2012	Lack of a base of consistent, stable funding. Potential, future failure of voters to recognize the need to continue voting for financial support of libraries.[] Potential influence of spillover to library literacy programs of the national and state level pressures on schools to emphasize micro-level, skills-based literacy approach too much and too developmentally early. Stay aware and stay true!
1853	7/13/2012	An unwillingness to spend budgetary resources on the library system based on a view of libraries as a "nice-to-have" element of the community. When viewed as a necessity, libraries take on a position of budgetary importance alongside roads, emergency services, etc.
1854	7/13/2012	Our city legislature. Removing funding from the libraries is unacceptable and the money can be taken from other resources.
1855	7/13/2012	A lack of funding.
1856	7/13/2012	The internet.
1857	7/13/2012	I'm sure it's money. Levies not being voted for, taxes diverted to other county projects, and the like. And apathy, which seems to be running rampant here in the economic downturn.
1858	7/13/2012	Lack of a stable funding source that allows the library system to continuously improve service rather than regress.
1859	7/13/2012	Not having the abilitiy.
1860	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1861	7/13/2012	Diminishing funding.
1862	7/13/2012	I am unsure what the community needs are. I arbitrarily ranked the above, but fully support all of the proposals.
1863	7/13/2012	Funding shortfalls
1864	7/13/2012	Being budgeted out.
1865	7/13/2012	Funding?
1866	7/13/2012	Stable funding
1867	7/13/2012	Not sure
1868	7/13/2012	Lack of funding, I would hate to see the library's hours diminish to less than 6 days a week and programs get cut.
1869	7/13/2012	television & video games
1870	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.

1871	7/13/2012	Funding
1872	7/13/2012	Lack of funding. i c an't prioritise the above items except to say that the children's programs are vital to encouraging lifelong readers. I think you need a library district to maintain stable funding. The Library system's unwillingness to sacrifice (shorten hours, staff, etc) like the rest in the community are during this recession.¶
1873	7/13/2012	I have to watch every penny, cut back on my budget, why can't the Library do that in solidarity with the community at large? Once the economy is back, then ask for funding.
1874	7/13/2012	funding
1875	7/13/2012	I believe that the biggest threat to our libraries is the possibility for them to run out of funding.
1876	7/13/2012	Probably funding. I used to work at a public library and there were a lot of issued with homeless people who sometimes made it uncomfortable for patrons. I think this can be an issue too.
1877	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1878	7/13/2012	The cutting of services to all citizens. It is one of the perks that the middle class citizen has. Changes in the media consumption habits and requirements of the general public followed closely by attempts by copyright holders to exploit these changes and reduce the ability of libraries to transition. The relevency of the library as a main repository for information and entertainment is threatened as demand for paper books continues to drop and the ability to provide other services in new formats is hindered by legislation and media publishers.
1879	7/13/2012	
1880	7/13/2012	funding
1881	7/13/2012	An election that has many bond measures, resulting in a high turn out of "no tax, no service" voters.
1882	7/13/2012	I love having a place to go to! Everything is so computerized now and lonely but the library offers a human touch which is so important.
1883	7/13/2012	People who forget how awesome it is to have a great public library and decide not to help fund it.
1884	7/13/2012	funding
1885	7/13/2012	folks not utilizing the library and therefore not voting for funding
1886	7/13/2012	money
1887	7/13/2012	inadequate funding
1888	7/13/2012	Lack of funding and revenue source.
1889	7/13/2012	County Government!
1890	7/13/2012	funding
1891	7/13/2012	Citizens not realizing the importance and benefits of free and open libraries in a culture of ebooks and electronic entertainment.
1892	7/13/2012	Funding. Instead of increasing the burden on property owners there needs to be an alternate source of funding. More book sales? Solicit for donations? Library banquet/silent auction? There has to be other ways of closing the gap.
1893	7/13/2012	politicians
1894	7/13/2012	Funding.

1895	7/13/2012	Dinosaurs. Americans don't seem to value books and reading as much as they used to.
1896	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1897	7/13/2012	inconsistent hours and days open- the public library needs to be just that- public, and open
1898	7/13/2012	Budget cuts, internet, sedentary lifestyle
1899	7/13/2012	No money for new materials
1900	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
1901	7/13/2012	My guess is that it is funding. My feeling is that the library is very well used and loved in Portland.
1902	7/13/2012	being shut down
1903	7/13/2012	lack of funding support for resources and services
1904	7/13/2012	Funding
1905	7/13/2012	The library's challenge of finding a modern role in a web-enabled society.
1906	7/13/2012	The library not being available when the public needs it.
1907	7/13/2012	Cutting access and cutting materials. Let's be honest: The public library system is one of the best things about America. It is a gathering place for us to be equal, as long as access is maintained and what we have access to is diverse and rich. The homeless behavior at the Central Branch. The should have access; but behavior inside and in the area around the entrance it should be civil and non threatening.[]
1908	7/13/2012	[] Funding is an issue, and the messaging around funding. We vote for a levy and then without notice hours are cut because of fund short falls. This make me wonder if the library is well managed and deserving of any new funds or levies.
1909	7/13/2012	Less open hours and less materials
1910	7/13/2012	Funding. I would support a separate levy. While we don't use the facility very often, we do use the online service for genealogy work.
1911	7/13/2012	Lack of sustained funding at high level. Pressure to make libraries into technology centers. Not understanding its mission. [] [] I feel our library does too much at the expense of staying open. Programs for job seekers and sma businesses does not seem like the role of the library. []
1912	7/13/2012	[] It also seems like the library goes overboard on purchasing new materials. [] [] I'd appreciate seeing how upgrading to an automatic check out system and then reducing hours is beneficial to your patrons.
1913	7/13/2012	New media and technologies that decrease people's use of books.
1914	7/13/2012	Lack of commitment to services to local society. Less interest in sharing for the benefit of the group.
1915	7/13/2012	Programs will be cut and hours shortened

1916	7/13/2012	Cutting the programs for the community
1917	7/13/2012	Not being able to keep material up to date thus giving users the best service.
1918	7/13/2012	SPending cuts.
1919	7/13/2012	inadequate funding
1920	7/13/2012	Sounds like lack of funding. I for one would be willing to double or triple the current tax rate to support and expand our libraries.
1921	7/13/2012	What does a Librarian look like in 10 years? How important is print vs digital going forward? How to make the change and stay relevant.
1922	7/13/2012	I order my materials online and I'm always surprised and sometimes shocked at how many copies we have of certain books, movies and CDs. Especially with materials that have a surge in popularity, I wonder what happens to all those copies in a year or two down the line. It feels like a HUGE waste of money. And it's frustrating to see so much money spent on incredible amounts of copies when the libraries are shortening their hours.
1923	7/13/2012	The biggest threat is that dollars are diverted to other areas and that the libraries are slowly cut back until they disappear.
1924	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1925	7/13/2012	Budget cuts
1926	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1927	7/13/2012	Politics
1928	7/13/2012	Right wing politicians who want to cut services to the middle class because all they care about is appeasing corporations.
1929	7/13/2012	Funding
1930	7/13/2012	Hours of operation and can't get to resources.
1931	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1932	7/13/2012	Republicans: Funding cuts!
1933	7/13/2012	Not keeping up with technology and in getting new materials
1934	7/13/2012	Continued growth in e-readers
1935	7/13/2012	Financial stress and a lack of public knowledge to the local, library issues.
1936	7/13/2012	People forgetting how valuable of a resource the library is.
1937	7/13/2012	Funding? Another poorly written question.
1938	7/13/2012	Not sure. Lack of stable funding?
1939	7/13/2012	Funding

1940	7/13/2012	My concern is that the libraries will continue to increase in cost to the point that they will lose the support of those that pay for them through increasing property taxes. I am retired with no annual cost of living increase in income, as some public employees may assume all private sector retirees get, yet my taxes go up every year to the point where I am considering moving out of Portland city limits. When I move, it will be outside the city and county limits! Please limit the services that our library provides as to not repeat services offered by other public institutions.
1941	7/13/2012	non-funding
1942	7/13/2012	Foremost is a national policy priority predicated on reducing public resources and infrastructure. Also, a funding system based only on property taxes puts a perceived onus on homeowners.
1943	7/13/2012	Budget cuts that effect opening hours.
1944	7/13/2012	Funding. The city would rather fund mass transit and bike lanes than the education of our society.
1945	7/13/2012	that they will be eliminated and access to this resource destroyed
1946	7/13/2012	budget cuts
1947	7/13/2012	indifference from the general public and inactivity by the library itself. Libraries are no longer just about books - technology is changing the way libraries can and do interact with the public (spaces), for example with the use of new medias (ipad, smartphones, internet collaboration/connecting)...it is important for libraries to function within this changing world and adapt to it in order to be a part of it...see mediatheque in sendai, japan or seattle's public library for relevant examples. Funding is clearly the main obstacle to a library's sustainability, but funding will only come with a constant public dialogue/interaction between people and place/space in order to counter indifference by the public.
1948	7/13/2012	low budget
1949	7/13/2012	Lack of stable funding Amazon.com[]
1950	7/13/2012	Corporate messages that community institutions are not important.[] Capitalism.
1951	7/13/2012	Budget cuts and the degradation of strong communities as socio-economic prosperity declines.
1952	7/13/2012	being shut down, and e books
1953	7/13/2012	Not engaging younger generations; cutting hours so much that libraries lose their role as community gathering spaces.
1954	7/13/2012	I don't know. The library is a cornerstone of our community and has services of vital importance to all ages and cultures. Maintaining access is key.
1955	7/13/2012	Limited hours.
1956	7/13/2012	Growing irrelevance.
1957	7/13/2012	I would imagine you know better than I, but I suppose the explosion of new media makes it difficult to focus and maintain a collection.

1958	7/13/2012	Ignorance? I'm fairly engaged but I have no idea how to answer when people ask me why the hours and services are being cut. I just respond with a vague reference to the economy, same as I do when I'm asked about Trimet issues. [] The way I simplified it to my kid was to explain that we don't like paying taxes and the money has to come from somewhere, and not enough money goes in the direction of the library. ldk.
1959	7/13/2012	Residents not valuing the service. Access to information should be free and hard copies of books should always be available.
1960	7/13/2012	Decreased funding, laying off librarians, shortened business hours.
1961	7/13/2012	Funding
1962	7/13/2012	cuts in programs and not being able to purchase enough books.
1963	7/13/2012	RFID chip usage.
1964	7/13/2012	Lack of funding - I would choose censorship, but I don't know of any cases locally. I think the biggest threat is people who aren't realistic about the financial condition of our city and county and aren't willing to cut back to be able to continue to enjoy SOME of the services instead of expecting the full spectrum of services they are used to having.
1965	7/13/2012	
1966	7/13/2012	Disrespect of the bound material. Improper treatment.
1967	7/13/2012	no idea
1968	7/13/2012	losing hours & closing on Mondays
1969	7/13/2012	People misusing the library? Or, people not respecting the funding. Portland libraries are treasures that need to be supported if not financially, at least respectfully. Educate, educate, educate!!!
1970	7/13/2012	That they will lose fundings
1971	7/13/2012	Foolish budget cuts that ignore the continuous education of our people as a basic human need.
1972	7/13/2012	not having the funding to keep all the branches open
1973	7/13/2012	Under funding
1974	7/13/2012	The weak economy forcing cash-strapped citizens to vote against funding it.
1975	7/13/2012	running out of ideas to send taxpayers money.
1976	7/13/2012	lack of funding...
1977	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1978	7/13/2012	money?
1979	7/13/2012	Wear and tear on the buildings, people disrespect for properties.
1980	7/13/2012	Crabby librarians that drive people away.
1981	7/13/2012	Variable funding.
1982	7/13/2012	Technology
1983	7/13/2012	Apathy / people not realizing their importance.
1984	7/13/2012	decreased interest in reading & funding
1985	7/13/2012	funding

1986	7/13/2012	My late fees :(
1987	7/13/2012	tax cuts, shortage of funding, technology that cuts jobs and eliminates people from helping people
1988	7/13/2012	Lack of availability
1989	7/13/2012	lack of funding
1990	7/13/2012	Lack of funds. :(
1991	7/13/2012	Cutting hours and cutting days open
1992	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1993	7/13/2012	I'm not sure if I understand the question, but it makes me absolutely nauseous to think that funding is being cut from such an incredibly important part of our community. The public library is probably one of the most useful and meaningful and beneficial things in our society and the greatest threat is anyone who doesn't recognize this.
1994	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
1995	7/13/2012	Lack of funding. Not being able to have all branches open and staffed at times needed by patrons. Having to close at 6pm shuts out many people who work until 5pm or later. Not being open on weekends shuts out a majority of people with common scheduling while not being open midweek shuts out people who work weekends. Accessibility is highly important, especially for those of us with irregular or non-standard schedules. We need to have the library staffed and open for as many people as possible.
1996	7/13/2012	
1997	7/13/2012	People not using them.
1998	7/13/2012	I'm not aware of any.
1999	7/13/2012	Stealing shortage of use and budget cutx
2000	7/13/2012	Cell phones? Shortened attention spans? School education budgets?
2001	7/13/2012	budget cuts!!!!budget cuts!!!!
2002	7/13/2012	lack of funding
2003	7/13/2012	being underfunded
2004	7/13/2012	Inadequate funding
2005	7/13/2012	Not enough support from citizens.[] On line books and movies
2006	7/13/2012	Lack of respect for people who want to learn. Closure.
2007	7/13/2012	Funding
2008	7/13/2012	lack of funding
2009	7/13/2012	I don't know
2010	7/13/2012	Tight purse-strings are the biggest threat to the local library. The true threat to the library is not a benighted populace like in some cities, but a fiscal weariness. Many in Portland are hypocritical--they like the social services but haven't the desire to really pay for them. Current funding of the library (and other services) only allows it to limp along, not thrive.
2011	7/13/2012	Treating them as expendable resources. Libraries are vital to our democracy.

2012	7/13/2012	I think the biggest threat is having the hours cut so much that people quit going to the library because 1) they cannot get there during the limited hours and 2) they find that as a result, it has become irrelevant and they lose interest in funding it.
2013	7/13/2012	short hours--I can't keep track of when it is open and when it isn't
2014	7/13/2012	Lack of consistent funding
2015	7/13/2012	I'm please with the materials and the staff at the Gresham and Rockwood locations. I can't speak to programs for seniors or resources for job seeks, business owners or English language learners. For me and my children, our biggest disappointment would be if hours were cut further or locations closed.
2016	7/13/2012	politics
2017	7/13/2012	Money!
2018	7/13/2012	Ignorance is the biggest threat to our local libraries. The sad thing is they are part of the solution to ignorance. I feel that the culture of no taxes is going to kill off programs like libraries until we spiral into the depths of ignorance. We will need our libraries and other institutions of learning to pull out of the current state of unsustainable lifestyles.
2019	7/13/2012	I think funding is a challenge and the changing media.
2020	7/13/2012	Lack of funding. Those who tend to need and use the library the most are those whose tax base doesn't generate sufficient revenue. It would be nice to have a scaled tax assessment relative to your property values. A higher percentage is assessed with the greater property value. I guess have the affluent pay a little more for the privilege of using our libraries.
2021	7/13/2012	Ability to find resources online.
2022	7/13/2012	Shorten hours/less days open
2023	7/13/2012	People reading less in general, and/or more material on-line and less in actual books. People undervaluing what libraries offer to the community.
2024	7/13/2012	Losing access. What's the point if you don't have access? People have complicated schedules; the more hours available the more people the library will be available to. I am new to the area and I don't know what the threats are. I will tell you what I notice, but know that I do not know how decisions were made or how locations are funded.[]
2025	7/13/2012	I teach literacy and English language learners in K-6. About one third of picture books I have looked for this past year were not in your stock (but that does mean that two thirds were, which is nice).[] The Northwest location is small and is not the most convenient for finding books (picture books and historical fiction for adults) to take home that day--
2026	7/13/2012	People who don't vote for referendums to fund the library.
2027	7/13/2012	cuts in funding
2028	7/13/2012	Lack of funding for current material and operating hours; Electronic books making hard copies less desirable so tax payers see less value in funding library needs.
2029	7/13/2012	Lack of stable funding.

2030	7/13/2012	Lack of current technology and multi-media. Funding
2031	7/13/2012	Reduction of hours.
2032	7/13/2012	closing branches and limited hours
2033	7/13/2012	?Funding?
2034	7/13/2012	Being Closed
2035	7/13/2012	The biggest threat is closing a library. Libraries are what complete a community.
2036	7/13/2012	Decreased or lack of funding to maintain at least what is currently available.
2037	7/13/2012	Computers
2038	7/13/2012	Republicans
2039	7/13/2012	Sounds like it's a lack of funding.
2040	7/13/2012	Stable funding, not outreaching to the public to support our libraries
2041	7/13/2012	since ebooks have become popular people do not want to hold or check out books.
2042	7/13/2012	Budget cuts
2043	7/13/2012	Lack of support and funds.
2044	7/13/2012	Trying to do too much. Really can't do it all and there are other resources that provide some of the activities.
2045	7/13/2012	cuts from state and regional administrators who always love to gut public service over administrative projects and funding.
2046	7/13/2012	Privatization of formerly public resources, which define the benchmark of a community's quality. Perhaps publishers and manufacturers who see public sources as a cut into their profits.
2047	7/13/2012	The biggest threat is that the public library is rapidly becoming daycare for Mexicans. Classes for people from foreign countries and preference given to non English speaking people is UN-AMERICAN. The self checkout doesn't make much sense to me either. Also, when I have used the computers, peoples' cell phones are always going off. [] The system and set-up is great, some of the people who go there need to learn how to behave.
		lack of funding and the use of funding for too many special programs. [] []
2048	7/13/2012	provide access to books and experienced librarians as many days as possible, first and foremost. you've got enough traffic in these libraries that you have a captive audience to make volunteer requests for story hours, senior programs, job seekers, etc. so don't waste the money on that. spend it on bricks&mortar, books and librarians.
2049	7/13/2012	support through funding. We cannot lose our libraries!

2050	7/13/2012	Probably closures and so be it if that is what is need to curb the tax and spend policy that Multh. co does so well. If the people who want to use the library want to pay for a yearly membership and the monies are collected this way what is wrong with that??? I have had two years where I received no increase on my SS check but the taxes keep going up. If it were a business and there was no money What would happen?? Multh. Co. is too liberal. It is like a socialistic county that prectically runs the whole damn state. What is wrong with the commissioners?? They are out of touch with some of their tax paying citizens. I do not want another tax.
2051	7/13/2012	Lack of support in East Portland.
2052	7/13/2012	The injustice that capitalism is readily reaping over Portland. This city is overrun by greedy policies designed to delve those in need into deeper debt like cutting the library's budget.
2053	7/13/2012	Availability of information on the internet. Being able to download books on Kindle, Nook, iBooks.
2054	7/13/2012	catering to specific groups and languages
2055	7/13/2012	The non-reading, non-thinking citizens who only care for the destruction of government functions.
2056	7/13/2012	The eradication of the book as we know it (i.e. Kindle).
2057	7/13/2012	Shutting down completely and not having a place for students to go to after achio
2058	7/13/2012	Cutting services. By closing the doors one day a week, you are limiting access to the resources available there. Perhaps you could spread the day the branch is closed so that some of the branches are open each day.
2059	7/13/2012	I am not sure.
2060	7/13/2012	Budget shortfalls
2061	7/13/2012	Our local libraries are a jewel for our county and help promote awareness of other cultures, other people. ¶ The biggest threat would be a major economic downturn where funding was impacted and the short sightedness of some popular culture at the cost of deeper relationships (like those with books). Ebooks help bridge the divide between the new culture and the old.
2062	7/13/2012	Lack of funding Lack of availability! As books transition to the electronic world, I've been horrified to see bookstores closing down, and libraries reducing their service. As that happens, I find myself buying books more often (when I can find bookstores) and using the library less often than I used to. I was absolutely floored when I visited Tillamook this week and discovered that they're open from 9 am to 9 pm on most days! I don't expect such a miracle here, but 7 days a week at least would be great!
2063	7/13/2012	apathy
2064	7/13/2012	Lack of funds
2065	7/13/2012	The Internet
2066	7/13/2012	If the funding tax measures do not pass.
2067	7/13/2012	The county asking for more tax money
2068	7/13/2012	Digital age/technology making libraries obsolete.
2069	7/13/2012	

2070	7/13/2012	Politics
2071	7/13/2012	attack by wild bears
2072	7/13/2012	Lack of stable funding. The library system should not be an afterthought. A good library is a must to keep a community informed and learning new things.
2073	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
2074	7/13/2012	People who don't believe in their importance.
2075	7/13/2012	Don't know
2076	7/13/2012	Not having enough money for all services and hours.
2077	7/13/2012	Lack of funding to support the community needs
2078	7/13/2012	Everything listed is important and makes the library important to the community. The library's biggest threat is lack of funding stability
2079	7/13/2012	Lack of funding. Because some people forget the usefulness of our libraries and don't take advantage of the resources it provides, I think some simple and inexpensive advertising would increase the flow of people.
2080	7/13/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
2081	7/13/2012	funding
2082	7/13/2012	People not reading books.
2083	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
2084	7/13/2012	FUNDING and the fact that many people do not the the many resources the library provides The biggest threat is the money going to schools and the schools are not using the resources as well - look at the dropout rate. You go to school to learn, but reading books are faster, cheaper paths to learning, and so much of what goes on in the classroom could be put on the computer and kids love computers, and the library could be the foundation, if we had more of them. I would like to take money from the public schools and just build 50 times the amount of libraries. Our biggest threat to libraries is money from taxes going to other gov. agencies.
2085	7/13/2012	
2086	7/13/2012	Funding or the lack of funding.
2087	7/13/2012	"Unknown" -- and that is the point. Do people even know that the local libraries are in trouble? I didn't, until I received this email asking me to fill out a survey. I'm glad to help!
2088	7/13/2012	not being open enough hours.
2089	7/13/2012	The flagging economy, electronic media
2090	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
2091	7/13/2012	Budget cuts and technology replacing the hard copies of the written word.
2092	7/13/2012	Not having library locations/hours open when the public needs them. Not buying the new releases of materials. Not having enough Internet access computers for the public.
2093	7/13/2012	funding maybe?..... TV... the value we, as a society, place on entertainment over learning/education... Republicans who don't value public services? lol
2094	7/13/2012	closures and reduced hours

2095	7/13/2012	Tax cuts and lack of funding.
2096	7/13/2012	Cutting back hours.
2097	7/13/2012	Not receiving the proper support from the community.
2098	7/13/2012	Restrictions due to budget constraints.
2099	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
2100	7/13/2012	funding, not having current materials
2101	7/13/2012	not enough funding!
2102	7/13/2012	Not enough funding to continue to keep them open and available all the time.
2103	7/13/2012	I voted for the library levy and feel extremely betrayed to have you turn around and reduce hours. I will not vote for any more money for you. Like many people already do, I will fill my library needs with non-library on-line services.
2104	7/13/2012	Cheap taxpayers who believe they can have something for nothing.
2105	7/13/2012	i feel that not enough people realize how amazing our library system is, or how easy it is to use. Narrowed-minded people who don't understand the exceptional value and critical importance of public libraries in our society. []
2106	7/13/2012	[] It is heart-breaking being asked to rank in order of importance. How can you rank?
2107	7/13/2012	Budget cutting is the biggest threat. Multnomah County really does have one of the best library systems in the US. It is a high-quality investment, and an investment made by tax paying citizens of the county. Letting those services dwindle is really a betrayal of what we've worked so hard and invested in for so long.
2108	7/13/2012	no funding
2109	7/13/2012	funding cuts
2110	7/13/2012	RIGHT WING PHILISTINES IN WASHINGTON.
2111	7/13/2012	Limited hours and programs
2112	7/13/2012	Probably money
2113	7/13/2012	Lack of money
2114	7/13/2012	republicans
2115	7/13/2012	tax cuts
2116	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
2117	7/13/2012	funding
2118	7/13/2012	funding
2119	7/13/2012	Funding. I think our libraries are some of the best used and best loved libraries in the nation. This community definitely supports the libraries, but funding has been a challenge in recent years. I know that I don't need to buy all the most recent fiction and clutter up my house with books I'll probably only read once. But I'm happy to vote yes for library funding so that the library can buy all the most recent :)

2120	7/13/2012	no funding
2121	7/13/2012	Under funding
2122	7/13/2012	Republicans.....
2123	7/13/2012	People don't want to pay taxes.
2124	7/13/2012	Funding.
2125	7/13/2012	government taken library money
2126	7/13/2012	funding
2127	7/13/2012	?
2128	7/13/2012	Lack of funding.
2129	7/13/2012	increasing wages, benefits and funding
2130	7/13/2012	Closing them down
2131	7/13/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries would be the advent of YouTube and FB and online living versus staying in the real world with print materials, lax parenting in the modern era happening to not include instilling a love of reading books in our children, and BUDGET CUTS out of taxes and Levys. We need to cut the personal pork projects and fund our libraries to the fullest extent.
2132	7/13/2012	The republicans
2133	7/13/2012	Inadequate funding?
2134	7/13/2012	Lack of money, and also a lack of support by our elected officials. I would not be opposed to paying a yearly fee such as \$5.00 for the use of the library.
2135	7/13/2012	Insufficient funding. Possibly the Tea Party. Or the housing crunch resulting in people losing homes, and therefore a loss of property tax to fund libraries.
2136	7/13/2012	People don't want to be taxed for them.
2137	7/13/2012	Lack of adequate funding
2138	7/13/2012	The property tax level is too high in Portland. Another tax authority, e.g., Multnomah County Library system, is over the top. I do not support your efforts to create a Library district.
2139	7/13/2012	Underfunding.
2140	7/13/2012	Not sure.
2141	7/13/2012	Failure to prevent book theft.
2142	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
2143	7/13/2012	Closures, cutting hours
2144	7/13/2012	Dwindling resources & finances !!!
2145	7/13/2012	illiterate people don't vote!!!hard to get support for libraries without voting.
2146	7/13/2012	People not realizing the libraries' importance in the local community, on every level from providing great books, music, and learning resources to being great places for all kinds of people to gather, and allowing library funding to be cut.
2147	7/13/2012	Pension and health care costs of library employees

2148	7/13/2012	People giving up reading for other "activities" and technologies, e.g. Internetting and other such things.
2149	7/13/2012	Funding. I would pay for my membership. Too many free services. Leave it free to people who are struggling. Let others pay.
2150	7/13/2012	If people lose sight of the value of our libraries and don't see the need to keep voting yes for the levies
2151	7/13/2012	Mismanagement of tax dollars. If the money was spent wisely, there would be enough for the important things. Blah, blah, blah....
2152	7/13/2012	funding issues
2153	7/13/2012	the government takeing away funding so that they can pay off the dept that is owed, the library needs more funding to stay open for the people who can not aford any of the luxurys such as afording new books or for people like me a new book daily, as well as internet access since most jobs are going network. it is most crutial that librарys get the funding to stay open, Cuts are the most threatening to the library as of current
2154	7/13/2012	Turning a complete blind eye to overall tax problem in Oregon. We need a combination of sales, income and property taxes. This DOES mean businesses paying income and property taxes. To say that this is a "local" issue does not properly address the larger problem which is currently impacting not just the library, but all of our "social" services. As a county leader, you have a voice in speaking to the state leaders. Use it.
2155	7/13/2012	Unsteady funding.
2156	7/13/2012	Funding
2157	7/13/2012	Diminished hours and schedule juggling. One needs to be able to count on stable schedules, as for many users at Belmont, I suspect it is among the more affordable outings a family can have. Complacency. Make sure regular users understand how devastating their loss would be if necessary funds weren't available to maintain current materials.[] [] As a lifelong (70 years) I can't imagine a scanty schedule.
2158	7/13/2012	lack of funding, hands-down
2159	7/13/2012	I have no idea. Lack of funding?
2160	7/13/2012	Corporations. Don't sell out please! We need you.
2161	7/13/2012	funding- otherwise, everything seems to be going very well!
2162	7/13/2012	Republicans
2163	7/13/2012	Lack of Funding because there seems to be a lack of Interest in learning.
2164	7/13/2012	THE ABOVE RATING SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING!!!!!! IT WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO TYPE IN NUMBERS!

2165	7/13/2012	Expanding too far beyond their core mission of providing literature/other media and promoting learning & literacy. Some of the above mentioned programs, while very worthwhile, should be covered by other social services. I am willing to adjust my schedule to meet the library's needs in terms of varying hours and reduced staffing.
2166	7/13/2012	Lack of funding
2167	7/13/2012	A lack of realization that the library offers so much more than just books. Libraries provide critical programs to those in need of a variety of services. A library is a community resource and not just a place to check out books. Advertise more how much you help the community!
2168	7/13/2012	The transition from print media to paperless media (such as online, smart phones, ereaders). People must be encouraged to use both books as well as paperless media, and libraries should support both forms. Without this connection to both traditional and modern forms of reading, interest and funding will wane.
2169	7/13/2012	Less money for new materials
2170	7/13/2012	Do not know.
2171	7/13/2012	Libraries not adapting fast enough to stay relevant in the internet age.
2172	7/13/2012	Money wasted on enforcement of marijuana prohibition.
2173	7/13/2012	lack of public understanding of the resources that are provided by libraries and librarians.
2174	7/13/2012	stable funding - the lack thereof
2175	7/13/2012	IDIOTS IN GOVERNMENT. Libraries need to be maintained as resources of, by and for the people, independently audited and supervised by a board of regents comprised of volunteers appointed by, and from, area academic institutions (this means members of the faculties of academic institutions, who desire to serve [volunteer] apply to do so to their institutions and are then selected and appointed to serve on the board by the administrations of their institutions. The object is to have intellectually fit individuals with academic comprehension of library use and usefulness in library system maintenance and oversight positions, instead of idiot politicians, reformers, axe-grinders and all the rest of the riff-raff who normally seek positions from which to dominate and control communities' intellectual orientations). The object is to get controller idiots out of both fiscal and intellectual control of libraries, so that libraries can function as libraries, without being threatened with defunding or censoring to conform to any preferences. Libraries are, after all, where one should expect to be able to find information about alternative and contrary views and perceptions, historical and current.
2176	7/13/2012	Some people view the library as a thing of the past - you can access everything electronically. But they miss the important element of a book, resources, interaction, etc. Also many people do not have access to a computer
2177	7/13/2012	funding
2178	7/13/2012	Continued funding cuts
2179	7/13/2012	People who are non-library users who do not recognize how important and well-used libraries are!
2180	7/13/2012	Lack of funding, I presume.

2181	7/13/2012	funding
2182	7/13/2012	Underfunding
2183	7/13/2012	taxpayers not willing to support services.
2184	7/13/2012	Television and too much work.
2185	7/13/2012	ebooks.
2186	7/12/2012	jackasses who take away funding
2187	7/12/2012	Public apathy
2188	7/12/2012	Lack of consistent funding
2189	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2190	7/12/2012	hours of operation being cut
2191	7/12/2012	Closures. Also, drastic reductions in any area of service.
2192	7/12/2012	The 1% of people taking a lions share of the nation's gross national product leaving little money for services and benefits for the general public.
2193	7/12/2012	Funding
2194	7/12/2012	Funding
2195	7/12/2012	While I love being able to check out a "new release" blockbuster movies, I don't think the library needs to buy 80 copies. I would rather see the money put into additional books. I can rent a DVD for \$1.20 at Redbox (and I do if the wait is too long at the library), but I can't rent books anywhere.
2196	7/12/2012	What you have not asked about is adding a fee for service. We pay for other valuable services [utilities, telephones, food, and just about everything]. I would be willing to pay a small charge for "renting" a book. If the charge were high enough that I decided I'd rather not pay it, then you'd find out how valuable the library service is to me. [] [] Why should someone else [taxpayers] subsidize my free "rental" of books that I don't want to buy because I can get them for free from the library? How many books does the system loan out each year? At what fee per book would the library generate enough revenues to either pay its expenses or at least cover the difference between current service levels and your ideal full service levels?
2197	7/12/2012	funding
2198	7/12/2012	Changing communication patterns, electronic books.
2199	7/12/2012	Lack of funding I guess
2200	7/12/2012	short-sighted funding policies and other mechanisms that hamstringing quality service.
2201	7/12/2012	People not returning books drives up the cost.
2202	7/12/2012	Funding
2203	7/12/2012	the summer reading and the story hours
2204	7/12/2012	The crappy economy
2205	7/12/2012	Inadequate funding.
2206	7/12/2012	Probably lack of secure and continuous funding.

2207	7/12/2012	Lack of funding given the poor economy
2208	7/12/2012	Lack of awareness of what a tremendous resource our libraries are.
2209	7/12/2012	Not having enough staff to process the items that are returned to Gresham by patrons or the new material that is delivered from the other branches that have been requested by our Gresham branch. As a volunteer (2 days a week) there is so much needed to be done behind the scenes, that it is hard to re-shelf material that is coming back through the drop slot or the daily deliveries. The staff work hard to make sure the shelves are replenished as soon as possible. With the reduction in staff, if someone is sick, it is hard to cover the check out counter, information desk, let alone processing the Hold List request. Gresham branch is receiving a lot of hold request (average 250-300 or more) per day.
2210	7/12/2012	It would seem that funding would be the biggest problem as you have now cut back on days of the week you are open.
2211	7/12/2012	Loss of funding
2212	7/12/2012	Short-sightedness of voters.
2213	7/12/2012	I don't know.
2214	7/12/2012	<p>1. The perception that e-readers will make them obsolete.[]</p> <p>2. Asking for more money in a general election when the voters have just approved the continuation of a three year levy. Raising property taxes in the 4th year of a recession just doesn't make sense to me. What are you thinking? I am a strong advocate for libraries, manned the phone bank for the primary levy for the Friends of the Library, and I will NOT be supporting a property tax hike. It is not the right time, people.</p>
2215	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2216	7/12/2012	Homeless
2217	7/12/2012	funds
2218	7/12/2012	Cut down programs for young people/students.
2219	7/12/2012	the economy and the budget.
2220	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2221	7/12/2012	people don't understand what a wonderful resource the library is and don't know how to reserve the materials that they want. Also, will need to be able to loan more books electronically with shorter wait periods.
2222	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2223	7/12/2012	Online books...need more and faster access to read books on our iPods/Kindles/etc.
2224	7/12/2012	Funding? I don't see a lack of interest, or utilization of the library. I think people view the library as an extraneous luxury, while I think of it as a necessary luxury- vital for a balanced and thriving and healthy community. It is a vote for the future- in my book. ;)
2225	7/12/2012	The PC

2226	7/12/2012	Reduced hours
2227	7/12/2012	Ignorance, stupidity, cupidity and shortsightedness by the powers-that-be
2228	7/12/2012	I dont know
2229	7/12/2012	Budget cuts forcing limited access to knowledge.
2230	7/12/2012	I think that the confused priorities of our "leaders" puts the needed government functions in peril in favour of agendas they really should not be pursuing
2231	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2232	7/12/2012	Loss of funding, and people using them less as books become cheaper and more readily available through other means.
2233	7/12/2012	None of the above are that important to me. I do use the computers at times but mostly use library to check out books and other media. I don't need the library open all the time. I can restructure my schedule to make it to the library when it is open. [] [] When my child was young I did take him to story hours for toddlers, and he did participate in the summer reading programs. I don't see any threat to our local libraries, at least the ones I go to.
2234	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, lack of use due to increasing use of the internet for research
2235	7/12/2012	Unreliable public information. Poor management of financial resources. Terrible PR. WE ARE ANGRY. And who suffers if we respond the only way we open to us (i.e., vote "no")? WE do, of course.
2236	7/12/2012	Closures and lack of funding for programs in the community
2237	7/12/2012	Besides budget guts I have no idea.
2238	7/12/2012	Being taken over by the homeless, transient as a place to get out of the weather. Also, losing structure and use of the library because of too much noise from customers.
2239	7/12/2012	Continued adding the cost to the property taxes in Multnomah County! We need another way to fund the libraries! I never thought I would say this, but I would be in favor of a sales tax of some kind. I actually do not comprehend this question. Yet, I would think that any further cuts of monies and thus services to the community would be a crime on a human level.[] There is more than enough abundance on this planet for everyone: []
2240	7/12/2012	1) healthcare[] 2) loving homes for everyone[] 3) free education[] 4) abundant and good and nutritious food
2241	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2242	7/12/2012	not having the programs and resources that a lot of us have come to depend on. I've been taking my 2 year old daughter to the story times since she was 3 months old. we would be devastated if the library no longer offered those programs.
2243	7/12/2012	Cutting down hours.

2244	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2245	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2246	7/12/2012	You should know that better than I do.
2247	7/12/2012	in portland it's the street people out front and inside that prevent families with young children from utilizing them.
2248	7/12/2012	Misappropriation of funding monies to unknown priorities in place of increasing hours available-it must be open seven days a week, current physical materials(books, DVDs, CDs etc) need to be available as well as on-line computer access more than currently available. All are good-the public needs more access, of course, not less, as of July 1st.
2249	7/12/2012	1) E-Books. 2) Opening too many libraries. Every neighborhood does not need one. 3) Alternate weekdays within the Multnomah County Library system (i.e. Central to remain open 6 days a week and the remaining neighborhood libraries to alternate days closed with the goal that at least one is always open within a 8 to 10 mile radius (a taxpayer user-friendly option).
2250	7/12/2012	Low literacy rates.
2251	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2252	7/12/2012	Not open everyday and for open for enough hours after the work day.
2253	7/12/2012	Obviously it's the funding problem.
2254	7/12/2012	inadequate funding
2255	7/12/2012	Closures (loss of access)
2256	7/12/2012	lack of use
2257	7/12/2012	Not enough funding, possible loss of amazing resources including librarians
2258	7/12/2012	lack of funding to keep libraries open and continually updated with new media
2259	7/12/2012	Not enough funding. The attitude that all taxes everywhere should be reduced, thereby crippling essential government sponsored services.
2260	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Ignore the choices above, I could not make the goofy system work! I know that a good programmer could do much better!
2261	7/12/2012	Our largest threat is, obviously, lack of funds. I believe that besides going to 6 days a week, libraries could open later in the AM. I could easily accommodate 5 days a week if Saturday and Sunday were included. I'd bet that very few folks need 7 days a well of open time. Lastly, I didn't check the first question since I use 2 libraries. A good programmer could accommodate that item also.
2262	7/12/2012	no funding
2263	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2264	7/12/2012	I don't know

2265	7/12/2012	The Tea Party. I'm not kidding. I want the libraries to stay open, even if it means increased taxes.
2266	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2267	7/12/2012	Some of the library patrons I see hang out in the back computer area and look unwashed/smelly. I also wonder if porn and related websites are blocked? If not, they should be! It makes me not want to use that area of the library (and I don't, mostly I order books online and come in to pick up @ the front of the library)
2268	7/12/2012	our tax dollars need to also cover so many social and civic services; at times, the library seems almost like a luxury. I admire the Mult. Co. Lib. system, and have loved being a patron for many years. I will always love coming to the library, and certainly prefer to borrow materials as opposed to buying them. (I can't afford a house big enough to keep all the books I enjoy reading!) The media that is on loan needs to keep up with the technology, I feel, e.g. electronic books, even if I don't personally use all of them.
2269	7/12/2012	County requesting inadequate levies from voters
2270	7/12/2012	not being open
2271	7/12/2012	being unused or underused, people not realizing how much is available at the library
2272	7/12/2012	Funding
2273	7/12/2012	funding cuts
2274	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. I do not think libraries are becoming irrelevant with the Internet. On the contrary. The library provides access to the internet to many people. People still want books and movies and music that they can access through the libraries.
2275	7/12/2012	Overreaching -- Multnomah County Library taking on more than is appropriate, it's past time to look at what the core services should be and start cutting out the others.
2276	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
2277	7/12/2012	Not having actual books to check out. With more people e readers I can see the need to have "actual" books one can hold going to the land of the tape deck
2278	7/12/2012	If people don't use them we may lose them. I go every week- sometimes 2 or 3 times and I truly appreciate all that our local library offers!
2279	7/12/2012	Lack of \$
2280	7/12/2012	Funding? I think Central should be open more than the smaller branch libraries. It is used more.
2281	7/12/2012	budget cuts, conflict between role as a support center/place of shelter (central library) and a learning/media resource, loss of interest in reading, increasing ease of media piracy
2282	7/12/2012	eh, if you just want one, I'll say budget cuts Taxpayers who aren't willing to support levies when needed

		Unrealistic wants pitted against realistic financial reality. [] Piss-poor money management. []
2283	7/12/2012	The continuing assumption of Multnomah County that home owners can afford to pay for all services for all people. [] A larger "hand-out" mentality that has festered into an entitlement attitude. [] (Sorry - was that more honesty than you were looking for?)
2284	7/12/2012	E readers and the internet
2285	7/12/2012	Funding
2286	7/12/2012	Lack of adequate funding to meet the needs of our citizens
2287	7/12/2012	Apathy.
2288	7/12/2012	lack of secure funding
2289	7/12/2012	i used anime books
2290	7/12/2012	poor allocation of funds
2291	7/12/2012	Short-sighted "austerity" measures.
2292	7/12/2012	Not sure, seems like they're doing pretty well.
2293	7/12/2012	The biggest threat you face is the loss of public support. You have really messed up here! What I want to tell you is that I feel absolutely blindsided by the decision to close the library one day per week! No one said anything about it as I was being asked to pay higher taxes - which I did support (now I wish I hadn't - I certainly won't next time). Why don't you just ask for the money you need to run the library? Don't ask me to pay and then withdraw services! Your actions strike me as underhanded and treacherous - probably not intentionally so, but that's how they strike me. I'm certainly not giving any more support to the library until I get some assurance of EXACTLY what services you intend to maintain in future. You've badly damaged your credibility.
2294	7/12/2012	funding
2295	7/12/2012	inadequate funding
2296	7/12/2012	budget cuts!
2297	7/12/2012	Illiteracy
2298	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2299	7/12/2012	Sounds like funding is the biggest threat - not enough tax dollars going towards the libraries.
2300	7/12/2012	lack of funds
2301	7/12/2012	Copyright expansion.

2302	7/12/2012	Cutbacks of whatever sort are hurtful, in just the same way that service reductions in public transit of whatever sort prevent people from freely getting done what needs to be done. "Public" means *public* and cutbacks turn that into "select" for those of us - especially the searching-for work jobless -- who need regular and full access to the Web and other resources. Frankly, I need libraries for libraries, too. I was raised to read early, starting at 5 years old, and went to Sacramento public libraries right off and have a passionate love of libraries and real books and periodicals, for reading pleasure and for research.
2303	7/12/2012	Budget cuts, as it appears, since the libraries plan to be open only six days a week.
2304	7/12/2012	When you say "open at least 6 days," Which 6 days? Being open every weekend day is vital. Having 6 and 7 day options BOTH RANKED doesn't make sense to me--If I rank 7 days as highly important, where do I put 6 days? Therefore I put 6 days at the bottom. If library hours need to be cut, I would consider delaying the opening in the morning. Being open but with fewer staff at slow times would make sense. Adding security systems to allow for safe operation with fewer employees could also make sense. I support jobs for librarians--but not to be watch dogs--to assist and interact with patrons and the community. I tried to use the electronic catalog recently and was pretty disappointed by the confusion of having material locations on two different drop-down lists etc. When you revise a search some previous choices are lost and must be re-entered. Some work needs to be done to make the catalog more user-friendly and functional. DO keep the classic AND/OR/AND NOT functionality available though.
2305	7/12/2012	funding!
2306	7/12/2012	closure
2307	7/12/2012	Lack of money to support libraries.
2308	7/12/2012	Budget issues
2309	7/12/2012	lack of funds
2310	7/12/2012	Computer access space replacing book space.
2311	7/12/2012	The Smartphone.
2312	7/12/2012	budget, but taxes can't continually be raised.
2313	7/12/2012	economic squeeze during depression
2314	7/12/2012	voter apathy. Poor economy.
2315	7/12/2012	Inadequate or unstable funding. An electorate that fails to understand how libraries add value to people's lives and to the community.
2316	7/12/2012	Having to ask for more funding in an unstable economy
2317	7/12/2012	Public apathy. Our libraries are a wonderful treasure & resource. They help bridge all sorts of gaps in other resources that are not fully effective or are far more costly.
2318	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2319	7/12/2012	Those who do not realize the incredible service that libraries provide and as a result would consider taking away funding.

2320	7/12/2012	budget
2321	7/12/2012	Stable funding.
2322	7/12/2012	Lack of funding/interest from citizens.
2323	7/12/2012	Closing them down one day a week. People still need them on Monday!
2324	7/12/2012	Homeless drug users.
2325	7/12/2012	Unstable funding
2326	7/12/2012	Less hours open.
2327	7/12/2012	Homeless and smelly people occupying space all day long. One has to disinfect everything before touching. It's gross.
2328	7/12/2012	Not being recognized for the amazing resource it is.
2329	7/12/2012	Not enough financing -- compression of property taxes
2330	7/12/2012	Ayn Rand-holes.
2331	7/12/2012	Low education levels and the popularity of more electronic media sources have people forgetting about the library and choosing other options or just not reading at all.
2332	7/12/2012	I do not like this survey Librarys must be open seven day a week , But NOT Full Hours a nd word Must VOLONTIR ! Why we shoud pay for all people from welfer ?????!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And education centr shoud be separated . More advertisent for donetion Book and materials Interwebs!! !
2333	7/12/2012	Biggest threats are funding, and poor primary education system that leads to fewer children in the library, who won't instill an appreciation for books in their own children, etc.
2334	7/12/2012	Budget cuts
2335	7/12/2012	Lack of money I would assume
2336	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Thank you, George Bush administration. Money for wars instead of states is finally hitting home. It's not pretty.
2337	7/12/2012	closure or reduced services. Services need to be expanded, not reduced.
2338	7/12/2012	The republicans that don't want to fund anything.
2339	7/12/2012	Lack of funding to continue services at the level they are at now.
2340	7/12/2012	The internet... Amazon has low prices and the items are delivered to your door. There are also plenty of torrent sites.
2341	7/12/2012	mismanagement of funds
2342	7/12/2012	cutting programs for children
2343	7/12/2012	Digital media, although the introduction of ebooks for check out is great, the waiting period to get them is long.
2344	7/12/2012	funding cuts
2345	7/12/2012	Insufficient funding.

2346	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2347	7/12/2012	People who are out of touch with OUR lives making the decisions that are significant in our lives. Skewed questionnaires written by self-dealing county officials, that pose false dilemmas to citizens, such as "Would you like to pay:[]
2348	7/12/2012	a) too much[] b) more than that[] c) way more than that
2349	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2350	7/12/2012	Question number 5 would not let me order them. They prefilled 1 - 6 in order and won't let me modify. [] [] I don't know what the biggest threat is - probably having to pay high utility bills, rent, etc.
2351	7/12/2012	Having a building and books is still very important and you have to convince more of the public that further loss of funding & fewer hours of operation will be devastating to the community. I think libraries have to become even more internet accessible. Most of my access comes from online borrowing, and that's going to become the main way for subscribers to use their library very soon.
2352	7/12/2012	electronics
2353	7/12/2012	Not being open.[] Six days a week is plenty though.
2354	7/12/2012	Budget cuts from the local and federal governments. At a time when I believe people are relying more and more on the services of their local public library, from checking out reading material, to utilizing the computers, to story time for their little ones, these services are in danger of being cut because they don't turn a profit.
2355	7/12/2012	I am afraid people are unaware of the resources available at the local libraries. If people do not use the local libraries then they are unaware of the opportunities the library offers in the community. I do appreciate the library being open 7 days a week because I work odd hours and it is nice to go to the library any day of the week.
2356	7/12/2012	the attitude in Oregon that education is not important, and that high standards for education[] are not a goal.
2357	7/12/2012	Closers and really bad hours when library is open.
2358	7/12/2012	Funding certainty for the long term.
2359	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2360	7/12/2012	As I mentioned before I would go more often , but it is too loud with babies or highschoolers, but my needs are sufficiently met on the library website. I might not have a real answer for this question.
2361	7/12/2012	Underfunding
2362	7/12/2012	Not enough funding

2363	7/12/2012	Two things: money, of course, and forgetting your roots. If money is tight, then let's get back to basics and just be a book lender. Pause the story times and job help and classes, videos and anything that isn't directly related to checking out a book. Let other vendors offer that stuff.
2364	7/12/2012	librarians
2365	7/12/2012	Money
2366	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.[] Lack of understanding of how much the system is used..
2367	7/12/2012	the government doing budget cuts.
2368	7/12/2012	lack of funding?
2369	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2370	7/12/2012	The opportunity to advance in learning at classes and self-paced
2371	7/12/2012	library hours are cut and the branches are not big enough to accomodate patrons. I also think that there should be more computers available for people to use who cannot afford them or the internet.
2372	7/12/2012	Lack of adequate funding
2373	7/12/2012	Cuts in hours, funding and staff. I encourage the commissioners to find new ways to not only restore the service to seven days a week, but increase the budget to enable Multnomah County Library system to the top-rated system it has become. [] [] There are additional ways to raise funds, and efforts should be made to explore those ways. Get a bit more creative than just levies and taxes.
2374	7/12/2012	Apparently, inadequate budgets. But the biggest issue is the erosion of, and the appreciation for, reading skills. The final issue is the continued assault from the right--that seeks to privatize libraries and censor materials.
2375	7/12/2012	the internet and poor funding
2376	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, which stems ultimately from lack of understanding the varied, amazing role libraries play in civic life.
2377	7/12/2012	lack of funding. Usage doesn't seem to be a problem here. In Michigan, where my family is, the county libraries are closing due to lack of use. Funding[]
2378	7/12/2012	Lack of staff[] Reduced hours[] Limited programing serving the needs of the community
2379	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2380	7/12/2012	lack of funding; need a sales tax
2381	7/12/2012	People who don't want to pay for the commons.
2382	7/12/2012	Please see my comments on #4. If the public library access is diminished, the public tax payers will NO longer pay for additional tax levies.

2383	7/12/2012	Insufficient funding.
2384	7/12/2012	Property tax compression. We need to look at revenue streams other than property taxes to fund our local services. We are trying to slice a diminishing pie into ever smaller pieces. The whole public funding system in the state is screwed up, not only by tax caps, but by an over-reliance on personal income and property taxes. We need a sales tax. And we need to stop handing tax breaks to business that do not need them.
2385	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2386	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2387	7/12/2012	funding I guess, I'm not sure what you're asking here.
2388	7/12/2012	Lack of funding it would seem.
2389	7/12/2012	Kindle
2390	7/12/2012	I do not have an opinion on this, except for the obvious lack of funds.
2391	7/12/2012	Theft of materials by those who use the system.
2392	7/12/2012	I don't know. We voted to continue the bond with money coming out of the property taxes -- that amount being continued in the property taxes.
2393	7/12/2012	not aware of any
2394	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
2395	7/12/2012	Shutting some branches down.
2396	7/12/2012	Crazy homeless people and cut funding
2397	7/12/2012	Limiting access to the library by closing, then having fewer new materials
2398	7/12/2012	short sighted people who dont understand the need to fund libraries. we need to somehow educate the current non-users of the library, so they understand its importance.
2399	7/12/2012	Downturn in public support due to worsening economic conditions.
2400	7/12/2012	An anti-government, anti-tax mindset among voting public;the political and media demogagues who encourage it; and craven and cynical leaders who give into it.
2401	7/12/2012	lack of stable and adequate funding
2402	7/12/2012	lack of public support
2403	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2404	7/12/2012	not enough money
2405	7/12/2012	Republicans
2406	7/12/2012	lack of money
2407	7/12/2012	Not enough funding
2408	7/12/2012	Probably underfunding. Electronic progress might eventually replace most physical books.
2409	7/12/2012	Cutting staff and hours
2410	7/12/2012	Stupid budget cuts and stupid people.

2411	7/12/2012	Other than current materials I don't consider any of the above important. [] We keep spending more for them and get less - fewer and older books, reduced hours and days. I wouldn't send my child to the library alone. I don't consider them safe places for children.
2412	7/12/2012	At Central Library I think the number of homeless using the library strains their budget. They also seem to occupy the computers alot. However having said that I like the fact that they have the power of books and special programs available to them. [] The above ranking (#5) system is difficult and in many ways distorts the priority ranking for me...one thought on days open would be to have maybe three centrally (by population) open on Sunday and close the others.
2413	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
2414	7/12/2012	Funding. And those who do not know or understand how important having a local and neighborhood library is. Sometimes it is a kind of sanctuary from a chaotic day or week. To go and just read, or be on the computer for a bit, or just book shop.
2415	7/12/2012	Popularity of non-print media (internet/e-readers) over print media. Lack of funding
2416	7/12/2012	Apathy. People who have reaped the benefits of having had this resource while they or their children were growing up and no longer wanting to continue this service for others because of taxes and fees.
2417	7/12/2012	Not enough funding.
2418	7/12/2012	lack of funding.
2419	7/12/2012	Probably people not realizing how important they are to communities. Libraries are a gift to lifelong learners in particular, people who could never afford to buy the many books they read. Those books educate many people who might not have another form of education. In this way, our Portland libraries are on a social justice mission. So perhaps not thinking of this important link threatens them financially.
2420	7/12/2012	budget cuts
2421	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Noise from casual social conversations.
2422	7/12/2012	The triumph of the spectacle, the end of literacy, and the ongoing collapse of America's economic and political system.
2423	7/12/2012	Cutting back on hours. I don't understand why "immediately" after the election, and passing of the bill on budget for libraries, it is stated that it "still" isn't enough to keep them open at least for the same hours. I understand closing one day a week. I think that is fine. What was the point of the election??
2424	7/12/2012	I guess it would be money. The government needs to understand how valuable the libraries are. I had to rank the list above, but really they should all be ranked #1 in importance.
2425	7/12/2012	Constant begging for funding, unannounced cuts in library hours (as you did on June 30 this year).
2426	7/12/2012	Budget Cuts.
2427	7/12/2012	Reduced funding

2428	7/12/2012	Economy Reduced library hours is a big threat, in my opinion. I would much prefer longer library hours available than special programs. Since we have employment agencies which are free to the public like Worksource, I feel we don't need to duplicate employment services at the library. Let's get back to providing basic resources like books, magazines and longer open hours. ¶
2429	7/12/2012	¶ Thank you
2430	7/12/2012	Funding, probably. After that it is probably public perception: "who needs a library when I have Google?"
2431	7/12/2012	Current economy. Money is stretched so thin & some see libraries as luxuries or not essential.
2432	7/12/2012	Political decision makers who are not acquainted with the pleasure of reading, who see no value in providing avenues for the mind to explore, and who look for short-term fixes; when libraries need advocates who appreciate free access to knowledge, great ideas, and know the long term value of a better informed public
2433	7/12/2012	Government over spending
2434	7/12/2012	Taxpayers not wanting to fund the libraries?
2435	7/12/2012	Fewer open hours.
2436	7/12/2012	Funding. Libraries are extremely important and should be available for all citizens
2437	7/12/2012	LACK OF FUNDING, NOT ENOUGH HOURS-- Should be open 7 days a week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
2438	7/12/2012	The downturn in the general US economy is the biggest threat to local libraries. Many people are struggling just to keep their families fed, housed and clothed. We should have more empathy for them. Right now, increased library funding is a luxury, not a need. The library should just be content to operate on a reduced budget and stop asking for more money right now. The same also for the Portland Public Schools.
2439	7/12/2012	Our biggest threat is our libraries closing and no place for the children to go. I agree that some of the libraries that don't get used much or have very few people in them should be closed to save money. We need to cut back some place. To raise money for the libraries, I suggest that the libraries have a book sale on the books that don't get checked out much. This would bring others into the library that would most likely to pass it by.
2440	7/12/2012	It appears to be lack of funding.
2441	7/12/2012	sustainable funding¶ the threat to our society if we do not fund libraries is immeasurable
2442	7/12/2012	County commissioners
2443	7/12/2012	Lack of money.

2444	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Many people don't understand just how vital library services are to the community. They are unaware of the awesome services public libraries provide and believe that the internet makes the library obsolete. This couldn't be further from the truth. Many people rely on the library and its employees for access to computers that they may not otherwise have, assistance with electronic informational sources (the web, electronic databases, etc.), and assistance with different software applications.
2445	7/12/2012	Inadequate Funding. <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to stay current and keep up with technology due to inadequate funding The Central Library also has some problems with indigent populations using the library as housing during the day.
2446	7/12/2012	Budget cuts seem to be the biggest threat to the local libraries. Libraries are an important part of the community for all the services they provide.
2447	7/12/2012	this question scares me! hopefully none.
2448	7/12/2012	perhaps lack of funding?
2449	7/12/2012	People who are disinterested in reading?
2450	7/12/2012	People who do not understand how the library system benefits the entire community.
2451	7/12/2012	MONEY
2452	7/12/2012	lack of keeping up with ebook technology
2453	7/12/2012	Lack of money.
2454	7/12/2012	Funding cuts that strangle user access. Library use is a healthy habit and one feeds that habit by providing lots of access. Curtailing hours may well squeeze some patrons.
2455	7/12/2012	online ebooks. need more!
2456	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2457	7/12/2012	The way it is currently funded.
2458	7/12/2012	I don't know what you mean by that question.
2459	7/12/2012	Funding and the waning interest in reading actual books.
2460	7/12/2012	Probably pop culture and a general social devaluing of reading books as a primary avenue to learning and entertainment is the biggest library-specific threat. Next after that, a shortage of available funds for all things, including libraries, that used to be thought of as integrally essential necessities for the communal good. People can argue passionately all day about whether that shortage is due to changing cultural values, a declining economy, insufficient tax rates or tax bases, poor government priorities, or the knee-jerk "waste, fraud and abuse," but I don't really have any clue what the reason(s) for the shortage really may be (though I suspect the last is about as factual as the snark). Still, the shortage is real, and it makes all of our lives impoverished.
2461	7/12/2012	Poor funding.
2462	7/12/2012	Not sure. Likely budget cuts.

2463	7/12/2012	Compression. Local residents approved the library levy with what? 80 percent of the vote. Voters would pay for the library outside of the statewide property tax limitations of \$10 per \$1k of real market value if given the option. Multnomah County residents really support their library, but these statewide limitations prevent them from funding it at adequate levels. The public doesn't get that, and it makes the county look bad. We need to educate residents and push for more local control.
2464	7/12/2012	Funding for hours and services
2465	7/12/2012	Lack of funds.
2466	7/12/2012	more outreach to the community and funding are needed
2467	7/12/2012	Funding.
2468	7/12/2012	No funding to keep providing these services to our community.
2469	7/12/2012	Lack of a permanent funding source.
2470	7/12/2012	✓Lack of available funding[] ✓Materials that are missing or stolen. (DVD)'s
2471	7/12/2012	Closing due to funding
2472	7/12/2012	Reduced hours. Folks who need the public library most are those who will need to use it during "off" hours.
2473	7/12/2012	you seem to be spending millions on buying extra copies of dvd and blu ray. Ridiculous!
2474	7/12/2012	budget cut.
2475	7/12/2012	The economic situation
2476	7/12/2012	access
2477	7/12/2012	unsure
2478	7/12/2012	Generally underserved citizens not having access to resources.
2479	7/12/2012	Not enough money to adequately fund services.
2480	7/12/2012	not sure.
2481	7/12/2012	Lack of priority for funding.
2482	7/12/2012	Apathy
2483	7/12/2012	Funding in my opinion. I've moved to Portland from a comfortable Chicago suburb and am not impressed with most of the buildings, resources available. Libraries in our community and surrounding were taken very seriously and in general, well funded. In Downers Grove, most years a fundraising gala was held annually to raise money for projects such as outfitting the libraries with wireless access, new children's rooms, etc.
2484	7/12/2012	People who are not willing to share their tax dollars to make our libraries work. Libraries benefit EVERYONE in the community, so let's support them!
2485	7/12/2012	That the rankings above are important. They are all number one choices.
2486	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2487	7/12/2012	not being used. maybe to many, spreading the costs to thin. maybe have less but bigger
2488	7/12/2012	Budget cuts across all aspects of federal/state funded services.

2489	7/12/2012	lack of funding?
2490	7/12/2012	lack of curiosity and enthusiasm for reading. if everyone used and valued the library more they would not allow it to be underfunded. probably a lot of people who still own houses and pay property taxes that might not want a tax increase are people who have computer/internet access at home and would just buy a book because they can afford it rather than borrow it from the library. probably a lot people who need and use the library have less money.
2491	7/12/2012	library salaries, too much infrastructure, too many programs that are frivolous. could use a pay as you go scale to supplement. taxing the property owners is not the way - it's stealing from the minority of people. there are more people on the dole in Portland than those of us paying into it
2492	7/12/2012	don't know.
2493	7/12/2012	I suppose it is lack of funding. There is always talk of print medium being on the way out, but as long as the library also supports internet functions and electronic materials, that doesn't spell doom for libraries.
2494	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2495	7/12/2012	Lacking of funding -- big surprise.
2496	7/12/2012	Closures due to lack of funding
2497	7/12/2012	Balancing public funding and having to charge for services to make ends meet.
2498	7/12/2012	Clearly, funding is the biggest threat to keeping this institution open more days and longer hours.
2499	7/12/2012	That the next generation is not able to see the value in a library because reduced hours minimize the opportunities for families to go there together.
2500	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2501	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2502	7/12/2012	People who don't want to pay a fraction of a dollar more for a service we all benefit from. Additionally, government, or other types of funds that should go toward libraries, are allocated to less important areas.
2503	7/12/2012	The burden of raising property taxes on those paying the taxes.
2504	7/12/2012	Not open when people need them - making sure staffing allows for the library to ALWAYS be a safe, clean and respectful place for young children to seniors.
2505	7/12/2012	Becoming a typical government bureaucracy that cannot live within its own means. Taxpayers should mandate the elimination of libraries due to newer technologies rendering libraries obsolete.
2506	7/12/2012	bedbugs.
2507	7/12/2012	The feeling that they are undervalued not just as a resource for information but also as a public space.
2508	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2509	7/12/2012	funding
2510	7/12/2012	Students not having resources for their education.

		The economy and people's fatigue with the costs of daily living and their lower standards of living as a consequence. People are being squeezed at both ends.[] []
2511	7/12/2012	When most folks hear of another levy/tax, generally people get angry, not understanding that services for all mean that some people (property owners) will be paying for the services somehow. Nothing is free, that idea does not sustain communities.[] []
2512	7/12/2012	Do apartment owners get taxed/levied in the same way as single home owners? Budget cuts.
2513	7/12/2012	People who don't understand all the things the library does for our community! There is an impression among some that with the Internet, we no longer need libraries, and that is so not the case. The libraries provide access for everyone, support learning in the community, support the public schools, and many other things...
2514	7/12/2012	Budget shortfalls.
2515	7/12/2012	funding shortages
2516	7/12/2012	County administrators and the public not seeing it as a valuable resource.
2517	7/12/2012	Diminishing funding.
2518	7/12/2012	Unclear city/county budget policies regarding library funding
2519	7/12/2012	Asking for to much MORE money from homeowners, to the point there will be a revolt against libraries.
2520	7/12/2012	Funding.
2521	7/12/2012	Lack of independent library district.
2522	7/12/2012	internet
2523	7/12/2012	Closures!
2524	7/12/2012	loss of funding and jobs.
2525	7/12/2012	Lack of funding from what I can tell.
2526	7/12/2012	Inadequate support from the general fund. Plus we are concerned about the move to E-books. Please continue to buy & provide books & magazines printed on paper!
2527	7/12/2012	Not having the funding to provide meaningful, current programs for the patrons of all ages. Even if only some of the branches can open every day, patrons can plan to find a branch that is open when they need it.
2528	7/12/2012	don't
2529	7/12/2012	Less hours[] Not enough materials
2530	7/12/2012	Most people don't physically visit the library, but use the online resources instead.
2531	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.

2532	7/12/2012	What kind of question is this? If you mean funding as a "threat", libraries should be on a need basis. I need to use it, I can pay for it. I go to a movie, I PAY for it. NOT the taxpayer.
2533	7/12/2012	funding.
2534	7/12/2012	Funding - \$\$\$\$\$\$
2535	7/12/2012	Computers
2536	7/12/2012	digital media
2537	7/12/2012	Funding
2538	7/12/2012	The community not understanding the importance of libraries and so not being willing to support necessary funding.
2539	7/12/2012	Not enough funding!! Our library system is so important to the community, for equal access to all the resources it provides. Yet our priorities for spending as a community don't seem to reflect that importance.
2540	7/12/2012	Underfunding
2541	7/12/2012	Funding!
2542	7/12/2012	I'm guessing decreased funding.
2543	7/12/2012	I believe it is funding in order to keep them open.
2544	7/12/2012	those who have no idea how important the library is (Because they do not use it) therefore they have no interest in those who need it or use any branch that is the most convenient for them (such as the Raleigh st branch in NW Portland they can go downtown with their kids) thies is one of the branches that I do not use but see busy every time I drive by.
2545	7/12/2012	Conservative ideology that seeks to defund public assets in favor of privatized, for-profit services.
2546	7/12/2012	The pervasive greedy corporate run media
2547	7/12/2012	under funding
2548	7/12/2012	Funding
2549	7/12/2012	It seems funding is the biggest threat.
2550	7/12/2012	Law makers not giving it enough funding.
2551	7/12/2012	Lack of funds & resources
2552	7/12/2012	funding
2553	7/12/2012	eReaders, lack of funds and viable material for lent
2554	7/12/2012	The lack of a constant funding source dedicated solely to libraries
2555	7/12/2012	I'd like better access to zines and publications from small and alternative press like PM Press and AK Press (pmpress.org and akpress.org respectively). I'm guessing this is a funding issue.
2556	7/12/2012	Funding cuts.
2557	7/12/2012	I don't want the libraries to close branches. They provide a great service to the public.
2558	7/12/2012	Lack of stable funding. The library should not have to depend on the whims of anti-tax nuts.

2559	7/12/2012	I tried to rate this above list and I could change anything I tried to change the numbers but they rated themselves. 5(1 6 days a week open, 3 programs for children, 6 open 7 days a week, 4 programs for seniors, 2 current material, 5 information for job seekers) [] [] The biggest threat to our local libraries is budget cuts
2560	7/12/2012	The biggest threat is relying on property taxes to pay for our libraries. I would support a sales tax to fund schools and libraries but I will not support a property tax to fund these services. The assessment of homes is skewed. If you have owned a home for many years you pay substantially lower property taxes than if you upgraded slightly or purchased more recently and that's not fair. We should charge out of district users. The other districts have fewer libraries and services. I'm tired of subsidizing/paying for our libraries that others use for nothing. We all share the library system but Multnomah County tax payers pay substantially high rates and taxes for a better system that everyone gets to use.
2561	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to libraries is to me the biggest threat to books - Kindles and other electronic readers. Children will begin reading from those sources as well and the choices for children's books in libraries will dwindle. Also, schools and parents need to create readers for without them the libraries will eventually disappear.
2562	7/12/2012	Not enough funding to keep current materials available.
2563	7/12/2012	Under funding. Also, the digital age.
2564	7/12/2012	Lack of support from the county general fund; lack of protected funding; lack of adequate funding structure; lack of aggressive and creative senior library leadership
2565	7/12/2012	Inefficient use of resources. Wasteful spending on new buildings that apparently don't have enough to keep open. Wasteful resource usage such as the notion of opening a branch at park rose high school which helped pass a new high school levy that narrowly passed after having been rejected previously. The park rose branch closed shortly after opened but library left "resources" in this failed attempt and shameless pandering when they were having trouble keeping existing real branches open.
2566	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
2567	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is the increase in e-readership. However, by having programs for the younger generation that a) promotes literacy and b) acquaints them with the library and it's wonderful staff, it is training the younger generation about what a wonderful resource the MC library system can be.
2568	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2569	7/12/2012	Maintaining a safe environment for learning.
2570	7/12/2012	Not sure. I feel people can make plans to visit library if hours are cut. I think the library offers excellent resources as listed in #5.
2571	7/12/2012	The bloat of employee benefit packages and their impact on the library's budget.

2572	7/12/2012	I don't think this is the biggest threat but one issue is the large homeless presence in the Central Library. I sometimes avoid Central, which is a true gem and the closest library to my home, due to the amount of transients there. With a small child, sometimes it just doesn't feel as comfortable as some of the neighborhood branches, even with the amazing Children's Room. We once had an issue with a transient following us around in the Children's Room. Never close enough to bother saying anything but it was uncomfortable. There is no easy answer to this as it is everyone's right to use the library and I recognize that it is an especially helpful resource to people at risk. But I do think that the large transient presence at Central keeps some other patrons away from that branch unfortunately.
2573	7/12/2012	The devaluation of education
2574	7/12/2012	I think all the free programs that are offered to the community are very important. I worry if funding is cut that those will have to go as well. I think libraries are a VITAL piece of a community.
2575	7/12/2012	#1 government...whether it's county, state, or national;not helping #2 people don't or can't support library measures on voting day. With big government don't even get me started on the rat race. But with both my answers; It's classic "robbing Peter to pay Paul" or " Do I help close another school,or loose more library access, here locally in my neighborhood."
2576	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2577	7/12/2012	Under funding
2578	7/12/2012	Funding
2579	7/12/2012	Underestimating how important a resource and support the library is to our community!
2580	7/12/2012	Lack of adequate resources and the "privatize and profit" mentality
2581	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2582	7/12/2012	I think being open six days a week and not seven is perfectly acceptable. Seriously, I don't think having to be closed one day a week is a big deal; few businesses are open seven days a week anyway.
2583	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is society's misconceptions about technology destroying books and reading.
2584	7/12/2012	People who do not understand the vitality a public library system brings to the larger community.
2585	7/12/2012	funding
2586	7/12/2012	loss of money, unable to keep and get new materials and loss of services
2587	7/12/2012	Funding
2588	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2589	7/12/2012	Poitics? Unfortunately, voters did not have the option to fully fund their beloved library this year, seemingly because of bac decisions by some of our local politicians. Ultimately, we need to take these decisions out of the hands of politicians, and make sure that our library has full funding forever. We may need to look at a better taxing structure.
2590	7/12/2012	Lack of interest on the public's part. Lack of caring. Lack of funding. Ignorance.

2591	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2592	7/12/2012	reduced funding
2593	7/12/2012	not enough money in the budget to keep them staffed on a regular basis.
2594	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2595	7/12/2012	lack of funds, of course. if the levy does not pass, i believe that alternative sources of funds should be found. the library needs to be a very high priority in all county funding decisions.
2596	7/12/2012	kindle and other e-books, and home computers for Internet searches are replacing trips to the local library.
2597	7/12/2012	All the home computers and the way people can get most information there.
2598	7/12/2012	It sounds like it's a funding issue. Outside of that I would say probably the rise of the use of ebook readers and the cheapness of buying books online. Possibly a decrease in teenagers using the library (and so not becoming life-long users). Also the increase of community activities at other local places. Very lastly, perhaps, the training of the library employees - how helpful are they? how good are that at teaching job seekers/seniors? or entertaining the babies?
2599	7/12/2012	Relevancy. Being able to strike a balance and not be swept up in an "all or nothing" mindset. I believe that new media, eg., ebooks, can be balanced with hard copy books. Plenty of media all around us. Books, maps, the written word will always be more important than fleeting images on screens, in my opinion.
2600	7/12/2012	The eroding of programs
2601	7/12/2012	Budget cuts and censorship
2602	7/12/2012	Funding cuts and difficulty accessing libraries due to reduced hours.
2603	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2604	7/12/2012	Budgets
2605	7/12/2012	funding for hours, technology and materials.
2606	7/12/2012	Lack of funding for an institution that is vital to the culture and learning in Portland.
2607	7/12/2012	Lack of funding in hard economic times! That, and electronic books.
2608	7/12/2012	The Internet and an uninformed electorate.
2609	7/12/2012	Funding
2610	7/12/2012	I feel it is using funding for current movies, music, and peripheral services like computers with Internet access for people to watch streaming videos. Honestly, I wish those items were considered to be cut before hours and other services are considered.
2611	7/12/2012	Don't know
2612	7/12/2012	budget cuts!
2613	7/12/2012	budget cuts
2614	7/12/2012	The biggest threat is the library closing down.
2615	7/12/2012	libraries operating less than 6 days a week with less money for computer access and children's programs

2616	7/12/2012	the Oregon tax system that creates stupid rules like tax compression
2617	7/12/2012	Lack of public funding, party politics and the growing media/digital literacy of our population. Libraries matter. They are gateways to learning as as our world becomes more and more dominated by corporate funded digital media empires, public sources of information suffer.
2618	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
2619	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2620	7/12/2012	The increase cost of keeping up with current technologies .
2621	7/12/2012	Limited hours/resources and availability of resources on the internet
2622	7/12/2012	Lack of literacy
2623	7/12/2012	lack of consistent reliable funding source
2624	7/12/2012	Money to operate.
2625	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2626	7/12/2012	not enough funding
2627	7/12/2012	if you lessen the hours they will be fuller which would enable the amount of resources
2628	7/12/2012	loss of funding
2629	7/12/2012	Most likely the indifference of the public and the lack of proper funding.
2630	7/12/2012	funding
2631	7/12/2012	If Library Administrators doesn't have the gumption to ask for the resources that the Library needs.
2632	7/12/2012	People dont read enough for one and two it is quickly becoming outdated as a cultural staple.
2633	7/12/2012	I don't know.
2634	7/12/2012	\$\$\$ and hours
2635	7/12/2012	lack of funding?
2636	7/12/2012	Mis-management of funds.
2637	7/12/2012	Closing.
2638	7/12/2012	So-called average taxpaying citizens avoid the library because they become havens for anti-social individuals and groups, which leads to lack of support at the polls for more funding.
2639	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2640	7/12/2012	Those that funding the libraries not recognizing the value that it provides our community. There are certain social services in society that should not lose funding, education being the primary one and that is the direct service that the library provides. Maybe politician's salary raises can be put on a back burner until the school system is properly funded.
2641	7/12/2012	Lack of funding support, especially from East County.
2642	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2643	7/12/2012	funding reductions
2644	7/12/2012	The Voters
2645	7/12/2012	money
2646	7/12/2012	Firemen.

2647	7/12/2012	People...those who fail to see the value of a library in their community as well as those who don't really understand civic pride & civic duty. These are the same people who don't understand or value the concept of "community" & who are too short-sighted to see why we need taxes & bond measures. We have an awesome library system--one that is known nationwide.
2648	7/12/2012	Loss of funding and computerized population/ I some times find it hard to get the books I want on the e-books system.
2649	7/12/2012	Lack of proper funding. All of the programs listed above are important.
2650	7/12/2012	Cut hours. I need them to be open earlier in the day (8 would be best) even if they cut sundays to do it. They stay open in the evenings. Why can't they open earlier some of the days instead?
2651	7/12/2012	The biggest threat is the library becoming irrelevant to people's lives so that they no longer value and use it. It needs to be accessible at times that people need it, have current, up to date materials and resources, and professional staff trained to assist community members with the goal of improving literacy in our community.
2652	7/12/2012	Money
2653	7/12/2012	Budget cuts/lack of interest in supporting them
2654	7/12/2012	As with all services fundamental to democracy, funding. Knowledge is power, but unlike money, it's harder to control. It stands to reason that egalitarian access to power (the knowledge available in libraries) is constantly threatened with being strangled by underfunding.
2655	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2656	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2657	7/12/2012	Tax funding shifted away from businesses and the wealthy, and the burdon shifted to lower incomes.
2658	7/12/2012	Underfunding.
2659	7/12/2012	Technology age
2660	7/12/2012	no funding!
2661	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2662	7/12/2012	budget cutting
2663	7/12/2012	cutting hours
2664	7/12/2012	Adults with behavior outbursts that disrupt the intimate, positive, and quiet place that a library is. People in the community want to feel safe and be able to study and read in the library. Children want to safely explore and have fun on their reading journey.
2665	7/12/2012	Funding loss.
2666	7/12/2012	That they are closed down completely!
2667	7/12/2012	Cutting funding- closing branches in smaller neighborhoods and cutting library hours. I was so sad to hear that this is already happening.
2668	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Public not fully understanding how little their taxes are affected by operating costs.[]
2669	7/12/2012	Non-return or damage of library materials.
		Lack of adequate funding.

2670	7/12/2012	Lack of credibility. The last legislation passed that we THOUGHT funded our libraries - then it was followed up by service cuts! Everyone asks the same thing, "Why didn't they ask for more money to begin with?" This rocks our faith in the managing abilities of those in charge AND in your communication skills. The poor librarians are stuck trying to answer the questions to frustrated library patrons since we STILL haven't heard an official reason why this happened. It feels like we have shoddy, incompetent managers in charge.
2671	7/12/2012	On line books
2672	7/12/2012	I don't know
		You did not list skilled librarians in the ranking - having them is key to helping folks discover and learn to love to read.[]
2673	7/12/2012	Biggest threat to libraries - the dumbing down of society. Why read a book when you can watch TV. Why read a book when you can surf the web. It is important to get kids into the library early, get them in love with reading and understanding. Continue to push the summer reading program.
2674	7/12/2012	Inadequate funding
		Internet accessibility to books cheaply or for free at locations other than the local libraries that can be downloaded onto notepads or similar devices. This will result in a decreasing visitation by a electronically connected population that is younger by nature. []
2675	7/12/2012	Decreasing tax base and or larger competition for the property tax base currently used by governmental and school districts
2676	7/12/2012	funding
2677	7/12/2012	Apathy of the community. If we don't use our libraries and maintain this asset, our youth will only be as intelligent as the resources available on the internet....a sad state of affairs. Access to numerous sources of information is vital to the intellectual development of individuals and society.
2678	7/12/2012	A lack of availability of desirable materials (current or classic) that discourages visitors from patronizing the library
2679	7/12/2012	More current resources available online.
2680	7/12/2012	apathy from those who don't use the libraries and don't realize how big a part of our lives it is
2681	7/12/2012	Books not being returned/stolen
2682	7/12/2012	Educated people cannot stay in the library because so many smelly people there without place to go, depressing....
2683	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2684	7/12/2012	People not supporting them and hours being cut
2685	7/12/2012	Loss of funding from government sources? Community/user support seems to be solid, but I'm relatively new to Portland, so my perceptions may be "off".

2686	7/12/2012	City of Portland's excessive area of tax abatement districts[] [] Over spending on new books and library staff - with self checkout there seems to be staff with little to do at every branch I visit. This is a weird one I know but 1. Theft of the art sections from the New York Times by individuals wanting to fill out the crossword puzzles.[]
2687	7/12/2012	2. The high traffic of houseless individuals using library facilities to clean, relax, learn, etc[] 3. That there aren't enough local branches [] 4. That really popular items require a year long waiting list discouraging those who go to use the library from ever going back
2688	7/12/2012	Not being used because the library is no longer relevant.
2689	7/12/2012	I dont know
2690	7/12/2012	budget cuts
2691	7/12/2012	Funding and the perception that libraries are no longer needed because of Netflix, GoogleBooks, Amazon streaming video and other online resources. The folks who need libraries the most to access free materials cannot afford computers and subscriptions to these commercial options. Yet often those in positions of power are out of touch with this specific user group and make decisions based on their own personal access to resources and ability to pay for them. Keep libraries open as much as possible to serve the needs of ALL members of the community.
2692	7/12/2012	Lack of funding for staff/programming due to voter indifference.
2693	7/12/2012	bums
2694	7/12/2012	I see the biggest threat as being the fact that the people with the most political and economic power in our society are not usually library users themselves. They trivialize the extremely important role that the library serves for a broad section of the population.
2695	7/12/2012	Without the library system, we are neglecting our community's future. Young children appreciating to read, people finding jobs and adding to our stability, and the older generation having the ability to socialize and enjoy a hobby they might not be able to do on their own
2696	7/12/2012	Lack of funding and volunteers.
2697	7/12/2012	The fact that everything is supported by homeowners through our property taxes when majority of the people using it do not own homes. There needs to be a way of supporting the libraries where everyone helps to pay and not just those who own homes. It is getting too expensive to own a home because of all the added taxes for libraries and schools. We are even thinking about not owning anymore.Which in turn, I think would mean less funding for the libraries because there will be less people actually owning homes.
2698	7/12/2012	PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. When new urban renewal ares are created less tax money is available for the county.

2699	7/12/2012	Lack of funding leading to: outdated materials, resources & tools; limited hours & access; fewer staff to assist patrons & maintain functionality
2700	7/12/2012	Money, but also a lack of awareness of the crucial community building element that libraries provide.
2701	7/12/2012	Funding cuts (from those who feel tax dollars should only be spent on the military),
2702	7/12/2012	Lack of reading and access to books at home among children.
2703	7/12/2012	Limiting access and information. We need to fund libraries!
2704	7/12/2012	Revenue shortfalls due to weak economy Unwillingness of citizens to pay for services
2705	7/12/2012	Lack of funds.
2706	7/12/2012	tea party
2707	7/12/2012	I think the biggest threat is the cost of the levy. \$.89 is already high and at this point I am not sure if I would support an additional \$1.22. I love our library system and I didn't balk at voting for the last levy but I did not know that the library would lose a day of service. You should have been more forthcoming about that. I wouldn't vote for additional monies unless I knew exactly what services would be covered.
2708	7/12/2012	Lack of funding! Also, the rampant belief that libraries are inaccessible.
2709	7/12/2012	Lack of funding to keep branches open.
2710	7/12/2012	Apathy. I think the upper-middle class folks making the decisions for our libraries probably haven't been to one in years- they can just buy anything they want to read.
2711	7/12/2012	Just what is occurring presently. And the perception that some of the public do not appreciate what libraries give all of us.
2712	7/12/2012	Not being available!
2713	7/12/2012	Social apathy. People who don't read or who buy books instead of using the library think that it's not important, but for so many people the library is their main (or only) source for books. We need to make sure that everyone feels great about funding the libraries -- whether they use them or not.
2714	7/12/2012	closing it any more than 1 day a week.
2715	7/12/2012	Reduced funding.
2716	7/12/2012	eBooks and AudioBooks. Many bookstores have closed due to the availability of ebooks. You can get them online anytime day or night. Maybe the focus of the library should move more in that direction. King County Library System has a more extensive electronic library than Mult Co Library system.
2717	7/12/2012	Lack of funding Dated materials and resources Limited access - shorter hours, fewer days, fewer services (e.g. kids & seniors)

2718	7/12/2012	I don't know the answer to that. I do know that I used to get almost all my book reading by borrowing books from the library. Then I purchased an iPad and now find I buy books (\$11 each) through Apple. ¶ ¶ I loved using the library and miss it. There may be others with similar experiences, in which case one threat may be electronic media.
2719	7/12/2012	Your planned tax increases that you'll support with this phony poll.
2720	7/12/2012	Inadequate funding.
2721	7/12/2012	lack of a political champion
2722	7/12/2012	the amount of money the county DOES NOT give us
2723	7/12/2012	Funding
2724	7/12/2012	Unknown
2725	7/12/2012	people not reading books or being too busy... and e books.
2726	7/12/2012	Reduction of hours. Reduction of funds.
2727	7/12/2012	Public apathy. Citizens who do not realize how important the library is to many people.
2728	7/12/2012	lack of sufficient funding
2729	7/12/2012	No more economy money for new things.
2730	7/12/2012	Disuse due to lack of selection.
2731	7/12/2012	How should I know? You probably know that better than I do. My guess would be a lack of funding. And people's general disinterest in reading.
2732	7/12/2012	Not keeping hours and newest materials.
2733	7/12/2012	Lack of funds.
2734	7/12/2012	I don't know that answer to that. But I do have an opinion about a particular program that I am involved in. I volunteer for the Outreach Program for the senior and disabled apartment building I live in. Certainly at my building there appears to be a high level of theft. I am coming to the conclusion that it may be better just to serve those who are truly housebound, and limit the outreach lending libraries. That could save resources that are lost to theft. Less tolerance for theft within this program might be in order.
2735	7/12/2012	Lack of funding!
2736	7/12/2012	not having up to date materials stolen or damaged materials
2737	7/12/2012	not being well maintained lack of smart management & loss of funding
2738	7/12/2012	Is there one? A lack of adequate money?
2739	7/12/2012	Lack of funding!
2740	7/12/2012	Republicans and others who don't believe in paying taxes to support the common good.
2741	7/12/2012	lack of funding

2742	7/12/2012	Some of the people are less than desirable.
2743	7/12/2012	I wasn't aware there were any threats to our libraries, but I would say a decrease in funding or perhaps more people using e-readers. But I haven't seen a lack of patronage personally, and the library has e-books, as well as computers and real books. So I think our libraries are keeping up well with the technology.
2744	7/12/2012	I think the libraries have embraced the evolving nature of media with the implementation of e-books for check out. I'm not sure if there is really a threat to libraries because of this flexibility.
2745	7/12/2012	When libraries in public schools lose funding, public libraries lose future readers. I believe school funding and library patronage are probably linked. If kids can't learn from an early age the resources libraries offer and how to use them--and how fun and relaxing libraries are--they won't use them as adults and teenagers. Improved school funding will lead in the long run to better, more well-loved libraries.
2746	7/12/2012	Lack of funding is a major problem! Another threat may be ignorance in the community regarding all that is offered at the libraries in PDX.
2747	7/12/2012	Apathy of our communities
2748	7/12/2012	Cuts to funding and that libraries are becoming extinct due to other media uses available. Libraries are vital to the growth of communities and more events should be held as Open Houses in order to explore all of library services.
2749	7/12/2012	overcrowding
2750	7/12/2012	funding ... always
2751	7/12/2012	A lack of funding and poor knowledge of it's uses and function in the community, thereby making it appear as a luxury and not a necessity in our communities.
2752	7/12/2012	Shutting down completely.... which would be horrible!!!!
2753	7/12/2012	Younger generations not taking up an interest in reading.
2754	7/12/2012	THE INTERNET!!! People now prefer to turn to their electronic devices for everything. They have forgotten how to open, hold, and read from paper. I admit myself use a NOOK ereader, but i do still LOVE to hold the paper and bindings of a real book.
2755	7/12/2012	um. republicans?[] No, really.
2756	7/12/2012	Tax payers unwillingness to pay more per year for these resources.
2757	7/12/2012	Lack of funding and republicans.
2758	7/12/2012	No funding, Republicans
2759	7/12/2012	Some of the people that need the libraries the most cannot afford the taxes needed to pay for them.
2760	7/12/2012	Lack of stable funding base.

2761	7/12/2012	Funding I would imagine. Libraries are an important part of a healthy society and should be well funded. [] Also the digital revolution.
2762	7/12/2012	Poor management of allocated resources and a lack of sufficient resources.
2763	7/12/2012	Residents who won't pay more taxes to keep the MCL system running well.
2764	7/12/2012	Money!!!!
2765	7/12/2012	Multnomah county commissioners not prioritizing library service above exiting and new "entitlement" programs and continually coming back to the citizens for special operating levies. Public safety and libraries should be basic services that are not reduced
2766	7/12/2012	funding shortfalls
2767	7/12/2012	n/a
2768	7/12/2012	Not enough funding! I give when I can, but I am currently a poor college student.
2769	7/12/2012	complacency. taking for granted that we have the best library system in the nation.
2770	7/12/2012	Too much love. (overuse of resources, more demand than services available for certain materials, computer terminals, etc.)
2771	7/12/2012	Budget cuts
2772	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2773	7/12/2012	Not enough funding
2774	7/12/2012	lack of funding cutting services/staff. I think it's okay to only be open 6 days a week (i.e., closed on Mondays), but services should stay top quality.
2775	7/12/2012	Libertarians
2776	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the lack of funding which results in lack of services.
2777	7/12/2012	To have a reduced fundings, thus materials for kids and adults alike will be limited.
2778	7/12/2012	lack of economic recovery, sluggish housing market recovery
2779	7/12/2012	Not enough funding.
2780	7/12/2012	The idea that they aren't needed because no one reads books anymore....and everyone has a PC and netflix --- poppycock
2781	7/12/2012	Funding?
2782	7/12/2012	Ideologies unfavorable towards libraries as an institution, technological biases, apathy, negative public image, and of course FUNDING.
2783	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2784	7/12/2012	Bookstores? Amazon?
2785	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
2786	7/12/2012	Poor service by the staff, which makes the library less appealing to occasional users (who are then more likely to vote against funding initiatives). This has been a problem for years.

2787	7/12/2012	People who contribute nothing through taxes, donations or volunteering but use the services. People who give nothing in return for all the time and effort they consume. Crybabies whose livelihood is dependent on other people's money (taxes) and effort. Politicians!
2788	7/12/2012	kindle
2789	7/12/2012	Continued budget cut backs
2790	7/12/2012	mismanagement by and salary of managers.
2791	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. Also, the Digital Age. We never want to see paper books go by the wayside.
2792	7/12/2012	there needs to be more presentations given to young people so they can learn how valuable the written word is ...the kids of today don't know how to look up a business using the yellow pages, they only know how to fiddle with computers, play video games,and txt on the phone.[] so my answer to the question is our young people they are the biggest threat to the system if they don't learn to use and appreciate the written word than it and the houses that hold that sacred knowledge will disappear.
2793	7/12/2012	The perception that they're a waste of money for "regular Americans."
2794	7/12/2012	the internet and ebooks
2795	7/12/2012	Unsure
2796	7/12/2012	Funding
2797	7/12/2012	Changes in how we access information. The internet. Funding
2798	7/12/2012	Funding cuts
2799	7/12/2012	Once we start cutting, we never seem to restore the cuts during better times. Lack of funding is clearly the biggest threat and Oregon's unstable tax structure makes it impossible to have reliable funding for schools and libraries and other public services.
2800	7/12/2012	Apathy
2801	7/12/2012	I don't know. Sounds like funding issues.
2802	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, and priorities being put in the wrong place.
2803	7/12/2012	Loss of funding eliminating neighborhood branches. It is incredibly important to be able to walk to the library and for families and individuals of all ages to have a safe place to gather and learn.
2804	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2805	7/12/2012	Budget cuts[] Republicans
2806	7/12/2012	Sustainable funding. We need a permanent solution to fund our libraries without voting on a levy every few years.
2807	7/12/2012	Republicans
2808	7/12/2012	Lack of tax base- usage is high.
2809	7/12/2012	People's lack of understanding how important libraries are to our community and unwillingness/inability of taxpayers to fund libraries consistently and adequately.
2810	7/12/2012	Where do I start? (I am a teacher..) Video games, a focus on digital over print media.

2811	7/12/2012	technology obsolescence
2812	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2813	7/12/2012	Peoples assumption that everyone has a personal computer and access to the internet 24/7
2814	7/12/2012	Ignorance of how amazing a library can be. I worry about people who don't read, about parents who don't read to their children. I volunteered a few years ago with the SMART program and couldn't believe how the little first and second graders were drawn to someone reading a book to them. I was like that, as were my brother and sisters. Our mother read to us all the time. Today we all prefer reading to TV. Go figure!
2815	7/12/2012	Loss of funding.
2816	7/12/2012	Budget issues
2817	7/12/2012	Not being open when it's needed
2818	7/12/2012	Lack of funds.
2819	7/12/2012	Lack of funding - the idea that everything at the library can be found or resolved on the internet. The lack of understanding that the library provides service like internet access, book delivery and homework help for students of all kinds. That libraries are community centers, and in our state often voting centers
2820	7/12/2012	Apathy
2821	7/12/2012	Funding
2822	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2823	7/12/2012	internet and books on i-pads and kindles. not enough people using the libraries or know all that is offered. I would like to see libraries stay open with all services. If need be go to 6 days or even 5 days a weeke open and have different libraries open different days so there was a library open everyday. we might need to travel a bit further but if i needed a library one would be open.
2824	7/12/2012	Funding. . . . and the general public not realizing the importance of a central means of obtaining information and resources besides their computer and iphone. . . . Too high of property taxes in Oregon, Portland is already carrying the state of Oregon!
2825	7/12/2012	Funding
2826	7/12/2012	don't really know. sounds like lack of funding, eh?
2827	7/12/2012	I am not sure
2828	7/12/2012	Recurring need to float bond measures, concept that we will never stop rising costs
2829	7/12/2012	Funding and political support I'd say.... The public values the library system and utilizes it.
2830	7/12/2012	I am concerned that with reductions to the library staff, the added pressures of serving the community could lead to job burnout, career dissatisfaction and a higher turnover rate of employees.
2831	7/12/2012	Funding
2832	7/12/2012	The internet & slashed budgets!
2833	7/12/2012	Evil Republicans, hahaha! Any cuts to funding.
2834	7/12/2012	Books online and the kindle

2835	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
2836	7/12/2012	Competition for funding with other essential services.
2837	7/12/2012	Trying to finance libraries through ever increasing property taxes. State and local government must find a more permanent and equitable way to fund libraries.
2838	7/12/2012	The appalling thought that technology has replaced the physical book.
2839	7/12/2012	Skewed tax system a corporate subsidies/loopholes that suck funds away from public services
2840	7/12/2012	Funding should not come from voting on 'levys', that is too dependent on the whim of voters. The library is an essential part of a good social safety net. The harder the economy, the more we need the library. Yet this is exactly when people get the most selfish, and the library's levy becomes vulnerable to that selfishness. It should come from taxes, perhaps a county tax? Not property taxes, that way only part of the citizens pay. The more it is spread across the population, the smaller the burden on each individual.
2841	7/12/2012	Funding, lack of a stable tax in Oregon, and poor economy. A sales tax is needed in Oregon as a stable source of income to support services such as education and libraries.
2842	7/12/2012	Lack of funding?!
2843	7/12/2012	I assume it would budget cuts
2844	7/12/2012	overreach. The primary and most important job of a library is to provide access to media. Today, this also means providing access to the internet. The public does not need this access everyday. Having one or even two days a week of closure is inconvenient, but does not necessarily impair the mission of providing access. It just means citizens need to plan ahead and make use the library when it is open. Staggering days off so that not all of the library locations are closed on a given day will also help.
2845	7/12/2012	Adequate funding so they can continue level of service and stay current with fast changing information and computer technologies.
2846	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2847	7/12/2012	Loss of interest and value.
2848	7/12/2012	Loss of funding, not being able to replace old books and still obtain new ones.
2849	7/12/2012	Funding
2850	7/12/2012	inflation
2851	7/12/2012	Inadequate funding.
2852	7/12/2012	Lack of taxpayer support
2853	7/12/2012	i don't know. money going away?
2854	7/12/2012	budget cuts. Administrator pay

2855	7/12/2012	Schools SUCKING every last possible dime from residential homeowners and always - for generations - sucking ever more exponentially. Portland REFUSES to stop zoning residential, continues - with the state of Oregon and the Congress - to subsidize having more and more children. so big surprise, our infrastructure is impossibly overburdened and our schools are bloated with many more students than they can hope to teach successfully. We don't have the stomach for the measures that would cut breeding and increased Soylent-Green scale overpopulation, so in a choice between the state-mandated turning over of the majority of our income to the money-sucking schools, a terribly unfortunate choice has to be made. If it feeds, clothes, protects, heals or institutionally educates the Malthusian-model bloating population, that's where our relatively shrinking income has to be allocated. House and property values have what - RISEN AT THE SAME RATE THAT THE SCHOOLS NEED TO BE FED?? Not on my side of the universe. Same or smaller income, higher and higher property taxes as younger and 'civic minded' voters keep tacking on more and more Yippee Skippe Gee Whiz nicey nice bond issues and targeted feeds, I'm sorry - the libraries serve a great purpose, but you'll have to get your money poring through the leftovers after the schools get the lion's share.
2856	7/12/2012	Lack of full and sustainable funding
2857	7/12/2012	Funding
2858	7/12/2012	Lack of money is clearly a threat. But I also think that making sure to stay relevant is crucial. I think this means keeping up with technology - which is advancing rapidly all the time. I could imagine a point at which people don't have an interest in going to a library to read a book if they could instead find the book virtually from their home computer. Could libraries perform this function? - scanning entire books and making them available to be "checked out of the virtual library" from the Multnomah County Library system. Think Kindle except that you don't buy a download, you check one out of the library. I personally don't have any interest in this - being a person of the book, with a preference for paper and the smell of bookbinding glue - but I can imagine it. I think it's ultimately less important that libraries be open a certain number of days per week than that they offer the most relevant value when they are open, and that their hours of operation vary from location to location so that people can find service someplace, at some library location, no matter what their work schedule or other constraints.
2859	7/12/2012	Lack of communities' knowledge of use opportunities and site capabilities of community based libraries.
2860	7/12/2012	I do not know
2861	7/12/2012	Citizen ignorance
2862	7/12/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
2863	7/12/2012	funding cuts?
2864	7/12/2012	Funding cuts and voter apathy
2865	7/12/2012	Disinterest and modern technology. Complacency for funding, libraries are usually under utilized and therefore funding is redirected to other popular programs.
2866	7/12/2012	Having enough money to continue services
2867	7/12/2012	Another levy instead of a district.
2868	7/12/2012	Lack of funding

2869	7/12/2012	Underskilled librarians
2870	7/12/2012	unstable and insufficient funding
2871	7/12/2012	Republicans.
2872	7/12/2012	Lack of revenue from corporations and the wealthy(income over \$250,000).
2873	7/12/2012	They should NEVER BE CLOSED to service, since we are taxpayers and our money should be spent to keep them open for use. We should not be TAXED TO DEATH to keep them open either, since I'm a SENIOR on a fixed income. lackluster, boring, listless, dull staff. (mainly Central Library.) One staff member on customer service desk had filthy (dirt) hands. When I commented, she said she had been working in her garden. Does she not wash her hands before she comes to work with the public?[] []
2874	7/12/2012	I have volunteered at the Hollywood Library. It is a great library with nice caring staff.
2875	7/12/2012	The economy.....
2876	7/12/2012	Trend of continually diminishing funding to local libraries
2877	7/12/2012	I miss having my branch open on Mondays (my day off).
2878	7/12/2012	Funding. I saw on the news that many people were upset over the libraries closing Mondays but I think this is perfectly reasonable and that people, including myself, can plan around the closure.
2879	7/12/2012	keeping up with technology changes and ebook demand
2880	7/12/2012	Offering more than you can afford. The purpose of the library is to offer books to read for a time and then return after a certain period of time. Improving the library and offering a better selection of books would be something to address in a "library".
2881	7/12/2012	Lack of funds. Lack of online resources, expansion of online catalogue.
2882	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2883	7/12/2012	reduced staffing
2884	7/12/2012	lack of funding, it seems.
2885	7/12/2012	poor money management
2886	7/12/2012	Decreased funding and use by the middle class--and maybe alternatives offered by Net Flicks and Amazon.
2887	7/12/2012	lack of funds
2888	7/12/2012	Lack of support from the government. The citizens are well aware of how important the libraries and the library system are. They rely on the access to materials that the libraries and the library staff supply. Libraries are an important part of education, recreation and satisfaction. The citizens know they are important. I'm not sure the politicians do.
2889	7/12/2012	Funding.

2890	7/12/2012	Not sure what you mean. The biggest barrier to me using the library is the hours - I work weekends so when weekday evening hours are cut, I never get to use the library.[] [] In terms of funding, the biggest threat is that the library funding comes from the general fund. I wish there was a fixed percentage of Oregon tax dollars that went to our libraries instead of threatening them first when budget cuts happen.
2891	7/12/2012	people who do not want to support it
2892	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2893	7/12/2012	Funding Downloadable books? [] Apathy by taxpayers?[] []
2894	7/12/2012	I personally think you get a great value for the money, and can't see why there isn't a nominal fee for the cards. The average video costs to rent at a store or netflix. How can the library afford to do what it does for free? I'm glad they finally put in the sensors to reduce thievery.
2895	7/12/2012	Looks like the same threat to everything: not enough money.
2896	7/12/2012	Citizens are unwilling to be taxed for important public services.
2897	7/12/2012	complacency
2898	7/12/2012	funding and new technology
2899	7/12/2012	\$\$'s
2900	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2901	7/12/2012	Obviously having the funding to stay in operation is the biggest threat. If cutting one day will keep our libraries open and functioning I am all for it.
2902	7/12/2012	Closure due to lack of funding.
2903	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2904	7/12/2012	Funding
2905	7/12/2012	I see it as the same threat to our local mass transit and our local school system: anything reducing the amount of money we put into our public infrastructure. Lower taxes, austerity programs, and a weak economy come to mind.
2906	7/12/2012	lack of funds to keep the libraries open, is what I hear via the media.
2907	7/12/2012	Funding challenges. Stable, ongoing support. The need to adapt to quickly changing technologies.
2908	7/12/2012	A lack of funding inextricably entwined with an outdated public perception of the services offered at the library.
2909	7/12/2012	Lack of funding and poor service.
2910	7/12/2012	Not enough funding.
2911	7/12/2012	Not having a dependable stream of funding and having branches close due to lack of funds.
2912	7/12/2012	Limited or reduced funding.

2913	7/12/2012	lack of adequate funding, danger of falling behind on technology and services that benefit all community members
2914	7/12/2012	not having stable funding
2915	7/12/2012	Funding being cut.
2916	7/12/2012	Internet. Not sure we will need them the same way in the future. Are we looking at an obsolete system. Should we be thinking ahead of how best to provide information?
2917	7/12/2012	Reduction in paper book usage, funding.
2918	7/12/2012	If they start to have weird hours all the time people might avoid using them because they will start to be unsure about when they are open and not want to deal with it.
2919	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is a lack of state and federal government funding. Our government has cut back on so many other social resources that I now see the local libraries being used and needed as safe havens for kids to go after school, job seekers to conduct research, a place that is hopeful and thriving with community and culture, and a place of refuge. I've been a patron of libraries my entire life and I think the library is more important now than ever before simply because there is no other place for people to go. If we cut funding for basic social services people still need a place to go and it seems libraries are the only options right now.
2920	7/12/2012	The funding process
2921	7/12/2012	Cutting programs, cutting hours, or lack of support for the libraries
2922	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, leading to limited hours, outdated books and resources, and limited resources.
2923	7/12/2012	Reduced funding
2924	7/12/2012	Decreased hours and programs which will decrease the community that is cultivated through libraries.
2925	7/12/2012	?? You tell me.
2926	7/12/2012	???
2927	7/12/2012	internet
2928	7/12/2012	If library is not open frequently enough to be convenient people will be less likely to visit.
2929	7/12/2012	People who don't understand the value of reading. Lots of people like that seem to be in power...
2930	7/12/2012	Lack of funding!
2931	7/12/2012	I truly believe that decreasing hours of operation and employees will instill a lackadaisical attitude towards the library by former patrons.
2932	7/12/2012	POLITICIANS <(SUCK))~ THE LIBRARY IS A WAY WE USE AN PRACTICE ARE FREEDOM OF SPEECH BY HAVING ACSESS TO THE WORLD AND THE ENDLESS KNOWLEDGE THAT IS OUT THERE. ~~~THROUGHOUT HISTORY ONE MAJOR THING THAT CAN DEFINE ANY CULTURE OR EMPIRE IS A CENTRAL LIBRARY. ITS ABILITY TO PRESERVE AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE THROUGH EACH GENERATION.....
2933	7/12/2012	Stable funding.
2934	7/12/2012	Not enough money to pay staff.

2935	7/12/2012	Budget cuts
2936	7/12/2012	Lack of support as a community necessity for children and families, educators, and job seekers.
2937	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
2938	7/12/2012	Republicans
2939	7/12/2012	Pay per use focus of content owners Attack on first sale doctrine Staying relevant in the face of rapidly evolving technology
2940	7/12/2012	I always vote yes on library taxes, and yet the money never seems to make it there, because I am always being asked for more tax money, and then I'm told the library is going to close its doors anyway. The streets are full of potholes, the parks are always in trouble and my taxes go up and up and up to fund schools even though school funding is the state's responsibility. I live between Holgate and Powell - a low income area that is home to crime. Our taxes are absurdly high compared to similar homes in places like Irvington. I like living in a bike-friendly city, but that's about all that ever seems to get funded. Of all the things my tax money goes to, nothing is as important to me as libraries, and that's the first place that apparently gets cut. Every damned time. Not cool. Why aren't city officials lobbying Congress for another stimulus? Why aren't they banding together with other city governments in a high profile protest? Why aren't they telling Greg Walden his party is choking the life out of Oregon's biggest city? Bottom line: I do not trust that the members of the Portland City Council are spending my tax money prudently, assessing city property rationally, or being creative and emphatic about finding more aid in Washington.
2941	7/12/2012	Not having enough electronic media.
2942	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2943	7/12/2012	Cheap-ass bastards who won't agree to pay more taxes. Also people with unpaid library fines.
2944	7/12/2012	Funding
2945	7/12/2012	without access to the library, people will lose interest, if they are not interested in going they wont be interested in funding the library an open honest discourse with the public is required to help protect our libraris
2946	7/12/2012	Funding cuts to not get new materials.
2947	7/12/2012	Closure
2948	7/12/2012	Money to maintain library and services
2949	7/12/2012	Apparently insufficient funds.
2950	7/12/2012	not sure
2951	7/12/2012	N/A
2952	7/12/2012	A lack of funding.

2953	7/12/2012	Community disinterest. Lack of adequate funding. Vandalism and destructive actions of people who don't see the value of this resource.
2954	7/12/2012	It appears to be lack of funding. And though I would hate to have our library services cut anymore than they have been, we didn't always have so much access to our libraries, (ie:open every day for long hours), and it bothers me that the burden of supporting our libraries falls upon home owners, and not the general public that uses them. I think being closed one day a week is fine. And I would be willing to pay some type of fee to have a library card, as long as it wasn't too much, in order to off-set some of the costs of the library.
2955	7/12/2012	The state of Oregon has some of the highest taxes but they can't seem to manage the money correctly. The state government is the biggest threat in my mind.
2956	7/12/2012	People who don't read. Other media grabbing their attention.
2957	7/12/2012	Lack of proper funding
2958	7/12/2012	Funding cuts
2959	7/12/2012	it seems securing appropriate funding and utilization of funds appropriately.
2960	7/12/2012	The economy makes it so difficult for people to want to part with even a few more dollars for funding, while at the same time making the libraries all the more necessary. As usual those who can most afford to help are those who either don't care or think it's a scare tactic, or mismanaged funds
2961	7/12/2012	funding
2962	7/12/2012	not having enough funding
2963	7/12/2012	The cuts to the budget. How about the woman who's in charge? Pay her less.
2964	7/12/2012	I would guess taxpayers' reluctance to spend more, though I would like to think otherwise.
2965	7/12/2012	People not willing to put public money into vital community institutions, such as libraries. The threat of a privatized library is very large. That would damage the libraries ability to provide services to all people, regardless of who they are or what lifestyle they live.
2966	7/12/2012	Inadequate funding. Hours being limited so it's difficult for working people to access the library- or closure of branches making it difficult to access libraries...important to make them in neighborhoods to make it walk able.[]
2967	7/12/2012	Closure is the ultimate threat.[] [] The ultimate threat
2968	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2969	7/12/2012	Not enough money to support hours and new materials.
2970	7/12/2012	Libraries and schools should be funded before tax breaks to the rich corporations are given...let them help the community by helping our schools and libraries!
2971	7/12/2012	Spending money on pet projects instead of critical/high priority programs; biases in choosing books/materials. I believe the libraries are doing their jobs well in these areas now.
2972	7/12/2012	budget cuts

2973	7/12/2012	I don't know, but I suspect that declining reading combined with a cost to the average homeowner of several hundred dollars a year may mean that the function of libraries is changing and perhaps their revenue sources need to change as well. Biggest threat is getting its funding from Multnomah Co. General Fund. []
2974	7/12/2012	[] Let it go back to an independent organization with an independent budget source. That way people can decide how much they can afford for that particular line item of service.
2975	7/12/2012	Funding. It is a much used but greatly undervalued asset. I'd much rather pay taxes to have unlimited access to books and media than pay to watch movie or buy books I may never read again!
2976	7/12/2012	Funding cuts.
2977	7/12/2012	Politicians using funds for unpopular programs before the library
2978	7/12/2012	People not understanding that to cut funding to the library undermines our future.
2979	7/12/2012	Fewer and fewer funding sources.and so many equally important social programs seemingly competing for the same funding.
2980	7/12/2012	lack of funding
2981	7/12/2012	Electronic media. I typically download books and materials on line now because it is so fast and easy.
2982	7/12/2012	Reduced funding. Lack of access to materials.
2983	7/12/2012	Lack of money, it seems.
2984	7/12/2012	Limiting hours which deny people access to a world of knowledge, information and experiences.
2985	7/12/2012	A shift in attitude that a library is incidental vs. essential to a community, and that it is something allowed to fend for itself: put on the chopping block or left to the whim of private support. There is a real danger in that thinking, because it is then forced to compete with food banks and other emergency services. The loss of a library is not always obvious at first; but in the long-term, it can be detrimental to a community and to a society. It is one of the few public places that is open to all and welcomes all. It ensures that everyone has access to learning. Its presence supports a commitment to an educated and enlightened populace.
2986	7/12/2012	loss of funding.
2987	7/12/2012	Theft
2988	7/12/2012	??
2989	7/12/2012	Lack of adequate funding
2990	7/12/2012	budget cuts!
2991	7/12/2012	The library is a safe place for students to go; with all sports and after-school activities it is vital that libraries stay open as a welcoming place for students to go.

2992	7/12/2012	Lack of appreciation and understanding of the huge educational role public libraries play. This leads to lack of public funding. It is the users who most need library services who are often the least likely to agitate for them because they are the most in need of education and see themselves as powerless. Therefore, it is up to the society as a whole to provide library service that is free to the user, available as much as possible and funded by public monies.
2993	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
2994	7/12/2012	restrictive digital content
2995	7/12/2012	Funding
2996	7/12/2012	Lack of interest of the general public because of the misunderstanding that it will always be there
2997	7/12/2012	politicans apparently
2998	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
2999	7/12/2012	I'm sure money...it's the downfall of every public institution.
3000	7/12/2012	We want to be everything to everyone. We need to begin making the changes needed to continue services at reasonable levels. ¶ I would suggest cutting library hours and fitting them to actual needs versus meeting wants and desires. Weekend hours seem essential, as well as after school and evening hours to meet the needs of students and lifelong learners.
3001	7/12/2012	lack of funding, the I-Pad
3002	7/12/2012	e-books
3003	7/12/2012	Loss of funding
3004	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3005	7/12/2012	Diminution of funding.
3006	7/12/2012	Money.
3007	7/12/2012	Loss of funding
3008	7/12/2012	money problems
3009	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, lack of attendance, books being available electronically
3010	7/12/2012	Illiteracy?
3011	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3012	7/12/2012	Spending on items to make the building look good and wastful spending
3013	7/12/2012	Amazon.com
3014	7/12/2012	Not enough taxes collected to adequately fund the local libraries
3015	7/12/2012	reduced hours and days
3016	7/12/2012	The internet. lack of pubic funding,
3017	7/12/2012	lack of funding.
3018	7/12/2012	I believe the biggest threat to our local libraries is a lack of understanding about the full range of services provided as well as the importance of those services that leads to underutilization and a lower instance of monetary support for library.

3019	7/12/2012	my guess would be funding and lack of community understanding of its importance to our young children.
3020	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, of course. In part a result of our society's decreasing interest in and understanding of the importance of creating safe, learning and community oriented places where everyone is welcome.
3021	7/12/2012	The budget!
3022	7/12/2012	Staff salaries and expanding benefits unfortunately head my list. Public apathy and ignorance of the library system is probably second. (Whatever happened to story hour in the public parks?) Failure to really push the Library District concept could be fatal.
3023	7/12/2012	This can't be a soundbite. Customers who don't use libraries much have a misconception that everything is going digital, or that everyone can/wants to afford digital access to kindles or commercially provided research / content, when really, libraries should provide hard copy. Libraries try to compete with popular bookstores when it's the long tail that makes libraries relevant, and they need to be both, popular and research/rare. Libraries don't or can't market their products to compete with commercially available content- ie no one knows how to get into the databases and even if they stumble into GVRL they'll be lost because the platforms for the Db's are so clunky and bad. Even if people use google for everything, why isn't MCL one of the first results for content searching? etc etc Also the central library still suffers from patron-brain drain, and now their patron base has become a social-ills society caretaking facility. You can't make people come to a building--or can you? Challenge.
3024	7/12/2012	My understanding of the problem is that the latest library measure we passed was limited by it not going solely to maintain the library, but was used by the county to help with administrative costs. It sounds like a library district will help to avoid this siphoning off of funding that we all thought was going to fix the problem when we passed the last measure.
3025	7/12/2012	Indifference
3026	7/12/2012	lack of funding and people who don't understand taxes are necessary for it to run
3027	7/12/2012	no idea
3028	7/12/2012	Mismanagement
3029	7/12/2012	Loss of funding
3030	7/12/2012	lack of adequate funding, outrageous cost of health insurance for employees (they should have great health insurance but costs are horrible for everyone)
3031	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3032	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3033	7/12/2012	lack of funding, overcrowding.

3034	7/12/2012	The high cost of building upgrades and maintenance and the purchase of expensive books, media and other materials. I like the offset of Tidal Wave bookstore as a revenue source, but it's still expensive to operate a library system. Also, people that don't use the library, because they aren't aware of the myriad services available, tend to vote down the levies.
3035	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3036	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3037	7/12/2012	I think this question could be worded much better. In financial terms that would be funding. As a non-profit governmental institution you are also required to utilize funding when it is available, but do not want to keep too much in your books at the end of year. So, if I am correct about that, it becomes tricky to continue operating at maximum levels when, like now, the funding is not as flush as it is in some year. So, I sum as saying that the biggest threat is in surviving the economic hard-times that will continue.
3038	7/12/2012	people not realizing what a treasure they are and then the fools who want to privatize them (1) financial
3039	7/12/2012	(2) internet: more material found online, however I feel the library has kept up with technology and embraced those options for users.
3040	7/12/2012	Lack of use
3041	7/12/2012	Funding
3042	7/12/2012	Lack of funding so the library does not keep up with technology and new editions. Lack of funding so that the libraries are not open enough for people to truly use.
3043	7/12/2012	People not taking full advantage of them
3044	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3045	7/12/2012	The economy just like it is a threat to public safety and services for aging and disability and all other county services.
3046	7/12/2012	The notion that public libraries are less than an essential resource that should be available to all, regardless of income.
3047	7/12/2012	Ignorance.
3048	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3049	7/12/2012	Further reduction in operating hours. Closing one day a week is ok, not great, but, being open enough hours for people who don't work 9-5 jobs to use it is really important
3050	7/12/2012	The lack of understanding of the critical services they provide to the community.
3051	7/12/2012	Having cuts that jeopardize the quality of material. It is important to have new/updated material.
3052	7/12/2012	Pressure on funding from the continuing recession.
3053	7/12/2012	Illiteracy
3054	7/12/2012	Financial cuts
3055	7/12/2012	I have no idea.

3056	7/12/2012	The outrage felt about you cutting services, AFTER, WE SUPPORTED A LEVY. I personally feel betrayed and as if I have been lied to. NEVER again will I support any Multomah County tax measures for any reason.
3057	7/12/2012	People who don't use them making decisions about them.
3058	7/12/2012	probably the digital age, in the way that it's threatening most all physical media. maybe also that people don't know about all that's offered - for example, i had no idea there were resources for job seekers and small business owners, but i think that's awesome. anyone who has traveled much in the states should know the best place to go to orient yourself in a new city is the library.
3059	7/12/2012	Losing money and not being able to get any new materials or stay open reasonable hours
3060	7/12/2012	funding problems
3061	7/12/2012	lack of funding
3062	7/12/2012	Computers making books irrelevant.
3063	7/12/2012	Apathy. People who have so much and don't want to bothered with the amazing benefits a public library offers.
3064	7/12/2012	Loss of operating funding.
3065	7/12/2012	Taxpayer apathy
3066	7/12/2012	Cutting funding - or not enough funding - at a time when we need the help that libraries give us the most!!!
3067	7/12/2012	please don't tax senior citizens
3068	7/12/2012	Perhaps mismanagement? I really don't know. How would I?
3069	7/12/2012	The open hours got cut.
3070	7/12/2012	citizen apathy
3071	7/12/2012	relying on general funds that shrink with an increase of demands for support
3072	7/12/2012	loss of funding?
3073	7/12/2012	Misuse of library funds.
3074	7/12/2012	Lack of funding and the reign of technology over actual books
3075	7/12/2012	the library is a threat to itself - its mission and vision is often murky and "selling" the library to taxpayers is more difficult if it is not clear what a library is. clarify the library as a place to obtain knowledge, study and learn, enjoy and appreciate writing, and as the ONLY public space devoted to contemplation and reflection.
3076	7/12/2012	lack of funding.
3077	7/12/2012	being closed down
3078	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3079	7/12/2012	The homeless community. The restrooms are often filthy, people are malodorous, and many people have anger issues. If the library is going to be a place for people to bathe, perhaps there should be appropriate facilities available at the library, since they are being used for this purpose any way.

3080	7/12/2012	Insufficient and unsustainable funding. Lack of a good long-term funding solution. The ramifications of Ballot Measure 5 are still being felt to this day and as the economy has slowed down drastically property values have shrunk in turn, not to mention the destruction of property values wrought by the sub-prime mortgage scandal. All this has combined to produce a library system in crisis and in need of revenue.
3081	7/12/2012	Funding shortages
3082	7/12/2012	lack of consistent funding.
3083	7/12/2012	Republicans. I don't know when this happened, but today's Republicans seem loathe to pay for anything not directly benefiting them.
3084	7/12/2012	I suppose a lack of funding. This is something that everyone will feel. It would be ideal to offer a library will early/late hours and more space to accomidate for all schedules and styles of Portland learners. However, this would need more money to achieve.
3085	7/12/2012	I have no idea.
3086	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
3087	7/12/2012	Funding, apparently![]
3088	7/12/2012	Competition with the internet/other information resources.[] People not interested in reading.[] Folks not knowing/understanding what a great place the library is/services & amenities available. Lack of funding. People don't want to pay for something shared.[] []
3089	7/12/2012	I have heard of studies that show that the most active library patrons also tend to be very active book purchasers. Perhaps such a study could be used to entice retailers to give grants to our library system?
3090	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is lack of programs to get community involved. Being under-funded. It's really important to me that the library be able to keep providing their collection to elderly or sick people like my great aunt in her assisted living home. She can't leave there physically, but she can escape with great literature thanks to the library.
3091	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3092	7/12/2012	Funding, digital media vs hard copy.
3093	7/12/2012	The computer.....
3094	7/12/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is budget cuts, and lack of funding for new books and materials.
3095	7/12/2012	lack of funding
3096	7/12/2012	To many non related library services.
3097	7/12/2012	Budget cuts
3098	7/12/2012	I do not know, but I am concerned about questionable accountability and excessive waste in all aspect of government and government funded things.
3099	7/12/2012	

3100	7/12/2012	Funding when cities & counties are affected by a bad economy
3101	7/12/2012	I don't know really know much about this issue. My guess would be people's abuse of computers, stealing books and not enough people volunteering to keep the library open.
3102	7/12/2012	Funding and not getting on board the digital bandwagon. More and more people are reading and checking out books digitally- the library should continue to promote librarytogo and the Oregon digital consortium. This is a vital and growing area of need as well as a pool of potential new customers that do not use the local sites.
3103	7/12/2012	Cuts in funding!
3104	7/12/2012	Closure
3105	7/12/2012	The ranking system above does not work well, the numbers automatically reorder themselves 1,2,3,4,5,6.[] [] The biggest threat is the access that users have to online information. How can the library work with this paradigm shift and remain a relevant resource?
3106	7/12/2012	Unknown
3107	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3108	7/12/2012	Lack of funds
3109	7/12/2012	Funding cuts
3110	7/12/2012	Inactive community members not realizing the wealth in our libraries and voting against tax hikes that are steeped in value. Not all taxes are bad taxes.
3111	7/12/2012	Budget shortfalls?
3112	7/12/2012	Lack of funding and society's unwillingness to fund any sort of social program.
3113	7/12/2012	Poor spending of taxpayers money
3114	7/12/2012	Funding and technology.
3115	7/12/2012	Television and right wing anti intellecutals like Rick Santorum.
3116	7/12/2012	the finacial banking system
3117	7/12/2012	Increasing loss of education, in civic, scientific, and historical knowledge; in the humanities; and in the arts. Who will care about CONTENT if all anyone wants is a computer game, and we spend hours and hours with technology but must be entertained as if we all had attention deficict disorder? But maybe most of us already do.
3118	7/12/2012	Inaccessibility. The cuts to hours so branches are only open past 5 pm 2 days a week makes it nearly impossible for me to pick up materials.
3119	7/12/2012	County Budget Problems
3120	7/12/2012	poor funding
3121	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3122	7/12/2012	Lack of funding. All of the above services are critically important, and all need funds.
3123	7/12/2012	Being ghettoized as places for poor people only, rather than a community resource for everyone.

3124	7/12/2012	Lack of funding to operate well enough to cater to all community needs.
3125	7/12/2012	Shorter hours and shorter days. However, with the recent passing of the Library Levy, it was my understanding that the library would not have any more problems....at least right now. Instead I find that the hours and days have been shortened I am disgusted about this. Why vote for more money to "save" our libraries, only to have the hours and days shortened? Phooey!
3126	7/12/2012	not keeping up with new technology (e book service library 2 go is limited in variety of authors and amount of books available (example: 2 copies available for kindle with 70 holds for a book that is not brand new) and not buying enough copies to meet current demand of popular books/movies (often hear people say that they don't want to wait that long for xx book so they will go to target to buy it
3127	7/12/2012	funding (lack thereof).[] censorship / dcma / politics
3128	7/12/2012	Lack of hours, lack of current materials for a WIDE range of interests, lack of librarians or volunteers.
3129	7/12/2012	Salaries.
3130	7/12/2012	lack of funding and electronic media
3131	7/12/2012	Not being there.
3132	7/12/2012	The internet, Amazon Kindle
3133	7/12/2012	Budget cuts
3134	7/12/2012	budget shortfalls
3135	7/12/2012	Money.
3136	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3137	7/12/2012	Our libraries don't have enough funding to keep current materials and interesting programs for children so they lose public interest and therefore more funding is lost.
3138	7/12/2012	People dodging their taxes.
3139	7/12/2012	Closures due to lower funding because of poor corporate tax revenues.
3140	7/12/2012	The ipad.
3141	7/12/2012	There has been a cutback in days the library is open.
3142	7/12/2012	Them being closed down.
3143	7/12/2012	Not getting enough funding forcing locations to be shut down.
3144	7/12/2012	Fire.
3145	7/12/2012	FUNDING, LACK OF STAFF
3146	7/12/2012	BUDGET CUTS
3147	7/12/2012	Funding cuts
3148	7/12/2012	Seems to be lack of funding
3149	7/12/2012	Short sighted public officials!

3150	7/12/2012	<p>I'm fine with library being open six days a week. Other libraries throughout the United States are open six days a week (I used to use the San Francisco library system and the San Mateo library system) and it wasn't a problem at all. []</p> <p>I understand that this question anticipates survey takers will likely answer , "funding is the biggest threat" and in a sense that's true. Unfortunately, for many people (students, homeowners who can no longer afford another tax increase, retired individuals on fixed incomes, families struggling to simply pay the utilities), their biggest threat is also funding - their ability or inability to pay tuition, taxes, utilities, rent, and so forth. []</p> <p>Nowadays, with the exception of the upper middle-class and the wealthy, most people are struggling, and until the economy improves, most of us do what we have to do, which means tightening our belts, postponing purchases, driving less, using less heat to warm our homes and in general, living leaner. It's unfortunate but true.[]</p> <p>In the meantime, all of us, public agencies included, will need to employ a healthy dose of common sense and financial prudence until things improve.</p>
3151	7/12/2012	funding?
3152	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3153	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3154	7/12/2012	lack of money
3155	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
3156	7/12/2012	Lack of funding.
3157	7/12/2012	Lack of funding?? Also e-books, but I use the Mult Co Library for that, too!
3158	7/12/2012	<p>I don't know. If I had to guess it would be lack of funding. Or those with access to internet and computers not realizing this is not the case for everyone and assuming that the library is not relevant. Also library fines preventing people who can not pay them from continuing to use the library as these are likely the people who need the service the most.</p>
3159	7/12/2012	Obviously the need for funding.
3160	7/12/2012	E-books and illiteracy.
3161	7/12/2012	Funding.
3162	7/12/2012	illiteracy, bad educational system
3163	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3164	7/12/2012	Budget Cuts.... Illiteracy
3165	7/12/2012	<p>Trying to provide too many services and digital media. Music CDs and movies should either have a rental charge or be copy proof - the library is enabling rampant copying of artists' work. Too many physical buildings are a threat too, as infrastructure costs will continue to climb while the public will increasingly want online delivery.</p>

3166	7/12/2012	Oregon's regressive and unstable tax structure and the unwillingness of leadership to reform it. This is obviously also a threat to schools and all other public services which receive state and local funding.
3167	7/12/2012	Lack of funding, lack of availability if hours are reduced to where people can't come in on a consistent basis as needed.
3168	7/12/2012	lack of funding and lack of community support
3169	7/12/2012	I have no clue; seems all levies are passed with a "yes" vote. Tax base shrinking?
3170	7/12/2012	Stable funding
3171	7/12/2012	The lack of awareness about how important our local libraries are and the need to support them financially and politically.
3172	7/12/2012	The worst thing that could happen is closure due to lack of funding. Folks tired of any more taxation. Particularly during a Presidential election year. We are are over stimulated with information re:[]
3173	7/12/2012	tax cuts/ tax raises. The truth is the average American citizen doesn't follow and/or understand our current political scenario.[] Therefore many who do actually vote, make choices out of fear.
3174	7/12/2012	budget restrictions. I will always vote to increase my property taxes if it keeps our libraries strong.
3175	7/12/2012	the internet and use of computer - kids desiring screen time instead of getting their noses into the books :(
3176	7/12/2012	Losing funding. I also dislike petitioners out front wanting signatures for various causes.
3177	7/12/2012	Lack of interest, lack of strong tax base. If everyone knew how great and extensive a resource our library system is, there would be no question of whether tax or bond referendums would be appropriate.
3178	7/12/2012	I'm not sure; funding?
3179	7/12/2012	Consistent funding.
3180	7/12/2012	Underestimating how important they are, so not asking enough funding from public (taxpayers)
3181	7/12/2012	Instability of funding coupled with people taking them for granted.
3182	7/12/2012	Lack of Funding
3183	7/12/2012	Lack of funding
3184	7/12/2012	The tea party mindset.
3185	7/12/2012	I have no clue.
3186	7/12/2012	The internet, television, Republicans, Democrats, the Military Defense Complex, War...
3187	7/12/2012	Funding
3188	7/12/2012	Insufficient funding
3189	7/12/2012	State funding
3190	7/12/2012	The lack of funding.
3191	7/12/2012	Funding

3192	7/12/2012	not open enough late hours to accommodate working people.
3193	7/12/2012	Fire.
3194	7/12/2012	Budget cuts.
3195	7/12/2012	Closure!
3196	7/12/2012	funding
3197	7/12/2012	Apathy
3198	7/12/2012	Lack of consistent funding?
3199	7/12/2012	I'm no expert, but I find the general saying, "you are your own worst enemy." works for most scenarios.
3200	7/12/2012	Survey-writers who think they're being spiff when they use auto-reorder in a selection process. It took thrice as long as it should have because it kept second-guessing my next response and screwing up my previous ones. Just let people make their selections and have an error-catcher for duplicate rankings.
3201	7/12/2012	Unstable funding. Hard to make long term plans without a secure source of funding.
3202	7/12/2012	lack of funding and the closure of any branches
3203	7/12/2012	Nothing can replace the local library
3204	7/12/2012	lack of funds
3205	7/11/2012	Not being open seven days a week.
3206	7/11/2012	Kindles and other electronics. Lack of regular hours and money for current materials.
3207	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
3208	7/11/2012	Perceived lack of need with increased internet use.
3209	7/11/2012	Lack of innovation in services provided and ability to change/innovate.
3210	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Libraries with reduced staff and limited hours will negatively impact the community as a whole.
3211	7/11/2012	Not being open as they provide a valuable resource.
3212	7/11/2012	going to less than 6 days open each week
3213	7/11/2012	lack of public support
3214	7/11/2012	Ignorance. Selfishness. Politics
3215	7/11/2012	I don't know
3216	7/11/2012	Maybe, like everyplace else, the libraries need to cut salaries and benefits. Do people who re-shelve books still get \$14.00 an hour? I don't want to pay \$1.22 per \$1000. Sorry, but this is what is happening in the private sector so ...
3217	7/11/2012	?
3218	7/11/2012	not having secure funding...
3219	7/11/2012	Everything going electronic, such as books, lectures, programs, teaching, etc.
3220	7/11/2012	lack of sufficient funding
3221	7/11/2012	Closure due to lack of funding

3222	7/11/2012	homeless people occupying it during all hours.[] communicable diseases such as TB that can be spread.
3223	7/11/2012	The potential to have to close branches.
3224	7/11/2012	Services and hours being cut in light of budget crunches.
3225	7/11/2012	Lenghthening closing hours
3226	7/11/2012	Lack of vision and lack of funding.
3227	7/11/2012	funding stream
3228	7/11/2012	I'm not sure, but plan to look in to it.
3229	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3230	7/11/2012	Online resources
3231	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, I assume. Im 12 so i dont know much but i think that computers,nooks,kindles and and thing with an i before it (ipad i pod) are making it easier for people to just look up books and buy them. People think why go all the way to the library and put a book on hold when i can just ge it on my (all of the above).
3232	7/11/2012	Increased defense spending.
3233	7/11/2012	Increased defense spending.
3234	7/11/2012	Trying to be all things to all people. I would rather not have had to rank the programs for special interest groups. I would have given them no ranking rather than 4, 5, and 6. People need to learn how to use library materials most effectively, not to think of themselves as a member of a special interest group. When people join a group, they make noise, and the library branch that I use most regularly is much too noisy already. Why do they call them "quiet rooms" when that is where the noisy groups should be put?
3235	7/11/2012	The inequity of public schooling and lack of quality affordable preschool, which can lead to a growing cult of uneducated, where dumb = sexy, and reality television is "good" entertainment.
3236	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Once cutbacks happen, it is difficult to reverse the trend
3237	7/11/2012	Theft and possiblity of closing
3238	7/11/2012	The electronic trend has younger people using other sources for information. Please don't let our libraries go "paperless". The feel of a book in your hands should not be lost. I believe that there is a good balance now.
3239	7/11/2012	Republicans
3240	7/11/2012	They will have so many noisy programs that you can't even read.
3241	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3242	7/11/2012	Funding
3243	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.
3244	7/11/2012	Funding
3245	7/11/2012	The belief that availability equals quality and that all branches are equal. I'd much rather see Central open 24 hrs a day, 7 days and all other branches open 4 days a week with varying hours. Perhaps one day with business hours, one day with early morning, another with evening etc.

3246	7/11/2012	Focus should be on books vs dvd. Too much pressure to use the limited money for non-reading purposes. Computer access is important since so many folks don't have it
3247	7/11/2012	Republicans
3248	7/11/2012	People don't realize all that a library can do, from digitally downloading a variety of materials to borrowing video games. It's all "free" or already paid for by taxes, so why bother with Amazon or Barnes and Noble?
3249	7/11/2012	Not having enough money to run.
3250	7/11/2012	I don't know. Probably money.
3251	7/11/2012	Is the library still relevant? There is a perception that fewer books are read due to increasing competition for time from electronic media. Following that path leads to libraries as community centers. Community centers do not get people out to vote for bond sales.
3252	7/11/2012	That they won't be accessible for people, programs will be cut out and that new materials wouldn't be acquired.
3253	7/11/2012	Apathy
3254	7/11/2012	Unstable funding. As its many other services, with the economic downturn, demand for library services has increased. I have Internet access at home, but I see many people trying to apply for jobs who exceed their time limit and have to wait for another opportunity. In the twenty plus years I have lived in Portland, I believe every single time voters have been asked to pass a library measure, they have. Very few agencies provide so much help to so many varied groups, certainly not for free.
3255	7/11/2012	all the crooks in the local government
3256	7/11/2012	I don't perceive a threat, but your question probably seeks the answer, "funding."
3257	7/11/2012	Lack of sustainable funding.
3258	7/11/2012	underfunding
3259	7/11/2012	it appears to be funding.
3260	7/11/2012	Non-support by county residents that do not use the library and do not value it.
3261	7/11/2012	That they'll be closed or hours cut down dramatically
3262	7/11/2012	Not sure, maybe shorter hours?
3263	7/11/2012	bears
3264	7/11/2012	The economy and way too many people do not read.
3265	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

		The internet. We are in an age where the value of information is being downgraded, as we google our way through life, we forget what an important and valuable resource a trained librarian is. UC Berkeley is phasing out it's Librarian degree, which is a shame. ¶
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3266	7/11/2012	But besides the above rant, the biggest threat is turning away from excellence in staffing/procedures in an move to be more tech-current. Since the new dvd security system has been in place, there is never a time when I check-out more than one DVD that a disc doesn't play correctly. ¶
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		Running out of time on my library computer, but I do want to say it's less important for the branch libraries to be open everyday. But it is helpful to have the Central library open.
3267	7/11/2012	Republicans who would rather decrease "Government" by removing the very programs that decrease stupidity, homelessness, and an inability to connect to the World.
3268	7/11/2012	All of the items mentioned above are important to me and my family, but somethings are going to have funding cut. I found it hard to put a numerical value on their importance.
3269	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3270	7/11/2012	funding
3271	7/11/2012	funding
3272	7/11/2012	there is nowhere to comfortably read in our libraries.
3273	7/11/2012	keep funding high enough so that service levels don't continue to decline,
3274	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. It is bizarre to me that a permanent funding solution does not exist.
3275	7/11/2012	Wimpy taxpayers who won't support libraries.
3276	7/11/2012	I do not know.
3277	7/11/2012	Offering too many services, should be books only.
3278	7/11/2012	vandalism and theft
3279	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3280	7/11/2012	Funding
3281	7/11/2012	Funding as reading and information are fundamental to a democracy.
3282	7/11/2012	No idea.
3283	7/11/2012	We think it must be financial, and the loss of staff, open days and hours
3284	7/11/2012	constant requests for more money
		I would guess it is lose of funding from the lose of tax revenue. The state of Oregon is such a screwed-up mess and does not seem to attract large Fortune 500, 1,000 or top employers. Two Fortune 500's (Nike and Precision Cast Parts) does not make for a good healthy economy. ¶
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		And, idiots in Washington, DC.
3286	7/11/2012	I don't know what the biggest threat is. I would assume funding.

3287	7/11/2012	Lack of funding[] Use of internet vs books
3288	7/11/2012	to many staff
3289	7/11/2012	funding
3290	7/11/2012	Lack of funding?
3291	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and ignorant public
3292	7/11/2012	RED tape and Government building things like statues, rather than putting to where it is most used and needed. Yes and Light rail too. What a waste according to there own statistics.
3293	7/11/2012	Don't really know, lack of funds is probably the biggest issue. I use the electronic library to download books to my nook, very important to me, I would say local libraries "spending" is out of control especially in multnomah county given the amount each multnomah county resident is "required" to pay via property taxes. Multnomah county libraries ought to be swimming in cash and if they are not those libraries need to figure out why they have no money rather than attempt to request public voters to pay more.
3294	7/11/2012	the internet
3295	7/11/2012	Unstable budgeting. It's like a bonus tax about every year. It must feel like there's a keno table in charge of the budget for the people most effected.
3296	7/11/2012	Funding for a full program meeting the needs of our citizens. Since Portland Public Schools no longer have proper funding for school libraries the public library is extremely important for both teachers and students.
3297	7/11/2012	Voter apathy
3298	7/11/2012	Bdget cuts. Without the funding the library services get cut back and in some cases are non existent. People who don't use the library forget how much it does for so many others. It's easy to forget about programs when they are not part of your routine.
3299	7/11/2012	funding
3300	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3301	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3302	7/11/2012	Funding & lack of support. I think to counter this, the library needs to do better marketing & PR to demonstrate the value of library services. I LOVE the library and have at least one library book at home at all times. I would be willing to pay more in the form of taxes or a monthly (small) fee to use the library.
3303	7/11/2012	Funding
3304	7/11/2012	Funding. Gentrification.
3305	7/11/2012	Funding.
3306	7/11/2012	Don't know
3307	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3308	7/11/2012	

3309	7/11/2012	Funding!!!! Books matter and the powers that be need to understand that a lending library is essential to a free and well-informed society.
3310	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding from the Multnomah County.
3311	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding, obviously. Not so obviously, though, is remaining relevant for younger generations in an all-digital world.
3312	7/11/2012	Money and cutting the children programs
3313	7/11/2012	momey or lack thereof
3314	7/11/2012	I hope there is no threat to the libraries. I suppose a threat is the economy and people who aren't willing to pay their fair share of taxes to support important resources. But even that shouldn't be an issue if the county simply understands the library system as a priority in its budget.
3315	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to address the needs of under served populations like the homeless.[] The more that the libraries (I speak about downtown) serves as a drop in warm and safe place to be, the harder it is to serve the needs of everyone else. It costs more for security, etc and that takes away from other operating funds.
3316	7/11/2012	I do not know.
3317	7/11/2012	Homeless squatting
3318	7/11/2012	That people don't realize that the funding is still tied to property values it can shift signifcantly even though the levy was just renewed. We need to find a more stable permanent way to fund our libraries. Maybe we need to keep the reduced hours but change them a little so they are open later in the day. Our library is too essential a tool to lose.
3319	7/11/2012	Recession ends
3320	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3321	7/11/2012	not getting enough funds to stay open
3322	7/11/2012	The library is wasting money purchasing too many copies of the same book. So many copies are being purchased that the libraries are constantly having to discard copies of other books that aren't that old or out of shape. [] [] Also, too much money is being spent on foreign language materials. Books and things that are bi-lingual and help people to learn English or even books that help English speakers to learn other languages are great, but we don't need a multitude of foreign language materials that enable foreigners to live here and never learn English.[] [] Many other people that I have spoken with feel the same way and will not support the library unless things change.
3323	7/11/2012	It seems to be finding a sustainable source of funding.
3324	7/11/2012	That their hours will be shortened..
3325	7/11/2012	Budget cuts

3326	7/11/2012	Those who do not return books, or return them damaged; and those who do not pay their fines.
3327	7/11/2012	As for local public education, the loss of funding: it's too bad they're made to compete for said funding, in some budget schemes, as both are absolutely necessary for a healthy modern society to function, much less thrive.[] [] This threat is seconded by legal efforts at censorship of what the library can carry.
3328	7/11/2012	Electronically accessing the same information. While it is nice that the library offers an electronic option; it is not the same. Having a tangible book to turn pages is the preferred approach for reading for a # of people.[] [] (*If cutting libraries to 6 days a week; please consider staggering the closed day per a library and posting where the nearest open library is so people can easily find an open library that day)
3329	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and usage cut.
3330	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
3331	7/11/2012	Of course, lack of funding to keep them open and providing needed programs.[] I would prefer 6 days a week of full service with no cuts to current programs than open more hours with less programs.
3332	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3333	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3334	7/11/2012	Funding
3335	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3336	7/11/2012	misusers of public funds
3337	7/11/2012	Lack of Funding
3338	7/11/2012	The lack of reliable & steady funding is the top problem. [] It's very frustrating to have library hours & open days changing so frequently. [] Every few years (or more often!) we re-visit the issue. I've lived in Portland for 34 years & the Mult. Co. libraries ALWAYS seem to be at-risk of closing! [] [] There is likely a perception by the non-library-using public that the branches are simply places for borrowing books. There needs to be a nuanced public understand that our libraries are MUCH more than that. There are (free) community meeting rooms (which I have utilized many times), the reference librarians are a GREAT resource for all kinds of questions (I've used this service, too) and the library is a wonderful place to pick up copies fo the (free) community newspapers (The Bee, The Hollywood Star, etc). I have also made use of the N. Portland library for an art exhibit of works by local artist Charlotte Lewis that was part of the Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals exhibit that held at the Oregon History Museum (in fall 2010 & winter 2011). Honoring her artwork that way in the North Portland neighborhood was very important.

3339	7/11/2012	Insufficient use.
3340	7/11/2012	idiot politicians
3341	7/11/2012	Lack of appropriate funding.
3342	7/11/2012	funding problems
3343	7/11/2012	Reduced funding.
3344	7/11/2012	Politics and money!! " Shouldn't we realize by now that education is very important for any sane society, yet we treated so poorly. Library's in neighborhoods plays a very important part of our education. Money seem to always be available for private enterprises to make a profit. Our health and education should be left alone when it comes to budget cuts. With a well educated society we would have less problems and more ways to meet our local, state, federal,budget demands.
3345	7/11/2012	Losing money and not being able to open enough hours/days for everyone to access material. That would be the biggest threat.
3346	7/11/2012	funding I suppose. I am worried about libraries closing or too restricted hours. I also don't like all the starbucks cafe commercial stuff in the lobbies
3347	7/11/2012	Not having them any more, and it would be a shame. I loved the library as a kid and my children love to go too. Would be a huge loss socially and educationally. Worth doing whatever it takes to keep them open even if it's reduced hours and days.
3348	7/11/2012	budget cuts!
3349	7/11/2012	onlineonly is the future? brick and mortar passe'. What will the future libraries look like and offer? How will they abe funded? With people such as myself being forced into retirement by the economy, we will be on fixed incomes with no COLA raises, thus increased taxation probably no the best answer.
3350	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and shortfalls limiting their ability to maintain themselves or expand.
3351	7/11/2012	Republicans
3352	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
3353	7/11/2012	Not sure, my guess would be online books taking away the need for brick and mortar libraries. Should you prepare to be a virtual library? What would that look like?[] [] The othe threat is funding. I am a big supporter of libraries and can't imagine living in a community without one but I am also concerned about my property taxes. I am now on a fixed income and can no longer easily vote for rate increases.
3354	7/11/2012	The global economy coupled w/ the oil industry...decreasing jobs, and thus increasing unemployment, increasing very conservative spending and tight taxation. Seems pretty obvious to me
3355	7/11/2012	budget cuts and instability
3356	7/11/2012	Funding
3357	7/11/2012	Obama!!!!

- 3358 7/11/2012 Insufficient funds, unreliable funding.
- 3359 7/11/2012 Electronic books. We use both, but have used the library less since getting Kindles. :(
- 3360 7/11/2012 Cut funding
- 3361 7/11/2012 Lack of funding
- 3362 7/11/2012 Funding
- 3363 7/11/2012 Funding, clearly.
- 3364 7/11/2012 Funding cuts! Days and hours open cuts!
- 3365 7/11/2012 Less funding because advances in technology.
- 3366 7/11/2012 Book burning, budget cuts and zombies!
- 3367 7/11/2012 Inadequate funding. Not seeing the future.
- 3368 7/11/2012 lack of funding
- 3369 7/11/2012 Losing funding!
- 3370 7/11/2012 Ignorance
- 3371 7/11/2012 lack of funding
- 3372 7/11/2012 budget cuts/underfunding
- 3373 7/11/2012 funding, i suppose, and print media gradually becoming out of fashion.
- 3374 7/11/2012 ???
- 3375 7/11/2012 Non-return of materials.[]
People hogging the computers.
- 3376 7/11/2012 The Internet
- 3377 7/11/2012 capitalism and conservatives.
- 3378 7/11/2012 Budget cuts
- 3379 7/11/2012 If any of the libraries are forced to close.
- 3380 7/11/2012 unstable funding.
- 3381 7/11/2012 Reduced use caused by home-based media, translated into reduced support for funding

3382 7/11/2012 The biggest threat to our local libraries is the lack of state funding to support a valuable and inimitable public service. Hearing about the change of the library to be open at six days a week worries me because of the large effect this has upon growing students and communities members that utilize and appreciate our library system. With schools adding more in-service days (less in-classroom days) and elementary schools with classes over 30 students, there is a clear lack of importance for education in the state of Oregon. A sad message to present to Oregon families as live through struggles of taking longer shifts at work to put food on the table, buy school supplies and put clothes on their children's back. For many families in Oregon, education is a big priority for the development and progress of their children and family. And Salem Legislator's need to be honest for their experience and the impact local libraries had for their success and development.

3383	7/11/2012	? For me, the 1-hour limit on computer use! But I realize the necessity. Sometimes I am just "getting into" some research point and my time is up at that computer station -- back when there was a 2-hour limit, I was "growing tired" of staring at the screen by the time my limit was nearing.
3384	7/11/2012	Diminishing the number of opening hours obviously reduces the overall use of the library. As with Trimet and the US Postal Service, if you cut enough services and reduce the frequency of your service to the public, you dramatically undermine the number of your potential clients and you soon might find your operation spiraling out of any business at all.
3385	7/11/2012	Community not realizing what a great resource we have and therefore not properly funding and supporting it.
3386	7/11/2012	I am distraught when people misuse such a valuable resource in the neighborhood. Books and materials need to be returned in good or better condition than when they were checked out. Also the libraries should not be a haven for the homeless, alcoholics, etc.
3387	7/11/2012	shortage of funding sources, requiring reduced support of library services
3388	7/11/2012	Lack of use and understanding what it can do for people. Also, it is not keeping up with the electronic changes happening in the world.
3389	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3390	7/11/2012	Anti-tax sentiment during a time of economic hardship.
3391	7/11/2012	homeless in the downtown library makes me not want to visit that branch.
3392	7/11/2012	Loss of funding. Closed branches. We need all aspects of the library system! It is important for people to have a place to go and feel welcome to spend time without spending money.
3393	7/11/2012	Funding and retaining library users. Libraries serves an educational second environment outside of the home and should be protected to ensure children receive the opportunities to grow and learn.
3394	7/11/2012	we need to use library evening(-19ish) time. Because I have a job, so can't go the library day time.
3395	7/11/2012	???
3396	7/11/2012	No idea. Possibly the greed of corporate imperialist... budget cuts. Less prisons - MORE LIBRARIES! Selfish shortsightedness masquerading as progressive idealism. Passive citizenry - yes, even in Oregon. Augh, now i'm peeved... Thanks Library ;)
3397	7/11/2012	less hours, less resources, less free classes and education for all individuals.
3398	7/11/2012	Not enough money to purchase current materials

3399	7/11/2012	Those who refuse to acknowledge that libraries are about more than checking out books. I hear from conservative relatives that "nobody needs the library because nobody reads books anymore." Aside from the fact that this isn't remotely true (THEY don't read books anymore, but probably never really did), this ignores a library's importance to children (how many learn to read on a Kindle?), Somehow the word needs to get out to the people who say that, that libraries are about much more than checking out books. Emphasis on resources for job seekers (where else is there a better place for people to help themselves?), adult and child education, computer access for those who don't have them, etc. I couldn't afford to buy a small fraction of the books my daughter reads every week. Thank GOODNESS for Multnomah County Library!!!
3400	7/11/2012	Funding (or lack of).
3401	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3402	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
3403	7/11/2012	Don't know.
3404	7/11/2012	I do not mind the fact that the library is only open 6 days a week. I think there is not enough current books at the library. I would also like to see more e-book selections that do not require you to wait 3-4 week to get them.
3405	7/11/2012	Funding
3406	7/11/2012	adequate operational funding
3407	7/11/2012	The desire of the library to everything to everybody causing bloated budgets and unreasonable property tax burdens - especially on seniors and low income property owners.
3408	7/11/2012	not enough money
3409	7/11/2012	not sure
3410	7/11/2012	Video games
3411	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3412	7/11/2012	From my perspective, the biggest threat is over-taxing for services in a negative and unstable economy. Clackamas County for the most part, offers excellent services, hours and programming with a service district @ \$.39 per dollar. If MU county needs over three times that amount, there would appear to be a true insensitivity to the taxpayers, or at the very least, a need to be more responsible in how the funds are spent. I will vote NO on all library levies until the board and professional staff offer a more reasonable cost to the public.
3413	7/11/2012	No opinion.
3414	7/11/2012	Underfunding/unstable funding

3415	7/11/2012	Caring more about extended hours than good materials. I looked up a book at the library, saw that the library did not have it bought a \$30 copy for myself and the library, went to donate it to the library only to find out that they do not take books from donations and put them on the shelves. It was disheartening. The library should be extending its "library" at any opportunity. Please take donations seriously. The more resources you have, the more likely I will want to support you and use the wonderful public "service".
3416	7/11/2012	diminished funding
3417	7/11/2012	To me it is not having the ability to come in at least six times a week to pick up reading material.
3418	7/11/2012	Capitalism.
3419	7/11/2012	Robbers
3420	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Although I think that hours could be cut back - if a branch within a certain mile radius is open Saturday for example, the other branches within that radius could be closed that day. E.G. If the Holgate branch is open Saturday, close Midlands, Belmont, or Woodstock. Open Woodstock on Sunday, close the other three. And so on. That way, there's a branch open not TOO far away, but we don't need seven days a week service at all branches, all the time!
3421	7/11/2012	Not enough funding/resources to keep libraries actively engaged, able to provide all kinds of books, and having good hours in local communities.
3422	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to cover the purchase of new books. If you want my opinion, you have too many small branches and need to consolidate so that the main libraries can remain open and provide full service.
3423	7/11/2012	De-funding by county commissioners.
3424	7/11/2012	Sustained funding and a sense that in the time where information is ubiquitous and often low cost that the mission of the library is compromised politically.
3425	7/11/2012	lack of funding and electronic media
3426	7/11/2012	Outdated materials with reduced programs and hours so that families are unable to access materials.
3427	7/11/2012	The amount of money being spent on the military

3428	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is their tendency to participate in so many "programs" that they neglect the first reason they are there--to provide materials for others to use and learn from, as they choose. ALL needs cannot be met; it is important that the library not try to meet them. There are many who would volunteer (myself included) to read stories to little ones or deliver books to older folks who cannot get out to get them. If funds are lacking, then the library should return to its main goal of providing materials and a safe haven to enjoy them. Cut corners; people who are truly interested in learning will come to the library to find the materials. People interested in finding jobs will come to the library to look for work on the computers. People interested in reading to their children will come get books and find a quiet place to read to them--and others. Volunteers can help with this as they could with helping those who would like to learn English. And if there are not enough volunteers, you cut back on those services until the economy allows you to reinstate them. You're not the only entity that is feeling the pinch. The homes and families who are supporting you (as we are glad to do) are feeling it as well. Our pocketbooks are hurting, too. Please keep this in mind when you want to raise anything to keep going
3429	7/11/2012	the inability or unwillingness of many to pay more in taxes, leading to difficult choices
3430	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3431	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3432	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3433	7/11/2012	Non-reading politicians!
3434	7/11/2012	Escalating costs to maintain the current level of service. I am a strong advocate for the library system, but based on priorities in the community the current level of service should be reduced to reallocate tax dollars. I will not vote for increased funding of public employee benefits, operations or related expenses. Downsizing is the right thing for all public entities. Taxing us to death.
3435	7/11/2012	Not having funding for current materials would be more distressing as a patron than the unfortunate circumstance of cutting a library day, if only slightly more distressing. My experience with other city library systems has made me very proud of what Multnomah County has offered all these years in bringing the newest covers and media to our shelves.[] [] I don't know what day of the week you would consider cutting though - having the flexibility all this time has been such a privilege.
3436	7/11/2012	not having the funds to keep them open
3437	7/11/2012	Shorter hours.
3438	7/11/2012	The reduction or loss of many of the programs offered.
3439	7/11/2012	lack of money
3440	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to the Central Library are the inordinate amount of homeless people in the library with all their bags and stuff. I love that library. I do know libraries should be open to everyone, but this has gotten ridiculous, to the point I don't go there very much anymore. I really would like to see more control over entry and over the front entrance.

3441	7/11/2012	Of course, it is lack of funding. I think there are a lot of people in the area who are not aware of everything that is available through the library. I think that there needs to be a broader campaign to educate the people of the metro area of all that the library offers. I think apathy and ignorance are at the top of the list of threats to the survival of the library system in Portland, Multnomah County. I was surprised by how many people don't know what a huge resource for watching dvd movies the library is. They pay to rent or get netflix, not even aware that they could be getting them for free from the library. This is true of music cd's as well.
3442	7/11/2012	that it is open six days a week. i love going to the library i go almost every day and when i have a hold on sunday and can not get to the library that day i have to wait until Tuesday. :(
3443	7/11/2012	Inflated budgets
3444	7/11/2012	apparently funding issues since the library is now closed one day a week and barely open past 5pm
3445	7/11/2012	Closure of selected branches due to low usage.....this would tend to impact low income and ethnic minority users
3446	7/11/2012	Less use of actual books - as things become more electronic, it seems like it will be harder to convince taxpayers of the need for well-funded libraries
3447	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and lack of support.
3448	7/11/2012	Keeping up with electronic ways to read. However I still prefer the acutal book.
3449	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding.
3450	7/11/2012	Lack of funding due to poor (short-sighted) funding allocation decisions by state and local government is the obvious one. [] [] Prevalence of poor English skills and evolving technologies could be addressed appropriately if the funding were there.
3451	7/11/2012	Lack of civic pride in other than wierdness.
3452	7/11/2012	The relentless "cut taxes" attitude.
3453	7/11/2012	Failure to fund.
3454	7/11/2012	Minimal hours making it difficult to access
3455	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3456	7/11/2012	Keeping the focus on the value for the dollar.
3457	7/11/2012	Funding
3458	7/11/2012	All I ever hear about is funding.
3459	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is that the library tries to do too much. The great majority of library patrons need one main thing from it: to be able to research and check out materials. Everything else is secondary -- especially the programs and classes.
3460	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
3461	7/11/2012	The anti-tax/pro-ignorance crowd.

		Closure during hours when people are off work. Leads to people being frustrated and resorting to buying materials on their own, conducting research over the Internet, paying for their own computers and Internet access. An increasing sense that the library is irrelevant to meeting their needs and future unwillingness to support it. ¶
3462	7/11/2012	¶ I guess the most important point here is that you need to be open more during non-work hours. Have you considered adjusting the schedule so that all days you are open on the Tuesday and Wednesday schedules? Or perhaps early morning and late afternoon/evening hours with a "siesta" in between? Convenience for library staff should not be the determinant for open hours.
3463	7/11/2012	Funding.
3464	7/11/2012	The Internet¶ censorship¶ People can't read.
3465	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
3466	7/11/2012	public apathy, employee indifference to patrons, undesirable persons hanging around outside the entrances and taking up tables for sleeping, etc.
3467	7/11/2012	getting closed due to shortage of budget!
3468	7/11/2012	Funding
3469	7/11/2012	Ignorance
3470	7/11/2012	I don't know, but I am a nanny and I really value taking my charges to storytime. I think that it is important to for libraries to stay open and accessible for who aren't rich-- libraries are such an important part of equality in education. I also like a variety of children's books & media, and quality classics, fiction and nonfiction books for myself.
3471	7/11/2012	Funding.
3472	7/11/2012	lack of use due to everything going electronic
3473	7/11/2012	N/A
3474	7/11/2012	Not enough public funding
3475	7/11/2012	I imagine funding. Homeless dayshelter aspect sometimes detracts.
3476	7/11/2012	Kindle and all other e-books. also lack of tax dollars to keep them opened; staffed; and, current
3477	7/11/2012	Cutbacks. Reducing of hours, particularly on Mondays!
3478	7/11/2012	republicans
3479	7/11/2012	funding
3480	7/11/2012	Measures 5 and 47/50. And Measure 11.
3481	7/11/2012	i feel that underunding is our biggest threat

3482	7/11/2012	<p>People who don't pay taxes represent a large number of people taking advantage of the library system. I am tired of paying my taxes to support entitlements to people who pay nothing in return. Many people in Oregon pay no federal income tax, no property tax (because they rent) and pay no sales tax. Yet they all want "free everything" and they pay for nothing and have no skin in the game. Please tap into those people for extra money for the library systems and stop taking more money from people who are property owners and actually working and paying taxes. Enough is enough!!!</p> <p>If you closed the library for the whole weekend it would be fine with me. You should save a lot of money right there.</p>
3483	7/11/2012	A culture of anti-intellectualism?
3484	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding
3485	7/11/2012	I guess stable funding. Libraries serve as community centers and are a resource for so many people. In bad economic times that need is greater.
3486	7/11/2012	People not reading enough. Or realizing that the library has more to offer than books. Government spending on less important, long-term things instead of educational services.
3487	7/11/2012	Competing entertainment forms. People are used to having everything at their fingertips and ordering what interests them online. Our library is right across the street. It is an easy, approachable excursion for our 2 year old.
3488	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3489	7/11/2012	<p>Funding is the biggest threat. I use the library even more now in this economy and have turned more people on to using it as well because of that. I thought it was a waste of resources to open the Troutdale library with Fairview being only a few miles from that location. Bad move and one of them, don't care which, should be closed. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Personally the Fairview library should close since it is small and really serves the people who live in downtown Fairview. It is not as convenient as the Troutdale library from the interstate and really can't believe who made the judgement to put the libraries so close together.</p>
3490	7/11/2012	I'm sure it is probably the programs, like story hour for children. For me, I depend on the later hours that the library is open. If the library closed earlier, at 6pm instead of 8pm, I would not be able to use the library as a resource and haven.
3491	7/11/2012	Underfunded
3492	7/11/2012	The internet.
3493	7/11/2012	I think the biggest threat is that you are behind the times with online checkout and ebooks. Your online process was difficult to figure out and your kindle book offerings are very poor. You also need a more current selection. Suggest you try to privatise your services to improve them as you appear very slow and bureaucratic.
3494	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding
3495	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

3496	7/11/2012	I guess funding is the biggest threat.
3497	7/11/2012	Under funding; fewer professional librarians
3498	7/11/2012	Not being open or access to computers when I need them. Not everyone is able to be there in the day time and when the library is closed early it is hard to get all my work done. I don't like to be rushed while at the library.
3499	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3500	7/11/2012	MONEY, or lack there of. Politics...cut money at the TOP not services.
3501	7/11/2012	Funding
3502	7/11/2012	Not sure.
3503	7/11/2012	Current materials & access.
3504	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
3505	7/11/2012	Adequate financial support
3506	7/11/2012	Stop-gap funding model that relies on voter-backed initiatives.
3507	7/11/2012	Lack/loss of funding.
3508	7/11/2012	devaluing of librarians and library services
3509	7/11/2012	competition for tax funds and efforts to reduce government services in general
3510	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. I have a library card for Multnomah County and a library card for Clackamas County because I live in the City of Lake Oswego. However, my experience in Clackamas County as a Library Advisory Board member and Chair, and now as the Chair of the Lake Oswego Library Advisory Board is that what funding that presently comes from the governing body (read County Commission or City Council if the library was first a city library) will lessen, or disappear completely after a Library District is voted in allowing the county or city to those monies that formerly went to the libraries to use those monies for other use, I will actively oppose the creation of an independent Library District for Multnomah County presently and in the future. Some voters have learned from the change in Clackamas County.[] David Short, 503-652-2749
3511	7/11/2012	Unreasonable budget cutters and "no tax" people!
3512	7/11/2012	Not sure. Maybe theft of materials, people not paying fines. Not enough taxpayer funds to keep the libraries open.
3513	7/11/2012	Lack of funding for sufficient staffing and hours open.[] Inability to continue to purchase a sufficient number of books. 1) Raising a generation of children that don't have the appreciation for books, libraries, and most importantly the pleasure and necessity of good reading skills. []
3514	7/11/2012	[] 2) Allow the spread to our Library System the deterioration we have allowed our Portland School System physical plants to suffer.
3515	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.

3516	7/11/2012	People in the community not understanding the wide range of offerings available -- that it's not just a lending library.
3517	7/11/2012	Not enough funding I guess.
3518	7/11/2012	I don't see any threat
3519	7/11/2012	Stable tax base to fund operations.
3520	7/11/2012	money and budgeting
3521	7/11/2012	Not getting the funds for books, and not having a place for kids to go after school.
3522	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3523	7/11/2012	closure and restructure
3524	7/11/2012	Ignorant, complacent voters.
		I am not that impressed with your library. I am from Massachusetts and even a small town library is superior there. They have similar book types,(for instance, short stories,) stacked together. Here, so many books are NOT at the library, that everyone has to order them to pick-up after they have requested them. This is rare back home, as most books are right there where you want them, on the shelf: current, new releases, and best sellers.[]
3525	7/11/2012	[] Also, I could not believe that STATE tax forms are not just available at the library, as they are in other states. What the heck?[] [] Lastly, no good seats, like couches to read on, or anything, just a library the size that a middle school would have, with study tables. I miss my old quality library.
3526	7/11/2012	Money, or lack thereof, always seems to be the axe waiting to fall. Libraries are the last truly great institution this country has left and it would be crippling should they be taken away.
3527	7/11/2012	lack of funding and other monetary concerns.
3528	7/11/2012	The fact that because an economic theory that does not work, our nation is becoming a "third world country with a sick tax base.". Taxes are the price a society pays for civilization.; taxes are not the end of personal freedom. Even in the Gilded Age, libraries were thought to be the way the average person could learn skills and knowledge to move up the economic and social ladder. Now our culture seems to have very little "us" and too much "me" in it. A rich pimp has more social status than government employees.
3529	7/11/2012	Lack of support by tax payers and the public. People will not see the benefit of a physical place such as a library as books become obsolete being replaced by digital media and the internet in our lives.
3530	7/11/2012	lack of access/availability of materials and good programs :)
3531	7/11/2012	Ignorance, and the current 'no taxes on anything' climate.[] The idea that helping society is 'socialist'.

3532	7/11/2012	Budget constraints imposed at the behest of people interested in money rather than disseminating knowledge.
3533	7/11/2012	funding
3534	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3535	7/11/2012	failure to provide financing by short sighted voters
3536	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3537	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. High cost of materials.
3538	7/11/2012	Libraries must be able to keep up with demand for new materials. They can serve as local gathering places for neighborhoods, and are critical as depositories of job-related information.
3539	7/11/2012	Economic recession
3540	7/11/2012	I'm afraid I don't keep up with current events, but I would imagine lack of funding, either reduced funding or stagnant funding, which the price of everything else increases.
3541	7/11/2012	Funding shortfalls
3542	7/11/2012	people expecting all media to come in soundbites and all research to be done on wikipedia
3543	7/11/2012	I am not educated enough about this issue, but I am sure it is most likely funding.
3544	7/11/2012	reduced access and hours.
3545	7/11/2012	That one day, the general public will stop passing ballot measures.
3546	7/11/2012	There are too many programs and not enough materials. I believe that the libraries should be focusing on having an extensive selection rather than using funds for so many other community related programs. I also would like to see the heads of departments really listen to what people ask for when it comes to requesting materials for the libraries. I always thought that the library system was meant for having an extensive catalog that reflected the best of the arts of the world so that everyone in the community has the opportunity to enrich themselves no matter what their economic status is. One can teach themselves so much from using the library system in their community. In short, my answer is focus on obtaining more materials and figure out how to get non-profit organizations to help with the community related programs.
3547	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3548	7/11/2012	?
3549	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Idiot parents.
3550	7/11/2012	Funding, of course.
3551	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. People don't seem to realize what a valuable resource it is.
3552	7/11/2012	tax lies - we just voted to maintain funding, but now you are telling us that there will be cuts anyway - what happened?
3553	7/11/2012	That libraries won't be available when people need them.
3554	7/11/2012	I'm not sure.
3555	7/11/2012	lack of available tax funds combined with a population that doesn't value education/learning.
3556	7/11/2012	over crowding & theft I imagine. Also, use of internet access is always a wait anymore ?

3557	7/11/2012	Lack of revenue.
3558	7/11/2012	continual erosion of funding
3559	7/11/2012	e-readers! Losing the love of reading and passion for BOOKS!!!! Feel of them, smell of them, the joy of them... Touching their pages and really 'getting in touch' with a story. Audio books are great for many reasons, but e-readers discourage reading and it's bad for your health and eyes to constantly be in front of a 'screen'. It's better for eye health to 'read' the natural way!
3560	7/11/2012	Underfunding and theft.
3561	7/11/2012	The cost of keeping up with technology and theft.
3562	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3563	7/11/2012	Lack of mass appeal due to ubiquitous Internet access and overpopulation of homeless people
3564	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and inability to keep pace with collections, services, meanwhile maintaining facilities.
3565	7/11/2012	Limiting access to them.
3566	7/11/2012	Unpredictable funding....same threat as to our schools, police, road repairs, etc. etc.
3567	7/11/2012	The stupidity epidemic, it crosses all social and economic barriers. Or maybe they aren't exciting enough for children, which is the group that needs it most. Libraries feel a bit like a hospital sometimes.
3568	7/11/2012	Conservatives and Republicans. The very dumb and affluent.
3569	7/11/2012	to be open only few days a week
3570	7/11/2012	Not having them open enough
3571	7/11/2012	n/a
3572	7/11/2012	CLOSED MONDAYS? Why not close Sundays in the summer, and if you have to close on a week day would Friday make more sense? Don't Portland school children need access to do homework on Mondays? And Media. Really, 15 media for three weeks?
3573	7/11/2012	Funding.
3574	7/11/2012	Lack of public empathy!!!!!!!!
3575	7/11/2012	Cutting back the hours too significantly.
3576	7/11/2012	Not enough money. I think educating people on how much savings happens by being open 1 day less might be something to consider
3577	7/11/2012	Public apathy in a weak economy.
3578	7/11/2012	Cuts in funding which requires libraries to reduce their hours and I would imagine, the volume of materials each purchases. This continued decline has a eroding effect on society as a whole, and in particular, populations that are of low income whc rely on the library more than other populations. I am not low income and yet I still rely on the library.
3579	7/11/2012	besides lack of funding?
3580	7/11/2012	not charging a small user fee, anybody can pay .25 cents per checkout. I am tired of funding all these programs through my property taxes.

3581	7/11/2012	lack of funding lack of interest
3582	7/11/2012	The economic recession, lack of funding and people who have time to volunteer due to their financial obligations (family,rent,bills,etc.) results in a lack of support from the community... people are understandably worried about their well-being and don't necessarily think of the leisure activities of our former country. (dining,shopping,reading,etc.)
3583	7/11/2012	no money to buy new books.
3584	7/11/2012	Libraries are extremely important to our communities. The Multnomah County library is one of the best libraries I have ever known. Cutting off resources and hours for libraries to be open could potentially cause harm to communities that rely on the libraries resources. People who, for example are unemployed, or who are employed and need to find another job, but dont have a computer.
3585	7/11/2012	Nothing
3586	7/11/2012	Computerized reading seems threatening to libraries: devices such as Kindles, e-Books, and Nooks.
3587	7/11/2012	Top on the list is the budget cuts that caused the Monday closings. Next would be lack of funds to keep up current materials.
3588	7/11/2012	Afraid I don't feel aware enough to offer anything here. Perhaps the increasing availability of Internet-based materials and how that might lead people to consider or presume that libraries, in their role of enabling public access to good information combined with informed expertise is somehow obsolete. Along with good, free public education, I do think that libraries, in a broad sense, are essential to a well-functioning democracy.
3589	7/11/2012	politicians?
3590	7/11/2012	funding
3591	7/11/2012	Complacency
3592	7/11/2012	Disinterest which leads to lack of support.
3593	7/11/2012	poor funding
3594	7/11/2012	Branches closing down the lack of books offered is shocking. I think most people would rather sit at Starbucks to get internet access than in a stuffy library.␣
3595	7/11/2012	what's the deal with the crappy book selection, anyway? ␣ the only place in the system one can find a decent publication is the central library. unfortunately I very rarely have an opportunity to spend time downtown
3596	7/11/2012	Funding and under utilization. The biggest threat is that the typical taxpayer does not take advantage of services. It has become a place where The homeless take shelter, low income devour the laptops. It is noisy and crowded. Some of the books are unpopular and outdated. I read classics and want more Great writers. The library feels a bit like a department of social services. This is a threat.
3597	7/11/2012	

3598	7/11/2012	The rising cost of technology and salary/benefit packages for the employees.
3599	7/11/2012	No stable funding; having to hold levies every few years.
3600	7/11/2012	I am very sorry any time I hear about funding cuts to the libraries. The Multnomah County Library system is one of the things that makes Portland a wonderful place to live.
3601	7/11/2012	I come from a place that the budget for libraries was so bad, there weren't enough books, the library wasn't open when we were off work, etc. Our libraries in Portland are awesome, and maybe the worst threat is people taking that for granted.
3602	7/11/2012	wasteful spending and over taxing homeowners
3603	7/11/2012	A lack of funding.
3604	7/11/2012	The loss of our value of the resources that the library makes available is our biggest threat, more people need to use the library more and share with the other citizens of the county. There are people who are hoarding rare items in bulk in their home libraries, I personally give most items that the library might use to the library so that others can use it also. [] [] Multnomah County Library is a rare jewel in the fight against ignorance and a resource that is so undervalued by far too many people. Thank you and Kudos to the Multnomah County Library!
3605	7/11/2012	Underfunding, both near term and long term, and lack of a permanent funding source. This hybrid general fund and levy is like playing Russian roulette, and makes no sense. .
3606	7/11/2012	I am not sure... I would assume cutbacks in funding and closing down libraries due to cutbacks.
3607	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding.
3608	7/11/2012	Dont know
3609	7/11/2012	TO return a book when u finish
3610	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. I am not a job seeker or small business owner but I think its very important to help these people in our current economy.
3611	7/11/2012	Laid of civic commitment to maintain libraries. Failure to view libraries as a priority for a civilized society.
3612	7/11/2012	E-reader books that aren't available and makes people think the library is useless. The internet is more popular and easier to get to. A lack of funding is bad, but it can be hard when families are stretched on a budget enough as it is.
3613	7/11/2012	Limiting funding and access means the library isn't the go-to place for information and reading. The priorities I selected may not indicate how important I believe the library is. If the library doesn't stay current with resources and technology than those resources, become only for the affluent who can buy them elsewhere. It should remain a place where everyone in our community can stay current and on an even playing field with respect to learning,

3614	7/11/2012	There are several ways to answer this. Economically, the availability of operating resources is critical -- the more stable our funding is, the better we're able to maintain the system. Physically speaking, it's very important that we protect the library's buildings and collections against natural disaster; earthquake and volcanic activity are the two most obvious threats, but as more of the collections and infrastructure are stored digitally, we should also be mindful of disasters or attacks that would cripple the library's computers and electronic systems (EM pulse; solar flare, etc.). And electronically, the library's digital collections and resources should be protected from outside threats such as viruses, denial-of-service attacks, and the like.
3615	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
3616	7/11/2012	Funding/budget cuts.
3617	7/11/2012	Disappearing. Lack of funding;[]
3618	7/11/2012	Amazon;[] Lack of smooth integration of e-resources into the library's collection.
3619	7/11/2012	Need paid staff
3620	7/11/2012	Their existence! Shorter hours, fewer days, or closed altogether are the threats. Computer access for all. Online database. Programs are valuable, but secondary.
3621	7/11/2012	Scarcity of funding.
3622	7/11/2012	Losing ability to buy new material.
3623	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3624	7/11/2012	Becoming irrelevant due to being out of date with technology and desires of the public.
3625	7/11/2012	Funding.
3626	7/11/2012	ensorship
3627	7/11/2012	funding
3628	7/11/2012	Greedy, fearful people who feel the need to cut funding on social programs in order to save everything they can for themselves.
3629	7/11/2012	Inaccessibility is the biggest threat to our local libraries. I, personally, am irritated with the truncated hours that have been introduced this July. Despite posted hours, I am constantly arriving at the library only to find locked doors because it just so happens that Wednesday the building opens at 11AM instead of the 'usual' 10AM. Consistent hours every day mean high rates of visitation, especially for those of us with young children who sometimes plan our days around library activities.
3630	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3631	7/11/2012	Adding some many non library oriented programs that there is insufficient funding for the core program, being a library
3632	7/11/2012	Cutting funding...the library is not only an essential info source for all, but such a valuable, worthwhile place for kids to start their love of reading/books/learning and to give kids with limited resources at home/with family a safe and educational place to go and build themselves up.

3633	7/11/2012	The Digital Age.
3634	7/11/2012	lack of funding, lack of marketing/stakeholder (the public, small businesses) awareness
3635	7/11/2012	People who don't understand what an amazing resource it is and so don't want to vote for levies or funding.
3636	7/11/2012	being closed, mismanaging funds
3637	7/11/2012	Overcrowded
3638	7/11/2012	E-readers, internet
3639	7/11/2012	Convenience, high-tech obsession, people working too much
3640	7/11/2012	I suppose it would be people who are adamantly against any tax increase.
3641	7/11/2012	Ignorance,lack of funds
3642	7/11/2012	apathy
3643	7/11/2012	Republicans
3644	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3645	7/11/2012	same threats as to all government - lack of funding.
3646	7/11/2012	impression that technology cancels the needs for libraries
3647	7/11/2012	How to maintain our current excellence in service in the face of budget issues
3648	7/11/2012	I'm guessing it is a lack of funding. Not sure what else it would be.
3649	7/11/2012	lack of adequate funding
3650	7/11/2012	Robbers, threats, or murders can happen?
3651	7/11/2012	N/A
3652	7/11/2012	the lack of reality by the public employees that the days of the past are no longer. To expect land owners to pay for all cost is flat out unfair in this day of fairness. how about a birth tax upon issuance of a birth certificate people have to pay of a fee based on what that child will cost society...The day of free riders are over.
3653	7/11/2012	funding!!!!
3654	7/11/2012	Keeping our libraries safe for all users given the amount of people that come in and use them.
3655	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3656	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3657	7/11/2012	Lack of proper funding.
3658	7/11/2012	I think closures and shortened hours are the biggest threat. Working full time I have limited options for getting to the library and the monday closure makes that even tougher for me. I like evening hours because I have the time to walk to the library after work and enjoy my neighborhood and library. The libraries need to be open at convenient times for everyone not just kids during the day. They also need to keep up with current materials (including ebook and other online resources) to meet the community demand.
3659	7/11/2012	funding
3660	7/11/2012	The cuts in the budget.

3661	7/11/2012	Evolution of media, decline in reading
3662	7/11/2012	Poor economy- so people do not want to put money toward the library/lending services because they feel that it is not a high priority.
3663	7/11/2012	Loss of revenue of course, however, I believe the influx of young who haven't spent time combing through the reference books; electronic books being relatively inexpensive and easy to access; many in the public not understanding that the writing on the interenet are net necessarily factual (basically, uninformed).
3664	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3665	7/11/2012	Lack of permanent funding to maintain resources, and (apparently) lack of funding to improve and update physical facilities at high-demand branches in neighborhoods where residents may not be able to purchase resources for themselves. Multnomah County should be very supportive of local resident's strong desire for library resources, at a time when high school graduation and literacy overall are not as high as they should be.
3666	7/11/2012	Budget constraints.
3667	7/11/2012	Funding, I guess.
3668	7/11/2012	Paying administrators and management for creating a useless beaucracy. The library system is meant to loan people books. The library system lies to people and says that 'the sky is falling'. You just did it in the most recent election, telling everyone that kids wouldnt have any more books if you didnt get your millions of dollars. what are you using the money for/? what do you use the money for? You dont even tell us then you expect us to give you millions more 'for the kids'. People buy your bull shit and here we are.
3669	7/11/2012	Funding or informing the general public the key alliance that our public library with our public schools...teachers, administrators, parents, and students.
3670	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3671	7/11/2012	funding
3672	7/11/2012	Funding!
3673	7/11/2012	Hours of operation
3674	7/11/2012	unwise use of funds
3675	7/11/2012	Regarding the Central Portland library, the biggest threat is the unpleasant smell from homeless people who frequent the library. This is why I don't visit the library, but would like too otherwise.
3676	7/11/2012	Children and students not being educated about library services and how apply to them .
3677	7/11/2012	Reduction of the days or hours, reduction of the services that are crucial for educators and students, reduction of the books that are purchased regularly, as well as the ordering of books from other sources.

3678	7/11/2012	<p>It is important to remember to live within our means.[] [] So the biggest threat would be to try to do more[] [] than what is sustainable for the current and short term.[] [] Currently there are many cities, counties, and states[] [] in our country that are facing bankruptcy.[] [] It is in our long term best interest live within our means until the [] [] economy improves and we can afford to return a time when[] [] a broader range of services can be provided.[] [] Thanks for your thoughtful consideration of this[] [] important issue.</p>
3679	7/11/2012	<p>I do not have much knowledge of city politics, but I would think that libraries tend to be in the "middle area" of importance for most people. That means that when the going is good or even a bit rough, people tend to maintain the idea of libraries as a necessary institution, but when funding becomes less and less, libraries look more and more like a place no one will notice a few budget cuts. This is entirely untrue. If we allow ourselves to begin to believe that educational systems and public libraries are something we can shave to the bone, we end up hurting ourselves in the end. We must have the means for the public to educate themselves. Those who can't afford school or simply wish to educate themselves have a right to these places of learning. An informed, well educated society makes better decisions and holds stronger, wiser morals and values. Children learn their love for books and knowledge in libraries. I know I did. Libraries help us find our interests, learn about the world and learn about ourselves.</p>
3680	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3681	7/11/2012	<p>budget cuts Besides Homeland Security? Funding, especially since school librarians are getting cut drastically across the state! Not that public libraries can replace them-- they can't-- but students' needs become even more imperative for the public librarians, such as the Homework Help Center. My kids are using it more and more, especially now that I'm being routed from the school library to the classroom!</p>
3682	7/11/2012	
3683	7/11/2012	lack of revenue

3684	7/11/2012	reduced popular fiction book budget reduced hours of operation
3685	7/11/2012	The attitude by some that a library is only for small children and old people.
3686	7/11/2012	Funding
3687	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3688	7/11/2012	Insufficient revenue.
3689	7/11/2012	lack of funding!
3690	7/11/2012	Over expenditure of resources on things that are not the highest priority like disability services
3691	7/11/2012	funding
3692	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3693	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3694	7/11/2012	Competition from the internet...
3695	7/11/2012	lack of stable funding.
3696	7/11/2012	correctly funding them. I am not sure if they have too much or too little money. Making the needs relevant to the non-users of the library (which I assume are more than the ones who use them)
3697	7/11/2012	Lack of funding will close some of them down.
3698	7/11/2012	The right-wingers who don't see the community importance of a great library system, as well as people who don't use the library. If folks don't take advantage of everything the library offers, they might not agree about its importance.
3699	7/11/2012	Lack of funds.
3700	7/11/2012	Apathy through too much screen time. If the library could somehow partner with the schools to get more kids reading, researching, and learning at the library, we might be able to combat this. Also, budget cuts are the biggest problem- nothing is more important than a literate populace.
3701	7/11/2012	Image problems: people abusing their rights to library space: drug use especially in bathrooms, sleeping in reading areas, viewing pornography on computers, etc.. I also hesitate going to libraries, especially in winter, due to threat of communicable disease.
3702	7/11/2012	Decreased funding due to economy.
3703	7/11/2012	Money
3704	7/11/2012	decreasing funding
3705	7/11/2012	locked doors.
3706	7/11/2012	loss of resources and funding
3707	7/11/2012	Funding cuts that effect access to all. Difficult to rank importance...I don't have young children now, but feel it is so important for young families to have resources and programs to start literacy at a young age.
3708	7/11/2012	Lack of public information and involvement in library function and mission. Hence requiring a dependable budget allocation.

3709	7/11/2012	That you wont have the latest books for the teens to read
3710	7/11/2012	Funding.
3711	7/11/2012	??
3712	7/11/2012	by closing, you keep the disadvantaged from access to information and knowledge - closing, even one day a week, is a threat to a free society
3713	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.
3714	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3715	7/11/2012	Seems to me to be loss of funding...
3716	7/11/2012	I don't know.
3717	7/11/2012	the bond measure fails and there are not sufficient funds to keep the library open.
3718	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
3719	7/11/2012	under funding - lack of community support
3720	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding to keep branches open, pay staff and serve more people.
3721	7/11/2012	Lack of permanent, stable funding. Multnomah County Libraries are award wining and just plain awesome. It's amazing what they've been able to accomplish. It is really unbelievable that we dont have permanent stable funding for them already.
3722	7/11/2012	Funding-as always. We want it all but don't want (can't) pay for it. I worry about the education bonds not passing this time
3723	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and apathy
3724	7/11/2012	reduce of materials.
3725	7/11/2012	budget cuts and sex offenders using our libraies to seek children
3726	7/11/2012	I think current materials are good, but electronic versions of books and access to computer games for children and internet searching in general if provided should be in a different location, perhaps one on the west side and one on the east side is a better option. The biggest threat to the libraries in my opinion is the outsourcing of humans for computer checkout scanners, children appreciating computer usage and movie checkout more than books, librarians behind the computers when we walk in instead of amongst the people and DVD movies other than educational available. I think cell phones should be prohibited inside the building, instead I hear other people talking loudly every time I go there. I have told my local librarians and the manager said they are just serving the demands of the mainstream, but I have never demanded any of these and the mothers I know haven't either. Quit trying to keep up with the latest technology and remember where you came from, because it was a really beautiful and artistic place at one time. Also please research the thousands of studies especially by universities in Europe on the effects of electromagnetic waves on humans, especially people. Quit spending my tax dollars on IPADS for children's games in the library---my #1 request!!!!
3727	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
3728	7/11/2012	Lack of founds
3729	7/11/2012	Paying for continual upgrades in the digital /technology areas and making this available to everyone in the community.

3730	7/11/2012	Funding
3731	7/11/2012	Our libraries are most threatened by lack of funding. We have a community that cares about the library enough that I hope this threat is subverted.
3732	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3733	7/11/2012	funding
3734	7/11/2012	The limited sources of funding and how volatile they are.
3735	7/11/2012	closure
3736	7/11/2012	Lack of funding?
3737	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3738	7/11/2012	cuts in funding. this provides a crucial resource for those who live w/in the confines of the city & utilize this great resource. the library experience is one i enjoyed growing up in town & hope to pass along to my son in the age of social media/newer is better, etc
3739	7/11/2012	Decreased hours.
3740	7/11/2012	not spending money wisely
3741	7/11/2012	Funding
3742	7/11/2012	Not being open enough for those who work 8-5.
3743	7/11/2012	funding
3744	7/11/2012	Political campaigning that appeals to greed and labels any tax levy as bad by default
3745	7/11/2012	Unknown...
3746	7/11/2012	Lack of public interest.
3747	7/11/2012	People loitering in libraries and creating an unfriendly unenvironment that deters other patrons from visiting.
3748	7/11/2012	Funding
3749	7/11/2012	Republicans.
3750	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3751	7/11/2012	closing down
3752	7/11/2012	Indifference.
3753	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
3754	7/11/2012	The government an social program that are out dated
3755	7/11/2012	Advocacy of higher taxes that results in disfranchisement of the taxpayers.
3756	7/11/2012	Not sure what you are looking for here...
3757	7/11/2012	lack of money to replenish books, magazines and cd's.[] lack of personnel.
3758	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
3759	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
3760	7/11/2012	I don't really know, but I would guess funding.
3761	7/11/2012	being closed

3762	7/11/2012	Funding.
3763	7/11/2012	slowly slipping away
3764	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3765	7/11/2012	That people forget how important they are in this very difficult economy and vote to reduce funding.
3766	7/11/2012	Good question. The biggest threat to our local libraries may be the Internet and e-readers. It seems like a trend is developing which involves individuals using a device like an I-Pad to do everything from read her newspaper to reading her favorite novel.
3767	7/11/2012	Not having a real library district with stable funding. The blame for this falls squarely on the Board of Commissioners for not putting it to a vote of the citizens of Multnomah County.
3768	7/11/2012	budget cuts
3769	7/11/2012	Digital Media
3770	7/11/2012	Library administrators. Why are you cutting hours when funding passes?
3771	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Personally, I do not think they are threatened. Having to deal with a little less service than we are accustomed to is not, in my min, a threat. It's part of life. Multnomah county offers an incredible array of services via its library system. I've been continually blown away by the resources and services it offers to the community -- if these were cut by 20%, I still would be proud of what we offer as a library sytem. Thanks for asking our opinion and thanks for all you do to make the library here so fantastic!!!
3772	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3773	7/11/2012	ignorance
3774	7/11/2012	ignorance
3775	7/11/2012	funding causing resources to diminish
3776	7/11/2012	Failure to find a clear role/function in a changing world.
3777	7/11/2012	The assault on Federal fund participation from the Republican party. Social services to the population, and especially middle and lower class citizens, was erased during the Reagan administration to the benefit of large corporations and military budgets. It has retarded American society as a whole and it is necessary that our senators and elected reps know that the restoration of these programs is vital if we are to have an educated population instead of pushing us towards a society of indentured servants. Education is of vital importance to all parts of American society and strong libraries are a must to pursue this ideal. The federal govt must resume participation in library funding and the military budget should be where the money comes from. America has become a much worse place for the general population in the last 30 years or more.
3778	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3779	7/11/2012	question 5 does not work, as you probably are finding out □ is the community sufficiently used? for building maintainance, reshelving, setting up for meetings, etc?

3780	7/11/2012	funding, budget cuts, inappropriate computer content, drunk/mentally disturbed people, ballot signature gatherers
3781	7/11/2012	no money
3782	7/11/2012	Cost.
3783	7/11/2012	Lack of access.
3784	7/11/2012	Loss of funds.
3785	7/11/2012	If there is a lack of funding, the libraries might not be able to acquire new books (and replace current ones), which could ultimately squash a love of reading for those who can't afford to buy the books they'd like to read.
3786	7/11/2012	Shortage of \$.
3787	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
3788	7/11/2012	.
3789	7/11/2012	No one using them.
3790	7/11/2012	I have no idea. They seem like a treasured part of the community to me.
3791	7/11/2012	Scary people using the facility; people not reading as much as they used to
3792	7/11/2012	The public not understanding how vital funding the libraries is, and also how little the financial impact is on each individual, yet how strong the total is. Like people's taxes may go up a small amount to pay for library services but it's not going to make a significant difference to their wallet, but it is SOO important when everyone's contribution is put together!
3793	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3794	7/11/2012	A lack of funding compromising their services.
3795	7/11/2012	Funding! I also think people going towards electronic media is a problem. I love good old-fashioned print books!
3796	7/11/2012	non literate populace, handheld devices
3797	7/11/2012	Our biggest threat is lack of funding and interest from our community.
3798	7/11/2012	ipads, kindles, and other digital media
3799	7/11/2012	Loss of funding. You can't pay library employees, run literacy programs like Summer Reading, or invest in new or updated media without funding, period.
3800	7/11/2012	The internet.
3801	7/11/2012	Funding
3802	7/11/2012	funding I don't think we get enough money to support our libraries, and staff. I wish we could find a way to enforce the fines that our owed being paid, because every little bit helps! when I have a fine, if I cant pay it all at once, I will at least make a \$1.00 for every time I use the library.
3803	7/11/2012	Funding
3804	7/11/2012	Google.
3805	7/11/2012	I worry that if services are cut the library may be seen as less valuable to voters voting on future leavys.

3806	7/11/2012	The library is the only public space in Portland where one is encourage to engage and enrich one's individual understand o the world, while not be required to "make a purchase". It's truly remarkable the services libraries provide in the face of on-going privatization of public space. It is also where one encounters the most diverse mix of community member. The library is a truly civic space, and one that should be maintained. When I moved back to Portland in 1999, branches of the library where opened 7 days a week from 9 am to 9 pm M-F with shortened hours on weekends. I watched as hours and days where cut, then restored, and now cut again. To truly serve the greatest number of people the library should maintain longer hours of operation, or shift hours into the evenings so working people can visit the library 7 days a week.
3807	7/11/2012	ignorance and the tea party/no tax proponents
3808	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3809	7/11/2012	I don't think enough people understand all the services available at our local libraries or see them as vibrant work spaces, and at the risk of making a HUGE generalization, I don't think rich people understand (or care) that not everyone can afford to simply purchase all the books and movies they want. Granted, using the library seems to be more a part of the culture of Portland than other cities in which I've lived, but I poled my (parochial) high school English classes this year, and only 4 out of 125 students use their local library to do homework, work on research papers, or find new books/media.
3810	7/11/2012	A lack of funding?
3811	7/11/2012	The internet and computers
3812	7/11/2012	Budget cuts to acquire/update library materials. Reducing more the number of service hours.
3813	7/11/2012	I'm not sure I have an answer for this question.

		<p>Misleading County officials. The public is not in the mood to approve additional taxes or fund a "district" after the deceit exhibited over recent years -- especially in the wake of the May library funding measure followed within weeks by the announcement that branches will now be closed one day a week. I can't conceive of a more irresponsible, short-sighted, ill timed move in my 30 plus years of observing area governments in action. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>The upshot is that libraries are one of the few essential county services. Time and again the public has said this is a priority, and approved multiple funding requests. But, as a County priority, libraries should be fully funded out of the County budget (as now augmented by the approved extra funding).¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>It's a cynical effort to grab extra money from County residents whenever "popular" services are pulled out of the budget for extra funding. But it's a genuine lapse of good faith, eroding ongoing trust, when popular "core" services are constantly waived before the taxpayers under threat of cuts if new taxes dedicated to such service aren't approved.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Why not try to see if the public would support new, extra funding for your elections -- another core county service?¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>The County Board should look elsewhere for cuts -- and not the libraries, a well-used much-needed resource for residents, especially during these troubled economic times.</p>
3814	7/11/2012	
3815	7/11/2012	<p>Republicans</p> <p>Lack of consistent funding, which leads to reduced hours. If people are not able to access the library on a consistent basis, then it becomes more likely that they will not support the library as much. It becomes a vicious cycle that I have seen in other cities I have lived in, like Springfield, IL.</p>
3816	7/11/2012	
3817	7/11/2012	<p>Small minded selfish people who don't vote for the levies.</p>
3818	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of funding, and too much reliance on television for entertainment. We rely on audiobooks and library books. We got rid of our TV 8 years ago.</p>
3819	7/11/2012	<p>The overall tax property situation in Multnomah County is out of control but it is not the libraries that have caused this situation. My family and I are very supportive of libraries but an additional to our property tax would be insupportable.</p>
3820	7/11/2012	<p>In my opinion, the library is used mostly for people to have a place to get indoors.</p>
3821	7/11/2012	<p>the extremist organizations - the anti-intellectuals - the duds - the white supremacists - the anti-government organizations - the rugged individualists who don't see the interdependency of social and political needs</p>
3822	7/11/2012	<p>anything or anyone that doesn't want them to continue as they have!</p>
3823	7/11/2012	<p>The community not being convinced that the library is still extremely important.</p>
3824	7/11/2012	<p>miss management of the current asset.</p>

3825	7/11/2012	North Portland is next to a high school & during the school year, there is a threat of gang violence, the library should have programs that give young people a better option than gangs, programs that teach computer & job skills, perhaps an intern program where they can learn to work with the public & gain work experience,
3826	7/11/2012	The capricious funding strategies of local governments as the governing bodies of a library system. I thought, more than ten years ago, that the library system should be a stand-alone service district with its' own tax base and governing board - one that is beholden only to the voters/taxpayers/users. Politicians with other agendas and priorities aren't fit to be the ones in charge of governance of a library system.
3827	7/11/2012	Probably the ease of being able to do research at home online, and use e-readers.
3828	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3829	7/11/2012	Invisibility. By that I mean libraries, and all they provide, being taken for granted and that "someone else" will pick up the tab.
3830	7/11/2012	Less new materials and less hours.
3831	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Lack of appreciation of what an important role they play in all of our lives, and in supporting public and private education on all levels.
3832	7/11/2012	lack of funding and support
3833	7/11/2012	The complacent attitude of the staff.
3834	7/11/2012	Not enough funding and not enough publication of the offerings. There needs to be a wider net thrown for library offerings. Not just what you will see posted when you are physically in the library or on their website.
3835	7/11/2012	Television, and advertising, and parents who fail to teach their children that books are wonderful things. Oh, and greed - thinking that 'tax' is a bad word, and one's own money should not be used to support such basic necessities as schools, libraries, music and the arts, etc.
3836	7/11/2012	Decrease in interest in reading
3837	7/11/2012	Decreased funding however with the PPS Bond measure on the ballot in November I don't see how you can ask for additional funding for the library beyond what you passed last May.
3838	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is that our lawmakers have their priorities in the wrong places concerning our local budgets. The money that we DO have for these programs is not always well distributed and spent wisely. It is a tough combination.
3839	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and resources.
3840	7/11/2012	Lack of money?
3841	7/11/2012	Deficiencies in state revenue resulting in less money for libraries as the state tries to meet other more pressing needs.
3842	7/11/2012	The internet
3843	7/11/2012	Loss of funding and as a result loss of the quality professionals that make up the libraries staffs.
3844	7/11/2012	Open less hours and not having popular new books.

3845	7/11/2012	Tax cuts/rising costs for maintenance
3846	7/11/2012	lack of ability of the government to prioritize spending based on what will help most people rather than special interest groups
3847	7/11/2012	A lack of funding to continue services that the community relies on is an incredible threat.
3848	7/11/2012	Spending cuts.
3849	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to maintain hours and services.
3850	7/11/2012	Funding.
3851	7/11/2012	Funding, like everything else. And e-books, but i think community programs should be enough to keep the funding in place (in my opinion anyway),
3852	7/11/2012	lack of financial resources, lack of interest in public libraries, and downloadable books to e-readers
		Lack of information/public exposure.[]
		[]
		We tend to socialize with people like ourselves. Because I am a library user and most of the people I know are library users and know about their many resources, it is easy to assume that every one does. My work, however, brings me in to contact with people outside my social circle and I am amazed that people still envision the library from their childhood.[]
3853	7/11/2012	[]
		The library system has done a better job of staying relevant than many realize. I think if they knew that you can access and order books and media on-line, have them delivered to your local library with an email alerting you etc. people would be more likely to see their value. I am always surprised that people do not know this. I do not know how you get this information out but I think it would be helpful.
3854	7/11/2012	Lack of funding that does not allow libraries to stay open almost every day and stay up to date with current materials and technology.
3855	7/11/2012	I believe it is funding. (hence, the budget cuts).
3856	7/11/2012	insufficient funding
3857	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3858	7/11/2012	I don' t know.
3859	7/11/2012	We have to many branches. The money would be better spent to have fewer building and the keep those branches open 7 days a week. I have three libraries that I pass daily running errands I don't think that is necessary.
3860	7/11/2012	Misinformation about funding and spending for it.

		I have sadly heard a steady increase in the amount of noise allowed in what use to be a very quiet environment of hushed tones. As a child in the fifties and sixties I remember well that no inappropriate loud noise was ever allowed in any library I used, Librarians would quickly put a stop to anything other then hushed voices. []
		It now seems children are allowed to make almost any amount of noise they please short of screaming, though screaming is not at all unusual. []
		I have spoken to library staff members on several occasions about this and every time without exception I have been told there is nothing that can be done unless the noise reaches the level of screaming and even then it is often not addressed unless the screaming does not stop on its own. []
3861	7/11/2012	We are empowering a lack of respect so the library staff does not have to do the job that was appropriately done by the them in years past. []
		I have literally been forced into the quiet rooms if was is available or out of the library by the noise. I have spoken with other people in the library about the this and have never had one of them say anything other then they also would like the noise kept at a much lower level. []
		I visit our libraries much less often then I like because of the noise and I am still willing to help keep them open. []
3862	7/11/2012	We are being asked to keep funding for the libraries up and I fully agree with this however if we keep the funding up the Not enough money to go around.
3863	7/11/2012	i don't have any idea about it..
3864	7/11/2012	internet, kindle
3865	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
3866	7/11/2012	Funding
3867	7/11/2012	Lack of certain funding.
3868	7/11/2012	Portland needs a world class library. It's outrageous that funding for libraries are constantly being cut. Libraries are constantly under the knife with more patrons using them daily.
3869	7/11/2012	funding it seems.
3870	7/11/2012	I would say funding.
3871	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is probably mis-allocation of gov funds, but you knew that. The library should also be cautious of becoming outdated. For example, more people would use the library if there were free wi-fi, or more tables and places to sit.
3872	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3873	7/11/2012	Seems like we are always being asked if libraries are important. I feel that this should be a non-issue. Libraries provide the community with resources that no other institution provides.

3874	7/11/2012	digital media? e-books?
3875	7/11/2012	I think that one threat to libraries is a lack of caring from the public: In the internet age, sometimes people forget what an important resource a library is... and how, even if you have nothing else, you still have everything when there is access to the stacks of books and the information available at the library.
3876	7/11/2012	Number one threat is government cutting funding for only services people see (or poorer people use) and [Beginning Rant not looking for other ways to save money by reducing politics, red tape and use of administrative consultants] [] Number two is probably use of electronic services like the internet. (download books, watch movies, do research with online periodicals on a smart phone, tablet (ipad) or other personal computer.) [] Number three. undervaluing our children, seniors. and "poor economy" based citizens who work hard but still remain financially destitute.
3877	7/11/2012	My guess would funding.
3878	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3879	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is Library mis management...Library should be open on Saturday. Think about the tax payer access for the one day they might visit on their day off. Instead of taxing more and delivering less. [] Taxex are being voted down because value is going down.
3880	7/11/2012	I'd guess insufficient funding but I don't know what possible other threats exist.
3881	7/11/2012	Reduced access to current books, media, and resources.
3882	7/11/2012	Families being scared to use them. People taking them for granted.
3883	7/11/2012	probably lack of funding
3884	7/11/2012	I would think it is reduction in funding.
3885	7/11/2012	Lack of sufficient funding to help support local libraries.
3886	7/11/2012	I like to hold a book in my hands when I read it and I worry that libraries will be phased out as more material is converted to electronic versions. Not everyone owns a Kindle or has access to the internet.
3887	7/11/2012	Free information on the internet.
3888	7/11/2012	disappearing

3889	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. We need enough funding to maintain a budget that allows the local libraries to stay open on hours and days according to the needs of the patrons, and be able to provide books/media and programs to the people of the community. Without my local library open at least six days a week, I would have to buy many books for my kids, which would be prohibitively expensive. In addition, they greatly benefit from readings/story hour from people other than me, and we don't have a computer so the library allows me and my kids to have free internet access.
3890	7/11/2012	Inertia the smell at the central library. I was thinking that the last time I was there, that it would be great if the library had some showers - like the larger airports...[]
3891	7/11/2012	[] Also, I'm ok with the library going down to 6 days a week (with full hours) but it would better that the closed day was a week day.
3892	7/11/2012	The ever-broadening access to knowleege and search engine capability "at your finger-tips" from the comfort of your home and 24/7. closing some days and losing patron support because they drift away from library. I think it is also important to keep
3893	7/11/2012	materials up to date and current so the library can stay as relevant and important in our lives as the great resource it is now.
3894	7/11/2012	You tell me...I have absolutely no idea
3895	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3896	7/11/2012	Mandatory minimum sentencing sending too many people to prison & stripping all other programs of much-needed funding.
3897	7/11/2012	I think that the biggest threat is funding cuts from the government and having to ask people to pay more to have libraries in service. I am willing to contribute my share and I hate to see the library system suffer due to lack of money. If the community needs to pay more I hope that people in our community will support that.
3898	7/11/2012	Republicans
3899	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and support.
3900	7/11/2012	electric media
3901	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding, it seems to me.
3902	7/11/2012	reduced funding, lack of public support I don't know what the biggest threat is--maybe a trend in which people are increasingly unwilling to pay taxes to provide community services. Also, people are losing their sense of the importance of books. Libraries are really important for creating an informed, educated public, and for creating a sense of community. I think we should be increasing our funding for libraries, not decreasing it.
3903	7/11/2012	
3904	7/11/2012	People getting tired of paining more and more[] Waeooo
3905	7/11/2012	Money...

3906	7/11/2012	peoples expectations for greater online access to materials. I would like to see more digital materials available and would be willing to pay a small access fee for download rentals.
3907	7/11/2012	lack of funding
3908	7/11/2012	The internet
3909	7/11/2012	Kids becoming addicted to smart phones and computers and computer games and losing touch with the real world and books.
3910	7/11/2012	Can not get question #5 to work
3911	7/11/2012	Anonymity: everyone -including non-users- need to know the vital role our libraries play in the well-being of our communities past, present, and future.
3912	7/11/2012	They have lost sight of their original purpose. There are other agencies for Senior Citizens, job seekers, small business owners. Every special program adds operating expenses. As a library user I beleive it is time to revisit the goals of the library, define what its primary purpose is and get back to the basics.
3913	7/11/2012	underfunding and ebooks
3914	7/11/2012	lack of operating funds.
3915	7/11/2012	ideologists who do not believe in the public good and the Commons.
3916	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3917	7/11/2012	I don't have enough information to answer that.
3918	7/11/2012	The funding structure and levy system prevent the library from being able to do long range planning!
3919	7/11/2012	Funding cuts!
3920	7/11/2012	Not having enough funding to be open for a majority of the week. Also, not enought funding to have plenty of copies of new materials like books, dvds, cds, ect.
3921	7/11/2012	A decrease in hours open
3922	7/11/2012	Perhaps people's lack of knowledge of all the resources and programs they can access for free at the library.
3923	7/11/2012	Lack of support for funding. I think people take the library for granted, but would miss it terribly if the services were cut. Our library system is one of the greatest things about living in America! When I lived overseas, not having access to a library was one of the things I missed the most.
3924	7/11/2012	Dont sense any threats
3925	7/11/2012	Short hours, unable to purchase new material.
3926	7/11/2012	I don't know.
3927	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3928	7/11/2012	People that are self centered
3929	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is the County Beauracracy continuing to use the library system as all hostage to their personal agendas. The library needs to be funded through an independent tax base and district to assure that it continues to be one of the best in the country.
3930	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

3931	7/11/2012	the poor economy
3932	7/11/2012	Not enough support from the government.
3933	7/11/2012	Decreased funding.
3934	7/11/2012	I don't know but I think the growing cultural illiteracy of our population is a huge threat to our society that free libraries can counter. Although there are fewer parents able to do the programs for babies and toddlers, I believe that early imprinting or children of the library as a wonderful place, a treasure chest, is very important even though I was not able to rank it due to the other needs as high as I would like. I also think the summer reading program for youngsters is very important.
3935	7/11/2012	There is a new perception among many in Portland that the Library is taking all of the city resources, and not leaving anything for other important services, such as youth programs through the Portland Children's Levy, which will be decimated if this library measure passes. I believe that the Library deserves adequate funding to keep branches open 5-6 days a week, but I don't believe the library should be funded in full at the expense of other extremely important city-funded programs. When resources are limited, they should be shared, not taken by the biggest, most powerful entity.
3936	7/11/2012	Not sure.
3937	7/11/2012	budget cuts richer neighborhoods getting better services
3938	7/11/2012	Hours open- I work so I cannot come during the week days.
3939	7/11/2012	Not having enough books. Cut in operation hours.
3940	7/11/2012	Politics; specifically elected officials not adequately funding the libraries and instead trying to hold voters hostage by constantly referring levies and special district proposals. There will ultimately be a backlash to higher property taxes.
3941	7/11/2012	The fact that we are being continually asked by so many programs for an additional tax to helpso many organizations that are in trouble. Incomes are limited, jobs are scare, everything is going up ib cost, so oe has to pick and choose what is most important to obe to support.
3942	7/11/2012	Republicans
3943	7/11/2012	Funding
3944	7/11/2012	Don't know.
3945	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3946	7/11/2012	People wanting services but refusing to pay for them
3947	7/11/2012	Less funding!

3948	7/11/2012	Libraries not using the funds well that they already receive and have received for many years from generous taxpayers!!! I remember around 10 years ago the library system wanted yet another levy, tax increase, which the voter approved. About a month after the levy was approved I went to the Belmont branch to find the library had all new flat screen computers and granite counter tops! What a way to spend money, I don't see those items on your survey! Please start being more accountable with funds and stop wasting money! This is by far THE biggest threat to our local libraries, out of control spending!
3949	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
3950	7/11/2012	The Internet
3951	7/11/2012	Withdrawal of funding
3952	7/11/2012	Same as for all government-funded agencies: funding during an extended economic downturn.
3953	7/11/2012	Funding and interest being taken away. The library is a very precious place to me, and, as a college student and a prolific reader, allows me to save money by borrowing books through them.
3954	7/11/2012	Funding
3955	7/11/2012	I've lived in communities in Southern Oregon where the libraries were closed completely (at the same time as Juvenile Hall was closed and lesser term criminal offenders released into the population). It was like the end of the world as I knew it. Funding is the biggest problem, obviously. It is a small tax, and a necessary one, deserving priority over some other programs. I would rather have reduced hours than none at all.
3956	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, along with the emergence of so much digital media.
3957	7/11/2012	Access
3958	7/11/2012	no funding
3959	7/11/2012	Funding
3960	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3961	7/11/2012	Funding, apparently!
3962	7/11/2012	Reduced funding and increasing expenses
3963	7/11/2012	Lack of state and federal money. Political climate nationally remains generally hostile to public spending of any kind. Hopefully that will change after the next national election.
3964	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
3965	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3966	7/11/2012	Unsure.
3967	7/11/2012	Closing access bit by bit. If each year, libraries hours are shortened - even if it's only by a few hours per week, the public will become used to them not being open, and will eventually find alternatives - good and bad. Those who can afford it will pay for services; the rest of us will become less and less informed, entertained, socialized, educated. That's too high a price to pay for a so-called civilized society.
3968	7/11/2012	lack of funding

3969	7/11/2012	the internet!
3970	7/11/2012	Lack of hours and activities. Giving school-aged a place to go after school if they are not well looked after is very important If the library is closed one day a week, kids are going to find trouble.
3971	7/11/2012	Not sure how to answer. I was dismayed to see the reduction to 6 days, after voting and seeing the bond measure approved.
3972	7/11/2012	Funding!
3973	7/11/2012	Not sure
3974	7/11/2012	The ongoing, 30 year assault on the social contract - the long term effort to defund of public goods and services. Lack of understanding by the public about funding options and their consequences, not just to the library system but also to other jurisdictions (e.g., because of compression). The library should join with other jurisdictions to raise awareness to hopefully undo the madness created by the hodge-podge of initiatives & laws that have created an unfair system with many unintended (at least by the public) negative consequences. Raising awareness about the inequity in the taxes paid by comparable properties due to the Changed Property Ration (CPR) is critical to changing the system. A new library district and new property taxes that compound the situation for other jurisdictions is NOT the answer; we need to think longer-term and make a more equitable funding system.
3975	7/11/2012	
3976	7/11/2012	Money being drained off to other uses with the result of more closures and fewer materials available.
3977	7/11/2012	funding and not being used enough. It is challenging for the library to provide the materials, services and programs at times when demand is so heavy -- it's not like the library sees any more revenue because of increased use, or has ability to hire more staff to handle the influx of patrons. A solid, ideally diversified, revenue stream is needed to support the library's operations, to ensure that it can continue to meet the community's needs in the ways that we've all come to depend on, and be able to be flexible enough to meet new or emerging community needs.
3978	7/11/2012	
3979	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding by voters that libraries are an indispensable resource that require the financial support of the community.
3980	7/11/2012	Funding. Political winds blowing against the common good.
3981	7/11/2012	Lack of funding - or inability to hire good employees.
3982	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and lack of understanding about the importance of libraries to many groups in the community.
3983	7/11/2012	Non use. People who don't use it don't want to fund it.
3984	7/11/2012	Cd's and DVD's should go into a separate slot. less damage from large books.
3985	7/11/2012	Ignorance and greed.
3986	7/11/2012	Internet kindle
3987	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
3988	7/11/2012	Lack of Money and information available online.

3989	7/11/2012	That people who use the library for internet services will be unable to do so and further in peed there job search abilities and inability to access community services they may need.
3990	7/11/2012	challenge of local funding
3991	7/11/2012	I would guess funding since there has been a reduction in hours of operation due to funding problems.
3992	7/11/2012	People not realizing what value they provide to our communities. We have very few gathering places in our society, where people really come together, and I feel that libraries are such a valuable resource to EVERYONE, regardless of age or income level.
3993	7/11/2012	Television and disengaged Internet usage.
3994	7/11/2012	snakes
3995	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
3996	7/11/2012	Budget cuts leading to sparse hours and fewer library employees with more automated services. I appreciate being able to borrow electronically but I would not like to see more people lose their jobs and the community lose access to real people working in the library.
3997	7/11/2012	Funding and ignorance
3998	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to keep the library open and accessible.
3999	7/11/2012	Threat of closure of smaller branches.
4000	7/11/2012	Lack of revenue resulting in decreasing access to the libraries.
4001	7/11/2012	ebooks
4002	7/11/2012	underfunding?
4003	7/11/2012	Carpenter Ants? Schools that let children graduate without being able to read?
4004	7/11/2012	It sounds like it may be the funding.
4005	7/11/2012	Politicians
4006	7/11/2012	Online resources
4007	7/11/2012	The funding base.
4008	7/11/2012	Budgets are obvious. DRM technologies and lawsuits that threaten fair use. See current MPAA and RIAA undertakings as examples. Currently they are even going after your ability to sell things that you have bought outright as copyright infringement.
4009	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4010	7/11/2012	Funding.
4011	7/11/2012	Apathy.
4012	7/11/2012	no funds?
4013	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4014	7/11/2012	Cost of staffing, maintance of facilities & operation of the existing programs, building and staff.
4015	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4016	7/11/2012	Facebook and the culture of apathy

4017	7/11/2012	Many people are not aware of the programs at the Library. I think it is so important for kids to grow to love the library! More marketing is needed.
4018	7/11/2012	It scares me when old men are by themselves in the childrens book section. Also I've seen a couple of times people with what I assume have mental problems, causing enough problems that security has to escort them out
4019	7/11/2012	Rising costs, funding issues and voter apathy.
4020	7/11/2012	Cutting costs and resources for the populations that need it most.
4021	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the political philosophy of the Republican Party which argues that social services and entitlement programs undermine the health of the economy. The truth is that social services and entitlement programs function as a safety net that supports the economy which is persistently weighed down by the preposterous imbalance in the distribution of income and wealth. The only way the general population can offset the imbalance is by going into debt to meet its consumption needs. When the economy sputters, employment layoffs further weaken the purchasing power of the general population. Calling for a reduction in social services and entitlement programs to balance the budget when the economy founders is a penalty imposed on the weakest members of society by the strongest members of society. The truth is that monetary and fiscal policy are engineered to protect the wealth of the strongest members of society. Honest recognition of this by the strongest members of society should make them supporters of social services and entitlement programs. Regretably, they are not capable of behaving accordingly.
4022	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4023	7/11/2012	uncertain/inadequate funding
4024	7/11/2012	Open during human times. Afternoons, evenings, and weekends.
4025	7/11/2012	Not enough resources to maintain the excellent service, current materials, and a neighborhood amenity for all.
4026	7/11/2012	Cuts
4027	7/11/2012	Funding
4028	7/11/2012	Politicians!
4029	7/11/2012	Unstable and uncertain funding is no doubt the biggest threat to the libraries.
4030	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4031	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is that they would close.
4032	7/11/2012	The possibility of them being closed. People without jobs need our libraries, the elderly who cannot afford to buy the books. We need the training classes for people to be able to use the library to it's fullest.
4033	7/11/2012	The current economy.
4034	7/11/2012	Al significant lack of funding and support.
4035	7/11/2012	Budget
4036	7/11/2012	Republicans

4037	7/11/2012	Lack of funding? Or, perhaps, limited access to ebooks? I have been using our library more for ebooks and DVDs and other electronic media than for print media.
4038	7/11/2012	Not enough money to support it
4039	7/11/2012	At some point, unless the growth in income disparity can be reversed, those that really need all public services, not just libraries, will be unable to help fund them. At that point the wealthy, who can afford to purchase anything they want and have lost a sense of social/ community responsibility, will allow the funding and support for libraries to gradually vanish. [] [] We are fortunate that in our county we have an adequate property base to provide taxes to support our library system. In the counties that have depended on timber payments or federal support, the libraries are already closing.
4040	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4041	7/11/2012	Not having enough money.
4042	7/11/2012	Well, it sounds like funding is the biggest problem, thus the tax levy.
4043	7/11/2012	Television. Because it sucks people's minds in and then bulldozes their creativity with crappy, uninspiring programming. It makes people mentally lazy, and eclipses reading.
4044	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4045	7/11/2012	Indifference to illiteracy.[] Dependence on internet.
4046	7/11/2012	Funding
4047	7/11/2012	closures and budget cuts.
4048	7/11/2012	I would love to see the online library expanded more. Then space will be available for other options. If the library cuts back hours I would suggest to close Tuesday or Thursday or reduce morning hours a few days a week. It would be sad to close when the majority of the public can us the facility (afternoon and weekends).
4049	7/11/2012	public employees union
4050	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4051	7/11/2012	closure
4052	7/11/2012	funding
4053	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4054	7/11/2012	Computers for personal use.....[] Trying to load up the library with ethnic stuff.....we ONLY need to have 'learn English' books
4055	7/11/2012	funding, due to poor economy.
4056	7/11/2012	lack of funding and ppl thinking cheap property taxes are some how more important than community building

4057	7/11/2012	The unwillingness of people to pay for goods and services that benefit the entire society. The tax structure in Oregon needs to be more progressive and Libraries, Schools, Family and Social Services should be the priority.
4058	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4059	7/11/2012	Restricted hours Not having access when needed and properly staffed.[]
4060	7/11/2012	[] Education is MOST important and the Library assists in teaching all visitors.
4061	7/11/2012	apathy and \$
4062	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is budget cuts.
4063	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Libraries help all within the community, not just school-aged, elder or low income. ALL people in the community benefit, personally, and as a whole because reading and self-improvement better our community in general.
4064	7/11/2012	People who don't take it seriously and vandalize or steal material.
4065	7/11/2012	lack of funding. also, must keep up with changes in how people receive media -ie electronic
4066	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
4067	7/11/2012	nobody reads anymore...Kindles...no sales tax
4068	7/11/2012	Not maintaining useful information and thereby losing public support
4069	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4070	7/11/2012	The Republican party.
4071	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4072	7/11/2012	funding
4073	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and not adapting well to the digitization of information.
4074	7/11/2012	laziness and apathy. not by the library staff, but people in general who don't care enough to read and keep supporting the library system. free books? yes! please! we need it! we need to learn, but too bad so many people are so apathetic.
4075	7/11/2012	Lack of funding apathy in general public to the importance of a public library []
4076	7/11/2012	[] reduced hours making it difficult for working people to use the library
4077	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and politicians who fail to see that a thriving library system is essential to the health of the community. The challenge some pundits have is that they're unable to see the many side-benefits of access to library resources, not only to culture and life-long learning, but also to the long term economic growth.
4078	7/11/2012	Permanent funding.
4079	7/11/2012	lack of funds
4080	7/11/2012	loss of hours, accessible times

4081	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to continue providing all the excellent resources the library currently provides.
4082	7/11/2012	enough funding and apathy
4083	7/11/2012	supporters not voicing their opinions and policy makers not being aware of usage
4084	7/11/2012	Lack of community involvement and funding.
4085	7/11/2012	theft ... not paying fines ... easy access/sign up even to those who abuse lending policies
4086	7/11/2012	The false choices that pit the schools and libraries against each other for funding. It saddens me to realize that the country we live in today, wouldn't create a free library or public school system.
4087	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4088	7/11/2012	Decreased funding.
4089	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4090	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and technology! Don't ever get rid of books and replace them with electronic books.[] This would be part of the downfall of our society.
4091	7/11/2012	Over-reliance on property taxes to fund the library and other programs. Such reliance over time and combined with other hits to property owners will result in rampant gentrification. Then, new property owners will be more likely to consult and support booksellers and other media purveyors before thinking about the library.
4092	7/11/2012	The recession; lack of funding.
4093	7/11/2012	Funding Cuts!
4094	7/11/2012	Urban renewal, and the way the local governments are spending money on unnecessary projects that we can't afford.
4095	7/11/2012	Low funding
4096	7/11/2012	Not enough money to fund properly.
4097	7/11/2012	The internet nah kidding because library can hook you up with online databases that kick everybody else's butt. Biggest threat is probably reduced income from sources that support it
4098	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent, predictable funding. Lack of interest on the part of voters who don't choose to fund library initiatives.[]
4099	7/11/2012	Folks who think it's not important for everyone to be well informed and to have access to thought-provoking and multi-source reading materials.
4100	7/11/2012	We are facing parking problem at kenton library as they are many business around.
4101	7/11/2012	Internet replaces the need for libraries
4102	7/11/2012	Funding cuts!!
4103	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, it seems.
4104	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding paired with inefficient use of funds available.
4105	7/11/2012	My fear is that people who attack government do not understand how efficiently our libraries use their resources. I would hate to see them start victimizing library employees for their pay and benefits. I am a retired public employee who gave thirty years of service, and I get a stomach ache every time I read in the Oregonian that it's all my fault that TriMet has money problems.

4106	7/11/2012	Apparently it's funding
4107	7/11/2012	decreased funding for new materials
4108	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. The library is a valuable resource for families, individuals, and a source of personal enjoyment and enrichment for the community.
4109	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding
4110	7/11/2012	Apathy
4111	7/11/2012	the republican party
4112	7/11/2012	Health insurance costs for employees
4113	7/11/2012	Home internet/technology --- online news/resources[] [] Multnomah County taxes already getting too high; stretched tax dollars for country/community infrastructure.
4114	7/11/2012	Our sluggish economy is the biggest threat to our local libraries!!! We are living though Depression 2.0. The level of joblessness in our community is unheard of (and previously unthinkable). Let me say it another way ... We need economic growth to fully support our libraries. When people have jobs and money, they are more willing to fund public activities. THESE ARE VERY TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES FOR MOST PEOPLE & HOUSEHOLDS. The library is a wonderful public resource. I love the Multnomah County library, and I believe that it SHOULD be appropriately funded. I also believe it deserves to have an independent source of revenue so it does not compete directly with other general Multnomah County programs & priorities. HOWEVER, without economic growth & more JOBS, our libraries face very, very tough choices. Those tough choices, however, are not unlike what households are facing in light of declining incomes. Without a doubt, the biggest threat is the weak economy and pathetically weak "recovery." I realize the "economy and jobs" are out of the control of the library's leadership, but those are the biggest threats.
4115	7/11/2012	Voters who vote to NOT FUND libraries in the community.
4116	7/11/2012	Funding. Going to 6 days per week is not ideal. I do not use the library every day but would like it to be open seven days per week so I can go to it. We already have shortened hours, I can remember when in the recent past the library was open until 8-9 pm. This was great for kids who needed to do homework and for local college students to find a place to study and do research.
4117	7/11/2012	Lack of funding support
4118	7/11/2012	lack of funding.
4119	7/11/2012	not be able to access the library when you need to,
4120	7/11/2012	The biggest threat that I perceive to the local libraries is a loss in funding.
4121	7/11/2012	The poor quality of some books, CDs, DVDs.. ect.
4122	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4123	7/11/2012	Individuals unfamiliar with the importance and value of public libraries who are unwilling to support improvements and updates to the County library system.

4124	7/11/2012	Closing library branches
4125	7/11/2012	no \$\$
4126	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4127	7/11/2012	Funding, e-books
4128	7/11/2012	Not enough hours of operation. The libraries need to be open longer!
4129	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4130	7/11/2012	Funding I think that right now so many people need the resources - but it's hard to get funding. [] []
4131	7/11/2012	Libraries should not ALL be closed on the same day. The closures should rotate so two libraries closest to one another would not be closed on the same day.
4132	7/11/2012	The lack of funding because of people ignorance and not understanding how integral the libraries are in assisting in educating, supporting, and moving our communities forward.
4133	7/11/2012	Funding shrinking while demand continues to rise; ever-expanding expectations for the kinds of materials and services the library should provide.
4134	7/11/2012	That financial fears undermine the significance of literacy and community.
4135	7/11/2012	TV and Social Media, and the current educational process. Today's students (K-12, and beyond!) are consumed with celebrity, reality, and social hype, and far less interested in reading. It's a shame, and I don't know where to even begin for formidable suggestions!
4136	7/11/2012	electronic media
4137	7/11/2012	not spending money well.
4138	7/11/2012	branch closures Not enough funding[]
4139	7/11/2012	People not realizing/taking advantage of all of the wonderful programs that are available[] Our culture doesn't value the printed word as much as before
4140	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4141	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
4142	7/11/2012	Maybe people taking advantage of getting to check out books for free.
4143	7/11/2012	lack of funding....
4144	7/11/2012	None
4145	7/11/2012	Corporate villainy and the need of the power structure to promote ignorance.
4146	7/11/2012	Funding and resources.
4147	7/11/2012	Not having the money to keep them running
4148	7/11/2012	CUTTING FUNDING-
4149	7/11/2012	lack of adequate taxes or funding

4150	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the same as the biggest threat to anything in our country- our general disregard for the importance of providing good education for the next generation. The selfishness of Americans in this regard can be astounding.
4151	7/11/2012	The biggest threat would be not enough money to pay for them to stay open, and not be able to buy new books as they come out.
4152	7/11/2012	Ignorance.
4153	7/11/2012	closure
4154	7/11/2012	Biggest threat is to have money to sustain very valuable community services that library is providing.
4155	7/11/2012	Not enough funding! Keep us informed and connect with the community to insure proper funding for this wonderful resource.
4156	7/11/2012	Funding challenges.
4157	7/11/2012	Stupid people.
4158	7/11/2012	non-stable funding
4159	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4160	7/11/2012	<p>Proliferation of electronic media in "bite-size" portions, increasingly shorter attention spans and reduced appreciation of the written word, particularly in "hard copy." These among other things result in less personal connection to books generally and less appreciation of the incredible power of ready public access to the knowledge contained there. This in turn results in less political will to fund.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The need for political will stems from funding through tax initiatives. Having returned to Oregon after living for long periods in other states, I was startled to realize that funding the library wasn't simply a given part of public budgeting.</p>
4161	7/11/2012	The computer and tax funding
4162	7/11/2012	Lack of controlled funding.
4163	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4164	7/11/2012	having to scale back or eliminate programs due to lack of funding
4165	7/11/2012	Them not being available to those who supply the majority of the funding. Also the distrust we as the public have when we vote to fund the libraries and then they are closed only to find out that the levy is now going to cost homeowners more if in fact it passes. I would say the biggest threat is not communicating and being honest to the public when you rely on us to fund the libraries.
4166	7/11/2012	Funding
4167	7/11/2012	Closure. Free to read books; reading makes the mind strong.
4168	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4169	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4170	7/11/2012	Appears to be funding. I don't think the library, as important and vital as it is, stands alone in needing funds to operate.

4171	7/11/2012	privatization
4172	7/11/2012	closure through lack of funding
4173	7/11/2012	Cuts in funding.
4174	7/11/2012	Not enough funding
4175	7/11/2012	funding
4176	7/11/2012	Funding and lack of outreach programs to ensure awareness.
4177	7/11/2012	jobs
4178	7/11/2012	Not enough money to keep them open and running.
4179	7/11/2012	Hand held devices that give information such as google and wickopedia etc.
4180	7/11/2012	The lack of interest in reading. It's not a huge value to the next generation and many people only think of the library as a place for books, so if books don't interest them, the library doesn't matter to them.
4181	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Perhaps education. Our libraries are invaluable, does the new generation of electronic readers know this?
4182	7/11/2012	money to support them
4183	7/11/2012	voters not voting for funding and hopefully for library districts when it is on the ballot
4184	7/11/2012	I think the biggest threat is Measure 5 property tax increase limits and the fact that people don't seem to understand that they have to pay for public services.
4185	7/11/2012	diminished hours and services would make the libraries inconvenient. At that point, people will stop thinking of the library as an available option
4186	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4187	7/11/2012	Lack of awareness by decision makers of the contribution that libraries make to the sustainability of communities. It's a safe zone in an era where everything else is stressful and not secure. There is a legacy in the US for our libraries and books in general that doesn't seem to carry over into this new generation.
4188	7/11/2012	There is none
4189	7/11/2012	Lack of money or nonefficient use of current funds.
4190	7/11/2012	dunno
4191	7/11/2012	Less funding.
4192	7/11/2012	It sounds like budget cuts and lack of funding are a big threat.
4193	7/11/2012	The general public not getting involved with the future of our libraries. Even if a person does not utilize any of the opportunities offered, I believe that they should be supportive of the libraries programs that are so important to others.
4194	7/11/2012	Not enough money to run the Library even though people vote for taxes. Like myself who is on a limited income vote for the tax every time. So if the "powers that be" quit using the money for which it was intended on other things that have nothing to do with the Library, the wouldn't have this problem.
4195	7/11/2012	Limitting access.

4196	7/11/2012	Not enough \$\$ to keep them open.
4197	7/11/2012	Less emphasis on reading, more emphasis on visual media
4198	7/11/2012	Republicans
4199	7/11/2012	Rising costs, an revenue stream and increasing demand. That school funding issues will crowd out support for libraries.
4200	7/11/2012	Excessive cost cutting. The perception by some that libraries are not needed since a growing number of the population reads material online or buys books rather than checking them out of the library. The library closures in Southern Oregon comes to mind. People need to be educated about all the services a library provides and that not all of us can afford to buy books whenever we want something to read.
4201	7/11/2012	
4202	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
4203	7/11/2012	Cutback of hours due to lack of funding.
4204	7/11/2012	The diminishing ambition, intelligence and drive of our general population & the associated decline of the U.S.
4205	7/11/2012	Lack of permanent funding. Since the county's contribution is a fairly substantial part of the library's budget, when county resources decrease it harms our library.
4206	7/11/2012	Republicans who want to privatize everything.
4207	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4208	7/11/2012	Lack of funding by short-sighted voters.
4209	7/11/2012	Steadily diminishing sources of funding, whether it be from government or community coffers, is probably the biggest threat to our libraries. It's part of a seemingly intentional dismantling of the commons driven by conservative forces in society. There's also a general lack of use and interest, which is most likely the result of the prevalence of internet resources. We're slowly being dumbed down.
4210	7/11/2012	It would have to be lack of funding, if that's the cause of reduced hours, etc.
4211	7/11/2012	Funds being cut.
4212	7/11/2012	?
4213	7/11/2012	too many computers
4214	7/11/2012	The lack of funding and the negative impact that has had on not only the reduced hours and staff but how that severely impacts the community. I have many clients that are unemployed and underemployed that using the internet at the library and other library resources is a crucial part of their job search, without it I do not know how people will be able to access the basic necessities in life. Many clients use the library's internet to look up shelters, food banks, apply and search for employment positions, this goes way beyond people not having equal access to literature and knowledge the library's resources are extremely vital to the livelihoods of many people.
4215	7/11/2012	Money,closing libraries (only 6days a week)

4216	7/11/2012	lack of access- best bet would be to rotate days of closure between area libraries so users have an option to visit another local branch if they need service that day.
4217	7/11/2012	Funding
4218	7/11/2012	Funding cuts, misunderstanding of uses and values and misappropriated resources as a result.
4219	7/11/2012	Funding.
4220	7/11/2012	EBOOKS. THE NET.
4221	7/11/2012	Adequate funding for building upkeep and staffing.
4222	7/11/2012	I think "threat" is too strong an adjective, but perhaps the general public has no idea how large a segment of the population depends on having access to library materials.
4223	7/11/2012	Loss of funding. I don't believe the user base is going anywhere, anytime soon.
4224	7/11/2012	Funding.
4225	7/11/2012	Poor management of funds. When taxpayers see waste or get asked too often to increase funding, it makes them feel discouraged about the entire institution of public libraries.
4226	7/11/2012	budget
4227	7/11/2012	funding and use
4228	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4229	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4230	7/11/2012	People believing books aren't important.
4231	7/11/2012	Personal computers and electronic books
4232	7/11/2012	Funding!
4233	7/11/2012	Not enough money. We have a premier system; let's not blow it!
4234	7/11/2012	cutting hours[] eliminating access
4235	7/11/2012	closing them or limited hours!
4236	7/11/2012	The self-interest of people with no regard for the needs of the community at large.
4237	7/11/2012	closing. losing funding, classes for children because our schools are underfunded. The library is almost the last thing we have!
4238	7/11/2012	?? I'm ok with the 6-days a week schedule. Less than that would be concerning.
4239	7/11/2012	the internet?
4240	7/11/2012	budget cutting.
4241	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4242	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4243	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding due to Multnomah County's inconsistent budgets and priorities.
4244	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Even this current change makes the library less convenient due to the days closed and the change in hours open. If it is not convenient I think less people will use it and it will become threatened.
4245	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

4246	7/11/2012	Underfunding due to our society's refusal to pay for public services.
4247	7/11/2012	1. Can't say I'm completely current on the details, but privacy and the "Patriot" act, information sharing terrifies me... 2. Funding issues/shortfalls in the current political climate - small government groups hacking at everything they are pointed toward without thinking.
4248	7/11/2012	funding
4249	7/11/2012	kindle
4250	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4251	7/11/2012	Resources to fund updated books, and other research materials/tools.
4252	7/11/2012	Stable funding is necessary in order to keep programs and materials and times open available to the broadest range of people. So lack of stable funding is the biggest threat.
4253	7/11/2012	I'm not certain. I'm unclear on the context of the word "threat". From my frame of reference, it is the potential that the voting public at large forgets how important a good library system is to the growth and well-being of a community.
4254	7/11/2012	funding
4255	7/11/2012	Kids and young adults stop reading hardcopy books.
4256	7/11/2012	Government red tape
4257	7/11/2012	Not being open during after work (4p-7p) and full weekends. For working parents with children these are the times that they can get tot the library with their kids. Without these times those library moments will be gone.
4258	7/11/2012	I'm guessing, being under funded. Not being able to provide the amenities and people dropping off. Technology is probably a threat as well. Media is the way to reach people now. Not books, magazines, articles, etc. Creating an interest in books again.
4259	7/11/2012	?
4260	7/11/2012	Lack of political will on the part of both the people and our elected officials to act to preserve this most important of our civic institutions.
4261	7/11/2012	Funding based only on property taxes means that only a few people pay for a resource the whole community uses - there needs to be a way to expand the base of taxpayers - it shouldn't be only the small portion of people who own homes that pay for the library.
4262	7/11/2012	to close 2 days a week
4263	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
4264	7/11/2012	Evidently it's funding and I hope to the high heavens it's legitimate and not crying wolf nor because too much operating capital is being funneled into administration.
4265	7/11/2012	Funding issues, I believe are the biggest threat, with the second being theft and loss of materials. I don't have a solution to the problem. Everywhere, public programs are reducing their services. It is a shame.

4266	7/11/2012	Less hours. This would mean people in the community would not know what a library was anymore. That it is part of the "American Way of Life". A library is part of the cycle of life where as a child you learn how to raise your child by reading those important books that help so much. School comes around and you notice that you can be your own person, a free thinker, out of the box yet team player. The authors of books past, present and future say it all. In College you realize the evermore importance of the library, your library - to have different views on life from your teachers and it is OK. In my library I find acceptance of all people, old, young, sick, intellectuals or just plain folks trying to make it. The library helps all together. We need our Libraries to keep America Together!!!!
4267	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, staying current with technology and community needs is expensive.
4268	7/11/2012	closures[] shortened hours that prevent access by citizens whose work hours clash with library hours
4269	7/11/2012	budget issues
4270	7/11/2012	Affluent people not understanding how much service to the community libraries provide.
4271	7/11/2012	e-books
4272	7/11/2012	Ending up like the newspaper industry.
4273	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
4274	7/11/2012	short sighted viewpoints on financing and procurement I don't think that people understand all the library has to offer and how much that costs. I think this might lead to people no voting for more money and could lead to people not wanting to approve more money because they think the current money is being wasted.
4275	7/11/2012	
4276	7/11/2012	Funding. Right wing groups hoping to close public libraries.
4277	7/11/2012	I'm not sure. All I hear about is the lack of a permanent funding source going forward.
4278	7/11/2012	lack of funding, i imagine. what can i do to help ??
4279	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, lack of marketing / underuse
4280	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, ignorant, short-sighted voters.
4281	7/11/2012	Deletion of programs and services for our more needy and our English-language-challenged populations.
4282	7/11/2012	FUNDING The economic downturns make people cautious about funding for "the arts." Perhaps the public needs to more fully realize
4283	7/11/2012	the many ways the library helps the economic vitality of the community through programs and computer access for everyone.
4284	7/11/2012	I think to cut the hours is a great idea, but not the service. I'd rather be able to go to the library less and have more material content instead. I like the downtown branch a lot, that being said It has become a homeless shelter.
4285	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, I think. Everyone loves the library. I use it all the time

4286	7/11/2012	In my opinion, technology. You used to be able to ask a librarian everything, and now they've been for the most part replaced with the automatic check-out. While this system is a bit easier and no doubt saves local libraries money (in the long run), I miss talking to librarians and know I am not alone in this.
4287	7/11/2012	Lack of materials, or difficulty finding what I'm looking for.[] [] The last couple times I've been in it's been very hard to find what I'm looking for. The computer search system is not intuitive at all. Checking the shelves directly doesn't usually have better results. Either it's not there or I just can't find it.
4288	7/11/2012	Poor management to funds available - trying to do too much.
4289	7/11/2012	loss of funding.
4290	7/11/2012	That the resources available do not allow the library to purchase current publications.
4291	7/11/2012	Apathy, limited resources to stay current with trends, and ready access to all media via other sources by the consumer.
4292	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4293	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and resources Closure of any branches due to lack of funding.[] []
4294	7/11/2012	Losing staff due to more "mechanization." Libraries already reflect society at large with more people staring into their own screens, checking things out electronically, becoming more isolated individuals. I'm sure most people see this as "efficient" and "cost saving" which it is in monetary terms, however, there is a social cost to the community. I'd like to see libraries as a small haven where people can still meet people. I imagine this will actually be seen as forward-thinking in the near future.
4295	7/11/2012	Obviously funding is a huge issue. I feel that libraries contribute strongly to community quality of life as well as helping disadvantaged groups (elderly, unemployed, etc.). I wanted to put number one on all the priorities in question 5!
4296	7/11/2012	Not maintaining the investments previously made for new and renovated libraries.
4297	7/11/2012	People selling and panhandling in front of the library making it unpleasant to approach the library and those inside who seem to live inside.
4298	7/11/2012	Budget cuts! Voters not understanding the connection between paying taxes and services for the public good, like libraries.
4299	7/11/2012	Books are becoming a thing of the past. It is really easy for people to download material and then there is not a reason to visit the library unless there is a speaker/event that goes beyond the book.
4300	7/11/2012	funding cuts
4301	7/11/2012	closing
4302	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding

4303	7/11/2012	Funding I think, also the fact that more and more people are turning to ebooks
4304	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
4305	7/11/2012	lack of interest
4306	7/11/2012	Don't know but would guess money.
4307	7/11/2012	money and that more and more people are not reading
4308	7/11/2012	I am not quite sure, but although there is a huge population that uses the library system as my family does, there is also a huge population that never uses it. I doubt that portion of the population doesn't support the funding the way that I do. I guess that we need to get everyone on board...but how?
		Abuse of public funds required (or so we are told) to operate and KEEP open what is the PUBLIC's library. ¶
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4309	7/11/2012	Poor management and zero accountability of the public's mandated tax dollars collected in order to operate the PEOPLE's library system. Shell game of levy's needed, taxes collected here and there and everywhere - which in the end appear to never satisfy corrupted PUBLIC UNION's need to keep on keeping on -when public union contracts need to be tamped down and personnel costs brought into line with what the people can afford. Over-spending and corruptly overbudgeting the operating "costs" of the public's library system. Expecting a dumbed down LIED TO public to keep on keeping on - handing over more and more and more of their money. ¶
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		The COUNTY is not fully and ethically accounting for personnel costs, union negotiated personnel overages, and excessive technology overreaches. The COUNTY needs to be taken over in regard to ineptly operating, managing and publicly accounting for all things pertaining to the PEOPLE's library system.
4310	7/11/2012	not enough \$
4311	7/11/2012	Poor funding
4312	7/11/2012	Funding is the biggest threat. At the same time, some of the employees at the library could be more pleasant. They are the public face of the system and many do not have good customer service skills. These are the things people remember when voting.
4313	7/11/2012	no idea
4314	7/11/2012	IGNORANCE AND APATHY
4315	7/11/2012	Idiots. Libraries and access to information are not just a privilege, but a right. They are under appreciated places of growth and learning, places where people grow and develop. They are places to escape, relax, enjoy, and most of all learn. ¶
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		The internet is great, but nothing replaces libraries.
4316	7/11/2012	Limited hours
4317	7/11/2012	closing ever

4318	7/11/2012	If libraries are not well used, and do not offer resources valuable to the community, then funding will probably be cut.
4319	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
4320	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4321	7/11/2012	I love libraries and run a corporate library, but we have moved completely to a virtual model and everything is electronic. We no longer have a physical space. That won't work with public libraries because there are so many people who don't have access to computers and the Internet and need the physical space to improve their lives. The biggest threat may be from those who do consider libraries unnecessary because of the access to information through the Internet.
4322	7/11/2012	It certainly is NOT under-usage- ☐ Funding and censorship are my concerns
4323	7/11/2012	Non-readers.
4324	7/11/2012	Not getting new materials.
4325	7/11/2012	Lack of financial support and the reduction of open hours. It seems that libraries are closing earlier, as well, which makes it hard to get to them after work.
4326	7/11/2012	people not using it and not knowing what a great ressources it has to offer.
4327	7/11/2012	Republicans
4328	7/11/2012	Reducing hours & Closing
4329	7/11/2012	Funding cuts. Not being able to keep funding At pace with growing costs of operation.
4330	7/11/2012	No funding, no resources, library closures, and the impact it gives to people when library is not available.
4331	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4332	7/11/2012	funding, I presume
4333	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4334	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is that they are undervalued.
4335	7/11/2012	Lack of public support due to a misrepresentation of public services as a form of socialism.
4336	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4337	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
4338	7/11/2012	Funding
4339	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4340	7/11/2012	Non-awareness and ignorance of how THE LIBRARY can be so useful for everyday life. This in turn leads to lower education levels in the community.
4341	7/11/2012	I think the library running on a 6 day week is ok as long as that closed day will not be counted for late fees for returning books
4342	7/11/2012	closure
4343	7/11/2012	Competing tax needs; other ready access to media and books

4344	7/11/2012	Lack of funding from property taxes. I'm not sure if general county funding is more at risk, or if the library-specific tax is.
4345	7/11/2012	lack of funding, apparently.
4346	7/11/2012	Being short-staffed. I've been in libraries like that and it wasn't pretty. If you didn't know exactly where what you were looking for was, you had a small chance of getting help to find it. This defeats the purpose of a library as a collection of knowledge and information, especially for public use. There's a reason the conquerors of ancient times destroyed libraries as a first priority; knowledge is still power.
4347	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4348	7/11/2012	Reduced hours. As soon as you establish that the library isn't a fun safe place with regular daily hours you eliminate all the hard work that's been done to promote the use of publicly available materials and services. Regular patrons will probably figure it out, but for example, I made a special trip on a Monday to pick up a book, forgetting that the libraries are now closed. I ultimately ended up buying the book since I didn't have the time to come back another day.
4349	7/11/2012	free browsing of internet porn on the library computers,[] digital media outside of the library
4350	7/11/2012	People tend to take libraries for granted, as if they're always going to be there, so they don't pay enough attention to funding and staffing requirements until there's a shortage and hours are cut back. The public needs to understand how critical libraries are as community resources and adequately fund them.
4351	7/11/2012	misplaced budget cuts!!
4352	7/11/2012	Underfunding.
4353	7/11/2012	Please keep it open at least 6 days a week.
4354	7/11/2012	I worry most about losing the programs and morning hours. I would also hate to see the influx of new materials disappear.
4355	7/11/2012	e-readers, probably, and a low economy
4356	7/11/2012	People just think the library will never go away ; so they donot get involved and speak up. Apathy is the enemy.
4357	7/11/2012	The promulgation of the idea that libraries are obsolete, and the timing of that idea with reduced availability of municipal / county funds. Also LIBOR (i.e. the reduction in financial support because of banks siphoning off funds to municipalities through falsified interest rates).
4358	7/11/2012	making them too fancy and losing support for their funding
4359	7/11/2012	Funding (or lack thereof).
4360	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4361	7/11/2012	Not adopting to digital age
4362	7/11/2012	I would say that really almost the entire use of a library for research purposes has been shot down by the internet. Persona readers and digital books also pose a threat, in my opinion.

4363	7/11/2012	The Homeless that mess up the restrooms and not having the hrs to read a book or ?
4364	7/11/2012	The misconception that the Internet renders libraries irrelevant; they serve different functions. Also, in this economic climate of cutbacks, it is vital to have a resource for self-education and for borrowing -not purchasing- books.
4365	7/11/2012	Funding
4366	7/11/2012	Lack of Adequate and stable funding
4367	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4368	7/11/2012	Funding! In my dream world there would be way more branches- or at least some small depots where you could return items and pick up holds. And in my dream world there would be tons of copies of new items and popular items (there is such a long wait for popular DVDs, like Downton Abbey. Then again, getting to rent movies for free is not really one of the main purposes of the library, so I shouldn't complain!) Also I wish the library still had the space and resources to provide books on cassette (and LPs for that matter)!
4369	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.
4370	7/11/2012	funding via property tax. We are already paying over \$50 / month for library services, and this is too much.
4371	7/11/2012	losing funding
4372	7/11/2012	FUNDING. The population is unaware of the danger to "OUR" libraries.
4373	7/11/2012	Decline in economy reducing property values and tax revenue for public services. Public ignorance of public issues. Screen face addiction to digital devices.
4374	7/11/2012	They're trying to expand the library into something beyond what librarians should be doing. (see my other response for details). This will cause them to need a bunch of additional funding. If they don't get it, I expect them to run the library only part-time. Maybe you should be giving them some direction, or better yet change the management. They are operating like "empire builders" in very hard times. Typical government bureaucrats.
4375	7/11/2012	not enough revenue for books and programs
4376	7/11/2012	Bond measures as a source of funding. Libraries should be permanently funded.
4377	7/11/2012	Lack of sustainable funding.
4378	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. This is an important resource now more than ever with cuts in school funding and so many people looking for help in getting a job.
4379	7/11/2012	electronic research & entertainment venues
4380	7/11/2012	No money...I also think those fancy new checkout systems are excessive, so maybe waste of resources? I also think that since the library is publicly operated, there are a lot of underqualified people working there based on seniority rather than merit.
4381	7/11/2012	Public perceptions of what constitutes original source/reference material and the transformation of librarians into daycare providers and computer/software user support technicians.
4382	7/11/2012	Economy, reticence of taxpayers to fund services

4383	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
4384	7/11/2012	Not having enough or any of some current materials.
4385	7/11/2012	DK
4386	7/11/2012	Personally, having as much access to the library is most important now but overall, the other issues noted are more important. 6 days being open is fine if the other programs remain.
4387	7/11/2012	All of the above services are necessary and it is difficult to rank them in importance.....
4388	7/11/2012	Not being funded well enough to keep up with technology and current trends, therefore becoming irrelevant to younger generations.
4389	7/11/2012	KINDLES
4390	7/11/2012	funding
4391	7/11/2012	More reduced hours of operations or closures
4392	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and limited resources.
4393	7/11/2012	A sense of apathy from the population, and an unwillingness to acknowledge and pay for the use of it. I would be willing to pay a reasonable annual fee for use of the library, which could be waived for people of low income.
4394	7/11/2012	Clearly the lack of funds and the lack of understanding at higher levels of just how important a resource it is for our community. So many people make excellent use of the library and it supports a higher quality of life for everyone.
4395	7/11/2012	Funding.
4396	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
4397	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Short attention spans?
4398	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
4399	7/11/2012	Lack of Funding
4400	7/11/2012	Too few staff members to help with questions, research suggestions, etc.
4401	7/11/2012	Lack of political support / governments cutting funding, loss of library "culture" due to school funding being cut and students' reduced access (habit forming) to school libraries that will translate to public library use later in life.
4402	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4403	7/11/2012	Limited selection of ebooks and overall reduced funding.
4404	7/11/2012	Over-reaching at a time when public schools are truly under-funded
4405	7/11/2012	The closures
4406	7/11/2012	Privatization
4407	7/11/2012	Just like OUR SCHOOLS, it's the instability of the funding structure.

4408	7/11/2012	I worked in a library in California and feel that the biggest threat to libraries is that they are not always seen as a complete community resource, which they are. There is a modern misconception that books and therefore libraries are out of date. In reality, with today's overwhelming information access, we need libraries more than ever; libraries and librarians have changed with the times, but that is not always appreciated. And of course lack of money continues to be a threat.
4409	7/11/2012	Funding...stupid!
4410	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and decreased hours and lack of funding for new materials.
4411	7/11/2012	lack of public interest, our youth is no longer "book " oriented
4412	7/11/2012	Closing them.....
4413	7/11/2012	i guess its funding...???
4414	7/11/2012	relevance
4415	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
4416	7/11/2012	A poorly informed, tv watching electorate. The decline of reading.
4417	7/11/2012	Funding cuts, proliferation of e-books
4418	7/11/2012	Technology.
4419	7/11/2012	decreasing sources of \$\$\$
4420	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, it appears.
4421	7/11/2012	Funding
4422	7/11/2012	Not enough money--both for the libraries and the school system (which could either put more pressure on libraries for providing books/materials that aren't available in schools, or decreased demand as school services and education become restricted).
4423	7/11/2012	Cutting hours of operation.
4424	7/11/2012	Probably funding, although I'm not certain.
4425	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to keep the doors open and the services available to serve the public. I don't necessarily think 7 days a week is required, but a floating schedule between closely positioned branches to cover when the other is closed might be an option for those that want full coverage.
4426	7/11/2012	people who don't understand what they provide, don't want to fund them
4427	7/11/2012	Lack of resources
4428	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
4429	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4430	7/11/2012	Closing down
4431	7/11/2012	Not enough funding
4432	7/11/2012	Municipal funding
4433	7/11/2012	Under funding
4434	7/11/2012	I don't Know.
4435	7/11/2012	budget shortfalls
4436	7/11/2012	Lack of fundings...

4437	7/11/2012	Online books, Nooks, Kindles, etc.
4438	7/11/2012	None community support.
4439	7/11/2012	budget cuts? internet?
4440	7/11/2012	Lack of funds!
4441	7/11/2012	politicians
4442	7/11/2012	Funding?
4443	7/11/2012	People who do not realize the value of education and learning. Since libraries try to fight ignorance, those who feel threatened by education cannot appreciate them.
4444	7/11/2012	Funding
4445	7/11/2012	inadequate funding
4446	7/11/2012	Public Employee Pensions
4447	7/11/2012	funding cuts
4448	7/11/2012	Funding!
4449	7/11/2012	Reduced funding
4450	7/11/2012	I think they do a great job. I'm very pleased with their service and would be happy to continue with additional funding if they need it.
4451	7/11/2012	Fear of access to information
4452	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4453	7/11/2012	Reduction in hours and staffing.
4454	7/11/2012	Dependence on property taxes
4455	7/11/2012	The poor economy and the inability to provide full funding for these needed services. In these economic times, having access to free computers, job seeking resources, books, magazines, research tools, and all the others services the library provides is even more essential than in boom times. These are vital resources to make available to the community.
4456	7/11/2012	Apparently lack of a committed funding source. I'm not sure why, though, since the physical library would theoretically get smaller as e-books become more popular
4457	7/11/2012	Valuing entertainment above the quest for knowledge.
4458	7/11/2012	Not being valued for what they provide to the community
4459	7/11/2012	Don't know
4460	7/11/2012	ATTENTION-Question #5 did not automatically reorder my selections!!!!
4461	7/11/2012	Funding
4462	7/11/2012	IMF & World Bank
4463	7/11/2012	I believe it is the kindels where people can download books and other new kind of electronic gadgets.
4464	7/11/2012	The republican party! The "tea party & top 2%" Want us to be totally ignorant. So they can keep thier wealth & we can starve in the street with ignorance!!!
4465	7/11/2012	budge cuts

4466	7/11/2012	No money available.
4467	7/11/2012	I think that people don't know that you have more than just books. I've told a few people who needed to use a computer, but didn't have one or it was not working, to go to the library.
4468	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is probably funding. I would also add that in order to stay relevant libraries need to expand more into e-book lending. E-books that are offered need to be current, and easily downloadable onto the majority of e-readers.
4469	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4470	7/11/2012	Money and people not using them
4471	7/11/2012	Probably funding
4472	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4473	7/11/2012	Reduced hours.
4474	7/11/2012	I'm sure the biggest threat is funding which in turn effects hours and staffing.
4475	7/11/2012	Loss of funding
4476	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4477	7/11/2012	Sounds like it is funding but it is also apathy, our social system valuing education and public services.
4478	7/11/2012	Don't know that there is one.
4479	7/11/2012	The Internet, which is really a world-wide library. Local libraries should now strive to take on the role of community educator and gathering-place for community-minded activities, without, of course, abandoning books!
4480	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4481	7/11/2012	Ignorance and lack of awareness of their place in the social fabric of a community and a democracy. By extension, lack of funding.
4482	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
4483	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. I don't use the libraries for much outside of online reservations and check out, but understand people need it for much more. I hope there isn't cuts, as we don't need more people/employees with less work.
4484	7/11/2012	Funding and possible crowd contral
4485	7/11/2012	Funding cuts due to a lack of priority from the federal government down to our local leaders.
4486	7/11/2012	ignorance about programs, funding and costs
4487	7/11/2012	I guess not understanding their importance in our day to day life. I can open up a whole new world to myself or my children just by opening a book. The library is FREE for all the public and I want to keep it that way. If I had to BUY every book I wanted to read I'd be broke. I have no problem paying a slightly higher tax if it means keeping my library open as much as possible and still having community resources and new materials. ¶ I fear that many adults don't see the beauty of a public library and are not teaching that to others. It's sad times when our community won't stand up for our libraries and education system.

4488	7/11/2012	noise
4489	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to maintain facilities and staffing. Also, maintaining relevance of libraries as a cornerstone of a community, especially in an electronic world.
4490	7/11/2012	lack of foresight
4491	7/11/2012	funding and technology
4492	7/11/2012	Not having the libraries open when we need them.
4493	7/11/2012	budgets, no one reading anymore
4494	7/11/2012	unstable funding
4495	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4496	7/11/2012	Not promoted enough...some advertising company here could offer some free time and energy to promoting library use...if they can mandate PSA's, they can add libraries!
4497	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4498	7/11/2012	lack of funding to open 7 days a week.
4499	7/11/2012	petition gatherers who stand outside the doors, and the vagrants who stand outside the Central Library...the reason I don't use that particular library..and why I don't like the Hollywood library.
4500	7/11/2012	overhead
4501	7/11/2012	People not coming in because of the media
4502	7/11/2012	Electronic books. As more people use electronic books, fewer people will access the books in the library. When libraries cut the number of books available, people of lower socioeconomic classes will suffer the most.
4503	7/11/2012	The biggest threat may be too few versions of popular books, it can drive people to buy books as opposed to waiting for long periods of time. Not tracking the current addresses of users. As an example, when I was working downtown there was one co-worker that talked a lot about their use of the library--what they checked out and how they enjoyed being able to select where they could pick-up their materials. I later learned that this person did not live in Oregon but in Washington. I think that if local property tax is being used to support the library that those resources should be for the local community. IF we extend lending to outside the local area then maybe there should be a small fee (this could be a yearly or per item basis) to those outside the area to be able to check out items that they would like to borrow. A simple verification of driver's license or Oregon ID, every couple of years might be enough. Just a thought.
4504	7/11/2012	
4505	7/11/2012	lack of funding
4506	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding
4507	7/11/2012	Technology and the belief that the Internet and digital information can replace the local library thereby the local community is replaced.
4508	7/11/2012	idiots who don't value this service
4509	7/11/2012	unstable funding

4510	7/11/2012	Closure
4511	7/11/2012	could be this very skewed survey!
4512	7/11/2012	Reserving books on line is not logical. Quite frustrating.
4513	7/11/2012	Funding, and we need to increase access to ebooks.
4514	7/11/2012	funding
4515	7/11/2012	computers
4516	7/11/2012	It's important to make sure there is enough funding to keep the valuable staff in each library. though I appreciate the upgrades made in the last couple of years and the self-checkout option they do NOT take the place of real people there to provide the valuable service librarians provide. I hope that libraries never become a do it yourself service -- we need the people connections they provide as much as the physical resources.
4517	7/11/2012	constant budget woes.
4518	7/11/2012	Underfunding
4519	7/11/2012	republicans
4520	7/11/2012	Lack of ongoing stable funding source.
4521	7/11/2012	Funding, apparently. I would have voted for a stronger, long term funding package on the recent election. Based on the results, so too would have many of the voters in Multnomah County.
4522	7/11/2012	The lack of funding.
4523	7/11/2012	Lack of definite and firm funding.
4524	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4525	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4526	7/11/2012	kindles
4527	7/11/2012	Funding must be the biggest threat... having sufficient funding to stay open seven days/week and into the evening hours... and employ excellent staff...
4528	7/11/2012	Ghetto, misbehaved barbarian children that are rude and obnoxious[] At rock wood libraru
4529	7/11/2012	Ebooks
4530	7/11/2012	If people in the community no longer have access to the library and its services
4531	7/11/2012	loss of weekend hours
4532	7/11/2012	Under funding.
4533	7/11/2012	insufficient funding
4534	7/11/2012	One of the biggest threats to our libraries is closing them off from the public.
4535	7/11/2012	funding
4536	7/11/2012	I am guessing that funding is the biggest threat, or rather lack of funding.
4537	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
4538	7/11/2012	Possible closure due to the ineptitude of politicians to balance the budget and provide resources for needed and important social programs and other community services such as the library.

4539	7/11/2012	<p>We need a sales tax in Oregon! We cannot continue to raise additional funds by increasing property taxes. We could have a fair sales tax, for example, that excludes food, diapers, clothing, etc. As a senior on a fixed income I now understand why seniors have been against raising property taxes. ☐</p> <p>As someone who continues to work part-time in the social service field, I refer clients without computer access to the library every day! These clients need help to find employment and housing and the library is a necessity, I also remember the joy I experienced when my grandmother helped me to obtain my first library card about 65 years ago!☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>We need the libraries but we also need to find a permanent financial solution. How about a sales tax that specifies the income will be spent only for education and libraries?</p>
4540	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of ability to offer a community consistency. Making sure library hours are common knowledge and predictable, for example, I think it was handled well to make a district wide "Closed Monday" policy rather than some branches open some days and other branches open others. We know, as library patrons, to schedule our library days to be one of the other six days of the week. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Being a dependable library system is important for us as voters, teachers, and parents.</p>
4541	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are very important to neighborhood communities.It's a place where everyone in the community can get access for help and growth in their lives. Books are very important and having computer☐</p> <p>access for those who don't have computers. Libraries are needed and should be brought to full services as soon as possible.</p>
4542	7/11/2012	Internet
4543	7/11/2012	Funding predictability over the long term, and the threat of censorship by special interest groups.
4544	7/11/2012	Sustainable funding.
4545	7/11/2012	Public libraries are so important and Portland has a fantastic network. We have to fund them and keep all the branches open. I do believe in these economic hard times we can get along with the library being closed one day a week. Our public school can't take any more cuts.
4546	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4547	7/11/2012	Funding
4548	7/11/2012	Lack of interest in continuing to educate ones self.
4549	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Lack of support of community, misunderstanding by the public of the role of libraries in our communities (thinking libraries are only about books),
4550	7/11/2012	budget

4551	7/11/2012	The Central Library attracts a large number of undesirables. No doubt that the homeless are entitled to use the library. But to to have to run a gauntlet of street kids,acting out with their pit bulls and obstructing the sidewalk does not create a safe or welcoming environment. Last week I was treated to the sight of a man projectile vomiting in front of the library. I also have felt intimidated by shady characters lurking in the restrooms. I think we are allowing one of our most valued resources be hijacked by a minority of undesirables who have no legitimate reason to be in or near the library.
4552	7/11/2012	funding uncertainty
4553	7/11/2012	Unavailability - when the library is not open, people cannot access it!
4554	7/11/2012	Previous question did not work right!! #6 - too much support for the small minorities! - Back to basics: books.
4555	7/11/2012	lack of funding, I think a modest card/use fee (need based exemptions offered, and for kids) is appropriate to supplement the budget.
4556	7/11/2012	don't know.
4557	7/11/2012	So much information is available online that people don't bother to read non-fiction books as much as before. This, along with Redbox, Netflix, and the fact that many adults don't find time to read at all, makes people unwilling to fund the library - if they don't use, it they don't want to pay for it.
4558	7/11/2012	The usual battle over money.
4559	7/11/2012	Noise inside the libraries
4560	7/11/2012	Republicans.
4561	7/11/2012	reduced funding
4562	7/11/2012	Apathy by the citizens. Everyone needs to understand how important it is to have a vibrant and dynamic library.
4563	7/11/2012	I believe the biggest threat to our libraries is funding.
4564	7/11/2012	internet
4565	7/11/2012	the previous question .. all those programs are crucial to learning and information. aside from that it is the priority of funding by politicians i.e. ... bike roads and light rail (and other pet projects) seem more important than education and knowledge!
		The Tea Party!
		!
4566	7/11/2012	Just kidding. (Well, kind of.) But misconceptions about Taxes vs Community Services. They shouldn't be pitted against each other. I think you're running another, fall ballot measure on this -- figure out a way to keep the conversation on LIBRARIES (the community they serve, they needs they fulfill, their roles as culture, their existence nearly defining the essence of civilization...) and not TAXES.
4567	7/11/2012	Pushing for more programs, new construction, etc. which cannibalize the core function of the library
4568	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and a growing disinterest in paying for library services

4569	7/11/2012	<p>I think it was stupid to have me vote on both the library being open 7 days a week and 6. I placed seven days as priority #1 so it's only natural I'd place six days at #2, right? -that would be the next best if I couldn't have my first choice. But I didn't. I placed open six days as #6 because it's really not important as long as I get my first wish (open 7 days).</p> <p>□</p> <p>The biggest threat to our libraries is junkies overdosing in the bathrooms and people being under the influence of drugs/alcohol. I've seen fighting, bathing in the bathrooms is pretty gross and there have been issues with sex offenders lurking around.</p>
4570	7/11/2012	loss of funding
4571	7/11/2012	<p>Clearly, under-funding. I was away from Portland when all this happened. I don't know why the funding measure failed. Whatever reason it was, it isn't good enough. Our library system is one of the city's gems.</p>
4572	7/11/2012	<p>Losses to funding public education and libraries threaten our democracy and civil society. Libraries and schools must continue working together to build lifestyles for responsible citizenship by all. Create citizens who care enough to keep on reading, learning and participating in Democracy. Get the word out. Make the connection between learning and recreating in ways that promote health, growth, strong communities and sustainable futures for the planet and all inhabitants. Is this too political? How else will the county get funding for essential services if the leadership does not make politics a priority? Thanks for helping us to "teach our children well".</p>
4573	7/11/2012	lack of funding?
4574	7/11/2012	The economy.
4575	7/11/2012	<p>Non users realizing that the library is more than just about tangible books. Letting the public know about all of the resources available and how much they are needed by a large portion of our population.</p>
4576	7/11/2012	<p>Technology and laziness. There seems to be a why read a book when I can download a movie on my phone or go to YouTube and be entertained approach. Even commercials supporting this. With these, seemingly more readily available alternatives, the support for Libraries financially becomes less of a priority.</p> <p>□</p> <p>Apple wants to convert textbooks to electronic books to enable instant Internet content.</p>
4577	7/11/2012	Ebooks and the availability of digital media
4578	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4579	7/11/2012	<p>People not realizing how important they are in all the ways listed above and more. Hence the lack of funding, and local political lack of importance.</p>
4580	7/11/2012	Not enough funding for them
4581	7/11/2012	continued funding cuts
4582	7/11/2012	lack of funding

4583	7/11/2012	Loss of hours and locations
4584	7/11/2012	Funding.
4585	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4586	7/11/2012	People live in an online not book-inhabited world
4587	7/11/2012	like any other public service... funding
4588	7/11/2012	Budgetary concerns. too many competing demands on taxpayers. Property owners can only pony up so much money and also other city services keep going up;
4589	7/11/2012	funding
4590	7/11/2012	Overpaid administrators
4591	7/11/2012	digital technology
4592	7/11/2012	No funding.
4593	7/11/2012	lack of money
4594	7/11/2012	The misunderstanding that they aren't valuable or important. The lack of awareness from the public what services the library offers.
4595	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4596	7/11/2012	It appears funding is!
4597	7/11/2012	Lack of will to fund public interests like the library - this stemming from the privatization zeitgeist that is infecting our public psyche.
4598	7/11/2012	All libraries open on weekends, even if a weekday is closed in staggered branches. That way at least some libraries are open on any day. Important to offer computer access for those people needing access that otherwise is unattainable. Not everyone has a computer at home, especially lower income population who are trying to find a job. Some companies only accept job applications online.
4599	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the misconception that a library is no more than a giant bookshelf which can be replaced by a computer. Our libraries provide so much more -- opportunities for education, career development, community involvement, etc.
4600	7/11/2012	insufficient funding
4601	7/11/2012	Ebooks and
4602	7/11/2012	Need for stable funding (endowment or ?) that does not require going to the voters every year or two. That makes it very difficult to do long range, effective planning.
4603	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4604	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. People are confused about the recent levy. They thought it meant there would be no changes to the Library schedule. This was not well explained to the public. You needed to go full bore for what you needed. Big mistake not to do so.
4605	7/11/2012	City budget cuts.
4606	7/11/2012	Apparently budget cuts.
4607	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

4608	7/11/2012	funding
4609	7/11/2012	I think we have a wonderful library system and the people of Multnomah County are enthusiastic and supportive of it. I hope the library gets the funds it needs to do what it feels the community needs, but even with some cut backs, we will still have one of the best systems in the country. I don't think the library will be forced to tighten it's belt too much further because people will step up to support it. But even if the funding doesn't come through, I don't think of minor temporary cut backs as a serious threat to the long term success of our library system.
4610	7/11/2012	open less hours, not staffed enough and programs cut
4611	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding to support community demand
4612	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. It's a shame because learning is so important.
4613	7/11/2012	Not having reliable funding
4614	7/11/2012	Vandalism and Natural Disaster
4615	7/11/2012	limited access
4616	7/11/2012	Continued increase in property taxes on homeowners. I hope at some point fellow homeowners will reject more taxes.
4617	7/11/2012	No access to proper funding.
4618	7/11/2012	Lack of public funding.
4619	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries are the budget cuts that come from state and local government. Amongst other threats are the lack of current books and electronic book download options for those who have kindles or nooks.
4620	7/11/2012	I don't know.
4621	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4622	7/11/2012	Lack of financial resources.
4623	7/11/2012	I'm not sure--having enough funding to keep the collection current (I find fewer and fewer new and relevant titles) Serving diverse population--reach multi-lingual and low-resource families like the ones I teach and serve high-resource, high-demand population who might want electronic compatible resources.
4624	7/11/2012	Funding
4625	7/11/2012	Not having them available. I use my library a lot usually with electronic versions of books, but in the past have used it to update my job skills as well as look for a job. It's the one place people can go to and find help without paying at the door.
4626	7/11/2012	Lack of funding because it surely isn't lack of use. I'd like to see no services cut. More fundraisers?
4627	7/11/2012	I'd have to say the biggest threat would be ignorance of taxpayers, who vote down anything that will cost them anything more immediately. I think if Multnomah County libraries made a greater effort to inform community members of the issues and everyone's position and power relative to them, that would be a simple yet effective solution.

4628	7/11/2012	funding
4629	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4630	7/11/2012	?
4631	7/11/2012	Someone in upper management not doing their job.
4632	7/11/2012	Republicans
4633	7/11/2012	Apparently, lack of funding is the biggest threat to our libraries. It's so uplifting to see our neighborhood branch (Greggory Heights) always bustling with a very diverse crowd; it would be a shame for the library to be unable to provide the materials, space, programs and support for such a wide swath of our community's population. It would also be a shame to see any of the helpful folks behind the desks no longer there, due to budget-cuts.
4634	7/11/2012	Funding
4635	7/11/2012	Funding, (t he above question was hard to rank the way I wanted- it moved the questions but not in the way I wanted.
4636	7/11/2012	Losing focus on providing a source of education & information. The priorities seem to be unfocused & all over the map. Just be a library (access to books & info) & not a community entertainment or activity center. In tough economic times, priorities need to focus on core, traditional library services...the nice-to-haves are the first things cut. The people that want all these expanded things & services are not typically the ones paying much, if anything tax-wise to pay for them.
4637	7/11/2012	don't know
4638	7/11/2012	lack of funding, of course. but this is only a representation of our changing values. don't get me started on where this country spends all its money!
4639	7/11/2012	I guess not being able to be open daily. I attended the library Tuesday July third, the first day after it being closed on that Monday, and I was astonished how busy it was that day. I had to circle around twice for a parking spot and still ended up struggling to find parking on the street! I guess because the library was closed the day before, everyone was there the next day?! Thus, it seems like people really depend on the library being open!
4640	7/11/2012	being closed down or denied funds for new books
4641	7/11/2012	apathy, lack of funding
4642	7/11/2012	Homeless people constantly bothering people on the doorstep. Thats why I stopped visiting as often.
4643	7/11/2012	To not have the doors open and to have people wanting to use what is inside of the locked doors.
4644	7/11/2012	The Internet.
4645	7/11/2012	Funding
4646	7/11/2012	don't really know
4647	7/11/2012	Financing
4648	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding[]

4649	7/11/2012	Cost of doing business.
4650	7/11/2012	complacency
4651	7/11/2012	I think the libraries have done an excellent job of staying current and relevant. I have to say the biggest threat is the current economy: loss of jobs, loss of tax revenue. Really, the economy in general, and then our ridiculous boom or bust system in Oregon. The biggest threat to all public services is the economy; fewer people with resources, and a lot more people with need. Let's just say the libraries have done a MUCH better job of coping with that than Trimet!!! California is a third world nation, due to Prop. 13, property tax reform. I lived in California when Prop. 13 passed and watched the public libraries fall into the toilet. So, I would say: Be bold. Let people know how much the libraries mean to our community, and don't ever start the spiral of: reducing services, so fewer people come or use, leading to less money, so more cuts, and pretty soon you're like Trimet, who should be deeply ashamed of themselves. FIGHT for our Multnomah County library remaining EXCELLENT!!!!
4652	7/11/2012	clearly the budget.
4653	7/11/2012	funding
4654	7/11/2012	Not enough funding. They will be closed.
4655	7/11/2012	Multnomah County Commission.
4656	7/11/2012	Funding I suppose.
4657	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
4658	7/11/2012	Funding, under-use.
4659	7/11/2012	Appears to be lack of funding
4660	7/11/2012	Funding priorities.[] Lack of education around the joys and value of reading books!
4661	7/11/2012	Shortened daily hours make it hard for me to make it to an open library. I also find that the expense of computers (vagrants on there, kids on there, noises, crowds) make Holgate and other libraries an increasingly less pleasant place to be.
4662	7/11/2012	Making them dispensable
4663	7/11/2012	"threat" lack of money
4664	7/11/2012	the internet and media
4665	7/11/2012	Losing fuding
4666	7/11/2012	Not having what we need. Not keeping up with technology. Funding.
4667	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to keep current resources and acquire new as well as staying open six or seven days per week.
4668	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4669	7/11/2012	Improper allocation of funds. There does not seem to be a consistent way to providing this on a regular basis without going through too many hoops
4670	7/11/2012	Lack of use, lack of funding.

4671	7/11/2012	Lack of proper funding and priority as a societal asset.
4672	7/11/2012	Funding
4673	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4674	7/11/2012	Lack of. Financial resources
4675	7/11/2012	Funding structure at the state level. Library and school and social services are all threatened becUse of poor funding structures.
4676	7/11/2012	national politics
4677	7/11/2012	Pers
4678	7/11/2012	there are other resources for jobseekers provided by the state
4679	7/11/2012	Runaway costs.
4680	7/11/2012	Over paid library administrators that add little added value
4681	7/11/2012	Funding.
4682	7/11/2012	People thinking they don't need the library because they can do their research on Wikipedia.
4683	7/11/2012	computers & technology
4684	7/11/2012	Funding! When people stop reading, they lose brain power.
4685	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4686	7/11/2012	Adequate funding.
4687	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and homeless people peeing in them.
4688	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4689	7/11/2012	A perception that it is needed less because of access to the internet.
4690	7/11/2012	That the quality of service provided would decrease.
4691	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to accomplish its goals.
4692	7/11/2012	funding I imagine Under funding like our schools and road and bridge maintenance.[]
4693	7/11/2012	We just don't seem to care about things the way we used to.[] Where is the money going?
4694	7/11/2012	Not having availability is critical in some lives. They may only have the one resource and some people have to shuttle around just to get to their local library. Limiting their access could cause potential hardships among an already difficult time
4695	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and the lack of interest of young people in reading.
4696	7/11/2012	Being ubder staffed
4697	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4698	7/11/2012	closure not enough money for funding. stopping paying overpriced politicians so much money and use it for programs. any politician should be a volunteer.
4699	7/11/2012	everybody wants something for nothing -- referendums kill tax levy's again & again

4700	7/11/2012	<p>The fact that it has to abide by Multnomah County's banking strategy. []</p> <p>I was appalled that Bank of America services the Multco Library system.[]</p> <p>Also, what are you talking about? Threats to the library? Who's writing this?[]</p> <p>Are we to expect terrorist attacks at the library? What threats are you imagining?</p>
4701	7/11/2012	<p>That they will continue to have day/hours reduced, as have already. Even tho I just voted to continue with a new levy!</p>
4702	7/11/2012	<p>Funding. We vote for all of the ballots but we can no longer continue to increase our Portland Property taxes. We would like to continue, but we just cannot. We cannot be the base for schools, libraries, emergency services...on and on. There are only so many dollars in our household budgets. We can no longer vote for our school fundings and bond projects. Jus not enough money!</p>
4703	7/11/2012	<p>Depressed economy means fewer tax dollars available, especially property tax dollars. Libraries are our adjunct to public schools. They also draw non-English-speaking people, which is a good way for them to get some familiarity with spoken English. Students get more used to self-starting research for assignments, which they have to do in college anyway. The biggest threat I see is funding, balanced against the services we receive from our libraries. When open days and times are reduced during the non-school months, that's a reasonable way to address this, but closing branches, eliminating outreach programs etc., is not only painful to the community but is the equivalent to "shooting oneself in the foot" as people seek alternatives for entertainment and education. This is especially true for school-age children, but also for adults who need more education in order to work.[]</p> <p>It's about the money. I don't have the answer, but when the money is there, we seem to see it put to good use by the library system. Can the county library system partner with Portland Parks? Also, what about the time when Clackamas County had a tiny library at Sunnyside Mall, and would check out books to Multnomah County residents as well? That was a great idea, but the mall owners raised the rent, you could say. I guess that's all for now.</p>
4704	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, pure and simple.
4705	7/11/2012	Competition for tax dollars. Competition to remain relevant,
4706	7/11/2012	Amount of money spent on DVD movies.
4707	7/11/2012	<p>1. Closed libraries. All members of our community need free access to the resources public libraries provide. We currently have a very wide split between the rich and the poor and it is the poor who need the computers, programs and help that library staff offer. It is a huge mistake to intellectually impoverish our community even more by not providing resources to the people who need them and cant get them anywhere else. This is what i pay my taxes to support, not benefits to property developers and such.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>2. Underestimating the value and importance of trained librarians. There is a reason it requires a Master's degree.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>3. Crap consortium book buying that only brings in 'popular' easy reads.</p>

4708	7/11/2012	Underfunding by local government.
4709	7/11/2012	The cutting of funding.
4710	7/11/2012	vote
4711	7/11/2012	lose of library materials. and the indifference of Multnomah county to the wishes of the voters.
4712	7/11/2012	A lack of funding, as well as people not utilizing library resources as much as they would, usually to a lack of knowledge of their existence.
4713	7/11/2012	Dirty bathrooms, homeless people.
4714	7/11/2012	Nothing comes to mind at this time.
4715	7/11/2012	Non-use by home owners and possible desire to reduce property taxes and thus funding for libraries.
4716	7/11/2012	all very important
4717	7/11/2012	Keeping up with technology. E-books will likely largely replace printed books; current e-media procedures are unwieldy (waiting lists?!). Physical library spaces will likely be able to be much smaller than they are now.
4718	7/11/2012	Apathy.
4719	7/11/2012	The people in charge not making the right decisions
4720	7/11/2012	Failure to keep up with the computer and on-line media age.
4721	7/11/2012	Under funding.
4722	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding of the importance of the library system , the need to fund it fully and look for ways to expand these services, not contract them.
4723	7/11/2012	American political right wingers who have low value of education and high value profiteering by corporations for the benefit of the few.
4724	7/11/2012	Technology. I am a traditionalist when it comes to books yet many of my peers are now exclusively using devices such as the Kindle or the Nook. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but rather a sign of the times.
		Technology, for personal use, like Kindle's, on-line books, and information capable of being retrieved on the net. []
		[]
4725	7/11/2012	[] Having enough computers available.[] [] Also, having current materials available.
4726	7/11/2012	Costs vs funding
4727	7/11/2012	Erosion of funding by other social service needs? Actually, It's not clear from the description in the preface why funding is up for discussion again so soon after the levy was passed.
4728	7/11/2012	People will stop reading books

4729	7/11/2012	I think the widespread use of electronic reading devices is slowly changing the way that people get information and now that books are becoming digitized, it creates a huge issue.
4730	7/11/2012	Being closed, and not enough books.
4731	7/11/2012	Cutting down hours and losing extremely useful resources such as computer access, and up to date materials.
4732	7/11/2012	Republicans
		When homeowners are having problems keeping their homes, more funding for libraries is a difficult choice to make. []
4733	7/11/2012	None of the options above are extremely important to me at this stage in my life. I no longer have small children, I am not a senior citizen, I am not looking for a job, my schedule is flexible, so the modified hours do not bother me, I am from CA where libraries have not been open 7 days a week in 20 years.
4734	7/11/2012	Funding
4735	7/11/2012	I think the biggest threat to our local libraries is loss of material and overdue fees not being paid by card holders. I think losing community engagement/events is also a threat to our local libraries.
4736	7/11/2012	The increased usage of electronic media distribution systems like Amazon, Netflix, or illegal downloads. Additionally, poor education systems reduce the demand for libraries in general.
4737	7/11/2012	Ebooks
4738	7/11/2012	Illiteracy, and a loss of value on the printed word.
4739	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4740	7/11/2012	Allowing smelly, unkempt patrons to spend excessive amounts of time living in the library causes us to use the library less. Having standards of personal hygiene that can be enforced is an acceptable social practice in a public institution.
4741	7/11/2012	Closing lack of funding and well paid staff.[]
4742	7/11/2012	[] How about being open until 9pm 2 nights a week?
4743	7/11/2012	dwindling hard copies and unbalanced amount of electronic copies, too many people clicking computers throughout the library-no quiet space, not being open,

4744	7/11/2012	<p>Theft and the feeling that when one goes into a library there are so many violent people who need help. I would say theft is a real problem because it impacts everyone. Too me it does not matter if the library closes on Monday. I think it is a good idea. What is important is that the library continues to serve the young, students, families, and that finances are available to continue to purchase books and media. I do wish the libraries were safer. I avoid the Central library. ¶</p> <p>There is another problem. Many people who work in the libraries-Woodstock feel that they are special and look down at the citizens who need to use the library. They are contemptuous. I see it all the time. I go to the library once or twice a week-usually to return or check out something. I am glad the Sellwood library is near. Even though I live within a half mile of the Woodstock I often choose to go to the Sellwood.</p>
4745	7/11/2012	<p>I see fewer days open as the greatest threat to our communities. Six to seven days minimum in my opinion. Much pride is taken when I visit other states and see how other systems have been so much less than ours. Also the greatest risk of loss would be for children young adults and seniors.</p>
4746	7/11/2012	<p>Any cuts at all. Increase access to Multco resources!</p>
4747	7/11/2012	<p>ignorance, video games.</p>
4748	7/11/2012	<p>Funding... lack of reaching out to the public to make them aware of ALL you offer: computers, up to date movies, books, etc.</p>
4749	7/11/2012	<p>A lack of funding. I am new to Portland, and I am sad to see that a lack of support of libraries is an issue. My impression of Portland, and all the academic research I have seen, suggests that it is one of the few cities in the US that has seen steady increases in library usage, and that it is one of the more literate cities in the US. I would hate to see these trends threatened because of state budget concerns. Free and public learning, isn't that what is supposed to make a difference in our communities?</p>
4750	7/11/2012	<p>The short sighted self- interest of those who do not know, or who willfully are trying to undermine, the powerful role libraries have had in helping to educate the masses and even the playing field with the privately educated elite.</p>
4751	7/11/2012	<p>lack of funds</p>
4752	7/11/2012	<p>Not staying open long enough, e.g., all days and extended hours into the evening.</p>
4753	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of public funds, and large fires. Perhaps moths?</p>
4754	7/11/2012	<p>Not enough funding and the ability to stay open the hours needed.</p>
4755	7/11/2012	<p>Underfunding ... and not seeming to think beyond, step outside the holy grail of "public". Please see my response within question #4.</p>
4756	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of funding. I do not know about other branches, but the ones I go to and others I stop into occasionally are well-used.</p>
4757	7/11/2012	<p>Funding cuts</p>
4758	7/11/2012	<p>I don't know.</p>
4759	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of funds</p>

4760	7/11/2012	Closing them down
4761	7/11/2012	The out of control spending by our state and federal officials, elevating money above morals. Electronic versions of books will dramatically change the way libraries operate. I hope books in print don't go extinct. In our particular state/county budget, it just seems that things/life has gotten so expensive that everything is out of reach and then we end up with short falls in all directions. How did we used to pay for roads, libraries and schools and now we can hardly afford any of it?!
4762	7/11/2012	
4763	7/11/2012	I was not aware of there being a threat to my local library. Aside from budget cuts of course. Re: Q 5: [] []
4764	7/11/2012	To me, of course, this is a VERY UNFAIR question--all are EQUALLY important. [] [] ABOVE ALL programs for children & parents MUST NOT be discontinued or short-changed. [] [] 6. The biggest threat to our local libraries? "DEFUNDING!"
4765	7/11/2012	I think the biggest threat is lack of funding, although, during these financial times with people out of work and others losing their homes, I don't appreciate being asked for more funding. I get the impression that even though a lot of the middle class and lower classes have less money at this time, the library and other businesses think we can handle an increase in our taxes and other expenditures as if we can afford it; which is an unrealistic frame of mind.
4766	7/11/2012	The Kindle.
4767	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what really threatens our libraries the most---a culture that fails to value how much education and information can pave the way for a more just, democratic, and satisfying future? Or maybe just the drop in property values, influencing our tax revenue?
4768	7/11/2012	Voters who vote against library levies
4769	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4770	7/11/2012	Theft of books and media.
4771	7/11/2012	funding
4772	7/11/2012	Less new materials.
4773	7/11/2012	THE INTERNET! DUH!!!!
4774	7/11/2012	The lack of importance placed on access of information within local communities. Libraries function as a social hub for communities, especially those who are disenfranchised due to financial restrictions which constricts their ability to access learning resources. Communities fall into delegated states when a value isn't placed on the education of all its citizens. Libraries fill a need that enables those lacking the financial resources to have access to potentially life altering and uplifting resources.
4775	7/11/2012	funding cuts
4776	7/11/2012	Lack of public interest...directly leads to lack of funding...

4777	7/11/2012	bears. In addition to cuts to library funding.
4778	7/11/2012	Employee costs including benefits. Costs cannot keep going up above the rate of inflation.
4779	7/11/2012	Reduced funding.
4780	7/11/2012	Lack of money.
4781	7/11/2012	Homeless and mentally ill make patrons feel unsafe and afraid to spend time at the library, so use is limited to dashing in and out to pick up reserved materials.
4782	7/11/2012	The same as education, politicians who chose to use funds for other projects rather than using the funds for important programs.
4783	7/11/2012	I am a researcher and the problems that are facing all of us are linked to our jobs going overseas and the globalist who want to destroy our country, as well as the bankers and their ponzi schemes, unless we band together things will just get worse, and the constant wars and excessive taxation have depleted our funds as well. I know that the patrons would perhaps pay into a monthly fund for our local library if it gets worse which it may, everyone needs to help to save our country by holding our local and national governments responsible and accountable for their actions our congress is not following the Constitution, and they are getting rich making back door deals with those who don't have America's interest before their monetary gains.
4784	7/11/2012	Not sure
4785	7/11/2012	Funding.
4786	7/11/2012	e-readers and the internet....
4787	7/11/2012	C
4788	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4789	7/11/2012	increase in reduction of hours and services
4790	7/11/2012	Lack of new material, mainly books (Manga).
4791	7/11/2012	Kindle-type readers. A fad that may just end; or may kill the printed word....
4792	7/11/2012	The internet.
4793	7/11/2012	Over spending by our libraries.
4794	7/11/2012	closing doors more days of the week
4795	7/11/2012	Loss of funding, I think, would be the biggest threat. It would be a shame to ANY library lose funding and shut down or something. Libraries honestly should receive any and all funding necessary to remain open with a large variety of programs: ran out of them.
4796	7/11/2012	Budget cuts that prevent the library from being open and usable to the community and if the funds aren't available they will not be able to continue to purchase new materials and a wide range of materials to appeal to the wide range of people that value and use the facilities.
4797	7/11/2012	decreased funding means decreased access to our libraries, ie less hours or days open
4798	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and people not realizing how important the library is to our entire community.
4799	7/11/2012	Inappropriate web sites.[] Sex offenders.

4800	7/11/2012	we need them to be opened 7 days a week so we can get our books media other activities.
4801	7/11/2012	Funds being cut.
4802	7/11/2012	People here are active library-goers, so prob no major threat. But efforts should be made to maintain out-of-the-way branches, so that local people can still have access even if standards must be lowered a bit.
4803	7/11/2012	Lack of funding?
4804	7/11/2012	Not enough funding
4805	7/11/2012	Underfunding to the point where they are not heavily used.
4806	7/11/2012	I don't know. Becoming extinct?
4807	7/11/2012	funding challenges
4808	7/11/2012	funding from the state your survey doesn't work- it didn't let me re-set the order of the previous question.[] []
4809	7/11/2012	So poorly programmed surveys would be a big threat.[] [] I think a lot of people aren't aware of what a valuable resource libraries are. A lot of my co-workers don't even think to go to the library. Most people don't know they can check out e books. Most people aren't aware that libraries are not just for homeless people.
4810	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4811	7/11/2012	Computers.
4812	7/11/2012	Current economic conditions due to bad policies that encourage people to give up working.
4813	7/11/2012	voter apathy
4814	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4815	7/11/2012	Republicans!
4816	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and political support are the biggest threats. Over the years Multnomah County has increased in population. Our state funding does not cover the expenses of running the libraries. We need our tax dollars going to the right places: schools, libraries etc. services that will benefit the community in a wholesome and educational way.
4817	7/11/2012	Apathy.
4818	7/11/2012	I don't know
4819	7/11/2012	Stable funding and over-extending resources.
4820	7/11/2012	Being neglected. Perhaps a decrease in volunteerism to help support them.
4821	7/11/2012	increased access to e-books, online info, etc It was difficult to prioritize as all these are important. The biggest problem is funding. It would be nice to find a different
4822	7/11/2012	source than increase in property tax. What taxes are we paying on our Internet/tv service. Would it be possible to tap into that?
4823	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.

4824	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and free educational resources
4825	7/11/2012	Lack of funding?
4826	7/11/2012	Predictable and adequate funding.
4827	7/11/2012	Lack of funding is the biggest threat to our libraries. and therefore, so are the idiots who run the government and spend money on other stupid stuff like bombs and missiles. those weapons have limited uses and often don't get the job done. But a library educated person becomes more and more useful and can do more and more jobs. Its amazing. Libraries are the most important public resource to keep our communities active and thriving. So who is gonna fund the libraries? the poor people who need them to remain an open and free resource? I wish a larger chunk of all the taxes I pay would go to the library.
4828	7/11/2012	Reduction in budget so there are cuts to early reader programs for kids, and cuts to materials. Also, cuts to hours.
4829	7/11/2012	I would guess budgets.
4830	7/11/2012	Not encouraging our young people to use them.
4831	7/11/2012	People looking to save a tiny amount of tax money, and not looking at the larger picture. As our society becomes less literate, less curious and less able to investigate things - we become less competitive and less human.
4832	7/11/2012	lack of funding. homelessness. smokers. Libraries must catalog all books online and keep the stacks open as well.
4833	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4834	7/11/2012	Tax Payers.
4835	7/11/2012	Space
4836	7/11/2012	Not having them at all.
4837	7/11/2012	Clearly, lack of funding.
4838	7/11/2012	Apathy.
4839	7/11/2012	When materials and media are lost or stolen, or when computers are misused to view pornography in the library.
4840	7/11/2012	Politicians' manipulation of budget priorities and information concerning library funding, which resulted in reduced library hours and closures in some communities. Lack of funds, and lack of interest. []
4841	7/11/2012	[] Summer reading programs really got me excited to read when I was a kid. I hope they don't end!
4842	7/11/2012	The Internet - the assumption (however incorrect) that all information is available online. The more that public libraries limit their services the more that patrons will look elsewhere.
4843	7/11/2012	Ebooks at amazon, and other online resources for books. That are convient
4844	7/11/2012	No consistent source of operating funding.
4845	7/11/2012	Unpaid bills

4846	7/11/2012	Counties that fritter their money away on stupid other expenditures and then don't have enough money left to properly fund their libraries.
4847	7/11/2012	Not enough money
4848	7/11/2012	Not having access, shortening hours,
4849	7/11/2012	Lack of secure funding.
4850	7/11/2012	Funding
4851	7/11/2012	Not being open.
4852	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
4853	7/11/2012	Apparently, it is a lack of funding.
4854	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, lack of Public interest
4855	7/11/2012	Less funding for new books, less resources for programs and such, less hours.
4856	7/11/2012	funding
4857	7/11/2012	People who like services but aren't willing to pay for them!
4858	7/11/2012	unstable funding sources
4859	7/11/2012	Balancing cost versus service
4860	7/11/2012	Digital revolution. The Kindle, an e-reader, the internet; these will take over paper. I love the written word, and I am patient enough to wait till my turn on the waiting list for my literature. People no longer need to wait more than 30 minutes to download any material and access their stories and legends, facts, figures. No waiting lists. Instant access. ¶ ¶ We need to make the library a place people want to be now. Get some couches/daybeds with bolsters/comfy chairs and promote some impromptu reading. More people and stronger literary community provide their own magic through the written word. I like a library that makes me feel free to relax and enjoy the space and the words.
4861	7/11/2012	Funding.
4862	7/11/2012	Funding. Depriving kids of joy of reading. A lifelong gift.0
4863	7/11/2012	It appears to be the funding for them. It's a shame that such a wonderful service is under threat.
4864	7/11/2012	Reluctance of Oregonians to accept need to pay taxes for services.
4865	7/11/2012	the room for kids to read so small, so they can't sit to read if there are a lot kids in summer.

4866	7/11/2012	Those who manage the library system pose the biggest threat: #1 A county of only a half-million people does NOT need 19 branches. #2 You are wasting money on non-library services ... why is Interlibrary Loan underfunded, for example? #3 Your dishonesty. We voted to continue your funding to prevent cuts in services, and immediately after we did so, you cut services by 14%. Your reasons and excuses for doing so = your blind spot. #4 Generally speaking, declining literacy, not declining revenues. 20% of Americans are functionally illiterate, and this is not limited to immigrants, but to the failure of the American school systems overall. It is not the responsibility of libraries to remediate illiteracy. #5 How the library system is run reminds us too much of how poorly Tri-Met is run. One has to define a mission and fulfill it and continue to expand it within budgeted means. Your dreams will always be larger than your budget. Tri-Met's mission was to provide affordable transit for the working lower class, elderly and students, and to relieve traffic congestion, yet they designed a system that does not even collect fares on MAX and the streetcar, while it wasted millions on frivolities like computer tracking of buses beamed to cell phones. Does the library system have a defined mission, and are you capable of meeting it within a budget without additional levies? Why should the library system, instead of, say, the county health system, be funding, I assume
4867	7/11/2012	
4868	7/11/2012	Because of shortening hours, budget cuts on materials- that there may not be as many patrons or new patrons.
4869	7/11/2012	Funding cuts. When are they going to stop funding the damn war??!
4870	7/11/2012	Not being able to stock the latest materials.
4871	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding, especially due to "haves" who would get by okay without the library system, not understanding the utter necessity of the library's services to everyone else in the community.
4872	7/11/2012	internet. which i'm using right now, Bwahahahaha!! Sorry, uncalled for evil laughter.
4873	7/11/2012	Censuring[] Limiting access of materials to anyone[] Misunderstanding the need for public support[] Forgetting that we now have the freedom to read whatever we want to (and to publish whatever we want to)
4874	7/11/2012	none
4875	7/11/2012	If we take it for granted, and do not fund it, these great services will be gone.
4876	7/11/2012	Funding.
4877	7/11/2012	Not enough open hours to be usable by the people that need it most: children and lower income families.
4878	7/11/2012	Lack of awareness of the library's services. Actual or de facto privatization by for-profit interests. Services deteriorating (going down hill) and not keeping up current books, updated materials.[]
4879	7/11/2012	Computer access for children we need to have better screening for younger children, and no computer access for pronoun material! (Adult material)
4880	7/11/2012	Our local government funding.
4881	7/11/2012	The government cutting budgets to libraries and schools.
4882	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. People depend on libraries and librarians.

4883	7/11/2012	The libraries need enough money to stay open. We and our kids love the traditional books -- reading is such a nice way to spend time with them. They are always happy when we bring back new (to us) books.
4884	7/11/2012	Shrinking constituency.
4885	7/11/2012	Lack of steady funding.
4886	7/11/2012	Consistent stable funding.
4887	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, and inconsistent funding, so it's difficult for the library to plan, and energy and personpower is used in stopgap funding efforts that should be used to keep the libraries open and doing all the very, very important work they do for all of us: kids, families, individuals; elders, immigrants, jobseekers - the whole community. The library is a crucial resource, and it's terrible that there isn't stable and decent funding for it.
4888	7/11/2012	Funding, people taking it for granted. Other than budget cuts? ☐
4889	7/11/2012	Patrons stealing books and media. ☐ Crazy homeless people attacking patrons and employees
4890	7/11/2012	money
4891	7/11/2012	The economy.
4892	7/11/2012	not sure
4893	7/11/2012	funding
4894	7/11/2012	A lack of funding.
4895	7/11/2012	Digital copies of books, magazines, etc. Everything can be found online or in digital format these days.
4896	7/11/2012	this is unknown to me
4897	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local ones is when they do not have enough books or DVD to rent home ,we have to wait
4898	7/11/2012	Costs are too high; I'm tired of adding to my property taxes to keeping funding. Research diff ways to be more cost effective.
4899	7/11/2012	trying to too much for too few
4900	7/11/2012	Loosing relevancy due lack of easy access an current materials.
4901	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding! As well as lack of knowledge about the need for public libraries for everyone.
4902	7/11/2012	The people who would be most influential to the funding of the libraries not caring at all.
4903	7/11/2012	it's only open during work hour's when working people cant go and to tired or no time right after work. being open during the weekend's or evening would help. it's alway's closed when i have the extra time to go .. maby you could shorten morning hour's and be open on weekend when people and family's can go and have the time to .
4904	7/11/2012	Budget cuts

4905	7/11/2012	The economic recession.
4906	7/11/2012	funding resources
4907	7/11/2012	the 1%
4908	7/11/2012	<p>the inability of local government officials to stand up to waste fraud and abuse by federal officials at the federal level. this negligence on the part of local officials should result in charges of giving aid and comfort to enemies of the US.[]</p> <p>the doD lost \$2.3 trillion sept 10, 2001 and is now deemed un auditable. i made \$20,000 last year, and including property tax, my tax rate was 20%, now my house is for sale so i can move out of the county. multnomah county was ranked 107 out of 108 US counties because of high taxes.[]</p> <p>there is a economic war being waged against people in which the county is not being effective in our defense. reducing services to those that use them is the same as raising taxes on the poor.</p>
4909	7/11/2012	sunny days
4910	7/11/2012	underfunding
4911	7/11/2012	Incompetent employees
4912	7/11/2012	Funding issues and lack of support from businesses and individuals that can support it financially.
4913	7/11/2012	The economy being in the trash at the moment.
4914	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
4915	7/11/2012	<p>To me the biggest threat is lack of relevancy. Already I have to go to academic libraries to find books that are science-oriented but not academic in the strictest sense. I fear that diversifying into movie and music loans and general computer use will cut into the libraries selection of high quality, relevant books.</p> <p>That people forget how important they are. Libraries are the only place that many have to go for so many resources. They serve all ages, races, economic classes. I hear people talking about how libraries aren't necessary now that information is online. Those people are not considering the fact that not everyone can afford a computer/smart phone and internet access or the fact that not all information is online. We should remind the public of all of the things that their library can do for them.</p>
4916	7/11/2012	
4917	7/11/2012	uncertain funding. if one vote can take us from a fully-funded institution to one where most branches are closed, something is very wrong. there should be a way of securing funding.

4918	7/11/2012	Funding. As a whole, educational budgets are the first to be cut. Many who believed in The American Dream, myself included, found hope splintered in 2008. The worse part of this realization is this trauma that has happened to me is also happening everywhere. So I propose weaning our institutions from federal funding. Currently, it is the biggest chunk of money that keeps old buildings in my neighborhood (barely) running and functioning and keeping the doors of my church open. Still, I propose we divorce it the way we should with oil, really come together as a community, helping the homeless get connected and so on. Many of these programs you already engage in which is why it is time for us to give something back. Find funding from community share programs and co-ops for example and perhaps we all can truly live free-er lives.[] Jeremy J Chase
4919	7/11/2012	I'd guess lack of funding, which in turn means a lack of support from the voting public. That, and some sort of ink-devouring microbe.
4920	7/11/2012	Lack of funding I suppose. Confused priorities. Gathering funds for some sport related field or arena rather than funds usec to access information, provide the miracle of classics and open minds to current ideology. The escape that fiction provides in such stressfull economic times, and all available to everyone. This service is magic. Nothing as important.as a library.
4921	7/11/2012	Funding
4922	7/11/2012	Maintenance costs. [] People are under a pretty high taxation already. Hours are not broad enough for many people to be able to use the library.
4923	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to keep libraries open and to keep materials current.
4924	7/11/2012	Don't shut any branches! To close branches would devastate that local community and leave a hole in terms of improving community literacy
4925	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. And the loss of physical books and spaces to read quietly in favor of computers. I use computers at home, but I would use the library more if it was more like what I remember as a kid, a place of quiet study full of books.
4926	7/11/2012	theft and apathy
4927	7/11/2012	budget cuts.
4928	7/11/2012	Lack of \$\$\$
4929	7/11/2012	Television and internet culture, lack of funding
4930	7/11/2012	Apparently, funding. The real problem is that anyone with property pays more and more taxes, but with NO sales tax, we are bearing the whole burden. I think we should have a sin tax on cigarettes/liquor, and a small tax so that WA still shops with us. Personally, my fixed income dropped 10% this year, and my taxes seemed to go up by about 12%, so I am getting to the point of no return. I've borrowed against my property and have no alternatives.
4931	7/11/2012	Lack of community understanding/support.
4932	7/11/2012	Funding?

4933	7/11/2012	Lack of community support.
4934	7/11/2012	Short-term thinking. People who vote against libraries and education. Those who do not realize the repercussions of under-educated citizens.
4935	7/11/2012	Not enough community events. Lack of funding, obviously. []
4936	7/11/2012	[] Seriously though, libraries provide such a HUGE service to such a large part of the community. Has anyone ever done a study showing cost vs social impact?
4937	7/11/2012	Lack of funding The library tries to do too much extra stuff that duplicates services provided elsewhere. Schools can teach children to read and story hours for babies is nice but totally unnecessary. The employment department has programs for jobseekers. The library should go back to basics and provide books, including ebooks and other media.
4938	7/11/2012	
4939	7/11/2012	Apathy and an active war on intellectualism in the United States.
4940	7/11/2012	Short-sighted legislators and voters. don't know[]
4941	7/11/2012	[] Lack of adequate funding
4942	7/11/2012	Government funding cuts
4943	7/11/2012	The perception that they are not crucial.
4944	7/11/2012	Less people reading books
4945	7/11/2012	Teacher's union being inflexible and over-administrated.
4946	7/11/2012	Not being open when you need it Lack of funding.[]
4947	7/11/2012	PS>
4948	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
4949	7/11/2012	General public's misconception that libraries are obsolete in the age of internet.
4950	7/11/2012	lack of availability.
4951	7/11/2012	Not financing it properly. My Property taxes have not gone down, but up, so I don't see why the income has gone down! the inadequate funding which subsequently affects many things including hours, availability of materials, access to free resources and supports, access to librarians. In the times of tight economy and limited resources, free public libraries are one of the few resources available. Having access to computers, books, teaching/learning materials, events and all the other necessary and vital resources libraries supply is vital to supporting and creating a vital society. Our public education system is going down the tubes, libraries fill in some of the gaps and especially allow disadvantaged and marginalized folks access to educate and to improve their lives.
4952	7/11/2012	

4953	7/11/2012	Unstable funding
4954	7/11/2012	The economic crunch
4955	7/11/2012	cutting staff
4956	7/11/2012	The illusion that it is a free service.
4957	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
4958	7/11/2012	funding cuts
4959	7/11/2012	lack of funding and support, therefore decreased book buying capabilities, fewer hours open, and fewer resources
4960	7/11/2012	PERS
4961	7/11/2012	nothing at the moment.
4962	7/11/2012	It's easier and more affordable to buy (used) books that we are interested in reading. There don't seem to be enough of the books higher in demand (including children and adult books).
4963	7/11/2012	government priorities and tax cuts
4964	7/11/2012	Losing voter/community support
4965	7/11/2012	Young people don't read as much as they use to.
4966	7/11/2012	?
4967	7/11/2012	electronic media
4968	7/11/2012	cutting funding
4969	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and general interest in books.
4970	7/11/2012	Selfish, anti-tax, idiots.
4971	7/11/2012	I have no idea what you mean by threat. Best guess - lack of public funding.
4972	7/11/2012	The threat of privatization and inadequate funding.
4973	7/11/2012	Reliance solely on property tax levies. We need a sales tax on non-food items.
4974	7/11/2012	Unstable funding
4975	7/11/2012	Obviously funding. It's important to keep the library open as many hours as possible. I feel that tutoring is something that should be handled in the schools, not by the library.
4976	7/11/2012	Not sure. Maybe lack of use?
4977	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4978	7/11/2012	Fear of raising taxes to support them
4979	7/11/2012	Funding
4980	7/11/2012	The Internet & the latest technology. Maybe funding too, but I don't have a clue about our city funding. Why would someone have to go to his or her Library when they can 'do it all' on line? That's sad too, because there's nothing like the feel of holding an actual book, not an iPad, Nook, Kindle...
4981	7/11/2012	I think the biggest threat is technology . A lot of people want it easy and fast but the library is more than just a place to get a book. It is a true experience, a portal to many worlds,one of this city's fine arts that is slowly being squeezed out. It is something that you can't get on your tablet or computer.

4982	7/11/2012	Lack of taxes on the rich and corporations. No more tax cuts. They need to pay their fair share; lord knows we are.
4983	7/11/2012	Budget cuts due to misinformation. Multnomah county's library system is something that is useful to every member of the community should they choose to utilize it, and nearly every person I know on a personal level does.
4984	7/11/2012	Complete loss of funding. Closures to neighborhood branches, especially those that need it most.
4985	7/11/2012	funding
4986	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
4987	7/11/2012	The union employees who hold taxpayers hostage.
4988	7/11/2012	The biggest threat in my opinion is that it would be forced to either shut down branches or continue to reduce the number o days they are open. The library has always been an option for me to go to when I had time to kill after school. I would hate to have it not be an option at all for some or to have to continue to limit days the branches are open.
4989	7/11/2012	budget cuts
4990	7/11/2012	Internet and lack of funding.
4991	7/11/2012	Transition to electronic media.
4992	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
4993	7/11/2012	not everyone in the community taking advantage of what they have to offer.
4994	7/11/2012	\$\$\$
4995	7/11/2012	government funding.
4996	7/11/2012	television
4997	7/11/2012	??
4998	7/11/2012	Lack of use by low-income communities
4999	7/11/2012	Services and hours being cut because of money hungry politicians.
5000	7/11/2012	Funding seems to be the biggest problem. Also, many people can use the internet from home now to access information and do research, making the need for actual books less necessary. Also the book industry itself seems to be on the wane.
5001	7/11/2012	Expanding your services beyond print media to encompass so many areas that you then can't afford any of them. Concentrate on keeping the basics and then expand when the economy improves.
5002	7/11/2012	Lack of funding! I would be more than happy to pay a bit more on my taxes if I knew it was going to a good cause like funding libraries and the programs and services they provide to the public.
5003	7/11/2012	Lack of funding

5004	7/11/2012	<p>Limitations on hours and services becoming so great that folks stop going there because they can't count on it being open and offering valued services.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Lack of understanding of what it truly costs to operate this incredible library system (if libraries described how much each service at each branch cost in the same way that OPB and KBOO do during pledge drives it might help...)</p>
5005	7/11/2012	<p>Not being able to go to the library if you need something right away.</p>
5006	7/11/2012	<p>Central Library: to be frank, it's become daycare for transients. I used to love being in the library, but no more. How to promote both access for all and an environment that isn't depressing and odoriferous? Hard to say. []</p> <p>Branch libraries: reduced hours and reduced programs of interest to the neighborhood.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Holdings: a frustrating system of periodical "holdings" online which are often virtual and as yet unattained. Thus the John C Public researcher without special access to university libraries is really out of luck in looking at many publications, which are promised online but have not yet been fully digitized--some more than one year's worth.</p>
5007	7/11/2012	<p>I think the ever-growing ability to access things online, from home, is the biggest threat to our local libraries. I still see libraries as a hub for community and an important point of engagement for people (especially youth) to access resources and develop a love for reading and knowledge/information-gathering. I think we have to keep access, programming, and marketing about what the library system has to offer at the forefront of library operations for local libraries to be sustainable.</p>
5008	7/11/2012	<p>New advances in technology replacing books for many people (ex. ipads, kindles, internet, etc.)</p>
5009	7/11/2012	<p>The fact that as a home "owner," (in Oregon you never really "own" your home) I cannot tolerate any more bonds , etc put on my property taxes. I think most of us do, and the school are coming after more money for their buildings, too.</p>
5010	7/11/2012	<p>The dissolution of public education, which leads to less interest in garnering knowledge.</p>
5011	7/11/2012	<p>Decreased access to library and materials not available to the community</p>
5012	7/11/2012	<p>Books downloaded from the internet. I haven't looked, are books available for the ipad from the library?</p>
5013	7/11/2012	<p>I suppose the biggest threat would be lack of funds. For a library to survive it needs the most up to date materials and equipment, and without the money for those items, a library becomes outdated and less-attended.</p>
5014	7/11/2012	<p>LACK OF use through lack of knowledge and increasingly insular tech while bureaucracy makes libraries less flexible to community needs due to funding guidelines</p>
5015	7/11/2012	<p>People not caring if the library stays or is gone.</p>

5016	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Libraries are in need of adequate funding to remain current, staffed, housed and accessible. At the same time, library users lacking funds (or urged by their employers to work longer) probably are unable to take time away from work to advocate for libraries.
5017	7/11/2012	section 5 isn't working properly and I was not able to rate my levels of importance. tax cuts would be the biggest threat to libraries, sad.
5018	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5019	7/11/2012	poverty and recession
5020	7/11/2012	Becoming obsolete because everyone thinks of them as places to store physical books, magazines, etc. Libraries need to do something about the fact that most current reading material isn't published on paper any more. Maybe need to have more space (comfortable seating, good access to WIFI, plenty of plugins) for people to use their laptops, tablets and e-readers rather than more bookshelves, etc.
5021	7/11/2012	People moving to Kindle and education systems in Portland area not well supported so literacy rates fall.
5022	7/11/2012	lack of funding for materials and staff/services?
5023	7/11/2012	Those who see taxes as the enemy.
5024	7/11/2012	Complacency.
5025	7/11/2012	People being unwilling to pay taxes/levies to keep the library running, and thus not voting for them or supporting them.
5026	7/11/2012	Technology. Kindle etc.
5027	7/11/2012	The ongoing corporate privatization of public spaces and public discourse, and the unwillingness of corporate entities and wealthy individuals to contribute appropriately to the public good. Libraries are unequivocally popular and are rarely threatened directly, but they are part of "the government" that we are constantly told must be starved and minimized in general, in order to extend the wealth of private entities.
5028	7/11/2012	cuts in funding
5029	7/11/2012	loss of funding
5030	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5031	7/11/2012	Lack of funding- libraries are an important community resource and important to our democracy. Funding cuts affect both our democracy and our communities
5032	7/11/2012	Not enough money to keep current and pay the amazing folks who work at the library.
5033	7/11/2012	Losing funding and broad based community support.
5034	7/11/2012	That they become less available. And that they do not stay current with the latest books and references. As an example, in trying to fix my car, I was checking all over the Internet, but could not get all the data I needed in one place. I went to the library and there was not only the manual to fix my particular model but also books that covered all angles on the subject and I understood and was able to fix the problem. No library, no fix. The Internet is just too random, too incomplete.

5035	7/11/2012	Republicans
5036	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5037	7/11/2012	We need a sales tax. We can no longer afford to use general funds and property taxes to raise income. We need a dedicated school fund and a dedicated library fund.
5038	7/11/2012	Funding
5039	7/11/2012	funding dependent on levies
5040	7/11/2012	County citizens too damn selfish to vote yes on library levy. Oregonians need to suck it up and put money where it matters... In education, reading, teaching
5041	7/11/2012	Financing
5042	7/11/2012	cuts in services to young and old
5043	7/11/2012	Our elected officials thinking tax brakes to lure companies to Oregon are more important than the education our library provides.
5044	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5045	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5046	7/11/2012	Budget cuts/lack of funding
5047	7/11/2012	Lack of support from the community.
5048	7/11/2012	print books are declining like the post office delivery due to email and electronic books. Maybe we will eventually not need so many print books as more computer access for folks w/o computers at home. We used to borrow DVD, now we can just get them on netflix. Ebooks are much more portable than print and I can indulge myself immediately when I finish one book and need another.
5049	7/11/2012	Right now the biggest threat to our local libraries is lack of funding. Portlanders not only like to read, they thrive on reading. It's not about electronic publishing or mass-discount retailers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble, because Portland loves its physical books.
5050	7/11/2012	Public distaste for funding community resources.
5051	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5052	7/11/2012	Losing funding and inturn threatening, in my opinion, society's most valuable resource.
5053	7/11/2012	Not being able to find the right books for a particular idea.
5054	7/11/2012	Underfunding [] []
5055	7/11/2012	Being used as hangout for the homeless , not related to actual use of library
5056	7/11/2012	lack of funding I would guess? Or perhaps lack of people actually reading books.
5057	7/11/2012	lack of money. people not understanding why they need to pay for them. Kindle :) Half.com. I couldn't find what I needed at a different library and through the online system found that mine didn't have it either - no one had it. so I got it on half.com.
5058	7/11/2012	ignorant voters
5059	7/11/2012	The Tea Party
5060	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to keep all the branches open with all the materials and programs they offer.

5061	7/11/2012	The current tax structure offers inadequate and unstable support for libraries!
5062	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding and appreciation for the importance of the Library to the community.
5063	7/11/2012	The internet is replacing brick and mortar libraries and books/media. Digital divide = those with internet access at home are going to be less supportive of more taxes for libraries. This is balanced by those on the other side who think that voting taxes on property they don't own is a free ride.
5064	7/11/2012	The dumbing down of America. Where there is no interest, there will be no tax money.
5065	7/11/2012	Library service cut-backs so severe hours open would not well serve the community and a reduction in current publications/materials.
5066	7/11/2012	People not being able to enjoy the library because of screaming kids and annoying teenagers!
5067	7/11/2012	Not getting the funding they need to have an clear community presence. It's so critical that we have a highly accessible system open every day of the week to ensure an enlightened, engaged, and connected community.
5068	7/11/2012	More technology involved in checking out books. It cuts out librarians, but they are a huge, important part of going to the library. Also, out of date computers, bad selection of books, and hooligans in libraries.
5069	7/11/2012	Helping tax payers understand the value our libraries provide the community. The library might consider focusing on a stronger public image via regular public relations. Let's see more articles in the news (print, TV, radio) about how the library is benefitting the community. Also, it's time for library employees to break away from considering themselves government employees. Instead I'd like to see employees focus on better customer service.
5070	7/11/2012	Lack of funding is obviously the biggest threat otherwise this survey would not be necessary. Why do we have this issue every few years?
5071	7/11/2012	Not sorting out the transition from paper books.
5072	7/11/2012	competition for limited funding with well financed business interests such as developers
5073	7/11/2012	A lack of funding caused by ballot measures, elections, and politics.
5074	7/11/2012	Nothing
5075	7/11/2012	lack of funding to keep the libraries open, clean and efficient.
5076	7/11/2012	Budget cuts!
5077	7/11/2012	Short hours! not enough funds to get current materials
5078	7/11/2012	Cutting funding for libraries & librarians. They're such amazing resources & I'm so thankful to live in this area.
5079	7/11/2012	Resources not matching the pace of growth in the community.
5080	7/11/2012	Funding
5081	7/11/2012	Other funding needs within the community
5082	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and use.

5083	7/11/2012	They are not often recognized as the truly vital part of our community that they are. They are often regarded as "extra" when they should be treated as a necessity.
5084	7/11/2012	An unelected, out-of-touch library board, not responsible to library users or to taxpayers.
5085	7/11/2012	Textards
5086	7/11/2012	lack of willingness to be taxed
5087	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5088	7/11/2012	People who don't realize that the library is a public service there to serve them. I think people forget that the library isn't free, but is created by a community and meant to serve the community.
5089	7/11/2012	funding? fear of taxes
5090	7/11/2012	lack of funding that curtails services, hours, and material currency. All of these can make the library irrelevant (due to abundance of digitized media) and make people forget how useful/important the library is to society.
5091	7/11/2012	Apathy and lethargy. Lack of focus on the importance of reading, research, and critical thinking skills.
5092	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, lack of qualified/talented staff especially in specialty areas (too often the reference librarians are not knowledgeable enough to be helpful), over-reliance on automated materials selection,
5093	7/11/2012	Cleanliness, security.
5094	7/11/2012	I guess funding.
5095	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to stay open and keep important community programs running.
5096	7/11/2012	Insecure sources of funding
5097	7/11/2012	You guys are doing really great job, keep going :) !!! but we need some more about like to help home school supplies like book or homework book and some basic language popular in Portland like Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean... to help, thank you, that's my opinion ! One of the biggest threats is the Multnomah county library trying to be all things to all people. For instance, we do not need to teach babies library habits. Can't the library wait until they are toddlers? Is that program really that successful? Teaching parents to relate to their children is not a job for the library story times are. [] The library is not a homeless shelter. As much as I care about the homeless, they are often disruptive; such as singing out loud because they are mentally ill, getting in fights, sleeping at computers, spreading their food and drink over a large space of the reading table--I see all of these things frequently, and they staff has either been told not to intervene, or they do not do so as a matter of course. At the NW library a person was singing so loud she could be heard throughout the library--for a half hour-- and people at the reading table were getting very irritated--I finally asked a librarian to intervene and she said she was just a sub. Another man from the reading table followed me and said "this place is like a lunatic asylum!" Finally a librarian intervened. This is nothing compared to the problems at Central where librarians routinely ignore serious disruptions. [] []
5098	7/11/2012	For all of the money that is spent at our library (a high rate of taxation, esp for Portland) we need to examine what is REALLY going on, and have the Library Administration and County Commissioners worry less about awards and more

5099	7/11/2012	Lack of proper funding.
5100	7/11/2012	Evidently it's budget cuts. But I also think it's people not realizing just how much the library has to offer.
5101	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate, ongoing funding
5102	7/11/2012	funding through continued taxation of property owners. I vote anything down that would increase my taxes. I pay 4,500 annual in Laurelhurst. Tax businesses or find another way!!
5103	7/11/2012	The Tea Party crazies who think all government is bad. They're wrong.
5104	7/11/2012	Stupid ignorant tax revolt tea-party no-nothings. Pardon my frustration, but libraries should be considered essential services like cops firefighters and teachers.
5105	7/11/2012	Ignorance of the value of community libraries and their resources. They are not only resources but community neighborhood zones where families, business owners, friends, non-profits and community groups congregate to gain knowledge and exchange ideas.
5106	7/11/2012	Funding.
5107	7/11/2012	I really don't know Sorry....
5108	7/11/2012	Not sacred enough.
5109	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5110	7/11/2012	Lack of access and lack of current resources for everyone.
5111	7/11/2012	People who don't use libraries not understanding how valuable they are to the rest of society. (Same issue for schools, etc.)
5112	7/11/2012	Ignorance. It's the same with the public school system. People who don't have kids, or use libraries, don't realize (or want to) all the values libraries offer their communities.
5113	7/11/2012	So many distracting and very entertaining materials are available a mouse's click away, especially with smartphones becoming more and more common. People will come to libraries less when they are able to access movies, music, and books online and with e-readers. A lack of attendance will lead to less business and income, and will put libraries in danger.
5114	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the failure to recognize libraries as a public good. Low income and at risk populations NEED the libraries for all of the above-job searches, ESL help, computers, educational and recreational reading. [] Ebooks, Kindles, etc are a threat as well, but there ARE people like me who although I can afford one, will NEVER buy one. I believe knowledge should be shared and the library is all about sharing. It makes information and knowledge available to those that might not otherwise be able to afford it. I don't want to buy an ebook that can NEVER be shared, never given away, is expensive and can only be read/enjoyed by me.
5115	7/11/2012	Right wing lunatics in local, state, and federal government.
5116	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5117	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

5118	7/11/2012	Cutting hours and accessibility, and limiting the materials available, will make the library less available and less of a "go to" for families and individuals. It is a great community resource, especially for kids, and I'd hate to see it become less available to them.
5119	7/11/2012	State & federal government out of control spending
5120	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5121	7/11/2012	funding cutbacks
5122	7/11/2012	Push surveys that give limited options. Poor fiscal management. We were told the levy we approved would operate at the same level. Then hours were restricted.
5123	7/11/2012	This reflects badly on the library.[] Take care, randy Dickinson
5124	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5125	7/11/2012	The political (corporate) right wing (those who mean to take control of all levels of government, to defund and privatize all public services, and to privatize them).
5126	7/11/2012	Funding issues
5127	7/11/2012	under funded
5128	7/11/2012	People who dont read and dont underarand the importance of knowledge
5129	7/11/2012	too many electronic books. It is assuming every one has the appropriate devise to use to read
5130	7/11/2012	Miss understanding of what it does for our community.
5131	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5132	7/11/2012	I would say Washington County libraries because they are so much bigger with a wider selection.
5133	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
5134	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5135	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5136	7/11/2012	Loss of revenue
5137	7/11/2012	Our dwindling funds, and the causes of that.
5138	7/11/2012	not being able to get more funding from taxpayers, who have seen home values decrease and have many hands out for ta; dollars. using existing fund amounts VERY wisely would be best, I think.
5139	7/11/2012	it appears to be financial investment.
5140	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
5141	7/11/2012	Diversion of funds away from the library
5142	7/11/2012	I don't know what the biggest threat is right now.
5143	7/11/2012	I think it would be not having enough funding, and not enough of that going to getting better books.

5144	7/11/2012	Lack of information about what it provides for FREE. I get movies for free, instead of paying Netflix. I get books for free, instead of hunting for them used and then selling them back. If I am interested in a vocal artist, I reserve one of their CDs, for free. I don't think people in the community really know about ALL the resources available to them, not just books. I avoided the library for years because I was too busy to read books before they were due--I had NO idea that all these other things were available until I was laid off and started using the library again. Now that I'm working again I still love the library and use it all the time.
5145	7/11/2012	Funding. People that don't believe in the value of free, public education and community resources.
5146	7/11/2012	General Funding and to sustain staff
5147	7/11/2012	Lack of funding for libraries to be open a full week. I feel bad for job seekers who don't have their own computers/internet to look for jobs with who will not be able to look for jobs on Mondays.
5148	7/11/2012	Shortened hours, low funding
5149	7/11/2012	Not enough income?
5150	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5151	7/11/2012	Privitization.
5152	7/11/2012	Funds. County should provide adequate funds for the libraries to run seven days a week. It's closure would impact the "haves not" the most.
5153	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
5154	7/11/2012	Unsteady source of funding.
5155	7/11/2012	People who expect services without taxes.
5156	7/11/2012	inadequate funds to keep high quality librarians and IT people on the payroll and maintain services and keep them current and relevant as the community's needs change and technology develops
5157	7/11/2012	Closing of branches in minority neighborhoods. These areas need the resources that the library provides the most.
5158	7/11/2012	lack of understanding of how important access to information is to maintaining an informed democracy... our system of governance does not work unless people have access to information from a variety of sources. Free public schools and free libraries are essential components of our society.
5159	7/11/2012	Lack of interest in the value of local libraries on the part of many residents.
5160	7/11/2012	sounds like lack of funding....we always vote for library funds.
5161	7/11/2012	People not knowing all the different things you can use the library for
5162	7/11/2012	i dont know
5163	7/11/2012	Property values
5164	7/11/2012	Bureaucrats. Politicians. Small-minded people who don't understand that a book can contain the entire world.

5165	7/11/2012	<p>Diversion of capital, e.g., to barely essential paving with patio bricks recently at Rockwood Branch, wasting money on purchased art, rather than displaying works on-loan.[]</p> <p>Being gathering points for gangs, dopers, transients.</p> <p>Let me just say the above list I would rate #1 for importance because they are all important in my opinion.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
5166	7/11/2012	<p>Now the biggest threat to our local libraries is of course the internet for publications and media stuff. But with that aside, it's always funding...there is never enough money for things that matter such as these. (at least that's what they keep telling us) America has got to get it's priorities straight. A good education is no longer getting us anywhere, we need a GREAT Education in order to succeed in these times. And in order to do that you must have the resources available to you and that would be the LIBRARY...no other source can services such a wide variety of men, women and children and the various cultures.[]</p> <p>I love the volunteers and just being able to speak to a real person instead of an automated voice or computer generated person who talks...give me a break.</p>
5167	7/11/2012	<p>Financial support.</p>
5168	7/11/2012	<p>Hard to say. Instability of funding seems like a big one, but it might suddenly seem secondary if sheets of lava were pouring into the city off of Mt. Hood. In which case, the big threat would be lava. People thinking that electronic hoo-ha has made literature irrelevant will be an increasing challenge, looks like. Ayep.</p>
5169	7/11/2012	<p>E-Readers could be a threat to our libraries, and home computers. These things take away a good portion of people that just read their news and information at home. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Lack of funding due to the recent four years of economical crises has also been a threat to our libraries.</p>
5170	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5171	7/11/2012	Cutting hours and resource material
5172	7/11/2012	apathy
5173	7/11/2012	stable funding
5174	7/11/2012	A) Funding; B) Book burners
5175	7/11/2012	Funding
5176	7/11/2012	funding cuts
5177	7/11/2012	Poor funding.
5178	7/11/2012	being in an anti-knowledge culture
5179	7/11/2012	I'm rather unsure on this. All that comes to mind is taxpayers unwilling to pay for services.
5180	7/11/2012	Lack of resources and space constraints (some branches simply aren't big enough to handle the demand).

5181	7/11/2012	the internet - on line access. The same as the threat to newspapers
5182	7/11/2012	Funding and the general move away from bound books.
5183	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. There are other challenges, like the changing nature of reading material, but the library seems able to adapt to meet these challenges. It needs its own funding so it doesn't have to compete with all of the county's other responsibilities.
5184	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and public resistance to increased tax to support library. Some say E-books - but I they can not replace the value of a good local library.
5185	7/11/2012	People who wont pay taxes
5186	7/11/2012	Less and less people use the library for actual books and resources everything is at home or on their phone. Libraries have less relevance because people can use other things to read and research.
5187	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is the failure to adapt to changing times. The role of community libraries as the primary source of printed materials and a central location for knowledge and study is changing. With the surfeit of knowledge stored on the internet and the availability of electronic forms of text, printed books are seeing a reduced role. I think that the library as a community resource should focus more on community programs (especially for young children; establishing reading habits is more important than ever). Trying to maintain the fullest catalog of media--while an admirable goal--does not make sense at this point in time. Instead, the library should maintain a large core catalog and be able to provide information and guidance for those seeking items not in the catalog.
5188	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding from the community at large at the importance of library and the significance of the resources they provide for diverse groups.
5189	7/11/2012	People whose goal is just to cut taxes without considerations of what is important.
5190	7/11/2012	People who are selfish and don't want a small tax increase to support one of the most important things our government does - promote reading and education!
5191	7/11/2012	Being paid for by levies
5192	7/11/2012	underfunding
5193	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5194	7/11/2012	Being closed on Mondays instead of being closed on Sunday. I don't believe that there is more demand for library services on Sunday than there is on Monday.
5195	7/11/2012	We cannot plan to continually increase property taxes. This is not sustainable for schools, libraries, etc. There was the expectation that passing a funding levy would maintain services and now that funding has been passed services are cut anyway. With automated check-out and e-books it seems there should be some efficiencies that would reduce costs without cutting days and hours.

5196	7/11/2012	I'm mostly concerned about the fact that Portland seems to put little priority on education. And in particular equal education for all no matter ones income level. That has effected the quality and funding of our schools. Now it seems that also is effecting the lack of interest in making Libraries a priority in our city. Portland as a city tends to talk a lot about knowledge and schooling and Powell's books. But, if we don't provide a place for a wide spectrum of people to access knowledge and for children to be inspired to learn and adults can get information. What are we left with? A city catering to upper class white people? Oh wait, that is pretty much is how it goes here.
5197	7/11/2012	Public hostility because of Library policies on pornography access.
5198	7/11/2012	the stock market
5199	7/11/2012	Government.
5200	7/11/2012	Not sure
5201	7/11/2012	Too many issues related to taxes on the ballot this Nov.
5202	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5203	7/11/2012	<p>This ranking is artificial to me. I have 3 children age 5 and under. We use the library a TON, but the most convenient thing for me is to put books/music/dvds on hold and go pick them up. I do appreciate the hours and we often spend time reading children's books, but the most important thing is to have a library that HAS books, media, access to electronic books (I use the Library 2 Go constantly as the mother of 3 young kids it is very hard to find time to read, but I can listen to audio books when I drive, exercise, nurse the baby or use the breastpump!). It is also important to provide books/electronic materials tc seniors or other citizens who physically can't get to the library. ☐</p> <p>It is NOT as important, however, to pay for plastic prizes for summer reading, or even to be open every single day. All the bells and whistles programs are EXTRA and should only be paid for with surplus money. If you need to cut, cut those discretionary things, but do not cut on having the latest and greatest, state-of-the-art materials and electronic versions/search engines, etc. If people/parents are motivated, they will get what they need from having those things available more than offering free classes, programs, or plastic prizes for kids reading.</p>
5204	7/11/2012	Funding
5205	7/11/2012	The County Commission not providing enough general fund money, due to urban renewal, enterprise zones and other tax give aways.
5206	7/11/2012	E-books, kindle app, less subscriptions to newspapers/magazines
5207	7/11/2012	lack of resources, cutting hours.
5208	7/11/2012	The high cost of PERS that takes so much of our tax money.
5209	7/11/2012	Not keeping up with digital information
5210	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5211	7/11/2012	Not enough funding. Electronic devices instead of real books.

5212	7/11/2012	#5 is broken. #6 It would be threatening to only have evening or daytime hours since I can only make it in the evening. I need the computer availability and the online access to the database.
5213	7/11/2012	They are a very important of each community, for all ages, and need to remain available to all that use our libraries.
5214	7/11/2012	Lack of a job base that supports enough people who can pay the taxes needed to pay for all the services and materials.
5215	7/11/2012	Funding. The internet.
5216	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to keep libraries open and services available.
5217	7/11/2012	neglect
5218	7/11/2012	Not being current or having updated technology
5219	7/11/2012	Underfunding
5220	7/11/2012	I feel the biggest threat is the closing of some of the libraries. That would make it more difficult for mothers with young children as well as senior citizens to take advantage of this marvelous resource. The real threat is that people will not read as much and children will not be given the opportunity to explore the world of books.
5221	7/11/2012	I have concerns that the highly qualified staff might have to look for different employment if their hours are cut.
5222	7/11/2012	I haven't really thought about that, so I don't have an answer for you. I guess on some level I feel libraries are so important, on so many levels, that it's unimaginable to think they could be threatened. E-books might be a threat, but I think the bigger threat is having your funding come from tax dollars. As the economy and jobs continue to do poorly people are less apt to want to raise taxes on themselves.
5223	7/11/2012	STUPIDITY ON THE PART OF MANAGEMENT. WE ARE GETTING AWAY FROM THE DEFINITION OF LIBRARY: A PLACE WHERE BOOKS ARE KEPT FOR USE. SEE ANYTHING IN THAT ABOUT COMPUTERS? WHY NOT GET BACK TO BASICS?
5224	7/11/2012	Closing all together, not staying open everyday, and hour changes.
5225	7/11/2012	lack of funds
5226	7/11/2012	Not knowing what the hours of operation are.
5227	7/11/2012	Lack of education - people are less and less likely to be readers these days.
5228	7/11/2012	Electronic books and not maintaining the library resources

5229	7/11/2012	the man
5230	7/11/2012	The survey didn't work. I cannot rate question 5, as the machine keeps the same set as soon as I ticked my number one choice
5231	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and landsharks (they might come and eat the books).
5232	7/11/2012	Modern media and technology, kindles etc.
5233	7/11/2012	mis appropriated funding; poor accessibility communication for public use information; value prioritization
5234	7/11/2012	Not being open sufficient hours/days to be a reliable resource for community members.
5235	7/11/2012	People who don't read, and don't value any print longer than a text message.
5236	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5237	7/11/2012	That we are paying for quite a few employees to not work very hard and we are also in a time when programs simply have to be cut back or even more of us will be losing our homes due to exorbitant taxes. This city is full of young, intelligent people who are renting. They're oblivious to the effect of increased property taxes. Bit by bit by bit through the years taxes go up for the library and for other services, yet we see waste everywhere. You don't even offer the option above of, "All branches and Central Library open AT MOST six days a week." Yet, I'm sure if I check that one instead of 7 days, you'll present it as us wanting the library open AT LEAST six days a week. You've built up mistrust.
5238	7/11/2012	Money or lack thereof. Duh
5239	7/11/2012	People don't understand how important libraries are and so they don't give them enough funding.
5240	7/11/2012	having it be closed, especially if the closure happens for there being a shortage of resources and funding after the people had all thought that they had passed the election issue FOR library funding when they voted for it recently..
5241	7/11/2012	Looks like funding :(Maybe electronic books. Would be nice to see the library loan open format books for the kindle and other devices (mobi etc).
5242	7/11/2012	the internet and electronic world. Books and other resources are easily accessible on the internet and through other electronic sources. I think this will deplete a lot of the resources the library now offers.
5243	7/11/2012	I'm not sure I understand this question, but I'd probably say losing funding
5244	7/11/2012	Budget cuts that would decrease availability.
5245	7/11/2012	Lack of steady funding.
5246	7/11/2012	Not sure
5247	7/11/2012	The library needs to attract more teenagers and young adults to keep it viable in the future.....Why not ask them (teenagers and young adults,,,,,,,,,,,,,what would attract them and how they see themselves using the library.....
5248	7/11/2012	Digital material available to check out online makes the physical building irrelevant for me now. Love it!! More budget should go towards digital offerings.

5249	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding.
5250	7/11/2012	decreasing hours and programs due to budgetary constraints
5251	7/11/2012	don't know
5252	7/11/2012	access to books and information on the internet
5253	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5254	7/11/2012	Too many demands on public money, making people choose between two things they value.
5255	7/11/2012	too many paid staff
5256	7/11/2012	money i imagine
5257	7/11/2012	lack of budget to keep them open
5258	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and resources I would guess.
5259	7/11/2012	People who don't appreciate that our library is a critical community element.
5260	7/11/2012	Funding
5261	7/11/2012	Financial support to stay w/ the times in regards to information accessibility.
5262	7/11/2012	Funding. Funding. Funding. Perhaps also the perception that while technology advances books become obsolete.
5263	7/11/2012	Slow death of print media
5264	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5265	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5266	7/11/2012	I would imagine it is inadequate funding.
5267	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding.
5268	7/11/2012	Lack of finances and the shortsightedness of those who don't realize the importance of the library system to health of this country.
5269	7/11/2012	Lack of money?
5270	7/11/2012	Not enough Funding
5271	7/11/2012	Hopefully, not closure. Smaller libraries are ties that hold the community together. The smaller they are the more important they are.
5272	7/11/2012	I'm not sure, but it is probably funding. There are few resources left around that are not controlled by money, business, and large corporations. The library is open to all, is free, and a place where everyone is treated equally and has equal access to information. Library funding should be a priority for our community.
5273	7/11/2012	Competition for funding? anti-tax initiatives[] []
5274	7/11/2012	employee pensions (I'm an old Democrat, but in tight times even unions need to give a little)[] [] privatization

5275	7/11/2012	Not enough money , need more volunteers, possibly some of the retired community could volunteer a few hours a week to work to keep the library open .
5276	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
5277	7/11/2012	not being open
5278	7/11/2012	Ebooks
5279	7/11/2012	lack of funds
5280	7/11/2012	Not sure
5281	7/11/2012	Ebooks. Lack of funding. Low reading comprehension, people not reading as much, and people having increasingly short attention spans.
5282	7/11/2012	Lack of interest and willingness to fund.
5283	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and aging buildings.
5284	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5285	7/11/2012	Loss of funding. The library provides so many valuable services to the community and it would be a tragedy if it suffered even more for lack of funding.
5286	7/11/2012	Limited financial resources.
5287	7/11/2012	lack of community support (funding)
5288	7/11/2012	No funding
5289	7/11/2012	Electronic media and electronic devices (kids aren't encouraged to read!)
5290	7/11/2012	Our economy which is threatened by outsourcing of American jobs.
5291	7/11/2012	People who don't think libraries are important. People who think everything is going electronic.
5292	7/11/2012	Closure! Electronic books replacing hand-held books.
5293	7/11/2012	Theft of books and videos.
5294	7/11/2012	closing
5295	7/11/2012	computers!!! do we need so many? kids dont need so many game computers!!! computers should be restricted to almost only practical uses!!!
5296	7/11/2012	Jeff Cogen's fumble about the library district has really thrown the library off course. The library needs secure funding -- and apparently it would be good for it to be free of the county commission!
5297	7/11/2012	Apathy from those who most need the resources --
5298	7/11/2012	Gross misuse of tax dollars. It seems to me that sufficient funds are being collected, but that those in charge of budgeting and allocating funds are not doing so in efficient manner. I think the libraries have fallen victim to government wastefulness. Our libraries are very important to our communities. It frustrates me that we are always having to beg for funds to keep them open. They should be a priority, but until our governing bodies learn to create realistic budgets and then adhere to them, I'm afraid we will always be begging for money. More libraries, fewer bike lanes.
5299	7/11/2012	money
5300	7/11/2012	Lack of funding risks closing branches or cutting down on available materials.

5301	7/11/2012	Regressive tax structures. Lack of real taxes for corporations. []
5302	7/11/2012	Misspending on remodeling and technology upgrades. No threats, best to spend and plan within the means that are allocated so you don't get overstretched beyond resources available--libraries are great!
5303	7/11/2012	Cutting back on available hours
5304	7/11/2012	Funding, we need libraries.
5305	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5306	7/11/2012	Short term political budgets and seeming loss of relevance. There is very poor advertising about functions other than having books and a wide variety of quality related to these additional services. This inconsistency makes it hard to keep people engaged or excited about the next opportunity.
5307	7/11/2012	Lack of funding causing cutbacks in hours, staff and materials.
5308	7/11/2012	Under funding, we need even more services & and keep updating the technology.
5309	7/11/2012	funding
5310	7/11/2012	funding being taken away from the library
5311	7/11/2012	Fear
5312	7/11/2012	Short-sighted mentality in politics, lack of funding
5313	7/11/2012	Money to continue in a full way.
5314	7/11/2012	Overspending and obstinately pressing the WORKING TAXPAYERS for more funds and operating levies. Taxpayers are tired, maxed out, broke, and 4 years into a depression. But government keeps coming to the well, and are very devious in getting the NON-TAXPAYERS to vote to spend OTHER PEOPLES MONEY. At some point, either enough taxpayers will move out of the state, or they will get fed up and start voting NO to every government program.
5315	7/11/2012	Although I ranked 7 day a week a lower priority, I actually feel all 6 are critically important to a thriving community. I think the biggest threat is those who consider libraries to be a non-essential luxury with no understanding on how many rely on their community library for life resources or worse don't feel it necessary to provide our neighbors with help resources in a safe environment. These are the people who will not to want pay any more tax because they do not use.
5316	7/11/2012	Limited hours
5317	7/11/2012	Unstable funding.
5318	7/11/2012	Lack of support and recognition for what the library represents for poor and working class folks who otherwise would not have access to books or computers.
5319	7/11/2012	Cutting back hours
5320	7/11/2012	seems like lack of funding
5321	7/11/2012	Stable funding! Our libraries need to know they can stay open and not have budget crunches every few years.

5322	7/11/2012	Lack of societal concern Lack of community funding
5323	7/11/2012	It would be great if there could be a way to support the library system without rapping the property tax paying families who are barely getting by.
5324	7/11/2012	Our libraries enjoy tremendous community support. Funding could be an issue but it was not clear that supporting the latest bond measure would result in reductions in service/hours.
5325	7/11/2012	Economy Not keeping up with new books on the market.
5326	7/11/2012	 And I can't read an ebook in the time given. Longer check out times for those are needed.
5327	7/11/2012	Resource overload: having too many volumes, whether print or electronic, without staff who can effectively curate the materials.
5328	7/11/2012	Keeping them open as much as the budget will allow. Tax payers must pay in order to keep them open as much as we want.
5329	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5330	7/11/2012	Advancement of technology and lack of funding
5331	7/11/2012	Funding.
5332	7/11/2012	Continued lack of funding!
5333	7/11/2012	loss of materials
5334	7/11/2012	Cutbacks to the point where there are not enough staff /materials to make it worthwhile to go
5335	7/11/2012	The possible decline of the value of the printed book. Reducing staff, shortening hours, closing completely. The funding is critical and it's a real drag we are in this boat year after year. Another threat is how few people seem to know how dire the situation is. Why is this? Is this another funding issue-- there's not enough money to publicize the problems?
5336	7/11/2012	
5337	7/11/2012	Loss of funding
5338	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5339	7/11/2012	Funding.
5340	7/11/2012	Trying to provide funding for and encourage interest in print media even though so much is available in digital form.
5341	7/11/2012	cutting hours, I feel like the continually decreased hours have made the library much less accessible for busy people The question 5 was tough.
5342	7/11/2012	 Lack of funding.
5343	7/11/2012	Lack of funding will kill the libraries. Most people will not have access to a lot of resources needed, especially students and the low income group.
5344	7/11/2012	Funding to keep libraries open during hours that are helpful and relevant to families.

5345	7/11/2012	Little funding.
5346	7/11/2012	It seems to me that the biggest threat to our local libraries is the lack of funding. I can't see a time when people will ever stop needing libraries. They enhance the quality of our lives. If they aren't there, the communities will be lacking.
5347	7/11/2012	Lack of awareness regarding the opportunities (classes, etc), and ease of use (website for searching for materials and placing holds). Hello? No money! ☹
5348	7/11/2012	If people don't think the library is useful, that's because they have no idea what you offer. Why are you not out at local events, showcasing your services? You should have a rotating booth at Saturday Market, all of our Farmer's Markets, neighborhood grocery stores. People who have no idea about the fabulous services and access that is provided with a library card.
5349	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5350	7/11/2012	A voting population that doesn't value free access to print- and web-based media, and that doesn't recognize the importance of programs to increase both traditional and technological literacy skills regardless of income or background.
5351	7/11/2012	Closing. The library should be a community center.
5352	7/11/2012	people holding the purse strings don't understand the importance & significance of the library in our community
5353	7/11/2012	Lack of necessary funding and ignorance. I fully support a library district, but have concerns that current proposals aren't asking for enough money to fund the library adequately into the future.
5354	7/11/2012	First, I'd like the libraries open 7 days a week, but I'm willing to give that up in order to save other programs. I think a threat is not having state-of-the art resources and technology and not being able to maintain broad, up-to-date collections. I worry about staff losing hours and jobs.
5355	7/11/2012	Budget cuts; people not being able to get transportation to library; loss in interest in print media
5356	7/11/2012	Apathy? Austerity? I feel like the demand for libraries is thriving and the willingness to fund the local library system is there as demonstrated by the overwhelming support behind the passage of the recent library ballot measure. I guess I don't know enough about the big picture to pinpoint the biggest threat. Maybe we need to rally some funding to create an endowment for the library. I know there are millionaires and businesses in Portland that might be willing to throw down some cash/donate a portion of sales. New Seasons? Eileen Brady? The Schnitzers? Can we do a Kickstarter?
5357	7/11/2012	I suspect it's funding, given the financial challenges that all government services are facing.
5358	7/11/2012	lack of funds
5359	7/11/2012	lack of money
5360	7/11/2012	Lack of literacy in the community.
5361	7/11/2012	Continued budget cuts

5362	7/11/2012	Too few hours and not enough material. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RANK ORDERING OPTION IN QUESTION 5 DOESN'T WORK. NO MATTER WHAT I DID IT NUMBERED 1-6 IN ORDER
5363	7/11/2012	Curtailing their resources to attract taxpayer attention, rather than taking austerity measures at the upper admin levels. Also, fallaciously designed surveys such as this one: "at least six days" is a flawed option, as it's not an acceptable alternative to seven days per week, and it skews the results, irrespective of where it's placed. Patrons aren't as ignorant as we're thought to be.
5364	7/11/2012	Budget cuts I guess or we wouldn't need this survey. In a more pragmatic sense, I suppose things like kindle or a dwindling interest in reading in the next generation. With all the distractions kids are inundated with these days, it is amazing you can get them to sit still to do anything let alone read or listen. I also think it is the lack of understanding that libraries are more than just books, but movies, CD's, online reading, computer access, community, sharing of ideas, and more. If you ask my dad, it is his need to own everything he reads, but really we all "own" the library. He just wants his own things. That type of option is also a threat.
5365	7/11/2012	Lack of secured funding
5366	7/11/2012	Lack of hours. This prevents people from being involved with the library. When this happens people forget how important it is.
5367	7/11/2012	1)Maintaining technology; 2)people taking it for granted and not caring that its there.
5368	7/11/2012	Apparently funding. Is that largely due to the cost of health care?
5369	7/11/2012	Republicans.
5370	7/11/2012	Funding! Officials are trying to make do with budget cuts, but DON"TARGET OUR LIBRARIES!!!! Belmont library is like my second home!
5371	7/11/2012	Funding threats
5372	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5373	7/11/2012	Funding?
5374	7/11/2012	lack of funding? that is a guess...
5375	7/11/2012	General maintance
5376	7/11/2012	loss of future readers in the young people. Then possibly theft.[] I did not mention loss of funding as I dont see that as an option.
5377	7/11/2012	It's hard to locate the book that you want.
5378	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
5379	7/11/2012	Underfunding
5380	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5381	7/11/2012	Funding to keep materials new and current.
5382	7/11/2012	Decreased funding
5383	7/11/2012	Closing
5384	7/11/2012	Online books and resources.

5385	7/11/2012	The Internet making almost everything in terms of textbooks available to the general public. Because of this, many might not see the need to visit their local library for access to books and other research or fun material.
5386	7/11/2012	Unstable funding and anti-intellectualism on the right.
5387	7/11/2012	Decrease in services due to ever increasing costs and level or decreasing tax funds. Let's face it: the two primary funding sources are property taxes and the state income tax, with an emphasis on raising property taxes -- but you can only raise property taxes so high (this isn't New York, you know). A sales tax would be a good first step toward rectifying this situation, but I know that isn't going to happen in this state.
5388	7/11/2012	Reducing days open
5389	7/11/2012	No money - no regular funding. This levy business is ridiculous. We need permanent tax dollar support.
5390	7/11/2012	loss of funding. republicans.
5391	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding of the importance of libraries to the general population, which seems to result in unwillingness of legislatures to fund them adequately. Along with the schools they are the most important foundation of democracy, and people just don't seem to get that.
5392	7/11/2012	Lack of funds which cause days and hours to be limited. With limited days and hours, people often aren't sure when the library is open, or it isn't open when they need it, so people get out of the habit of using the library and I believe overall usage will gradually drop -- just like with a restaurant or store that isn't open enough regular hours that people can depend on it being open..
5393	7/11/2012	I would hate to see branches close.
5394	7/11/2012	Lack of serviceable hours and locations
5395	7/11/2012	In my view, the risk is that the library try to do too many things, thus spreading itself too thin. In this case, the funding will not be sufficient, and none of the endeavors will be excellent. Of course, once an institution provides any service, people will become accustomed to it and advocate for its continuance. I would suggest that the library really assess what is it that libraries are meant to do at their core, and to focus on providing that at an excellent level. There are often other resources out there for the enhanced services, even though the library may also be good at them.
5396	7/11/2012	1 lack of govt funding obviously. 2 majority of public, doesn't use and therefore fully appreciate/value services.
5397	7/11/2012	Decreased funding, hurting public access to its resources.
5398	7/11/2012	That the libraries may close permantely.
5399	7/11/2012	Not keeping up with new media -- electronic books vs. paper.
5400	7/11/2012	Funding.
5401	7/11/2012	Labor costs
5402	7/11/2012	E-Readers, tablets and books online
5403	7/11/2012	Lack of funding

5404	7/11/2012	Funding deficits and loss of staff.
5405	7/11/2012	lack of use
5406	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5407	7/11/2012	Government greed and misappropriated funds
5408	7/11/2012	I don't see any threat, as long as taxpayers are willing to keep them operating.
5409	7/11/2012	not enough money
5410	7/11/2012	Cutting hours and closing libraries
5411	7/11/2012	You are attempting too much. Having a story hour is fine! I think very important to parents who support the library! I think you could be open 7 days a week, and cut costs! Do away with your computers! They are in the schools & Community Colleges. Do the old 'Book Mobiles' to senior centers! Maybe also close a few branches; & do a book mobile in those areas if usage is down. Rockwood; should be renamed!
5412	7/11/2012	lack of funding for staff and materials
5413	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5414	7/11/2012	People not understanding the value of public libraries, even if they don't (or rarely) use them themselves.
5415	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
5416	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5417	7/11/2012	We never like any tax increasing for library budget. I am struggling to pay my bill. If library fund is based on tax increasing, it is better to closed all. After all, we can not eat books to survive.
5418	7/11/2012	Funding and voters not fully valuing the presence of this community based resource in our community
5419	7/11/2012	Reliance on web-based access to materials and entertainment
5420	7/11/2012	Low tax revenues and low priority of education & education-related institutions like the library. Without an excellent library, a city cannot be excellent.
5421	7/11/2012	lack of money
5422	7/11/2012	Lack of funding[] Book worms :)
5423	7/11/2012	E-books. A lot of people are into book-buying rather than borrowing from the library. Still, there are great programs worth attending and the number and quality of books is great. One of our hurdles is that we don't have a library within walking distance. We could still bike there, but it does play into our decision making.
5424	7/11/2012	Lack of awareness of the community about the importance of a highly functioning library to every age group and every socio-economic level.
5425	7/11/2012	Lack of continued funding support.
5426	7/11/2012	lack of funding over the long term
5427	7/11/2012	Defunding.

5428	7/11/2012	fundibng problems that reduce hours and staffing.
5429	7/11/2012	Not sure, but maybe budget cuts would be the greatest risk.
5430	7/11/2012	Mitt Romney
5431	7/11/2012	too much overhead cost. The internet.
5432	7/11/2012	Budget cuts I would imagine. I can't imagine having grown up without a library, and even though I have a tablet and smartphone that I can read books on, I still love having a physical book to read.
5433	7/11/2012	not sure
5434	7/11/2012	I'm not sure. Ebooks maybe?
5435	7/11/2012	People who are unwilling to pay taxes!
5436	7/11/2012	lack of adequate funding
5437	7/11/2012	Cutting of hours. ---- Also a bit worried about keeping the 'hard copy' book collection current and large.
5438	7/11/2012	lenguages exchange
5439	7/11/2012	Technology - Books are becoming something of the past.....to keep readership up you will need to provide more electronic versions for a large portion of the population. Still, sadly, there are those who cannot afford technology, and they need somewhere to access it as well....the Public Library...yeah!
5440	7/11/2012	Funding cuts and illiteracy/a population of non-users.
5441	7/11/2012	Lack of personal involvement with the process of keeping them up and running.
5442	7/11/2012	Not being current in technology and in books.
5443	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding
5444	7/11/2012	People thinking libraries have to do everything...
5445	7/11/2012	The inauthenticity of politicians who are willing to fund their pet projects rather than the most valuable services to the community.
5446	7/11/2012	anti-tax advocates

		Obviously according to you it is funding. But you walk into the library and there are employees standing around trying to look busy - but not succeeding. You ask for advise, you are referred from one to the next and so on, and no one knows the answer. Particularly with checking out our own books, these people do nothing and then you are cutting hours and wanting more money? What for? []
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		You have e-books available - can anyone tell me how to program them into my Kindle?[]
		I need to do some genealogy, but there are set times to use the computer and are there any available? Not without sitting and waiting in line and then there are a certain amount of minutes to use it. []
5447	7/11/2012	[]
		I'm not happy about this latest cut in hours, especially when we were uninformed. There are lots of students who rely on the library to help them with homework and studies. Seniors who use it as a place to get out and about, borrow books that they can't buy. Lots of folks for which it is a preferable place to be, than on the street or at home. What is wrong with you people? []
		[]
		One more thing - is it only the property taxpayers that have to fund the library? And in doing so, we are paying for all the employees, the ones who stand around, and are we paying PERS/retirement benefits for each one too? How much more are you going to demand from us, by simply closing the doors? The Library belongs to the people, and we are already Expending resources to entertain the masses is the biggest threat to libraries. Public libraries should be a repository of information for those who want to improve the themselves and thereby our community. Providing a refuge to the income challenged to hangout and play games online for free probably weakens their resolve to be productive, civic minded, tax payers.
5448	7/11/2012	
5449	7/11/2012	Another tax increase.
5450	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
5451	7/11/2012	Funding seems to be a struggle to get, judging from recent articles in the local popular press.
5452	7/11/2012	I'm not really sure.
		Failure to stay relevant by not keeping a changing inventory of media and books. Long time users have specific interests but will loose interest after reading or using the limited items at the branch. There should be a better way to navigate the library sites for current material.
5453	7/11/2012	
5454	7/11/2012	Lack of understanding - why is there declining budget and reduced hours?
5455	7/11/2012	Funds being diverted to other projects
5456	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5457	7/11/2012	No funding.
5458	7/11/2012	Cuts to funding. Privatization, without a doubt.
5459	7/11/2012	libertarian greed = funding cuts
5460	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
5461	7/11/2012	I am not sure.
5462	7/11/2012	more reduction of hours

5463	7/11/2012	Adequate finance
5464	7/11/2012	Loss of funding for purchase of new materials or leading to branch closures/shortened hours
5465	7/11/2012	Closures due to inadequate funding.
5466	7/11/2012	Lack of funding? Please go ahead and tax me, I am more than happy to pay more than I currently am to fund our awesome library system.
5467	7/11/2012	Tough for me to pick between making resources available to everyone (small children AND elderly) and people turning to their computers instead of their local library. It seems like there are already programs in place to make the library material accessible to all ages, so I am going to go with meeting the needs of citizens in the computer age. I am so glad that I can now check out Kindle books, however I rarely do because you have only purchased a couple versions of each book so it can take several months for a title to become available. I would suggest purchasing more electronic copies as these are a one time purchase that will never be lost, stolen, or damaged. No lose.
5468	7/11/2012	? Lack of public support==appreciation of ideas, mostly written here, but also speakers, leading to research, books, papers..... and lack of secure funding with public support.
5469	7/11/2012	Censorship
5470	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5471	7/11/2012	Underfunding
5472	7/11/2012	decreased funding
5473	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5474	7/11/2012	duh, lack of funding!
5475	7/11/2012	lack of funding.
5476	7/11/2012	The internet.
5477	7/11/2012	Funding! Our librarians were replaced with silly machines that are somewhat sloppy to use. We love our Librarians!
5478	7/11/2012	Spending too much money on buildings, losing voter support, and underfunding books, hours and people. How can you open all seven days w/o increasing the budget? That is what we are all needing to figure out how to do, like it or not.
5479	7/11/2012	People losing interest in printed books.
5480	7/11/2012	funding
5481	7/11/2012	I am always concerned when I see every few years that voters have to approve new funding measures for the libraries, as I worry that household economic hardships will cause people to vote against funding. I feel that this would be a tragedy. We need a stable funding base for the libraries that does not have to be approved by voters every few years and be subject to the economic ups and downs. Libraries are one of the most important public institutions that we have.
5482	7/11/2012	Not sure. Illiteracy? But definitely lack of knowledge on how to use the library is a big threat.
5483	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5484	7/11/2012	lack of funding

5485	7/11/2012	The chintzy outlook of a lot Portland, epitomized by the mantra "no new taxes".
5486	7/11/2012	Impersonalization of learning and knowledge by overuse of technology.
5487	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Don't think the facilities will ever go unused or unappreciated.
5488	7/11/2012	budget cuts
5489	7/11/2012	computer reading. texting. funding. illiteracy. short attention span of americans.
5490	7/11/2012	Reduced funding!
5491	7/11/2012	Other sources to get information that may not be accurate. Information provided by library that is not true or severely limited.
5492	7/11/2012	Funding
5493	7/11/2012	Health care, PERS costs, criminal justice (including prisons). It is a guess, but I think these costs are squeezing the tax base so much that libraries, parks, and many other important aspects of our civic life are being crowded out.
5494	7/11/2012	Funding
5495	7/11/2012	<p>The possibility that misinformation about privatization will be believed and acted upon. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The framing of public services as burdens on the citizenry rather than investments that pay long term dividends is a powerful idea that undermines confidence in the institutions that manage the public services. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The library and similar public goods and services providers need to get a little more proactive and sophisticated about knowing the moral foundations that justify their existence and communicating with the public from those foundations.</p>
5496	7/11/2012	Less interests in public educational level.
5497	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5498	7/11/2012	Irrelevance due to free or very cheap digital media.
5499	7/11/2012	possibly theft
5500	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5501	7/11/2012	Don't know.
5502	7/11/2012	obviously lack of funding.
5503	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5504	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5505	7/11/2012	People not taking advantage of the opportunities the local libraries offer!
5506	7/11/2012	Apathy
5507	7/11/2012	funding
5508	7/11/2012	Mismanagement, theft, and PERS.
5509	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5510	7/11/2012	Funding

5511	7/11/2012	don't know
5512	7/11/2012	People who do not value knowledge and education- or services that benefit the community as a whole.
5513	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding.
5514	7/11/2012	not sure how to answer this question.
5515	7/11/2012	If the voting public doesn't realize how important libraries are, the levies won't get passed.
5516	7/11/2012	Funding-it needs to be a priority, so much tax money is wasted, if it were used more judiciously there would be money for these educational programs.
5517	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
5518	7/11/2012	closure
5519	7/11/2012	lack of funding; ignorance about the vital role they play
5520	7/11/2012	Internet and ebooks. Funding.
5521	7/11/2012	Loss of hours, budget cuts...I dunno?
5522	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5523	7/11/2012	Staying relevant in an electronic age
5524	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5525	7/11/2012	Funding?
5526	7/11/2012	Becoming obsolete and therefore unused
5527	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5528	7/11/2012	Gangs. Punk kids. No filters on the internet. Safe area dor kids.
5529	7/11/2012	lack of funding to maintain this precious community resource.
5530	7/11/2012	the public taking library services for granted.
5531	7/11/2012	For the younger generation not having enough opportunity to explore reading.
5532	7/11/2012	So many people seem to have forgotten the feeling of holding a real book in their hands. Last time I flew on a plane I was the only person for rows reading from a real book. I find it quite alarming.[] (Though I also see online books, available through the library, an option for people in this electronic era.)
5533	7/11/2012	Biggest threat = The public's perception that public libraries are becoming irrelevant and therefore shouldn't be funded.
5534	7/11/2012	I am not sure.
5535	7/11/2012	Lack of resources
5536	7/11/2012	The internet and ebooks.
5537	7/11/2012	The Tea Party!
5538	7/11/2012	Thinking that libraries aren't a critical and essential service to the community
5539	7/11/2012	Loss of funding, resources, people knowing what these funding sources are and what kind of resources libraries provide.
5540	7/11/2012	lack of funding. On-line books.

5541	7/11/2012	Funding deficits.
5542	7/11/2012	Not having enough access due to budget cuts
5543	7/11/2012	Republicans.
5544	7/11/2012	Being replaced by all digital assets. Not sure if this is even a threat. I have been going to the library less now that I can loan books on my kindle.
5545	7/11/2012	a capitalist government. losing hours of operation and resources are both significant threats.
5546	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is the minority who do not use library and do not understand that it is a vital part of the community as a social hub, learning hub, place for homeless to use resources, place to use a variety of materials, place to have access to people who can point you in the right direction for information.
5547	7/11/2012	Haviing No hours...being shut down
5548	7/11/2012	I am not able to "rank" importance (above) due to computer problem. My fear for our local libraries include not having enough educational programs and having them open enough days/hours.
5549	7/11/2012	Citizens who do not realize the assets and the priviledge of public libraries.
5550	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5551	7/11/2012	losing funding
5552	7/11/2012	I'm not aware of any threat to our local library. This community is lavish in its support of libraries.
5553	7/11/2012	No stable source of funding. It needs to a priority. We have a library system with the about 3rd highest circulation in the country. Multnomah County residents depend on the libraries being open, well-stocked and stably funded. Temporary levies are not sufficient. Tax is an inflammatory word, but we need a steady tax to fund our libraries.
5554	7/11/2012	Books going digital
5555	7/11/2012	Apathy.
5556	7/11/2012	Taxpayers voting to cut funding/ apathy.
5557	7/11/2012	Wasted money spent on paying people to read to toddlers. I am a mother and I think it should be a parent's job, not poor use of tax payers money
5558	7/11/2012	?
5559	7/11/2012	Lack of finances
5560	7/11/2012	Lack of trust in library management. Lack of funding.
5561	7/11/2012	they keep getting rid of old classics
5562	7/11/2012	Lack of money.
5563	7/11/2012	funding

5564	7/11/2012	I don't know. I guess it's budget since you're having us take this survey.[] Maybe it's these Kindle things - I hate them myself. Kids should appreciate the joy that books can bring - color, pictures, how the pages feel, what the cover looks like, etc. Much better than looking at another screen.
5565	7/11/2012	Tax cutting anti government sentiment.
5566	7/11/2012	Not being funded to offer all that it offers now.
5567	7/11/2012	Lack of Funding
5568	7/11/2012	The growing demand for computer driven media. It's a very tough task master.
5569	7/11/2012	Reducing the days of the week it is open - it's a slippery slope, once a day of the week is eliminated, it is hard to get it back.
5570	7/11/2012	complacency: "ah, it's always been there. probably always will be."
5571	7/11/2012	??
5572	7/11/2012	The taxpayers. The lack of a sales tax.
5573	7/11/2012	inadequate funding - and i might add, threatened libraries absolutely threaten the nation in so many ways.
5574	7/11/2012	I'm guessing, but my biggest fear is that at some point people will believe that the libraries are expendable, and will try to eliminate them altogether. I'm shocked at how some people believe that the internet can somehow replace library's content. CRAZINESS! I think many people also don't understand the sheer amount of resources available only through the library (out of print material, research material, etc.) Access to free information and knowledge is precious and should always remain to ensure an educated population.
5575	7/11/2012	Cutting open hours back too far. Not realizing the importance of the education that the general public receive from libraries.
5576	7/11/2012	apathy and lack of funding
5577	7/11/2012	Competing levy priorities such as funding PPS replacement bonds. Jobs for those within the tax base.
5578	7/11/2012	Continued economic malaise which impacts public finances.
5579	7/11/2012	Money
5580	7/11/2012	Funding
5581	7/11/2012	Don't know
5582	7/11/2012	Poor selection of materials and books leading to poor prioritized spending.
5583	7/11/2012	People who don't believe that educating one raises us all; those who feel each individual deserves only as much education as she/he can afford.
5584	7/11/2012	google and video entertainment, short-sighted bureaucracy
5585	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
5586	7/11/2012	Funding
5587	7/11/2012	not keeping up with new books and wide range of materials

5588	7/11/2012	Poor economy.
5589	7/11/2012	Funding. Politicians.[]
5590	7/11/2012	[] People not knowing what a great thing we've got going.
5591	7/11/2012	unemployment
5592	7/11/2012	People who do not read (for recreation or checking out books for school use) not realizing how much many people appreciate and use the libraries.
5593	7/11/2012	Services being cut due to under use and lack of promotion. Getting the word out about what the library does helps community members understand why funding the library is important. Hopefully the libraries in the under served areas aren't the branches that are losing services and hours. That would be the biggest threat to our community.
5594	7/11/2012	Funding
5595	7/11/2012	not enough funding[] electronic readers such as Kindles
5596	7/11/2012	I don't know Insufficient funding. My concern is that as a senior on a fixed income, I will be nickled and dined to death by various municipalities as budget shortfalls continue.. I would love to see the library services remain "free" and not susceptible to fees, but that may very well happen.[]
5597	7/11/2012	[] I am also concerned that I just voted for the continuation of the bond levy. Now, I understand that there will be efforts made for a more stable funding through a separate library district.tax. I would like to see a minimum level of taxes levied as long as the bond levy is in effect. If such language is not included in the propoasal for a library district, I will not support that. The economy+Kevin Mannix & co. A huge percentage of state funds are going to prisons, and we have no income from sales tax. The right wing wants to run the state into the ground. Meanwhile we have so many people without jobs and resources, who desperately need a good library system.[]
5598	7/11/2012	[] First priority is full hours, six days a week. Limited hours six days is too hard for working folks. If you can get full hours six days, I'd put seven days last. Second priority is having current materials (including large print and audiobooks for accessibility), but frankly I'd much rather see the library fund programs for jobseekers, ELL folks, kids and seniors than sponsor paid search engines or put money into the e-book system. Those are luxuries compared with the rest, and I speak as a researcher who uses them.
5599	7/11/2012	ebooks!!!
5600	7/11/2012	Lack of public funding?
5601	7/11/2012	Budget cuts

5602	7/11/2012	Lack of funds.
5603	7/11/2012	Don't know.
5604	7/11/2012	Reduced hours
5605	7/11/2012	Funding and the cost of new technologies
5606	7/11/2012	The shrinking number of readers.
5607	7/11/2012	Lack of funds.
5608	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5609	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding
5610	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Possibly e-books, but we're not sure if this has impacted the library yet. It seems that it will, considering the impact they've had on bookstores. I understand funding is key!
5611	7/11/2012	But if the library was open 5 days a week, I'd adjust my going there & schedule accordingly! I have been to libraries in other states that were open 5 days with one as a half day & it worked
5612	7/11/2012	Not being able to buy enough new books. Not being able to fund denough edicated, high quality staff.
5613	7/11/2012	Funding; however, I personally think theft of materials is a problem.
5614	7/11/2012	Budget
5615	7/11/2012	Technology that reduces need for hard copy books.
5616	7/11/2012	Technology.
5617	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5618	7/11/2012	Non use
5619	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5620	7/11/2012	I think the Multnomah Library demonstrates a good ability to adapt to our changing world. I think a big threat is if future generations aren't taught to love reading and the library. Funding seems the obvious answer, but really it's values. We fund what we value. With technology and ebooks so readily available, I hope libraries continue to stay a priority for our community. As someone who loves real books, I hope we continue to love our libraries!
5621	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, and therefore appropriate staffing and access to materials.
5622	7/11/2012	Internet, e-books. Also taxpayers failing to see the big picture, just wanting to reduce taxes without thinking of community impact.
5623	7/11/2012	Closure and short hours
5624	7/11/2012	The way that funding is tied to property taxes.
5625	7/11/2012	LACK OF MONEY
5626	7/11/2012	Money?
5627	7/11/2012	Not enough government funding.
5628	7/11/2012	BUDGET CUTS!
5629	7/11/2012	

5630	7/11/2012	I don't know. I thought we approved the financing for the libraries at the recent election, so I don't understand the problem. assume the threat is the Tea Party and/or the Republicans who want to divert the money to something else.
5631	7/11/2012	lack of money
5632	7/11/2012	Funding cuts! I believe all of the above items are incredibly important to the library. It is something we should value and fund as a community.
5633	7/11/2012	Becoming out-of-date and irrelevant. Yes, I know that requires money. Loss of staff and resource people to assist patrons in accessing library resources.
5634	7/11/2012	Shutting them down.
5635	7/11/2012	funding and theft
5636	7/11/2012	Maldistribution of public funds.
5637	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, poor management. If expensive programs do not provide a strong ROI, then cut it. The most important feature is good facilities, with access to current materials and resources.
5638	7/11/2012	Besides funding?
5639	7/11/2012	Not being open the hours needed and not having some of the more current materials to reach out to readers.
5640	7/11/2012	lack of funding, overuse by unclean people driving away broader use
5641	7/11/2012	Lack of knowledge about what library provides. inefficient tax structure, people who don't use library and dislike government
5642	7/11/2012	Ignorance
5643	7/11/2012	Illiteracy. Many people erroneously think that the Internet and other computer-related information feeds have made books and magazines, and by extensions libraries obsolete or redundant. The result is a growing segment of the population that does not realize how the inability to read/listen critically is condemning them to eventual second-class citizenship.[] This is not a Luddite diatribe against computers; I make my living with those and automation logics.[] I believe that if people knew more about the active roles that libraries have in information technology, the libraries would receive more political support; the pols may listen to their constituencies (we can hope).
5644	7/11/2012	Corporations.
5645	7/11/2012	Not being open during after work hours
5646	7/11/2012	our biggest threat is lack of funding and reduced hours.
5647	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5648	7/11/2012	Funding issues - somehow not all of us understand the need to pay for these services that benefit the entire community.
5649	7/11/2012	Hours being cut. Everyone is busy, and we need our local branches to be open when we have the time to use them.

		Trying to maintain and keep current too many branch libraries given the funding limitations.
5650	7/11/2012	6 days a week scheduling is perfectly acceptable, closing a few libraries to keep the remaining ones current and serviceable is also acceptable.
5651	7/11/2012	stable funding
5652	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding. It is imperative that our youth have access to books research materials and computers so that they will have a strong base from which to learn throughout their life.
5653	7/11/2012	Apathy and/or ignorance of the importance of free public information and literacy help. Assumptions about access to technology (not everyone has access to information via computers, internet, higher education).
5654	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5655	7/11/2012	funding and accessibility at certain days/hours
5656	7/11/2012	Funding. You can't keep asking property owners for more money. Every agency wants to keep adding levys to our property taxes and we just can't afford it. Plain and simple we can't keep our properties when it costs more. Not in this economy.
5657	7/11/2012	That people see online resources as available elsewhere. Libraries are the only place that make these resources available freely to the public no matter who they are.
5658	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and increasing need to provide basic social services to an a growing population of homeless, underserved patrons.
5659	7/11/2012	loss of materials
5660	7/11/2012	Cutting funding.
5661	7/11/2012	Limited budget
5662	7/11/2012	I have no idea.
5663	7/11/2012	budget
5664	7/11/2012	Becoming irrelevant.
5665	7/11/2012	Question 5 forced a ranking that does not accurately reflect my views, although the #1 ranking of All branches and Central Library open with full hours - seven days a week is of most importance of the options above.
5666	7/11/2012	Not being able to keep up with current media and current educational texts.
5667	7/11/2012	Technology -- Ipad, Kindle Fire; however, nothing can replace a "book". Nothing can replace knowledgeable staff in researching any project.
5668	7/11/2012	Public perception that the library is on the ballot every time asking for money.
5669	7/11/2012	Short-sighted taxpayers. Need more community involvement. Need outreach to involve more and diversr people, especially seniors- if involved more they will build support/volunteers cheap and overcome their natural oppossion taxes and bonds.
5670	7/11/2012	The state of the economy.
5671	7/11/2012	Lack of participation

5672	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5673	7/11/2012	That they won't have sufficient funds to provide great access to well-stocked libraries with services desired by Multnomah county residents of such diverse ages, interests, and needs.
5674	7/11/2012	funding
5675	7/11/2012	Lack of funding that will reduce the resources our libraries are able to provide to the community
5676	7/11/2012	theft of materials and community support
5677	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding source
5678	7/11/2012	Operation hrs. New books along with variety of new material.
5679	7/11/2012	Not being open during hours when the most people will need it.
5680	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5681	7/11/2012	I assume it's lack of funding.
5682	7/11/2012	In the current economic climate, the biggest threat is if the community becomes short-sighted and reduces library funding to a point that the services do not meet the community and individual needs.
5683	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
5684	7/11/2012	fiscal shortfall
5685	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding
5686	7/11/2012	being closed one day a week - must be 7 days per week
5687	7/11/2012	People who don't read.
5688	7/11/2012	I fear if we remove service days from our library they won't come back, even if they economy has stabilized. Once services go on the chopping block and life goes on, it seems that reduction in service becomes a go-to for budget cuts.
5689	7/11/2012	Funding! I am always happy to vote for more funding for my library.
5690	7/11/2012	Anti-intellectual ignorance. Greedy "I've got mine, you get yours" attitudes. A short-sighted perspective on the importance of freely available access to information being a cornerstone of education and society as a whole.
5691	7/11/2012	First, my items ranked 3, 4, and 5 are of equal import to me. We cannot place one segment of our society above another in need. The public library is to provide resources for all. It may be the last public place that many, many of our residents all use. It may be one of our last unifiers. [] []
5692	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is lack of funding for a full use library. Shrinking tax base reducing limiting funding as the need to provide "new media grows.
5693	7/11/2012	It is people's attitudes about paying taxes to support the Library. There are some people who are unwilling to support our community institutions. They want to spend their money wherever they wish. It is necessary to engender a sense of social responsibility and sharing, This is a step that our schools can take. This will help the stability of our society from schools, to the fire department, from the police to the our local government.

5694	7/11/2012	I'm not sure, but I think public libraries should be important community hubs that serve as wide of a slice of the community as possible. Keeping libraries open in low-income communities is also very important. Allowing access to quality, current information is the backbone of a free-thinking, idea driven society.
5695	7/11/2012	The biggest treat is non funding by the citizens.
5696	7/11/2012	Funding, I guess, but I thought we just passed a levy - why are we seeing budget cuts if the levy passed.
5697	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
5698	7/11/2012	Money.
5699	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5700	7/11/2012	Unknown
5701	7/11/2012	Funding, right?
5702	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and access is threatened if the funding is too low.[] People want to use them.
5703	7/11/2012	The transfer of money, including tax dollars from the public sector to the private sector. The Republican agenda to privatize everything including libraries, prisons and government services in general.
5704	7/11/2012	Something this is helping to address: not having an explicit conversation about what we want libraries to be, especially given finite community resources.
5705	7/11/2012	funding
5706	7/11/2012	Jeff Cogen. Tax compression.
5707	7/11/2012	lost materials
5708	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding of education --> decreased literacy and civic values.
5709	7/11/2012	in my opinion, none.
5710	7/11/2012	clearly, the budget. As a local homeowner who is lower-middle income (home value about 300,000 and annual income about \$40,000) I want to see the library well funded, but I think it is time to spread the responsibility for funding the budget to the population of multnomah county in the form of a sales tax. My choice to consume is more flexible than my ability to pay more in property taxes.
5711	7/11/2012	Citizens who don't value reading, education, self-improvement, and equal access for all.
5712	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
5713	7/11/2012	Being a small annex it may not be as important to the county as larger branches.
5714	7/11/2012	Funding
5715	7/11/2012	Lack of funds for librarians, materials and programs.
5716	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5717	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5718	7/11/2012	Funding cuts as well as a lack of early and continued use of libraries. Though many resources can (and should) be offered online, the social aspect of libraries should be funded and preserved.

5719	7/11/2012	Being closed would be a catastrophic! I Pad and Nook able to download books for free, more access to computer materials.
5720	7/11/2012	For families like our that can not afford to go to movies and other out of the home fun...the library is the best. I love the childrens time, at thier school they havw visisting librarians that bring in a new world for many children. It never amazes me that the things that embelish our lives (especially low income) They want to cut this or that touches all races, the rich and the poor, young and old. I believe the library in one of our top resources for everyone.
5721	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5722	7/11/2012	Republicans and their tax cut mentality.
5723	7/11/2012	Lack of funding due to the permanent war economy.
5724	7/11/2012	Republicans.
5725	7/11/2012	Stagnation. Libraries need to move away from large physical structures. Focus more on E-materials and small kiosk like libraries for picking up reserved material which would be store housed at a large central building with a small staff.
5726	7/11/2012	The unhygienic
5727	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5728	7/11/2012	Apparently funding...
5729	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
5730	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5731	7/11/2012	Selfish individuals who can't spare a few pennies' tax to help fund the education/enrichment of our society are the biggest threat to our libraries, in addition to other vital services a functioning society must have.
5732	7/11/2012	? Lack of funding for resources
5733	7/11/2012	Mismanagement of funds.
5734	7/11/2012	Closures
5735	7/11/2012	The above question (5) assumes we value each (and only each) of the six options. There should be an N/A column and an option to fill in our own value. Those ranked 1-5 are most important to me as a library cardholder, 6 (in my opinion) is a duplicate community service (there are other organizations in the county that offer those sevices). The Library should stick to its core competencies.¶ Biggest threat = staying relevant by offering services and materials patrons want. This includes keeping pace with change, including the addition of more digital content and services to help patrons (of all ages) use digital media.
5736	7/11/2012	don't know
5737	7/11/2012	E-books!
5738	7/11/2012	?
5739	7/11/2012	Limited hours and books

5740	7/11/2012	those in upper government to think that the libraries are a waste of funds and to not understand how library access is a staple to many Gresham families.
5741	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5742	7/11/2012	Republicans! Just kidding. Loss in funding.
5743	7/11/2012	There are too many proposed tax increases in a depressed economy. Something has to give. Property taxes are going up while incomes are not. Most people are happy to make the amount of income they made in 2007. I know I am.
5744	7/11/2012	Libraries work because they are accessible and patrons can utilize so many resources. Libraries open doors. The biggest threat is that the libraries doors are closed too often or that they are seen as obsolete in an age of digital access to everything.
5745	7/11/2012	The drain on resources that is caused by individuals who are not using the library for reading books.
5746	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding.
5747	7/11/2012	costs for acquisitions and labor
5748	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5749	7/11/2012	Funding, people not thinking books are important or realizing everything the library offers
5750	7/11/2012	e-books. kindles, etc.
5751	7/11/2012	Hours getting cut while most people are turning to the internet for information. Libraries are an important asset of our community. None of the best internet sites can replace it.
5752	7/11/2012	Bdget cuts, lack of foresight, people reading less, people don't know about all the programs and items the library offers.
5753	7/11/2012	Lack of funds that force choices like those above. I personally would love to have the libary open full hours, seven days a week. Not only would it serve my needs better, it would provided living wage jobs, but I also need to live my values and consider the needs of others in the community. I know the commissioners have tough choices, but the library is a resource that is not wasteful or wasted.
5754	7/11/2012	Lack of funding?
5755	7/11/2012	lack of private funding
5756	7/11/2012	lack of funding it seems
5757	7/11/2012	I would say it might be a tie between funding and the shift to digital media, though libraries have been fairly good at offering audio books, etc.
5758	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, it seems! We don't have a deep or long enough cultural connection here (and in the US, as a whole) to civic resources such as libraries, so people don't always put much value on them, and thus aren't willing to allocate much money to them. It's a shame.
5759	7/11/2012	Pit bull's running at large through the aisles and small unattended children with matches.
5760	7/11/2012	It appears to be funding. They are such a good resource and heavily used, but funding doesn't seem to keep up with the demand of patrons.
5761	7/11/2012	electronic reader options like the kindle

5762	7/11/2012	Trying to do too much with too little. Let's stick to basic services. Library + books & media + open doors.
5763	7/11/2012	To be closed. Senior reduction. Less community involvement
5764	7/11/2012	People that don't understand their value. People that don't use them.
5765	7/11/2012	funding
5766	7/11/2012	Funding. This is a great library system and should be fully funded.
5767	7/11/2012	I don't know. Stinky homeless people?[] []
5768	7/11/2012	I'm not really sure because I don't know if the PERS system will drain library financing.[] [] I'm also not really sure about how reduced hours/days of service will affect my family. I'd like to see how it goes for a few years.
5769	7/11/2012	if the library is not used.
5770	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, competing for funds with the MCSO and failure to change as needed to meet the needs of the public in the age of google. I think the library tries to do the latter, although it is a challenge.
5771	7/11/2012	It's own excellence. More exactly the associated money needed to maintain that excellence. Ambivalence/apathy[]
5772	7/11/2012	People often associate taxes as a negative, forgetting what valuable services they help pay for libraries, police and fire, to name a few. Limiting how many hours they are open will quickly phase them out. If they are inconvenient then soon they will be forgotten and then they will become extinct. If they are only open during business hours that will be silly and drastically reduce the size of the audience they can reach. Keep them open so they keep open! No one will remember if they don't use them!!
5773	7/11/2012	
5774	7/11/2012	Funding.
5775	7/11/2012	Republicans
5776	7/11/2012	Too much emphasis on computer usage.
5777	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5778	7/11/2012	Funding.
5779	7/11/2012	Mismangement.
5780	7/11/2012	I imagine it is funding to sustain it's programs, hours of operation, purchasing media, etc..
5781	7/11/2012	tax cuts? Troutdale just voted and is paying taxes on a library that is now closed Mondays and is cutting hours!
5782	7/11/2012	Lack of public funding.
5783	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5784	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

5785	7/11/2012	Closing it's doors completely.
5786	7/11/2012	losing funding
		City tax revenue is prioitizing other causes. Why do we have this incessant problem today and did not have it 20-25 years ago when tax revenues covered budget for schools, library police etc. Why not charge small amounts to use faciities \$10/year for card, an extra \$10/year for computer usage. etc.
5787	7/11/2012	Since when did the library system decide it should be teaching babies to read (or maybe just entertaining babies for their mothers/fathers. Since when did the library take responsibility for seniors ... are deliveries made by other more active retired seniors as a volunter service?
5788	7/11/2012	e-readers - but I appreciate access to electronic books via the library - it's great!
5789	7/11/2012	funding
5790	7/11/2012	Funding
5791	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5792	7/11/2012	E-books, the buildings won't be that necessary.
5793	7/11/2012	Cuts to funding.
5794	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding
5795	7/11/2012	internet and kindle
5796	7/11/2012	not enough funding
5797	7/11/2012	dk
5798	7/11/2012	??
5799	7/11/2012	Budget cuts, not only in the form of reduced operating hours, but in hiring qualified staff. Librarians need to be qualified and need to be paid competitive salaries!
5800	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5801	7/11/2012	Funding. Under utilization.
5802	7/11/2012	lack of educational standards in Oregon
5803	7/11/2012	predatory perverts
5804	7/11/2012	Trying to do too much. The library's job is to make information available to people but not to compete with educational institutions that offer classes and/or training. The library could operate more frugally if it didn't stretch so far beyond its original mandate.
5805	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to buy all different kind of books that suits variety of interest..
5806	7/11/2012	staffing
5807	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5808	7/11/2012	Funding,but a raise in property taxes will force me out of my home.

5809	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5810	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5811	7/11/2012	money
5812	7/11/2012	Not keeping current. Not keeping up with digital media.
5813	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5814	7/11/2012	money
5815	7/11/2012	I'm guessing most (myself included) are ill-aware of what all services are offered, and so funding requests are seen as being similar to a national endowment for the arts.
5816	7/11/2012	Not having good enough access with the reduced hours. Not providing good programs to encourage kids and young adults to read. Not giving people in need (low or no income) access to books and computers.
5817	7/11/2012	Lack of funding because people fail to understand how important broad-based literacy and information resources are to the future of the democracy
5818	7/11/2012	Losing the funding to stay open.
5819	7/11/2012	cutting back hours that they're open
5820	7/11/2012	Administrators who continue to cut our library services after we just passed the levy they claimed would keep all of our library services available. When I voted for the levy in may I was under the impression that are current levels of service were being maintained. It was never made clear on the ballot that our services were being cut no matter what. It seems very misleading.
5821	7/11/2012	I see no threat
5822	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5823	7/11/2012	Lack of sufficient funding
5824	7/11/2012	American's culture of promoting illiteracy.
5825	7/11/2012	Mission creep - providing access to media/materials should be the primary goal of the library. Improving user's ability to use media materials should be second and in many cases could be better supported through collaborative efforts with other groups.
5826	7/11/2012	I don't know. They seem wildly popular and extensively used by the public. I certainly do. I don't buy books or DVDs, opting instead to check them out, which has saved me a lot of money and also allowed me to meet new friends who I bump into at the library.
5827	7/11/2012	Funding!
5828	7/11/2012	unsure
5829	7/11/2012	Funding.
5830	7/11/2012	I believe our library system is one of the best in the country
5831	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5832	7/11/2012	Most people aren't interested in reading or keep books they take.
5833	7/11/2012	Low usage and lack of funds.
5834	7/11/2012	revenue

5835	7/11/2012	complacency
5836	7/11/2012	Funding decreases.
5837	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
5838	7/11/2012	Ebooks and lack of funding.
5839	7/11/2012	Freedom of information.
5840	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5841	7/11/2012	People aren't aware of all the great resources that the library offers and so they may not want to continue to fund it, which is, of course the greatest threat of all. Also, decreased hours doesn't allow as many people to use the library and this will discourage engagement.
5842	7/11/2012	Staying relevant in the age of the internet
5843	7/11/2012	Lack of access to its meaningful array of services.
5844	7/11/2012	Lack of dependable ongoing funding
5845	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding
5846	7/11/2012	Funding?
5847	7/11/2012	Putting resources into directions/programs/services that don't match the needs of the community.
5848	7/11/2012	Kindle and other electronic forms of media, poor society priorities (military & big oil vs. education & healthcare)
5849	7/11/2012	Underfunding that results in reduced number of copies available for circulation.
5850	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5851	7/11/2012	Becoming irrelevant, which would lead to even less support. Critical to stay current with technology, information and to have relevant, accessible programs.
5852	7/11/2012	underfunding
5853	7/11/2012	Economic situation slowly reducing resources for all "non-essential" government facilities, including local libraries.
5854	7/11/2012	Not sure.
5855	7/11/2012	Homeless people using libraries as hangouts, the bathrooms as their showers, the computers as their porn hubs. Funding cuts would be the biggest threat though.
5856	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5857	7/11/2012	Neo-facists who want to choke off access to information.
5858	7/11/2012	Keeping them relevant in an age of electronic media. [] Keeping a free public resource for those of lower economic means to have access to media of all types. [] Dealing w tightening municipal budgets and impacts to providing this public service
5859	7/11/2012	Cash flow- the demand is certainly there I think
5860	7/11/2012	funding
5861	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.

		Often it appears that the librarians / library aides are surfing the net or generally not really active assisting or doing anything worthwhile at the library - like providing assistance with research, shelving books, getting people off their cell phones inside the library. Why not limit the number of positions and have those individuals working, actually doing things.
5862	7/11/2012	<p>□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Secondly, how many security guards do you need at the Central library location? I know that situations could arise there due to the clientele, but usually it feels like a police state with all those guards around eyeballing you for no damn reason. know those guys can be cheap.</p>
5863	7/11/2012	Not enough money.
5864	7/11/2012	Obviously it is underfunding according to you
5865	7/11/2012	Uneducated poorly informed voters
5866	7/11/2012	TV, apathy,
5867	7/11/2012	Increased costs.
5868	7/11/2012	Cost of living in Portland is getting to be so onerous that people are moving out. My adult children can barely afford to rent in the Belmont area and we are starting to consider moving out of the area upon retirement. As salaries don't keep up with cost and expenses go up, people will start moving to the suburbs just like the old days. As more and more taxes and fees are added, the straw will eventually break the camel's back. (Have you seen the price of gas and groceries lately?)
5869	7/11/2012	not having enough current material on the shelves.
5870	7/11/2012	Apathy
5871	7/11/2012	Lack of funding lack of stable funding from county.□
5872	7/11/2012	□ Poor leadership of politicians on library issues.
5873	7/11/2012	Apathy.
5874	7/11/2012	Budget cuts to children's programs, storytime, etc. If the kids grow up loving the library, they will continue to love the library as they grow, you will have patrons for life.
5875	7/11/2012	The fact that people want the branches open but are not willing to pay for what that costs. It is incumbent upon the library staff to ensure that people understand what is necessary for the branches to remain open.
5876	7/11/2012	lack of interest in the library
5877	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5878	7/11/2012	Not being open/accessible to the community
5879	7/11/2012	the size of them. Most of them are small.
5880	7/11/2012	Funding to keep library open and renew resources regularly.
5881	7/11/2012	People losing interest in spending time at the local libraries due to access to internet at their home.

5882	7/11/2012	The internet. As sad as it may seem, computers will eventually replace books. Unless libraries become centers of the digital age, they will become anachronisms of the printed age.
5883	7/11/2012	People using libraries for free internet, hanging out, public restrooms, causing disturbance and even committing crime requiring security guards. There should be content restrictions on the internet access.
5884	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5885	7/11/2012	Mission-creep. Mission-creep results in needless expansion of services that increases labor and other costs. Could cut back on programs that are only loosely related to a functioning lending library and on services like lending entertainment DVDs which I understand are often stolen. Pension and other employee benefits that are much more generous than those offered to private sector librarians.
5886	7/11/2012	I don't know. I presume you are looking for the obvious. Downloading less or inexpensive e-books, getting resources over the internet, and lack of money for the library system.
5887	7/11/2012	Not enough money.
5888	7/11/2012	Redution of hours for people to use the library
5889	7/11/2012	state government, local politicians, and citizens misunderstanding how libraries, despite frequency of use, benefit communities. it should not matter if a small library does not check out many books, having the resource available is more important than statistics.
5890	7/11/2012	I am afraid our libraries will fall victim to the "trickle down effect" of our ongoing economic woes.
5891	7/11/2012	Incremental chipping away at the ours our branch is open. The difference between 5 pm close and 6 pm close is quite significant to a working patron like myself; the Thursday and Friday 5 pm close is for me the same as if the library was closed all day, it's just not available to me.
5892	7/11/2012	Thieves and vandals.
5893	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5894	7/11/2012	They seem well supported. I don't think there is a threat.
5895	7/11/2012	Theft.
5896	7/11/2012	Funding
5897	7/11/2012	lack of consistent funding.
5898	7/11/2012	Apparently, reductions in funding.
5899	7/11/2012	like everything else, funding.
5900	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5901	7/11/2012	unstable and inadequate funding
5902	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. However, it would be nice to share the tax burden by implimenting a sales tax instead of always taxing property owners. I support the library but my young family already pays \$7,000 a year in property tax :-(
5903	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and awareness of programs. Also, increased availability of the Internet seems to be lessening the library's perceived importance as a research resource. People don't realize the library's important role in the local community, and all the great things that the library brings to us.

5904	7/11/2012	People wanting to censor Library to meet their narrow standards.
5905	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
5906	7/11/2012	The internet and digital age.
5907	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5908	7/11/2012	Keeping up with electronic media.
5909	7/11/2012	Wasting money on books that suck and computers and automated self checkout machines.
5910	7/11/2012	politics/budget cuts
5911	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Illiteracy, TV and video games, general brain rot.
5912	7/11/2012	I don't know :(
5913	7/11/2012	starting to close them one day a week and shorten hours
5914	7/11/2012	lack of funding and poor access.
5915	7/11/2012	PERS offsets and guaranteed payouts.
5916	7/11/2012	Apathy is the biggest threat to our local libraries. If the general population knew about the value each one brings to their local community, I am almost certain that people would have a different opinion about the cost-effectiveness and value each one brings. If hours are substantially cut we will lose a vital resource for everyone. Small children depend on the libraries for developing a lifelong love of books and learning. Students need a place to study, find information. Seniors need a safe place to read and checkout books.
5917	7/11/2012	developing a lifelong love of books and learning. Students need a place to study, find information. Seniors need a safe place to read and checkout books.
5918	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5919	7/11/2012	Funding.
5920	7/11/2012	not accessible with hours of operation to serve the close community public/users
5921	7/11/2012	Not taking advantage of technology to reduce operatin expenses.
5922	7/11/2012	Television
5923	7/11/2012	Libraries are undergoing a profound transformation as more and more ebooks and reference materials are coming on line. How this will impact their physical premises is yet to be known but it is likely libraries will gradually employ fewer staff members and utilize a larger percentage of the volunteer talents of the public at large.
5924	7/11/2012	1. Tea party notions of privatization of access to information, coupled with right-wing notions of controlling the distribution of knowledge.[] 2. General threat to the notion of the public good in today's political climate. The false idea that good only comes from the private sector and personal interests.[] 3. General misconception that everything is available online and is "objective and true", and therefore the local library is antiquated. Why pay for a local library at all (levies vs. permanent tax rates are quibbles) when all knowledge is available via Google?
5925	7/11/2012	Lack of funds to purchase new books.
5926	7/11/2012	Funding, overhead costs

5927	7/11/2012	People with low incomes who are dependent on the library for internet access and library resources for education and leisure not have access to them.
5928	7/11/2012	That's a funny question. From what I understand, budget cuts are the biggest threat.
5929	7/11/2012	Funding. The library needs stable funding that will allow for growth.
5930	7/11/2012	Dumbing down of the populace through media "addiction." And, of course, government funding cutbacks. My opinion is that since the two MOST fundamental core foundations of democracy are public schools and libraries, and since schools are already pretty much screwed (I know--I'm a teacher!), we MUST defend libraries!!
5931	7/11/2012	Narrow interests dominating decisions without looking at serving the whole community.[] For example, we do not have children yet place high value on the library providing services for children. Too often people don't look past their own individual, immediate needs, concerns, wants, issues.
5932	7/11/2012	lack of funding, probably. But underlying that is a general disconnection between people and their communities and how important libraries are or can be to supporting the community. This disconnection leads to poor choice making regarding supporting libraries financially.
5933	7/11/2012	Closure
5934	7/11/2012	I have no idea but I am sad that they are not funded more
5935	7/11/2012	lack of funds?
5936	7/11/2012	Need long-term stable (not related to tax base and vagaries of economy) funding.
5937	7/11/2012	If hours are not cut, then cuts will be made in other areas of library use.
5938	7/11/2012	Loss of funding to pay for hard copies of magazines and books.
5939	7/11/2012	E-reader plus coffee shops. The library has to be subversive and hip again. The only time I hung out at the library was when I was unemployed. It seems like that's who hang out there now. And, now that I have a job, I don't. There is purpose in that, but it's hard to drive profitability when your customers are retired or unemployed. Good luck. I hope you're still there when I retire (or lose my job). Underfunding.[]
5940	7/11/2012	People who do not understand the need for educated readers, especially pertaining to workplace performance, job acquiring, and voting.
5941	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
5942	7/11/2012	I don't know.
5943	7/11/2012	lack of jobs
5944	7/11/2012	Budget Cuts.
5945	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5946	7/11/2012	Inefficient management growing complacent with repeated special tax supports.
5947	7/11/2012	Reduced funding.
5948	7/11/2012	Library budget used for things other than books. No reason to stock movies, magazines etc.
5949	7/11/2012	Bears

5950	7/11/2012	I'm not sure. I was taken by surprise by the cuts after the levy passed. I will ALWAYS vote in support of libraries.
5951	7/11/2012	ignorance of people who want to ban books; not enough money to supply books
5952	7/11/2012	that they will close for good due to lack of funding
5953	7/11/2012	Closing or reduced hours for public use.
5954	7/11/2012	Budget cuts :(
5955	7/11/2012	Charging customers for actually checking out materials (whereas it is currently free). And increasing late penalties. As well as cutting hours, or programs (such as children's story time, etc).
5956	7/11/2012	Technology speeding up making books and librarians obsolete.
5957	7/11/2012	Lessening the hours, especially on the weekends, will make it harder for full time workers to enjoy the library.
5958	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5959	7/11/2012	The internet and the apathy of the privileged class. The library is an important community gathering place, as people become more isolated by technology, they will need the library even more.
5960	7/11/2012	Doing too many things and increasing non essential services. Many of us are already feeling taxed to death by the many needs of the county and can't support all the grandiose ideas even though I love our libraries.
5961	7/11/2012	Like all other services supported by tax dollars, the biggest threat is lack of funding to support the resources & services it provides. For those of us who enjoy & use the library, having books & resources readily available to educate & opens up a gateway of knowledge for various topics for various age groups is so worthy. Would be saddened by people who either have never used or don't use the library or think it doesn't have anything to offer for them, or don't feel it needs supporting (by either their time or \$\$) are missing out. The library, as said before, has a plethora of "doors" to all sorts of information, fiction or non-fiction. Especially in a time where technology has expanded at a rapid pace, holding a book or magazine is still a tactile activity we must never lose. Despite the various advanced computer based reading sources available.
5962	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5963	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. . .
5964	7/11/2012	I would guess a lack of city funding
5965	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
5966	7/11/2012	Increased use of digital mediums is probably the largest "threat."
5967	7/11/2012	buggit cuts
5968	7/11/2012	I don't like central library's small, I know why it is smell bad and I understand that, but sometime, it is really bad, I don't want to stay there long.
5969	7/11/2012	Unsure at present
5970	7/11/2012	Loss of funding/lack of stable revenue.
5971	7/11/2012	Underfunding

5972	7/11/2012	lack of use
5973	7/11/2012	Not sure - more loss of funding so they are not open as much?
5974	7/11/2012	The new technology that threatens the joy of reading the written word. There is nothing like holding a "real" book in ones own hands.
5975	7/11/2012	Not providing these services to our community.
5976	7/11/2012	Reduced services
5977	7/11/2012	levy campaigns immediately followed by reduced hours, leading to greater cynicism and indifference.
5978	7/11/2012	closure
5979	7/11/2012	The obvious answer to give in "funding". We have the greatest library system in the world. Let's keep it that way.
5980	7/11/2012	Unstable funding. Just like our schools.
5981	7/11/2012	lack of funding
5982	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
5983	7/11/2012	Lowered interest in reading, lack of funding, less hours
5984	7/11/2012	Lack of funding that would limit purchase or access to new materials.
5985	7/11/2012	TV
5986	7/11/2012	a complacent electorate
5987	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
5988	7/11/2012	budget cuts?
5989	7/11/2012	Electronic books
5990	7/11/2012	Silverfish.
5991	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Nothing will wipe out our resources faster than inadequate funding.
5992	7/11/2012	Indifference and the poor economy.
5993	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
5994	7/11/2012	not having the resources (staff and pay) to be able to support the full needs of our community. We all love our library system and would hate to lose any use of it as it is such a great resource to our whole family.
5995	7/11/2012	Always money but more and more people don't read newspapers or books. all from internet sources for information which makes the population stupid...you don't put all your eggs in one basket....true knowledge comes from open honest information...books that inspire stay with you for a life time.....If the library can only be open 6 days keep the weekends open and close one day during the week...that would be acceptable.
5996	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
5997	7/11/2012	Limited resources?

5998	7/11/2012	The internet and tech readers like the kindle. Having to wait so long for e books is pretty hard, and some e books are not very expensive. I feel that a better e book scope may draw more people into the library borrowing system, and therefore keeping the library up with the times. My fear is that print is dying and electronics are taking over. If the library can't keep up with that, it's not going to survive in the long term.
5999	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Short sighted politics.
6000	7/11/2012	Lack of stable, consistent funding
6001	7/11/2012	That they will cease to exist or have high costs so only the privileged few can access it.
6002	7/11/2012	Lack of money or lack of support by those higher up.
6003	7/11/2012	closing down because of too many different programs which should not be the scope of a library.[] Let social services do social services not libraries
6004	7/11/2012	Becoming obsolete, are rather, being perceived by too many voters as obsolete or not needed in the community.
6005	7/11/2012	citizens not going
6006	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding to maintain the access needed for all ages.
6007	7/11/2012	Loss of public funding.
6008	7/11/2012	Funding
6009	7/11/2012	Gave this some thought and the only threat I can come up with is trying to be equally all things to all persons. You can't do everything 100%; you just don't have the budget, time, or quantity of trained people available. You need to set priorities. Shortier hours and maybe a full closure day can be lived with if it keeps the Library functioning in a good way.
6010	7/11/2012	not enough funding.
6011	7/11/2012	If they fall behind in a key community service, people will find it less relevant and more difficult to fund.
6012	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6013	7/11/2012	lack of continuous funding
6014	7/11/2012	Losing funding
6015	7/11/2012	lack of financial and community support. those with resources may not appreciate the value of a strong community library
6016	7/11/2012	Funding.
6017	7/11/2012	I think that the biggest threat is apathy and lack of financial support. We may not be able to solve the issue of apathy, but we can oppose the powerful interests that seek to strangle financial support of the library and its value to the community that we call our home.
6018	7/11/2012	losing funding

		That they may be crowded out of the budget and/or cut back so they cannot afford newer books and publications. This is an ESPECIALLY rich resource for the community while things are tough for so many families. Many Spanish speaking people who are trying to engage their children in the joy of learning.¶
6019	7/11/2012	I cannot read regular print books, so I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE LARGE PRINT BOOKS. They have allowed me to keep reading through 2 major eye surgeries.¶ ¶ A lot of the poorer people cannot afford computer service, nor can they afford purchasing books. This is¶ a central service that enables people to keep learning all through their lives!!
6020	7/11/2012	Misdirected funds due to misinformation or lack of information concerning votable library measures. The public rarely understands these measures. It worries me voters might vote against tax measures, etc. because they do not understand the situation and/or it's severity.
6021	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6022	7/11/2012	Funding
6023	7/11/2012	Stupidity
6024	7/11/2012	Not being fully funded. Not being seen as the resource they are. Resource for knowledge and community. It is a dangerous slippery slope. You must reverse the 6 days a week.
6025	7/11/2012	The economy - also the biggest threat to all of our valuable government services, including funding schools, assisting those with mental and physical disability, and adequate public safety.
6026	7/11/2012	Public. ignorance and reluctance to fully fund resources needed for now and the future
6027	7/11/2012	Funding.
6028	7/11/2012	Poor program management.
6029	7/11/2012	I would think in this technological age, people would be using the library less, but that is not what I see happening at the Sellwood branch. The Multnomah system seems great - diverse offerings, services. Pleasant staff.
6030	7/11/2012	Unstable funding due to shrinking property values, poor economy.
6031	7/11/2012	you guys shutting them down
6032	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to stay open during the "after hours", ie. after school and on weekends, type of services.
6033	7/11/2012	poor funding
6034	7/11/2012	Inaccessability. We need to find ways for the library to keep serving the neighborhoods they are in, and one of the main ways that will happen is the library is open and available.
6035	7/11/2012	Underfunding
6036	7/11/2012	Personal income way too high, and above all, the person at the top. I know that sounds rough, let's just say that I love the downtown library but can't stand the crowds I have to walk through to get to that so nice of space.

6037	7/11/2012	Lack of reliable, continuous funding; lack of political will at the county commission level.
6038	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Not enough funding. I don't think people fully understand that all these "free" resources actually cost a lot from funding to be provided to the community at no charge.
6039	7/11/2012	Declining tax base. lack of funding
6040	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6041	7/11/2012	Funding. People making libraries a priority.
6042	7/11/2012	Library hours will be cut back. I moved here from a place where the libraries were only open 5 to 6 days a week and not full hours. It is challenging for employed folks who work during the hours the library is open and are not able to go there during their lunch hour to pick up materials or after work before the library closes. Again, difficulty in attending any lectures/programs/events that the libraries offer during the day.
6043	7/11/2012	I can only speak about the Central Library, which I visit regularly. My neighbors refuse to visit the library because they feel intimidated by the large number of homeless. This really hurts the building support for the library. Too many times I have witnessed drug deals happening or unruly people being evicted from the building. It makes it hard to build support when people are afraid to visit the library. We need the support of community to fund the system, so we need to make the system more inviting to the public.
6044	7/11/2012	I've lived in 3 countries, 5 states, and 1 territory. Portland has the best library system of all of those places. The death (or slow demise) of the libraries in other systems was the age of materials. The libraries attempted to maintain their hours, but sacrificed funding new technology and new reading material. Finding books in the children's section that proclaimed, "one day we will make it to the moon," was disheartening. People did not use the library because the materials were so out of date. I would prefer to see fewer hours and days while maintaining a regular review and replacement of technology and material. When the material becomes obsolete, the library dies.
6045	7/11/2012	The economic downturn and its effect on people's income and ability to pay /interest in paying to support libraries. ¶ ¶ And it seems, a lack of other funding sources, in addition to property taxes. ---Such as corporate tax, which is down relative to past rates. We need healthy economic activity, but also responsible sharing of our community costs.
6046	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6047	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding - having to vote over and over again for library levies.
6048	7/11/2012	Lack of support
6049	7/11/2012	Mismanagement, computers instead of books, computers instead of librarians (even though those same librarians are there behind the desk), and cut hours. I don't think cutting hours is a beneficial way to manage the funds available. I would rather wait several extra weeks for that newest book I have on hold than not have the library open every day. The current hours are just ridiculous.

6050	7/11/2012	It's complete and total reliance on passing bi-annual bond and levy measures to ask property owners to pay for funding.
6051	7/11/2012	Godzilla. And privatization.
6052	7/11/2012	We need to have current materials.
6053	7/11/2012	money honey \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FOLKS WANT THE SERVICE BUT NOT ENOUGH WANT TO PAY
6054	7/11/2012	inadequate funding
6055	7/11/2012	people just using the internet. Not using it for learning, reading, discussions.
6056	7/11/2012	unstable public funding based on serial levies which is opposed by the Cascade Policy Institute and their paymasters who want to privatize the library system
6057	7/11/2012	Jerks that think everybody can afford a computer or that libraries aren't used. Too expensive to keep at their current level of service. Resources needed in other areas are more important than libraries.
6058	7/11/2012	Libraries are less important due to the prevalence of the internet. I view libraries and the post office as very similar services. Important, but less so than 10-20 years ago.
6059	7/11/2012	Not sure
6060	7/11/2012	Lack of new material.
6061	7/11/2012	The greatest threat to our local libraries is the possibility that government funding could be cut more drastically than it has been in the past.
6062	7/11/2012	not having them.
6063	7/11/2012	Not enough funding!
6064	7/11/2012	Not staying current with media and technology
6065	7/11/2012	I would imagine lack of funding and possibly public unwillingness to pay higher taxes to support libraries - though I think the library has a high degree of support by Portlanders.
6066	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and people not realizing what we will lose if we don't do our fair share to support these services. Continued services are vital to the growth of our communities.
6067	7/11/2012	Apathy,
6068	7/11/2012	ignorant voters!
6069	7/11/2012	Attitudes that only people who use it should pay for it. We have a phenomenal library system, however we need greater access to it earlier in the mornings, on weekends, and in the evenings. Ebooks, online books, online reading materials that can be downloaded from the internet and from home. The more people
6070	7/11/2012	do this the less books are checked out of the library and then less people will visit the library and use the resources that it offers.
6071	7/11/2012	Demand is greater than resources.
6072	7/11/2012	Not realizing the impact of possible loss to each community. Education and the arts are non-negotiables.

6073	7/11/2012	Unfortunately, the biggest threat to our local libraries is the contracting economy. Lack of funding seems a pretty obvious problem. That's why we're here, right? I don't claim any knowledge of library funding, but are all revenue/donor resources being explored?
6074	7/11/2012	Republicans
6075	7/11/2012	not having enough money to run
6076	7/11/2012	funding cuts
6077	7/11/2012	Not enough funding. I would like to see all of the things above continue at the library.
6078	7/11/2012	probably lack of money.
6079	7/11/2012	Low tax revenue.
6080	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the libertarian point of view that taxes are a bad thing and that the privatization of public goods is a viable solution.
6081	7/11/2012	Funding
6082	7/11/2012	Not prioritizing community resources when budgets are allocated and an inconsistent tax base.
6083	7/11/2012	Stupidly reduced hours and materials that aren't on audio/cd
6084	7/11/2012	the lack of revenue from a poor economy
6085	7/11/2012	Not keeping up with the times with respect to better access to new forms of media and current materials. For example, the selection of electronic books available is quite poor and the wait to get a book via the online system is EXTREMELY long. Further, you can't renew your check-out if you aren't finished with a book.
6086	7/11/2012	Becoming obsolete due to not keeping current.
6087	7/11/2012	Being closed. Having money cut. Not being able to get new books.
6088	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6089	7/11/2012	Lets answer question number 5... I could care less about everything on your list!!!! The biggest threat to our libraries is the new digital age....
6090	7/11/2012	e books. low funding
6091	7/11/2012	Probably lack of funding
6092	7/11/2012	funding and misuse because there are not enough services for the homeless and mentally ill
6093	7/11/2012	Reading magazines
6094	7/11/2012	I don't know - funding most likely. That's the biggest threat to all public institutions.
6095	7/11/2012	People who lack the understanding of the impact that access to educational resources and tools have on our community. The current pay to play mentality (not necessarily in Portland but across the country). [] The rising costs of library materials and technology without accompanying revenue to support it.
6096	7/11/2012	Closures.
6097	7/11/2012	Probably funding.
6098	7/11/2012	lack of funding

6099	7/11/2012	funding cuts vagrants
6100	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6101	7/11/2012	not having access for all as often as we would like.
6102	7/11/2012	lack of taxpayer support
6103	7/11/2012	Lack of a secure funding base
6104	7/11/2012	Losing well qualified librarians.
6105	7/11/2012	Loss of funding from a dwindling tax base.
6106	7/11/2012	Funding cuts.
6107	7/11/2012	A social/cultural de-valuing of books and education
6108	7/11/2012	I have no idea.
6109	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6110	7/11/2012	Reduced Internet access
6111	7/11/2012	E-Readers and the younger generation not having access to a local library and it's resources.
6112	7/11/2012	Apparently budget.
6113	7/11/2012	Financial crises that are caused by choices that don't reflect our values. Taxpayers overwhelming want services, libraries, health care, infrastructure, and education, but we overwhelmingly vote to cut taxes for the wealthy, send troops to foreign countries, lock up any and all criminals, and to privatize and thereby reduce many services instead.
6114	7/11/2012	Funding of course!
6115	7/11/2012	I suppose not having a tax base to support the library,
6116	7/11/2012	Lack of resources
6117	7/11/2012	Loss of funding. Free libraries have been in my life since I started to read, and give much to people that are lower income. Libraries give access to information to all.
6118	7/11/2012	Closure!
6119	7/11/2012	You are paying the senior management way too much. People have limited time to get to the library - making the resources available on line and accessible in an efficient manner are key- otherwise we will just go to Powell's and buy what we need.
6120	7/11/2012	Becoming irrelevant and overlooked in a changing information and media environment.
6121	7/11/2012	Reduced hours! If libraries become limited, people will slowly stop using them, and cause the library to make more and more cuts. It's a vicious, downward cycle. In order to stay relevant, the library needs to stay available, even in times of hardship. Day and night, all days, for everyone.
6122	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6123	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6124	7/11/2012	funding cuts!

6125	7/11/2012	I feel like the libraries get a lot of community support.
6126	7/11/2012	Having them closed down.
6127	7/11/2012	Not sure
6128	7/11/2012	Not being open when needed.
6129	7/11/2012	E-mail and the 'net replacing real reading; E-mail lowering writing standards to about 3rd grade level. Lack of reading will lead to less willingness to support libraries financially.
6130	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6131	7/11/2012	Fewer books and Less days open and shorter hours.
6132	7/11/2012	No funds.
6133	7/11/2012	Societal change away from printed reading material, less people reading, illiteracy, shrinking public resources.
6134	7/11/2012	don't know
6135	7/11/2012	Taxes are already too expensive in Multnomah County. Cannot afford more levies.
6136	7/11/2012	Funding
6137	7/11/2012	Funding..More taxes levied against homeowners that they can not afford. Because of cut backs in staff and hours, many staff members may suffer. ☐
6138	7/11/2012	Also cut backs in special programs will diminish the effectiveness of the Libraries, especially☐ in St Johns. The biggest threat to our local libraries is that if there is no fund available to support the good services. People have no places to go. Especially the economic is down. People cannot afford to go any where, In order to avoid any sad things could happen to the community such as crime, violence, please continuing to have this place available for everyone to enjoy of learning, to have fun with one another so that people can gain more knowledge. ☐
6139	7/11/2012	☐ We, the community must have all libraries available to gain wisdom, knowledge and healthy nutrition in mind and in spirit. Please continuing to support our library so that we have a good environment resources are available for everyone in the community.
6140	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6141	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6142	7/11/2012	Cutting hours.
6143	7/11/2012	ignorance and indifference about the roles that libraries play and can play in the community.
6144	7/11/2012	Lack of resources. Not being able to maintain good quality and current materials.
6145	7/11/2012	Budget cuts, disabling individual libraries' ability to remain open, staffed, and stocked with current media.

		Number 5 wasn't working correctly.[] [] Closing down needed programs and hours, new books.[] [] [] [] ...
6146	7/11/2012	
6147	7/11/2012	Having pornography on the computers and sleezy porn addicts habitually looking at it and children nearby and getting on the computer after they have been looking at it and left it on. Then they are habitually going to the library for that peurpose only. Which puts the public at large in danger. The libraries are facilitating that! They are doing it for free. With no deterrents of any kind. Now you have sleezy sexual deviants hanging around the libraries. With under age children nearby. Sick, sick, sick.
6148	7/11/2012	Long hold lines
6149	7/11/2012	lack of permanent funding source
6150	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6151	7/11/2012	The librarians.
6152	7/11/2012	Not being open as much- losing funding for summer reading and ESL help.
6153	7/11/2012	increased greed that cause the library to ask for more money mere months after you renewed the levy. This is ridiculous. It makes me wonder who is lining their pockets (even if that isn't happening). I am very disappointed since that levy was advertised as a way to keep the libraries open and now you're threatening less service. Also, this passive positive questionnaire which is designed to underscore benefits before then (what I am sure will be) requesting negative feedback about the library systems. I am a HUGE supporter of the library system. I think it is a staple of our country and an avenue for literacy for many thousands of people, but there is obvious mis-management here. I will LOBBY against an increase unless I see substantial senior leadership change, on a public level.
6154	7/11/2012	Lack of funds.
6155	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6156	7/11/2012	scare tactics causing frustration & just not supporting
6157	7/11/2012	Not enough funding!
6158	7/11/2012	The library system has to find an additional funding source. Constantly putting the burden on property owners is starting to seem unfair. We just heard about the budget problems in May and voted to keep the levy going and now it seems we need even more. This is not a sustainable model.
6159	7/11/2012	Being shut down or cutting back on services due to lack of funding.
6160	7/11/2012	as there are a lot of homeless people,, the circumstance of library is not good...especially,,central library..
6161	7/11/2012	Reduced funding and complacent attitudes in the public

6162	7/11/2012	financial
6163	7/11/2012	funding?
6164	7/11/2012	lack of sufficient funding
6165	7/11/2012	budget cuts
6166	7/11/2012	Homeless, sadly, abusing the facilities and resources. Theft of materials by patrons. Title Wave selling off cool educational stuff, like out of print classical records just because they take up space in the stacks.
6167	7/11/2012	Lack of funding is hands down the biggest threat for Multnomah County Libraries. Other library systems have a large problem by not keeping up with what the public wants. That's not the case with our library. The vision is there. The library has changed over the years, keeping up with the times. I'm a senior myself now and have used the library since I was a child. I value the ability to read the latest books available at this incredible library system. I'll read reviews in the Oregonian of some recent books, grab the computer and place a hold. I usually have an average of 20 books checked out and maybe 3 or 4 music CD's and a few DVD's. I LOVE the library. We as a community love our library. But lack of funding is a real threat. I hope you don't let this happen. At a time when we are all pinching our pennies trying to make ends meet, that's the time when it is vital that the libraries stay open and current and available to us. The library is incredibly well run. The staff are worth their weight in gold. But the doors must remain open.
6168	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
6169	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6170	7/11/2012	Not sure--I would guess increasing access to personal digital media.
6171	7/11/2012	The lack of time we can spend on e-net, but don't condone x- rated sites. need the ability to print as much as we want for Job research ect.. Maybe a small fee for paper and ink. When I check out books related to my field of study that I could have them longer, than two weeks I need more books on cd, tape ect... I think that anything to help with the job search is essential and people that could help with computer operation and filling out apps on line..
6172	7/11/2012	I am not sure. Maybe funding to keep the libraries open and functioning.
6173	7/11/2012	Funding!
6174	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6175	7/11/2012	Lack of funding; lack of community support & volunteers. taking library services for granted.
6176	7/11/2012	Lack of money?
6177	7/11/2012	disinterest
6178	7/11/2012	money, lack of use
6179	7/11/2012	I assume it is budget cuts...if children and young adults learn to use the libraries,[] the libraries will continue to be of use.
6180	7/11/2012	A lack of funding and, therefore, lack of resources, will lower the interest in libraries and could render them obsolete.

6181	7/11/2012	Congress[] budget[] money...lack of
6182	7/11/2012	It really creeps me out when I go into Kenton library and some guy is looking at naked women really close to the children's section.
6183	7/11/2012	Illiteracy.
6184	7/11/2012	politicians
6185	7/11/2012	Non funding, possibly increase late fees instead of decreasing hours.
6186	7/11/2012	Funding? Godzilla?
6187	7/11/2012	The shorter hours, the accessibility of materials (waiting several weeks for a book on hold), and people not seeing the library as a valuable provider of community services. I grew up loving the library's childrens' programs, and I hope that this continues to be a priority.
6188	7/11/2012	People thinking it is right instead of a privilege. Our libraries are amazing and we need to contribute to keep them open and available. Imagine, if today, someone proposed we get a whole bunch of books and music and art and computers and then loan it all out for free. I fear if we ever lose this we will never get it back. I think more effort should be put into telling people how much our library is used, how many people it serves, how much money it costs to provide all the services (broken down) and help people realize how much we get for how little we each have to spend.
6189	7/11/2012	Taxes are too high. Bring overhead down.
6190	7/11/2012	Locked doors.
6191	7/11/2012	Decreased funding; the attitude that the Internet can replace libraries.
6192	7/11/2012	apathy.
6193	7/11/2012	Not enough money to keep high quality of maintenance and services.
6194	7/11/2012	Rising costs of materials (books, dvds, etc) and utilites.
6195	7/11/2012	The library system getting too big and too expensive
6196	7/11/2012	funding
6197	7/11/2012	Money
6198	7/11/2012	The erosion that inflation creates. [] If there is a project that requires money not making a decision in a timely manner will create an unnecessary expense.[] Too many people in the decision processes. Similar to big government.[] Getting into financial trouble and having to be bailed out. Lack of planning.[] Also not letting people know what resources are available. Until this email survey I was not aware of several things mentioned.
6199	7/11/2012	Probably lack of funding?
6200	7/11/2012	no money
6201	7/11/2012	It sounds like funding is the main problem.

6202	7/11/2012	Short-sighted politicians who would rather fund big vote getting projects that only benefit a few people, mostly the well to-do rather than keeping some great resource that everybody uses like the library. Maybe they should use lottery funds like they do for education, oops they diverted that to something else. Barry
6203	7/11/2012	Loss of funding for above mentioned services.
6204	7/11/2012	money to keep operating
6205	7/11/2012	Public apathy
6206	7/11/2012	losing them
6207	7/11/2012	Not having reliable stable funding which adequately reflects the enormous intrinsic value to the well being of the community through the education and intellectual stimulation of library citizens.
6208	7/11/2012	Budget cuts, although they may not be earthquake-safe, either.
6209	7/11/2012	amazon.com
6210	7/11/2012	Cuts! Day cuts, hours of operation cuts, all cuts. Libraries are too important to cut.
6211	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6212	7/11/2012	I would think that funding would be a big threat. Keeping the library stocked and staffed I would imagine would require a lot of money. I do, however, think that the library buys a lot of things that it doesn't need to fulfill the needs of the community. As much as I enjoy being able to check out movies and music cds from the library, I don't feel that is what a library is all about. As a resident I want to have access to books in various formats for myself and my family. Anything else is just an extra perk, but in no way do I find it necessary.
6213	7/11/2012	That people don't read any more. In not a big reader but still think it is important for everybody to have literacy and educated. Library is a big part supporting our education.
6214	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
6215	7/11/2012	Amazon.com :)
6216	7/11/2012	Decreased funding so that the current, meaningful, well-organized system becomes obsolete and no longer enticing to patrons.
6217	7/11/2012	I'm not sure if it's the biggest, but keeping pace with digital media seems like it will be expensive.
6218	7/11/2012	Technology. Electronic libraries are the future.
6219	7/11/2012	Funding.
6220	7/11/2012	Not having the funding to support current materials and digital content will make libraries irrelevant to the average user, be they kids, old, job seekers, or employed twenty somethings.
6221	7/11/2012	Funding
6222	7/11/2012	budget cuts?
6223	7/11/2012	People who think they are not worth funding!
6224	7/11/2012	Fire and politics

6225	7/11/2012	You changed hours/closed Monday.....and of course because we love the library, money will be asked so it goes back to the way it has ALWAYS been.....come on folks!
6226	7/11/2012	Lack of dependable funding due to economy, dependence upon tax levies
6227	7/11/2012	Lack of sufficient funding to provide all of the above services. While some of them may not be personally important to me, I am sure that they are very important to many people and it would be a shame to have these services cut.
6228	7/11/2012	PERS
6229	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6230	7/11/2012	Sounds like funding to pay employees and extra programs.
6231	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
6232	7/11/2012	Small minded people who want to regulate what others read.
6233	7/11/2012	Smaller libraries needing to close because of budget cuts.
6234	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, due to excessive library programs, and outrageous and unsustainable union wages and benefits---all of which combine to become way too expensive an operation. This all assumes that one values the rights of taxpayers.
6235	7/11/2012	Closure
6236	7/11/2012	a lack of funding with which operate them
6237	7/11/2012	Politics. Put it to a vote; library system is a priority to voters
6238	7/11/2012	revenue loss
6239	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6240	7/11/2012	Funding.
6241	7/11/2012	Stable funding. Declining readership. Television, computers, and videos.
6242	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6243	7/11/2012	Reduced funding resulting in lack of continued care and accessibility of this important communtiy asset.
6244	7/11/2012	Reduced funding by local governments. I suppose they slash things that don't threaten livelihoods in order to protect some things that may.
6245	7/11/2012	Funding, need more access for ebooks to keep up with technology.
6246	7/11/2012	Funding, based on the big negatives of private industry!
6247	7/11/2012	Unsure what is meant here, currently I would say it's funding problems brought about by the current financial crises.
6248	7/11/2012	e-books; teens and children reading less
6249	7/11/2012	People not realizing how important they are.
6250	7/11/2012	digital media
6251	7/11/2012	Lack of money?
6252	7/11/2012	Budget cuts from people who don't enjoy the library or underestimate it's value.

6253	7/11/2012	Gigantic school bonds and Mayor Sam Adams misusing tax dollars for the schools only. ¶ Now is not the time for taxes to increase. We senior citizens are facing increased water, sewer rates and now an "Art tax" plus whatever the PSS decides to put on the ballot plus the library fundsand on, and on, and on. It is becoming increasingly difficult to justify living in Multnomah Co and Portland because we are being taxed out of existence. I think 6 days a week is fine for now. In a few years, you will be able to go back to 7 days when the economy is better.
6254	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6255	7/11/2012	Austerity measures cutting vital public & educational resources.
6256	7/11/2012	Lack of appreciation for the value of libraries: especially lack of understanding of how vital they are to economically disadvantaged people, and of how much they do to anchor and build communities. I have no idea. Lack of funding? Is there any other answer? I'm of the mentality that our military is over-funded, and things like the library are under-funded, but I don't think the two are related. ¶
6257	7/11/2012	¶ I was surprised by the new six-day-a-week schedule, but I can understand it. I guess if I had to vote for a closure day for the library, it would be Sunday. It's such a good hang out for kids after school.
6258	7/11/2012	censorship
6259	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.
6260	7/11/2012	Electronic books
6261	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. ¶ Failure to keep up with technology...like getting books that work on iPad!
6262	7/11/2012	Inefficient use of our tax dollars by the library system. Are we the most efficient system compared to peers in other cities? Could you do more with less? Do we actually need everything our tax dollars are buying? Getting blockbuster movies for instance. Nice but is it appropriate? Are our libraries making themselves easy target for budget reduction due to their own practices?
6263	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is definitely a lack of funding.
6264	7/11/2012	Politicians who are bent on "balancing the budget" by cutting programs and services that promote the general welfare. Funding instability and the restrictions limited and variable funding impose. ¶ ¶
6265	7/11/2012	Also, there are people -- I would guess predominantly young, upper-middle class-ers -- who do not use the library and who can be disturbingly cavalier about the resources and services libraries provide. In the run up to the election this year I overheard a conversation whose gist was, "Who even uses libraries any more?" I think it would be a good idea to educate these future tax payers about the value of the library system.
6266	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6267	7/11/2012	Cuts in funding.

6268	7/11/2012	Not enough current material, especially electronic texts, which is the future of book reading. Also, government funding.
6269	7/11/2012	It seems to me that lack of funding is the biggest threat. That being said, we all have to cut back in tough times, and I think opening 6 days a week instead of 7 is a reasonable compromise. I think that increasing the tax rate because so many citizens are in financial trouble makes no sense.
6270	7/11/2012	funds
6271	7/11/2012	Funding
6272	7/11/2012	New laws
6273	7/11/2012	Funding.
6274	7/11/2012	With the digital age of books the libraries are becoming more of an internet cafe rather than just a place to check books. Local libraries need up-to-date computers for those who need them, and Multnomah Libraries in general should be actively seeking to become more relevant in the digital age of books.
6275	7/11/2012	The largest threat to our libraries is the lack of funding
6276	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
6277	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6278	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6279	7/11/2012	Texas
6280	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6281	7/11/2012	I am not sure. I have done no research on that threat. People that only care about profit which is most corporations and republicans and even democrats I would imagine.
6282	7/11/2012	I didn't realize there were any. Funding? Recession? Economic collapse?
6283	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6284	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6285	7/11/2012	kindles..
6286	7/11/2012	Lack o funding.
6287	7/11/2012	Lack of funding for services and staff.
6288	7/11/2012	a population that does not read...poor schools
6289	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6290	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6291	7/11/2012	Funding
6292	7/11/2012	Funding issues. I am very sorry that the County reneged on spinning the library off sooner. I am very angry about the huge "urban renewal" that is being stolen from basic services. We should get to vote on urban renewal.
6293	7/11/2012	Limited hours to visit the library.
6294	7/11/2012	electronic books
6295	7/11/2012	Don't know

6296	7/11/2012	Trying to do too much.[]
		While wonderful, with a limited budget, need to prioritize a bit more
6297	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6298	7/11/2012	Budget, staying up to date, adequate work space and resources for customers.
6299	7/11/2012	Ignorance
6300	7/11/2012	Not being available on a regular basis to welcome all readers, especially those learning and those who are unable to travel, move, "live" and find themselves looking to books for "life".
6301	7/11/2012	Closures due to budget cuts. Limited hours mean limited access by the public. Information needs to be accessible to be valuable to the community.
6302	7/11/2012	unsure
6303	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6304	7/11/2012	I would imagine that the biggest threat to libraries, like most nonprofit programs that do good things, it's funding.
6305	7/11/2012	Continuing funding.
6306	7/11/2012	That they do not provide us with new books and that in today society people trend to use the internet rather than read a book
6307	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6308	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6309	7/11/2012	You know, I imagine the biggest threat is community members unwilling to financially support the services and employees provided by our libraries. We have to take personal responsibility for the things we value in our community and be able to cumulatively support these resources.
6310	7/11/2012	Citizens unwilling to pay for something "they don't use."
6311	7/11/2012	Perhaps too much funding going towards programs that are not as well used or necessary.
6312	7/11/2012	funding limitations bigots on the national level that may influence local decision making re: censorship, etc.
6313	7/11/2012	Our crazy tax system. In particular, compression. Hardly anyone understands it, so it makes it hard to fix it!
6314	7/11/2012	Not enough funding
6315	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
6316	7/11/2012	You caught me at a good time. I walked from 102 & Burnside to the Midland Library this morning, it should be open at 10am. I got there at 10:04 & it had a sign that it would open at 11 am. damn. If you would just open five days a week at the same time each day it would be great. Just have minimal service & forget all the peripheral junk , you would have the funds that you need to stay open.
6317	7/11/2012	lack of money
6318	7/11/2012	Computerized everything - i.e. Kindle/Nook, computers to read and do research rather than hard copy reference books.
6319	7/11/2012	Money. Capitalism.

6320	7/11/2012	lack of stable funding
6321	7/11/2012	benefit costs of employees
6322	7/11/2012	funding by vote, as opposed to a more permanent stable source
6323	7/11/2012	Lack of appropriate public funding that is sufficient to stay current with current books, magazines, ebooks, and other media...? In general, the general public support for the libraries seems very strong - and the libraries appear to be incredibly well utilized.
6324	7/11/2012	tax dollars stretched too thin
6325	7/11/2012	Use by homeless people. Misuse by others. Central library has an intimidating atmosphere with all the kids that hang out in front
6326	7/11/2012	Public apathy - if you do not blow your own horn, noone else will blow it for you!!!!!! Send librarians to the schools and show the kids the who, what, where and when of books. These vitising librians need to have the wherewithall to issue library cards on the spot. (use the same techniques that the League of Women Voters have used for ages.)
6327	7/11/2012	Reduced hours or days
6328	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
6329	7/11/2012	Funding and allocation of resources
6330	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6331	7/11/2012	Besides illiteracy, I would say that our culture has become the biggest threat to the library. With the advent of social media, I would say that young people spend more time reading about themselves than ever. Access to timewasters online via the internet, smart phones, ipads, etc. steals time away from books, seeking out real interests and learning.
6332	7/11/2012	Administrators believing that taking a bigger share of my non-growing paycheck is the only solution to funding.[] [] Failure to completely use the internet and it's every potential to make materials accessible to the public which may help to trim some of the employee expense and the need for as many open hours.[] [] Training the public on the use of the internet to save trips and gas and time and money.
6333	7/11/2012	I imagine the resources to keep a library afloat.
6334	7/11/2012	Stupid people who don't realize how amazing the library system is
6335	7/11/2012	On line books. AKA Kindle, Fire and the Nook. Not everyone has media. A lot of people prefer to hold a book in their hand
6336	7/11/2012	I think that ordering multiple upon multiple copies of a book is a budget threat. I can reserve and wait. Instant gratification is so not on my radar.
6337	7/11/2012	The budget constraints facing all municipal agencies throughout this country.
6338	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding to provide meaningful services to all members of the community
6339	7/11/2012	Not being open enough hours/days. Not being able to buy new books.

6340	7/11/2012	Economic cut-backs
6341	7/11/2012	budget restrictions
6342	7/11/2012	Not enough money, cuts!!
6343	7/11/2012	misperceptions among the voters and taxpayers, and misguided county officials. it is undeniable that libraries are a critical aspect of a civil society and provide massive, unparalleled return on investment, now and for the future.
6344	7/11/2012	The shorter hours and days open - the library system in Portland is well use and it gives those that don't have a computer a place to use one. Also it is a way to keep people reading and not have to spend money purchasing books. I love the library and would hate to see it shrink up to nothing. I believe the library holds many different means to different people. I remember going to the Belmont library as a child, so the Multnomah library system has been a part of my life for over 50 years. My children used it and I hope someday to have my grandchildren be a part of this great system.
6345	7/11/2012	Short sightedness of people making budget decisions.
6346	7/11/2012	Loss of public funding
6347	7/11/2012	Government not treating reading and fair access to books as the very concrete human need that it really is.
6348	7/11/2012	conservatives
6349	7/11/2012	Funding - libraries need to remain vital for all citizens.
6350	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6351	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding. Taxpayer apathy.
6352	7/11/2012	Tax cuts.
6353	7/11/2012	The CLAIMED budget crises and thus cuts to our library and our fundamental right to free access to information and technology predominately affecting poor people of color, particularly women and children.
6354	7/11/2012	Budget cuts.
6355	7/11/2012	Public apathy.
6356	7/11/2012	Budget cuts?
6357	7/11/2012	LACK OF NUMEROUS CURRENT RESOURCES (BOOKS, E-MEDIA, ETC)[] LACK OF CONVENIENT HOURS[] LACK OF CHILDRENS PROGRAMMING
6358	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is that some community members feel that libraries are not necessary because of the Internet. This is so far from the truth. Libraries are a wonderful social and economic equalizer and are more critical than ever.
6359	7/11/2012	I am unaware that there are threats to our libraries.
6360	7/11/2012	Increasing PERS expenses?
6361	7/11/2012	trying to do it all.
6362	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding to stay open all days.

6363	7/11/2012	You've purposely jammed the system so the only numbers 1 & 2 that will come up, no matter what I try to enter, are the 2 you want to come up: keeping branches open at the cost of increased taxes. This is why people hate government.
6364	7/11/2012	Funding shortfalls. I am happy to see Multnomah County Libraries adapting to changes in technology, such as the increased use of e-readers. Libraries will have to continue to adapt to these new technologies in order to succeed.
6365	7/11/2012	Underfunding.
6366	7/11/2012	People who don't want to pay their taxes to support the library system!
6367	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6368	7/11/2012	Closures and resources
6369	7/11/2012	Theft
6370	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. This should be a community and government priority.
6371	7/11/2012	Funding. It is clear that the libraries are a huge resource for people here in Portland, and being able to continue providing those resources is necessary, since so many other sources of public good are being underfunded or shut down completely. The library is the only place some people in our community can go to have the access they need to the rest of the community.
6372	7/11/2012	Free use of County paid internet.
6373	7/11/2012	Budget cuts, lack of public support
6374	7/11/2012	At the risk of sounding old-fashioned, and while fully appreciating the importance of all the peripheral things libraries do such as providing computer access, in the long-run I think the biggest threat is loss of focus on the book and other reading material. Computers and other media are ubiquitous, and while I'm not disputing the library's role in making these available to members of the public who don't have access elsewhere, the essential role of libraries, which will ultimately maintain the loyalty of the public through all the changes society is going through, is the core mission of serving our literary culture.
6375	7/11/2012	deterioration of books and other media
6376	7/11/2012	Funding
6377	7/11/2012	funding
6378	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding.
6379	7/11/2012	Loss of volunteer workers
6380	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding.
6381	7/11/2012	Budget to continue to purchase new material, the ability to keep up with the move towards electronic media (ebooks)
6382	7/11/2012	Not enough funding. [] Get the word out about how easy it is to use! I would have never looked into using the library's services until my roommate started checking out books and movies. Once I realized how amazing, easy and helpful the library is, I am a frequent flyer!

6383	7/11/2012	Disinterest, especially among younger people, to read.
6384	7/11/2012	Decision makers who do not understand the importance of a vibrant library system in a community. Making the bottom line the only measure of the value of libraries. Not enough stable funding.
6385	7/11/2012	Government taking away funding so that the libraries aren't able to have wonderful resources like the new scanners to check out books, staff, other computers, and new books.
6386	7/11/2012	Not having adequate resources to provide a quality service which would inevitably lead to a decrease in use and potential closures. It's a bad cycle.
6387	7/11/2012	Libraries are an open access point. The biggest threat is decreased funding and resources.
6388	7/11/2012	Funding
6389	7/11/2012	The Kindle
6390	7/11/2012	Funding
6391	7/11/2012	lack of vision/commitment to education
6392	7/11/2012	Lack of community use. Thus lack of community involvement and care in what happens to libraries.
6393	7/11/2012	Republicans and illiterate people, but I repeat myself.
6394	7/11/2012	Loosing programing. Our library is a great community hub. The staff and the programs which they run pull the neighborhood together.
6395	7/11/2012	Apathy! Could be over-expansion. I use the Troutdale library since it is the closest but it wasn't really needed. The Fairview and Gresham libraries were already established and not far away. How about fewer locations but open seven days a week and full hours instead of opening new branches?
6396	7/11/2012	The influx of vagrants and bums using the library as a "day/night" center.
6397	7/11/2012	group think'. times are tough and people are making hard choices to survive. our public institutions need to change the way they approach how they do 'business' - especially when looking at funding issues. continually tapping the same shrinking pool of resources is not sustainable.
6398	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6399	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!!!!
6400	7/11/2012	Decreased funding.
6401	7/11/2012	People can download books on their computers or other pads.
6402	7/11/2012	Politics and funding.
6403	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6404	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and the problems states and local governments are having getting enough tax dollars.
6405	7/11/2012	I'm personally more nervous about the possibility of censorship and internet filtering, and controversial material becoming less available. But then that's not an issue of funding.
6406	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Perhaps complacency - maybe the library needs to improve its outreach.
6407	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6408	7/11/2012	Voters who want to pay NO taxes -- regardless of their community benefit like the library.
6409	7/11/2012	lack of funding & the dumbing down of America through social media, television, and video games
6410	7/11/2012	

6411	7/11/2012	Homeless people. Who wants to go to a library with dirty crazy people all over the place. There should be some type of system to screen these non-producing, non-contributing low-lives from ruining what used to be a pleasant library experience for everyone else.....everyone else being the people who pay the taxes and deserve the services.
6412	7/11/2012	Adequate funding!!!!!!!
6413	7/11/2012	Politics. Improper funding techniques. Possible failure to provide cost effective service. We particularly take advantage of reserving books over the internet and should such services become problematic, we would be very disappointed.
6414	7/11/2012	MISMANAGEMENT
6415	7/11/2012	Snooks and audio books
6416	7/11/2012	lack of funding. why, when we approve the levy is there this problem?
6417	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
6418	7/11/2012	Censorship and politicians who don't truly value books and learning...apart from that, when libraries self-censor, sorting out and selling their less popular books at rummage sales, one can end up "dumbing down a library collection and be left with stacks full of low-quality comic books.
6419	7/11/2012	arguing, not spending money wisely,inefficiency, and waste
6420	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6421	7/11/2012	Budget cuts, obviously.
6422	7/11/2012	I don't know.
6423	7/11/2012	electronic books & people not willing to pay for the services they use at the library.
6424	7/11/2012	I imagine unreliable funding
6425	7/11/2012	Loss of perceived importance politically. Many users are disenfranchised individuals and may have no voice in the process.
6426	7/11/2012	Lack of funding I suppose. Being an avid reader and library patron I can't imagine why anyone or one thing would/could threaten on of the best institutions this town has. Portland has the best library system of any place I've ever lived and if I am not mistaken one of the best in the country and it seems to be well loved by so many people.
6427	7/11/2012	non-progressive taxes. People don't want to continue to pay for libraries with property tax because it is an extra burden on the working class. Income taxes would be a better way to pay for libraries because is spreads the burden more fairly.
6428	7/11/2012	money
6429	7/11/2012	Reduced hours.
6430	7/11/2012	Budget cuts!
6431	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
6432	7/11/2012	Lack of easy online interface to see what's in the library without going there.
6433	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to keep them open and staffed.

6434	7/11/2012	Ignorance. Often people have no idea how libraries are actually funded. In my experience, many believe that libraries are funded by a federal agency, and so they're reluctant to provide what they view as 'extra' funding. People are also often unaware of the services that libraries provide beyond books.
6435	7/11/2012	insufficient funding
6436	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding and constantly changing technology. Think we need to be thinking more about libraries housing technological access for resources than housing books - as much as I love old-fashioned books!~
6437	7/11/2012	Republicans
6438	7/11/2012	Kindle, Nooks, etc. Electronic readers seem to be.
6439	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is the small branches may be closed for good.
6440	7/11/2012	people not voting to be taxed on goods and thus not having any money for social spending, the mo-fo glue of our community.
6441	7/11/2012	CLOSING DOWN
6442	7/11/2012	Not being open for people to use. I know that when I was growing up our family went to the library on a regular basis. We did not buy a lot of books, we borrowed from the library. I think if the library is open a long as possible during the summer i is a great gift to kids. In the winter time, it might be an idea to open an hour later so the library could stay open an hour later so kids could use the facilities.
6443	7/11/2012	Politicians
6444	7/11/2012	budget cuts
6445	7/11/2012	Library management not asking for enough money from the voters to stay open beyond token hours.
6446	7/11/2012	I have no idea.
6447	7/11/2012	Republicans
6448	7/11/2012	Not being able to stay current with technology, the expense in keeping libraries open
6449	7/11/2012	Not having access to current resources.
6450	7/11/2012	Levies for partial library funding leading to reductions in general fund contributions as politicians go into reactionary mode to fix a crisis, and view the libraries as "already taken care of" enough to neglect as a priority.[] [] We must keep a strong and stable funding from discretionary sources as well as dedicated ones.
6451	7/11/2012	Keeping them open and accessible with non-digitized materials. Real books!
6452	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6453	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6454	7/11/2012	I don't know. But I suspect its funding.
6455	7/11/2012	Lack of a library district.
6456	7/11/2012	Lack of a steady, ongoing source of income.
6457	7/11/2012	Lack of funding

6458	7/11/2012	Theft of books
6459	7/11/2012	Having moved here from out of state, i am chagrined at the lack of having a state income tax... which could help so many services. contact your legislators..... look at the tax systems of Minnesota and North Dakota... life is good in those places-- and libraries are alive and well.
6460	7/11/2012	I'm not sure - obviously lack of funding but I don't know what resources are taking away from library resources.
6461	7/11/2012	Unpatriotic citizens who do not want to pay taxes to support public services for their fellow human beings.
6462	7/11/2012	Not enough funding....and people who don't bother to understand what a library does for our community.
6463	7/11/2012	I have no idea. Hopefully there is no threat because what would we do without the library as the resource that it is?
6464	7/11/2012	Books being stolen and never returned and not being payed overdues
6465	7/11/2012	Lack of proper and consistent funding.
6466	7/11/2012	Wasting funding on obsolescent media.
6467	7/11/2012	lack of funding. shortening hours and cutting services
6468	7/11/2012	Apparently lack of funding.
6469	7/11/2012	Closures when kids rely on the library so much.
6470	7/11/2012	Relying on levys for funding. Though I've enjoyed free dvds for years, I wouldn't mind having a quarterly fee in place to assist in covering the cost.
6471	7/11/2012	Lack of appropriate funding.
6472	7/11/2012	Economic times inhibits funding.
6473	7/11/2012	The above question does not let me
6474	7/11/2012	Revenue cuts.
6475	7/11/2012	The internet.
6476	7/11/2012	lack of funding leading to cutting back on useful/educational programs, and irrelevance caused by inability to evolve quickly with latest technology shifts in reading and learning.
6477	7/11/2012	republicans
6478	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
6479	7/11/2012	lack of money to buy and retain materials
6480	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6481	7/11/2012	Available resources for low income families, seniors and early readers.
6482	7/11/2012	People forgetting about the purpose of libraries including reading and using books and the need to fund them.
6483	7/11/2012	Not having enough money to keep them all open
6484	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is access. We must find a way to keep our libraries open with "full hours - seven days a week" with no more increase in taxes.

6485	7/11/2012	People don't want to read any more. Lack of funding.
6486	7/11/2012	Not being open.
6487	7/11/2012	budget issues
6488	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6489	7/11/2012	Slow economy, same as everything/-one else.
6490	7/11/2012	People who think there is nothing worth paying a tax for.
		1. Biggest threat: Scope creep. Be a good library. You may perhaps let some of the peripheral programs go if that is what it takes to be a good library.[] []
6491	7/11/2012	2. Alienating taxpayers (like me). The fact that I fought a losing battle with the Library to keep sexually titillating materials out of the hands of my teenage sons has left a long-lasting sour taste in my mouth. If the Library can be a SAFE PLACE as well as a valuable resource for all in our community, if the Library can cooperate with parents instead of following continuing on its politically-correct agenda, then it will be easier to get voters to support you.
6492	7/11/2012	people don't know how to use them, or are afraid of forgetting to return books and getting fined a lot. also people are afraid of taxes even when they are used for really important resources
6493	7/11/2012	Tax cuts.
6494	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and rising costs.
6495	7/11/2012	Apathy towards funding
6496	7/11/2012	not enough funding
6497	7/11/2012	Limited hours.
6498	7/11/2012	limiting resources in the library for job seekers, students, small business owners
6499	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Without funding, we can't get books or movies, and there wouldn't be wifi. Without any of that, we don't have a library, and we wouldn't have patrons.
6500	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6501	7/11/2012	I don't know.
6502	7/11/2012	It becomes social services - ha
6503	7/11/2012	Not being supported by public.
6504	7/11/2012	republicans
6505	7/11/2012	lack of sufficient funding to do a great job
6506	7/11/2012	Inadequate schools.
6507	7/11/2012	Budget cuts and increased Internet access.
6508	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6509	7/11/2012	I am not too sure, sounds like funding is an issue.
6510	7/11/2012	I'm not sure, but it seems like budget cuts. At least in my neighborhood, the library appears well-used.

6511	7/11/2012	Being shutdown due to budget constraints. I feel libraries are seen solely as a benefit when they should be viewed as a necessity. Responsible and respectful patrons should have access to learning and certain entertainment materials without having to pay a lot of money.
6512	7/11/2012	The Internet. Most don't need to visit the library for accurate information. They can find it all online. Books are becoming a thing of the past. People can read full novels on their device with less bulk than carrying a book or two.
6513	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. My impression is that MCPL does a great job with the funds it does have. I can't weigh in on the value of establishing a library district and will read up on it, since that seems to be one way to establish and maintain a bigger operating budget.
6514	7/11/2012	funding
6515	7/11/2012	Poorly staffed
6516	7/11/2012	It seems that budget cuts are the biggest threat, as the library can be viewed as not so important in this world of technology.
6517	7/11/2012	Lack of finding
6518	7/11/2012	Hlgh wages and retirement benefits paid by the homeowners who do not use the libraries. It has become an entitlement program. The cost is enormous. I could buy 30+ hardbacks and throw them away for the taxes paid.
6519	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6520	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6521	7/11/2012	complacency
6522	7/11/2012	I'm not sure.
6523	7/11/2012	Under-funding.
6524	7/11/2012	Not sure but lack of funding is probably the biggest right now.
6525	7/11/2012	?
6526	7/11/2012	Isolated and illiterate population voting as they're told by big corporate interests.
6527	7/11/2012	Funding going to other, less used and less important projects (i.e. Bike Lanes), instead of libraries, schools, community centers, and parks. I'm afraid my library will be suddenly open only during regular business hours, not allowing me to use the services for which I pay with my taxes (both property and income).
6528	7/11/2012	The assumption that electronic usage makes books irrelevant. The book selection at the library is a critical resource given the limited range of ebooks. In order to have a democracy, we need educated people; the original vision of the public library. This vision much continue if we want to have individuals with access to a wide range of perspectives.
6529	7/11/2012	Anyone underestimating the power of reading, developing imagination and having a safe haven to do so.[] [] Some things cannot be quantified. I worry that those who don't use the library will not support it.

6530	7/11/2012	Voter apathy.[] Voters need to be reminded of the good things the library provides the community.[] In Gresham for example the library is just not a place for books but serves as the primary community center.
6531	7/11/2012	not having security
6532	7/11/2012	Funding. Please do not close local branches. It is important that all citizens have local access to a library. Shorten hours, before doing that.
6533	7/11/2012	Tie: 1.) Electronic Media (e-books) edging out libraries due to prices of physical books and social need --and, 2.) people taking their libraries for granted. when prices go up, (and what these days isn't) libraries get stuck cutting corners (in this case, right now, cutting out a day, but what next?) --people get disappointed at the library system, even though in reality, their lack of interest (or, at least, their lack of giving \$ thru local taxes) is what causes it to fail.
6534	7/11/2012	stupid people and non readers
6535	7/11/2012	cutting hours to never provide access for 8-5 workers.
6536	7/11/2012	short sighted electorate
6537	7/11/2012	E readers
6538	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to perform the library system's vital functions (listed just above). Lack of funding leads to lack of staff, materials, helping patrons to find materials and do research. It's clear that in this time of economic stress particularly, the library is a haven, a support system, as well as providing its traditional intellectual support.
6539	7/11/2012	Lack of funding...or you wouldn't be asking.
6540	7/11/2012	misspending off tax money by our so called local leaders
6541	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6542	7/11/2012	The library funding district.
6543	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6544	7/11/2012	The State of Oregon's tax laws.
6545	7/11/2012	Kindles.
6546	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and educational initiative to maintain libraries as a supplementary resource
6547	7/11/2012	Funding
6548	7/11/2012	Expense and increasing property taxes.
6549	7/11/2012	Republicans and the internet
6550	7/11/2012	Jeff Cogen's foot-dragging on the library district
6551	7/11/2012	budget cuts
6552	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. I believe people need and use the library more than first thought.
6553	7/11/2012	Maybe ebooks? Not enough funding?

6554	7/11/2012	limited funds, decreasing access, staff reductions and on and on and on [] Portlands' libraries are one of its best resources!!!!
6555	7/11/2012	When county funds are misappropriated and allocated to other areas that do not serve the general public. It is also very deceitful to present a measure to the public that misled the public into voting it into law, then cutting the library hours and now proposing another measure that would increase the levy without telling the public the total amount of money collected from the levy and how the levy is appropriated. I am not happy that my vote was used in this way. I will make sure you will not get my vote again and I will try my best to tell other people about how unhappy I am.
6556	7/11/2012	Not having enough of a selection and not having enough electronic copies to reduce the waiting time to check out e-books
6557	7/11/2012	Closure
6558	7/11/2012	Decreased services due to lack of funding.
6559	7/11/2012	Funding?
6560	7/11/2012	Lack of financial support.
6561	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6562	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, inadequate staffing, inadequate resources to keep up with popular and scholarly publications, Republicans.
6563	7/11/2012	1) Lack of funding. 2) It seems like the Central library especially has the burden of being a de facto social service center, which I imagine is difficult on staff. I'd like to see the library given more help in this arena, ie maybe we need more computer labs and job resource centers in Portland for the homeless population to access, in a more hands-on service oriented environment. The assumption that people are not willing to pay higher taxes for a better library. [] It would also be nice to get some of the most unhelpful library personnel to be retired or let go and more excited and motivated people employed at the library. For example, at the Belmont library a worker named Jane, who leads the children's story time has worked at the for library for decades and is grumpy and unpleasant and never helpful, but her job apparently is secure since a couple of newer and younger story time leaders were recently let go due to budget issues. Those two ladies were really good. They were not only knowledge, but helpful and pleasant as well. I bet they were paid less than that Jane lady too.
6564	7/11/2012	
6565	7/11/2012	loss of funding.
6566	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and failure to keep up with new technology (need a better e-book system. More titles, and better website)
6567	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, without question.
6568	7/11/2012	money - lack of it

6569	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.[] []
6570	7/11/2012	Increased used of e-books.
6571	7/11/2012	non support by taxpayers and mismanagement (I have not witnessed any mismanagment)
6572	7/11/2012	I don't know
6573	7/11/2012	The loss of an education to anyone. availability is very important. Inefficient work routines that waste money. Runaway operational costs requiring constant [] increases in Levy's.
6574	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to libraries is the widely-held misconception amongst casual patrons that the library is "just a place to get media for free". If people aren't made to realize that the public library is, really, a fundamental part of the free education system in America, and if they continue to see it as nothing more than an archaic and inferior precursor to file-sharing networks, then libraries will continue to see their funding shrink into nonexistence at the hands of apathetic taxpayers and legislators.
6575	7/11/2012	Funding and political priorities
6576	7/11/2012	Underfunding
6577	7/11/2012	Republicans
6578	7/11/2012	library administration and county administrators.
6579	7/11/2012	consistent funding. The same thing that is wrong with Oregon schools.
6580	7/11/2012	Technology because of the proliferation of electronic media is killing the printed world.
6581	7/11/2012	Underfunding
6582	7/11/2012	Government. A levy was just passed by the voters. In less than 60 days government is saying not enough money. If sufficient money wasn't asked for in the levy.....why not? Suddenly the levy amount is 17% short of what is needed? That's makes no sense at all to me. My suspicion is that levy funds are being diverted to other uses.
6583	7/11/2012	No money
6584	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6585	7/11/2012	Funding
6586	7/11/2012	Too many homeless vagabonds.
6587	7/11/2012	Lack of funds for maintenance and keeping up-to-date materials.
6588	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6589	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6590	7/11/2012	That people will take it for granted. We have one of the nation's best library systems because we agree as a community that it is important and worthwhile. Many leaders in the community have helped people see this. If that shared sense of the library's importance diminishes, if people let themselves believe that supporting the library is just another tax, that reading is "over," then the libraries will be threatened.

6591	7/11/2012	Funding and community awareness.
6592	7/11/2012	People who don't recognize it at a huge part of why we live in a civilized society and who therefore do not want to pay any tax related to it. They're missing out. (This is obviously just a guess, but I go there because of how truly thankful we are for the Library and how we vote to support it when/where possible.)
6593	7/11/2012	Republicans.
6594	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6595	7/11/2012	might have to closed for some of the branches
6596	7/11/2012	lack of current books, and cds.
6597	7/11/2012	Funding cuts that would reduce services and continued quality of the collection.
6598	7/11/2012	expense of books and media city budget.
6599	7/11/2012	Continuous begging for money. People get tired of it.[] Look, people will get by with reduced service. Make what you have the best you can.[] Why am I paying for people to get free movies. If they we educational, then fine. But Vin Diesel movies?
6600	7/11/2012	They, much like our public schools, are funded by taxpayers (and most notably here in Oregon--home buyers through their property taxes). Until Oregon can get over its fear of sales tax we will continue to find ourselves in the same funding situations with our schools, libraries, fire stations, etc. A sales tax would more evenly spread the burden of support beyond property owners and even take in additional funding from tourists (which is just money left on the table at this point).
6601	7/11/2012	I would assume it's funding.
6602	7/11/2012	Budget Cuts.
6603	7/11/2012	Multnomah County Board diverting existing funding to other programs. Excessive salaries for director(s).
6604	7/11/2012	lack of stable funding!
6605	7/11/2012	I believe the biggest threat is funding.
6606	7/11/2012	The arrogance and incompetence of your staff! A male librarian is always condescending and arrogant when I ask him a question. He should disappear at the next layoff.
6607	7/11/2012	I have no idea. I just use the damn thing.
6608	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6609	7/11/2012	underfunding or disuse
6610	7/11/2012	funding being cut.
6611	7/11/2012	taxes. If you tax the middle class too much, there will not be a middle class left. Then who will pay to keep the libraries open?
6612	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6613	7/11/2012	Internet
6614	7/11/2012	Over use?

6615	7/11/2012	lack of funds. Libraries in Portland are a rich source of materials and activities and its citizens make full use of what is available. Very difficult to ask citizens to pay more in these tough economic times, especially when the school system is proposing a bond issue, but I do believe the public will support our libraries.
6616	7/11/2012	I don't believe the library should be a place for popular movies and cd's...informational only...expends too many resources.
6617	7/11/2012	Limited access for patrons with this type of resource
6618	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6619	7/11/2012	Lack of staff persons.
6620	7/11/2012	Indifference.
6621	7/11/2012	not enough funding to support the system
6622	7/11/2012	Inflation
6623	7/11/2012	Rapid de-funding.
6624	7/11/2012	The unfriendly, un helpful library staff.
6625	7/11/2012	Levy passing which increase our taxes but, the money does not go where they say it will go. The levy passed and now the Library is closed on Monday's. Just like schools. No one knows where the money is going.
6626	7/11/2012	Resources being directed away from education, and generally towards prisons, policing, etc.
6627	7/11/2012	Cretins
6628	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and support
6629	7/11/2012	Right Wing Conservatives.
6630	7/11/2012	Funding
6631	7/11/2012	lack of consistent funding
6632	7/11/2012	Funding.
6633	7/11/2012	programs taken away
6634	7/11/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is budget cuts. We need to keep our libraries open and current. This is one of the biggest ways to keep our community grow, stay safe, and stay smart.
6635	7/11/2012	Loss of branches and hours as well as loss of staff. Cutbacks in materials.
6636	7/11/2012	Money...plain and simple. The economy is in such bad shape right now and has been for several years. There are less people paying property taxes because they have been foreclosed upon. There are so many unemployed people. The city of Gresham has been hit hard. There are so many empty businesses. People are just barely getting by financially. I think we all want all of the above things for our libraries, but we cannot afford the extra money needed to finance them. The schools are having the same problem. I don't know what the answer is to solve the problem. If we all had good living wage paying jobs, and owned property, maybe there would be extra money to help fund great things like libraries and schools. I don't see that happening anytime soon...not until the economy recovers.

6637	7/11/2012	Under funding. All the previous programs need to be available to everyone. Some of us don't have access to computers or can afford new books.
6638	7/11/2012	The government not recognizing its necessity. Yes it must be paid for, and I do believe it should be paid for. The library is a symbol of free-thinking curiosity that fosters in individuals as well as communities the idea that physical (historical) books, tools for research, and places for contemplating ideas are important and should be accessible. The fact that libraries are free truly reinforces that they are for everybody. In a time when books (as physical objects) are losing out to media and people are dependent upon having access to a computer/the internet -- the library is a place that meets all research and inquiry needs with computer access as well as thousands of incredible books that would not be easily located anywhere else. Yes, even in e-reader format. Yes, even online!
6639	7/11/2012	Not sure
6640	7/11/2012	Internet
6641	7/11/2012	Reducing hours and confusing times of operation limiting library access to many citizens.
6642	7/11/2012	Defunding by the anti-government movement.
6643	7/11/2012	Poor economy coupled with a loss of tax revenue. Also, general apathy by the public.
6644	7/11/2012	Kids growing up believing that TV and electronic devices are more fun than reading a good book. You automate with expensive checkout computerized machines but you have not reduced staff; the staff just stand around and watch us check out. The automation should have reduced staff but you have chosen not to do that. How does that pencil?[] []
6645	7/11/2012	You have expanded rentals of videos and movies to over 30% of all rentals. Why? That is not the main mission of libraries and should not be.[] [] You should focus on your CORE mission- books. You have not tried to do that.
6646	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6647	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and support from local and state government, as well as lack of support and interest from community members.
6648	7/11/2012	mismanagement of current funding levels
6649	7/11/2012	Umm daring to make library a private entity with the threat of having to pay in order to access inside a library a fee is not right, at all or the thought of libraries in a private sector.
6650	7/11/2012	not enough funding and public's lack of utilization
6651	7/11/2012	employees benefits and pensions are WAY TOO HIGH! The system is highway robbery.
6652	7/11/2012	It sounds like the biggest threat is lack of funding.
6653	7/11/2012	Misappropriated funds
6654	7/11/2012	Funding. If people don't have open libraries when they want to use them and access like the Kindle borrowing, they will be less likely to support funding for the libraries.

6655	7/11/2012	hour cuts
6656	7/11/2012	Money?
6657	7/11/2012	Lack of credibility from doom and gloom scare tactics to raise taxes or face further service cuts. We JUST voted for a levy two months ago. How is it possible that you need MORE money this soon??? We cannot keep paying more while getting less.
6658	7/11/2012	Budget cuts at the state and local levels.
6659	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6660	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6661	7/11/2012	Not being able to use the computer and get books out to read.
6662	7/11/2012	Easy access to updated technology.
6663	7/11/2012	Lack of funding Budget cuts. Poor priorities of allocation of money and services.[] Educational resources considered not as important as giving money out to[]
6664	7/11/2012	those who do not need it.[] The privilege and the rich not paying as much taxes as the middle class.[] The upper classes and wealthy should contribute funds to such institutions as libraries and schools,[] in payment for society's contribution for making them wealthy. It is paying it forward.
6665	7/11/2012	I strongly disagree with so much money going to cater to non English language materials.
6666	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
6667	7/11/2012	funding? lack of reading among children?
6668	7/11/2012	unpaid fines.
6669	7/11/2012	Top heavy management, political waste, republican party Funding the biggest issue[]
6670	7/11/2012	I also see the library staff having to step in to help where the social welfare system and education system are lacking. I appreciate that they are willing to help: homeless, jobseekers, seniors and children - it is a shame that due to underfunding of other programs/departments etc... the library is the only resource to help some people.
6671	7/11/2012	Cutting of State and Federal funding
6672	7/11/2012	Cutting out evening and weekend hours which makes them difficult for working parents and students to use.
6673	7/11/2012	Apathy
6674	7/11/2012	I don't know
6675	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6676	7/11/2012	People not totally utilizing the resources. Need to give our libraries more PR.
6677	7/11/2012	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
6678	7/11/2012	I don't know
6679	7/11/2012	Measure 5 & measure 47

6680	7/11/2012	budget
6681	7/11/2012	Maybe trying to do too much.
6682	7/11/2012	Funding cuts.
6683	7/11/2012	inability to change with the times & lack of funding
6684	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6685	7/11/2012	Lack of access and up to date materials or enough employees to support clients.
6686	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and people who don't understand that the library is for more than just checking out books for free.
6687	7/11/2012	Technology-- the proper use of technology could reduce capital and operating substantially.
6688	7/11/2012	Cuts in full hours. These destroy voters' trust to pass future library ballot measures.
6689	7/11/2012	Too many programs taking the place of what the family, not the library, should be doing and eating up money and resources. Eventually people will learn to work around it.
6690	7/11/2012	Funding. Our library system is an absolute treasure and as more and more people slip out of the middle class (my family included) it's one of the few opportunities for enrichment still available to us. We can't afford much of anything anymore but the riches at the library make us feel like the luckiest people ever. □ When library hours are cut, people who can't afford internet access for job searches and schoolwork are affected. Cuts to the library are cuts directed directly at the poor and disadvantaged. Don't think we don't know it.
6691	7/11/2012	Short hours not enough funding. I think I am in the minority, but I am willing to pay more taxes, more property taxes, (I am a home owner) more income taxes what ever it takes to keep libraries, parks and schools open updated well stocked serving the public. I only earn about \$25K annually but I am willing to pay more for the important things in life. I have no children in schools but good schools, good libraries, good parks and recreational opportunities for all ages are important.
6692	7/11/2012	Ordering books on-line for my e-reader has been very sucessful. A lot of citizens who used to read hard-bound books are now opting for e-books. Therefore, there should be less readers needing to go to the physical libraries. This is a good "threat." Hopefully the Multnomah County Libraries will be able to operate with less funding and maintain fewer branches with shorter hours.
6693	7/11/2012	lack of literacy
6694	7/11/2012	misrepresentations by library funding advocates
6695	7/11/2012	i don't know
6696	7/11/2012	People not funding them.
6697	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. I think that the community cares and uses their libraries, but doesn't always make the connection that those services need to be paid for.
6698	7/11/2012	Our mayor
6699	7/11/2012	Levy failure.

6700	7/11/2012	Lack of funding resulting in fewer hours and fewer new books.
6701	7/11/2012	I think that ebooks are a threat to libraries. The convenience leads to libraries becoming obsolete.
6702	7/11/2012	Continue funding to support new books and computers inventories.
6703	7/11/2012	eBooks and electronics reducing next generation's appreciation of the physical written word.
6704	7/11/2012	Funding, definitely. I am poor, but I'd be willing to pay more in taxes to keep the libraries open and accessible
6705	7/11/2012	closing libraries, restricted hours so that they aren't open in the evenings and weekends, removal of seldom used materials
6706	7/11/2012	Politicians looking to fund other programs one way or another, not willing to put money into the library system.
6707	7/11/2012	Losing any more funding is the biggest threat to our local libraries. I believe the library system is vital to a thriving and well-informed community.
6708	7/11/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - administrative costs (Are we being wasteful? Are some of those upper tier salaries really necessary?) - Can people be educated to perhaps take better care of the materials and thus, cut replacement costs? - The amount of stolen material AND the fact that, in the past, alarms have been dismantled as "too much trouble" is of concern to a lot of us.
6709	7/11/2012	Not being available (and not having current books) to school-aged kids so that they can touch and see the sources of information that will open their eyes to the world of knowledge. Browsing in a library is an important way to find out about new things. Sometimes you look on the shelf for a specific book, but on the way to find that book, you see other books that capture your interest about subjects that you hadn't thought of yet. This type of 'search' is not possible on the internet.
6710	7/11/2012	I think that not having enough funding is the biggest threat.
6711	7/11/2012	lack of funding.
6712	7/11/2012	Inadequate materials and media to maintain relevancy for all who use them.
6713	7/11/2012	This program is not working. I can't change any numbers in the above Question!!!
6714	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6715	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and lack of willingness of people who use the libraries to help fund them.
6716	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is high unemployment rates locally. When people are unemployed or underemployed, or fear that the economy is not robust, they are wary for any government spending. When they are wary of spending, they begin to target social programs, like the library, as an expensive, non-essential service, in spite of the fact that libraries often fill the gap when other programs are cut. The library's services to job seekers, seniors/ homebound, young families, students, and others are essential in keeping the community vibrant.
6717	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6718	7/11/2012	I'd imagine funding issues.

6719	7/11/2012	Lack of funding due to a fundamental lack of understanding of the importance of libraries. Libraries are more than "free bookstores", serving an important role in education and community.
6720	7/11/2012	The public pension program. (retirement and health care for retirees)
6721	7/11/2012	Unfunded PERS liabilities
6722	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6723	7/11/2012	Electronic media
6724	7/11/2012	E-books
6725	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is Oregon's faltering economy. As always, the rich don't "need" library services as they can purchase books, tutorial services, research services, and etc. Property owners hate to pay for any service they "think" is not useful to them. An educated public is of SERVICE to everyone. Share the wealth has lost any meaning in this new world.
6726	7/11/2012	Re duce money for their budget.[] Use tax money for wars and political propaganda for the next president insted of educational services that librerries offered
6727	7/11/2012	well...it appears to be funding.
6728	7/11/2012	lack of resources
6729	7/11/2012	Funding/use disinterest.
6730	7/11/2012	Old-fashioned ideas of the services libraries offer; anti-intellectual leanings of too many others and citizens.
6731	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6732	7/11/2012	Loss of public funding
6733	7/11/2012	The prison system hogging too much of the State budget. Stop convicting innocent people and jailing Mexican nationals just because they are here. Pay attention to and follow the letter and spirit of the Constitution. What could the library system do with an extra 500 million a year? That's only half the prison budget. Pretty obvious isn't it? The U.S. has 2% of world population and 25% of all prisoners. Who pays for this? Kids that can't get into a library, underfunded libraries and under paid librarians. [] [] Dedicate a greater portion of lottery proceeds to Libraries . . . How better to stimulate the U.S. economy than to educate the public. Oh, and reduce the WAIST in Public Spending . . . you know what I'm writing about don't you. And control bullying and gangs in public schools.
6734	7/11/2012	I don't know. I would imagine a lack of funding.
6735	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6736	7/11/2012	I don't know.
6737	7/11/2012	Funding? Our libraries are great!
6738	7/11/2012	Low value placed on public goods.
6739	7/11/2012	don't know.

6740	7/11/2012	1. I'm not happy with the Hollywood Library turning into a day care center. It's gets too noisy and it is hard to concentrate.[] [] 2. Not enough funding.
6741	7/11/2012	loss of funding
6742	7/11/2012	Decreased hours
6743	7/11/2012	Lack of funding leading to less services, which will lead to less use by members, which will lead to less support for tax levies and lead to even less funding.
6744	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is the libraries being open less than 6 days a week. Lack of funding?[] [] Regarding the above: [] []
6745	7/11/2012	I think it is a priority to have the libraries open 7 days a week, because peoples' needs and free time vary, so it seems important for everyone to be able to count on the library being open for some time each day.[] [] That said, I think the other programs you have listed are all a critical part of what the library needs to offer. I think we owe it to future generations to have good access to information and guidance as provided by the library services. The public doesnt know enough about possible types of funding; why the costs go up; why libraries are important when public schools are shutting down subjects like the arts; [] & just because they have real-life books & written pages still!
6746	7/11/2012	I would say internet, but I happen to be a big internet user at home as well. Books are readily available online now So folks don't have to travel to the library to read or get a book anymore.
6747	7/11/2012	Lack of capacity, funding
6748	7/11/2012	E-books, possibly.
6749	7/11/2012	government
6750	7/11/2012	Cutting back hours after a levy passes. Inept elected leadership.
6751	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6752	7/11/2012	Funding
6753	7/11/2012	Closing
6754	7/11/2012	People not wanting to pay taxes for essential services such as the library.
6755	7/11/2012	Biggest threat: thinking that as a public funded organization you HAVE to be all things to all people. [] []
6756	7/11/2012	Like the rest of us, prioritize what you can do with the money you have.. Please don't ask for more. All of us have lost wages/jobs in this Economy. It makes sense that you would have to cut back as well.

6757	7/11/2012	loss of funding
6758	7/11/2012	basing funding on tax values that fluctuate rather than a more steady source
6759	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Also, future generations not seeing the value of libraries.
6760	7/11/2012	Seems there should be more times for the teens to be involved in something.
6761	7/11/2012	funding, I suspect
6762	7/11/2012	Diverging attitudes toward the value of PUBLIC infrastructure. That is, there seems to be a growing base of people who are unwilling to support culturally-valuable, even critical, institutions (e.g. libraries, arts, culture, etc.) with their tax-dollars.
6763	7/11/2012	Lack of funding leading to lack of services and out of date materials...
6764	7/11/2012	cut back services
6765	7/11/2012	Censorship. And budget cuts, obviously.
6766	7/11/2012	Lack of resources.
6767	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6768	7/11/2012	i assume funding
6769	7/11/2012	Shutting down branches. It's important to have access to a facility in your neighborhood.
6770	7/11/2012	under funding
6771	7/11/2012	That there will be insufficient funding.
6772	7/11/2012	Budget constriction and also the sweeping trend to electronic reading options. I am NOT a fan of e-readers and hope to NEVER see libraries go by the wayside. There is just something about holding a book in your hands and reading from it.
6773	7/11/2012	Keeping new media on the shelves, the electronic age of e- books, culture failure to support literacy.
6774	7/11/2012	Underfunding that leaves the system unable to stay current with technology & printed materials & other media.
6775	7/11/2012	Lack of public revenue and over-emphasis on fire and police.
6776	7/11/2012	Smartphones making us dumber.
6777	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
6778	7/11/2012	stupidity
6779	7/11/2012	Citizens who are not willing to pay more taxes because they think government can always do more with less.
6780	7/11/2012	electronic books over the internet, but not a near term threat
6781	7/11/2012	I would guess budget cuts, and programs
6782	7/11/2012	Lack of proper funding.
6783	7/11/2012	lack of secure and stable funding, rising healthcare costs, and auto steps for union employees.

6784	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding ---- A library system, particularly one as spectacular as the Multnomah County Library is as necessary for a healthy community as clean water, garbage pick-up, sewers and utilities. EVERY citizen needs access to a library with up-to-date published media, computer access and librarians to facilitate effective use of the resources.....How else can we even pretend to live in a democracy??
6785	7/11/2012	complete closure
6786	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6787	7/11/2012	Not being a priority for budget makers
6788	7/11/2012	Funding
6789	7/11/2012	Funding and a lack of appreciation for what libraries offer.
6790	7/11/2012	Probably funding.
6791	7/11/2012	The general lack of interest in reading and learning in our society.
6792	7/11/2012	I have no idea...I suppose people who resist publicly funded social programs (like the library) by fighting against taxes to help keep the libraries funded.
6793	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6794	7/11/2012	Lack of money to maintain the library
6795	7/11/2012	not enough funding
6796	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6797	7/11/2012	Lack of money to run them.
6798	7/11/2012	Not enough money to keep them open or people not using them.
6799	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
6800	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Large facilities and fewer people using books. Are the libraries going to become community owned wifi centers? hard to say...
6801	7/11/2012	Not enough funds?
6802	7/11/2012	Lack of funds.
6803	7/11/2012	The internet - libraries aren't really necessary to do research anymore for school reports, data collection, etc.
6804	7/11/2012	Declining use by students, shift to web sources for information rather than books. Mis-Use of our Tax Dollars. Government does not need more money. They need to use the money they have more effectively and efficiently.[]
6805	7/11/2012	[] Perhaps, it would be better if private business ran all government agencies.[] [] so, the biggest threat - the way government manages business.
6806	7/11/2012	The voters. Closing libraries means closing minds. A society CANNOT and WILL NOT advance with closed minds. Libraries are a critical piece of the foundation of modern society. Without them, we will decline into ignorance.

6807	7/11/2012	Keeping up with technology - although the county's system seems to have no trouble there.
6808	7/11/2012	Funding.
6809	7/11/2012	I'm not sure. lack of funding...[]
6810	7/11/2012	In St. Louis County people pay 10 dollars a year to belong. I would be willing to pay directly to the library system if a sliding scale was set up, so truly poor families have access, which is so crucial.[] Thank you.
6811	7/11/2012	access to information is probably the primary support of a vibrant economy ... the library provides at least a minimal access ... our community needs to provide this access for all and a modest tax to support this access is essential but a 33% increase is a burden to us all leaving access to only those that can afford to provide their own access ... access for low-income people is essential and the burden must be shared by all ...
6812	7/11/2012	Not being open enough
6813	7/11/2012	Apathy
6814	7/11/2012	Funding, taxpayer support
6815	7/11/2012	Funds
6816	7/11/2012	Budget cuts are the biggest threat to our library system.
6817	7/11/2012	not enough funding
6818	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Future difficulty of finding qualified personnel due to low wages.
6819	7/11/2012	People not utilizing them
6820	7/11/2012	low revenue
6821	7/11/2012	idiot politicians
6822	7/11/2012	Cheap taxpayers, and those who don't see the necessity to pass funding measures to support them
6823	7/11/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
6824	7/11/2012	Not funding them. It provides the earliest onset of education to all people and especially for early intervention for reading to people who may not otherwise access such materials. It is the leading deterrent for students to remain in school and be part of a community as long term, and to be a participant in the economy.
6825	7/11/2012	Defunding. Our Library system is the best in the world from what I learned. Yes-it is extremely important to maintain our Library. It part of a free country. It is democray. It is civilized. We the people must stay informed. I love it.
6826	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6827	7/11/2012	lack of funding!
6828	7/11/2012	Defunding, lack of public support
6829	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6830	7/11/2012	It seems to be money!
6831	7/11/2012	Staying open.

6832	7/11/2012	short-sighted funding cuts
6833	7/11/2012	Publishers not allowing e books. I love being able to check out a book in the middle of the night or when I am traveling.
6834	7/11/2012	Money.People who do not want to support things like schools, may well not want to support libraries.
6835	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6836	7/11/2012	The poor economy, because people can't afford to support the library through higher taxes/levies .
6837	7/11/2012	E-books.
6838	7/11/2012	funding
6839	7/11/2012	Unstable funding
6840	7/11/2012	Availability of current materials.
6841	7/11/2012	Closing branches and making it difficult for others to obtain services.
6842	7/11/2012	Uncertain funding
6843	7/11/2012	Current funding situation, apathy by public
6844	7/11/2012	Funding. I do not think there is apathy about libraries in Portland, but if it raises it's head, that would be a serious threat.
6845	7/11/2012	One of the things I hear most is that the upper-level management staff in the Multnomah County Library system are sucking the resources dry because they are too highly paid. The funds that are already available should be being used for library services, building maintenance, and entry-level type general staffing (i.e. keeping branches open all days -- if McDonalds can manage to stay open all week, so can the libraries!). Tax money should not be used for high salaries and benefits for the top-heavy library bureaucracy positions. I would definitely say that the highly paid top-level library bureaucrats are the BIGGEST threat to our local libraries.
6846	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, & the chance that w/technology, actual "books" might disappear.
6847	7/11/2012	Not enough funding.
6848	7/11/2012	Dumbing down of materials purchased for ease of processing.
6849	7/11/2012	NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO STAY OPEN ENOUGH HOURS TO MAKE INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO ALL, INCLUDING THOSE WHO CAN ONLY COME DURING NON-WORKING HOURS!!!
6850	7/11/2012	Not enough money to keep the libraries open.
6851	7/11/2012	lack of adequate funding -it is good that the libraries are so well utilized as that encourages passage of funding measures
6852	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. Our libraries are one of the few institutions left that make the USA relevant. Don't get me started on inequities etc. Libraries at least let the little guy keep informed if one wants to.
6853	7/11/2012	Wealthy home owners voting against a new levy.
6854	7/11/2012	Books going electronic.
6855	7/11/2012	Budget cuts that lead to reduction in hours, knowledgeable staff, current material and community programs.

6856	7/11/2012	THE INTERNET
6857	7/11/2012	Funding.
6858	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6859	7/11/2012	Voters not prioritizing libraries
6860	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6861	7/11/2012	closures
6862	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, outdated materials, safety within the libraries in the form of protecting children from adults viewing obscene content online.
6863	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Lack of interest in reading by people in general. Lack of public knowledge of what resources are actually available. Over the years I have always found libraries to be important but times are changing so I believe libraries should keep up to speed to meet these changes whenever possible. Perhaps more education about use of them through the local schools?
6864	7/11/2012	Economics...funding based on property owners carrying the burden will suffer given foreclosures, people their homes and their jobs.....food, shelter, health insurance have to come first. Education is critical to future of all and the library system is an important player in education and community services. As a homeowner, I have always supported the levy's but can't say I'm willing to continue....everyone is taking cuts, education needs funding for the children, so if the libraries need to reduce some hours while things settle economically than it is just the hard and uncomfortable reality. We can't spend what we don't have.
6865	7/11/2012	Funding
6866	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6867	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is limited access to the library itself. The library is a great resource for children, parents, students from kindergarten through college and those in need of internet access who cannot afford it themselves. By limiting access to the library and the programs and resources it contains, a deficit is created in the local community that cannot be filled through other means.
6868	7/11/2012	Oregonians don't like paying more taxes.
6869	7/11/2012	The view of society that reading, community and knowledge are not important. Showing our kids the importance of the library is the key to sustaining them. So many things are available online, but books, CD's, videos and computer access reaches everyone for FREE at the library. Books online with Kindle etc. are a big threat to the library.
6870	7/11/2012	selfish people who don't want to pay taxes
6871	7/11/2012	Cash!
6872	7/11/2012	Zombies, probably. Pretty sure they hate reading.
6873	7/11/2012	funding, digital age
6874	7/11/2012	I assume it is funding.
6875	7/11/2012	lack of awareness as to their importance
6876	7/11/2012	The massively misinformed public and their evil puppetmasters.

6877	7/11/2012	People not reading much any more
6878	7/11/2012	Funding
6879	7/11/2012	underfunding
6880	7/11/2012	The unstable funding and uncertainty of the future for library programs. Also, technology might be stopping many people from using the public library system.
6881	7/11/2012	Cognitive dissonance: tax payers want their library to function fully but also want lower taxes. [] We need a strong campaign to educate people on the importance of paying high taxes that will cover many social services.
6882	7/11/2012	All-day closure on Monday feels like a bad choice. Better to shorten hours than to be closed on any given day. First priority has to be keeping the doors open (which to me is the library's core service), and then add programs as funds permit.
6883	7/11/2012	Currently, funding :)] [] In the future, adapting to changing technologies - ebooks, etc.
6884	7/11/2012	Poor publicity about the many kinds of people and many people period who use the library. It is a lifeline for people in all walks of life, but I think that when the tax levy comes up it's too easy to vote no.
6885	7/11/2012	Funding...
6886	7/11/2012	The internet... Uninformed voters.
6887	7/11/2012	A lack of stable funding.
6888	7/11/2012	having them be closed
6889	7/11/2012	Homeless people constantly using the library as a refuge.
6890	7/11/2012	non-support
6891	7/11/2012	The assumption that the library has to be everything to everyone is a mistake, and will likely mean that the library ends up being nothing to anyone. While there's some value to pursue for many segments of the population, particularly the disadvantaged, it's foolish to assume that the library has to be open every day of the week, because the next problem that's persistently manifesting is that even on the days the library does open, it's not open very long. I'd rather have five full days (maybe Tuesday through Saturday) where the library was open for fourteen hours than six days at twelve hours, or seven days at ten hours.
6892	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6893	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6894	7/11/2012	technology.
6895	7/11/2012	obviously funding
6896	7/11/2012	Nothing
6897	7/11/2012	funding I would guess, also people not returning books

6898	7/11/2012	Closed doors at a time -- difficult economy -- when the need for services such as library (and transportation) are most needed.
6899	7/11/2012	Lack of funding is a big threat. However, as a homeowner and a wage worker who struggles to make ends meet and buy the most basic groceries, I do not agree with increasing property taxes. I already pay enough in property taxes, and if my monthly mortgage payment goes up much more I will be forced to move out of the city. I believe funding should come elsewhere (such as a sales tax). Don't force people out of their homes by constantly asking for property tax increases!
6900	7/11/2012	Indifference. Suggest educational efforts through local news media about the importance of libraries to the community.
6901	7/11/2012	Funding, obviously.
6902	7/11/2012	Funding.
6903	7/11/2012	Reduced hours.
6904	7/11/2012	Too restricted hours and not having updated material
6905	7/11/2012	Financial Support
6906	7/11/2012	lack of adequate funding (most viable and practical funding source would be a library district);
6907	7/11/2012	Nothing actually
6908	7/11/2012	Digital, ebooks
6909	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6910	7/11/2012	On a less erious note the fact that there aren't enough copies of books.
6911	7/11/2012	Not being used.
6912	7/11/2012	Illiteracy.
6913	7/11/2012	Lack of money to maintain services
6914	7/11/2012	Politicians and the urge to make it a social services locus of all things to all people.
6915	7/11/2012	I think if your wait time was less for new product more people would use the library instead of buying or renting it elsewhere
6916	7/11/2012	Vandalism
6917	7/11/2012	clueless government leaders who should have placed this on the ballot last year and avoided the cuts.[] I now feel manipulated. Also a trend toward putting a higher priority on building libraries than properly staffing them or having sufficient materials is a threat.
6918	7/11/2012	A lack of understanding of their importance.
6919	7/11/2012	Budget cuts
6920	7/11/2012	Same as for so many public services: Business hacks and their toadies in government who want every cent of taxpayers' money to line their pockets. Oh yeah-and ignoroids who egg them on thinking it makes them look like rough, tough, rugged individualists.
6921	7/11/2012	Adequate permanent funding
6922	7/11/2012	Funding.

6923	7/11/2012	?
6924	7/11/2012	Not being fully funded which could lead to limited access to library patrons.
6925	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. The library is an excellent and exciting resource that opens up a world of knowledge to those who would otherwise be without it. Taking money away from the library is the exact opposite of investing in our community. There are so many important services that the library offers, not to mention the fact that it is a comfortable and safe place to escape and learn about nearly anything you could put your mind to. The value of the library to our teenagers and elementary school aged children is very high, especially in our current age where it seems that knowledge is less and less valuable and apathy reigns supreme. Taking any amount of money away from the library system is only furthering the idea that knowledge has lost value in our society.
6926	7/11/2012	Reduction of budget Charging more levys and taxes leading to a backlash. []
6927	7/11/2012	More funding is now on every ballot. [] I have had enough. [] As a single property owner Library fees for me now the amount of a gym membership annually
6928	7/11/2012	I'm not sure. Definitely lack of funding, and perhaps people downloading books illegally instead of visiting their local library?
6929	7/11/2012	Lack of relevant media, not keeping current with technology and thus becoming irrelevant.
6930	7/11/2012	Failure of incumbent publishers to adapt to market disruption from digital reading devices. Especially the insistence on DRM and the use of proprietary formats rather than open formats, particularly ePub.
6931	7/11/2012	Lack of funding. I understand that money is tight for most people, (myself included), but the library system offers so much to so many people.
6932	7/11/2012	I don't know. I think, though, that if the libraries are to maintain their relevance and influence in the midst of the abundance of technology these days, adding more audio book and electronic resources, perhaps including movies that can be checked out digitally and viewed by streaming, will be important.
6933	7/11/2012	Sounds like funding and how it's acquired.
6934	7/11/2012	Losing too much open hours
6935	7/11/2012	loss of funding
6936	7/11/2012	Don't know.
6937	7/11/2012	Budget Cuts.
6938	7/11/2012	? I would imagine funding
6939	7/11/2012	Funding?
6940	7/11/2012	lack of funding and the internet
6941	7/11/2012	Inconsistent funding; not being able to predict how to plan budgets

6942	7/11/2012	Bums and smelly people coming into the library to get out of the weather. They smell and sit on the chairs and leave their smell everywhere. They look at porn on the computers and are just disgusting. Then they go and try to clean themselves in the bathroom and leave water everywhere.
6943	7/11/2012	I would assume lack of funding.
6944	7/11/2012	Closures or reduced hours
6945	7/11/2012	Funding - I hope that there will be no more cut in hours. I think that permanent funding is important, but with the schools having a large bond issue on this November's ballot I'm not sure I could vote for both schools and the library funding. Both issues would raise property taxes on the house and they are high now.
6946	7/11/2012	Over-extending services offered and forgetting the core responsibility--providing books and reference services. If a library doesn't collect and maintain its collection, what is it? It has been my unfortunate experience that the library collection was much broader previously. The library also often simply does not buy enough copies of popular books to meet the demand--extremely long holds lists for books (I have seen ones over 100)) are ridiculous and indicate the library is not fulfilling its service to the community. A librarian is not a social worker and the library is not a social service organization. Other facilities in the community should provide those services, not the library.
6947	7/11/2012	this is an interesting question and one i am not sure i have the anser to at the moment. i am worried that librarys might star to be a place for companies to sell, or that librarys will have advertisements or some sort of venture with private corporations. i felt this might be a direction being considered because of an ebook questionnaire i received from the library. i suppose the current answer is a lack of funds? i am not quite sure. though i would like to know. perhaps the internet is the biggest drain on the library. i personally was caught up on getting information from the internet. but i started to become overwhelmed with directionless information. the structure and directions of books i think allow for a more thorough assimilation of knowledge. and i say this as a fully tech savy 30 something. i read an article that showed that aquiring information from the internet is structurally different from that of books or lectures or talking. the internet/screen learning involves the part of the brain that excercises judgement. so when reading something online one tends only to think interms of yes or no. do i accept this or not. but when reading or other learning is used the brain is involved in using more parts of the brain and ideas and experience are all brought to bear and a new understanding is reached. this is an important
6948	7/11/2012	Not finding a permanent funding solution!
6949	7/11/2012	if my local library closed down. then i wouldnt be able to go at all. the only reason i get to go is because the library is really close to me.
6950	7/11/2012	Books moving to electronic media
6951	7/11/2012	Decreases funding
6952	7/11/2012	Not having access to those that need it most. Books are way more important than television! We need to encourage reading and research in our youth or we will pay for it in the future.
6953	7/11/2012	money
6954	7/11/2012	funding.
6955	7/11/2012	funding

6956	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6957	7/11/2012	Lack of tax dollars
6958	7/11/2012	Obviously, the economy and tax shirkers. Personally, though I don't feel that I want to pay for access to computers for the public. It should be a social service offered through another entity. More and more, I find i buy books for my Kindle from Amazon because the library either doesn't carry them or doesn't have enough copies to adequately serve its patrons. I don't want to pay taxes for computers and services for job seekers, etc. I believe these are social services. Just because the public won't tax itself for social services doesn't mean the libraries should take up the slack. If the libraries expand their services in these ways, they will lose voters' funding, including mine.
6959	7/11/2012	I don't know. Who opposes libraries? I have noticed that library employees spend a lot of time sitting there surfing the Internet, so the budget could be reduced by having fewer employees and having them actually work rather than just sit there being "available."
6960	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6961	7/11/2012	Closures. We need to make these places more accessible. I think folks do not always see it as a community gathering place. This needs to be marketed more.
6962	7/11/2012	Establishing a war-like mentality that our libraries are "threatened", "under siege", etc.
6963	7/11/2012	Ignorance.
6964	7/11/2012	Over reaching the purpose of libraries
6965	7/11/2012	decreased funding, hours Republicans.[] []
6966	7/11/2012	Religious Right.[] [] Homeless / panhandlers / drug abusers.
6967	7/11/2012	That people won't use them and thus not see what they offer. And probably the public's dislike of taxes is a threat also.
6968	7/11/2012	short sighted in selfish people can't see the forest for the trees. Fire? Obviously budget cuts suck. I can only make it to the new hour schedule once a week, so hopefully I have enough free time and no emergencies that day. []
6969	7/11/2012	Sometimes I have to wait a few months for a book on hold, but that usually because it is new and hot. when this happens i can see the library already possesses over 100 copies of these books and I can track my status any time online and have never felt the long waits were an issue. I admit I have bought the book I was waiting for a few times, but I don't think my love for the local library is threatened in any way.[] In conclusion, just funding seems a bother.

6970	7/11/2012	The funding system, being dependent on property taxes all the time. Lately everyone has a special interest to be funded by....guess what...property taxes. You begin to add up all the bonds wanting to increase taxes and you are going to put a great burden on seniors especially. It is hard now to keep up with all the increases on a fixed income, with the utilities always increasing, schools wanting more and more, Sam and his special interests and all the mismanagement of the funds that the city and county is already taking in. This needs to stop!
6971	7/11/2012	lack of funding
6972	7/11/2012	How some people misuse the computers, doesn't return books, and when people don't pay their fines when it gets huge!
6973	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, which is either the result of poor planning, apathy or both.
6974	7/11/2012	Lack of funding which will slowly diminish the quality of the service.
6975	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6976	7/11/2012	Funding
6977	7/11/2012	The internet.
6978	7/11/2012	Cuts in services and resources
6979	7/11/2012	Apparently the biggest threat is the operating cost and how to pay for the services.
6980	7/11/2012	Probably losing funding. I would pay a tax hike to keep the libraries good, but I would prefer to see more steps against loitering and begging on library property and a more efficient system of making sure people pay fines (like submitting their information to the state to be added onto their tax bill if not paid).
6981	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
6982	7/11/2012	I think that is a great resource for the entire community.
6983	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
6984	7/11/2012	Dont know
6985	7/11/2012	I imagine it is underfunding.
6986	7/11/2012	Funding, I suppose. PERS gap siphoning away program funds in an increasing way over time?
6987	7/11/2012	People either not caring or not being informed, orr both.
6988	7/11/2012	Competing revenue streams
6989	7/11/2012	funding
6990	7/11/2012	Not enough funding to keep the libraries open seven days a week.
6991	7/11/2012	?
6992	7/11/2012	Tax base
6993	7/11/2012	Lack of money to keep open, get new materials, keep programs running.
6994	7/11/2012	Probably a lack of funding, but I'm really not sure.
6995	7/11/2012	Funding shortage. Dysfunctional system that makes libraries easy to defund.
6996	7/11/2012	Cutting hours.

6997	7/11/2012	The struggling economy has obviously impacted library funding because of reduced home values and foreclosures which affect property taxes.
6998	7/11/2012	Not keeping up with eBook technology. Portland has an opportunity to lead the way in this
6999	7/11/2012	Obviously it's budget cuts that would force the libraries to both cut hours (even days) of service, possibly cut back on personnel, buy fewer books, and cut their programs--I hardly know what to say is most important.
7000	7/11/2012	Privatization due to lack of public funding from local/state/federal sources. Libraries are one of the founding backbones to an educated, free society and to building strong communities and our elected officials, business and community leaders need to make library funding a priority, as any other social program. ¶ ¶ Strong libraries make strong democracies.
7001	7/11/2012	I feel that amongst other variables, (such as funding, community involvement, accessibility, etc.), a more recent "threat" or contender to our local libraries is the rising popularity of digitized print media & personal reading devices. It's my understanding that digitized books and novels play a part in not only the cost of manufacturing and printing books, but also that the increased & varying levels of copywriting and ownership by publishing companies lead to high cost and limited accessibility for readers and programs that strive to make books/print media widely accessible.
7002	7/11/2012	People not paying overdue fines? Book destruction? Homeless people camping out in the bathrooms?
7003	7/11/2012	No support from the people.
7004	7/11/2012	Cutting funding that allows the library to get new materials. If there aren't new materials, people will have to buy them and it will decrease popularity of the library over time.
7005	7/11/2012	The library system expanding their scope and making it unaffordable to fund.
7006	7/11/2012	Not being there
7007	7/11/2012	entitlement
7008	7/11/2012	People seem to want services, but not to pay for them. I am happy to pay taxes, levies, etc. because I value what they bring us as a community. Is there a way to synchronize people's appreciation of libraries (so many of us use them) with an understanding of the small price we pay to keep them open?
7009	7/11/2012	Unawareness by decision-makers of the importance of easy access to the libraries -- e.g. open all days and evenings until 8 p.m.
7010	7/11/2012	Poor city management because the county believes that people are not using them and cut their budgets. They need to realize how important libraries are. Not only do they provide programs for families and information about local events, they also allow for people to interact with each other on a personal level. Not just online.

7011	7/11/2012	Spending money on non essential items. Example: The parking lot at the Rockwood library was in great shape. It was tore out and paving stones installed. I know it is for the water run off but that had to cost a good bit of money. Also 2 charging station for electric cars were installed and these are not cheap either. I have yet to see anyone using them and most times gas cars are parked there since they are closer to the entrance. Living within a budget is sacrificing the things we want to the things that are necessary to maintain a basic need. The parking lot looks nice with pavers but so did the asphalt. Electric cars are great for those who choose to drive them but there are not very many in Southeast Portland. The basic need of the library is books to share in the community, the rest is all wants.
7012	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7013	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7014	7/11/2012	Young people who would only use e-books.
7015	7/11/2012	Lack of funding due to ignorance regarding the importance of reading and access to educational materials.
7016	7/11/2012	None
7017	7/11/2012	Lack of finances.
7018	7/11/2012	Lack of funding! I don't own property so I don't contribute via taxes, just my late fines, but I'd be willing to pay a (perhaps sliding scale?) membership or to contribute a small amount annually... it just seems maybe the citizens who depend upon the library and the taxpayers who help pay for the library have different motivating factors. I imagine if I could afford a home I probably could afford to buy books more liberally, have a printer, and wouldn't need the library as much...probably wouldn't be too excited to pay for it, either. But in the mean time I can't afford to lose access to the library, even if it were to cost me as much as a few books! Don't be edged out because you're funded on a model that is no longer appropriate or sufficient!
7019	7/11/2012	Nothing, status quo is good.
7020	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
7021	7/11/2012	budget
7022	7/11/2012	Apathy.
7023	7/11/2012	Lack of funding!
7024	7/11/2012	The biggest threat is funding. I don't think that libraries will ever go out of fashion, but the ones that are in more remote location may struggle a lot more to turn any profit.
7025	7/11/2012	I would say that there are three main threats: the most obvious and yet most difficult to overcome is budgetary concerns. The second is the misconception that modern technology has somehow made obsolete; and the third is the growth of absolutist-free-market ideology, which is against all public institutions.
7026	7/11/2012	I don't know.

7027	7/11/2012	Illiterate Red State voters deciding they'd rather purchase an expansion package from their cable or satellite TV provider than pay slightly higher taxes in order to keep libraries open for their equally illiterate children. That, and the (so-far feeble) adoption here in the U.S. of the European idea of internet cafes on every corner, the prevalence of which would undermine many peoples' sole remaining reason for going to the library at all. Reading was a sort of interim language expression crutch between animated fireside storytelling and YouTube; its validity is now coming into question. At one time, only the "elite" read books; now we approach an epoch where again only the elite read books. The library needs to modernize its role in communities.
7028	7/11/2012	When we vote, as a community, to support our libraries and then find that resources are still being cut despite our choosing to provide more funding, it makes individuals less likely to support future funding because it indicates that perhaps poor management of money is the issue, not the amount of funding provided.
7029	7/11/2012	Funding instability
7030	7/11/2012	Weak tax base and ridiculous tax codes...funding
7031	7/11/2012	Republicans who don't want educated voters and online access for disadvantaged people. But that doesn't help you much, does it? So -- those who do not want to pay taxes for the general good.
7032	7/11/2012	Loss of funding
7033	7/11/2012	reduced hours of operation, buying too much easily available (too easy) pop culture media replete with corporate advertising and little or no educational value, while important educational books & media are neglected (even when requested)
7034	7/11/2012	not being open only 7 days a wk. Not being able to meet publics needs.
7035	7/11/2012	Perhaps taxpayer money being siphoned off to Goldman Sachs, Wells Fargo, etc. instead of used for public services: libraries, parks, schools... Portland should follow the lead of Oakland City Council: http://www.democracynow.org/2012/7/9/oakland_city_council_seeks_to_cut
7036	7/11/2012	Clearly funding!
7037	7/11/2012	Lack of financial support.
7038	7/11/2012	Apathy
7039	7/11/2012	Republicans.
7040	7/11/2012	Funding shortfalls, leading to a decline in services, leading to a decline in support by elected officials and/or the public.
7041	7/11/2012	The same as all libraries - not enough money
7042	7/11/2012	Budget cuts/Economy and electronic books.
7043	7/11/2012	reduced hours
7044	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, and lack of understanding among the populace about what the library can be used for. I think many people don't understand the many programs and amenities offered by the libraries.
7045	7/11/2012	lack of funding.
7046	7/11/2012	Google.

7047	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Reliance on property taxes. Should have stable funding.
7048	7/11/2012	Not being able to support the buildings and staff.
7049	7/11/2012	Cuts in funding that cause services and staff to be shortchanged, in turn affecting the patrons of our libraries.
7050	7/11/2012	Lack of funding/awareness of the many valuable functions and services provided by our local libraries.
7051	7/11/2012	Video games, excessive sports programs, illiteracy, i.e., materialism.
7052	7/11/2012	Obviously lack of funds. But downtown Central is headquarters for the homeless. Makes coming/going uncomfortable.
7053	7/11/2012	Privatization.
7054	7/11/2012	To be closed
7055	7/11/2012	citizen apathy
7056	7/11/2012	Ignorance and Lethargy of users.
7057	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. We need to fund our library system.
7058	7/11/2012	The way you manipulated the public with the funding measure last May. Every indication was that the library's services would remain the same. By not treating the public as adults you did yourself a huge disservice. People would have supported greater funding to keep the libraries open 7 days a week and maintain staff and programs. Multnomah County residents support their library-give us some credit.
7059	7/11/2012	funding?
7060	7/11/2012	Funding. I voted for the library measure. And always do. But am supporting current hours.
7061	7/11/2012	I'm not versed enough on this to be able to answer. I would hate to see any further cuts to library hours, programming or materials. I believe libraries are an important resource to some of the community's most vulnerable neighbors; very low income families and those experiencing homelessness. I would love to see more collaborations between the libraries and the community safety nets serving these populations as I think they both have opportunities to learn from one another and build effective community education partnerships.
7062	7/11/2012	Lack of funding for programs and resources
7063	7/11/2012	Prioritizing the use of funding. Books are more important to me than the use of computer there. Entertainment material (comic books, Internet/computer games, movies) is not something I believe libraries need to use money for.
7064	7/11/2012	Cutting the hours they are open too drastically. All branches and Central Library should be open six days a week. I am in favor of cutting just one day.

7065	7/11/2012	I am concerned about the loss of actual books and physical resources in the library and fear the loss of the library as a physical place in the community. Although the library may provide computer access and paid search engines for those that do not have them available elsewhere, they will be of limited use compared to the whole library. Also, if the libraries are reduced or eliminated from some communities, then those resources will be less accessible to those who may really need them. I use the library as a resource to find books I am interested in reading for pleasure or study. I love that the Multnomah County system can deliver books I've put on hold to my local library, and I make regular use of this system. Also paid search engines and interests will eventually exert too much influence on what the library provides!
7066	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7067	7/11/2012	Digital media and online services negating the perceived need for physical books and library space.
7068	7/11/2012	Insufficient funding
7069	7/11/2012	Lack of funding - [] Lack of appreciation for the value of a strong library system in the community even if it isn't used by everyone.
7070	7/11/2012	Ignorance of the large cost of running a library and the resultant unwillingness to pay higher fees.
7071	7/11/2012	Lack of funding- no, make it that "I've got mind, foul you" attitude so prevalent today. I've actually heard co-workers- educated people, mind you- say "I'm voting against the library tax because I never go to the library. I buy my books through Amazon." Appealing to people's civic nature or sense of compassion no longer seems to work. I don't know how to fix this.
7072	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding for salaries and acquisitions
7073	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7074	7/11/2012	The general population reading less and less each year.
7075	7/11/2012	none
7076	7/11/2012	Inadequate funding and competition for resources from other important needs and services.
7077	7/11/2012	The cost of the head librarian.
7078	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Not staying current/relevant in this day and age. Keeping media accessible to all.
7079	7/11/2012	Lack of stable funding
7080	7/11/2012	Trying to accomplish too many things, meet every expectation and not living within their means
7081	7/11/2012	Indifference
7082	7/11/2012	I don't feel the libraries are threatened. In tough financial times, taxing jurisdictions across the board are making cuts to services and it's reasonable that the library system should as well.
7083	7/11/2012	Lack of money to operate
7084	7/11/2012	People really need and use the library. The biggest threat is that the library will have less computers, books and other material. Also they need more employees to help people in the library.

7085	7/11/2012	LACK OF SUFFICIENT FUNDING, which causes lack of access for those who need it most: seniors, people without computers, mothers with young children introducing them to the wonders of books and reading, job seekers, young people using it for homework, research, and a safe place to be afterschool and on week ends.
7086	7/11/2012	As I see it, the library is a community resource. If that resource becomes limited (hours), inability to purchase current materials, it will collapse. While I ranked having the library open with full hours last, I think it critical to educational/cultural development in a community. On the first Monday after new hours, I arrived at 10 AM. The parking lot was half full of patrons waiting to use the facility, many of them youth and parents with children. Reading and knowledge is key to a healthy and productive society. This resource is important. In this day and age, wherein people work all days of the week and all hours of the day, shutting a facility down even one day has a huge impact on the community.
7087	7/11/2012	money deficit
7088	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7089	7/11/2012	internet
7090	7/11/2012	Hopefully you've solved the theft problem that was so prevalent a few years ago.
7091	7/11/2012	Government reducing funds.
7092	7/11/2012	Loss of funding to adequately serve our community.
7093	7/11/2012	Wet dog smell.
7094	7/11/2012	lack of funding to keep it open 7 days a wekk
7095	7/11/2012	Loss of funds, general misunderstanding or simply not knowing about all the library has to offer, and people relying more on digital content (which ties in to people not knowing what resources are available at the library).
7096	7/11/2012	putting on the November ballet.
7097	7/11/2012	Ignorance[] screen time (TV, Internet, Smart Phones, Movies)
7098	7/11/2012	not enough books available
7099	7/11/2012	Funding cuts
7100	7/11/2012	Budget cuts. Lack of funding. Duh.
7101	7/11/2012	Not being open for enough days/hours; not being able to buy new material...we need to figure out how to fund our local libraries.
7102	7/11/2012	They have become DAYCARE CENTERS for the homeless.
7103	7/11/2012	Lack of funds. Requiring funding from property owners. I did not vote for the latest measure because I think the city and county should
7104	7/11/2012	fund the library before they waste a ton of money on bike amenities, etc. Bike riders should be licensed like cars if they want access to city streets like cars. I would like to ride my bike, but despite all the money spent on bike amenities, it is too dangerous.

7105	7/11/2012	<p>Access to internet resources is a long term threat due to substitution effect; otherwise, prudent financial management of limited financial funding.</p> <p>Please note: Re six day a week service-- each of these days should have full service.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>People who don' t"get it"-- who don't feel invested in the library, as they are affluent and/or don't read much, are a threat to local libraries.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
7106	7/11/2012	<p>The economy of course is a threat.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The policy of buying a zillion copies of best sellers, most of which turn out within a few years to have been forgettable & evanescent potboilers, isn't a good use of money.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The library needs to be more a proactive in watching for and preventing theft, especially in this economy.</p>
7107	7/11/2012	<p>Small-budget conservatives?</p> <p>Great question! What threatens our libraries is simply "taxpayers" like myself not using them, if we don't use it we don't want to pay for it. Last year when I was out of work and desperate for a job I tried so many times to use my local libraries "Work Source" program and several times I was interrupted by individuals using this program to surf the net, eat, talk (loudly), etc...these folks appeared to have nothing else to do, perhaps homeless? When I asked the attendants to handle the situation I was met with this very liberal reply of "the library is for everybody". Don't get me wrong I'm no right winged freak, in fact I'm a very outspoken Democrat, but come on it's a library not a drop in center for the stinky, obnoxious, freaks who have found their haven in Portland.</p>
7108	7/11/2012	
7109	7/11/2012	computers, video games, etc. Too many choices of entertainment and kids read less now.
7110	7/11/2012	?
7111	7/11/2012	State/local budget cuts. We need to keep the libraries well-funded!
7112	7/11/2012	I'm guessing the same budget cuts that are the biggest threat to our schools.
7113	7/11/2012	Republicans. :-)
7114	7/11/2012	not enough funding to function and operate.
7115	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7116	7/11/2012	The loss of consistent, knowledgeable staffing who form relationships with community members and impliment library programs and services.
7117	7/11/2012	budget cuts!
7118	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7119	7/11/2012	insufficient funding limiting access
7120	7/11/2012	Lack of funds
7121	7/11/2012	A general anti-tax, anti-reading cultural current.

7122	7/11/2012	?
7123	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7124	7/11/2012	Chronic underfunding seems to be the largest threat to our local libraries. It seems to me that we have had to vote on bond measures many times since I moved here 15 years ago, and it is shocking considering how well loved and used the Multnomah County Library system is!
7125	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7126	7/11/2012	Closing
7127	7/11/2012	Not sure
7128	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, excessive computer use and computer books, lack of use, vandalized or stolen materials
7129	7/11/2012	1. The Internet. 2. Apathetic attitudes among kids and parents towards reading and utilizing databases.
7130	7/11/2012	Funding
7131	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7132	7/11/2012	Underfunding.
7133	7/11/2012	i'm not sure.
7134	7/11/2012	Lack of funding? BO? just kidding.
7135	7/11/2012	funding cuts
7136	7/11/2012	lack of funding!
7137	7/11/2012	...voters who do not use the library
7138	7/11/2012	I would assume funding although I don't really have any idea of this is true. Digital media may reduce patronage at physical locations but I think MCL has done a great job with ebooks and other downloadable content to this point.
7139	7/11/2012	lack of funding
7140	7/11/2012	lack of funding
7141	7/11/2012	annual levy vote
7142	7/11/2012	limited funding
7143	7/11/2012	Computers
7144	7/11/2012	The notion that somehow the internet can replace our public libraries, undermining the public's commitment to free, accessible public libraries...one of basic pillars of our modern society.
7145	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, clearly.
7146	7/11/2012	The fact that teenagers do not realize how big of a resource they have at their disposal.
7147	7/11/2012	lack of understanding in the general public that these amazing services cost money. People should be charged at least a small fee to use the library.
7148	7/11/2012	Lack of money.
7149	7/11/2012	Lack of funding

7150	7/11/2012	not enough funding and poor management of funds available.
7151	7/11/2012	Limited availability.
7152	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7153	7/11/2012	Not being open when I am able to get there and overcrowding , books that I want not available
7154	7/11/2012	No having it
7155	7/11/2012	Lack of funding, which I think comes from the "decision-makers" lack of awareness of how important our libraries are!
7156	7/11/2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfair questions like #5: I want a way to tell you that 4 out of six of the options are not important at all. [] 2. Trying to expand services to meet needs that are outside customary library functions, like story hours for babies, preschoolers and the like. Let others do that.[] 3. Trying to redefine the function of libraries in the public's mind to serve the vision in #2 above. [] Tight times warrant some re-visioning.
7157	7/11/2012	The biggest threats are uninformed, short-sighted individuals who vote against library funding initiatives and elected officials who support legislation that defunds or under-funds library specific programs.
7158	7/11/2012	Lack of funding
7159	7/11/2012	Funding.
7160	7/11/2012	Drops in funding.
7161	7/11/2012	The high cost of everything, and a low budget.
7162	7/11/2012	I think that apathy is the biggest threat to our libraries
7163	7/11/2012	Lack of funding.
7164	7/11/2012	MORONS who control budget decisions...HOW MUCH DID THAT ROCKWOOD PARKING LOT COST?[] [] IT HAD TO BE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS, AND YOUR CUTTING HOURS?[] [] UNBELEVEABLE!

		<p>Mission creep. The core mission of a library should be, and has traditionally been, to provide a source of printed material for research and entertainment. By extending into free computer and internet access (at least charge for it, but really, almost everyone can afford a computer. Let people buy their own, like they buy their own TVs); DVD movies (Netflix, Red Box, and other commercial resources are readily available); providing community meeting spaces (most neighborhoods already have community meeting centers); story hours for babies and toddlers (parents can and should do this at home); programs for jobseekers (the State Unemployment Office already does this), homework help (not even close to a core function), and English lessons (again, other resources in the community). ¶</p> <p>¶</p>
7165	7/11/2012	<p>And there is no reason a library needs to be open on Sunday or all day on Saturday. Ten hours on weekdays and six hours on Saturday would meet the needs of the community, especially if you return to the core mission I describe above. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>These examples of mission creep are, in my estimation what is threatening the libraries, by continually asking for more money to serve small segments of society with luxury services. Many of us are saying, "Didn't we just give the libraries a bunch of money?" You are reaching a point of resistance where the threat becomes simply asking for too much money to provide too many unnecessary services.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>And finally, providing day shelter and nap space for the homeless, particularly on rainy and cold days, and particularly at the Main Branch, has to stop. This is obviously detrimental to the ambience of a library, an there are undeniably already shelters provided by the city. ¶</p>
7166	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of consistant funding - must find a way to tax the wealthiest individuals and corporations in the area, as even a small amount by them would bring a substantial amount to local library. Also, we need staff to check out materials, not machines - people need jobs, not machines.</p>
7167	7/11/2012	<p>Loss of funding</p>
7168	7/11/2012	<p>lots of books?</p>
7169	7/11/2012	<p>Lack of funding. I don't mind voting for the money measures, but it would be nice to have a stable on-going funding source dedicated to Library services.</p>
7170	7/11/2012	<p>People deciding to stop using them.</p>
7171	7/11/2012	<p>Cutting programs and services to vulnerable populations</p>
7172	7/11/2012	<p>Funding cuts.</p>
7173	7/11/2012	<p>ignorance</p>
7174	7/11/2012	<p>Not changing with the times. Look to Netflix as a model.</p>
7175	7/11/2012	<p>Funding</p>
7176	7/11/2012	<p>Austerity measures, which are nothing more than political theatre.</p>

7177	7/11/2012	people not understanding the importance of libraries to the continuing of a free, knowledgeable, literate citizenry. and people's priorities being messed up: thinking that they don't use the libraries or that they don't have children in school or that the times are rough now and they need to pay fewer taxes so libraries are a good place to start. this is very short sighted! and despite what some conservative politicians may think, privatizing libraries has never worked well to my knowledge.
7178	7/11/2012	Not enough digital resources. We need computers and training.
7179	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and support?
7180	7/11/2012	Don't know
7181	7/11/2012	Perhaps it's all the online media, less people reading books.
7182	7/11/2012	Too many people don't read and don't see the need for libraries.
7183	7/11/2012	funding
7184	7/11/2012	all the electronic books. i will never own one I prefer real books
7185	7/11/2012	Budgeting and technology
7186	7/11/2012	Lack of consistent funding, that and people taking materials without checking them out correctly or just not returning them.
7187	7/11/2012	closure
7188	7/11/2012	Less hours, less \$\$ for books.
7189	7/11/2012	the internet
7190	7/11/2012	Lack of funding that ends the free programs that are available to all people. Closure of libraries.
7191	7/11/2012	Lack of funds to keep the library going and future improvements.
7192	7/11/2012	kindel
7193	7/11/2012	Not being accessible
7194	7/11/2012	Republicans
7195	7/11/2012	People not willing to pay taxes.
7196	7/11/2012	Limited hours
7197	7/11/2012	A sagging economy causing loss of tax revenue.
7198	7/11/2012	Loss of funding.
7199	7/11/2012	Heavy pressure on the facilities.
7200	7/11/2012	lack of funding -- like everything else these days.
7201	7/11/2012	lack of funding
7202	7/11/2012	operating costs budget cuts[]
7203	7/11/2012	less current materials[] less hours of operation or staff support
7204	7/11/2012	Lack of funding and perceived disuse.
7205	7/11/2012	fundind

7206	7/11/2012	Lack of funding to meet the growing needs of our community. I believe public libraries are a vital resource-- very important in fostering and maintaining a literate, educated, well-rounded population.
7207	7/11/2012	The fact that YOU can't figure out how to keep your costs down and FULLY FUND libraries. I simply think you have too many workers and are not efficient stewards of taxpayer dollars. You have the funds to be open fully, you make choices that result in that not happening. I strongly support libraries, but when the real value of my home has decreased, and the assessed and taxed value is GOING UP, it is a ridiculous system. People deserve our dollars spent more efficiently. Multnomah County has shown itself incapable of this task time and time and time and time and time and time again.
7208	7/11/2012	lack of funding
7209	7/11/2012	Defunding
7210	7/11/2012	Lack of general fund state support and probably county support as well.
7211	7/11/2012	People forgetting why the library is still important in the modern world.
7212	7/11/2012	e-media?
7213	7/11/2012	Loss of funding
7214	7/11/2012	Lack of funding highly impacts how well used a library can be.
7215	7/11/2012	Not a large enough selection, my local library doesn't have the types of books I require and, with the internet, I can find many of those books online. This means that as I become a better internet user, I find my need for libraries less and less. It is true that nothing beats the feel of real paper in my hand, but if you don't have it, digital is the next best thing. I don't see this as a threat as much as an opportunity to alter the way libraries function, becoming large databases of books, being more oriented towards knowing what's out there and how to find it, than actually having the book on the shelf. I may really like Leonard Mlodinow's books, but after I've read all of them, who is going to tell me of an author who does similar work? or will I just have to guess? this is what I think libraries of the future are meant for. Libraries are meant to be central hubs of information storage and sorting, it's more helpful now to be able to find a good book in the sea of garbage, than to have ten thousand books on the shelves.
7216	7/10/2012	too much diversification... stop with the computers and the videos... just stick to books
7217	7/10/2012	lack of money.
7218	7/10/2012	Godzilla
7219	7/10/2012	Complacency
7220	7/10/2012	People not wanting to pay taxes for services
7221	7/10/2012	Rigid bureaucracy and inefficient use of volunteers.
7222	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7223	7/10/2012	defunding
7224	7/10/2012	Unknown
7225	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and electronic media resources
7226	7/10/2012	Closing them

7227	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding
7228	7/10/2012	Public leaders not realizing their importance and therefore cutting their funding.
7229	7/10/2012	I would imagine loss of funding. It appears that there is no shortage of library users, so that would not be a factor. I would hope that in the future electronic media would not do away with printed matter.
7230	7/10/2012	theft of library materials
7231	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7232	7/10/2012	Don't know
7233	7/10/2012	Funding!
7234	7/10/2012	I have no idea what would be considered a threat. eBooks? Lack of funds? Would have been nice to have a list of options to get me thinking.
7235	7/10/2012	People in power treating library funding like a piggy bank for unrelated pet projects.
7236	7/10/2012	not being available every day or at least 6 days. If the library is not open when my family wants to use it, then we will not be able to depend on it for our needs and it will become less important to us and we will turn elsewhere for info. It is essential that libraries do not start to limit their days/hours too much.
7237	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7238	7/10/2012	Funding
7239	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7240	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I imagine.
7241	7/10/2012	Not having an independent funding structure like a district
7242	7/10/2012	An increasingly illiterate population, interested in comic books for adults, the search engine first returned "hit" for education on current events, and a decline in the selling of the value of traditional learning (history, the classics, foreign language) in our public school system.
7243	7/10/2012	Funding seems to be the biggest threat.
7244	7/10/2012	Lack of public interest and funding.
7245	7/10/2012	In my opinion, the biggest threat to the local libraries is the mindset that libraries cannot be run as businesses even though they are supported by taxes. I am not a fan of taxes but would be happy to pay more to support the costs of our library. I also think those who can pay for library services should. An example of that would be to charge for a library card and subsidize the charge for those who need help.
7246	7/10/2012	I don't really know.
7247	7/10/2012	cutting funding
7248	7/10/2012	The economy.
7249	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7250	7/10/2012	the county using money the voters voted for the library
7251	7/10/2012	Funding?
7252	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, decrease in financial support.

7253	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and indifference on the part of persons who do not choose to use the library.
7254	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how to understand that question. Threat to our libraries? For me? If the libraries were closed or only open a few hours a week.
7255	7/10/2012	I am not sure.
7256	7/10/2012	Obviously funding.
7257	7/10/2012	1. Lack of funding, and lack of service--cutting branch hours may be necessary, however, I already have a difficult time getting to the library during the week. I tend to visit only on weekends. Perhaps shifting open hours to later would be helpful. □ 2. Homeless people-- I understand they don't have many places to go, but the odor has definitely driven me out of the library on multiple occasions.
7258	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
7259	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
7260	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
7261	7/10/2012	Bigots who want something for nothing. □ The economy(stupid)!
7262	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
7263	7/10/2012	Curtailed hours.
7264	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding.
7265	7/10/2012	funding
7266	7/10/2012	Financial cuts
7267	7/10/2012	Restricted hours and access. Anything that slows down or compromises the excellent on-line access to finding and reserving books and due dates, etc.
7268	7/10/2012	someone breaking in and stealing,and destroying library material.
7269	7/10/2012	funding
7270	7/10/2012	Allowing fat-cat government politicians to waste our tax dollars on fruitless endeavors (including their pensions, their cadillac healthcare, their business trips, etc.) instead of using our money for things that help we the tax payers, like libraries.
7271	7/10/2012	refusal of voters to fund library with sufficient taxes
7272	7/10/2012	Budget reductions.
7273	7/10/2012	union employees
7274	7/10/2012	Funding.
7275	7/10/2012	I don't perceive any threat other than the lack of funding, which until now, to my knowledge, itself did not seem to be so serious an issue.
7276	7/10/2012	funding
7277	7/10/2012	lack of funding

7278	7/10/2012	Overcrowding makes it difficult for anyone to do anything. Although busy, it has been possible to access resources quickly when I've been there. Reduction in hours is inconvenient but tolerable until it gets to the point of being difficult to do anything (which is difficult to convey in an ordered list).
7279	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7280	7/10/2012	Not very sanitary
7281	7/10/2012	Further reductions in hours open
7282	7/10/2012	consistant, stable funding. I am very much in support of MCL forming a district
7283	7/10/2012	funding? And bears. Definitely bears.
7284	7/10/2012	Oh, shoot, I don't know. Not being appreciated enough? This is the best library system in possibly the world.
7285	7/10/2012	A perception that libraries are not important in the post-Internet age.
7286	7/10/2012	Competition for funding from other programs in the county and state.
7287	7/10/2012	being closed and no access. I have no computer and am looking for a job. the library is the only place I can go.
7288	7/10/2012	The rapid move to digital media.
7289	7/10/2012	Reduced funding due to economic difficulties in the community at large.
7290	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding to meet demand.
7291	7/10/2012	Budget cuts of course. Libraries are essential to a growing city, it shows we value education and the ability to go out seeking knowledge or reading simply for fun. Libraries open up the possibilities for anyone to seek a book to read.
7292	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
7293	7/10/2012	Declining economy resulting in reduced funding for our libraries.
7294	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts and the cutting of the Trimet free ride zone.
7295	7/10/2012	???
7296	7/10/2012	Funding reductions.
7297	7/10/2012	not being open enough.
7298	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7299	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
7300	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support from the government and community.
7301	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
7302	7/10/2012	The de-valuing of books, increase of technology gadgets, lack of funding and priority give to community services. We need to take care of each other...that's how we will thrive as a whole.
7303	7/10/2012	You tell me! Lack of funds?

7304	7/10/2012	Becoming complacent about the availability of services and materials. It is only when they are removed that people will wake up to the fact that our quality of life has suffered. Nobody wants to pay more taxes but we have to remember that we always get what we pay for. And we have seen what cost cutting in government has wrought in communities around the country. Our library is our investment in the future. I for one am willing to pay for it.
7305	7/10/2012	internet. we need to attract a younger audience (teenage kids) and make the library a cool place to go to.
7306	7/10/2012	Funding.
7307	7/10/2012	lack of money to support programs and hours
7308	7/10/2012	The Republican Party
7309	7/10/2012	Hard times mean cutbacks everywhere. I love the library, but our property taxes have become outrageous. Why are homeowners the only ones expected to pay for everything?
7310	7/10/2012	Closures. And by the way, my rankings for question "5" of 2, 3, 4, & 5, are all really virtually equal. Programs for children, job seekers and business owners, seniors and ESL learners, as well as current materials, are for me all of just about equal importance.
7311	7/10/2012	Again, a thinly worded question. Who pray tell writes this stuff. [] [] Anyway my guess of what would be the biggest threat to the local libraries, besides the Republicans, would be Netflix
7312	7/10/2012	Underfunding, lack of resources
7313	7/10/2012	internet
7314	7/10/2012	People who do not use library services
7315	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
7316	7/10/2012	Ignorance.
7317	7/10/2012	Poorly written survey questions--question 5 combines programs that serve different populations with different needs, and doesn't include all possible answers. How can you get at the truth that way?
7318	7/10/2012	funding
7319	7/10/2012	book
7320	7/10/2012	Not allowing the tax payers to decide if they want to increase taxes like they did on the may ballot. Tax payers weren't given a choice for a full level of funding.
7321	7/10/2012	Closing the library for more then 6 days a week
7322	7/10/2012	Unstable funding source
7323	7/10/2012	the instability of funding.
7324	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I am willing to pay more in taxes, double the current amount at least, to see to it that the library is available and accessible for the entire community.
7325	7/10/2012	greed
7326	7/10/2012	Lack of public funds.

7327	7/10/2012	Funding
7328	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep them open and staff them adequately.
7329	7/10/2012	Lack of understanding of why they are still important. Ask younger folks (teens, 20's) if they even think of going to the library. It won't be supported if people don't know how it is relevant in this day of internet and other means of getting information
7330	7/10/2012	general lack of appreciation for education and the arts
7331	7/10/2012	Republicans
7332	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
7333	7/10/2012	cutting Materials, such as books videos ect
7334	7/10/2012	Lack of funds. However, libraries need to be careful with their resources. Theft prevention for one.
7335	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, or changing revenue streams is probably the biggest threat.
7336	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7337	7/10/2012	Lack of stable and predictable revenue
7338	7/10/2012	funding shortages
7339	7/10/2012	lack of funds
7340	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Internet
7341	7/10/2012	An uninformed public that does not properly value the many benefits of libraries
7342	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
7343	7/10/2012	Insistence on funding increases for full hours, seven days a week from an economically-pressed population.
7344	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!! And I think lack of public knowledge - most people don't realize how easy it is to use the library. I know so many people who will go out and buy a book when they could just borrow it from the library. I am very sad that the library is only open 6 days a week now
7345	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding.
7346	7/10/2012	Funding.
7347	7/10/2012	shoddy funding
7348	7/10/2012	Reduced funding for programs, materials, staffing and hours
7349	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much for a small audience (i.e., expensive programs that target a small, specific audience).
7350	7/10/2012	becoming a homeless shelter in rainy weather
7351	7/10/2012	Funding and economic crises - it is difficult for people to support the increase in a levy when personal finances have decreased.
7352	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7353	7/10/2012	Lack of readers of print media coupled with slow digital deployment
7354	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding system. Our libraries, like a lot of other things, are hostage to unstable funding. Whenever anything is dependent on one source for most of their money that source can be held hostage to economic times and personal whims.

7355	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding, which can be attributed at least in part to a lack of widespread recognition for how valuable the libraries are to their communities, as well as to insufficient government funding generally.
7356	7/10/2012	Use of computers, kindles, iPads, etc. I use the library for books and magazines I don't want to buy.
7357	7/10/2012	Lack of new materials. What keeps me coming back time and time again is the fact that whatever new music, video or book review I've just read about, 9 times out of 10 the library already had it in stock or has created a waiting list. I also appreciate that they buy additional copies based on interest. The books my children check out never look worn or unloved. This has helped me teach my children the importance of taking care of library materials for the next user(s). Our library is always working to stay relevant - THANK YOU!!!!
7358	7/10/2012	internet availability of resources
7359	7/10/2012	Reduced availability!
7360	7/10/2012	budget cuts
7361	7/10/2012	Cutting back the hours.
7362	7/10/2012	cutting programs and not keeping up with the latest technology.
7363	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
7364	7/10/2012	funding in my opinion. I also believe computers and the electronic age have seen a bit of a down turn in library visits.
7365	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. I think in Portland the public is extremely supportive of our library and will pay to fund it properly. Perhaps the library needs to find a better way to take advantage of that support.
7366	7/10/2012	A drop in days/hours open. The difficulty of and publisher's restrictions on ebook use.
7367	7/10/2012	literacy rates dropping and declining graduation rates
7368	7/10/2012	state government politics
7369	7/10/2012	No funding.
7370	7/10/2012	not enough funding to have current materials available.
7371	7/10/2012	probably funding.
7372	7/10/2012	budget cuts
7373	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and community support
7374	7/10/2012	Funding
7375	7/10/2012	Funding
7376	7/10/2012	people that think libraries aren't important or needed anymore Having them close from lack of funding, or support.[]
7377	7/10/2012	Electronics books, having a generation grow up not knowing what a book is. Walking into the quietness of a library and smelling the old books, and the fresh smell of new unopened books.[] Library was main center for research before the internet.
7378	7/10/2012	Funding
7379	7/10/2012	Invasion by the homeless.

7380	7/10/2012	\$
7381	7/10/2012	I don't know.
7382	7/10/2012	Funding
7383	7/10/2012	Funding
7384	7/10/2012	A lack of funding.
7385	7/10/2012	Apathy
7386	7/10/2012	Unstable sources of funding.
7387	7/10/2012	Not enough money to purchase new books etc as listed in #1 above and to keep the library open reasonable numbers of days.
7388	7/10/2012	The threat of continuously increasing taxes to fund the library system year after year.
7389	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7390	7/10/2012	budget cuts
7391	7/10/2012	Shorter hours (the library NEEDS to be open outside of normal business hours for most people to access) and less available material.
7392	7/10/2012	funding
7393	7/10/2012	Lack of consistent funding
7394	7/10/2012	As a public entity, I'd imagine that you're all base costs with limited scaling costs. Therefore, increased base costs or stagnant/reduced income are the only threat. □ □ With that said, inflation is the biggest threat to everything economically oriented.
7395	7/10/2012	the people who damage the books
7396	7/10/2012	Inexcusable lack of funding.
7397	7/10/2012	You will be taking computer access away from students and job seekers who really need it. There will be less programs for young children.
7398	7/10/2012	Not a threat really, but how will library institutions evolve in a digital landscape when information can simply be downloaded anywhere? There is no lack of funding in our military-industrial complex. □ Perhaps the biggest threat to libraries is the same as that to education - a deliberate effort dumb people down to be better workers.
7399	7/10/2012	Poor economy.
7400	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7401	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7402	7/10/2012	I am unsure
7403	7/10/2012	Don't know
7404	7/10/2012	People who do not pay the book & material fines. We need an accountable system of collecting for overdue and lost materials.
7405	7/10/2012	Funding.
7406	7/10/2012	competing tax dollars

7407	7/10/2012	I would think that the use does not match who is paying for it (only homeowners) and who needs it (everyone).
7408	7/10/2012	I don't see our libraries as threatened, beyond the limitations imposed by our state and local tax structure. They're obviously very well-used and voters have generally supported library levies. I would like to know more about what has lead to the current funding problem.
7409	7/10/2012	I don't know.
7410	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
7411	7/10/2012	not sure. seniors & children programs seem a must.
7412	7/10/2012	Closing any one entirely. No need for sunday full day.
7413	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7414	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7415	7/10/2012	ennui from the people who don't use it.
7416	7/10/2012	information available on the internet - ebooks, etc
7417	7/10/2012	Shutting them down. Less access, less materials, and fewer hours for the people who work there who help people like me figure out what to check out and how to use the resources.
7418	7/10/2012	I don't know - you probably know better than us. I think a drop-down here might have been helpful.
7419	7/10/2012	That people don't know that libraries are used for more than checking out books: Some people think they're outdated and don't want to support them.
7420	7/10/2012	Not voting for bond measures.
7421	7/10/2012	Lack of community support. Republicans?
7422	7/10/2012	lack of funding changes in technology
7423	7/10/2012	Competing interests for tax dollars.
7424	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and perceived decreasing relevance due to the internet and digital media (which I don't agree with).
7425	7/10/2012	Greedy Republicans who want more tax breaks for crooked banksters and the rich and who cut funding for our public treasures like libraries
7426	7/10/2012	Creepy people that hang out at the library, like the druggies and crazies at Central. Please make them go away.
7427	7/10/2012	social media, kindle's, apple ipads, etc where books can be downloaded for free and where more people can afford to have internet, etc on phones
7428	7/10/2012	I worry that libraries will continue to be cut, and their services will be further reduced. The library is a really important resource, especially for low income folks in our community. Having access to books and computers when they otherwise can be hard to come by is very important.
7429	7/10/2012	Bureuacrats
7430	7/10/2012	i really don't know, i'm guessing it's funding and keeping yourself visible and out there so people remember you and think of you, and just want to "go to the LIBRARY!"

7431	7/10/2012	disinterest
7432	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7433	7/10/2012	I assume funding since it is clearly not lack of use/ interest.
7434	7/10/2012	insufficient funds
7435	7/10/2012	Unnecessary closure. There is far too much money floating out there in the world to let ANY library close.
7436	7/10/2012	You force me to pick one option over another, in other words you want to say what you want to see and not what I would say. So I'm not going to finish this survey. Rigged surveys piss me OFF!
7437	7/10/2012	phone apps and insultingly dull entertainment [] media
7438	7/10/2012	Trying to offer too much. Gradually increasing numbers of social service programs beyond access to materials.
7439	7/10/2012	Failing to ask for help when you need it. I and my wife both grew up reading and all of the children. [] We swap books like some people swap new food ideas. The library is what makes the rainy season much less dreary.
7440	7/10/2012	people's lack of knowledge of the funding sources, and how their participation affects the quality of the library services they enjoy. The hostility from a small portion of the populace regarding the cost of public services, and/or the apathy by non-users.
7441	7/10/2012	Politicians and politics. Whats next laying off teachers, closing schools. Lets make sure our kids do not get a better education than the politicians.
7442	7/10/2012	People not using or valuing them.
7443	7/10/2012	obsolesence
7444	7/10/2012	I suppose the lack of money or some people not being interested.
7445	7/10/2012	This is a loaded question that solicits answers that would support a request for additional funding. I think the library is doing fine. It provides all the services I want and is open more hours than are necessary. I already pay over \$400 a year in property taxes only for the library. I get a lot of library books and the library is necessary. But stick to your mission to provide books to people, don't try to provide all kinds of community services, and live within your budget. And try to ask neutral questions in your surveys instead of questions designed to get the answers you want. [] [] As for threats to the library: 1) drug addicts in & outside the main branch discouraging patrons, 2) pedophiles, 3) Portland's deteriorating economic base, and 4) financial pressure from looming public employee pension obligations.
7446	7/10/2012	Losing access
7447	7/10/2012	Apathy and the inaccurate idea of the library as "the place with the books" that can be replaced by the internet.
7448	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.

7449	7/10/2012	Not being securely funded. ☐ ☐ PS The above section (5) did not work on this survey. It did not allow me to rank and selected 1-6 for me.
7450	7/10/2012	Poor funding.
7451	7/10/2012	Ignorance- many people don't know how extensive the (free!) resources are, including online availability. My guess is that funding support would vastly increase with more "advertising" on all of the services offered by the library- it is an undeniably spectacular, invaluable community service. ☐ Thank you for your concern!
7452	7/10/2012	prisons and corporations not paying their fair share in state and city taxes
7453	7/10/2012	Funding
7454	7/10/2012	I have no idea.
7455	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7456	7/10/2012	lack of interest and support
7457	7/10/2012	Politicians who don't understand how busy and in demand our libraries are, because they don't use them.
7458	7/10/2012	I don't know, I would assume funding.
7459	7/10/2012	Increased taxes due to mission creep leading to voter rejection.
7460	7/10/2012	The economy
7461	7/10/2012	People not caring. Not a threat but a big challenge is the ebooks etc...please keep story times for children. As a mom and grand it is memory making and bonding with caregivers and books. Even tho I enjoy ebooks nothing is better than the feel of the pages etc. this coming from one who waited with the children for the bookmobile to arrive in Northern Minnesota and story times in Eagle River Alaska.
7462	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7463	7/10/2012	I would have thought it would be funding.
7464	7/10/2012	E-readers!
7465	7/10/2012	major funding cuts
7466	7/10/2012	Money and a shifting cultural sense of value; economic downturn and tax revenue down; but, basically: money.
7467	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7468	7/10/2012	I feel that a lack of funding and the prevalence of Kindles and other electronic reading devices threaten local libraries.
7469	7/10/2012	Allowing perverts to access porn on library computers. I'm not joking.

		Library providing services unrelated to books/reading material.[] Current movie DVD absolutely not the job of the library.[]
7470	7/10/2012	If the DVD is not historical or educational, it does not belong in the library.[] You are not an entertainment center and social service organization.[] Focus on your mission
7471	7/10/2012	Probably, underfunding also not keeping up a current and extensive book selection is a reason why I don't use the library more often.
7472	7/10/2012	I don't think that there should be another library issue on the ballot this year. I don't like it competing with the School District Bond issue. Put it on next year.
7473	7/10/2012	The library is more important now that the economy is bad, but there is less tax revenue to support it.
7474	7/10/2012	Politicians who fail to recognize the importance of libraries to our community, disregard the high value of library services, and seem unaware the high priority Portlanders place on their library. It is especially galling when they undercut plans for library self-sufficiency by refusing to allow the public to vote on things like the formation and funding of a library district.
7475	7/10/2012	People not reading books?
7476	7/10/2012	Limited hours and lack of funding is hurting the library by closing earlier in the day than is reasonable for working people.
7477	7/10/2012	? I guess budget issues?
7478	7/10/2012	The fact that many things are going computerized and many people no longer care to read books which is a shame.[] Additionally I'm afraid that fewer people will use the library as a reading resource.[] I love to read and that would be a tragedy.
7479	7/10/2012	People not appreciating them.
7480	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
7481	7/10/2012	The recession?
7482	7/10/2012	any kind of censorship--however, that seems unlikely in Portland. Lack of funds would be the biggest threat I believe.
7483	7/10/2012	Stupid funding: where operations are based upon shaking funding structures, and there isn't a solid, well-considered funding operation that ensures the libraries are open, staffed and updated as needed by their communities.
7484	7/10/2012	the Internet. Books are becoming passe. Possibly libraries will need to become more computer media centered.
7485	7/10/2012	not emphasizing reading in the schools and as a meaningful activity
7486	7/10/2012	Diminished use due to electronic devices.

7487	7/10/2012	Theft. Abuse of materials. Inadequate funding. [] Note on #5 question: I don't think homework help for students and English language learners should be grouped with resources for small business owners. How did this come about? Your results are going to be skewed and unfair.
7488	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7489	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7490	7/10/2012	Indifference.
7491	7/10/2012	Not having the ability to go to the library every day if I need or what to.
7492	7/10/2012	Maintaining current materials (both hard and soft copy) and integrity of programs (including hold and pickup service) so that people want to continue to use these valuable resources thereby continuing to support funding for the libraries.
7493	7/10/2012	We are homeschoolers, and really love the educational programs that the libraries present. We have seen many amazing presentations and participated in some wonderful activities that have really enriched my child's education. I presume that many would see this as outside the core mission of the library and they would get the ax first, which frightens me. Many of us, homeschoolers or not, are extremely concerned about the cuts to public education, and library programs make learning available that the schools are no longer paying for. Also we rely heavily on the library for learning materials, and it's always been extremely helpful, especially with science, to know that the library is always acquiring new materials. My son's education would really suffer without access to our library's ever growing collection.
7494	7/10/2012	Internet Porn
7495	7/10/2012	Seems like there isn't enough money to go around
7496	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
7497	7/10/2012	I'm assuming it's budgetary.
7498	7/10/2012	funding, the internet and electronic books
7499	7/10/2012	Television.
7500	7/10/2012	The cultural attitude that libraries are a waste of taxpayer dollars is a terrible undervaluation of one of our community's most important resources.
7501	7/10/2012	It comes from people who don't see what a valuable resource libraries provide every social, economic and age groups. Shortsightedly, for some people funding is seen as just another tax which they automatically want to defeat. Little do these people know what a VALUE they are getting for the money. It is FREE for everyone to use. Everyone contributes for the common good.

7502	7/10/2012	Public expectations - Everybody wants "public service" 24/7 but no one wants to bank roll it. The general public needs to understand that "public service" is not free, is not infinite, and doesn't have to be there whenever they get the urge to use it. The library needs to do a needs assessment and change their hours to meet the largest demand. Tri-Met shuts down routes that don't have riders, airlines switch schedules during non-peak times. The library and other public entities should do the same. I'm all for cutting back hours for the library (and for postal delivery for that matter). I can no longer afford (I'm a senior citizen) to support everybody's cry for funding. The more we try to appease everyone the worse it will get - service will suffer and the taxpayers will revolt.
7503	7/10/2012	Lack of money, lack of interest on the part of the public
7504	7/10/2012	Fire. Flood or earthquake in that order
7505	7/10/2012	Funding for new books and pay wages for staff
7506	7/10/2012	Don't know.
7507	7/10/2012	budget cuts
7508	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7509	7/10/2012	Insufficient revenues to insure 7 day/week service.
7510	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to economic pressure: that, or maybe some sort of paper-eating insect, or Nazis, who always make the big threat list.
7511	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! And community support. I see so many people using the library but i hear so little about its troubles in the news or by word of mouth.
7512	7/10/2012	People may think they have done all that's necessary by voting for the 3 year levy -- and could be upset that the libraries are closing one day a week anyway. It's possible that some will see the closure as a type of extortion, too.
7513	7/10/2012	severely reduced hours
7514	7/10/2012	Not enough funding for materials and hours
7515	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I think too many people fail to understand how critical and important it is to allow citizens to have free and easy access to books, computers, and other materials.
7516	7/10/2012	Funds?
7517	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

		Overuse, underpaid staff, shorter hours, less pay. Of course there are those that do volunteer work at the library that help in some of these areas. However, paid staff should be remunerated for at least 5 days work week on a competitive basis say with other places of work (such as local book store staff). ¶
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7518	7/10/2012	Of course the biggest threat would be complete closure of the library system. Would this be a start of a trend (cutting hours or days) so that the future becomes bleaker and bleaker for those of use that still love the feel of turning a page! Or for students looking for a quiet place to study...and not finding one. These are very crucial issues that should be considered if this change is a permanent one (to no library open on Sunday). The work will still be there on Monday for the librarians that handle a HUGE load...anyway. So still their pay should remain the SAME even with the lopped off day or days. It's crucial that we support higher taxes (perhaps not totally property based but perhaps on some other broader basis.
7519	7/10/2012	I know Portland tends to support its libraries but I find a lack of awareness regarding all the programs and services offered. I'd like to see stronger promotion of those, and particular focus placed on how libraries fit into education as a whole.
7520	7/10/2012	budget cuts
7521	7/10/2012	An inability to adapt to the e-reading shift.
7522	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7523	7/10/2012	adequate funding
7524	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
7525	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding.
7526	7/10/2012	Lack of fnding.
7527	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
7528	7/10/2012	The "dumb-ing down" of our society
7529	7/10/2012	funding. Even those of us who prefer ebooks should support the physical library as an asset to the community.
7530	7/10/2012	I assume not enough funding? The subtraction of Monday from library hours has been sad, I'd prefer to see the library open every day, or if it has to be closed one day to be closed on Sunday or have two half days vs being closed a full day.
7531	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
7532	7/10/2012	That they aren't open as much as possible. Any uncertainty as to when they are open will make people use them less and then that creates a system that is not fulfilling its potential.
7533	7/10/2012	i don't know. how does the benefit package for the library employes compare to the private sector?
7534	7/10/2012	fire
7535	7/10/2012	Non-readers and personal computers
7536	7/10/2012	Not enough resources or funding.

7537	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7538	7/10/2012	The potential closing of libraries.
7539	7/10/2012	Losing funding
7540	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
7541	7/10/2012	Budget cuts by a government that doesn't value the quality of life of its citizens.
7542	7/10/2012	Liberals
7543	7/10/2012	to be closed in the future
7544	7/10/2012	A general lack of knowledge in the public about what the library has to offer. Lack of publicity, essentially.
7545	7/10/2012	Shorter hours, unhappy librarians, outdated materials
7546	7/10/2012	The biggest threats are: 1) the perception that the library is a luxury, and 2) with the notion that everyone who works for the county is grossly overpaid.
7547	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7548	7/10/2012	The media information that books are no longer necessary.
7549	7/10/2012	People using their home computers, using computers to read, not knowing what the libraries can provide.
7550	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
7551	7/10/2012	Closing
7552	7/10/2012	I don't know
7553	7/10/2012	Space and funding
7554	7/10/2012	As with so many things funding. I also think some people do not realize how much the libraries are used and what all they are used for.
7555	7/10/2012	funding
7556	7/10/2012	Funding as always.
7557	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. complacency with academic pursuits. []
7558	7/10/2012	i believe that in our "post-post-modern" society, the ability to sort through information that is well articulated is key. I could not do this without my local library. That they will lose funding and not be able to provide services to people. I buy books, but I also like to go to the library. I always feel good when I walk inside a library or a bookstore. I have resources at home for computer use, but I am sure it would be hard on folks who do not. The library is a meeting place for people that is safe and is all about learning.[] []
7559	7/10/2012	I would hate to see all that go away.
7560	7/10/2012	A lack of public commitment to funding the libraries at the rates that we need to maintain their quality and access.

7561	7/10/2012	I think the 6 day library week is just a ruse to pass the library tax district measure....I feel I was tricked into voting for the last bond measure, and then the library drops one day as a result....I don't suppose you will admit to the media before the next election, that the reason that one day was dropped was because all the employees got big raises after the last bond measure passed. I'm not voting Yes for your next measure...I hope it loses...
7562	7/10/2012	Not sure. Corporations, politicians, lack of funds, awareness of their importance. They are just as important as public parks.
7563	7/10/2012	No funding to keep them open it is not convenient to go to central library the children would have only the school library available to study/research homework/some families rely on library for internet access and i LOVE TO READ thank you
7564	7/10/2012	People forgetting the way to the libraries because the ones open are too far or too often closed [] If children and students do not learn how fun it is to read libraries can close all over and we will have generations of non-readers Also less people will want to write . The few writers still publishing will be read only by the few people able to buy books
7565	7/10/2012	1 - lack of access (that libraries aren't open daily, at least with some hours)[] [] 2 - that people will forget the joy and the usefulness of reading
7566	7/10/2012	The latest election in May 2012 implied the funding levy would ensure the libraries remain open. Since then, I'm surprised to learn of the reduced schedule as of July 1. The state of our economy remains a challenge for all of us. We must all learn to do more with less, including the library. The most important work of our local libraries is to have current materials and be open at least 6 days a week. Eliminate the other programs to reduce costs. Programs already exist in the communities for senior citizens, job seekers, small business owners, young and school-aged children. The library does not need to duplicate those efforts by providing its own programs. Home-bound seniors can rely on their network of family, friends, and neighbors to get/return their books or pay the full cost of having books mailed to them. Another option is to have volunteers deliver books to home-bound seniors who are unable to afford mailing costs.
7567	7/10/2012	Uninformed and prejudiced political activism.
7568	7/10/2012	people's unwillingness to pay taxes
7569	7/10/2012	passing library levies and then spending the money elsewhere
7570	7/10/2012	No money.
7571	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I really like the Midland Multnomah Library because it makes me feel safe. There is always security every time I walk in. It would be a real shame to lose that due to lack of funding.
7572	7/10/2012	Funding cutbacks
7573	7/10/2012	Couldn't get the above numbers to work. Proper order from the top is: 6, 3, 2, 5, 1, 4.
7574	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?

7575	7/10/2012	It's possible people use physical books less lately - internet browsing for information and reading novels on nook books are becoming more common. I still prefer hard copies and very much value the ability to get books from the library. I depend on it to be there. I think one problem is that the people who most depend on the library tend to be toward the lower end of the income scale. This means when funding gets divided up, if the needs of those with lower incomes aren't prioritized, things like libraries and other public services won't be either.
7576	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7577	7/10/2012	Reduced public funding.
7578	7/10/2012	To me the hours are very important - I work all day, and only have an hour or two to come in in the evenings. Every evening when you are open later gives me more of a chance to read!
7579	7/10/2012	Lack of new books and materials, lack of hours open to the public
7580	7/10/2012	A lack of resources for funding.
7581	7/10/2012	funding
7582	7/10/2012	Consistent funding.
7583	7/10/2012	further closures, reduced staff
7584	7/10/2012	Irrelevant, not attentive to the clients' needs
7585	7/10/2012	Recession-driven cuts to local government budgets.
7586	7/10/2012	No idea.
7587	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and privatization.
7588	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7589	7/10/2012	Vulnerability to funding via voters (via levy) who may not understand the actual budgetary needs to operate a library system effectively.
7590	7/10/2012	Improper allocation and management of funds.
7591	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7592	7/10/2012	it seems funding
7593	7/10/2012	People abusing the system and checking out materials then never returning them. And tax dollars going elsewhere.
7594	7/10/2012	That the powers that be take it away to do more for themselves without considering the long term effects and affects on people without the resources in their homes; that people who love to read and use the library will not have it to use; students will not be able to properly research without a computer....and so much more.
7595	7/10/2012	I dont know about the biggest threat.[] What i would not like to see go away are extended hours for people who work nine to five jobs. I've used the mon/ tues pas 5 pm times in addition to sat/ sun hours.
7596	7/10/2012	Pornography access on computers is harmful to the community.
7597	7/10/2012	Budget cuts

7598	7/10/2012	Closures. Access is so very important. With the ability to place holds, those who have transport issues can go to a close library. My friend lives in Medford and it was horrible when they closed their libraries. I DO NOT want to have anything like that happen here.
7599	7/10/2012	Library management who seem to equate expansion of programs with success, at expense of access - first priority to me is open libraries - longer hours, all days. NOTE on QUESTION # 5.... your methodology forces me to have programatic priorities (Priority 3-6) instead of my actual preference which would be to have top THREE priorities exclusively. Creates false impression that # 3-6 have some importance to me. They do not in times of decisions to close the doors.
7600	7/10/2012	Funding. Funding should be spread out and not overly supported by home owners.
7601	7/10/2012	I would imagine lack of funding
7602	7/10/2012	Not properly funded
7603	7/10/2012	Funding. Not being open when the public would like. Not having current materials. Not having electronic books for Kindles.
7604	7/10/2012	Politicians, taking money from the Library budget and spending it on their pet projects. They know they people are sympathetic to library funding so it is a good way to increase taxes. I will not support any library funding. You people need to hold politicians accountable.
7605	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and electronic books.
7606	7/10/2012	funding
7607	7/10/2012	It seems like funding is the biggest threat. I really support the community based programs because those work as good advertising when it comes to raising awareness about how important libraries are.
7608	7/10/2012	The wealthiest residents and businesses not paying their fair share of taxes.
7609	7/10/2012	Lack of predictable funding.
7610	7/10/2012	I don't know. Perhaps a lessened community recognition of the cultural and political importance of the library in our society.
7611	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what that means?
7612	7/10/2012	budget cuts.
7613	7/10/2012	apathy
7614	7/10/2012	The homeless and drug addicts.
7615	7/10/2012	Taxpayers not willing to pay for the service.
7616	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7617	7/10/2012	folks not understanding how important literacy skills are to success in life. also not understanding free convenient access to quality information is necessary for democracy to work.
7618	7/10/2012	Unstable economy - funding dependent on prperty values which fluctuate.
7619	7/10/2012	fiscal mismanagement and incompetence of library administrators. ignorance of patron needs and library operations by branch managers.

7620	7/10/2012	I think probably as technology moves more and more printed media to the internet, the real need to have a physical library ultimately decreases. This is based on the assumption that at its core, historically, a library is a storehouse for information and literature. In the modern day, it has taken on many other functions and so maintains relevance, but I imagine that many of those in charge of funding would still feel that "national defense" is of greater importance. This would be unfortunate as in my view, a library still provides a crucial public service - free access to information and research by the public.
		Lack of funding.[] []
7621	7/10/2012	(A distant second threat is maybe lack of innovation. Are there any ways in which libraries can change their operating model so as to make themselves more valuable and attractive to the public? Can they be merged in some clever way with community centers, public parks or recreation centers to increase attendance?)
7622	7/10/2012	Loss of funding, no question.
7623	7/10/2012	reduced hours and reduced new purchases!!
7624	7/10/2012	Funding limitations.
7625	7/10/2012	People who don't understand the importance of a strong library system for the community.
7626	7/10/2012	Lack of long term funding.
7627	7/10/2012	ebooks, tech materials like kindles
7628	7/10/2012	Funding!!!
7629	7/10/2012	Community apathy.
7630	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to support all of the great activities our libraries offer
7631	7/10/2012	funding
7632	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
7633	7/10/2012	Loss
7634	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. The Internet.
7635	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
7636	7/10/2012	Over staffing. There are too many people working at the library in Gresham. Most of the time they are talking with each other and standing around. I also remember a time when people were suppose to be quiet in the library. Last week I left because they were having a concert in the middle of the library-is that really what we should be doing?
7637	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the reduction of hours and the number of staff. People don't come to the libraries at the time. By reducing the libraries time some people won't have the chance of educating themselves as they used to do.
7638	7/10/2012	Apathy and ignorance to their importance to a thriving democracy. [] [] Misunderstanding that libraries offer more than just books.

7639	7/10/2012	Reallocation of funding elsewhere.
7640	7/10/2012	Defunding.
7641	7/10/2012	Being closed at times when people need them the most.
7642	7/10/2012	If people get used to not having libraries, or having fewer services, it will be harder to convince people to vote to fully fund libraries in the future.
7643	7/10/2012	don't know
7644	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, I assume.
7645	7/10/2012	obviously lack of funding is the biggest threat but I feel that accessibility and service are more important than spending a lot of money on construction.
7646	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
7647	7/10/2012	Right now-funding. Later, if libraries are not funded adequately, illiteracy.
7648	7/10/2012	The belief that the internet is the only or best source of accessible information. And lack of funding.
7649	7/10/2012	loss of public funding
7650	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7651	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7652	7/10/2012	Republicans
7653	7/10/2012	Lack of usage. If the branches aren't open people will get out of the habit of using the library and it will be overlooked.
7654	7/10/2012	funding
7655	7/10/2012	Underfunding. Libraries are a critical investment for the education of our citizens, as well as supporting job growth and keeping the elderly mentally engaged with society
7656	7/10/2012	Selfish citizens.
7657	7/10/2012	Over use. Waiting for long periods to get books etc....
7658	7/10/2012	Funding. I was surprised that all branches would be closed on Mondays. Why not stagger the branches closed day?
7659	7/10/2012	Loss in ease of functionality/usefulness.
7660	7/10/2012	Ignorance.
7661	7/10/2012	people who hate paying taxes and supporting public services
7662	7/10/2012	declining budget
7663	7/10/2012	Lack of money from county, state and federal
7664	7/10/2012	Becoming obsolete or unwelcome. Underutilized. Losing touch with the community. Funding.
7665	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7666	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. City Hall. Republicans. Mitt Romney.
7667	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7668	7/10/2012	I don't have enough info to respond.
7669	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding is biggest threat. Must have the dollars to support materials, staff, hours, services.

7670	7/10/2012	Not Sure
7671	7/10/2012	Over-spending of public funds in military ventures.
7672	7/10/2012	access on weekend
7673	7/10/2012	underfunding
7674	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much for the community wiht too little funding.
7675	7/10/2012	I suppose the biggest threat is people who think ignorance is a virtue?
7676	7/10/2012	Closures.
7677	7/10/2012	Not having current materials on hand
7678	7/10/2012	Public perception that libraries are obsolete. Some people mistakenly believe that everyone had internet at home and that's enough. The social and cultural importance of libraries to people of all ages can not be overrated; unfortunately, it is often overlooked.
7679	7/10/2012	Budgets
7680	7/10/2012	Reduced property tax income due to under-valued homes, and increased burden on tax payers, who are already feeling strapped, to make up the difference.
7681	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat to our local libraries is lack of funding and also public awareness of how vital libraries are for helping improve young people's reading skills.
7682	7/10/2012	Ever expanding budgets, asking for too many tax dollars.
7683	7/10/2012	The exclusive reliance on income and property taxes in Oregon.
7684	7/10/2012	The growing cultural idea that books are a thing of the past, coupled with severe governmental budget limitations.[] [] Libraries, and bookstores (although especially libraries), are excellent community centers for finding new reading material, bringing together like-minded individuals, and keeping communities in contact (in a world increasingly about distance).
7685	7/10/2012	Tax cuts
7686	7/10/2012	Spending too much money.
7687	7/10/2012	lack of funding!
7688	7/10/2012	closures
7689	7/10/2012	Funding
7690	7/10/2012	Getting off track of your mission....which you've already done. You're there so people can check out books.....where does that appear in question #5 ??? THAT'S MY FIRST SELECTION of importance !!!
7691	7/10/2012	lack of public funding
7692	7/10/2012	Not enough money. I'm shocked the hours were cut RIGHT after we voted the library their own income stream. That was a really poor move on the part of the library.
7693	7/10/2012	Funding and the "paperless" environment of the internet.

7694	7/10/2012	I hear jokes almost daily on TV or through friends: "what's a library?", "those things are still around?", etc. People don't realize the limitations of Google. They don't think libraries are valuable or necessary anymore, and they don't know how to use them. They want instant results, regardless if they are completely accurate. So I'd say the biggest threat is the general public perception of libraries.
7695	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7696	7/10/2012	A lack of permanent funding and an under appreciation of the joy of reading. Books can take your imagination everywhere Eradicate ignorance by providing access to books and computers. Thank you for your on going efforts to education and nurture minds.
7697	7/10/2012	besides funding? people taking them (and their services, etc.) for granted
7698	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?
7699	7/10/2012	Loss of revenue.
7700	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
7701	7/10/2012	The PERS program which is eating up too much of the available revenue.
7702	7/10/2012	Balance funding vs. efficient service to the public (hopefully keeping acceptable and useful levels of service to community).
7703	7/10/2012	Funding: having buildings and materials in good repair is very important and I would prefer to see quality maintained even if hours are reduced. Please don't let the buildings become less safe and inviting or the materials not kept in good shape and current. Few hours of access is better than few items or unwelcoming places.
7704	7/10/2012	Not using what resources we have wisely. We can't do everything for everyone.
7705	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
7706	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7707	7/10/2012	People not wanting to pay taxes required to keep community services available.
7708	7/10/2012	funding, but staying relevant in a digital age is a close second (I think they're doing a decent job so far, but constant adaptation will be an issue)
7709	7/10/2012	Lack of funding...local homeless people unsupervised within the library.
7710	7/10/2012	Libraries must adapt to a changing economy just like every other citizen, community agency, and government services. Change isn't always pleasant but change that is adaptable is necessary. The greatest threat is the belief that America can be economically just as it was ten years ago. This belief runs counter to adaptive change.
7711	7/10/2012	Other than lack of funding, I don't think most people in this county understand all the library has to offer. My friends are absolutely shocked at all I do at the library and all the library has to offer. I would think that if you made more of a concerted effort to apprise the public about all your services that you provide, they would more than likely find you as invaluable as I do.
7712	7/10/2012	The use of the Internet seems to be causing younger people to read books less. The library should try to stay up-to-date with current technologies.

7713	7/10/2012	Not enough funds to keep employees and vital programs. I also find many of my friends getting Nooks, etc. for their reading. I am afraid that someday that will be our only source, not for me, as I still want the feel of a book in my hands and see them on my bookshelves. I will always support my library in any way I can.
7714	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to the libraries is the libraries themselves. When I look at the history and materials in my local library, it seems pretty clear that the budget gets spent on an unnecessary amount of brand new items, technology and remodeling. Self-checkouts, newly remodeled buildings, and vast quantities of the latest young adult fiction make for a more upscale experience, but are in no way necessary to a successful library. Then they run out of money and instead of cutting back their approach across the board, they cut hours. This succeeds, no doubt, in getting the public's attention, but it is certainly not the only way to deal with budgetary issues.
7715	7/10/2012	Republicans
7716	7/10/2012	A misinformed populace.
7717	7/10/2012	republican oriented politics not recognizing the importance of libraries, school programs and other community activities for children and families.
7718	7/10/2012	Overpaid upper management and too many managers, based on the salaries I have read about in the newspaper. Also not using taxpayers' scare monies wisely and doing things like passing a bond measure and then inexplicably closing all the libraries one day a week immediately afterward. I will be quite skeptical about future requests for money based on how this one unfolded. Very poor.
7719	7/10/2012	Building maintenance costs and administrative costs.
7720	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7721	7/10/2012	That they may close down
7722	7/10/2012	Television.
7723	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7724	7/10/2012	Learning to live within a budget. If you have to make cuts so be it.
7725	7/10/2012	People not picking up a book. Nothing is as satisfying as reading.
7726	7/10/2012	People who are unwilling to pay taxes for public services like libraries
7727	7/10/2012	acquisitions, hours open, outreach
7728	7/10/2012	incompetent, shortsighted elected officials.[] stupid, shortsighted voters.
7729	7/10/2012	The short answer: the Internet. I realize this is oversimplifying the issue, but access to MOST forms of media, from books to music to film, can be found for free online.
7730	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is a reduction of hours staff and services. People in the community need the services.
7731	7/10/2012	n/a
7732	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7733	7/10/2012	Children growing up, not being taken to the library, not appreciating the riches that are there.

7734	7/10/2012	not open monday
7735	7/10/2012	Underfunding of the libraries
7736	7/10/2012	I assume it's financial issues
7737	7/10/2012	lack of funds
7738	7/10/2012	<p>For-profits convincing citizens they should pay to access media that is free, and therefore we don't need to fund libraries. I think our libraries need to get hipper. Start hosting events for 20-30-year-olds, book clubs with wine or music, really keep people engaged, reading and their minds active. If this co-hort of post-college brains is allowed to wither, we will be left with an uninformed and culturally poor class of leaders as a society. Let's face it, libraries are one of the few spaces that still are open and belong to the community, where else can a poor person go into downtown without being harassed by private or public "security" forces?</p> <p>I would assume it would be budget cuts. The libraries need to be open every day, in my opinion, and have good hours, which means that they don't close right when everyone gets off work (i.e. too early), otherwise no one can actually make it in who works or who would try to avoid being on trimet during rush hour. □</p> <p>Also if the collection dropped into irrelevancy because no new books or media were being purchased, no one would want to use the library anymore, so I do think that having magazines and new books and movies is important. I personally don't really read magazines, but whatever. □</p> <p>I also think it is great that the libraries serve the homeless population in portland by having computer access for all. At the same time, I don't want the libraries to turn into computer labs, so I think we should keep the amount of computers we have but not increase it too much. I've been to other library systems where it feels like the library really is just a glorified computer lab. I think one way to combat this feeling, also, is to have places where people can just sit (e.g. tables, comfy chairs), none of which are in evidence in any of the libraries I frequent.</p>
7739	7/10/2012	
7740	7/10/2012	the overburdened tax payer being asked for more and more
7741	7/10/2012	N/A
7742	7/10/2012	Funding
7743	7/10/2012	Lack of money and digital technology
7744	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and theft of materials.
7745	7/10/2012	Loss of funding to maintain current level of service and programing
7746	7/10/2012	I suppose financial health and stability.
7747	7/10/2012	funding from property taxes, I am almost on a fixed income and the increase in taxes every year makes it increasingly likely that I won't be able to stay in my house, the taxes are almost the amount of the mortgage, just because I have a house doesn't mean I can afford all the extra expenses

7748	7/10/2012	<p>I think that ereaders are potential hazard. I just got a nook (e ink screen) , and almost immediately I began to prefer the reading experience to print books. At the same time I chose the nook because it was compatible with the library's eBook format.</p> <p>The challenge with ereaders will probably be that people will begin to stop going to physical locations. The ebooks also encourage impulse purchases of books. I've often found my self skimming the online store on my nook and entertaining the purchase a book that I probably wouldn't buy if it weren't immediately available. The library doesn't offer this experience on e ink readers because they don't have the functionality of their more powerful colorscreen cousins and I'm not sure how it works on their cousins. People not going to libraries also distances them from the library.</p> <p>On the other hand I think ereaders could really help the library. I always check the library now before buying an Ebook because the reading experience is the same and I don't have to pay sometime absolutely outrageous prices for electronic copies of books.</p>
7749	7/10/2012	<p>"Mission creep": trying to do everything without clearer priorities. A good example might be purchases of CDs and DVDs which contribute little more than entertainment, which is not why we pay taxes. The Kindle-type service, for which the library pays, is premised on the users' being able to afford the hardware, which is an economic distinction.</p> <p>The status of a special taxing district would remove the library's budget from prioritizing the entire gamut of county responsibilities. Earmarked revenue sources, since they require a separate locus of decisionmaking, become less accessible for public oversight and participation. This would be a poor precedent--one might foresee similar cherry-picking among other county functions to avoid tax compression.</p> <p>Each of the above choices are much like a push-poll, and ignore other possibilities to refine public views.</p> <p>My #3 choice embraces some services that might already be part of PPS and other local school budgets.</p> <p>My #1 choice really would be having Central Library open seven days week with branches open three days a week.</p> <p>#4: How much evaluation of attendance and quality takes place for each of these program categories?</p>
7750	7/10/2012	Capitalism
7751	7/10/2012	lack of funding to cover the above.
7752	7/10/2012	lack of money
7753	7/10/2012	Lack of funding support.

7754	7/10/2012	the fact that the order of importance does not work on the survey and the libraries not being open late in the evenings
7755	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
7756	7/10/2012	People from out of state being in charge, people who don't care about Oregon and don't realize we want to keep Oregon priorities.
7757	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!!!
7758	7/10/2012	e books
7759	7/10/2012	The continuing shrinking of people's attention spans and the rapidly growing illiteracy of young people - exacerbated by media such as Twitter, cell phone non-grammar and non-spelling - and the documented impact these are having on the physiology of the human brain (read "The Shallows") may make libraries unappreciated.
7760	7/10/2012	This is a loaded question, which assumes that libraries are a kind of birthright to the American citizen. Not so. Libraries are a privilege. In this period of economic hardship, everyone must "tighten the belt." If libraries must be open less or downsized in order to reduce the tax burden on the economy, so be it. [] [] The most important thing is for libraries to have as wide a selection as possible. Next most important is to open for as many days of the week as possible, with the best hours possible. Programs and such which require tax funding should be phased out, as these are all things which are ultimately substitutes for the work of family, church, and community (not governmentally funded organizations).
7761	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
7762	7/10/2012	not being able to afford to keep on the great librarians
7763	7/10/2012	1. Loss of funding[] []
7764	7/10/2012	2. Being overrun with homeless people
7765	7/10/2012	great staff!
7766	7/10/2012	People not knowing what is offered at the library
7767	7/10/2012	The libraries are doing fine. The biggest threat is to me. I can hardly make it now with the amount of property taxes I pay. Any more, and I will have to leave town
7768	7/10/2012	Our politicians
7769	7/10/2012	Lack of permanent funding
7770	7/10/2012	Closing smaller branches - I believe easy access to our libraries help people to explore them when they might not otherwise.
7771	7/10/2012	The internet and downloadable books and magazines.
7772	7/10/2012	Under-utilization. I feel a lot of people never visit the library and don't know how it can enrich their lives, or the lives of their fellow community members. I myself don't go as often as I'd like.
7772	7/10/2012	I am not sure

7773	7/10/2012	Funding. If our library is any indicator, it isn't lack of interest in the libraries! We have excellent staff. Now we need a stable funding source, not just property taxes. I know Oregonians hate sales tax, but at least then everyone pays as they go. More renters mean less property taxes. Home owners shouldn't have to shoulder the load!
7774	7/10/2012	The reduction of business hours
7775	7/10/2012	Besides funding, I would say people's access to easy research in their homes via internet.
7776	7/10/2012	lack of resources and hours for the community to be able to use the library. My mom when we moved to a new place (grew up at a military base) so first things she did was take us to the commissary, swimming pool, schools, MP's, and always the library. It is very important for all to use. I help at a non-profit and we see alot of low imcome and homeless who thrive on the library and its uses; who would normally could not afford any other way to find material to read or places to go. For some it is not just for finding a book to read but a place to meet and socialize with like-minded people.
7777	7/10/2012	I don't see our local libraries as threatened. Portlanders have been supportive over the years, doing without when times were tight and twice passing the levies to maintain quality service. I appreciate that the library put in use the security sensors so books could not be stolen - theft of materials was a problem in the past and I hope this is working. The fact that the levy is not bringing in the amount of money that it has in the past due to home values and economic depression means that all Portlanders are tightening their belts and cutting corners and figuring out new ways of doing things that are cheaper. Perhaps our libraries are institutions that needs to mirror our belt tightening rather than attempting to live outside (above) our economic constraints at this time.
7778	7/10/2012	Apathy
7779	7/10/2012	Don't know
7780	7/10/2012	Closing down! Even if all the programs lose their funding, we need to have access to these media materials!
7781	7/10/2012	Not enough funding :-)
7782	7/10/2012	Funding
7783	7/10/2012	lack of sure and adequate funding
7784	7/10/2012	The GOP.
7785	7/10/2012	Hours being reduced so that those who work M-F cannot access the library. Really appreciate having the later hours on two nights a week and being open at least one day on the weekend.
7786	7/10/2012	lack of funding, stolen/damaged materials, homeless using it as a hangout facility especially outfront
7787	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7788	7/10/2012	I'm not sure; funding seems to be an issue, but it's unclear why as Multnomah county's library system seems to be an important priority for and heavily used by citizens of Portland.
7789	7/10/2012	Ask too much money in tax levies... People will not support, can not support higher and higher taxes for top-notch library services in this economy. Try to economize, as all need to do in this economy....
7790	7/10/2012	Apathy.

7791	7/10/2012	The public not understanding how essential an open and free library system is to a democracy. Thus, the rejection of any increase in taxes to cover the costs.
7792	7/10/2012	Cutting back on staff available to encourage, direct and support the users. I'd be for less hours and the same and more level of staffing, if that's necessary.
7793	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep current materials available and allow access. Interest in library services is likely down due to easy access to info on the internet, e-books, and increased access to portable popular media (movies, TV, social networks...).
7794	7/10/2012	That there won't be funding for our libraries.[] [] In addition, I'm not sure we need as many librarians on the floor in the small libraries. I don't want to take jobs away from people, but I find that the librarians often don't seem that busy and there possibly isn't a need for that many of them.
7795	7/10/2012	Lack of direction. If you win the election, follow through with promises, or don't promise them. It was only a couple months ago... come on... Make a decision and stick to it. I don't like the idea of separating from the current administration policies. It is hard to reorganize and ends up being more expensive than anyone thought. Then you are asking for MORE money, which makes people mad. Housing taxes do end up to be a lot when houses are worth as much as they are. If you have to cut back, cut back. Make it retro. Do your best to maintain. It is not a competition. It is a business. Run it as well as you can until things pick up. We love your service. But don't take advantage of the people who support you, either.
7796	7/10/2012	Reduced staff and hours are unacceptable. New materials, computer systems, and support are so important. Our library system is our pride and joy as a city. Re-open all days of the week. Increase funding and access.
7797	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7798	7/10/2012	?
7799	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7800	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7801	7/10/2012	Underfunding! Make it easy to donate to the library and support our local branches in whatever way possible. Let us know what we can do to help with postings at our branches.
7802	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7803	7/10/2012	It seems to be the lack of funding.
7804	7/10/2012	need for funding
7805	7/10/2012	Lack of funding by the county
7806	7/10/2012	any reductions in locations, days or hours
7807	7/10/2012	budget cuts,

7808	7/10/2012	not having the latest or updated educational materials on a large variety of subjects from job search, professional careers and the economy in the united states to subjects on math, english, writing, technology, social science, scientific science, business and the arts etc.
7809	7/10/2012	Trying to do TOO much. Libraries aren't social service agencies. Other groups can provide some of these services. Focus on core mission of library.
7810	7/10/2012	Lack of funding...
7811	7/10/2012	funding!
7812	7/10/2012	E-books, if the library doesn't start loaning them in a convenient fashion.
7813	7/10/2012	Poor management: too many managers who are not involved directly with what goes on IN the libraries (including the director); skewed priorities.
7814	7/10/2012	lack of funding??
7815	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is that they are offering too many things besides books and reference resources for people and it is sucking the money away from a library's original intent. Why does a library need DVDs or People Magazine??
7816	7/10/2012	I worry about not having enough materials. I am unable to browse fiction because there are not enough books on the shelf and those that are on the shelf are always in the middle of the series. I now request all of my books and pick it them up. I am able to browse nonfiction but I find that I've just about read all of the books at my local library in sections that are of particular interest - not enough circulation of stocked books.
7817	7/10/2012	Idiots who think that it costs too much, and don't see the value to the community even if they don't use it themselves.
7818	7/10/2012	I was not aware of budget problems before the last election. So I suppose adequate funding is the main problem; libraries should be fully staffed and open at least 6 days/week, preferably 7. I've been in Portland for almost 4 years and with taxes as high as they are, I don't understand why the schools, arts programs, and libraries are having such difficulties.
7819	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7820	7/10/2012	Not funding them.
7821	7/10/2012	laziness on election day on the part of those who care about the library
7822	7/10/2012	Decreased tax funding and a lack of comittment from the voters for program development and literacy promotion.
7823	7/10/2012	apathy
7824	7/10/2012	Funding insecurity! Need a system in place so the funding doesn't have to be up for a vote every few years.¶ We have a great system, beautiful facilities, great materials and resources. But if there isn't funding for operations, maintenance, and salaries, the whole thing will deteriorate or not be as available to as many people as often as it is now.

7825	7/10/2012	I am very unclear on why there are insufficient funds available for basic services. My property tax is nearly 6000\$ per year which is approximately 8% of my pre-tax income and nearly 15% of post tax dollars. I have looked at the cost of schools which are approximately 2.5X the cost of my public education (in real dollars) and yet I received a 1st class education in school systems which sent >75 of grads to at least 2 year degree college programs (most to BA programs). I cannot understand what the cost drivers are that are increasing these costs at a rate greater than inflation. I do think that closing libraries or reducing hours is not as appropriate as perhaps paring down services or wages. I work in a sector where there is no automatic COLA, no paid sick or vacation time, and no pension (other than my SIMPLE IRA). All of us are feeling the pain; cost cutting in ways other than reducing services must be considered.
7826	7/10/2012	Losing services in communities of color and low income neighborhoods.
7827	7/10/2012	Funding
7828	7/10/2012	Funding
7829	7/10/2012	Funding
7830	7/10/2012	Republican officeholders.
7831	7/10/2012	Funding.
7832	7/10/2012	Under funding
7833	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7834	7/10/2012	Reduced access -- (i.e., either fewer open hours or more limited current materials)
7835	7/10/2012	People stealing books
7836	7/10/2012	Offering too many services. English language learners (foreigners) typically have so many more opportunities than locals, so there are programs at schools and colleges where they can learn. Yes, it is nice to be able to offer so many things to so many people, but where does it end? Are we balancing the budget, or are we going to keep asking for more, even when there are so many people out of work, and many elderly retired folks, many of who are threatened of loosing their homes, due to budget cuts they are feeling in one way or another. Unfortunately our current President is a sad example of how America is learning to handle the "feel good" programs. THAT ATTITUDE is the biggest threat. As an alternative, let's reach out to our neighbors, learn the value of volunteering (ex: parents rotating storytelling time at their local libraries, taking your kids to bring books to the old folks homes and seeing/feeling the delight with their kindnesses, teens teaching computers or English as a second language, etc.) These things don't cost anything but a little gas \$ - and would be priceless.! Stop putting the burden on homeowners and lets educate our children to be kind, to volunteer (young people, and teens, or retired people can read (ever have grandma or grandpa read you a story? I'll bet they'd even bring cookies if you'd let them). Our librarians could have a sheet out for people who need such services, and volunteers could post a sign
7837	7/10/2012	lack of funding?
7838	7/10/2012	lack of fundin
7839	7/10/2012	Seems like funding, since you guys are closed on Monday's now. Also the bathrooms are consistently disgusting.
7840	7/10/2012	People not knowing/understanding what the libraries offer that is useful to them.

7841	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much. I don't think we need computer games for kids or adults to play while at the library. They can do that at home or if not, it really isn't a NEED.
7842	7/10/2012	The above question would not rank the way I wanted it to.
7843	7/10/2012	Not being open enough. In order to be deemed an essential part of the community and have commensurate support, it must be open every day of the week.
7844	7/10/2012	declining public education system
7845	7/10/2012	lack of money
7846	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding and lack of professionally trained librarians familiar with technical areas.
7847	7/10/2012	Inability to match public funding to increased expenditures
7848	7/10/2012	funding would be my guess
7849	7/10/2012	low funds
7850	7/10/2012	That they are reliant on property taxes. Portland homeowners are underwater on their mortgages and you cannot expect them to always foot the bill for libraries when the value of their property is going down, not up. It's ridiculous.
7851	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is that they become obsolete by not keeping up with the times: electronic files, tablet computers/iPad, digital editions, etc.
7852	7/10/2012	Government using funding for other things.
7853	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7854	7/10/2012	Not enough \$\$\$
7855	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding
7856	7/10/2012	TV, internet
7857	7/10/2012	Political ignorance by those who feel that any public spending (or anything public) is bad. I feel like all of these nukes and ipads and books on computer are part of the problem. I still really enjoy flipping pages and holding an actual book. ☹
7858	7/10/2012	As well as just funding because Im sure the library as well as schools will take the back seat to money available just because thats the way it seems these days, although I think libraries on ballots where we pay a tax increase to keep them opened would pass. I would vote yes! Underfunding is the biggest threat, to me.☹ ☹
7859	7/10/2012	I also think the Central Library becomes less useful as a community literacy/education resource as it becomes a winter living room for homeless people. (Which is not to say I don't think homeless people should have a warm/dry place to hang out in the daytime, just that it makes the library less relaxing to read/research in when someone is very stinky or talking to themselves next to you.) I feel like a jerk writing that, but it does affect my use of the library.
7860	7/10/2012	The dumbing-down of the U.S. in general, which is aided and abetted by no-nothing politicians (Tea Party members and narrow-minded Republicans, etc.) and right-wing media (Limbaugh, Fox News, et al) who obviously see no need to support and maintain libraries.

7861	7/10/2012	Limited e book access
7862	7/10/2012	People who buy all of their books.
7863	7/10/2012	Mitt romney elected President.
7864	7/10/2012	complacency
7865	7/10/2012	Increasing costs decreasing revenues just like its citizens
7866	7/10/2012	People mis-using the resources. Stealing the books and vandalizing the property Lack of public support.[]
7867	7/10/2012	[] Long term, eBooks and resources available online may impact library use.
7868	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7869	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and people who take advantage of the resources at the library.
7870	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much
7871	7/10/2012	Lack of funding;some populations addicted to l-pads, cell phones & computer games.Parents not promoting use of libraries to their children.
7872	7/10/2012	Funding, but it might be better to leave the current method in place at this time. A change will be a hard sell.
7873	7/10/2012	People who themselvs may not make much use of library system may fail to understand the importance it has for a large percentage of the population. From 5th grade through high school I made tremendous use of the Seattle Publi Library. In recent years I have not used the library system very much except as noted above. But I think the servces offered are highly important to the public,as a whole. Through the bi-lingual servces of the Gresham branch library I was able to put an Hispanic mother, who used to work for me, in touch with various programs and services there. One step that might be taken is to work with the Oregonian and all other local newspapers to write human interest stories about how the various library services have helped various individal and families.
7874	7/10/2012	Apathy
7875	7/10/2012	Out of control costs! We keep voting to sustain our libraries and then get hit with more levies to keep them open....sick of it!
7876	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
7877	7/10/2012	insufficient funding
7878	7/10/2012	Adequate funding to support the acquisition and circulation of material -- books, CDs, DVDs, etc.
7879	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7880	7/10/2012	Illiteracy. If people do not learn to read and write, they will not utilize the abundance of resources the library has to offer.
7881	7/10/2012	the falling economy
7882	7/10/2012	I fail to see any "threat" to our local libraries. Could you have been more specific about "threat"?
7883	7/10/2012	The competition with modern technology. Internet and lpad are taking over everything.
7884	7/10/2012	Not enough funding for this incredible resource!

7885	7/10/2012	lack of funding, lack of community awareness about this great resource.
7886	7/10/2012	Lack of access.
7887	7/10/2012	Illiteracy
7888	7/10/2012	BUDGET REDUCTIONS! People who don't use the libraries don't know how important they are to the community. Do people who allocate the \$\$\$\$ use the libraries?
7889	7/10/2012	LACK OF CONSISTENT FUNDING.
7890	7/10/2012	Backlash due to over taxation.
7891	7/10/2012	Lack of funding so we do not have access to new and old materials, computers, delivery services for books placed on hold and for those who cannot get to the library during open hours and less open time during the week.
7892	7/10/2012	Free programs being cut/reduced, also due to reduced staff.
7893	7/10/2012	The above ranking thing is weird.[] Lack of control by the staff...loud people...riff raff.
7894	7/10/2012	Poor allocation of funds, wrong priorities, seemingly hidden agenda
7895	7/10/2012	The downtown main library is surrounded by street youth and others smoking cigarettes and drinking. It is a shame to have to hold my child close and walk through the stench of urine and smoke to enter such a beautiful library. It honestly doesn't feel safe. I have stopped going to the downtown library.
7896	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the idea that libraries are no longer relevant in the age of computer technologies. Having a library is more important than ever for leveling socio-economic differences and having equal access to books and learning.
7897	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7898	7/10/2012	Lack of operating funds.
7899	7/10/2012	Religious zealotry / libertarianism
7900	7/10/2012	The loss of student resources and people who care.
7901	7/10/2012	Not enough books and variety
7902	7/10/2012	The online availability of current accurate information that can be accessed by computer.
7903	7/10/2012	I suppose funding cuts. We have excellent libraries I brag about to friends and family living in other parts of the country. My family has greatly benefited from the Multnomah county library system. It is a vital part of a community and needs to continue to grow and develop as technology changes. Cutting funding for the library prevents the library from being on the cutting edge of community organizations.
7904	7/10/2012	I don't know. I just don't want them to close. I love being able to read actual, paper books. So perhaps ebooks?
7905	7/10/2012	Lack of Funding
7906	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7907	7/10/2012	I'm not sure
7908	7/10/2012	Lack of public funding

7909	7/10/2012	Libraries becoming outdated and therefore underused. Libraries should be able to stock the latest information as well as have a broad category of books, media, information that the public can access.
7910	7/10/2012	having one or more libraries closed
7911	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
7912	7/10/2012	The funding source is our biggest threat. Wish there was another way. It feels like the libraries are always held at ransom at election time.
7913	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
7914	7/10/2012	According to the library not enough money, but everyone always wants more money.
7915	7/10/2012	Don't know.
7916	7/10/2012	Lack of knowledge as to what is available from the library and what it provides the public for the tax dollars spent.
7917	7/10/2012	At present there is not enough funding available.
7918	7/10/2012	political financial warfare
7919	7/10/2012	I suppose that the biggest threat to libraries is the ever-shrinking tax dollar that has more and more demands put on it. You can spend money to do fund raising for the libraries, but does that really provide the kind of funding that tax dollars do? With more demands on the tax \$, law & order, fire & safety, & health & welfare are going to keep trumping the funds for the library. Basic needs always take priority over learning and education. It doesn't matter how many studies show you that better education will prevent the problems the occur in the other areas in the long run. Nobody looks at the long run when they need something to eat today.
7920	7/10/2012	People not understanding how important libraries are to the community.
7921	7/10/2012	Inconsistent or inadequate funding that keeps them from planning ahead. Closing on Mondays was decided quite suddenly due to inadequate funding. This makes is difficult to budget and hire.
7922	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7923	7/10/2012	not sure
7924	7/10/2012	no funding
7925	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
7926	7/10/2012	We need stable funding and a stable tax system
7927	7/10/2012	Not adjusting to needs for a new computerized marketplace. Libraries should have great Internet and computers.
7928	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support is always a threat. The increase in digital books and the ability of people to easily share book files means that fewer people need to wait for a library copy of a book to become available.
7929	7/10/2012	Decision makers that were born with a silver spoon up their a***s, and don't value the importance of free resources for education, and discovery because they buy everything they need from Apple, or Amazon.

7930	7/10/2012	Lack of a solid, consistent funding base--which, of course, is the bane of all human services in this and other states. We need to figure out a way to end the seesaw nature of public funding for the library; which, I believe, is the last and best hope for ALL citizens to learn about their world, regardless of their socio-economic status. When public information sources are controlled by private interests whose objectives are inimical to freedom and justice (as too many the "mainstream" media are today), we are at risk of losing the American project altogether.
7931	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and probably digital libraries.
7932	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7933	7/10/2012	not getting enough funding
7934	7/10/2012	Funding and electronic books. not a problem with electronic media but takes away from print media
7935	7/10/2012	closure
7936	7/10/2012	Poor funding
7937	7/10/2012	If they ever had to fully close.
7938	7/10/2012	They have to stay relevant. To do that rget have to have current technology, media, and be available.
7939	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding to keep libraries open seems to be an ongoing problem. The first threat is the language and framing of question No.5.. You can't use the blanket term "Current Materials" meaning both; Books and a "paid search engine".. They are different things completely, and hold different importance.. It is "materials"; physical Books, physical knowledge, what a Library traditionally has to offer, and without this being central in importance, Libraries will simply be undercut, and turned into something different.. It is this traditional ideology of the sacred Institution, that keeps this Country from slowly privatizing Libraries into shells of what they were "job stations" "licensing stations" "day cares", or simply erasing Libraries as "a thing of the past"? We must reverse this ideology of linking the physical to that of the electronic, or community service model, and support our Libraries by simply having a ton of books and media beyond those nice oak Library doors, easy access to those Books, and a pleasant quite atmosphere to do the external activities, and service programs.. [] I truly empathize with any and all cuts to our Libraries.. I view Libraries as sacred territory, where most folks could develop a free education if they were so inclined.. Please judge the dwindling funding given to ANY program by it's promotion and attendance, and keep physical books and media at the forefront, as it's those Books that keep Libraries, Libraries..
7940	7/10/2012	
7941	7/10/2012	lack of hours for school aged kids
7942	7/10/2012	Funding.
7943	7/10/2012	No government funding - same as our school systems
7944	7/10/2012	Not enough money. Lots of people use the library (we are a city of readers), but funding seems to be any issue.
7945	7/10/2012	WiFi

7946	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep the libraries open when school children need access and at convenient times for everyone to have ready access. Also not enough funding to keep resources up to date, and to hire and maintain state-of-the-art librarians in a digital world.
7947	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
7948	7/10/2012	Funding cut backs.
7949	7/10/2012	Safety
7950	7/10/2012	spending/wasting money on other programs
7951	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7952	7/10/2012	No money in the recession.
7953	7/10/2012	People in Oregon hate paying taxes.
7954	7/10/2012	Obviously, funding!
7955	7/10/2012	evening hours are important. Students and parents often need access, but it doesn't always work in a 9-5 hour schedule. Another threat is hiring entry level people or volunteers to do the work of a librarian. Librarians are important.
7956	7/10/2012	People taking them for granted
7957	7/10/2012	People not wanting their taxes to increase in order to pay for the libraries.
7958	7/10/2012	I would like to have a public quiet room which is served only for reading and study.
7959	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our library system is inefficient resource allocation. The resources allocated to the libraries should focus on the collections, rather than trying to staff each branch so that it's open the maximum number of days and hours, or equip librarians with unnecessary high-tech tools such as ipads. So many people use the internet to interact with the libraries and this can be done after the library is closed, although I often search for books from my home computer while the library is open (as do many other people, I imagine.)
7960	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
7961	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7962	7/10/2012	sounds like funding
7963	7/10/2012	lack of money
7964	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
7965	7/10/2012	Closure... the biggest threat in our local libraries is the use of internet. school children especially teenagers and college students
7966	7/10/2012	depends most of their research with the use of internet. i have nothing against internet but using books and doing research inside the library is the first step of proper education.
7967	7/10/2012	Apathy
7968	7/10/2012	Hours and funding cut further
7969	7/10/2012	Not sure.....Internet?

7970	7/10/2012	funds
7971	7/10/2012	low funding
7972	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
7973	7/10/2012	Indifference or negative attitude toward public organizations.
7974	7/10/2012	not sure Lack of funding, I think.[]
7975	7/10/2012	Also, an over-investment in proprietary digital content to the detriment of libraries themselves. (I don't know how much of Multnomah County Library's budget goes toward that currently.) Apathy. The rise of electronic media has a tendency to draw us away from the act of reading in order to gain knowledge. We are bombarded by millions of bits of information every day, and that makes us feel smart, but we're not willing to do what it takes to be truly smart: active pursuance of knowledge. We gain information, but not knowledge, and we can't tell the two apart. What we're doing is a passive process, not an active one, stemming from a lack of passion for knowledge. Our replacing knowledge with information seems to be leading to a passive and apathetic lifestyle, which, in my opinion, is the biggest threat to the library system.
7976	7/10/2012	
7977	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
7978	7/10/2012	Republicans! (and Tea Partiers...)
7979	7/10/2012	A society focusing on the individual, rather than the greater good. Maybe I should say, government/big business focusing on the individual.
7980	7/10/2012	Pers co sts
7981	7/10/2012	Losing fully qualified librarians to the internet.
7982	7/10/2012	The poor economy reducing property values and property taxes that he library depends upon
7983	7/10/2012	Reductions in the currency and diversity of materials will reduce relevance and lose patronage. Reductions in weekend or after hours will reduce access for working people, and therefore lose support in the broader community.
7984	7/10/2012	Lack of money.
7985	7/10/2012	Will the library system remain current on "paper-format" books and not migrate to electronic only?[] Lack of availability may generate one more lost opportunity to educate generations.
7986	7/10/2012	PERS unfortunately. I am in PERS and I definitely think retirees need to have a decent retirement but I think PERS is too generous. I hope changes can be made to rein in PERS for current retirees a bit but I'm afraid it won't happen. I think it's hurting our schools and libraries and other government services because it's too generous. The good thing with the libraries is fewer employees should be needed due to self check-out and ebooks. Also fewer employees needed to process hard copy books/materials so I would think they could get by with less money instead of needing more. I'm all for government services but I worry that sometimes government is out of touch with private companies and taxpayers who drive the economic engine and are the ones paying the bills.
7987	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding

7988	7/10/2012	To much stuff on line at home
7989	7/10/2012	difficulty using them because of reduced hours.
7990	7/10/2012	lack of funding
7991	7/10/2012	Short-sighted politicians who underfund libraries in the name of balancing budgets. Also the rising cost of databases, storage space, etc.
7992	7/10/2012	lack of funding. Also, the lack of understanding by those folks who make the decisions about how important the library is to a lot of folks. If we don't educate the kids who will run the country?
7993	7/10/2012	lack of government support--property taxes cannot be the sole source of funding.
7994	7/10/2012	money and technology
7995	7/10/2012	Lack of funding resulting in reduced hours and staff, diminished quantities of current material, including media and e-books. Our city needs its libraries!
7996	7/10/2012	Apathy by general public who do not frequent any building of learning.
7997	7/10/2012	People not being interested in reading and being educated. And people that think everything should be privatized and that the government should not provide any services to its people.
7998	7/10/2012	i'm not sure..
7999	7/10/2012	I don't understand why education place will be cut? But more to use CP? At home? Everything start to changeing.... 5days a week. 9:00am to 8pm will be good idea....
8000	7/10/2012	Personnel expenses are not proportionally related to private sector economy. When government employees make more than private sector employees, the tax base is skewed. Consider automating more functions with fewer employees. Consider part-time, student, and unpaid intern positions to supplement paid staff.
8001	7/10/2012	The computer and e-readers are major threats to the library system. Personally, I like books, but a generation is reading or will be reading without them. Cost vs. Time is a factor. I have two books on hold that I "want" to read but don't "need" to own. I can afford time to wait my turn. The advantage for the library for me is the "impulse borrow"; new books, CDs, anything that catches my eye and in-the-moment curiosity. This suggestion may be counter to the library charter, but has the library considered a "priority hold" fee; i.e., a dollar moves you to the head of the Hold Line (or next in the priority line).
8002	7/10/2012	Funding Changes
8003	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8004	7/10/2012	lack of funds
8005	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8006	7/10/2012	not enough money to run them
8007	7/10/2012	Reduced hours, staff, and resources..
8008	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
8009	7/10/2012	The digital age.

8010	7/10/2012	Apathy and self interest from those who cannot be bothered. Perhaps they just don't 'get' what a solid public library stands for.
8011	7/10/2012	Losing funding due to voter fatigue and competition from other agencies that need tax money.
8012	7/10/2012	Lack of introduction of services & facilities to young people
8013	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8014	7/10/2012	Greed, anti-intellectualism and the Republican party
8015	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8016	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8017	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding.
8018	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what problems they experience, I'm sure some theft must occur. The most difficult problem that occurred over the years that I have been going and bringing my children was the people who view porn on the computers. My kids were exposed at an early age because of this. These people are disgusting and should stay at home if they have to do this sort of thing. Children should NOT be subject to this.
8019	7/10/2012	Perhaps a lack of civic responsibility - understanding that we need to contribute to resources that benefit people from all walks of life, even it means (heaven forbid) a small increase in taxes.
8020	7/10/2012	Funding
8021	7/10/2012	Wanting to spend additional money during a weak recovery instead of working within a realistic budget for the revenues at hand. Raising taxes at this time will not endear people to the library.
8022	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8023	7/10/2012	Loss/lack of funding
8024	7/10/2012	no funding
8025	7/10/2012	Funding
8026	7/10/2012	Sam Adams
8027	7/10/2012	Poor non-transparent budgeting: undermines confidence
8028	7/10/2012	Underfunding
8029	7/10/2012	Declining services and hours
8030	7/10/2012	Censorship from both the far right and the far left.
8031	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8032	7/10/2012	Funding.
8033	7/10/2012	A non-reading public.
8034	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding.
8035	7/10/2012	Video games
8036	7/10/2012	The attack on freedom of speech, censorship, apathy.
8037	7/10/2012	Lack of sustainable funding and a voting public that understands the benefits and community good to the quality of daily life in the county's cities and neighborhoods and understands that libraries are an essential element of a literate, equitable and democratic society.

8038	7/10/2012	The misconception that people do not utilize them often due to digital accessibility and innovations. Many low income families and services depend on many library services, like internet and computer access to paid search engines for research. Story time is a big contributor to community growth and development, both for volunteers and for those sharing in the experience.
8039	7/10/2012	Limited hours . Not enough funding.
8040	7/10/2012	Threat? Really? Threat? Is there an army of anti-library people invading? Please, stop with the drama.[] [] There's no threat. The library system, like my family and "The 99%" need to cut back and balance things during times both good and bad.[] [] And this survey "re-ordering" priorities sucks and is bad statistically practice. Why? Some people might rank everything a "1" and others all a "6". Saying all six have to have a priority from 1-6 is statistically unsound and biased. For shame.
8041	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
8042	7/10/2012	Expanding days off when we just voted for more money for libraries.
8043	7/10/2012	underfunding
8044	7/10/2012	LACK OF LONG TERM, STABLE FUNDING!
8045	7/10/2012	I'm not sure
8046	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
8047	7/10/2012	lack of funding due to the misunderstanding of the many ways the library is used and the variety of the population who relies on its resources.
8048	7/10/2012	Funding measures that create the impression we are resolving a financial gap, but are then followed up with spending cuts Stop asking for too little! The unintended consequence is that people who support a strong library feel less motivated at the next election.
8049	7/10/2012	failure to understand their full roll as intellectual foundatons of the community. Seeing it as a place to reduce budget short falls. This is short sited in my opinion.
8050	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8051	7/10/2012	insufficient funding
8052	7/10/2012	msuse of funds
8053	7/10/2012	do not know
8054	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. 6-day, shortened schedules make it harder for people with jobs to use the library.
8055	7/10/2012	Its tax base.
8056	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8057	7/10/2012	kindle
8058	7/10/2012	funding cuts
8059	7/10/2012	Funding is the biggest threat.

8060	7/10/2012	Citizens who do not see the value of libraries, even if they are not users themselves, and are not willing to support them through taxes
8061	7/10/2012	inconsistency
8062	7/10/2012	Right wing political and social thought that denies the importance of the commons.
8063	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
8064	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. I bet some will shortly start a movement to privatize libraries.
8065	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding and inadequate support by Portland city government officials! We've already seen its effect in the July 1 schedule cutbacks that were instituted despite the funding measure passed by voters this spring.
8066	7/10/2012	Funding
8067	7/10/2012	Closure and decreased funding. There is a strong anti-education push in politics today and the fear is that the openness of the libraries will be in their line of site because of the freedom of choice of all types of materials especially books and information that does not support the current conservative politicians. The libraries are part of our freedom of speech and any targeting or limiting of access directly targets our freedom to explore, understand, and answer questions so that we can communicate effectively in our lives. I also fear the increased availability of electronic materials with the potential of using that as an excuse to curtail libraries even more.
8068	7/10/2012	Misappropriation of our tax dollars! In the government's budgeting process, positive up-building services like libraries should NOT go by the wayside in lieu of things far less virtuous. Libraries should not have to 'compete for funding'.
8069	7/10/2012	Funding to keep the libraries open. If people can't get in because they're not open at the right time, it doesn't much matter what resources or programs the libraries have.
8070	7/10/2012	Funding issues and the added burden of caring for the homeless.
8071	7/10/2012	Republicans. Lack of funds, I'm sure.[]
8072	7/10/2012	The availability of e-books. I hope that does not draw people away from getting actual books - or keep from realizing all the other programs available at the libraries.
8073	7/10/2012	not educating our community as to its value.
8074	7/10/2012	Program cuts
8075	7/10/2012	underfunding / creating lack of access.
8076	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is voters who do not see the benefit libraries have to the community as a whole, and so do not vote for library levies because they don't use the library.
8077	7/10/2012	Republicans (also a strange question)
8078	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. The library needs the funds to secure and retain qualified staff and provide security.
8079	7/10/2012	I suspect lack of funding.
8080	7/10/2012	Funding. And, people who don't see the benefit of the library and its resources to help people, who decide that money or time or other resources for the library should be used elsewhere.

8081	7/10/2012	Funding cuts or budget restrictions.
8082	7/10/2012	The move to digital libraries. While I am a technology fan and own a Kindle, I am not ready to give up the physical library or the feel of a book in my hands. The St John's library serves an otherwise underserved population. It provides a positive aspect for the community and its children.
8083	7/10/2012	e books, other reading programs, other community programs
8084	7/10/2012	Budget cuts are the biggest threat to our local libraries.
8085	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and tea party style politics.
8086	7/10/2012	anti tax zealots and the internet
8087	7/10/2012	Our priorities at the local, state, and national level are out of whack. We are cutting libraries and public schools in order to pay for tax cuts for billionaires and unnecessary wars.
8088	7/10/2012	I imagine that funding is the biggest issue
8089	7/10/2012	Rising costs of keeping libraries open -- purchasing books, paying employees a fair wage, keeping up physical buildings, utilities.
8090	7/10/2012	Stable funding, funding, funding - the dismal story of Oregon.
8091	7/10/2012	Ignorance. Amazon.com, Google.
8092	7/10/2012	being unable to keep materials current
8093	7/10/2012	Even heavier use when hours are reduced - it's becoming chaotic in some of the branches.
8094	7/10/2012	Funding and loss of interest for people renting library books and materials. Just an increase of promotion and knowledge of the many services that the library offers would be helpful
8095	7/10/2012	above program doesn't work, can't change importance
8096	7/10/2012	closing on Mondays and cutting hours is just the beginning of libraries "going out of fashion" and it is completely tragic and detrimental to the community
8097	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is budget short-falls that could compromise library services, staffing, and/or the quality of the library's collection.
8098	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Personnel need to be properly paid; library jobs are hard and demanding jobs.
8099	7/10/2012	People, rely on the internet for information today. I would assume rising costs of maintaining the buildings and continuing to acquire new books, and pay staff, are a major concern.
8100	7/10/2012	Spending too much to keep it running.
8101	7/10/2012	Tea Party anti-government rhetoric
8102	7/10/2012	Politicians and others who fail to see or disavow the usefulness of libraries and the way they contribute to a community.
8103	7/10/2012	Complacency, believing it will always be there, so there's no reason to worry about it.
8104	7/10/2012	theft /damage of resources.
8105	7/10/2012	funding being taken away & any of the books not being kept available.
8106	7/10/2012	The ever-shrinking budget and the desire of many to pay fewer (or no) taxes.

8107	7/10/2012	Not sure. Maybe loss of focus. Availability of resources and the basic help to find and use them should stay priority. Special programs are nice but in my mind come secondary to open hours and reference staff and actual resources.
8108	7/10/2012	Kindls
8109	7/10/2012	<p>I'm really not sure. The obvious answer is funding, but I'm really not knowledgeable about whether PERS affects library employees. It seems that irresponsible prior funding decisions (PERS) is affecting budgets at all levels of government. I don't know whether the library employees are part of PERS. There is no other area where a bad decision is allowed perpetuate itself indefinitely - well maybe social security... I keep thinking when government self destructs common sense will prevail.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>But barring miracles, I believe the only way successful institutions can prevail will be with designated funding. As it is, inefficient departments steal funding from the successful departments and mediocrity prevails.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I will vote for a separate library district.</p>
8110	7/10/2012	Lack of public and government funding!!!
8111	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8112	7/10/2012	If they are not open at at least 6 days....
8113	7/10/2012	Anti-intellectualism.
8114	7/10/2012	Funding?
8115	7/10/2012	Funding
8116	7/10/2012	Online bookstores/ e-readers.
8117	7/10/2012	the penny-wise, pound-foolish attitude of voters, the commissioners and others who will not fully fund this vital service.
8118	7/10/2012	budget cuts. We need educated civil servants to use the library so they can figure out how to keep resources people really need like libraries and not huge salaries for themselves
8119	7/10/2012	budget cuts
8120	7/10/2012	I see the biggest threat to our local libraries is the lack of funding. I would be desolate if the Belmont branch closed. I would be lost completely if all the branches closed. That is just unthinkable.
8121	7/10/2012	Ignorance of the importance of library services to the community. It's a vital cultural institution that's necessary and valuable, providing resources and a base of knowledge and research opportunities that can't be found anywhere else in the community. It's an absolute crime that libraries aren't fully staffed and opened 24/7.
8122	7/10/2012	I don't want my local branch to close!
8123	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
8124	7/10/2012	not sure I am a reader and always sue ouyr library system

8125	7/10/2012	That most peple use their cell phones and other media to read! Or that they don't read at all, because they spend too much time watching the idiot box (aka, the TV).
8126	7/10/2012	More resources being available online
8127	7/10/2012	Book thieves, I guess. That and wasting money on programs that yield no results. Libraries are easy to justify. The more materials loaned out... the more important the library is!
8128	7/10/2012	no money for the hours that we need the library open...
8129	7/10/2012	Not having enough money allocated to our libraries.
8130	7/10/2012	\$\$\$ lack of....
8131	7/10/2012	it's not really a threat, but i feel that each library member should be entitled to 1 hour on the computer per day, maximum. This would prevent the "computer hogs" who just drift from one computer to another, blocking access for the rest of us ---- just a thought!
8132	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?
8133	7/10/2012	Funding & staffing shortages.
8134	7/10/2012	Over taxing the people paying the bills for the labrary. We were lied to that passing the recent bond measure would cause us to keep the status quo. Yet here you cut your hours. Not a very satifying response to vote for the property tax measure! Right now, it will be a very hard sell to make us vote for anything else for the library system.
8135	7/10/2012	At risk for being underutilized by community. Programs focused at certain age groups: toddlers to high school age and ther senior citizens. Need programs for 18-35 year olds.
8136	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8137	7/10/2012	Funding?
8138	7/10/2012	Funding and other media to read books such as the kindle.
8139	7/10/2012	In short: the economy. In a larger sense, it would be the trimming of social services at the time when they are most needed.
8140	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is the biggest threst. As our libraries are among the most used in the country it is not lack of public support or lack of resources.
8141	7/10/2012	Lack of public support and recognition even by non-users that a library is an important contributor to society. The User Pay concept is ignoring the concept of things for the public good. Supporting this, or combatting the alternative, is probably a public outreach function.
8142	7/10/2012	The budget. I think that in general Portlanders are very positive and supportive of our libraries. I always was, even though I didn't use them for years. I use them now, and am grateful they are there and as good as they are.
8143	7/10/2012	lack of community support when it comes to raising taxes. I consider it a joy to pay what I can for this excellent library system!
8144	7/10/2012	not enough money
8145	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8146	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.

8147	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. And ebooks.
8148	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8149	7/10/2012	Obviously, lack of funding would be the largest threat that I can see. I don't see that shutting down this one day (Monday) should be much of a problem for most people.
8150	7/10/2012	Financial insecurity.
8151	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
8152	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
		My guess is unexamined expenses. []
		How do you buy the books? My last library system had one source that was at least 2x as expensive as amazon.com which also ships free for most items.[]
8153	7/10/2012	Wondering what the armed guard is needed for.[] Not sure about salaries, etc. Midland seems to be well staffed... very well staffed... which can be good or excess.[] [] The general populace and voters not relating to them.
8154	7/10/2012	Budget short falls mean we lose some of our hard-working, underpaid librarians.
8155	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Tax dollars need to support vital institutions like our public libraries. Unfortunately, it appears that not a great enough percentage of our taxes make it to our public libraries.
8156	7/10/2012	Oregon's tax system (too narrow, insufficiently productive)
8157	7/10/2012	question dose not work
8158	7/10/2012	Unstable funding.
8159	7/10/2012	Republicans
8160	7/10/2012	Not updating to the electronic era.
8161	7/10/2012	Too many Gamesters and thieves...
8162	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
8163	7/10/2012	Lack of funding? ignorance about their importance[]
8164	7/10/2012	privilege - well resourced people not caring about people with fewer resources who really need it[] government priorities [] poorly spent tax dollars
8165	7/10/2012	People being too cheap to pay a reasonable tax; people not realizing how much is available, and thus not utilizing the resources.
8166	7/10/2012	Deaccessioning of bookis.
8167	7/10/2012	Closure!!!
8168	7/10/2012	our govt. taking the money away from our Libraries and using it somewhere else
8169	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8170	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.

8171	7/10/2012	Lack of money
8172	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
8173	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8174	7/10/2012	lack of funding. without libraries communities would suffer.
8175	7/10/2012	under funding
8176	7/10/2012	Well I guess it's funding, because it's not under-use. Second to that is ignorance, not understanding what libraries do, and why that is important to a fully realized community life not only in the present moment, but in the future.
8177	7/10/2012	Enough money to operate fully. When people lose their jobs, they may not want to vote for anything that asks even a bit more money from them. We may need to be reminded of the many ways our libraries are important in our lives.
8178	7/10/2012	c u t o f f t h e o p e n i n g h o u r s
8179	7/10/2012	For me, the biggest threat is not have enough resources to buy materials. Patron needs a diverse kind of materials. ☐ Technology is doing great advances in a very short time. We need eBooks to download online, so we do not need to go the library if we find something outstanding during the night. ☐ We also need materials for education at every level, and reference books for very special projects. . Many people do not have enough resources to buy very expensive books needed for their education. We want to read good literature in different languages. Finally, we need that every DVD bought be captioned, including educational DVDs.
8180	7/10/2012	Underuse.
8181	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and loss of funding.
8182	7/10/2012	Funding.
8183	7/10/2012	funding always seems to be the biggest threat
8184	7/10/2012	I don't know, but I would imagine it would be a shortage of funds, and lack of a permanent, stable source of funds.
8185	7/10/2012	Perhaps some of the lesser used branches could reduce hours but at least the central branch should be open 7 days a week.
8186	7/10/2012	So many people wanting to use the libraries and services and hours cut drastically.
8187	7/10/2012	TV, e'rubbish and other such mind-numbing distractions
8188	7/10/2012	With money running tight on city, state, and national level; all three are trying to keep money "in the right places" however, that may not be beneficial to long term. Libraries, as well as other public facilities, are being threatened because those higher up don't believe them to be beneficial or cost effective.
8189	7/10/2012	Not enough materials/ selection in our libraries. The bigger libraries are not as accessible to our children and youth. Classics and required school reading material should be present even in our smaller libraries.

8190	7/10/2012	One threat may be people's ignorance of the importance and the value that the library as a resource offers.[] [] Another contender is probably the ease of digital information. However, I and many of my bibliophile friends will never be able to replace the aesthetic of having an actual book versus reading on a screen.
8191	7/10/2012	No long-term plan on how to fund libraries properly.
8192	7/10/2012	Funding, online resources.
8193	7/10/2012	funding
8194	7/10/2012	lack of money
8195	7/10/2012	Seems like believing they are not needed or used enough.
8196	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8197	7/10/2012	Funding
8198	7/10/2012	?
8199	7/10/2012	Having them close!
8200	7/10/2012	Being closed so much. It is hard to keep track.
8201	7/10/2012	cutting funds
8202	7/10/2012	audiobooks:)
8203	7/10/2012	The convenience of electronic / digital media makes it less necessary to visit a physical library. I now download probably 95% of what I read or audio books I listen to. I think that costs can be cut by shifting the public to using the 'cyber' library, maybe even using a Skype like service to read to children face to face or help kids with homework. Or have some libraries relocated to share space with schools, which have been shrinking in attendance in the last decades.
8204	7/10/2012	Kids are spending more and more time doing electronics rather than reading - which is very bad!
8205	7/10/2012	people don't like to pay taxes
8206	7/10/2012	budget cuts?
8207	7/10/2012	Are there any threats?
8208	7/10/2012	closed minded people. people who don't use the library and don't see any reason they should pay to support it, and keep it open
8209	7/10/2012	Unstable funding. Hate to have to rely on unsteady taxes and recurring levies. Wish there were some way to provide consistent funding to libraries and schools--maybe then we wouldn't have to spend so much on correctional facilities!
8210	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep the former hours of service and the threat of future cuts.
8211	7/10/2012	people believing that libraries aren't needed in the electronic age. People believing everything should be privatized

8212	7/10/2012	Continued high unemployment in Portland metro area causing homeowners who pay the taxes to support the libraries to lose their homes thus loss of tax revenue base.[] Homeowners are taxed too much for all services, can't afford to pay the taxes in addition to paying for the mortgages.
8213	7/10/2012	For me, public libraries are very high on the list of social services a good society should provide its citizens. But I worry (considering the list in question 5) that the library is trying to be too many things, trying to fill too many gaps at once. I am unclear about the goals for this library system. What is the relationship between number of hours open, and the quality of the resources contained within the library? Would I rather have more materials available than have story hours for babies and toddlers? Yes...I don't have babies and toddlers, and they keep different hours from mine in any case so what would work for them might not work for me. But that's not how good societies work. At some point, you stop trying to have something for everyone, and begin to focus on what would be the greatest good possible with the resources available. I don't see this survey asking questions that can give you this kind of guidance.
8214	7/10/2012	Bears
8215	7/10/2012	Funding.
8216	7/10/2012	lack of funding [] electronic check out
8217	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8218	7/10/2012	Technology
8219	7/10/2012	Lack of stable, adequate funding and the internet
8220	7/10/2012	less use because if people downloading books from the internet
8221	7/10/2012	high maintenance
8222	7/10/2012	funding -- and it should remain a place of resources for those who need it most
8223	7/10/2012	Being cut further
8224	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep them open when I want to access the library
8225	7/10/2012	Not sure.
8226	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and resources. Libraries are a community resource that everyone needs to support because they benefit everyone - both directly and indirectly.
8227	7/10/2012	The lack of diversity and attention would be the biggest threat.
8228	7/10/2012	The biggest threat and dissatisfaction will be that they close the libraries! We love the library and i have grown up enjoying, loving and learning @ the library
8229	7/10/2012	I don't see any threats. Portland loves their libraries
8230	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8231	7/10/2012	Tax burden on home owners is not equitable.
8232	7/10/2012	Lack of proper funding

8233	7/10/2012	lack of funding, voter fatigue in responding to apocalyptic threats about loss of services and hours; for me, I rejoiced that the latest levy passed, but then was shocked that hours at the Hollywood library were cut anyway. What did we pay for? It's almost like the library's become same as the schools: the money disappears, the threats continue
8234	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8235	7/10/2012	eBooks, internet research
8236	7/10/2012	money
8237	7/10/2012	Lack of funding base
8238	7/10/2012	Obsolescence.
8239	7/10/2012	It would not let me choose a ranking
8240	7/10/2012	funding
8241	7/10/2012	Lack of resources for all ages and ethnicities, lack of funding, and, materials that are not current.
8242	7/10/2012	Disinterest by voters.
8243	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the library (county) trying to be too much to too many. The charter of a library is to provide reading material at hours the patrons can be there. Cut out the special programs which are costly and of limited utility. We do NOT have unlimited funds (taxes) so we can't do EVERYTHING! Also, computers should be well-filtered and monitored to prevent puriant material being made available minors. If this is considered unnecessary censorship by some, SO WHAT. The library doesn't need to be an adult bookstore. Unfettered access to the internet is just that.
8244	7/10/2012	costs
8245	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8246	7/10/2012	probably funding, followed by digital media--I want to be able to check out ebooks from the library for my iPad. :)
8247	7/10/2012	Cutting hours
8248	7/10/2012	politicians being political. economic squeeze will result in greater burden on libraries.
8249	7/10/2012	Funding.
8250	7/10/2012	The internet. I can find everything i need there when wanting information.
8251	7/10/2012	Limiting hours of operation and access
8252	7/10/2012	Indifference to libraries: popular ignorance of what libraries do (due to inexperience) leading to the summary dismissal that "no one uses the libraries." This is a big threat to funding.
8253	7/10/2012	seems to be insufficient funding
8254	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that shorten the hours of operation, or even cut the number of days the library can be open. Also cutting the number of employees at each branch. That effects every other aspect of how the libraries are run. Volunteer help is wonderful, but the libraries should not have to depend on that to keep operational.
8255	7/10/2012	LACK OF FUNDING

8256	7/10/2012	Non book readers who can now vote and read on-line. News on the Internet. Loss of employment and personal autos and cost to bus to the library
8257	7/10/2012	Lack of curiosity
8258	7/10/2012	Shorter hours/shorter days opened
8259	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8260	7/10/2012	Funding.
8261	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8262	7/10/2012	Apathy. Our local libraries provide everyone a level playing field to read and learn, no matter what age or socio-economic background.
8263	7/10/2012	lack of funding, lack of knowledge in the community of all the resources that libraries have to offer.
8264	7/10/2012	Ignorance of the vital role libraries play in actualizing public participation in exercise of free speech as guaranteed by the Constitution, Without free speech, democracy dies.
8265	7/10/2012	Lack of access and use will cause lack of support and funding.
8266	7/10/2012	Not enough money.
8267	7/10/2012	Having more than 1 employee on the clock at tiny libraries is stupidity. Cut the libraries budget in half. Pay people with high school degrees near minimum wage to do almost everything. Have every library open every day of the work week from 8am to 8pm. Weekends should be 10am-6pm. Have enough computers for everyone. Replace employees with computers. □ What's the biggest threat? Stupid people running things. Hire accountants to do job analysis and minimize the employees at each location.
8268	7/10/2012	lack of funds Internet
8269	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and reduction of materials.
8270	7/10/2012	fees and more reduced hours
8271	7/10/2012	Lack of money, I suppose. Is this a trick question?
8272	7/10/2012	E books thru other sources, and newer generation using internet for research
8273	7/10/2012	Having to close due to lack of money.
8274	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and the lack of materials and personal due to budget cuts.
8275	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat to libraries is losing a place for young people to come and enjoy/fall in love with reading. I am a teacher in the area, and our district recently eliminated library at the elementary level. I find it frightening because children are losing out on services and preparation for basic research skills. My biggest fear is that after schools close libraries, the public ones will have to eliminate funding for programs for young ones as well. Also, the library is one of the only activities that ANY family can participate in with out having to spend money. I have several friends who used to purchase books, but because of need to cut back financially, they now go to the library for their reading material.

8276	7/10/2012	not enough support and programming for children (from toddlers to high school and college) and their families. The electronic resources that are provided and can be used anywhere are incredibly important.
8277	7/10/2012	A generation of kids who spend so much time texting that they no longer have the skills, attention span, or motivation to read anything but short messages. As for greatest threat: changing media landscape with e-readers, increast media costs, and liscencing restrictions.[] [] The ranking site didn't work on my cell phone. Ranking as follows:[] []
8278	7/10/2012	1. Current materials[] 2. Programs for seniors[] 3. Programs for kids[] 4. Open 6 days a week[] 5. programs for job seekers and employers[] 6. Open 7 days a week
8279	7/10/2012	Not being co-located with MAJOR multimodal transportation hubs...the exception being Central...To many people equate safety with cars and public transportation as unsafe. This is an elitist perspective, isn't reading supposed to be one of the equalizers in society. Look where the new libraries are being built. Libraries should be part the civic commons serviced by the highest density of public transportation for the given area.
8280	7/10/2012	I have to wonder why it cost so much to operate our libraries. I know we have a great system but maybe all we need is a good system that is affordable. For instance why are cities like Denver able to run library systems as large as ours for substantial less money. Those are the questions that should be asked and answered. The solution is not always we need more money. Maybe we need to get back to basic services and cut out the bells and whistles. The greatest threat is unwillingness of the folks running the system to take a fresh look at whole system and ask why does it cost so much. [] [] I was in a Library the other day and walked by a fellow playing blackjack on a computer. My tax dollars at work.
8281	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8282	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
8283	7/10/2012	budget issues.
8284	7/10/2012	lack of funding and support.
8285	7/10/2012	Lack of security/safety
8286	7/10/2012	Not enough funding

8287	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8288	7/10/2012	Lack of significant funding, obviously.
8289	7/10/2012	not realizing how important the libraries are
8290	7/10/2012	Funding
8291	7/10/2012	Political groups looking for tax cuts.
8292	7/10/2012	Money, or the lack of it, apparently.
8293	7/10/2012	Loss of purpose or accessibility. Too many projects or disparate uses / priorities may lead to a reduction in the quality of the core value: access to materials.
8294	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. The current government isn't placing nearly enough emphasis on the importance of education. Education (and contraception) is the most important thing to bettering the world, ourselves, our society.
8295	7/10/2012	I feel the biggest threats to our libraries are funding and digital media. I also feel that our culture is losing the appreciation for language, arts and the written word (outside of the Portland Bubble, of course). As more art and literacy is cut from our schools children potentially become adults who devalue such forms of expression. =(
8296	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. Diversity of books going down due to high demand for popular new releases.
8297	7/10/2012	Transient street people (public drug use) who hangout on the steps of Central Library. They wander in with their filthy dogs in tow, using the toilets and generally making an unsightly mess.
8298	7/10/2012	Libraries must stay up with current technology for accessing and sharing information.
8299	7/10/2012	Funding, I would guess, especially with inflation and income being at odds. As a property owner in Multnomah County it is frustrating just how much we pay for services that can be accessed by everyone. Of course I want the library to be available to all income brackets, but frankly just because we own a mortgage does not mean we have an expendable income or adjustable spending. For me personally, if it means the library only being opened 6 days a week, then so be it. Unfortunately this then affects employment and job security, local spending, etc. I use our library weekly and love the library. I have always been an avid reader and advocate of literature, and I want to support the people who work at the library but I also need to provide for my family. I'm heartbroken that many schools have had to eliminate their in house libraries. This of course makes public libraries all the more critical. I'm just rambling here, aren't I? So - funding. Not enough money anywhere it seems and often times, misallocation of the money that is available. (The misallocation part has nothing to do with local library spending as I honestly have no idea how our libraries budget and spend. Just referring to misallocation in general.)
8300	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8301	7/10/2012	Misuse.
8302	7/10/2012	Tax cuts and spending cuts.
8303	7/10/2012	?
8304	7/10/2012	Funding

8305	7/10/2012	Being stuck in old ways of thinking. Electronic access to information is here to stay so it is no longer critical to have a 'bricks and mortar' facility for citizens to 'check out books' as in the past. It needs to become a more efficient organization.
8306	7/10/2012	E-books. Thank goodness Multnomah County and Kindle (as well as other e-book readers) got something worked out so that I can get books through the library.
8307	7/10/2012	funding
8308	7/10/2012	The easy availability of books and information available on the internet and kindle readers, IBooks, etc. Many of my friends who are avid readers never set foot in a library - they simply don't see the need.
8309	7/10/2012	Loss of funding, I guess (loss, not lack).
8310	7/10/2012	Apathy on the part of communities, including local governments catering to commerce over quality education is a major threat to the health and existence of the Library system. The libraries are one of the most important parts of an American's education because the library resources are available to everyone regardless of their status in society. Libraries promote independent and group learning and therefore are a crucial part of the effort to preserve and promote free speech.
8311	7/10/2012	Reduction of funding below a tipping point, making them not fun, competent and satisfying places to be,
8312	7/10/2012	Like William Gaddis said, ignorance and stupidity rule America, along with greed. Multi-million dollar Safeway on Hawthorne, but the Belmont library open 6 days a week. People don't need education and learning, they need better places to shop! Get the picture? Tax the business community to get your funding. The fake economic crisis is just a ploy to gouge Americans so that business can make higher profits.
8313	7/10/2012	Voter apathy.[] The world we live I being too busy.
8314	7/10/2012	Being closed on Mondays
8315	7/10/2012	People who don't want to pay taxes, or aren't able to pay more taxes.
8316	7/10/2012	Funding shortfall.
8317	7/10/2012	I don't know.
8318	7/10/2012	Lack of funding from the public
8319	7/10/2012	not sure
8320	7/10/2012	Funding and disinterest
8321	7/10/2012	Jeff Cogen.
8322	7/10/2012	People who do not understand the economic impact of the public service that libraries provide and threaten to cut library funding to reduce taxes. I would say that austerity measures that target public programs that produce great public benefits at low-cost are the biggest threat. The folks advocating these austerity measures have no understanding of cost-benefit analysis and are willing to cut any social program without first understanding what ramifications it could have in the community.

8323	7/10/2012	funding.
8324	7/10/2012	Lack of public support/investment.
8325	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
8326	7/10/2012	Funding? Items being stolen?
8327	7/10/2012	lack of funding and uninformed and uneducated people who don't realize the importance of libraries
8328	7/10/2012	loosing programs for children and teens
8329	7/10/2012	It would appear to be funding. An uninformed populace is a great threat to any society.
8330	7/10/2012	Rich people who don't use and don't want to fund libraries.
8331	7/10/2012	Budgetary constraints of local governments who have to choose which services to cut.
8332	7/10/2012	damaged books and other media
8333	7/10/2012	Proper Funding.
		Speaking for myself, I've used the library less over time to check out media as my income has grown. Now I tend to buy a book, usually for the Kindle, when I might have checked it out from the library, or rent a streaming video. I also use music streaming services instead of checking out audio CDs.¶
8334	7/10/2012	¶ But on the other hand, I have a new baby, so my wife and I are looking to the library to check out books for her and meet other parents in literacy classes. I also would like to participate in more group-oriented activities like book clubs and creative writing workshops at the library.
8335	7/10/2012	reduced hours
8336	7/10/2012	FUNDING
8337	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8338	7/10/2012	Ebooks and Amazon and a decrease of intelligence
8339	7/10/2012	Everything is going to be electronic
8340	7/10/2012	Funding issues.
8341	7/10/2012	The transition from print to digital media and thus maintaining support for location- or place-based facilities.
8342	7/10/2012	Closure
8343	7/10/2012	funding?
8344	7/10/2012	Overspending
8345	7/10/2012	Ignorance and low taxes
8346	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8347	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8348	7/10/2012	loss of funding. closing
8349	7/10/2012	apparently funding...
8350	7/10/2012	Cutting hours too much

8351	7/10/2012	Lack of funding from reduced taxes and an unstable tax base. Libraries, much like education, have a long-term benefit on our communities and should not have a lower priority than other services, such as police, fire-fighting, sanitation services which have a more immediate "result."
8352	7/10/2012	poor attendance
8353	7/10/2012	Not being able to keep up with public demands, particularly for reference services and current literature. Lack of really trained librarians seems to be a problem.
8354	7/10/2012	the same threat that cripples all of our public institutions: lack of an adequate tax base to support systems that benefit the entire community, not just those who utilize them or send their kids there
8355	7/10/2012	Hours being cut.
8356	7/10/2012	Residents not willing to pay that taxes that are needed to support public service.
8357	7/10/2012	High speed Internet Apple products and and electric books
8358	7/10/2012	Being open 7 da/wk...days closed COULD rotate among branches so that there is a library available somewhere close to my primary library...
8359	7/10/2012	My branch not in walking distance
8360	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and lack of interest
8361	7/10/2012	Funding?
8362	7/10/2012	apparently budget cuts
8363	7/10/2012	lack of sustainable/permanent funding.
8364	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8365	7/10/2012	Underfunding. We should get a 1% sales tax on non-food items and have it go towards the library system exclusively.
8366	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
8367	7/10/2012	Overspending on your part. You want more money from us, yet you waste money. I know about all of the Ipads that were ordered and then returned at a loss. Those car charging stations at Midland were tens of thousands of dollars to install. What a waste of money! Couldn't a private company install them at their own expense with advertisements? It's all a waste of money and that is the biggest threat.
8368	7/10/2012	I would think that the biggest threat is that people don't know about all the resources available to them through the library, and therefore, don't have the buy-in to support them.
8369	7/10/2012	The fact that people do not read. Also that they consider the internet to be a suitable replacement for research and finding reading material.
8370	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8371	7/10/2012	Conservative bastards and their budget cuts

8372	7/10/2012	i honestly don't believe that the library should be 'everything to everyone' such that its primary purpose (my items 1 and 2) are forgotten. For example, I don't see that a library should provide computer classes--that's a role for community centers, PCC, and/or private businesses, etc. Should a library be providing "homework help" (if I understand correctly) or a resource for individuals doing homework? Library funding issues may be a result of trying too hard to be too many things.
8373	7/10/2012	On #5, it would not allow me to rank each one . My #1 preference is to have the libraries open seven days a week. [] The biggest threat to local libraries is lack of funding.
8374	7/10/2012	other community needs and limited funding
8375	7/10/2012	Continuing to depend on homeowners to pay for everything, including library levys. We have more than one home in the Portland area and are SICK of being taxed for everything, Enough is enough!
8376	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
8377	7/10/2012	Funding. Technology.
8378	7/10/2012	Having nearly all of your levies pass and reducing library hours anyway. Also, I DETEST being manipulated when library hours diminish every time shortly before a new levy comes to a vote.
8379	7/10/2012	The people who need the libraries the most can't afford to pay more to keep them open.
8380	7/10/2012	The adminsration and decision makers to the library themselves. I feel extremly betrayed and dupped by this latest bond measure. I voted for it on the campaign that is was replacing a expiring bond measure and would keep the libraries at tthe current status of operations. Only to find out shorlty after that there will be a reduction of hours and days. I WILL MOST LIKELY NOT BE VOTING FOR ANYMORE LIBRARY BOND MEARSURES IN THE FUTURE!!
8381	7/10/2012	Apparently funding for all the programs listed above. A downward cycle of insufficient funding, leading to more hours being cut and less usage. []
8382	7/10/2012	Multnomah County should not start resembling Jackson County, where good luck if you want to go to the local library. Multnomah County should be resembling King County WA where 3 days a week at most libraries the hours are 10-9. And the major libraries are open 7 days a week.
8383	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
8384	7/10/2012	I am not sure.
8385	7/10/2012	lack of funding restricting hours and new material purchases
8386	7/10/2012	None
8387	7/10/2012	Decrease in tax revenue due to the downward economy.
8388	7/10/2012	funding. It is one of the most valuable resources for our community, for young and old.
8389	7/10/2012	closing
8390	7/10/2012	Funding

8391	7/10/2012	Conservatives who want to censor books, newspapers, magazines. Lack of funding for education, which is very short sighted.. Democracy requires an educated electorate. Without libraries --free access to ideas, culture, creativity, news--- can we really have a functioning democracy??
8392	7/10/2012	Underfunding? I love these libraries - I think almost everyone in Portland knows how lucky we are to have such a superb system. Is there a way that the MultCoLib can partner with local businesses to raise money or secure support? I am not a homeowner myself, but I know many who are squeezed very tightly because of our reliance on homeowners to fund cultural institutions. As the social benefits from our libraries affect everyone, perhaps there is a way to spread the burden of supporting the system more fairly?
8393	7/10/2012	Romney
8394	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8395	7/10/2012	philistines?
8396	7/10/2012	less funding
8397	7/10/2012	Mold. Also people who sit on the computer too long and don't give anyone else a turn.
8398	7/10/2012	Funding
8399	7/10/2012	Cutting of the hours and staff
8400	7/10/2012	If operations need to be cut back,cut them back. Once we are current with our bills we can make careful future plans so that we have money in hand for projects or innvoations.
8401	7/10/2012	no money
8402	7/10/2012	fewer readers
8403	7/10/2012	People who don't value our libraries as cornerstones of our communities.
8404	7/10/2012	funding cuts
8405	7/10/2012	Cutting funds. Curtailing access to libraries is short sighted. In the face of hard times an educated and informed populace is more important that ever.
8406	7/10/2012	The false impression that they are under-used or redundant. This idea is harbored by those who do not have adequate information/experience regarding the libraries.
8407	7/10/2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The diminished value in our society for institutions which are public goods[] 2. The wrong-headed perception that libraries are primarily about books[] 3. Decreases in funding; we have an excellent library system in Multnomah County, we should keep it up
8408	7/10/2012	funding
8409	7/10/2012	budget restrictions
8410	7/10/2012	Lack of funding... and the growing ease of piracy from home.
8411	7/10/2012	Shift to online media
8412	7/10/2012	lack of money
8413	7/10/2012	Funding.
8414	7/10/2012	Stingy people who aren't willing to pay taxes for the greater good

8415	7/10/2012	Lack of materials, when you are there to check out a book it is annoying when the choices are so dated. I feel your pain for funding as the ematerial now make it tough as to which formats to get information in.
8416	7/10/2012	1. Values and politics that do not see the benefit of education for all. 2. Lack of political will to place funding in projects that support education for all.
8417	7/10/2012	indifference of those who have total access at home After completing the survey I feel that the problem needs to be addressed by both sides. I have recent experience with a library system that cut everything but their union jobs and full retirements until their was nothing left but them. It showed a great indifference to the mission of the "library" and for those who are dependent on it's services. Cutting hours etc effects the lowest income users the most. I love the library and think it's a valuable part of the community and our future.
8418	7/10/2012	Devaluation of libraries, books, self-learning, or any kind of "social service" as well as lack of knowledge about how our libraries are funded and how those funds are used. Many people I know think Portland Libraries are magically funded, that things like online voting would be practical with libraries. Misconceptions about the value of librarians, their pay and benefits. And of course, police and federal agents trying to gather information on the public thru abuse of privacy about library usage.
8419	7/10/2012	Republicans.
8420	7/10/2012	A general misunderstanding of what taxes pay for, and what we need to do as a community to invest in the future.
8421	7/10/2012	competition for tax revenue
8422	7/10/2012	Funding I suppose.
8423	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
8424	7/10/2012	Wealthy people who don't need the library
8425	7/10/2012	having out of date materials.
8426	7/10/2012	Funding and being over used as shelter by the homeless
8427	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is a lack of adequate funding.
8428	7/10/2012	underfunding.
8429	7/10/2012	People who want to cut funding for schools and libraries!
8430	7/10/2012	funding, I guess
8431	7/10/2012	the idiots who don't want to pay or increase taxes that can provide for a good quality of life for all.
8432	7/10/2012	Apathy
8433	7/10/2012	???
8434	7/10/2012	lack of funds

8435	7/10/2012	Society is rapidly changing and often times people forget that the library is a free resource. As we push toward products like amazon those who can afford to buy "new" and not leave their house take that option. Economic cuts are also hard on the public sector.
8436	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
8437	7/10/2012	Lack of money!!
8438	7/10/2012	Perhaps an increasingly a-textual culture in which reading/ literature is not that highly valued. And of course, budget constraints!
8439	7/10/2012	Lack of budget.
8440	7/10/2012	Taxing only home owners, rather than taxing the people who use the library the most (or those with 4 kids who use more resources & lose the books)
8441	7/10/2012	No money
8442	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8443	7/10/2012	No funding.
8444	7/10/2012	lack of funding to maintain up to date materials
8445	7/10/2012	Lack of Government funding
8446	7/10/2012	Funding
8447	7/10/2012	Access to libraries restricted to business hours only; it excludes those of us who work during the day.
8448	7/10/2012	Money
8449	7/10/2012	Not having enough money for all of the above items
8450	7/10/2012	Online, computer access to written materials. Funding will always be an issue and as more of the aging society departs, the younger generations will use the facilities even less. So be prepared, there will be less sympathy with younger readers. You should somehow make materials available on-line for a small service charge.
8451	7/10/2012	Bears
8452	7/10/2012	Closing of branches. Convenience is a big deal.
8453	7/10/2012	They seem like they're doing great to me, so I don't really know. Long-term, digitalization will put pressures on all libraries to stop lending out media; since "borrowing" a book will someday be a non-sensical idea, companies like Amazon will insist that we all buy media. It also sounds like since you are all floating a permanent Library District that funding for the libraries is falling short of needs; this is obviously a threat.
8454	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8455	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
8456	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is losing more funding and having reduced access to the libraries over the long term.
8457	7/10/2012	funding
8458	7/10/2012	Underfunding

8459	7/10/2012	Lack of money obviously. And perhaps the emergence of more electronic materials that replace old fashioned texts (like encyclopedias).
8460	7/10/2012	not enough money!
8461	7/10/2012	Funding
8462	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. After that, probably internet, electronic books, amazon.com
8463	7/10/2012	"Grover Norquist"
8464	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is poor budget planning. The economy hasn't recovered fully yet, and you need to be more conservative with your project expansions. What's important is keeping the library open as much as possible, and fully staffed. Cut some of your unused online resources and cut down volume of new material purchases until you can at least fulfill that goal.
8465	7/10/2012	Finances
8466	7/10/2012	eBooks: the process for borrowing an ebook is not easy, and having only one week to read it is ridiculous. With so many people switching to eReaders, it seems they may stop utilizing the library, which in turn means libraries will have less leverage for obtaining funding.
8467	7/10/2012	Funding.
8468	7/10/2012	budget cuts and digital copies taking out paper publishing
8469	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! Also, e-books!
8470	7/10/2012	Funding channeled to other programs/loss of funding
8471	7/10/2012	Employee benefit costs at the County.
8472	7/10/2012	It appears to be lack of funding.
8473	7/10/2012	The loss of resources and funding. It is one of the most utilized resources in my community and any cutbacks are detrimental to the literacy and connectedness of all community members.
8474	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8475	7/10/2012	Lack of appreciation for what is at library. People have their faces stuck to their I-phones.
8476	7/10/2012	funding shortfall
8477	7/10/2012	technology replacing simplicity of a book
8478	7/10/2012	I don't fully understand the funding issues that have led to the current situation, but I would say that a lack of funding and resources seems to be the biggest threat to our local libraries. Maintaining a high quality public library system requires a lot of community support, both fiscal and otherwise.
8479	7/10/2012	The sense of actually being a library - a QUIET place to sit and read. Perhaps the funding shortages are accelerating because of too strong of a shift to technology.
8480	7/10/2012	Scarcity of funding and public support.
8481	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is that libraries (Central especially) have become havens for the homeless, and the odor has become so bad that some people--particularly those who would vote for more money for the system--have stopped going to the library. Those who can afford to will download books instead.
8482	7/10/2012	Apparently it is lack of funding.

8483	7/10/2012	Funding
8484	7/10/2012	Not getting public funding. Lack of use.
8485	7/10/2012	funding, i'm sure
8486	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8487	7/10/2012	Book censoring. Money. If they are out of money, the people who don't want civilians to know anything can suck them dry through lawsuits.
8488	7/10/2012	The electronic book industry.
8489	7/10/2012	Lack of realistic funding of a extremely important community service for all its citizens.
8490	7/10/2012	Limited resources - affecting hours of operation, valuable free programs, and the selection of current books available.
8491	7/10/2012	closures
8492	7/10/2012	I would say currently the lack of funding and the increasing dependence on digital media as opposed to printed books would be the biggest threats to our libraries.
8493	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding
8494	7/10/2012	Adding too many programs that drive up costs and then voters don't approve funding. It seems that libraries should be able to run off \$0.89 for \$1,000 of assessed value. If most homes are assessed at \$200,000 then the library is getting \$176 per home in Multnomah county. That is a lot of money. How many homes are there? My home is assessed higher, so I'm paying more than double that. I think libraries are very important and should be part of our community. However, we need wise stewards of our tax dollars. Use volunteers and vary the hours if you need. Early mornings with a half day a couple days a week, afternoons into evening a couple days a week and standard hours for the other two days.
8495	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and opportunity for growth. I also think that more money and resources should go into public awareness of all the great tools, databases, and resources that the library system has to offer!
8496	7/10/2012	E readers--because I have one and I don't go to the library as often. I also think that computers bring an unsavory element of people in which makes people like me not want to go to the library.
8497	7/10/2012	The budget.
8498	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the inability or unwillingness to be flexible in light of the financial challenges experienced. Everyone is being impacted either directly or indirectly by the economics of the last 4+ years. Property owners like myself have lost 25% or more of our property values, 30% or more of our savings/investment values and real income has remained stagnant or declined. Library administration did the right thing by reducing days/hours. As patrons of the library, we should be expected to adapt by aligning our personal schedules and expectations in support of budget relief. The public cannot be expected to support additional tax levies for the library system when public health, safety and educational services are experiencing similar budget constraints. The library system is a much lower priority and should be managed with this in mind.

8499	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8500	7/10/2012	Funding not being able to keep the libraries open or updated with current materials
8501	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
8502	7/10/2012	Funding!
8503	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding.
8504	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding!
8505	7/10/2012	Competition on the ballot
8506	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8507	7/10/2012	Loss of funding leading to extreme closures and lack of technology.
8508	7/10/2012	Funding I suppose
8509	7/10/2012	Politicians of course!
8510	7/10/2012	Decisions that might be made by those without an abiding interest in what libraries do for the community and for its individuals. That is to say, keep these decisions as much as possible out of the hands of politicians.
8511	7/10/2012	funding
8512	7/10/2012	The reduced hours is the biggest threat. Going to the library and finding it closed is a real bummer.
8513	7/10/2012	Please refer to last entry re: pornusage and children's computer games. Appauling. People thinking that libraries just offer books, which they may think will no longer be relevant, which they still are and libraries offer so much more than books. They offer all of the above programs and are such an important center for each community.
8514	7/10/2012	
8515	7/10/2012	Lack of funding... reduction in staff and outreach programs. Reduction in ability to keep up with new book acquisition.
8516	7/10/2012	I have no idea.
8517	7/10/2012	Funding...
8518	7/10/2012	loss of funding
8519	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and increased reliance on e books, etc.
8520	7/10/2012	Funding
8521	7/10/2012	not enough money to continue the way it is
8522	7/10/2012	If people do not read, we will lose an enormous amount of wisdom, knowledge and enjoyment!
8523	7/10/2012	People not realizing what they will lose if we lose our libraries! People not reading books as much. The internet.
8524	7/10/2012	Wasteful spending. I do not think any of the 6 mentioned things are important for a library other than having books.

8525	7/10/2012	All the programs they offer, if our communities need all the different programs, we should use volunteers rather than paid staff. In a economy like this we can't afford anymore taxes to pay for the extras. ¶ ¶ A library is a place to have books and media resources available, not a community center with all the different programs.
8526	7/10/2012	Loss of tax support due to the economy and the hundreds of people who have lost their jobs with many losing their homes. Seniors citizen are struggling as well trying to live on a fixed income and with the cost of everything going up.
8527	7/10/2012	Becoming irrelevant due to changing patterns of information consumption -- ebooks, expectation of instant access to all information via mobile gadgets, etc.
8528	7/10/2012	Not enough money, I guess.
8529	7/10/2012	Library management.
8530	7/10/2012	lack of dedicated funding
8531	7/10/2012	Funding cutbacks.
8532	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8533	7/10/2012	All-inclusive opposition to public funding
8534	7/10/2012	Lack of realization of their importance to augmenting education for all and the community.
8535	7/10/2012	lack of funding. Our state needs to reprioritize and budget the funds where needed to libraries and schools. Our future depends on it!
8536	7/10/2012	insufficient funding Over staffing since the auto check out was added. There is a lot of standing around by employees talking with other employees going on at the St Johns Library since the auto check out was added. As much as I appreciate the importance of employment it is sad the library will be closed one day a week now because of underfunding. It seems as though the library could run on a "skeleton " crew now that there is an auto checkout and maybe be able to afford to stay open all 7 days.
8537	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to maintain and expand the library's holdings and database subscriptions, coupled with a lack of funding for adequate staff and operating hours.
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8539	7/10/2012	cannot say
8540	7/10/2012	Bird flu
8541	7/10/2012	Uncertain long-range funding.
8542	7/10/2012	Being closed
8543	7/10/2012	Not being open enough. Also not having access to wider variety of books and media.
8544	7/10/2012	Low information voters who tend not to use the library.
8545	7/10/2012	electronic books¶ budgets
8546	7/10/2012	Mandatory Retirement Pension Funding

8547	7/10/2012	Limited hours
8548	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
8549	7/10/2012	Illegally downloaded E-books.
8550	7/10/2012	Lack of community support resulting in unwillingness to fund the libraries.
8551	7/10/2012	Seems like we need more stable funding. Let's fund schools, libraries, and parks with a modest sales tax already!
8552	7/10/2012	I'm guessing budget cuts! Not sure what impact of electronic readers has been? Portland certainly seems to have population of avid readers, so I don't think declining population of readers will ever be an issue. I personally have not felt an impact on my library usage under current cuts to the system, I assume other services I don't use have been impacted. To me, having the library open 7 days a week is not critical, I think one day of closure is acceptable.
8553	7/10/2012	The societal shift in thinking toward the idea that all information worth knowing must be as brief and easily digestible as possible, and the insistence that it be brightly colored and flawlessly entertaining.
8554	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
8555	7/10/2012	Closing
8556	7/10/2012	self checkout and , online book order
8557	7/10/2012	Technology
8558	7/10/2012	From a college-student perspective, the biggest threat seems to me to be lack of appreciation for books and what the library can do to help with schoolwork.
8559	7/10/2012	I am not up on the funding issues, I assumed that was it.
8560	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding - I'm getting tired of being asked to vote money to the library every two years.
8561	7/10/2012	Communities falling apart.
8562	7/10/2012	I'm guessing reduce public funding. I have been really happy with the way things have been, but I am comfortable with reducing the convenience of having the library open 7 days a week to keep the awesome wide range of materials available.
8563	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and overuse. So many people literally depend on the library.
8564	7/10/2012	Question 5 filled in the numbers and won't let me change them so the above is not my choice.
8565	7/10/2012	Politicians.
8566	7/10/2012	CLOSURE!!! I feel if libraries lose out in all aspects ...citizens that don't have a lot of money won't be able to enjoy reading because of not being able to buy books.
8567	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to do all that we would like
8568	7/10/2012	Kids not enjoying reading books. However, I think story hours and programs for babies/toddlers is kind of stupid. However it seems to me that children need to learn how to do research using the library reference materials not available at home. Maybe the internet has made that use resource less valuable.

8569	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; unawareness by many potential users; possibly the view by some that in the day of the Internet, libraries are not needed, a nonsensical position, but I have come across it.
8570	7/10/2012	Mission creep: trying to do too much (classes, entertaining people's children, arts & crafts, etc.)
8571	7/10/2012	Financial
8572	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
8573	7/10/2012	I really dont know, but as a home owner I know I pay a library tax included in my property taxes and I fully expect to have access to the programs I pay for.
8574	7/10/2012	Underfunding of education
8575	7/10/2012	I suppose lack of stable funding
8576	7/10/2012	shortage of finance
8577	7/10/2012	Closure due to funding
8578	7/10/2012	greed of people who don't want to pay taxes
8579	7/10/2012	Continued poor management from Multnomah County officials.
8580	7/10/2012	funding
8581	7/10/2012	Not being open when a patron tries to access the library. As tax money dwindles so does a patron's patience.
8582	7/10/2012	The economy. I'd rather pay for my specific use (yearly subscription) than be hit with more & more tax burden that I can't afford to support a library system I rarely use. I expect most people are strapped for cash these days.
8583	7/10/2012	Computer games and dis-interest in reading, first. Theft, I would guess. Funding, in these times.
8584	7/10/2012	The ignorance of many in our community that don't realize the vital services libraries provide to residence. People don't realize that not everyone can afford a computer or books, has someone that will teach them to read, show them how to access services and assist them in a job search. Libraries fill this void to many in our community.
8585	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8586	7/10/2012	Passivity
8587	7/10/2012	under funding!
8588	7/10/2012	Ignorance. And that fact that more people will be more ignorant if library access and funding declines.
8589	7/10/2012	Funding!
8590	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
8591	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
8592	7/10/2012	lower usage by upper income/politically powerful individuals.
8593	7/10/2012	Don't know
8594	7/10/2012	That the levy has to be voted on. The funding should be permanent and adjusted regularly to accommodate for inflation, increased demand for services, etc.
8595	7/10/2012	liberalism and exposing young people to innappropriate media geared toward adults

8596	7/10/2012	Perhaps lack of resources and funds.
8597	7/10/2012	The on-going funding problem. If the Library system could have stable funding this, would go a long way toward a healthy Library system..
8598	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding to support acquisitions
8599	7/10/2012	Well, it seems a lack of funding is the biggest threat. Isn't a lack of funds the reason the library is now only open 6 days a week? The biggest threat is the ever-increasing submersion into market-only activities. Libraries will fall into disuse by people with more resources (current digital technologies, money to spend in shopping malls, theaters and coffee shops even more personal space like larger living space and cars) and the gap between those who need the library (people of little means who need a third space that is not market-driven) and those who don't will widen and libraries will lose support and ultimately close.
8600	7/10/2012	
8601	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding (i.e. Republicans)
8602	7/10/2012	cutbacks.
8603	7/10/2012	Corporations.
8604	7/10/2012	I guess that would be Electronic media. However, I personally use both services - e-books and regular books.
8605	7/10/2012	Sustainable funding
8606	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8607	7/10/2012	online media access, funding
8608	7/10/2012	Loss of funding to provide access and resources
8609	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
8610	7/10/2012	Theft of materials.....
8611	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding, resulting in loss of services/community, resulting in reduced funding, etc.
8612	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8613	7/10/2012	Lack of funding....people who don't read...a school system that doesn't no emphasize the value of libraries as resources after children leave school.
8614	7/10/2012	Funding relying on property taxes...
8615	7/10/2012	Shortened hours and lack of services that serve the community.
8616	7/10/2012	The Internet. Or perhaps being part of a county general fund; it's unstable.
8617	7/10/2012	Lack of community support
8618	7/10/2012	Our ridiculous State government.
8619	7/10/2012	Funding, probably.
8620	7/10/2012	The lack of amount of Online resources
8621	7/10/2012	The fact that many people do not realize the importance of having a library. If they don't use it then the philosophy is that they shouldn't have to pay taxes towards it. The same goes for school expenditures.

8622	7/10/2012	Funding and a lack of interest. Libraries are considered to be the houses of primarily print material, and I'm not sure that a wider understanding exists that libraries can serve through technology as well. Nooks and Kindles won't make printed reading material go extinct, but are having enough of an impact to make books (and libraries) endangered
8623	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8624	7/10/2012	I think lack of funding due to political and financial incompetence of our elected officials.
8625	7/10/2012	Limited hours
8626	7/10/2012	idk
8627	7/10/2012	Lack of funding it seems. I love the library!
8628	7/10/2012	Erm...closures? Also, Central Library really does attract a lot of ne'er-do-wells. (I know that sounds horrible, but the bathrooms there...ugh!)
8629	7/10/2012	Decreased and/or lost funding.
8630	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, obviously.
8631	7/10/2012	continued reliance on overtaxed property owners
8632	7/10/2012	Knee-jerk anti-government propaganda that makes it hard for people to understand how valuable our public services are.
8633	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8634	7/10/2012	the biggest threat are politicians who want to slash budgets which leads to a loss of service/services provided
8635	7/10/2012	Losing hours. The library needs to be open more, because the harder it gets to schedule time to go to the library, the less people will go and it's a downward spiral.
8636	7/10/2012	Money. . . we have one of the best library systems in the country & one of the highest usages in the country. I willingly pay taxes to keep it that way.
8637	7/10/2012	Financial constraints
8638	7/10/2012	Any lack of interest from community...and funding
8639	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, as indicated by the need for this email and questionnaire.
8640	7/10/2012	Lack of focus on the what the community needs. Funding,
8641	7/10/2012	I think that, based on what I see the hours that our local branch is now open, the library - as it has been used and operated traditionally - will soon become obsolete. If it is only open a few hours a day (and those hours being during the day, when many/most people work), people will look to find other sources for their reading/research materials. So, the biggest threat to libraries is forced obsolescence.
8642	7/10/2012	Raising property taxes. Our taxes keep going up while our house is depreciating. A new levy at this time would irritate property owners.
8643	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and too many homeless folks hanging out

8644	7/10/2012	Bureaucratic arrogance. People will not continue to support the library if they are treated with disdain and disrespect. The Library staffers on the floor dealing with the public day to day are quite good. Library managers are not. They seem to think that having a MLS confers upon them something like papal infallibility. Symptoms of this thinking include the minor but telling discourtesy of never acknowledging comments or suggestions (if you invite comments from the public on your website, it would seem that basic good manners and sound public relations alike would require responding to such comments, if only with a automatic "Thank you for your comment.") A more serious example is the way that the Library management let book theft run rampant for years rather than acknowledge that they had bungled the installation of the new security system. And most recently, the cut in Library hours and days put through without, as far as I could tell, letting the public know it was coming before the vote on the new Library bond levy. I voted for that levy, by the way, and as a property owner I will be paying it. If the entitled attitude that the Library management projects does not change, I might not be voting for the next one.
8645	7/10/2012	Jeff Cogan doesn't seem to want to support them.
8646	7/10/2012	Internet and eReaders. It takes too long to get a book checked out for Kindle from the library system.
8647	7/10/2012	Probably funding
8648	7/10/2012	Illiteracy.
8649	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
8650	7/10/2012	Funding and people who are proud to be stupid.
8651	7/10/2012	The Department of Defense.
8652	7/10/2012	closing due to lack of funds
8653	7/10/2012	From what I have read, a lack of funding is the biggest threat.
8654	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. There will never be a lack of users.
8655	7/10/2012	Misplaced city funding.
8656	7/10/2012	monday closures!
8657	7/10/2012	Funding - voters not recognizing the libraries as a valuable community resource.
8658	7/10/2012	People sleeping there
8659	7/10/2012	Apathy
8660	7/10/2012	The libraries not keeping up with technology and being able to provide the materials accordingly.
8661	7/10/2012	the people in power that don't support the libraries, and they are no longer available due to "funding issues." what a joke. whats a bigger threat??? the people not being able to read.....
8662	7/10/2012	Rising costs and funding squeeze due to poor economy and other demands of government and services.
8663	7/10/2012	Short sighted budgeting
8664	7/10/2012	losing funding and not being able to stay current with resources
8665	7/10/2012	?
8666	7/10/2012	lack of funds
8667	7/10/2012	Keeping school aged kids reading!

8668	7/10/2012	tax payer indifference
8669	7/10/2012	The Internet
8670	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8671	7/10/2012	Reduced funding.
8672	7/10/2012	Making room for more computers and movies, leaving less space for BOOKS.
8673	7/10/2012	Apathy. I think that libraries are well-used and appreciated, but people take them for granted.
8674	7/10/2012	It seems like availability of the user to the facility.
8675	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8676	7/10/2012	Funding
8677	7/10/2012	funding
8678	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8679	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8680	7/10/2012	people not returning stuff
8681	7/10/2012	I get frustrated when I go to the library and it isn't open. I need the library in my life. I have used it as an amazing resource when I was a college student and now as a Mom and a person hoping to move forward to getting a Master's degree. I love our library.
8682	7/10/2012	Lack of interest & lack of money
8683	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8684	7/10/2012	underfunding
8685	7/10/2012	Minimal open hours.
8686	7/10/2012	Lack of publicity about services that the library offers.
8687	7/10/2012	Closures and cuts in book and media acquisition budgets
8688	7/10/2012	Not self-actualizing the materials, cutting off reading programs and classes for those who can't afford private schooling, and a lack of a good schedule in which they are open. Some people work until 5, and libraries should at least have the funding to be run until 7 or 8pm.
8689	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. Lack of understanding on the part of local government of how very important libraries are.
8690	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; voters with narrow-minded opinions who feel that don't want to vote to fund the library because they don't personally use or feel they benefit from it
8691	7/10/2012	Drop in funding
8692	7/10/2012	lack of funds
8693	7/10/2012	Threat? What does that imply? I do think libraries are going in the same direction that land line telephones. Besides computer work, libraries are a waste of our tax dollars.....although I am sure the library employees would disagree with my opinion.
8694	7/10/2012	We need to keep our local, helpful librarians. Do not reduce staff librarians.
8695	7/10/2012	Reduced hours and funding cuts.
8696	7/10/2012	Unions and cost of benefits

8697	7/10/2012	declining revenue?
8698	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is people not understanding that local libraries provide more services than just checking out books. If people view libraries as just book depositories, and not information-based institutions, then people will stop visiting and supporting libraries.
8699	7/10/2012	Uncertain funding.
8700	7/10/2012	PERS and the perpetual teacher pay/benefits related bond and tax issues.
8701	7/10/2012	Toss up between apathy and illiteracy.
8702	7/10/2012	Employee health care and pension costs.
8703	7/10/2012	Theft and budget cuts
8704	7/10/2012	No idea. But I sure hate to have them used as camping out spots for smelly junkies nodding out over their comic books.
8705	7/10/2012	Budget cuts; thieves A library should concentrate on providing the core services of books and media to people who come into the library or those service that can be accessed online from home. Also, reference services for library materials or those available through inter-library loan and current materials. []
8706	7/10/2012	The other services, i.e. story hour, classes for seniors, resources of students, seem outside the core services and therefore should be cut first. Competition from online databases-resources of free or low cost material accessible 24-7. Costly brick and mortar locations that will be unsustainable due to increased operations and labor costs which coincide with a dwindling amount of public support.
8707	7/10/2012	Adequate, predictable funding over time
8708	7/10/2012	Money spent where the tax payers didn't intend it to be spent and then coming back to them and saying you need more money to fund the things our tax dollar was intended for, Its a sad old bureaucratic game...[]
8709	7/10/2012	[] Here's a tip raise tax's on Large Corporations, Oil Company's and Large Banking Institutions..and leave the middle class alone...
8710	7/10/2012	Funds going to not as important things.
8711	7/10/2012	cuts in the budget
8712	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8713	7/10/2012	Not open at convenient hours/good weekend hours. Lack of children's programs for non-stay at home parents.
8714	7/10/2012	not enough funding and the funds not being used wisely.
8715	7/10/2012	probably voter apathy towards proper funding.
8716	7/10/2012	not enough money. also, e-readers suck! I never want one.
8717	7/10/2012	Not sure, I suppose lack of funding.

8718	7/10/2012	funding cuts. Our library system is one of the best in the country and it is the most-used in the country. We should be paying appropriately for this resource. It is necessary to improve literacy rates, family well-being, employment opportunities and the employment rate, etc. It's integral.
8719	7/10/2012	Public funding may not be available to fund the library system.
8720	7/10/2012	Inadequate and/or unpredictable levels of funding.
8721	7/10/2012	Under-funding.
8722	7/10/2012	That lack of funding drives away a portion of the more affluent users. Then the library suffers from being labeled a program for the poor and as the old saying goes, "Programs for the poor are poorly funded programs." By offering excellent services the library maintains its relivence to the entire community and this in turn help protects the library's future.
8723	7/10/2012	Electronic availability of books
8724	7/10/2012	Shutting down/ lack of funding
8725	7/10/2012	That funding and hours will continue to be cut. This is a HORRIBLE trend.
8726	7/10/2012	Ebooks
8727	7/10/2012	Funding
8728	7/10/2012	Users not having access forcing the user to rely on and become accustomed to alternative methods.
8729	7/10/2012	Ignorance.
8730	7/10/2012	funding cuts
8731	7/10/2012	Under use.
8732	7/10/2012	People who don't read and believe that all information and entertainment should be in electronic format...tv watchers who don't see the value and consequently won't vote for funding.
8733	7/10/2012	technology
8734	7/10/2012	More use of ebooks; less use, expense of buying and maintaining printed books
8735	7/10/2012	Not using \$\$ money wisely so that all of the current services can remain intact.
8736	7/10/2012	That programs for young children will be cut.
8737	7/10/2012	if the books return as a good condition.
8738	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
8739	7/10/2012	Kindles and nooks. Need an easier lending program for ebooks.
8740	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8741	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8742	7/10/2012	Limited access
8743	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
8744	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8745	7/10/2012	I don't think there is a threat other than the economic downturn/recession. I would not support increased taxes for library services because I think we already have a lot of services and additional taxes would be better used serving other purposes.

8746	7/10/2012	funding to remain open- libraries are invaluable- important-= necessary!
8747	7/10/2012	The fact that books and print media are being replaced with electronic files. Brick and mortar libraries will need to give way to a larger online presence for the library.
8748	7/10/2012	Unauthorized (or illegal) use of the computer.
8749	7/10/2012	People that ought to be in mental homes loitering in the library. It makes the library feel like less of a place of education and quiet contemplation and more like a homeless shelter with books and computers and bathrooms.
8750	7/10/2012	Funding
8751	7/10/2012	Lack of continuing and reliable funding at a level appropriate to use as one of the most active library systems in the nation. It is too much taken for granted.
8752	7/10/2012	Taking library services for granted.
8753	7/10/2012	People not caring for reading books. Children not involved with reading programs that demand reading books and doing research other than on the web.
8754	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8755	7/10/2012	Funding and the cost to keep them open and appropriately staffed.
8756	7/10/2012	Funding.
8757	7/10/2012	Hours cut and dated material that isn't current
8758	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. The libraries are doing a great job, an essential job.
8759	7/10/2012	Jeff Cogen's dangerous decision to put 100% funding for the library at risk. This community is willing to fund its library 100% through a levy. Cogen should never have doubted this.
8760	7/10/2012	Limiting hours of operation.
8761	7/10/2012	under funding
8762	7/10/2012	Deliberate starvation of the public sector.
8763	7/10/2012	lack of funding from our state lottery system and the UN for foreign students material the rest of the library system has no use for
8764	7/10/2012	Lack of funding & bad management of existing funds.
		lack of funding
8765	7/10/2012	BTW in Q5 You ask me to place : Current Materials... access to paid search engines for research... do you mean in the library building itself? or home internet access, too. I use the library's MORNING STAR subscription for research at home.
8766	7/10/2012	Consumer culture and stupid people breeding at much higher rates than intelligent people.
8767	7/10/2012	Like most things, salaries are too high to maintain on current tax base. As a senior citizen, owning my own home, paying high property taxes but on a fixed income, I cannot afford to pay even more. The federal government should contribute to continue to carry English language users as this is an immigration (legal or illegal) problem. I also think filters should be installed on all computers to prevent viewing pornographic material and this would free up computers for legitimate tasks.

8768	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much and asking for too many tax increases.. Our city cannot afford to provide programs for everyone. Best to have fewer programs that reach the largest audience. Rather than paying more taxes, please consider closing one or two days per week. Use your volunteers to full advantage so that they can do some of the duties paid librarians are doing now.[] I grew up in Portland in the 1950's when our libraries were staffed by mostly volunteers and the Library itself was a non-government funded entity. I spent many lovely hours in those libraries. They gave me access to books I could not get in my home, but they were not so costly to operate. Stories for babies and toddlers should be all volunteer.
8769	7/10/2012	Not staying current on available resources & technology. [] Students of ALL ages need the most useful information possible. [] When you want to be needed, be relevant.
8770	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8771	7/10/2012	my biggest concern is that the cultural value of libraries is diminished. it is a huge privilege to have unlimited access to information. Regardless of class and location, anyone can access resources and information. The library is a valuable and important public service.
8772	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8773	7/10/2012	Homeless ruffians. The downtown library is not safe. I will leave my daughter at the Belmont library but not downtown.[] [] Perception of waste and theft. There is no need for numerous copies of new CDs and movies.
8774	7/10/2012	staying technologically relevant
8775	7/10/2012	Over taxation which causes people to sell resulting in diminished assessed values over time
8776	7/10/2012	Funding.
8777	7/10/2012	The internet
8778	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the failure of our county to prioritize funding for our libraries.
8779	7/10/2012	Reduced funding from local and federal governments, together with reduced funding from private sources.
8780	7/10/2012	Lack of resources
8781	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for 7 day per week operation
8782	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, complacent leadership
8783	7/10/2012	Funding.
8784	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8785	7/10/2012	An uneducated public.
8786	7/10/2012	Limited hours
8787	7/10/2012	Funding shortfalls, it would seem.
8788	7/10/2012	I don't know.
8789	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.

8790	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8791	7/10/2012	PERS - too much taxes in bad economy
8792	7/10/2012	Loss of funding, it appears.
8793	7/10/2012	the belief that library funding is not a priority in times of economic hardship. the library is a necessary resource for people who are struggling economically, and needs more funding, not less when times are tough.
8794	7/10/2012	1. money 2. an electronic generation unused to library services (brick and mortar)
8795	7/10/2012	Abuse
8796	7/10/2012	Lack of finances.
8797	7/10/2012	Not sure what the threats are. They seem well used, and the staff are among the most efficient, courteous, and best trained that I encounter in both personal and business transactions. I always hear about budget and service cuts, but it seems like people are always using the library, and sometimes the lines are quite long.
8798	7/10/2012	The internet (with stable funding a close second).
8799	7/10/2012	Ignorance of the wide variety of library services available free and the inability to read (either illiteracy or non-interest)
8800	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much for too wide an audience. The library is not primarily an educational resource and should draw back from such educational programs. (Other than helping folks learn how to use the library. The library is not the best place to house job seeker training and resources. The library is not the best place to house small business resources.) Keep it to procuring and distribution books and media. And programs to encourage children and teens to read.
8801	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
8802	7/10/2012	Continued need for tax levies that the non-using community may eventually not be supported. Need more stable funding
8803	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and technology.
8804	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
8805	7/10/2012	losing them
8806	7/10/2012	Lack of stable dedicated funding.
8807	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8808	7/10/2012	Funding. funding ?
8809	7/10/2012	school funding vs library funding
8810	7/10/2012	People who don't think taxes actually pay for anything useful

8811	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. The library system should have asked for the funding it needed. It would have been approved.
8812	7/10/2012	Budget. Every branch trying to be everything to everybody.
8813	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is that we could lose them.
8814	7/10/2012	Aardvarks? Not sure, never combined the words "threat" and "library" together.
8815	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep operating.
8816	7/10/2012	Closing libraries in areas where people can least afford books and have trouble getting to libraries further away
8817	7/10/2012	Not having adequate materials is the biggest threat. I expect to come to the library and have the resources I need available to me. When books are checked out and I have to wait a long time for them I lose interest and move on to some other form of entertainment.
8818	7/10/2012	People being unaware of all the services and programs associated with the library.
8819	7/10/2012	Underfunding! Perhaps they will become extinct
8820	7/10/2012	once EVERYTHING can be downloaded. I will be sad; I think their physical existence is a common public square for all , AND all ages.
8821	7/10/2012	Those who do not use the library are unaware of the huge service the system provides. I worry that those may out number those who use the library system and depend on it will not vote to continue to support it..
8822	7/10/2012	The number of smelly homeless people prevents me from enjoying any library.
8823	7/10/2012	GOVERNMENT STUPENDOUS CONTROLS THAT HOLD US DOWN,[] sorry was I yelling
8824	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat would be a situation where any person would not have access to the best ideas and writing in the best books of our culture. That could be because the libraries are closed often, hard to get to, limited hours, or not stocked with enough material. Encouraging reading and teaching research, critical thinking, etc., are aids for people that enable them to interact with great literature. What, exactly, the best ideas and books are is somewhat subjective, but having a wide variety of resources, resources that develop this type of literacy, and the space and freedom to explore are essential to being well-read. The ability to be well-read and engaged in the great conversation is only possible if everyone, regardless of circumstances, is able to access the best material in the library with the fewest obstacles possible.
8825	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8826	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8827	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. Also lack of awareness about the resources available.
8828	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Second biggest: those who want to censor.
8829	7/10/2012	I don't know--a collapsing economy?
8830	7/10/2012	personnel costs and reduced state funding

8831	7/10/2012	Budget management by governmental bean-counters!
8832	7/10/2012	Closing library & children's programs / losing money To keep library open/ there is a high school & college next to North Portland's library & it would be a great loss to many of the high school students who study there
8833	7/10/2012	Loss of funding, government thinking that libraries and education are less important than other, trivial issues.
8834	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8835	7/10/2012	Republicans and other idiotic false savings budget slashers.
8836	7/10/2012	lack of understanding what they truly contribute to the health and well being of the entire community. perhaps resulting in lack of support for generous funding.
8837	7/10/2012	Competition for one's attention from media
8838	7/10/2012	It seems like they are trying to be everything to everyone. I would rather see the libraries stay open and cut specific programs. That said, the programs for toddlers is what got us going to the library so regularly. So, as you know, no easy answers.
8839	7/10/2012	internet & television
8840	7/10/2012	CLOSING libraries and branches in the metro and rural parts of Oregon.
8841	7/10/2012	Probably budget?
8842	7/10/2012	I was upset when I tried to go to the library last Monday and it was unexpectedly closed (I hadn't heard about the new hours), but I think it's more important to continue providing services to children, the home-bound, and job seekers than to keep the libraries open all the time. My biggest priority is definitely keeping libraries able to buy new material as it comes out and subscribe to databases and search engines.
8843	7/10/2012	Not being open enough to provide access to public.
8844	7/10/2012	Those of us who are use our local libraries often know how much they mean to our neighbors. We are there to see the kids at story hour, and know how many people use the computers. I worry that those who aren't using our libraries as often, who have the means to buy books, or have regular access to computers, fail to realize what a huge resource this is. We need all voters to understand what a crucial resource our libraries are to everyone. I am so proud that we have one of the most used library systems in the country, I worry that our biggest threat is those who may not realize what an essential service an intact system is and see it as a luxury when it comes time to allocate funding. I hope we can find a way to educate all of our voters about the great and important resource that our system is.
8845	7/10/2012	I'm guessing funding.
8846	7/10/2012	Underfunding
8847	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and trying to provide too many services on too tight budgets
8848	7/10/2012	Funding.
8849	7/10/2012	Funding.

8850	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
8851	7/10/2012	Unsure
8852	7/10/2012	Apathy
8853	7/10/2012	lack of interest and support, thus lack of funding
8854	7/10/2012	Funding
8855	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8856	7/10/2012	On a visual level- it looks like human power might go away in favor of those dang check out computers. I'm happy with human employees and plenty of them.
8857	7/10/2012	Reducing hours and ability to supply new books to public
8858	7/10/2012	not having access to most up-to-date materials and keeping up with digital divide. funding.
8859	7/10/2012	Apathy and perception that they are obsolete among voters.
8860	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and programs being eliminated.
8861	7/10/2012	voter apathy (including personal lack of thorough research) from the national level on down. Voter awareness is not seasonal, but all-year 'round!
8862	7/10/2012	Bookstores and the internet.
8863	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8864	7/10/2012	funding.
8865	7/10/2012	Budget
8866	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
8867	7/10/2012	lack of books for e-readers. Over time people will read less paper and demand e-books. Every time I try to check out an e-book there is a months-log wait list.
8868	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support from the community
8869	7/10/2012	Not having enough funding available.
8870	7/10/2012	Zombies! But my pal in MA says "termites"....
8871	7/10/2012	Reduction in funding; or re-allocation of funds that used to pay for the public library system.
8872	7/10/2012	People stealing books and materials.
8873	7/10/2012	funding cuts
8874	7/10/2012	Lack of positive political response to the clearly expressed wishes and priorities of the public
8875	7/10/2012	Increased competition with electronic media.
8876	7/10/2012	If policy makers failed to realize how vital our libraries are.
8877	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is just funding. People can be a little nervous about increasing taxes, etc., even for libraries, simply because many individuals are hurting financially.
8878	7/10/2012	While I believe it is important to assist job seekers and English language learners, I don't generally think of these needs as being relevant to library services, rather, it seems to me that these needs should be met through the employment division, colleges and community centers.

		1) Interference of researching options by impending threats of limiting access to computer links & blogs under the guise "security"; and
		2) Becoming merely a center for social activities & technical expertise:
8879	7/10/2012	Our libraries must continue to be a place where people have access not only to NON-COMPUTERIZED books and reading materials for browsing, & to computers & the internet, BUT ALSO it must remain a place where we can come and sit comfortably at a library table to read or study those non-computerized materials we find, as well. It should not simply be a room of computers & computer-based study only!!!!!!
8880	7/10/2012	AUSTERITY! Mitt Romney, The Koch Brothers and the Social elite and the lunatic Tea Party haters who are being used by the elite. What I loved about Portland was its ease, excellent transportation, library system and sense of community. As the country goes So does my beloved Portland. I am killing my self in November at Pioneer Courthouse Square.
8881	7/10/2012	Government
8882	7/10/2012	Insufficient funds.
8883	7/10/2012	lack of financial support
8884	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, budget cuts.
8885	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
8886	7/10/2012	Security issues due to people with ill intentions entering the public spaces.
8887	7/10/2012	Other community necessities requiring increased funding.
8888	7/10/2012	Curtailed services
8889	7/10/2012	Declining funding, bad economy
8890	7/10/2012	Poor management of funds
8891	7/10/2012	Lack of money
8892	7/10/2012	Theft of materials.
8893	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8894	7/10/2012	Apathy. Portland tends to take it's privileges and assets for granted. Look at our schools. We have this incredible resource in our public libraries, but that didn't happen overnight. It takes time and commitment and most of all, money to keep these things going and the buildings safe and up to date. I'd much rather pay more taxes to support our local public resources than sit and complain about "how much everything costs nowadays," and /or that we shouldn't increase our subsidies and supports for these services due to a struggling economy.

8895	7/10/2012	You were voted the bond/levy to maintain current services in the last election, and now that voters approved you say cuts are necessary. You risk confidence of the public, which will impact future requests for funding. Stop mailing books, postage is very high. Reduce expenses where you can, because we expected the approved funding measure to maintain our library services at current levels. So this "problem" with funding is quite unexpected. You could use a better term than COMPRESSION
8896	7/10/2012	Becoming increasingly irrelevant to an ever larger sector of society, with online information access, including ebooks. I use the library much less than ten years ago, as I now [] go online for information. And though I still prefer paper to electronic books, I'm also aware of how my preferences affect the environment, have an Ipad, and expect I'll gradually be reading more ebooks, until, alas, perhaps no paper books at all. Although my visits to Central are becoming more infrequent, it does hold a place in my heart--it was almost my second home when in college back in the fifties--its restoration was beautifully done, so I'll admit, I'm biased. But enough to vote for a permanent increase in property taxes? Perhaps instead something that will decline as usage declines.
8897	7/10/2012	If funding were cut, that would be a huge threat.
8898	7/10/2012	Republicans.
8899	7/10/2012	Censorship and abbreviated hours
8900	7/10/2012	Funding.
8901	7/10/2012	People who don't want to pay more taxes
8902	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and censorship.
8903	7/10/2012	Lack of funds to continue adding current materials and providing present levels of service.
8904	7/10/2012	Home computer use
8905	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
8906	7/10/2012	funding, electronic media competition
8907	7/10/2012	Pedophiles
8908	7/10/2012	It's the money, right? The tight economy makes access to free information all the more important.
8909	7/10/2012	duh, money
8910	7/10/2012	Consumerism and the idea that its better to have a personal collection of books than a sustainable resource for the whole community. Lack of adequate funding.[]
8911	7/10/2012	The library system has evolved since I was a girl 50+ years ago. It still offers the same services of yesteryear, but now it seems more community focused offering a broader range of services to all age and ethnic groups within the community. I think that's very important and would like to see this continue.
8912	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding

8913	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries with lack of funding is loss of service hours. There are so many people depending upon the libraries....When they close one day a week, then two, and.... before you know it there's no money to run them at all.
8914	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8915	7/10/2012	IDIOTS WHO MISUSE THE LIBRARY AND LIBRARY RESOURCES
8916	7/10/2012	Funding issues and the decline of publishing generally.
8917	7/10/2012	reduced access given the current budget realities
8918	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, new media
8919	7/10/2012	Apathy of local voters--they don't seem to know what is at stake. I am a property tax payer, and I do not mind a few dollars a year of my property taxes going to education, libraries and city resources.
8920	7/10/2012	lack of funds
8921	7/10/2012	Lack of financing.
8922	7/10/2012	Over-staffed and overpaid.
8923	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
8924	7/10/2012	Funding woes.
8925	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. I guess it sounds like funding but I don't know much about it.
8926	7/10/2012	Wasteful spending.
8927	7/10/2012	Apparently, like most everything, lack of funding.
8928	7/10/2012	Voters who don't know what or how important it is to our community. People in higher positions in the local government who want to use money elsewhere.
8929	7/10/2012	Obviously lack of funding and not being the resource for being a partner in literacy. Home, School, Library is what helps create productive members of our society.
8930	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. If the state is able to convince itself that libraries are not well used, serve little purpose, and add little value, then they will be more likely to strip funding. This will force libraries to make decisions that will impact the people who live in the community they serve, like reducing hours of availability, services offered, and the like.
8931	7/10/2012	online books and eReaders Consistent funding. But it's also of prime importance to fund our schools and the schools are in major need of funding and change. ☐
8932	7/10/2012	I use the library heavily, for myself and my preschooler. I'm fine with libraries being closed on Mondays. I think this was a good solution. ☐ Thanks for the services you provide!
8933	7/10/2012	I suppose the biggest threat to our libraries would be not having the funding to keep them open, at least part time.

8934	7/10/2012	CITY GOVERNMENT and PERSONEL GREED, START AT THE TOP AND WORK YOUR WAY DOWN, NO JOB in City Government should pay more than \$60,000 per Year. IF GIVEN THE CHOICE OF NO-JOB OR \$60K PER YEAR, 95% WILL TAKE THE JOB the other 5%, GOOD LUCK. WE DON'T NEED OVER-PAID GOVERNMENT OFFICALS MAKING OUR DESICIONS.[] WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN, AND WE DON'T NEED TO BE PAID.[] YOU NEED MONEY??? LEGALIZE PROSITUTION, AT LEAST YOU GET SOME SATISFACTION FOR YOUR MONEY.
8935	7/10/2012	Need to have a better checkout interface online so folks can reserve or have a wishlist in advance, kind of like amazon.com.[] [] Also set up the library by sections versus Dewey Decimal like a bookstore. That way all books of a certain type can be found in one section.
8936	7/10/2012	Lack of support from the Central Library to the branches. The branches are equally important, for they serve people who couldn't possibly get to downtown Portland.
8937	7/10/2012	?
8938	7/10/2012	lack of funding
8939	7/10/2012	Mismanagement of City and County tax revenues on non-essential activities or less important functions which squeeze services used by all.
8940	7/10/2012	mega-corporations and super-PACs
8941	7/10/2012	lack of funding, people not recognizing the importance
8942	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8943	7/10/2012	Underfunding. Libraries need to be available. It can also be a learning experience for younger children.
8944	7/10/2012	Unsure.
8945	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, but the same people (homeowners) can't always be the ones asked to foot the bill.
8946	7/10/2012	People who steal items, mistreat materials, owe money. All fines should be paid before checking out new items. Hours could be shorter. There always seem to be an abundance of staff, they should be cut back. There's nothing wrong with users needing to wait in line to talk to staff.
8947	7/10/2012	Lack of access to books and multimedia due to lack of resources or rather a lack of resourcefulness enlisted from those who make desicions regarding the libraries' livelihood.
8948	7/10/2012	YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AND NOT READING!!!!
8949	7/10/2012	Apparently lack of funding.
8950	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
8951	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8952	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
8953	7/10/2012	internet cafe's
8954	7/10/2012	Reducing hours and staff.

8955	7/10/2012	Poor management.
8956	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8957	7/10/2012	Lack of funding sources. i wouldn't know. lack of funding? censorship? it's an odd question.[]
8958	7/10/2012	[] libraries enjoy a special status, i don't think anyone is *against* libraries.
8959	7/10/2012	closures
8960	7/10/2012	Funding?
8961	7/10/2012	a society that does not value social services. I would say that technology innovation is changing the need for hard-copies of books. I think that libraries are great
8962	7/10/2012	community centers for information and events. I think that the MCL branches should continue to increase the number of audiobooks and digital book offerings.
8963	7/10/2012	Lack of community support which translates to lack of funding. With the rise of the internet and digital media, many people many no longer see the need for a brick and mortar library.
8964	7/10/2012	People will stop coming in because it is never open for the hours that they need it. With the internet being so easy to get books it may take away from the library.
8965	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
8966	7/10/2012	Funding. I understand that e-books are extremely expensive for the libraries. These are important tools for people. It usually does boil down to money, unfortunately.
8967	7/10/2012	Closures: no programs are of any value if the doors to the building are closed on the one day (or time of day) a person has off.
8968	7/10/2012	Reduced/inaccessible hours of operation
8969	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to libraries are, of course, taxpayers who don't personally use libraries. I suspect, but can't verify, that secondary level schools don't stimulate as much use of libraries as they should. Students should be constantly confronted with problems where library information is required for successful pursuit.
8970	7/10/2012	Lack of access.
8971	7/10/2012	NOT SURE
8972	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! Oh, what a shame!
8973	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
8974	7/10/2012	Funding problems, attitudes toward public services.
8975	7/10/2012	funding
8976	7/10/2012	I'm not sure
8977	7/10/2012	Lack of financial resources.
8978	7/10/2012	don't know
8979	7/10/2012	funding

8980	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Personally I utilize my library frequently and can't imagine not being able to do so. Additionally I have school-aged nieces and nephews who love their library and are constantly checking out books. Libraries have become very important to my family.
8981	7/10/2012	I don't know!
8982	7/10/2012	Prison library budgets
8983	7/10/2012	Inadequate appreciation of the many services provided by the library, and insufficient understanding of the funding necessary for supporting local libraries. Also, TV and the general mental laziness of most Americans.
8984	7/10/2012	You have been doing such a great job I don't know what the threats are.
8985	7/10/2012	Obviously budget cuts. The children in our society need the library! I grew up in Eugene, and went to the library at least weekly. It played an integral part in my childhood ability to read and enjoy others socially. That is exactly why libraries should remain open and vital- a well functioning and educated society depends on it.
8986	7/10/2012	Probably operating costs, primarily staff costs. Facilities are in good shape and reasonably maintained, so no major capital expenditures looming on the horizon. it would be advisable to differentiate between core librarian staff and special programs staff. Careful management of competitive but not excessive compensation packages for the former is imperative. It may be advisable to staff special programs as much as possible (short of oversight) with volunteers.
8987	7/10/2012	Overreaching. You can't be everything to everybody, especially in this economic climate.
8988	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I know enough about the economics of Oregon to say, but I am shocked at how difficult it is for libraries to get funded here. I come from the east coast and I remember the libraries in my own state being open every day of the week and later in the day---and they were no where near as well-stocked and well-used as in Multnomah County!!! I have lived and worked in OR for 8 years now and would love to see a greater investment in the library system.
8989	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
8990	7/10/2012	Reduced employees and volunteers. I don't mind the libraries having a day off every week if that helps to keep qualified library staff on their job.
8991	7/10/2012	electronic media
8992	7/10/2012	apathy
8993	7/10/2012	Unsure.
8994	7/10/2012	loss of funding
8995	7/10/2012	Lack of involvement/use by middle and upper-income households leading to termination of funding (de-prioritization).
8996	7/10/2012	funding cuts
8997	7/10/2012	Funding, funding, funding.
8998	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and citizens thinking that libraries are social service institutions rather than an educational institutions.

8999	7/10/2012	Special interest groups trying to divert the library from its core mission, which should be to loan books and other materials to the public. The library system should save money by cutting back on programs that only benefit a small sector of the public, such as job seekers, people who don't speak English, seniors, etc.
9000	7/10/2012	Funding.
9001	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for the libraries to stay open. And a threat that checking out books won't be free. I have not personally used the helpful programs, but am also sure they are worth saving.
9002	7/10/2012	Prioritizing. Do not build or replace libraries when the existing is okay. As in the Hollywood branch you did. The old one was actually better. You do not need to do the extras - as in electronic books, movies, etc. Stick to the essential tried and true until there would actually be excess funds or a windfall of sorts.¶ Stick to the basics, please. And, it seems to me this closure one day a week was thrown at us with no prior notice. Not fair, when we are supporting the system, in part.
9003	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9004	7/10/2012	Probably the fact that sometimes materials are lost or stolen, then that fines are not paid, and that they don't get the funding that they need for new materials and programs that encourage reading.
9005	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
9006	7/10/2012	E books
9007	7/10/2012	Other than funding?
9008	7/10/2012	apathy.
9009	7/10/2012	Funding
9010	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9011	7/10/2012	Limited hours will limit use and therefore limit what the public is willing to tax itself.
9012	7/10/2012	funding problems
9013	7/10/2012	Under-funding apparently.
9014	7/10/2012	Funding.
9015	7/10/2012	Funding being tied to property taxes.
9016	7/10/2012	People who do not realize the invaluable resources that can be found at their local library and do not vote on important issues related to funding.
9017	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
9018	7/10/2012	People's unwillingness to pay for them (taxes, etc.)

		Ignorant people who don't realize how important the libraries are.[]
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9019	7/10/2012	The people who feel that the library "costs too much for what we get in exchange for having it".[]
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		The ultra-rich who don't use the library.[]
		[]
		The people who don't read - whether for knowledge or to escape reality - but tell their friends about this unnecessary tax.
9020	7/10/2012	Funding shortfalls -- and perhaps lack of understanding how important taxpayer contributions are in the overall scheme of that support. Hearing of library closures in other parts of the state (because of limited funding) sparks concern about the implications down the road for literacy -- and overall priorities in our society.
9021	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9022	7/10/2012	Online use dominating
9023	7/10/2012	Profit-seeking.
9024	7/10/2012	Lack of funding....same as with schools.
9025	7/10/2012	Budget cuts OK'd by people who don't even use the library. If you use it, you'll love it.
9026	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
9027	7/10/2012	Failure to recognize how tremendously important a local library is to each community.[] When I go to the library for any purpose, my feeling of belonging to a vital community is strongly reinforced.
9028	7/10/2012	Not having e books available (need more options) this cuts down on need to keep library open all the time
9029	7/10/2012	Funding and e-books. Although, I'm happy to see a great selection of e-books at Multnomah County libraries. I listen to audiobooks during my commute, but I love real books.
9030	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9031	7/10/2012	Poor book and magazine selections, poor service, lack of programs for sector of the community such as children, seniors, esl students.
9032	7/10/2012	Theft? I don't know.
9033	7/10/2012	No funding to provide the programs for senior citizens, job seekers, etc.
9034	7/10/2012	Lack of books; both hard copy and e-books. I'd like books to be the priority. Reading material found on-line is great to have access to, but I see a lot of facebook and card games and other entertainment that I'm not sure is purpose of library when funds are short.
9035	7/10/2012	Spending cuts.
9036	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9037	7/10/2012	I really don't know.
9038	7/10/2012	Restricted hours.

9039	7/10/2012	Funding
9040	7/10/2012	curtailing the services they offer to the community ..
9041	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9042	7/10/2012	digital media and internet. it's becoming obsolete and I don't think it's a good idea to continue to invest in public brick and mortar.
9043	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Advent of eBooks may perhaps lead to fewer checkouts of books and need for it more as a community gathering place.
9044	7/10/2012	lack of money and bookworms
9045	7/10/2012	finances...
9046	7/10/2012	I don't really know, adequate funding I suppose
9047	7/10/2012	I don't know.
9048	7/10/2012	voter apathy and government incompetence
9049	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9050	7/10/2012	obviously under funding
9051	7/10/2012	Lack of understanding that the library is an essential community resource, despite the resources available on the Internet.
9052	7/10/2012	Being shut down!
9053	7/10/2012	N/A
9054	7/10/2012	Increased loss of hours that the libraries are open to the public.
9055	7/10/2012	apathy
9056	7/10/2012	Funding
9057	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
9058	7/10/2012	I don't know.
9059	7/10/2012	the economy - there are so many competing factors for limited dollars
9060	7/10/2012	economy
9061	7/10/2012	non use?
9062	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the fact that many people just don't think to use it when they want a book or a DVD. Most people I know would just go on amazon.com and order the book, rather than check it out from the library. The DVD collection is comparable to netflix or redbox and almost nobody knows that.
9063	7/10/2012	Funding/internet alternatives/lack of public relations.
9064	7/10/2012	Losing adequate funding because of dependence on property tax.
9065	7/10/2012	Threat? Like extortion or something? I didn't realize the library had "threats". But seriously I think the biggest threat is promising too much and not being able to deliver.
9066	7/10/2012	Privitization, and multibillion dollar corporations in oregon not willing to pay a fair share. This is a community resource and it is imperative that it stays in the hands of the community.
9067	7/10/2012	funding. T-rex.

9068	7/10/2012	Disingenuous and hostile "austerity" initiatives. Wealthy people who don't want to pay their fair share of taxes.
9069	7/10/2012	The thought that libraries have to be a physical place. We need more access to digital media which is far cheaper than buildings that require hours of operation.
9070	7/10/2012	Unknown.
9071	7/10/2012	The internet
9072	7/10/2012	Lack of money.
9073	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9074	7/10/2012	Not keeping current as we move into future.
9075	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9076	7/10/2012	The smell of urine and b.o. that permeates throughout the building on rainy days.
9077	7/10/2012	not keeping the doors open
9078	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9079	7/10/2012	lack of public support for basic infrastructure like a public library
9080	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9081	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
9082	7/10/2012	I dont know. Not enough money?? I mostly want to be able to check out a variety of up to date books and use the hold system. I also use the ebook system every day.
9083	7/10/2012	Loss of programs and quality librarians.
9084	7/10/2012	Republicans.
9085	7/10/2012	The economy.
		I've seen beautiful libraries with no books. Funding for constantly updated materials is vital. [] []
9086	7/10/2012	I would say that another threat is the sense of entitlement and bottomless government resources that Portlanders have come to expect. I'd hate to see that tank us because we expect too much. Is it really so terrible to be closed on Mondays? Most restaurants are. I think sometimes our capitalist mentality is unwilling to down-size or even right-size (witness the school closure debate, even in the face of declining enrollment and population shrinkage). It's fine by me to close 1-2 days a week and be able to stay open in evenings AND have great books!

		<p>Money. I just think the politization of the levy is harmful. Those who are serviced by the library are generally marginalized -- for social, racial or economic reasons -- and yet those asked to pay for it are not. I really wish the Llibrary would re-frame the discussion; not have it be about the tax and more about how it serves the community. The messaging should be along the lines of "Want to stop crime? Keep the Llibraries open late so teens can occupy themselves with a passion or interest."</p> <p>□</p> <p>□</p>
9087	7/10/2012	<p>Money/taxes has dessimated our societal institutions. The kids have shit schools, no parks, no parents at home because they have to work minium-wage jobs, and then, live a life of debt. I'm no socialist, in fact, an ardent capatiliist. HOWEVER, there'd be no way I would be a successful and productive member of society if I wasn't endowed with county resources during my youth and salad days. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>I'm counting on you to show the leadership and do the heavy lifting to make this amenable to the public at large.</p>
9088	7/10/2012	Money
9089	7/10/2012	Being open for less hours; electronic books, music and movies
9090	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and therefore reduced hours.
9091	7/10/2012	people who are anti-tax and vote down library tax levies
9092	7/10/2012	Funding.
9093	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9094	7/10/2012	Finance, abuse of the system by theft of books or services, destruction of library property/graffiti, ect
9095	7/10/2012	not enough public funding. People want the services without having to pay for them.
9096	7/10/2012	Ignorance; erosion of the social contract.
9097	7/10/2012	the internet and lack of funding to our libraries.
9098	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9099	7/10/2012	Inadequate finances.
9100	7/10/2012	<p>funding....but this is not the time to think of ballot measures to increase taxes. I think people would vote for schools first.</p> <p>Lack of programs to bring everyone into the building for different events. Money is necessary but keeping what we have is good. No cut-backs.□</p>
9101	7/10/2012	<p>□</p> <p>Children need to explore the love of reading for their life-long experience to grow.□</p> <p>We need advocates for the library.</p>
9102	7/10/2012	I can understand being open 6 instead of 7 days a week, but if the hours and days get shorter and shorter, patrons will give up
9103	7/10/2012	Lack of funds to operate at best levels

9104	7/10/2012	People who don't understand that taxes pay for things like libraries, law enforcement, health care for those who can't afford it... The people who want low taxes at all costs.
9105	7/10/2012	Funding and community awareness. In the last 6 years I have lived in Fairview, Gresham, Rockwood and SE Portland. Each community was different and the amount of people that I saw using the library varied. I was also a teacher in those areas and would say that there is a correlation between the community and the importance of the library in that community.
9106	7/10/2012	Money!
9107	7/10/2012	The biggest risk is that the lack of funding reduces the hours and available materials so much that people quit using it. Then there will be less support and those who completely depend on it for computer services or reading materials will be out of luck. Without a minimum level of support, poor service will drive away people with an alternative.
9108	7/10/2012	Ignorance of the role that libraries have in the enrichment of the community, even for those that do not directly use the services. funding or lack of... ☐ ☐
9109	7/10/2012	my order was different than the way it went. 1 was 1st but the rest were not in order,,,,☐ ☐ oh well. they are all important in their own way.
9110	7/10/2012	Funding
9111	7/10/2012	Funding
9112	7/10/2012	\$\$\$\$
9113	7/10/2012	I see no threat.
9114	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9115	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9116	7/10/2012	fear of taxes? I don't really know
9117	7/10/2012	Kids not being brought up using the library as a resource.
9118	7/10/2012	Closing neighborhood libraries, better to shorten hours.
9119	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding leading to reduced service leading to lower utilization leading to decreased funding and so on in a death spiral.
9120	7/10/2012	The Internet?
9121	7/10/2012	Republicans and other anti-government idiots.
9122	7/10/2012	A lack of knowledge among the community regarding the library's (and functions of the library) importance to community members.
9123	7/10/2012	?
9124	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
9125	7/10/2012	That the people who pay the largest amount of the taxes are not the users of the library and therefore do not support their taxes increasing to support the library.

		The biggest threat is spreading resources too thin and trying to do too much. If the library provides current materials during as many hours as possible, then more people have access to those materials.[]
9126	7/10/2012	[] If there must be cuts, then the cuts should be to programs because volunteers and community organizations can organize and provide programs, but they cannot do that if the library starts closing branches or fails to maintain a collection that is available, current, and well rounded.
9127	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, I guess. That is happening both for local libraries like Multnomah counties, and also in the school systems where some districts are getting rid of librarians in order to keep teachers. Access to knowledge, information, and learning for everyone is extremely important.
9128	7/10/2012	That citizens will be confused about library hours and be unwilling to risk a trip to the library because they don't know if the doors will be open. Regular hours, every day, and current electronic versions is best.
9129	7/10/2012	Funding
9130	7/10/2012	cost
9131	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of understanding of how they help our community and economy long term
9132	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, if they were to happen.
9133	7/10/2012	Limited funding.
9134	7/10/2012	The economy and taxpayer thriftiness
9135	7/10/2012	if they're not available enough for people
9136	7/10/2012	People not having access to the libraries being open for all the programs that they come to rely upon.
9137	7/10/2012	Not enough support/funding by small minded members of the community (those that should be hanging out in the library more often!) As if school budgets have not taken enough toll on families, now budgets for our public libraries, too? Seems like a conspiracy to make it absolutely impossible to take part in anything to get us ahead--education and free speech should not come at such a price.
9138	7/10/2012	
9139	7/10/2012	No funding.
9140	7/10/2012	City Hall! Libraries should not have to depend upon other political entities for funding! Libraries need to find a way to be more self-sustaining and not rely solely on public funding, at least not new funding based on new taxes. People are un- or underemployed as is. Grants or fundraisers might be a good idea. Maybe people could donate old books and have a book sale to benefit the libraries. You might consider letting us have the option of purchasing borrowed books at discount prices if there are books we would like to keep.
9141	7/10/2012	
9142	7/10/2012	Being our area has the highest number of people using the library it appears the funding is not available to help meet its demands.
9143	7/10/2012	Lack of use, little understanding of all the resources available

9144	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
9145	7/10/2012	tax money being spent on stupid, frivolous things only a very small percentage of the citizens can use, instead of being used for all or the majority of people, like funding the libraries.
9146	7/10/2012	Too little Money
9147	7/10/2012	Constant votes on library levies each voting year
9148	7/10/2012	Losing funding[] Theft of materials
9149	7/10/2012	fundind
9150	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9151	7/10/2012	Apathy, complacency, an (untrue) concept that they're somehow unnecessary in the digital age.
9152	7/10/2012	Cost to operate, Lack of money for Learning/reading
9153	7/10/2012	not staying current with technology and e-services
9154	7/10/2012	not having up to date materials and/or the materials not being accessible due to being closed
9155	7/10/2012	The internet!
9156	7/10/2012	The County cutting the funding. Stop closing Libraries, cutting staff and hours of operation and instead start making cuts to all those lazy county managers who are useless. Make the cuts at the top for a change.
9157	7/10/2012	In no particular order...[] 1. Apathy about educating oneself.[] 2. A lack of knowledge about basic civics, and losing the resources to gain that knowledge.[] 3. A lack of understanding about how education and access to information can make one a critical thinker and an effective participant in our society.[] 4. A deliberate (and seemingly active) attempt to reduce the amount of information available to the general public. (I don't want to jump into tin-foil hat land, but this does seem to be the case nowadays.)
9158	7/10/2012	Unfortunately, I think it is the homeless who use the libraries (especially Central) as places to sleep, congregate, and sell and use drugs. The crowd in front of Central makes it undesirable for families with children. The bathrooms at Central, Belmont, Hollywood, NW, etc. are always occupied by people using them for bathing and drug use. I saw a man actively OD and have 911 called in the lobby of Central when I was there for an infant storytime. These populations drive away the patrons who are more likely to donate and support the library system financially and bureaucratically. But, it is a public space, and I guess that there's nothing you can do.
9159	7/10/2012	The continued use of local libraries without the education as to where the money comes from. Hell, I'm even unclear as to where it all comes from.
9160	7/10/2012	not sure

9161	7/10/2012	People thinking that just because they don't use a public resource, there's no reason to pay for it. How about investing in your community? Or providing books for free to people who can't afford to buy them? Or allowing anyone and everyone to have internet access?
9162	7/10/2012	Funding
9163	7/10/2012	Not being open enough hours.
9164	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
9165	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9166	7/10/2012	budget
9167	7/10/2012	Reluctance by taxpayers to pay into the system through the tax structure.
9168	7/10/2012	e books
9169	7/10/2012	Underfunding
9170	7/10/2012	Lack of money to serve the varied needs of the neighborhood.
9171	7/10/2012	funding being cut.
9172	7/10/2012	lack of money
9173	7/10/2012	A lack of financial resources is the biggest threat to libraries in my opinion.
9174	7/10/2012	Lack of funding challenges.
9175	7/10/2012	Lack of money. All of the above services are important.
9176	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9177	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9178	7/10/2012	Incompetence. Some what joking. Not sure what to say. Most likely one is funding but that's obvious so I will just skip this one for I don't know other that maybe what information can be found on line but I doubt that will have influence over the pleasure of the library. Possibly education about libraries. I think people might not know about programs that are offered, or how to approach using a library, or things like that. If people have a better understanding of what role libraries can play in the community, there might be more vocal and public support
9179	7/10/2012	
9180	7/10/2012	Budget constraints,
9181	7/10/2012	Not enough funding, it's scary to think that we might lose our libraries. I have had a library card since I was 6 years old, I'm now 73.
9182	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9183	7/10/2012	Seriously - NOT keeping up with the times and getting more e-Books - this is where the future is headed - if you can download a book vs going into a library and getting it that's what people want - NOT being open x amount of days a week -
9184	7/10/2012	Budget
9185	7/10/2012	lack of a permanent funding base
9186	7/10/2012	Not enough money to fund.
9187	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9188	7/10/2012	Insufficient funds to maintain and update our libraries - we need to stay relevant.

9189	7/10/2012	Inability to keep up with growing demand as population increases
9190	7/10/2012	Underfunding
9191	7/10/2012	\$
9192	7/10/2012	Not enough money to keep libraries open. I love the service of putting a book on hold and having it delivered to my branch. Please do NOT get rid of this feature!
9193	7/10/2012	stable funding.
9194	7/10/2012	Use of them as a political tool. To constrain or attempt to constrain funding unless coupled with funding for some other item endorsed by politicians.
9195	7/10/2012	Penny-pinchers who aren't willing to throw in a few dollars a year to preserve our access to the written word! Many people seem to think there is nothing special or sacred about books, that just reading on computers or touch pads is somehow the same, so there is no need to fund libraries. Obviously, I couldn't disagree more!
9196	7/10/2012	Dropping any services. Libraries are one of our most important resources.
9197	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep them open and with current materials
9198	7/10/2012	To close the library
9199	7/10/2012	Illiteracy, Facebook, Twitter.
9200	7/10/2012	video games
9201	7/10/2012	funding and bullshit cuts in areas that are essential for ALL members of our community
9202	7/10/2012	funding issues
9203	7/10/2012	A lack of public funding.
9204	7/10/2012	Funding issues I imagine
9205	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, or fire.
9206	7/10/2012	Unstable funding.
9207	7/10/2012	Obviously, lack of funding. We all want good services but don't want to have to pay for it.
9208	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9209	7/10/2012	People being unaware or uncaring of the resources they offer. Usually because they have access to those resources themselves independently.
9210	7/10/2012	I'm sure you guys know more about that than I do. Like most things, it always seems to come down to money/funding. Trying to keep an institution that was created in a very different time up to speed with new demands for fast NOW NOW NOW technology, media, and other materials. I think the public expects a whole lot of services (and this doesn't apply only to the library) but doesn't at all realize the amount of taxation that is required to sustain high levels of service. People seem to expect the libraries to cater to all of their print, computer and other research/media desires and needs as if the library is their home (but one they don't have to pay for.) It's a beautiful thing, and a necessary thing, but it can't be EVERYTHING to everybody.

		I don't believe they are threatened. We just overwhelmingly renewed the local option levy.[] []
9211	7/10/2012	But if I had to select one thing that poses a long term threat, I'd say making the transition to fully supporting electronic books. Although I personally prefer hard-cover materials, I think the library's support for electronic books is mediocre: the process for establishing service is arcane and tedious, it doesn't support Linux users (a big deal in Portland) and the wait times are too long. Our biggest threat comes from those idiots who still think that high school drama, music and [] graphic arts are no longer justifiable. Their exclusion worries me. [] []
9212	7/10/2012	Budget cutting fools wouldn't recognize America's grim prospects with reduced artistic [] freedom and an eroded knowledge base if it came up and bit them on the butt.[] [] Today's politicians? Let's defeat a majority of the pandering fools this November and start over. I'm so deeply ashamed of my generation, those who were born between 1935 and 1965. They have turned my [] nation so focused on the bottom line that hope and imagination is being squeezed out of our kids.
9213	7/10/2012	eBooks, change in habits brought about by the Internet, apathy.
9214	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9215	7/10/2012	Low funding, lack of interest from those who don't use the library.
9216	7/10/2012	e-books, perhaps?
9217	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, hours and updating making them seem outdated or irrelevant to users who make up the funding voters.
9218	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9219	7/10/2012	?
9220	7/10/2012	In my opinion, one big threat to the local library was the inept and somewhat disingenuous way the last levy passed, was sold to the public as a library improvement, yet you still closed a day added and then asked for another levy to alleviate it. To many in the metro area, it felt like a very crass case of "bait and switch" on the YOUR public, a public reeling with their own financial difficulties of their own that no one in places of civic power seem to appreciate or take into consideration. [] [] I am a liberal to the core, but the last levy and outcome felt manipulative and crass.
9221	7/10/2012	Resourses, activities, and community classes being scaled down or cut. I actually wish there was more for the community to utilize such as community resourse information on services such as adult literacy classes,ged classes,etc. Something to point people in the right direction to improve themselves.
9222	7/10/2012	Lack of public support and funding.
9223	7/10/2012	Funding!

9224	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, it certainly not lack of patronage, our branch is packed every moment it's open!
9225	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. Our library is so busy - I can't imagine life without it open.
9226	7/10/2012	A lack of a stable and adequate funding
9227	7/10/2012	Lack of support, financial and programmatic, from local government.
9228	7/10/2012	Budget cuts!
9229	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
9230	7/10/2012	Poor customer service from the Multnomah County Librarians is the largest problem. The fact that books are falling out of style. It saddens me greatly to think that people opt for the internet, rather than using materials that can be found at the library. However, I can see that the power of the web is greatly affecting the commonality of making trips to the library.
9231	7/10/2012	
9232	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9233	7/10/2012	Reducing hours to a point that makes them inaccessible to the people who need and use them the most. The use of information gathering and creation on the web is fast becoming the go to place for people that are seeking to learn, understand, and grow. It moves at such a rapid pace that it leaves little time to think about solid resources like the public library for a grounded real world experience.[] []
9234	7/10/2012	Although many people still visit the library, the way it is looked at (as a brand) has changed. Finding a way to leverage that and remain grounded is a difficult task. The gap will continue to grow in understanding the importance of real world connections even something as simple as holding a book as we move forward.[] [] The library needs to act on controlling its brand and image to assure that what makes us human remains in tact in this fast pace world.
9235	7/10/2012	lack of funding?
9236	7/10/2012	Accessibility, I work during the day and want to use the library at night and on weekends but if the hours suck I can't get in there.
9237	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
9238	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?
9239	7/10/2012	apathy & reduced funding
9240	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and ignorance of those who don't realize how vital a thriving library is to a healthy, educated, wealthy community.
9241	7/10/2012	Not enough monetary support.
9242	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, misuse or mis allocation of funding that is available
9243	7/10/2012	becoming irrelevant due to limited hours. once alternatives are found, people may stop going to the library. keep the habit going by staying open!
9244	7/10/2012	Loss of tax revenue.

9245	7/10/2012	lack of consistent, stable funding.
9246	7/10/2012	people not bringing stuff back.
9247	7/10/2012	Funding
9248	7/10/2012	Um, I don't actually know... Sorry.
9249	7/10/2012	Failure to prioritize library funding and the libraries' need to prove fiscal responsibility.
9250	7/10/2012	limited hours/days
9251	7/10/2012	Cost-cutting or unwillingness to pay for the libraries in the face of budget shortfalls.
9252	7/10/2012	Internet and technology that gets rid of the use of books. Also lack of funding
9253	7/10/2012	Funding & lack of volunteers
9254	7/10/2012	Misuse of public funding to create oversized edifices and bloated staffing, who frequently stand around as customers struggle with inefficient checkout computers.
9255	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9256	7/10/2012	Payroll & unions
9257	7/10/2012	decreased emphasis on books
9258	7/10/2012	Running short of money
9259	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9260	7/10/2012	Budget cuts/the economy
9261	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
9262	7/10/2012	funding and awareness
9263	7/10/2012	Funding decreases.
9264	7/10/2012	People being cheapskates and not wanting to pay taxes for public services.
9265	7/10/2012	Funding.
9266	7/10/2012	Tax revenues
9267	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9268	7/10/2012	lack of funding. would like more e-books/e-magazines.
9269	7/10/2012	Funding Face it!! To a great extent Libraries are being replaced by the Internet.[]
9270	7/10/2012	[] The need for libraries has decreased.
9271	7/10/2012	budget cuts
9272	7/10/2012	NOT MAKING THEM A PRIORITY!
9273	7/10/2012	funding
9274	7/10/2012	Budget restrictions. The library is not able to provide the resources that our community needs to thrive without the funding. The library is vital to the community and should be treated with more importance.
9275	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?
9276	7/10/2012	Budget cuts

9277	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9278	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
9279	7/10/2012	Not sure.being closed, people made to use central that is not user friendly for those who are limited with hours especially if they work
9280	7/10/2012	Limited hours & outdated materials.
9281	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. We must maintain current level of service.
9282	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9283	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9284	7/10/2012	I do not know
9285	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to support programs.
9286	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
9287	7/10/2012	Computer acces
9288	7/10/2012	Our tax system.
9289	7/10/2012	The dwindling hours and schedule. Having a library system, such as the Multnomah County Library, is a privelege and it is sad to see the availability cut.
9290	7/10/2012	Lesser hours
9291	7/10/2012	Politicians stealing funding and cutting cuts in libraries, education, the elderly dependent on Soc.Sec.[] Vandals, etc.
9292	7/10/2012	Reduced service hours! If hours must be adjusted, please think of school kids and folks who work. Full hours on weekends is a must.
9293	7/10/2012	it seems like a lack of funding is the greatest threat to our libraries. I know many will argue that computers are the greatest threat, but I believe that there are still lots of people who want to hold a book in their hands and read it. In addition, i know from personal experience, that that library provides computer access to those who don't otherwise have that access. My father, who is 80, frequently uses the library computers to order books, as well as for many other reasons. His needs to now warrant the expense of internet access, so it's really nice for him to be able to have that access a the local library.
9294	7/10/2012	Apathy.
9295	7/10/2012	Staying relevant with online technologies expanding so quickly.
9296	7/10/2012	Allowing kids just to just play on computer. Should somehow hook the privilege to checking out material thereby instilling a sense of literacy in their visits. Then somewhere down the road they might actually open a book! Ergo, generating the next crop of reading library patron.
9297	7/10/2012	Underfunding
9298	7/10/2012	cutting hours, public apathy
9299	7/10/2012	The internet
9300	7/10/2012	Funding and theft.

9301	7/10/2012	Budget priorities of local government officials.
9302	7/10/2012	they become a destination for pornography viewing. there needs to be filters in place on computers.
9303	7/10/2012	I don't know
9304	7/10/2012	funding and lack of understanding that the library is also a part of the infrastructure of a community as is the police, fire, and social services.
9305	7/10/2012	funding
9306	7/10/2012	underfunding
9307	7/10/2012	Lack of funds and budget cuts. Short sighted commissioners who cut the budget
9308	7/10/2012	funding
9309	7/10/2012	Lack of operating funds.
9310	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
9311	7/10/2012	budget cuts
9312	7/10/2012	Censorship! Budget Cuts!
9313	7/10/2012	Folks who want continued increases in services (things like PC's and electronic media, not operating times for the library)!
9314	7/10/2012	electronics, plugged in kids, nature deficit disorder
9315	7/10/2012	I don't see a threat. Library services can and should be scaled to match available resources.
9316	7/10/2012	A society of people who are unwilling to pay an increase in taxes to keep our libraries open and fully staffed and funded.
9317	7/10/2012	Passivity by community members. Also - above, numbers 1, 2 & 3 should all be ranked as number 1 concerns and 3, 4, & 5 all as number 2 concerns.
9318	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9319	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
9320	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is safety in the library. It is often a place for the unemployed and homeless to frequent, which is not necessarily a bad thing. However, it could lead to theft. I also think the biggest threat is the public's unwillingness to pay for a service that is "free" to them. 1.22 per \$1,000 is not a lot of money to donate to public libraries via our property taxes.
9321	7/10/2012	Being closed and services cut.
9322	7/10/2012	Of course, funding is the biggest threat to our libraries. However, in these times of economic hardship, we can not expect to maintain the services at the present level. Portland is very supportive of its Library System and would probably pass a request for more funding. But, is it the best thing right now. This city has a big problem funding the current education system and will be requesting a big bond measure this fall. I so see the library system as a continuation of education, but I would still be able to serve the community with fewer open hours.
9323	7/10/2012	I'm not informed enough to know the answer to this. I would guess lack of funds?
9324	7/10/2012	High Taxes
9325	7/10/2012	loss of funding

9326	7/10/2012	The Internet
9327	7/10/2012	Electronic books abnd loss of community.
9328	7/10/2012	money
9329	7/10/2012	Outdated infrastructure
9330	7/10/2012	Don't try to squeeze more money out of home owners. Its not fair and we will vote it down. Make the best use you can with the \$\$\$ you have
9331	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and reduced perception of importance in the community.
9332	7/10/2012	lack of funds leading to closures and/or leading to inadequate materials.
9333	7/10/2012	Budget constraints as evidenced by the one day per week closing.
9334	7/10/2012	I'd assume funding.
9335	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. Wouldn't that be the lack of funding you are speaking about right now? Libraries are valuable resources for all ages and socioeconomic classes.
9336	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
9337	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, which leads to less resources for the library to host events and provide services. These services are an important part to building a community, as the library is available to everyone.
9338	7/10/2012	People who use the computers at our libraries inappropriately like going an adult sits. You should have the computers blocked to a child friendly level.
9339	7/10/2012	Large, multi-national, private-but-publicly-subsidized corporations, who do not pay their fair tax share, towards ensuring that our public services (like schools, libraries, public safety, safe drinking water, electricity, public transportation systems, hospitals, etc) are not only restored, but enhanced. As long as the tax burden falls on the shoulders of an eroding middle class, our system will continue to experience additional, severe collapse. Our way of life, is currently threatened. What are our elected leaders, board members, and business community members doing, if anything, to address this important revenue issue?
9340	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, from the sound of it. :(
9341	7/10/2012	Money.
9342	7/10/2012	Lack of proper funding and community support
9343	7/10/2012	cutting back hours and staff..... not being open..... so good that's if FREE to us
9344	7/10/2012	Government mismanagement and bureaucracy.
9345	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding
9346	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is not censorship or book-burning. It's people that don't appreciate how much funding is required to operate a library system as large and complex as Multnomah County's. It's people that don't want to pay their fair share of library taxes.
9347	7/10/2012	being loved to death, kind of like mount hood
9348	7/10/2012	That people will find them irrelevant, out of date, unhelpful, confusing hours and access and they will start to fail as centers of our communities.

9349	7/10/2012	As more and more media become available on line, what will be the role of hard copies. What is the plan for the future? How will you sell that plan to your public.
9350	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to the public library is limited hours. In the new budget reality if libraries are forced to dramatically decrease their hours then they will be drastically reduced in their ability to serve their public.
9351	7/10/2012	Not many people are going to find books in the library since the e-books become more convenient nowadays, what I think is the threat from spending too much money on getting new printed books is unnecessary, it would be helpful if that we have more access on e-books or computers that allow us to read from them.
9352	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to economic difficulties of local governments.
9353	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9354	7/10/2012	don't know
9355	7/10/2012	I am not sure.
9356	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9357	7/10/2012	Digital media, and the immediate availability of such through Cable, Satellite TV, and the Internet.
9358	7/10/2012	budget restrictions!
9359	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9360	7/10/2012	Oregon's terrible budget issues.
9361	7/10/2012	Lack of updated and accessible materials.
9362	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9363	7/10/2012	Funding. As usual, something that meets the needs and provides a valuable resource for those most in need and disenfranchised is the first thing to be cut.
9364	7/10/2012	non returned books
9365	7/10/2012	The lack of a permanent funding solution. Anything that has to go to the ballot at regular intervals is at risk of going down in flames.
9366	7/10/2012	A lack of funding. We are great as we are, and I wish voters would decide to fully support at least what has been normal for the library in the past (open 7 days a week, with special programs for children, seniors, and jobseekers).
9367	7/10/2012	It sounds like funding is the biggest threat.
9368	7/10/2012	Proper funding, which should come not just thru property taxes. I believe the majority of library patrons are NOT home owners and therefore NOT helping to fund the library system.
9369	7/10/2012	People not appreciating the value of books, due to the availability of lesser quality information online.
9370	7/10/2012	I have no idea, I don't think in terms of threat. I think in terms of opportunity. You get what you focus on.
9371	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and reduced hours and days open to the general public.
9372	7/10/2012	People who are not willing to pay more taxes to support the library.
9373	7/10/2012	Budget

9374	7/10/2012	Government.
9375	7/10/2012	De-funding
9376	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
9377	7/10/2012	funding
9378	7/10/2012	Lack of funds to keep the libraries open
9379	7/10/2012	I don't see any threats
9380	7/10/2012	Funding
9381	7/10/2012	Unstable funding, attempting to serve too many needs to too diverse a community with limited resources (providing resources for all community languages and cultures and assisting with social and personal challenges such as employment, education, etc.)
9382	7/10/2012	not being available. Every little bit of Midland library is used everyday it is open
9383	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding.
9384	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to the public library in American culture is limited hours. In the new budget reality if libraries are forced to dramatically decrease their hours then they will be drastically reduced in their ability to serve their public. The public library in America will only be irrelevant when it is inaccessible.
9385	7/10/2012	Having moved to Portland from a community where library support had all but vanished completely, I am convinced that there is a perilous downward-spiral set in motion once a library begins cutting back its open hours. Even one-day-per-week closures risk creating a public perception of a library that insufficiently serves its populace. This perceived insufficiency leads to a growing conviction of library irrelevance (subconscious or now), and thus a weakening of public support for library funding and programs. A vicious cycle begins. We mustn't let this happen in Portland! We must keep the libraries open seven days a week!
9386	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
9387	7/10/2012	No funding
9388	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is the greatest threat.
9389	7/10/2012	The fact that they are funded through government resources. Unless you get some solid, continuous source, you will always be looking at poor funding.
9390	7/10/2012	the internet access at the library. this is a waste of taxpayer money. every time i look, it's people using the computers for e-mail and games. if this is part of the library's mandate, then it should be re-evaluated.
9391	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9392	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9393	7/10/2012	I wouldn't know, honestly.
9394	7/10/2012	Personal Computers and a decline in youth reading.
9395	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9396	7/10/2012	budget cuts-higher up people deciding libraries and education come second not first.

9397	7/10/2012	Virtual libraries Limited access/fewer hours of operation.[]
9398	7/10/2012	Poorly maintained, older materials.[] Libraries failing to feel safe, such as a surplus of smelly, loud patrons in an altered state. I have only experienced this in certain parts of the Central Library.
9399	7/10/2012	Funding I'm sure, and children not appreciating reading. When I was in school we'd take monthly trips to the library. It was always very exciting.
9400	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that would limit or restrict hours of operations. I don't believe on-line media is a real threat because most parents drive children to use the library resource.
9401	7/10/2012	Books are more available online, which could be a threat. Local libraries offer services for stay home moms (like me), audio books, classes, etc that can be expensive to purchase. I think the library should be focusing on those types of services.
9402	7/10/2012	There is no threat. Like the post office, technology provides research and books to read and music and movies to your home.
9403	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; less interest in what the library has to offer; the internet.
9404	7/10/2012	Apathy.
9405	7/10/2012	That people don't understand what a great asset this is and how it empowers learning for so many.
9406	7/10/2012	"bad" people around the libraries.
9407	7/10/2012	Dis-interest by the rich (or government heads) who don't use the library system. Those who don't utilize the facilities do not understand the vital need this service provides.
9408	7/10/2012	Lack of new items
9409	7/10/2012	Lack of funding? Library branches closing down would be the worst, followed by a dramatic reduction in open hours/days.
9410	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness. I've had a library card for years, but only recently began to use it regularly because I didn't realize all the services the library had to offer. Once I discovered what the libraries had to offer I found myself visiting and using library services at least several times a month.
9411	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and digital works. Better online resources ie library to go.
9412	7/10/2012	Not being a place where school age children (5-18) can go for help with anything related to school learning. It is a safe place for these children as well.
9413	7/10/2012	Ignorance. Many people thing a library is about books (it is about information, and access), and many do not know how little money they contribute or about library funding. Perhaps not here in the PNW as in other parts of the country... At any rate, the meeting are great! Getting your users involved is also key.
9414	7/10/2012	Defunding

9415	7/10/2012	Their allowance of adults to view porn around what should be the the ultimate child friendly haven. My son who is twenty now recently told me that the first time he was ever exposed to porn was at the library while sitting next to an adult who was viewing it. The designated area for children was consistently full most of the time that we went. Had I realized at the time that adults viewing porn amidst children was a possibility I wouldn't have let him have access to the computers in the "adult" section even though it would mean he just couldn't use a computer. I do resent the fact that the rights of adults to view porn weigh more than the needs innocent children. I also feel that this policy encourages pedophiles to come to the library specifically to view porn in front of children. I have always voted in favor of library funding in the past. But I have voted against them recently and will continue to do so until some filtering is instituted.
9416	7/10/2012	Lack of knowledge among the general public about how important they are to the health of the community and how big a return the community gets from a consistent investment in this public resource.
9417	7/10/2012	Low priority given when making budget decisions, resulting in cuts and reduced services
9418	7/10/2012	The perception that they are invaluable resources and gathering places for the community.
9419	7/10/2012	Not enough money
9420	7/10/2012	online reading
9421	7/10/2012	Economic realities, I suppose, but that's true of everything--personal and community resources. There are always tradeoffs when funds are limited.
9422	7/10/2012	The lack of understanding of elected officials that the libraries serve the diverse needs of the community: children, job seekers, business and seniors. If you had understood you would have put the larger amount on the ballot last time and had our libraries able to serve the public.
9423	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is exactly what this survey is about -- reducing hours and/or number of days open per week.
9424	7/10/2012	That's a complicated question because our tax structure is broken and utilization of available tax dollars is not very good. You could say the threat is a lack of informed priorities. We spend money on frivolous things that don't matter, and fail to adequately support things that do...like libraries and schools.
9425	7/10/2012	lack of permanent funding
9426	7/10/2012	I'm not really in a position to say... theft?
9427	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; limited hrs so that people get out of the habit of using the libraries.
9428	7/10/2012	Funding shortages, ability to keep up with technological advances
9429	7/10/2012	decreased funding
9430	7/10/2012	apathy
9431	7/10/2012	Not staying abreast of technology advances that can provide new means of delivery of services
9432	7/10/2012	Funding
9433	7/10/2012	closure and lack of resources to purchase new books etc

9434	7/10/2012	Bed Bugs
9435	7/10/2012	most likely funding
9436	7/10/2012	Not being open enough days in the week and hours that encompass times beyond the work week. Access early and in the evenings is very important. Altho I could tolerate 6 days a week, those days must be full hours.
9437	7/10/2012	Not getting enough funding to provide the services we have come to expect.
9438	7/10/2012	Decreased funding, because we depend on property taxes, and property values have gone down. One comment about putting "all libraries open full hours, seven days a week" as my last priority - I think it is important that SOME library is open every day, for people who might only be off work that one day, or have access to a car that one day. If libraries need to close one day a week, then perhaps schedules should consider adjacent libraries having staggered schedules (for example, if Sellwood is closed Sunday, Belmont should be open Sunday and closed Monday).
9439	7/10/2012	The City of Portland and the Portland Development Commission basically sucking all the tax dollars away from the county and Multicolib for "urban renewal." There is no blight in Portland. We don't need a Sustainability Center. We need libraries, and the social service programs that the county provides.
9440	7/10/2012	That they are taken for granted by the community and not properly funded.
9441	7/10/2012	1. Uncertain funding source 2. Transition in public interest from books to electronic media, because this change requires a focused effort by creative staff to keep the library's services relevant. In a budget-challenged society, the trend is to cut staff instead of hiring or retaining people to develop ways to incorporate new media into the library's services.
9442	7/10/2012	corporate tax loopholes that suck state and local revenues dry
9443	7/10/2012	Funding
9444	7/10/2012	Young people who don't value reading and books and won't value having a library service in the future.
9445	7/10/2012	Ignorance
9446	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Board.
9447	7/10/2012	Library management. Quit asking for more and do the best with what you have.
9448	7/10/2012	people with resources, power, etc. not valuing libraries if they have the resources to get online at home
9449	7/10/2012	decreased revenue in tight economy and potential underuse due to digital media?
9450	7/10/2012	funding
9451	7/10/2012	Hurricanes? Famine?
9452	7/10/2012	Increased costs of doing business lessen the ability of the current funding to stretch as far. □ Lack of understanding by some people of the benefit of a strong public library system to all community members.□ Decreased home values lead to decreased revenue.

9453	7/10/2012	Lack of hours. Reducing hours inhibits the ability of patrons to use, and therefore support, the library.
9454	7/10/2012	Funding
9455	7/10/2012	Decrease in availability.
9456	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding. Efforts to try to privatize the system.
9457	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9458	7/10/2012	tea baggers
9459	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9460	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and people reading less overall.
9461	7/10/2012	under-funding
9462	7/10/2012	Your own poor management and lack of vision.
9463	7/10/2012	Funding.
9464	7/10/2012	No idea
9465	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9466	7/10/2012	Insufficient funds
9467	7/10/2012	Loss of accessibility to resources. Hours cuts should come before service cuts.
9468	7/10/2012	The people who don't use the library. The people who control the monies for programs, that aren't serving the general public only a select group. Truly this is for all not just for the chosen few.
9469	7/10/2012	Maintaining a good selection of books, current and not current.
9470	7/10/2012	money
9471	7/10/2012	Funding.
9472	7/10/2012	Probably reduced budget
9473	7/10/2012	I don't know
9474	7/10/2012	Electronics. I don't understand why the new computer check out system. The new library seems less like a library, more like a computer store.
9475	7/10/2012	We need at least the central library open 7 days a week a/c for those in need etc.
9476	7/10/2012	Too many other initiatives to fund - the library is competing with limited resources in the community with many well-deserved funded programs.
9477	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to provide the ever-growing resources available.
9478	7/10/2012	Anti-tax sentiment.
9479	7/10/2012	Lack of power outlets in central main stacks. Computers are always full. If those with thier own laptops could plug in, I think there would be more support to raise funding.
9480	7/10/2012	Decline in funding.
9481	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and lack of support from lawmakers and taxpayers.
9482	7/10/2012	I don't believe I know of any threat!

9483	7/10/2012	lack of funding - far less important projects stealing money from our libraries. "Economic" interests superseding the entire point of having a healthy economy - taking care of our citizens, of which libraries play a vital role far more critical than any number of irrelevant projects that the city spends money on. Like, building completely unnecessary covered reservoirs that will not make our drinking water any safer than it already is.
9484	7/10/2012	Financial funds
9485	7/10/2012	I am a teacher, and I see the biggest threat to libraries being so many young people being more interested in social media and electronic and computer gaming rather than reading. I work in a low socio-economic area where many students don't have families who consider reading important, so that has a great impact on the kids--often no or few books at home.[] Another threat to the libraries is obviously lack of funding--perhaps if communities were more aware of the range of programs and resources available to them, they would increase their requests to the political folks of the city to support library funding.
9486	7/10/2012	Lack or loss of new materials coming on on a consistent basis.
9487	7/10/2012	Lack of knowledge about the wonderful resources at the library. This also results in a lack of funding because many have an antiquated idea of what a library is and does.
9488	7/10/2012	Elibraries and more online books
9489	7/10/2012	LACK OF FUNDS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
9490	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9491	7/10/2012	Underfunding!! And, the proliferation of piracy on the internet-- of books, music, and movies. Also, maybe even bigger-- people don't like to read as much any more. Perhaps Portland is atypical that way-- a lot of us older people--over 50-- love to read!
9492	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the loss of funding and limiting access to the community.
9493	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9494	7/10/2012	budget cuts
9495	7/10/2012	Lack of education as to the importance of roles of libraries in our community.[] Censorship.[] Lack of funding.[] Republicans, tea baggers, libertarian and ignorant people.
9496	7/10/2012	Unless a better job of explaining the purpose of tax levies is made the library could lose some of its traditional support. I voted for the last levy but was surprised and irritated by the cut back in hours even though it passed by a large margin! Competition for tax dollars from other government entities.....[]
9497	7/10/2012	With the ravenous appetites of current CITY,COUNTY, STATE and FEDERAL administrations for funding often questionable activities, Library activities suffer from tax payer burnout.
9498	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to any library is the lack of available hours. A library is useless if it is never open to the public at large.

9499	7/10/2012	Being reliant on govt funding
9500	7/10/2012	Lack of public interest in funding.
9501	7/10/2012	Funds
9502	7/10/2012	The internet
9503	7/10/2012	Curtailment of operating hours, and reduction in budget.
9504	7/10/2012	Need to stay open with useful hours. Need to continue to have new materials. Will need a lot more electronic material to be worthwhile. But hold system is fantastic. UNDER FUNDING!
9505	7/10/2012	∅ I love the library and wish all the swrvices would be through them.
9506	7/10/2012	Necessary budget cuts, there isn't enough money for everything to be well funded.
9507	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9508	7/10/2012	Less financial backing from multiple resources.
9509	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
9510	7/10/2012	Seems like it's lack of funding.
9511	7/10/2012	The homeless population.
9512	7/10/2012	citizen apathy. Use the library and participate in surveys and programs, let the county know we need it.
9513	7/10/2012	Funding
9514	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, cutting hours or closing.
9515	7/10/2012	Part children being apathetic, but more than that, a lot of people think there's no place for books in the digital age. You need to re-image your establishment not as just a building of books, but as a media center (books *are* media too). Then people who still like a good hardcover will be happy, but so will those who want movies or e-books. I know you already have some digital media, but stepping that up will really help your game.
9516	7/10/2012	Greed.
9517	7/10/2012	I've heard talk about privatization. That sounds bad, bad, bad!

		besides an economy in decline?[]
		besides electronic access making libraries seem anachronistic to many?[]
		[]
9518	7/10/2012	(1) the purging of older, less popular books, out-of-print books. a bad attitude toward conserving historic materials[]
		(2) I've heard upper management is autocratic and highly clique-ish, so demoralized workers doesn't help.[]
		[]
		also, the degradation of the library environment -- many do nothing to discourage boisterous activity, loud conversations, intrusive music, even food & drink next to computers/books. Do we really all need to be making noise everywhere we go? Can't there be a sanctuary of calm left in the public domain?
9519	7/10/2012	Funding
9520	7/10/2012	e-books
9521	7/10/2012	e-books
9522	7/10/2012	Probably financial issues.
9523	7/10/2012	People not wanting to fund libraries. They are a tremendous resource for the community.
9524	7/10/2012	apathy
9525	7/10/2012	Not staying up to date with current media.
9526	7/10/2012	funding
9527	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. The internet?
9528	7/10/2012	Funding
9529	7/10/2012	Advertising your bond levy as the solution to financial needs and then cutting services within a month. It makes you look like liars.
9530	7/10/2012	don't know
9531	7/10/2012	costs associated with running / staffing - probably health care costs that require us to make cuts.
9532	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9533	7/10/2012	Idiots who refuse to support it.
9534	7/10/2012	Closure
9535	7/10/2012	inattention
		looks like it is funding. []
9536	7/10/2012	Need to community to participate more. []
		Maybe get some local celebrities to volunteer a couple of hours. []
		Put out fliers in different places for important events
9537	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is lack of financial oversight by Multnomah County.
9538	7/10/2012	Taxpayers voting against supporting them.
9539	7/10/2012	Penny pinchers

9540	7/10/2012	New technology (Kindle, Nook, etc.) and lack of funding.
9541	7/10/2012	Funding and under valuation by the community. Some libraries will also suffer by not keeping up with technology, but I feel the Multnomah County Library System is ahead of the curve in that area.
9542	7/10/2012	The lack of funding for the library system along with the explosion of online book sellers who discount books heavily to their customers.
9543	7/10/2012	?
9544	7/10/2012	I don't know.
9545	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9546	7/10/2012	Don't know
9547	7/10/2012	Our crappy property tax system that trades off city and county services in stupid ways. We need to fix the tax compression problem.
9548	7/10/2012	Not having the funds to operate.
9549	7/10/2012	I have no idea, I would imagine people who are greedy or short-sighted and don't understand that it's better to invest in libraries than jails.
9550	7/10/2012	I don't know about the "biggest threat" to the libraries at the moment but one stumbling stone might be the lack of engagement from the public. For example, I have a ton of books I could donate to the library but don't know what that takes. I am nervous the library may not want my books to share. Maybe if the library were to email out to folks what the library needs-we might respond with items suitable for the libraries inventory.
9551	7/10/2012	internet, Kindle, budget constraints
9552	7/10/2012	Stable Funding
9553	7/10/2012	societal perspectives and framework that under-values education and the arts, as well as public services
9554	7/10/2012	Lowered taxes and lack of community involvement.
9555	7/10/2012	indifference
9556	7/10/2012	Probably a lack of funding; at least I assume so. I don't know that I'm in a position to say. The biggest threat is probably apathy or a misunderstanding of all the services/resources/cultural materials that a library offers its community.
9557	7/10/2012	apathy and the ignorant.
9558	7/10/2012	We should not take an all or nothing approach. We simply need to be better stewards of our resources. We shouldn't have 50 copies of the latest Spiderman movie for example. The library isn't meant to replace Netflix. When items are lost they should not automatically be reordered. Take stock of how many copies you already have, what the demand has been, and know that demand will decrease after the fads lapse. Collect fines.
9559	7/10/2012	limited access and limited hours
9560	7/10/2012	Not sure
9561	7/10/2012	closing locations

9562	7/10/2012	With the recent levy having passed, I was stunned to see that the Belmont Branch would be closing a day of the week, when it had always been open all seven. This is a very in-demand library, where the computer wait times sometimes last 45 minute. Still, this is the only free resource for so many people. I would have been lost without the library when I was unemployed. I think the biggest threat to our library is reckless spending on the part of the city in other places; compared to most other cities, Portland is smart enough to embrace their libraries.
9563	7/10/2012	I think programs will be cut and students will not have a place to study and research as needed at last minute. Will affect programs for toddlers and parents.
9564	7/10/2012	Easy access of information through the internet
9565	7/10/2012	Apparently funding...
9566	7/10/2012	As always, funding.
9567	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9568	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9569	7/10/2012	lack of funding and \$ for maintence
9570	7/10/2012	Budgets
9571	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Theft of materials
9572	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9573	7/10/2012	funding
9574	7/10/2012	Unpayable debt interest on bonds
9575	7/10/2012	paying too much in salaries and wages. Many people, I'm sure would be happy to volunteer. So, I would have to say the government is the biggest threat.
9576	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9577	7/10/2012	loss of funding - too limited hours
9578	7/10/2012	Lack of proper funding. Funding should not be compromised at all. Shortage of hours and staff members is simply unacceptable given the wide use and value libraries carry in PDX.
9579	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Library system is under no threat because it has done such a good job of integrating itself into the community by providing services that people need beyond books and media.
9580	7/10/2012	Lack of stable public funding.
9581	7/10/2012	The crippling of our library system by funding reductions over the next 5 years. We all saw what happened to the southern Oregon public libraries.
9582	7/10/2012	Residents who use the library taking it for granted. I think that a lot of library patrons seem to think of our amazing library system as a right that should be guaranteed to them regardless of whether or not they vote for additional funding. People would do well to remember that very few countries have such excellent public libraries, or even any public libraries at all, and the library system deserves our support.

9583	7/10/2012	Non-users who do not understand the benefits offered and will not want to pay for them. If days and hours have to be shortened, then we all have to make do in these times. If days and hours are shortened it would be nice if at least one branch were open any day of the week in a given sector of town--ie alternate the closings instead of maintaining the same schedule for all--unless that creates too many problems.
9584	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and spreading itself too thin, as in too much spending on programs that aren't essential to a library. Focus should be on books and other media and offering as wide a selection as possible.
9585	7/10/2012	I think spending for new media like movies and ebooks could be an issue, but I've read that the library is being used by many more people now, too. I go to the library a few times a week with my baby and notice that there are many children there without parents after school... I really worry for these kids now that the library is closed Mondays - where will they go? We're a very diverse neighborhood with a high proportion of low SES families and the library is vital to the community!
9586	7/10/2012	As fewer middle/upper class community members access the library due to the popularization of digital media, libraries will be considered less integral to the community. Libraries are increasingly essential to the poor or working class and to immigrant communities as it provides computer instruction, job hunting resources and avenues to information they would otherwise be unable to access. Additionally, the elderly will continue to use the library as it has been their traditional access point for media. Unfortunately the elderly, the immigrant communities and the poor are the most marginalized, vulnerable and under served populations. Funding for programs and services that benefit them is always cut first as their voices are weak and their value considered minimal. As the users of the library shift from the upper and middle classes to members of marginalized communities, funding will no longer be considered essential.
9587	7/10/2012	Adequate funding to continue the first class system that is an important part of many people's lives, the city's culture, and social consciousness.
9588	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9589	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9590	7/10/2012	more cutting of hours
9591	7/10/2012	I didn't know they were threatened. Possibly digital books.
9592	7/10/2012	I am not sure
9593	7/10/2012	Capitalism?
9594	7/10/2012	funding, I suppose; keeping up with changing technology and the ability to meet a wide range of needs among a diverse clientele
9595	7/10/2012	Constantly fighting funding issues. I don't know what I'd do without the library. It's sometimes my home away from home!
9596	7/10/2012	Taking them for granted!

9597	7/10/2012	Loss of focus by library budget coordinators - libraries are for books, research, etc. Do not get muddled down by unnecessary feel-good programs. And don't sweat not being open every single day.
9598	7/10/2012	Funding constraints due to compression.
9599	7/10/2012	Hours and materials being restricted due to budget to the point that people start to look for different ways of accessing materials.
9600	7/10/2012	theft
9601	7/10/2012	Failure of a large portion of the Voting population to use the Library and understand why they should make voting decision to maintain the system and keep it always there and available. 1. Not having up to date resources, materials and electronic infrastructure.[] 2. Open hours being cut.[]
9602	7/10/2012	[] I am willing to pay a tax, a levy or small usage fee or whatever, if need be, to achieve these goals. Under no circumstances do I ever want the library to close because of fiscal constraints like in Jackson County - just goes to show where the brains are with those back country rubes.
9603	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is that there won't be funding to keep them open. This seems a strange question.....E-books? Lack of funding? I do not know.[] []
9604	7/10/2012	Question 5, above, will provide misleading answers. If I could have, I would have said the most important thing is to have the library open 5-6 days a week and to close NONE of them. As the survey set-up forces a ranking, it appears I have less of a preference for the other programs listed when, in fact, I find them unnecessary. If a library has books to lend and access to reference material, I feel it is fulfilling its purpose. Some of these other "programs" are OK, but not necessary. Stable funding. I recently left the library as an employee after seven+ years. During which time I participated on several committees and task forces and contributed to the well being of my customers and fellow workers to the best of my ability. After already being forced to take an involuntary demotion, even after receiving two Roside nominations, and being told that if I did not take the demotion I would be put on a discipline plan, I was going to be bumped into a lower classification, to a different location with a new schedule, which would not have been conducive to raising a family as a recent single parent due to the recent death of my spouse. I invested a year and \$15,000 of my own money to pursue an MLS, what I thought would be a wonderful way to improve myself, both personally and professionally, as an MCL employee and during the last three years I only received a 3% COLA increase, yet my utilities and property taxes continued to increase. None of the upper management was affected during the recent cutbacks, except for those who opted to retire and some actually benefited from the situation. Having no competition for positions that should have been national recruitments. I also have a problem with a deputy director who not only does not have an MLS but has never 'worked' in a library, and who opts to live outside the County and as a result not subject to the same property taxes that the library keeps asking to increase.[]
9605	7/10/2012	I had never been treated as poorly as I had been as an employee of the library in any of my history of employment. Yes, I
9606	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.

9607	7/10/2012	closure
9608	7/10/2012	I'm not sure about this.
9609	7/10/2012	misuse of computers by children, etc.
9610	7/10/2012	Foolish people who don't want to pay taxes to keep them open.
9611	7/10/2012	Lack of access
9612	7/10/2012	Lack of interest which leads to lack of funding.
9613	7/10/2012	I don't know
9614	7/10/2012	Not sure.
9615	7/10/2012	When I go to the Library I do see some people on the computer appearing to hook up through free e-mail for drug deals and other illegal or immoral activity. I think this element is a threat to Families and young people that are there for overall education, enjoyment or research.
9616	7/10/2012	underfunding
9617	7/10/2012	the internet and ebooks - we want our hours back!
9618	7/10/2012	funding
9619	7/10/2012	zombies?
9620	7/10/2012	closures
9621	7/10/2012	Complete closure. Any part-time scenario is preferable to none.
9622	7/10/2012	A cultural move away from the importance of free books in the community.
9623	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9624	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
9625	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness of the myriad ways the library is of huge importance to so many different segments of our population.
9626	7/10/2012	Overspending
9627	7/10/2012	Underfunding
9628	7/10/2012	Waning interest in the written word and pages that physically turn. Budget cuts for funding and sustainability (which is sadly already happening).
9629	7/10/2012	Poor funding? Also the technology age: people use their media devices a lot (like kindles, etc) so keeping up with that.
9630	7/10/2012	Apathy. When people don't use the library, they stop seeing the importance of having a place that people can find knowledge and learning resources for free. For a democracy to thrive, these things must be available for free for all those who seek it.
9631	7/10/2012	I have no idea. Maybe the fact that there are so many? (do we need 19 library branches?)

9632	7/10/2012	People running Multnomah county and Portland. Spending money to build a government sanctioned crack house in China Town while they close down schools. Worrying about fishing when Libraries are closing their doors. Let's face it, this is just a ploy. In the end the county and the city will do what ever serves the politicians best interest. No one will actually read these surveys or take any of the advice in them. If they had been listening to taxpayers these last 6 years the Libraries would still be open. But that's fine go ahead and paint another bike lane, rename another street.
9633	7/10/2012	With 83% yes vote, wasn't a survey asking about increasing the assessment to \$1.22/k for full funding considered?
9634	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9635	7/10/2012	e-books
9636	7/10/2012	N/A
9637	7/10/2012	Funding.
9638	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
9639	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
9640	7/10/2012	Digitization of content - users may expect digital content online.
9641	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding, constant threats to reduce services.
9642	7/10/2012	Short-sightedness.
9643	7/10/2012	budget restraints
9644	7/10/2012	Well, it appears that budget constraints are a huge problem. That said, there certainly seems to be an enormous amount of community support for the system.
9645	7/10/2012	Program cuts. It does not matter if the library is open seven days a week if it does not provide the resources and draw for specific groups to use the facilities when open.
9646	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9647	7/10/2012	Funding shortages. For us the library is a high priority. We hope that the county will continue to see the library as a high priority.
9648	7/10/2012	If people feel overtaxed they will see the library as a luxury as has happened elsewhere and it will lose its general support. The city needs to stop wasting money on other programs and anticipating that there will always be support for libraries through more tax levies. Trying to create a new tax district will be a big mistake.
9649	7/10/2012	I don't know how our libraries are threatened.
9650	7/10/2012	People who don't use libraries and who don't want to pay for them is the biggest threat. There are many people who fail to understand the importance that if we all pay a little, that keeps the few from paying a lot, or worse, not having a great library system at all. Even though I don't use the library a lot I'm willing to pay more to keep libraries available for those who do.

9651	7/10/2012	I would say apathy towards printed material. Many think that the internet or kindles/android/ipad/nooks are all we need. I'm sure that many people think that libraries are "old fashioned" and unnecessary. But I think that it is SO, INCREDIBLY important for free unfettered uncensored access to information; it is one of the single biggest differences between an "open" society such as our own and a controlled society like, say, China or Iran. Libraries HAVE to stay open, in my opinion, because not everyone has access to the internet or to cheap/free books.
9652	7/10/2012	I think it is lack of action and also people don't realize what a great resource it is. ¶ I would like to see more librarians coming to visit classrooms regularly to introduce and remind students of what is possible for them. Also, students could share their interests for new programs. classroom visits really have an impact on my ESL/ENL students. They often simply do not know what is available to them and that they can have a voice in the community.¶ Students should also know about the library used book store, because many want to buy books, especially older dictionaries to save money, and they do not know about this resource either.¶ It's a really important freedom to maintain, because INFORMATION is available to all people--so it affects literacy, community involvement, personal growth in learning, EVERYTHING.
9653	7/10/2012	Local libraries need to stay local and dependent on the immediate communities they serve. Library services cannot be seen as immutable provisions. To stay viable under changing economic conditions, communities must take responsibility for the libraries and their services location by location. Instead of raising taxes, raise volunteering.
9654	7/10/2012	Budget cut. Misunderstanding that we don't need a library.
9655	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9656	7/10/2012	funding
9657	7/10/2012	funding
9658	7/10/2012	Reduced hours.
9659	7/10/2012	you run them, don't you know?
9660	7/10/2012	?? don't know, we've always loved our libraries and visited them regularly -- probably just underfunding!
9661	7/10/2012	Funding
9662	7/10/2012	Apathy. People don't realize what an important resource it is and how to use it.
9663	7/10/2012	none, strong support
9664	7/10/2012	Public apathy and lack of community involvement are the biggest threat to libraries.
9665	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Also, doing things that irritate the community the library needs to support it, like diminishing library hours immediately after voters have just shown support for the library on the ballot.
9666	7/10/2012	Less service for more money!

9667	7/10/2012	First, the biggest threat to local libraries is the library not keeping up with changes in media and usage for classic and new works. Electronic access to all media forms will allow reduced staffing needs and provide the material users want. Second, access to non-mainstream materials such as older titles and out of print titles in electronic format.
9668	7/10/2012	privatization this is a shared resource.. and needs to be spread over the total tax dollar..JUST LIKE POLICE, FIRE and PARKS
9669	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
9670	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding.
9671	7/10/2012	The American Mentality; greedy taxpayers, or better said, resistant taxpayers, who think saving money now means the future is not in jeopardy.
9672	7/10/2012	Technolgy
9673	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9674	7/10/2012	the economy, it seems, perhaps followed by abuse of privileges, and an unclear mission
9675	7/10/2012	I can only assume funding is the biggest threat. I do assume that educated and dedicated people will be consistently running this fine library system. Probably, the next threat to libraries is (and this obviously comes under "funding") is cutting programs. Better to have libraries closed one day per week, etc. than to cut any of its various programs.
9676	7/10/2012	Not sure. The community definitely seems to support the libraries but if you begin to cut hours and availability, you might lose that support. We also can't afford to keep increasing the amount of taxes when our schools are suffering. So perhaps, six days a week is the compromise for now.
9677	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the idea of "pulling back" programs at a time in history when we need to move forward. All students do not have access or availability to the things they need to pursue a life long interest in reading and learning. Libraries provide this. I cannot emphasize enough how strongly I feel the need for libraries to move forward.
9678	7/10/2012	republicans
9679	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I love libraries!
9680	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that force an essential resource for people to be reduced.
9681	7/10/2012	Wow, you are really trying to come up with stuff to use in the election campaign. I am voting in favor, but who wrote this poll?
9682	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9683	7/10/2012	funding issues
9684	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
9685	7/10/2012	not sure.
9686	7/10/2012	Local Government

9687	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I presume, reflected in the current shorter hours. Can't speak to acquisitions, but my branch has a regular selection of new books. Perhaps biggest threat is the notion that availability of media in other channels (Internet, pay services, ebooks etc.) supercedes the library, but I certainly don't look at commercial channels as a substitute. The library has a more complex mission, to provide accessibility to the whole community.
9688	7/10/2012	All of these budget cuts. There aren't very many people that would be willing to volunteer their time, but there are enough; however, with the budget cuts, we can't purchase new materials and that punishes the users.
9689	7/10/2012	Lack of money due to a stagnant economy (due to Washington politics)
9690	7/10/2012	Making them "unavailable" to the community. If libraries are not open regularly, I feel like their usage will decrease because they will not be a reliable resource.
9691	7/10/2012	Much like our public schools, the number of things our libraries are expected to do, and the number of services they are expected to provide vs. the voting public's perspective of those roles, the dissociation of the two, and what 'fully funding' means correspondingly are the problem. If the perception is that a library is a book and media repository, voters will choose to fund at one level regardless of services provided; if the awareness of all the library does is raised, hopefully so will a willingness to absorb taxation.
9692	7/10/2012	Money. But we still have the best library system anywhere.
9693	7/10/2012	Fox news
9694	7/10/2012	The incompetence and derangement of city government and its drain on county resources through excessive and inappropriate usage of the urban renewal mechanism. there was no reason to renew the Pearl urban renewal status, and PSU's is arguably an unwarranted mechanism for that school and for the city to pursue its untimely sustainability building and other agenda, which the legislature rightly refused at this time of economic depression. The revenue going into these two and to most of the other urban renewal projects is diverted, as you know, from other basic and urgent services, and the county coffers suffer as a massive direct/indirect drain on the services it provides. Another source that threatens all of us is the protracted refusal of every government branch in this state to deal with tax reform that alleviates the excessive burden of property tax. This becomes even more threatening as the population here and elsewhere ages and must live on fixed incomes, but other groups of people also suffer from the inability to gain reliable jobs with living wages. And so on....
9695	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
9696	7/10/2012	N/a
9697	7/10/2012	The recent levy vote, to me, showed that the public believes in supporting the libraries financially, by passing the only option on the ballot. I think that the decision to cut back hours immediately after a show of support from the public was a HUGE mistake. It feels like a slap in the face to the people paying the bills, and I believe it is the biggest threat to getting the public to support any further funding.

9698	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9699	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts
9700	7/10/2012	funding issues
9701	7/10/2012	electronics
9702	7/10/2012	people that steal services or materials
9703	7/10/2012	Probably funding cuts and also a disproportionate (to me) emphasis on computers.
9704	7/10/2012	Funding. Where else can you get a college education for \$1.65 in late fees?
9705	7/10/2012	Poor community outreach. Libraries seem useful mainly to low income citizens.
9706	7/10/2012	Availability of books. It seems that when I request a book, quite often a large portion of the ones that should be available are lost/stolen or otherwise unavailable for the waiting list.
9707	7/10/2012	Lack of funding...being shut down.
9708	7/10/2012	Lack of funding ...
9709	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
9710	7/10/2012	Funding is going to get harder to find. Perhaps something could be done to raise money in some other way.
9711	7/10/2012	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
9712	7/10/2012	Inconsistent/unpredictable hours. Every library should be open 7 days a week for the same number of hours-- as many as possible.
9713	7/10/2012	Lack of money. Lack of support. I'm honestly upset that we are at the 6-day week schedule again. That's one day that a lot of people could be there, working on their future, or learning, or simply being in a good safe place, and aren't. To have that closed on a weekly basis, that closed door is saying "the library isn't important enough for the city and the community." There are so many immigrant families in this neighborhood that benefit from our library. To see it closed gives the impression that it's not a priority within the budget and community's values. How awful.
9714	7/10/2012	Technology
9715	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I assume. The current trend towards e-books is helpful in some ways for accessibility to materials, but I think it will leave out the segment of the population who doesn't have access to e-readers. As a writer and reader, libraries are very important to me and I always vote yes on pro-library measures.
9716	7/10/2012	A lack of understanding of the enormous community-based value that libraries provide self-reliant and self-motivated children and adults -- to learn, to advance economically, and to be entertained and enlightened. Libraries are a community's best and most consistent gift to itself - a literary refuge, a broad base of knowledge, and a tangible alternative to consumer arts, music, culture and education. [] [] Libraries should exist throughout the city in abundance and open as many hours as possible.

9717	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is alleviated services dedicated to helping out the local community; for example, use of computers for job search and activities designed to help children read. budget cuts and not enough volunteers □
9718	7/10/2012	Why do we need so many librarians when we have updated the check out process to be more efficient? If they are volunteering that's one thing I hope we aren't paying them to stare at us to use the automated check out booths. I'm not sure about other branches but Belmont doesn't need so many librarians. I'd rather cut the number of librarians we have than to close the library. Public libraries are an astounding resource fighting the gravity of a population who increasingly finds what a library provides, available in their home whenever they want it. □ □
9719	7/10/2012	For me, the traditional attraction of a library is lessened when transient persons choose to spend their days availing themselves of the library's facilities. It squanders the work of many generations who wanted our library to be an outstanding learning resource for everyone.
9720	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding/support; lack of community support
9721	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
9722	7/10/2012	Idiocy and the internet. Mostly politicians who don't realize that education and community support are vital to keeping the community functioning.
9723	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, I would think
9724	7/10/2012	Lack of hours and current resources.
9725	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9726	7/10/2012	I don't see any other than lack of funding.
9727	7/10/2012	Funding when general population is unaware of services and their importance
9728	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9729	7/10/2012	People not willing to pay a little more to keep the libraries open.
9730	7/10/2012	Funding challenges.
9731	7/10/2012	lack of funding - of course!
9732	7/10/2012	For me it is my busy schedule. Now that I am working more I don't have much time to go to the library. When I was home with my baby we had the time to go every week. Lack of funding, and the lack of information that people have about their local libraries. I feel like so many people are surprised when I tell them that I have checked out a movie from the library or used internet there. They don't know what it has to offer.
9733	7/10/2012	ignorant electorate
9735	7/10/2012	Conservative agenda.
9736	7/10/2012	Clearly, lack of funding.

9737	7/10/2012	Libraries need to think outside the box. Libraries need to find ways to deal with 'the baby sitting' problem. Libraries need more books, especially e-books. The biggest threat to local libraries is funding.
9738	7/10/2012	internet - e-readers
9739	7/10/2012	loss of access hours
9740	7/10/2012	That's a good question. To be honest, I'm not sure. One threat I can think of is that those of a poverty mind-set who are not fond of reading, do not every take their kids to read. They are the houses that when I take food baskets in our district for Christmas programs DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE BOOK IN THEIR HOUSE, except school text books. My average student has 1-5 books in their house that they own. I can't image the horror of not having books in every room.
9741	7/10/2012	closing or cutting hours is an issue in our society today that will decay our democracy and the library is one of this vital place where the public can go and learn about his world and government. the fall of past civilizations seems to come through our ignorance and lack of inquiring into our and this ignorance will manifested into illiteracy and lack of participation in our democracy. it is not only a threat to our libraries but to our society, democracy, country and the planet.
9742	7/10/2012	Taxpayers believing that Library Functions are not important...Bond Issues Failing
9743	7/10/2012	budget cuts.
9744	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
9745	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
9746	7/10/2012	no funding
9747	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9748	7/10/2012	lack of funding and a lack of understanding about what the library provides.
9749	7/10/2012	Budget cuts!
9750	7/10/2012	Tax revenue funneled to streetcars, police and other boondoggles.
9751	7/10/2012	proper funding
9752	7/10/2012	Reduced access to free public library services due to lack of funding
9753	7/10/2012	funding
9754	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
9755	7/10/2012	e-books and financing
9756	7/10/2012	Closures and reduced services.
9757	7/10/2012	apathy
9758	7/10/2012	Funding and the internet.
9759	7/10/2012	Voters not realizing what an incredibly valuable resource they'd lose if the libraries were to be severely cut-back (thank goodness the levy was renewed with overwhelming support).
9760	7/10/2012	Misuse of funding
9761	7/10/2012	under funding
9762	7/10/2012	I don't really know.

9763	7/10/2012	Lack of financial support
9764	7/10/2012	Trying to be too many things to too many people.
9765	7/10/2012	Ignorance about the importance of equitable access to information, training, literacy, and the internet in our community, meaning that libraries play a monumental role in supporting the education and upward mobility of lower or limited income individuals, but folks that don't normally go to the library don't realize that when they vote to keep their taxes lower or not support bond measures. I also suspect that libraries might not be at the top of the priority list of county programs, though I think it should be per the cost benefit to county residents.
9766	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding
9767	7/10/2012	Funding and the use of those funds. I notice that there is a lot of funding coming in to libraries. We need to understand that we won't always have that money. It is important to save when times are good so we don't suffer when times are bad. As we have all seen, times are bad, but if we had saved our pennies when times were good, we wouldn't be in this mess
9768	7/10/2012	Limited acces and/or materials.
9769	7/10/2012	Lack of money. If our local government knew how to properly budget I think we wouldn't be in such a mess.
9770	7/10/2012	Not getting new material as it comes out.
9771	7/10/2012	Keep passing/renewing bonds and getting less and less services.
9772	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep our libraries open with appropriate staffing.
9773	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, at the moment. I am concerned about newspaper editorials implying that the library measure may "lose out" to the planning school levy next November. We need BOTH - but the schools really need a lot more help from the state. Our libraries have picked up many services that used to be provided by the schools, and I think that should be stressed if both issues do go onto the same ballot. ¶ ¶ In the long term, the challenge will be to keep abreast of electronic means of providing information as well as continuing to provide traditional media. Again, this will require funding.
9774	7/10/2012	Not maintaining programming that keeps libraries a focal community place. If we allow ourselves to maintain long hours but do not have meaningful programming while open, then the space becomes less useful and thus less used. Opening later in the day and having one day closed are effective means of maintaining programming while consciously responding to the budgetting needs for our libraries.
9775	7/10/2012	Lack of funding causing reductions in hours open, reductions in staffing, & materials being dated, limited, or not replaced when necessary.

		The cultural shift in how people read for pleasure and for purpose.
9776	7/10/2012	As computers and internet connections become ubiquitous in middle class homes, there will be less and less interest to support what will become regarded as antiquated institutions, unless the case is made that libraries are here to serve all members of the community.
9777	7/10/2012	Not qualifies to answer that
9778	7/10/2012	Funding
9779	7/10/2012	Being overwhelmed by illegal immigrants who use up resources, take up space, and monopolize computer terminals so tax paying citizens are unable to use the services.
9780	7/10/2012	inability to fund them properly
9781	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9782	7/10/2012	idk
9783	7/10/2012	Lack of fundjng
9784	7/10/2012	Stable funding.
9785	7/10/2012	Digital conversion of media. If everything goes digital, then why do we need so many local libraries? I don't see this as a bad thing, but an evolution of the way print media is going.
9786	7/10/2012	PERS funding
9787	7/10/2012	economy
9788	7/10/2012	People can't afford more and more taxing. I already lose nearly 1/3 of my income to taxes. Now that stupid obamacare will require me to spend yet more i can't afford. I love libraries, but i have bills to pay.
9789	7/10/2012	The economy as it currently stands and looks to stand under the current administration. If the community continues to suffer economically difficult times, then the funding base, ie. taxpayer's ability to pay their property and other taxes will continue to erode. Hence, the funding for the local libraries will continue to be threatened.
9790	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is not being able to keep up with technology. Information is so available, the library has to keep up.

		your rankings above are meaningless and don't reflect my opinion.[] [] how do you expect people to support locked buildings? if you're going to close at 5 p.m. no one with a day job can use the place. i was at woodstock saturday at 5 with two other people admiring the locked door.[] []
9791	7/10/2012	I'm 58; when I was young one subscribed to library service (paid for a card in order to check out materials, otherwise public.) If i got a letter REQUESTING a suggested donation (not even requiring it) i would probably contribute if it meant longer hours. i'm pretty poor and poor people need you more than anyone else. [] [] the biggest threat to libraries is their lack of visibility and the erosion of our rights to fair use under the DMCA.
9792	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
9793	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
9794	7/10/2012	funding
9795	7/10/2012	\$\$\$
9796	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9797	7/10/2012	Apparently funding
9798	7/10/2012	unstable funding
9799	7/10/2012	Funding (of course) and also a change in the way people are reading books and finding information (e.g. internet or ebooks).
9800	7/10/2012	Lack of stable and adequate funding.
9801	7/10/2012	The collapsing tax base.
9802	7/10/2012	Being unable to constantly update materials with the newest media/books.
9803	7/10/2012	People not understanding that being able to read, analyze, and write, are essential skills for teens and adults.
9804	7/10/2012	Poor planning and overspending
9805	7/10/2012	apathy
9806	7/10/2012	I'm thinking Mold. If mold gets in or on the books, they will be no good. Seriously!
9807	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts as well as online resources. People are less likely to come to the library when they have google or netflix, even Itunes. reduction hours[]
9808	7/10/2012	inconvenient closure days
9809	7/10/2012	Funding

		Quite obviously, by the presence of this survey, I would be obliged to say funding.[] []
9810	7/10/2012	However, I also am of the belief that disinterest is an enormous threat. Standing behind the reasoning of figures such as Andrew Carneige, libraries are important, and offer huge possibilities for inividuals to amass knowledge. Libraries, in modern times, also provide huge opportunities to involve children, senior citizens, etc. If the libraries are open less, people come less, and forget why they went. Staying open should be priority number 1, as without patronage, libraries deteriorate. the only way to have patronage is to be open (no duh, right?).
9811	7/10/2012	Apart from prying eyes, which you do very well at keeping them at bay, I think ebooks are a real threat. I do not have a system to view them and, even if I did, I would still want to take actual books out. Guess I'm old (62) but I can go with both, but
9812	7/10/2012	The current educational system.
9813	7/10/2012	not staying current; falling into disuse; funding sources that are not stable and sustainable
9814	7/10/2012	The lack of funding which limits access to materials and resources. lack of funding.[] []
9815	7/10/2012	miseducation.[] [] Need an informed citizenry.
9816	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is failure to fully fund libraries.
9817	7/10/2012	It would appear to be lack of funding for operational functions. I've no idea.[]
9818	7/10/2012	I hope that the Portland library system will continue to offer such an outstanding service to our community. Our library system is one of the reasons I love (and live in) Portland. :)
9819	7/10/2012	Misappropriation of funds is the biggest threat to our local libraries. Government must realise that a drone population is not as beneficial to itself as it seems to believe. It's Reganomics in reverse :) : well informed citizens will grow from the ground up, to make a stronger, healthier, safer and wealthier society. It is in the best interest of governing bodies to keep their citizens informed rather than the priority focus being on entertaining them into a dull stupor.
9820	7/10/2012	People who don't know what a great resource libraries are and therefore don't see how useful they can be. Funding is always an issue for any public benefit/service but educating our population needs to be a priority. Libraries play a large par in that!

9821	7/10/2012	It is hard to choose what is the most important. They are all almost equally important. Although I would love for the library to be open any time I want to go, I think that the resources it offers are far more important than how many hours a week it is open. I think the biggest threat would be to limit the new materials coming in. Having kids, I also feel that it would be a huge threat to cut the programs available to them. The story times are not only getting kids excited about reading from the very beginning, but they can be a life saver for new parents needing to get out of the house and socialize and get to know other new parents. Seven years after going to my first story time, we are still seeing families periodically that we met at story time. Now that my kids are school age, the summer reading program is really making them motivated to read.
9822	7/10/2012	apathy and ignorance
9823	7/10/2012	Not being properly funded
9824	7/10/2012	Funding.
9825	7/10/2012	Closure
9826	7/10/2012	Nothing, open 6 days a week is good.
9827	7/10/2012	Apparently budget restrictions. The Portland libraries are wonderful and a very important resource to my sample of the community.
9828	7/10/2012	computer access to information and books
9829	7/10/2012	Funding is the biggest threat, and certainly the services being cut are going to have an impact on students who frequent the library to supplement materials needed for assignments.
9830	7/10/2012	Frankly as a person who does work the M-F work schedule, my family would much prefer having shorter hours during the work week, so that the library could be open more on weekends, or stay open til at least 6pm.
9831	7/10/2012	Funding
9832	7/10/2012	The internet
9833	7/10/2012	Not being open every day.
9834	7/10/2012	Funding, maybe. Shortened hours might cause usage to drop since folks not find it as convenient.
9835	7/10/2012	I am not sure, but new materials is very important to us since we get all of our movies, workout videos, books, magazines, dvds, etc. from the library.
9836	7/10/2012	Lack of relevant/current books, overcrowding, gross people
9837	7/10/2012	Too much money for bike lanes instead of libraries & parks
9838	7/10/2012	The biggest threats I see are eBook publishers and funding cuts. eBooks should be treated like any physical book; that is, there should be no limits on how many times an eBook can be borrowed and the use license should be at least ten years. Corporate publishers of eBooks are greedy, and they're using libraries to leech tax dollars. New media is huge and growing incredibly fast. The tight control publishers seem to be exerting over eBooks is ridiculous, and when you throw funding cutbacks into the mix, a dangerous scenario is created.

9839	7/10/2012	I feel like people who don't use the library have no idea about all the amazing things the library does. It is these people who are reluctant to fund libraries. I wish people would realize that in times of economic hardship, a well-funded library can offer a real helping hand to everybody.
9840	7/10/2012	A reduced tax base and the need to spend taxes elsewhere, such as fire and mental health services. Also a lack of focus on education and literacy in general.
9841	7/10/2012	"Ignorance" of voters who do not use (maybe have never used) the library, and have no understanding of the importance to people who do not have home access to computers, or think they can find ANYTHING via computer, so libraries are outdated. Such a sad, sad way to think. [] I have a computer, but the local library is more important to me!!
9842	7/10/2012	Funding!!!! Budget cuts and closing opening hours. In today's economy people might have to rely on internet access at the library and other resources as they can't afford it at home.
9843	7/10/2012	Not enough use because of limited hours.
9844	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I would like to see some money set aside for advertizing the importance of have a local library. It accessible to all, young, old, rich and poor. Perhaps one could reach out to the community for colunteer work, ie stacking shelves, reading to kids, helping kids that need tutoring in all subjects.
9845	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9846	7/10/2012	e books
9847	7/10/2012	liberalism
9848	7/10/2012	Funding
9849	7/10/2012	funding cuts, meaning less hours
9850	7/10/2012	budget issues
9851	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of technology because of lack of funding....
9852	7/10/2012	rising costs leading to curtailment of library services
9853	7/10/2012	Privacy then funding
9854	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9855	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9856	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to remain open every day.
9857	7/10/2012	Underfunding due to the ridiculous idea that taxes are always wrong
9858	7/10/2012	lack of money I guess
9859	7/10/2012	People not having access,especially on days off. I would like to see. Livery open 7 days a week, with shortr hours. After dinner sees little use, from what I have experienced, so perhaps shorter days with one late night?

9860	7/10/2012	A lack of people's knowledge of how useful and awesome they can be. Many people don't seem to realize how great of a resource they are. I wish there was more emphasis on libraries in schools, to not only get kids, people, and families excited about reading, but also the sheer amount of information they can access.
9861	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding. The library is one of the very few tax supported activities that represents actual great value for the dollars.
9862	7/10/2012	To costly - over taxing those individuals that actually pay taxes. we could use less libraries.
9863	7/10/2012	Budget cuts!!
9864	7/10/2012	The idea that they are necessary. They aren't. In fact, the necessity of a library is going the same direction as Encyclopedia Brittanica. The services offered need to be tailored down to those things that are needed. Movies...not needed...resources for job seekers??? are you kidding me. Story hour for babies...flush it, not needed. English language learners...you mean illegal aliens...can it. Computer classes..not a library function, drop it.[] [] By offering everything to everyone, some of it exceedingly mediocre, you have over-reached and are thereby risking losing it all.
9865	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. I don't really follow the news much. I guess decreased funding.
9866	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and closures
9867	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
9868	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts
9869	7/10/2012	People who can't read!
9870	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding. The internet
9871	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
9872	7/10/2012	Lack of budget
9873	7/10/2012	When budget decisions are made by politicians that threaten the library
9874	7/10/2012	not allowing children/ young adults access to information 7 days a week for school, work, pleasure and a peaceful place to visit
9875	7/10/2012	noise. Libraries used to be quiet places. Not anymore it seems :(
9876	7/10/2012	budget cuts I think that losing local support is the biggest threat. The public is generally very supportive of MCL, which is demonstrated by the voters continuing to approve funding measures. [] []
9877	7/10/2012	I'm concerned that closing all of the libraries on Mondays may have been a poor choice: perhaps staggering the closed day or choosing a different day--so many other institutions are already closed on Mondays, and a lot of parents, myself included, love to count on library time on Mondays!
9878	7/10/2012	I guess it would be people undervaluing them, and not supporting funding proposals.

9879	7/10/2012	<p>It appears to be funding. We seem to go back and forth between the libraries being open all the time, to shorter hours and fewer days, and back again.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Next to public schools, I think public libraries are the most important institutions in a community. They provide a wide range of services to people of all ages. They are a treasure that should be treated as such!</p>
9880	7/10/2012	<p>Access is critical. I would be more likely to vote for the school bond though.</p>
9881	7/10/2012	<p>Not being available for the people who need them most. They fulfill an important need, so it's important to make sure the resources they provide (librarians, books, computers, programs, etc) are available.</p>
9882	7/10/2012	<p>Closing, lack of funding and understanding how vital, and integral, public libraries are to our communities. In my opinion access to public libraries is one of the greatest privileges in our country, and one of the few opportunities available to all, whether one if employed, unemployed, for all ages, poor, wealthy or on the street.</p>
9883	7/10/2012	<p>lack of funding</p>
9884	7/10/2012	<p>Functional illiteracy. People who can't or won't read will not value and therefor fund libraries.</p>
9885	7/10/2012	<p>The threats are (a) the e-book craze (and related technological changes), which is moving toward destroying what paltry amounts of collective cultural literacy this society has managed to attain; and (b) moronic voters who won't bother imagining anything beyond sitting on their asses and whining about taxes and "big" government.</p>
9886	7/10/2012	<p>The easy acces to information through home and mobile digital delivery. Libraries have become antiquated.</p>
9887	7/10/2012	<p>Inadequate funding! Lacking of funding has already resulted in reduced service hours. For now, it's just Monday but if an unfortunate decision on the part of the Commission is made to not allow Multnomah County voters an opportunity to say yea or nay to a library district the hours of operation will by necessity continue to degrade resulting in frustration as to when a specific library is open and inconsistencies in programs such as story hours, reductions in keeping the collection current, general services such as interlibrary loan deliveries, keeping computer equipment up to date, etc.</p>
9888	7/10/2012	<p>Funding.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>How the Multnomah Library System, publishers, and society handle the transition to more electronic forms of media and entertainment. By the way, I get a lot of use out of your e-books and mp3 audio books.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Younger generations reading less.</p>
9889	7/10/2012	<p>People not using the libraries, so more and more cuts and closures are made.</p>

9890	7/10/2012	If everything were available online, it may seem not necessary to physically travel to that place where there exists communal curiosity and institutional support.
9891	7/10/2012	Well, I doubt I can add anything to the discussion that you haven't already considered but it seems to me the widespread access to home and mobile internet is the biggest threat. The library is no longer the information resource it once was and if I, say, just need a place to sit down and get some work/reading done, I can just as easily visit a coffee shop with my laptop and have an experience comparable to that of visiting the library. It seems to me that the library's unique offering (aside from providing internet access to those that don't already have it or books/DVD's to those that can't afford to buy/rent/watch from their computer) is the presence of actual people - helpful librarians, interesting lectures with Q & A, community activities - it seems that the library's forum for community discourse is its best strategy for dealing with the threat of widespread internet access.
9892	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
9893	7/10/2012	Not enough funding and support
9894	7/10/2012	people who don't want to pay taxes
9895	7/10/2012	The BIG school Bond
9896	7/10/2012	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
9897	7/10/2012	Lack of grant funding for programs.
9898	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9899	7/10/2012	???
9900	7/10/2012	lack of appropriate funding
9901	7/10/2012	Stupid decisions made by the board. They are only threatened if you continue to ask for more money.
9902	7/10/2012	The public indifference to the value of this resource. Decline of literaccy among the masses
9903	7/10/2012	Lack of appropriate use - people using the computers to play Farmville rather than conducting research or reading for pleasure.
9904	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
9905	7/10/2012	Taxes and passing costs onto home owners in those localities[] Reduction in hours forcing closure days
9906	7/10/2012	fear
9907	7/10/2012	lack of funding and zombies
9908	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9909	7/10/2012	Our young people who have not learned to read properly, so they don't use our library system. Every year more and more of our young people are dropping out of school, reading does not seem to be very important.
9910	7/10/2012	Financing
9911	7/10/2012	The enormous salaries and benefit including retirement packages the administrators (NB Vailey Oehlke) and staff receive.

9912	7/10/2012	cutting of funds i'm guessing or lack of resources
9913	7/10/2012	Conservatism.
9914	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9915	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
9916	7/10/2012	Insufficient funds.
9917	7/10/2012	Internet
9918	7/10/2012	Costing too much for the homeowner to support.
9919	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
9920	7/10/2012	loss of funding
9921	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9922	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9923	7/10/2012	Being of value!
9924	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and fewer people reading books.
9925	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to be able to buy new materials and keep the hours open so that people are able to find books and access computers. Perhaps cutting down on higher administration levels could move some of the funding around.
9926	7/10/2012	censure
9927	7/10/2012	Threat? These questions are worded weird. But when new books come out our libraries should have them immediately, such as "50 shades of Grey"
9928	7/10/2012	Budget?
9929	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support in the community.
9930	7/10/2012	As with everything these days, lack of budget money.
9931	7/10/2012	Hours cut
9932	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; material availability; online resources drawing away public interest; conflicting priorities for limited community funds between other services (ie: schools, roads, social programs)
9933	7/10/2012	Apathy?
9934	7/10/2012	Being used as day shelter for homeless or non busy adults--scares young children or frail individuals who are safety aware.
9935	7/10/2012	ANYONE WHO THINKS A LIBRARY SHOULD BE DEFUNDED. I volunteer in a elementary school library every year and the biggest threat to all libraries is the mistreatment of materials
9936	7/10/2012	and the failure to return items that have been checked out. There is just not enough money to keep replacing items damaged or not returned.
9937	7/10/2012	I would have to say not enough funding for them.
9938	7/10/2012	Lack of relevance. I practically lived in the Library as a child. Today why would I, whether as an adult or child, go to the library? I can download a vast variety of books from the Internet for free or close to free. I can get a world of reference materials on my computer. While I love the nostalgia of a library, they are now dinosaurs that should be left to extinction.

9939	7/10/2012	Funding.
9940	7/10/2012	not enough revenue to support them adequately
9941	7/10/2012	Funding.
9942	7/10/2012	budget cuts
9943	7/10/2012	Funding, certainly not lack of patrons.
9944	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9945	7/10/2012	E-books.
9946	7/10/2012	funding, then electronic distribution of books and media.
9947	7/10/2012	Low property values
9948	7/10/2012	funding
9949	7/10/2012	On-line books.
9950	7/10/2012	Increasing costs to maintain services.
9951	7/10/2012	Short-sighted politicians.
9952	7/10/2012	Funding.
9953	7/10/2012	None
9954	7/10/2012	Abusers of the computer and Internet users..
9955	7/10/2012	General lack of concern or recognition about what a great resource our libraries are - I like the bus stop posters with children who use the library on them.
9956	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
9957	7/10/2012	Commercialization of the resources that libraries provide. Also, forcing libraries to pay renewal fees and for their materials.
9958	7/10/2012	It seems to be lack of funding
9959	7/10/2012	Poor handling of funds on the federal level which leaves our states in a lurch.
9960	7/10/2012	Funding.
9961	7/10/2012	Since I view a "library" as a cute little anachronism that no longer has its place in the 21st century... and since I'm sick and tired of paying for everybody else, I say "Shut It Down!"
9962	7/10/2012	There are so many necessary services that tax dollars pay for, but sometimes it seems that libraries fall too far down on the list of necessities.
9963	7/10/2012	Our Television- and YouTube-watching culture?

		the lack of funding, they need to start collecting for over due books. When my account has \$20+ that I owe I always pay it off. I was once asked by a librarian if I just wanted to pay a dollar, I thought that was weird, you should have people with more than \$10 pay \$1 to check out books and people with \$20 pay \$2 etc.[] example:[]
9964	7/10/2012	owes \$10+ pays \$1 in order to check out books[] owes \$20+ pays \$2[] owes \$30+ pays \$3[] the larger the amount the larger the minimum payment should be.[] People need to take responsibilities for their lack of discipline.
9965	7/10/2012	Capitalism. Seriously, the economic system is a huge threat because policies are created with a priority on creating revenue rather than sustaining public service, education, and equal opportunities.
9966	7/10/2012	I think we need a vibrant staff to engage readers, especially young readers. When I once visited Kenton library, I was pleasantly surprised to have an enthusiastic librarian welcome me personally and guide me in the right direction. She had a following of teenagers, and was clearly very popular among patrons. I worry about libraries losing this kind of connection with the community if computers replace this sort of interaction or if librarians' roles change (less reaching out to community) due to staff/time shortage.
9967	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that target vital needed programs like the library instead of really addressing the real issues of fraud and waste in other areas of government and E-books, but with many being available to check ebooks out from the library helps quite a bit.
9968	7/10/2012	lack of funding
9969	7/10/2012	lack of funding. republican idiots.
9970	7/10/2012	??
9971	7/10/2012	Shrinking budgets
9972	7/10/2012	Kindle and other e-readers.
9973	7/10/2012	Funding
9974	7/10/2012	E-books and computer access away from the library.
9975	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
9976	7/10/2012	loss of funding, loss of LITERACY!
9977	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
9978	7/10/2012	Misconception of the library's functions and benefits. Public relations could focus on the quality of our libraries and their staffs, and Multnomah County Library system's ranking in the U.S. (I believe it is 2nd, behind only NYC).
9979	7/10/2012	The misuse of the computers. Block all inappropriate sites. Keep the undesirables out of the library.
9980	7/10/2012	lack of funding. closing. not enough materials: books, audio books, magazines

9981	7/10/2012	Apathy by the public and pressure to cut everything across the board (in other words, dodging the hard choices or standing up to the vocal minority and apathetic) on the weaker politicians.
9982	7/10/2012	I suppose it's funding.
9983	7/10/2012	Dirty bums hanging around the Central library and making disgusting filth around the building are encouraged by churches who feed them, without enforcing any rehabilitation. Their behavior is tolerated and they are given more voice by government than taxpaying citizens. Bums choose that lifestyle and have zero consequences for their choice. They are a problem for families with children who use the library. I realize the library can't tell them not to use the building, but the city should be pushed to get rid of them.
9984	7/10/2012	Eroding tax base.
9985	7/10/2012	Funding and underappreciation
9986	7/10/2012	funding
9987	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
9988	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
9989	7/10/2012	Those who do not use them! I value my library immensely, but I feel that others who have not discovered its treasures do not hold the same value for it.
9990	7/10/2012	People don't read books anymore! Get their reading material electronically.
9991	7/10/2012	The people making the decisions about service priorities. I can't believe they would cut hours after successfully passing a levy!
9992	7/10/2012	lack of community outreach
9993	7/10/2012	Cut backs in funding
9994	7/10/2012	funding
9995	7/10/2012	closing local branches
9996	7/10/2012	funding.....
9997	7/10/2012	Lack of support by the government leaders who seem to think they can short change the library because there will always be another levy to vote in. We seem to be taxed multiple times for library services just because we use the libraries and value them.
9998	7/10/2012	people not reading and giving up on one of the few available public spaces.
9999	7/10/2012	Mismanagement of resources.
10000	7/10/2012	People who have yet to realize that reading is a most necessary step toward continuing and never ending personal growth.
10001	7/10/2012	apathetic people
10002	7/10/2012	budget cuts
10003	7/10/2012	Further cutbacks in hours and services, The public is using the libraries, and I am impressed with the remodeling. There is a lack of understanding about it is easier to fund building and Library building, and now fund more money for staff.

10004	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the possibility that community residents may not always realize how important and valuable the library system is, and the many ways it contributes to our quality of life and helps disadvantaged people lift themselves up and improve their lives. Unless residents appreciate the value to their communities, there will be pressure to cut costs and services, endangering the health of the library system.
10005	7/10/2012	It seems like the gradual decrease of funding to programs like libraries is going to continue on the federal level, so prioritizing on other levels is key.
10006	7/10/2012	The massive availability of information on the internet, Kindle and Nook options, and for me, personally, the unwillingness to restrict access to adult sites via the Library's computers. What kind of logic is it that has no problem restricting physical access to strip clubs, adult bookstores, and nightclubs, but resists any effort to restrict access to porn sites or sites clearly designed to cater to sexual interests in a public environment open to minors and children?
10007	7/10/2012	Not enough funding for programs like storytime for parents/providerz and children as well as for Seniors.
10008	7/10/2012	Apparently, funding shortages.
10009	7/10/2012	Electronic media and how the Library is able to keep up with the tech.
10010	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
10011	7/10/2012	Public apathy
10012	7/10/2012	fear of taxes
10013	7/10/2012	Funding I would guess
10014	7/10/2012	Local government not understanding the importance to the community.
10015	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10016	7/10/2012	A general lack of funding and a disdain among people of my age group regarding the importance of such a facility.
10017	7/10/2012	Corporate greed
10018	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding
10019	7/10/2012	Funding to keep them open. Even with the internet and easy access to information books hold so much value. Other services around community building and equity are at risk.
10020	7/10/2012	A public that doesn't want to be taxed and doesn't understand what taxes are for A public that seeks to end government spending A public that does not believe in the public sphere A public that does not think that public workers should be paid a livable wage People who don't value reading or education
10021	7/10/2012	Young people not becoming passionate readers and thinking that if they google something on the Internet they are doing comprehensive research. Young people lacking a conceptual framework for analyzing problems and situations. Lack of awareness what can be found in libraries.
10022	7/10/2012	That they won't be open when the public clearly needs it.

10023	7/10/2012	The misconception that a library is just a building that houses books. Many people think that books are a dead medium and that since "everything is online" (it is NOT) that we don't need libraries any more.
10024	7/10/2012	I don't think people realize what a great resource libraries are until they're not available anymore. Also, I'm not sure if most people are aware of all of the resources that libraries have to offer.
10025	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is the biggest threat not patronage by citizens, it is an important social institution.
10026	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is apparently a big threat, although I've been going to libraries for sixty years and funding hasn't been a problem. The way libraries have been funded in the past should still be in place. If it isn't, that would be the threat. I don't know of any other threats.
10027	7/10/2012	The narrow sighted picking of subject books by librarians who have only their view of what the public should and would read
10028	7/10/2012	Population growth.
10029	7/10/2012	Lack of interest. Many people never go to a library and thus have no understanding of what libraries can do.
10030	7/10/2012	Sounds like it's funding. Library is doing a great job of keeping up with modern users (ie technology).
10031	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
10032	7/10/2012	President Romney
10033	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
10034	7/10/2012	Budgetary hits and diminished access hours
10035	7/10/2012	Politicians not having enough balls to press for a tax that not only sustains our libraries, but lets them grow.
10036	7/10/2012	e-books.
10037	7/10/2012	not enough funding
10038	7/10/2012	Funding
10039	7/10/2012	Funding and wanting to convert to electronic books. KEEP THE BOOKS!!!
10040	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10041	7/10/2012	Don't know.
10042	7/10/2012	I would imagine funding.
10043	7/10/2012	Lack of financial resources
10044	7/10/2012	Funding and digital media. People not finding the value in the library because there is access to so much information online. However, not everyone has online access or an understanding of how to use digital media so the library resources are important to many.
10045	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I think our libraries are fantastic, and all our librarians do a fantastic job.
10046	7/10/2012	funding
10047	7/10/2012	Video Games, facebook
10048	7/10/2012	not enough days open

10049	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; federal taxes used for war-purposes and defunding of what should actually be funded: development both at home and abroad
10050	7/10/2012	lack of permanent funding
10051	7/10/2012	Availability of materials and social interaction opportunities online.
10052	7/10/2012	People who don't use them and don't see the need to fund them. People who watch television and use their computers as opposed to real life.
10053	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. We have always voted for the library funding bills and levies.
10054	7/10/2012	Public complacency over funding
10055	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
10056	7/10/2012	funding
10057	7/10/2012	I guess \$\$\$. We have two young children, and suddenly the library pleas are starting to sound awfully similar to the PPS school district. We always vote for the lib. levies, but lately it seems that we vote to save hours, etc., and they get cut anyway. That's like PPS, and we have stopped voting for their levies because the boy is always crying wolf. The best thing the lib. can do is put the library district up for vote, make sure it's enough \$, and, if it passes, offer the services promised without constantly coming back for more. The biggest threat to our local libraries is if they should close completely.[] []
10058	7/10/2012	THE ABOE NUMBERS DO NOT APPLY. I COULDN'T MAKE THEM WORK. [] LP IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME. [] ALL LIBRARIES OPEN AT LEAST 6 DAYS A WK.
10059	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10060	7/10/2012	Budget. Also, you can't do everything for everyone. I would also cut back people's use of the computer to include a limit of 5 or 6 hrs a week to minimize over use.
10061	7/10/2012	Politicians lack of creative vision for our libraries!!!! Bureaucratic gibberish rather than seeing the importance of the local library in the community to young and old. Closing libraries or shortening hours is like closing a school. It shouldn't ever be considered as a choice!!!
10062	7/10/2012	cutting funds
10063	7/10/2012	Online bookstores.
10064	7/10/2012	Poor funding?
10065	7/10/2012	E-readers.
10066	7/10/2012	Probably Earthquakes, then Tsunami (but that is small), maybe, and this is a long shot, Mt Hood erupting.[] [] "Threat" ? Kind of a tendentious question.
10067	7/10/2012	homeless people camping out in and around library, particularly Hollywood branch
10068	7/10/2012	Windstorms

10069	7/10/2012	lack of funds
10070	7/10/2012	Greedy self-serving politicians and government agencies, and homeless people that have hygiene issues that stink out the library and scare the children there.
10071	7/10/2012	So many I'm not sure.
10072	7/10/2012	getting rid of some libraries
10073	7/10/2012	I presume the biggest threat is funding, undervaluation of the services and a lack of interest/effort required to enjoy. I've heard friends talk about the great benefit of the e-book check-out which I think is an excellent effort by the library system to keep up and stay relevant with technological and cultural shifts.
10074	7/10/2012	The continual defunding of our public institutions by ignorant anti-tax groups and their ballot measures.
10075	7/10/2012	Purging research material from the collection is, I believe, the major threat to the most important function of the library.
10076	7/10/2012	being inaccessible to those who need it most.
10077	7/10/2012	The theft
10078	7/10/2012	Funding and people not knowing what services the library has to offer.
10079	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10080	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10081	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10082	7/10/2012	funding. e readers. people reading online or not reading at all any more
10083	7/10/2012	The right wing.
10084	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10085	7/10/2012	Not enough money
10086	7/10/2012	Losing more funding
10087	7/10/2012	you know more than me - funding?
10088	7/10/2012	a lot of people stay away from Central Library because it sometimes feels like a bus depot in there.
10089	7/10/2012	not being available to us
10090	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and perhaps electronic book readers
10091	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10092	7/10/2012	lack of funding to continue to keep this community resource as vital and accessible as it has been
10093	7/10/2012	Valuable books being relegated to the dustbin
10094	7/10/2012	None
10095	7/10/2012	Poor unreliable funding.
10096	7/10/2012	short term thinking leading to cutting hours and/or services offered; in addition to books, our local libraries serve a vital purpose providing access to information and knowledge [via books, publications, web access] - cutting that vital access will seriously degrade quality of life for our citizens.

10097	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
10098	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10099	7/10/2012	Electronic book companies that don't allow libraries access to their books.
10100	7/10/2012	Administrators loosing focus of the mission of the library system, thus trying to do too many things.
10101	7/10/2012	The continued ,unrestricted access of pornographic material .
10102	7/10/2012	People/voters/politicians who think we don't need our libraries as much any more because of the Internet and other technologies. There are people who don't understand how libraries help people use the new technologies while they continue to provide more traditional services. Such people may not realize how important good libraries are to quality of life for individuals and communities.
10103	7/10/2012	Our biggest threat is expenditures on resources that lack relevance, or expenditures that benefit too few people.
10104	7/10/2012	Failure to appreciate and care for our greatest asset outside of the Church. This library is an active citizen of this community in the ways it serves, provides, treasures, safeguards some of our greatest historical treasures. Not even Tri-Met begins to measure up to the safe standards we have at the library. Staff are knowlegeable, kind, helpful and enjoy the work place as much as we enjoy meeting them as old friends from our early school days!
10105	7/10/2012	Online resources other than the library. A generation of people who have forgotten, or were never exposed to the benefits of the library. It was not until my in-laws visited and demanded we look at the movie selection at the library that I gained appreciation for the wealth of services it provides.
10106	7/10/2012	Republicans.
10107	7/10/2012	digital materials and copyright (e.g., ebooks)
10108	7/10/2012	Irregular hours, so we are never sure of open times.
10109	7/10/2012	Reduced hours will lead people to seek other resources.
10110	7/10/2012	Reduced hours of operation resulting in the lack of ability to access materials.
10111	7/10/2012	Access limited due to inadequate funds.
10112	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
10113	7/10/2012	Continuing to assume we need buildings for libraries means high unnecessary costs. Availability of ebooks, etc. should be a reason to eliminate some buildings
10114	7/10/2012	Kindles stealing the joy of real books!
10115	7/10/2012	Misguided anti-tax activism and sentiment.
10116	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10117	7/10/2012	Some of the wierdos that frequent the library.
10118	7/10/2012	Um, fire? Computer outages. They are a fine resource and I have voted for funding every time they ask for it.
10119	7/10/2012	Funding. If there is no money to keep the libraries open, then no one can enjoy their many benefits.

10120	7/10/2012	Not enough funding I guess although one wonders where the money goes that we have allocated to it over the years with our taxes as the services have been cut back and made the branches more mechanized which does make it easier for us. Closures would not be good.
10121	7/10/2012	The Patriot Act.[] Lack of Funding
10122	7/10/2012	that one day they will lose all government funds an support.
10123	7/10/2012	Losing ANY access to services.
10124	7/10/2012	Funding!!
10125	7/10/2012	A lack of funding. I want a permanent, sustainable revenue stream for the greatest library system in the world.
10126	7/10/2012	Apathy. Changes to how funding may be obtained. Lack of understanding about all of the benefits this county library system provides.
10127	7/10/2012	People's views towards taxes and ideas about providing social services to the community.
10128	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10129	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10130	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10131	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10132	7/10/2012	Not having enough money, and so they can't buy new books and people stop coming to the libraries. Short sightedness on voters part to underfund libraries. We are in a recession. We need to be re-tooling citizens into productive jobs. We have a wealth of young people here. Very important to keep this amazing resource viable. It is one o the most important bases for our civil society.
10133	7/10/2012	
10134	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10135	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
10136	7/10/2012	being used as homeless shelters
10137	7/10/2012	Property owners like me who want to support a higher library tax honestly cannot afford it because they are already receiving public assistance and in danger of defaulting on mortgage payments.
10138	7/10/2012	lack of money, lack of understanding of the role free and easy access to information plays in a democratic society.
10139	7/10/2012	Our horrible government management of funds. Libraries are vital and should remain a top community priority for funding.
10140	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10141	7/10/2012	county timidity
10142	7/10/2012	Greedy people that believe they are the crown of creation.

10143	7/10/2012	Not getting the young people interested and knowledgeable about what the library resources has to offer. Young people equate libraries to hard copy books or just a computer lab. There is a generational gap that is not keeping up with what drives young people in the present. yes there will always be mind numbing fads. Today we have reality television, text language and hundreds of channels programmed to shorten attention spans. The libraries need to keep up with technology to reach children and have them get back to thinking.
10144	7/10/2012	Earthquake, the PERS Monster from Beyond the Blackest Night, Satanic apocalypse, Superman and/or Lex Luthor. Or the Dutch. Can't stand the Dutch.
10145	7/10/2012	Lack of money
10146	7/10/2012	Funding most likely.
10147	7/10/2012	Funding.
10148	7/10/2012	Funding and availability issues.
10149	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10150	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the decreased funding and diminishing open hours.
10151	7/10/2012	I don't know if there really is a threat. They are well-used. Lack of parking at some libraries (Gregory Heights, Hollywood) sometimes keeps me from going in.
10152	7/10/2012	dwindling hours. being overtaken by transients (central library especially). there seems to always be something/someone disgusting going on.
10153	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. If I could have, I would have rated all of the above as #1.
10154	7/10/2012	bad feelings caused by the cut in services AFTER the levy continuation was approved. I think many people feel this was "bait and switch."
10155	7/10/2012	Fewer locations, not being able to order and ship books from other libraries, decreased selection
10156	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10157	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. Theft of library materials, which I have witnessed.
10158	7/10/2012	Having no funding whatsoever and closing.
10159	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of interest compound each other in a vicious cycle, each exacerbating the other. However, I'd say lack of funding.
10160	7/10/2012	Not having regular access. I'm afraid they will be closed at various times and I'll miss the hours.
10161	7/10/2012	Lack of resources resulting in cutbacks in service hours and in obtaining materials.
10162	7/10/2012	Technology. People "reading books" on a device instead of holding the actual book. Or getting movies from another service or the internet.
10163	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10164	7/10/2012	The board...
10165	7/10/2012	Keeping current with digital books.
10166	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10167	7/10/2012	lack of funding.

10168	7/10/2012	Apathy
10169	7/10/2012	It would seem that budget cuts, and lack of awareness about those cuts is perhaps the greatest threat.
10170	7/10/2012	the transient population making the library a awkward, odorous, and crowded space
10171	7/10/2012	Too many non-library users and non-parents fail to see that the quality of our libraries directly reflects and affects our neighborhoods. Better libraries, better funded schools, better educated youth = safer neighborhoods and stronger communities and economies. I wish more people could look beyond their immediate perspective and realize that funding things that don't seem to directly affect them, do in fact indirectly increase their quality of life in the bigger picture.
10172	7/10/2012	In order of importance, I believe the biggest threats to local libraries are: 1) Unstable funding, which compromises short and long range planning. 2) Decreasing interest and skill in reading. 3) Expanding services not historically covered by libraries, without funding commitments from the public.
10173	7/10/2012	Taxpayer revolt against ever-increasing property taxes.[] [] Growing costs associated with the expansion of library services (community outreach programs, teaching programs, etc.) that perhaps transcend the traditional role of our library may turn people away from funding.
10174	7/10/2012	Lack of dollars.
10175	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10176	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10177	7/10/2012	budget cuts.
10178	7/10/2012	budget cuts
10179	7/10/2012	Funding. We need to do everything we can to keep libraries open.
10180	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10181	7/10/2012	Lack of monetary resources
10182	7/10/2012	Funding.
10183	7/10/2012	Too much noise from younger kids talking loudly. Lack of consideration for other people using the library. Need to use their library voice. Parents don't discipline their kids and let them do whatever they want.
10184	7/10/2012	The online revolution? I'm not super engaged with my library of late so I'm not in-tune with the issues.[] [] BTW - don't like that ranking tool in #5 - It should allow me to self rank - every time I changed a number it reordered the entire list. it was confusing...
10185	7/10/2012	Funding.
10186	7/10/2012	Budget reductions.

10187	7/10/2012	FUNDING CUTS! My family was horrified by the recent reduction to six days a week. I am a successful author who probably would not be except that I grew up next door to a library. The way to solve our budgetary problems is NOT to skimp on education, information availability, and resources for those who cannot afford personal resources!
10188	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10189	7/10/2012	The Tea Party?[] But seriously, the people that depend on the library the most don't have enough of a voice to protect it; those with the ability to cope best without the library are the ones with political power and the dollars to spend!
10190	7/10/2012	Voter indifference to the riches they possess.
10191	7/10/2012	People using them for illegal mean, such as watching porn and such.
10192	7/10/2012	Federal support. Public resources such as education, libraries, social services are all taking huge cuts while the defense and security budgets have skyrocketed. It is a shortsighted solution that is having disastrous affects on our children, elderly, and the future of our country. Cutting the hours! We have a high level of circulation and use of our library. I hate that you do not value the patrons opinions enough that you would cut the days of our lifeline down to 6 days as well as use computers for check out instead of a library employee. My husband and I are in a masters program, so it is crucial that we have access to the library. We use the Ebrary, take our kids to the readings and events as well as make a weekly trip to check out new books, videos, etc.
10193	7/10/2012	[] [] We are not alone in PUTTING OUR FOOT DOWN AND DEMANDING THE FUNDS BE RESTORED TO KEEP THE LIBRARY FUNCTIONING FULLY.
10194	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding, reduced property tax base due to economic problems.
10195	7/10/2012	We are all living in a different time than years ago and need to adjust accordingly. The county (& city) cannot keep coming back to property owners for a money request without substantive facts to back up why the request is necessary. Jeff, at this point I will not support any further increase in property taxes without an independent third party audit of finances per the respective request(s). As an example - the library at belmont consistently is overstaffed (given new electronic machines for check out) and i have no doubt that is true elsewhere. A levy so that upwards of 10 people can remain in that small library watching me check out materials?? I don't think so. On another subject entirely but releveant to you as Chair, why do schools continue to ask for more money when there are too many mid to upper management personnel that make no less than 80 thousand plus/year? The point is, we need to live within our means more - the library should do counts of when it is busiest over a month or so and then reduce hours accordingly. For the record, i love the library and am an avid user.

10196	7/10/2012	I would say smugness. I'm very aware that I'm lucky to live in Multnomah County; our library system is one of the best in the nation and I believe that to be an essential index of civilisation. But everyone's broke right now, and will be for a while, it looks like. Given that, civil services are being cut, and I think it would be easy for people to take the quality of our libraries for granted until it disappears, much as happened with Oregon public schools because of that idiot Sizemore. I went to high school in the nineties, and I remember living through the degradation of one of the nation's best public school systems, until now we're neck and neck with Mississippi, I believe, fighting it out for 49th place. Yowza. I would hate to see that happen to the libraries as well, through a combination of short-sighted self-interest and the assumption that such quality takes no effort or public investment.
10197	7/10/2012	If funding is a big issue, why not utilize senior volunteers and other volunteers? I do not want libraries to loose funding, or be forced to cut hours/people. Librarians are skilled workers. They're the most efficient search engines out there. ☐
10198	7/10/2012	I'd say besides loosing funding, Amazon is the biggest threat. They have almost all books in print. I think many people buy cheap books instead of using the library. I used to be one of these people, but then I started having the library ship books to my branch via my account. And this is the best option by far. I think many people have forgotten about this as a possibility. ☐ Why buy a book from amazon, even an electronic book, when you can read if for free from the library?
10199	7/10/2012	Public backlash over the continual need to request increased funding. It would be good if the library had a method to increase its funding through something other than the public voting. How do other libraries receive their funding?
10200	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient stable funding. Our citizens use the library all the time, no matter what hours it's open. We are hungry for it. The only threat I can see is that without a stable funding source, what the library has to offer is diminished, the hours change which confuses and puts people off, and living in a constant threat of termination diverts the energy of thriving research, exploration and discovery, to an atmosphere of peril, survival and drain. A library can be part of the skeletal foundation of a community, the bones which hold us up, help us grow and guide our movement. IF it has a stable foundation itself.
10201	7/10/2012	Reduced funding for updated, comprehensive collections.
10202	7/10/2012	cut funds
10203	7/10/2012	Defunding.
10204	7/10/2012	Underfunding! The library is a really important resource and should be funded as such.
10205	7/10/2012	funding
10206	7/10/2012	Funding cuts in a time of scarce resources. And I think people take the library for granted, not realizing what an essential service the library provides to our community.
10207	7/10/2012	Lack of funding from policymakers
10208	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.

10209	7/10/2012	funding
10210	7/10/2012	Funding. The library needs to stay open for access to all. Being an organization to support literacy, community, and personal well being is very important to me.
10211	7/10/2012	Funding
10212	7/10/2012	Funding issues. People with money could give two shits about the library because they do not use it. Unfortunately those that make the most use of the library have the least cash to support it...
10213	7/10/2012	Funding.
10214	7/10/2012	Spending too much money on DVDs would be a way to cut back
10215	7/10/2012	Funding.
10216	7/10/2012	Funding and loss of librarians!
10217	7/10/2012	That taxpayers will conclude that a library is un-necessary because much is available on-line.
10218	7/10/2012	Low government funding. Also, if I could get on an affordable payment plan for my fines (e.i. no more than \$10 per month) and still check out books, I would really appreciate it--I'm poor, I made one irresponsible mistake which I overlooked, and now I can't check out books anymore, which is a great loss to me.
10219	7/10/2012	Changes in how books and resource materials are accessed. This could result in a reduction in the "traditional" ways that we use the bricks and mortar library. For those not familiar with the "old" way do getting books and information the cost may not seem worth it.
10220	7/10/2012	The general population not realizing how much libraries contribute to and enhance the community.[] [] Please note - I have no children and am over a decade away from being a senior citizen. Yet I rated their services as numbers one and two most important. Their access to library services makes for a better Multnomah county to live in.
10221	7/10/2012	Young people perceiving the Library as irrelevant since they can get on the internet through their phones. Librarians must keep pace to help ALL people have access to the information they need and the art that will sustain them through the information age.
10222	7/10/2012	Funding, or lack thereof.
10223	7/10/2012	Library leaders not being creative and adapting to the changing role libraries can play in today's society.
10224	7/10/2012	A government that doesn't understand the necessity of libraries.
10225	7/10/2012	Excessive cost to operate them will result in either closure or very burdensome increased taxes.[] Please institute reforms to streamline your operations to reduce costs-- become like a business![] There are organizations of retired businessmen that could offer many suggestions to improve efficiency. Please use them!
10226	7/10/2012	funding, over used resources like music cds and computers
10227	7/10/2012	Closing at 5:00 PM starting July 1 means people can't stop in after work.
10228	7/10/2012	funding

10229	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
10230	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10231	7/10/2012	Cutbacks in funding
10232	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10233	7/10/2012	Bad Economy
10234	7/10/2012	taxes being cut.
10235	7/10/2012	Loss of resources and funding.
10236	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10237	7/10/2012	People unwilling to pay higher taxes or delegate city funding.
10238	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10239	7/10/2012	Losing all funding because our country has no money, except for things like war.
10240	7/10/2012	I would guess lack of funding. Isn't that what it always is?
10241	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10242	7/10/2012	Lack of money, I would say. Need new software for the waiting time for the computer on the out side.[]
10243	7/10/2012	When you first sign inn it tells you estimate times, so if it says 10 min[] plan on 30 mins
10244	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that prioritize business/moneymaking over social service, forcing libraries to compete with large bookstore chains to prove their value, thus redefining "patrons" as "customers" (this happened at my library growing up). Libraries are a fundamental aspect of a free society with open access to information for all members of society - and maintaining that access should be the first priority of the library.
10245	7/10/2012	Support for libraries is taken from property owners disporportionately, but often used most by people who do not own property or contribute monetarily, but still vote for property tax increases in order to fund their participation. I would like to see a fairer way of supporting libraries. [] There is the risk of the property owners getting burned out from supporting everyone else, while people who just come and use the library basically for free, take it for granted and don't realize what a gift it is. [] [] Lately when I come to the library there are a lot of noisy people just camped out in the center areas. I think that with computer use the overall tone of the library has changed so that it is not nearly as peaceful as it used to be. I used to like tc come to the library to sit and think and learn. When people just come to the library to sit and play games on the computer or loudly talk on the phone, or to their neighbor, I feel like that is not the destination that the library is supposed to be.

		Electronic media
10246	7/10/2012	There is only so many dollars within our community and there is more and more demand on those dollars. I have heard there will be a PPS ballot going in front of the voters... it would be a hard choice to choose between kids and libraries
10247	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
10248	7/10/2012	Ebooks - I think. It sounds like I need to learn more about accessing ebooks via the library.
10249	7/10/2012	Overreaching with programs etc that aren't funded
10250	7/10/2012	Lack of sustainable funding and people thinking libraries are not important.
10251	7/10/2012	Funding
10252	7/10/2012	lack of money (duh). tax revenue, the economy. The above question doesn't capture my intent. I love the library but I can live with six days a week service with no problem
10253	7/10/2012	A lot of other businesses take a day off too. As for other programs, I don't use them but if they're important to others in the community then great.
10254	7/10/2012	Not enough funding for staff and programs
10255	7/10/2012	book nooks, l-pads, etc.
10256	7/10/2012	Apathy
10257	7/10/2012	The Internet and under utilization by young people.
10258	7/10/2012	The internet! e-books, itunes, etc.
10259	7/10/2012	Underfunding. Our libraries are the greatest part of our society.
10260	7/10/2012	not having a permanent source of funding
10261	7/10/2012	Decreasing hours
10262	7/10/2012	Insufficient public funding.
10263	7/10/2012	Poor funding & apathy among voters The way democracy works sometimes; to make an informed decision about important resources for your local
10264	7/10/2012	community requires for citizens to be informed about competition for priorities that can compete with commercially oriented ballot measure commercial?
10265	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10266	7/10/2012	Funding
10267	7/10/2012	Closure due to lack of funding.
10268	7/10/2012	The community not caring enough.
10269	7/10/2012	Lack of community education regarding their importance.
10270	7/10/2012	funding cuts, lack of new materials
10271	7/10/2012	Compression!
10272	7/10/2012	online sale of ebooks

10273	7/10/2012	Funding it seems. Although i sure pay a lot of overdue fees! It's worth it though because its better than carrying a library around with me. [] []
10274	7/10/2012	Popular books are hard to come by and I think this discourages people from using the library more.
10275	7/10/2012	funding duh
10276	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10277	7/10/2012	politicians playing with budgets
10278	7/10/2012	not having enough funding
10279	7/10/2012	Use of resources by persons that do not pay taxes.
10280	7/10/2012	Short-sighted funding models! Library access is a public good that should be a high priority at both the local and state level.
10281	7/10/2012	Rising costs.
10282	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
10283	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I would guess.
10284	7/10/2012	If they would close altogether due to lack of funding or support. If our local branch closed, we would not go to the library as often. Honestly, partisan issues aside, this current environment of hyper anger towards any government spending hurts libraries the most. So what if we are closed on weekends? Well, I'm a low income child with parents who both work full time weekdays. When do I get to go to the library? (Hypothetical situation.)
10285	7/10/2012	The local community and tax payer not doing more.
10286	7/10/2012	I think we've been lucky that Multnomah County voters have supported the library system in the past however finding a more stable funding source seems to be necessary.
10287	7/10/2012	Instability of funding is the biggest threat to the library system. It is critical that a permanent library district be established in order to ensure stable funding for the library.
10288	7/10/2012	The people that never visit the library. They don't understand the full existent and importance it has for those of us who need to read and do research to escape, to be encouraged, find a different answer, change, be a better person and learn. Everyone should go to the library to relax.
10289	7/10/2012	Apathy or dislike of public funding due to misconception that everyone can get anything over the Internet; moral judgment/attitude/ lack of sympathy toward low income people. Not everyone can afford a computer or device or their own web access. We need publicly funded access to all sorts of content through the library, in a gesture, at least, of equity for people without the means.
10290	7/10/2012	Need to check necessary items w/budget & then get out the. Word& lots of people testifying positive. Must get free publicity.

10291	7/10/2012	I would say funding, but as a homeowner - teacher who's position was cut - and struggling to pay property taxes each year, I cannot support raising property tax to the extent that is suggested. Many people who value owning their homes, like myself, made many sacrifices in order to make own home ownership and family life a top priority. While I tremendously value the library and want some property tax to go to supporting the libraries, I feel that some of the dollars for the libraries should come from sources other than property owners.
10292	7/10/2012	Class-warfare wage by the corporate-executive class against all Americans, currently (and thinly) veiled as "limited-government".
10293	7/10/2012	Financial support.
10294	7/10/2012	Children having access to books. Libraries are a great place for children to hang out as well as provide support for students.
10295	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10296	7/10/2012	Lack of gov't funding
10297	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and online media resources
10298	7/10/2012	Greed
10299	7/10/2012	I'm not sure I understand this question. If budget cuts are looming, then I'd have to say the budget cuts are the biggest threat to our smaller, local libraries.
10300	7/10/2012	If materials and programs aren't current, relevant and interesting to the bulk of the households that vote on tax issues, the library will continue to have an uphill battle with regards to adequate funding.
10301	7/10/2012	insufficient funds
10302	7/10/2012	Becoming a social services agency rather than a library.
10303	7/10/2012	Accessibility and lack of resources.
10304	7/10/2012	insufficient funding
10305	7/10/2012	Unstable funding.
10306	7/10/2012	When the hours were cut off to the St. John's library, many people like myself, had a hard time adjusting to the new hours. Since the library is now closed on Mondays, it makes it very difficult to continue the work I try to do because I can't attend the library at that time.
10307	7/10/2012	Not sure-I assume the costs for operating outweigh what's in the coffer. Decreased funding. [] []
10308	7/10/2012	Why on earth did the library put a ballot measure on the recent ballot that DECREASED SERVICE??? That measure passed by 84% of the voters. Many of them, like me, had no idea that simply voting yes meant we would lose Monday openings. Why did the ballot measure not ask for enough funds to keep the libraries open 7 days a week? Why weren't we given a choice of options to vote for? There wasn't even a choice to vote for more funding!!!! I don't normally even use the library on Mondays but I feel misled by the recent ballot measure, and very annoyed.

10309	7/10/2012	The 5-minute attention span of the average American. The biggest threat to libraries is the anti-intellectualism that is rampant in America. Without appreciation for education, logic, critical thinking skills, and an open awareness of the breadth of the human condition, libraries risk becoming a relic of a time when those things mattered.
10310	7/10/2012	losing funding
10311	7/10/2012	The truth is we baby boomers are getting older, we are going on pensions or social security and a lot of us lived paycheck to paycheck. This being stated, we are on shoestring budgets and have to chose from so many levys.
10312	7/10/2012	social movement to internet based media and away from printed matter[] internet access to many sources for research and study - don't have to go to the library to get access it.[] helping the community become fully aware of the services available at a library - how do you convince a person to make a special trip to library if they have internet and content delivery at their home.
10313	7/10/2012	Unstable funding including misuse/misappropriation of funds designated for library operation by government agencies. Also, while ebooks and emedia are great, not all patrons are able to use these media. Books and media in the traditional form should still be available.
10314	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10315	7/10/2012	Not having a stable, consistent, long-term form of funding.
10316	7/10/2012	lack of money.
10317	7/10/2012	Funding.
10318	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10319	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10320	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, cutting hours. The smaller the window to visit local libraries, the more people will give up and not go.
10321	7/10/2012	There isn't enough funding going into the libraries, and educational resources are needed to grow a stronger people.
10322	7/10/2012	I'd guess that problems with funding would be the most significant threat.
10323	7/10/2012	Funding! My goodness all of these things are so important. How can I rank them? I have current materials last, but that is not how I feel. I feel like we as a society should fund libraries. They are community centers. They humanize us and bring us together. It's what separates us from the places in this world where it is just dog-eat-dog and people are powerless.
10324	7/10/2012	funding.
10325	7/10/2012	Losing funding and then not being able to stay open as a community and educational suport center as well as not being able to stay up to day with current literature.
10326	7/10/2012	People buy their own books, eBooks, etc. and forget about the greatness of the library community.
10327	7/10/2012	Nor sure

10328	7/10/2012	That is a very loaded question. Budget shortfalls seem to be a problem. In my opinion its important to stabilize budgets and not make things based on property tax revenue.
10329	7/10/2012	Knee jerk reactions to funding.
10330	7/10/2012	Closing one day a week seems like the beginning to closing more than one day a week. It's summer, the libraries should be open 7 days a week for the kids.
10331	7/10/2012	Funding
10332	7/10/2012	Staffing should be reduced but hours should be extended. There are often too many staff standing around, unneeded. It could be way leaner.
10333	7/10/2012	the 1%'s refusal to pay taxes and fund our libraries and other public services.
10334	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10335	7/10/2012	The library budget should be part of the regular budget process, not rely on people voting for a levy. I also think that the computer labs should be open all the time while the library is open.
10336	7/10/2012	Fixed/reduced funding at a time of increasing need and demand
10337	7/10/2012	Community understanding and appreciation of importance.
10338	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10339	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and reduced hours.
10340	7/10/2012	Diminished service. It would be a downward spiral.
10341	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10342	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10343	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10344	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
10345	7/10/2012	Illiteracy?
10346	7/10/2012	Obviously funding
10347	7/10/2012	Loosing programs and closing doors more often (fewer hours open).
10348	7/10/2012	Funding
10349	7/10/2012	Llibrary not being used for books as much as electronic data
10350	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support
10351	7/10/2012	People not hearing about threats to the library and not being able to show support.
10351	7/10/2012	Inaccessibility, no web access, and a reduced collection.
10352	7/10/2012	A lack of funding due to both public and especially government lack of awareness of how much of an investment libraries are, in terms of community and financially, to a community when adequately funded.
10353	7/10/2012	The trend to cut taxes without realizing the services that will be cut along with them. Taxes should be held the same for the lower and middle classes and raised on the upper classes.
10354	7/10/2012	Local branches closing due to lack of funding, making it more difficult for people to access.
10355	7/10/2012	Increased expectations of libraries with decreased funding.
10356	7/10/2012	Not getting enough new material. Missing items and/or damaged items.

10357	7/10/2012	Inconsistent funding, and a sense of complacency that someone or something will fix the funding problem for us.
10358	7/10/2012	I think hours--if funding results in cut hours, people like me who work full-time day jobs (which is most people, I think) can't get there before the library closes. This would decrease usage, and thus make the libraries more vulnerable to closure/cut funding. I think it's really important that the libraries have night and weekend hours so that everyone can use them.
10359	7/10/2012	CURRENT ABUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS! MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS! COMPLETE ADA ACCESSIBILITY AND DOWNLOADABLE EBOOKS AND MUSIC FOR ALL INSTEAD OF SERVICES ONLY FOR THE SPECIAL FEW
10360	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, which means program cuts
10361	7/10/2012	Surveys that don't work correctly. Question 5 does not allow ranking.
10362	7/10/2012	Escalating losses of civic amenities due to income inequality and tax burden shifts onto those less able to pay. Cultural demonization of intelligence and devaluing of education.
10363	7/10/2012	Apathy on behalf of the non-users.
10364	7/10/2012	Too much administration. Using what monies you do have wisely.
10365	7/10/2012	Closure due to lack of funding.
10366	7/10/2012	lack of funding?
10367	7/10/2012	Not enough money to support services.
10368	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10369	7/10/2012	Adequate funding! The internet.[]
10370	7/10/2012	Why do I need a library. Maybe we should just let the concept die and open up a community center with internet access. Why waste real estate on books?
10371	7/10/2012	I don't know.
10372	7/10/2012	PERS costs for employees
10373	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of innovation, technology gap
10374	7/10/2012	Apathy and the budget wielding axe of the ignorant.
10375	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
10376	7/10/2012	Reduction in funding?
10377	7/10/2012	Funding, I guess
10378	7/10/2012	If funding were plentiful additional programs for special interest groups would be great. Because funding is limited, we should focus on providing materials with regular hours.
10379	7/10/2012	Reduced hours and less access to materials.
10380	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
10381	7/10/2012	Censorship on information on a national level.
10382	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.

10383	7/10/2012	Apathy by the non-users. It is amazing how many people I know who don't have a library card and yet are avid readers. I extol the virtues of the library and how easy it is with the website, e-mail notification, etc., but it seems to fall on deaf ears. As long as the non-users understand the importance and support the library, but I am not so sure they do.
10384	7/10/2012	Offer too many services, lack of focus, resulting in cutting down hours as opposed to programs. We have to do more with less. It is everywhere. People give books, cds, dvds away, or throw them away. Could not that be a good way to get some books for free.
10385	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Why not get more funding from general State taxation? I do not pay a property levy, but wold be willing to pay more of my state tax to help keep the doors open. Until we can start to more fairly tax the rich, the rest of us with fewer assets will carry too much of the burden.
10386	7/10/2012	Closures and reduced hours of operation...so many people use the library for things other then checking out materials. When I was new to Portland, my family was in the library daily using the computers to look for employment, using copiers and printers to create resumes, and to keep my daughter entertained with the children resources so I could do the necessary job hunting. With the economy were it is, I think more families depend on the library to accomplish these needed tasks and with reduced hours and closures, it hits those that need it most the hardest.
10387	7/10/2012	need for constant funding.
10388	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10389	7/10/2012	lack of a stable funding base
10390	7/10/2012	Funding
10391	7/10/2012	People not knowing all the wonderful resources (and types of) available there. The library is awesome.
10392	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
10393	7/10/2012	keeping them relevant with the online digital age.
10394	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
10395	7/10/2012	Fools who are trying to save a bit on their taxes thereby failing the future.
10396	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and republicans.
10397	7/10/2012	Funding
10398	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10399	7/10/2012	n/a
10400	7/10/2012	Not enough books on hobbies
10401	7/10/2012	bears! (they're godless killing machines)
10402	7/10/2012	I don't know. It offers a great selection of books and DVDs that usually arrive in a timely manner- material that would cost money to rent or buy or stream - I think it's the best thing going.
10403	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10404	7/10/2012	People not being interested in checking out books, also not enough funding.

10405	7/10/2012	Cutting hours back.
10406	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10407	7/10/2012	Underfunding
10408	7/10/2012	Bad economy
10409	7/10/2012	Funding cutbacks.
10410	7/10/2012	Funding! Especially as more in the community are using the services.
10411	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10412	7/10/2012	Bad internal management. Governmental agencies afraid to tax the rich.
10413	7/10/2012	irrelevance.
10414	7/10/2012	Closing may be a bigger challenge for some folks that being open seven days a week. Competing needs are likely the biggest threat. With budget's dwindling for all services - the library will have to compete
10415	7/10/2012	Lack of Funding. Being closed.[]
10416	7/10/2012	[] I think it's better to be open every day for fewer hours than being closed one day.
10417	7/10/2012	That the constant and unrelenting calls for more funding will alienate taxpayers and the public.
10418	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is reduced access to neighborhood services, materials and technology for a wide segment of the residents.
10419	7/10/2012	Increased repercussions of international economic slide. We each have less to spend while costs increase. In Multnomah County / Portland; the slack is always remedied by property taxes - which in many cases exceed mortgage payments.
10420	7/10/2012	Poor tax funding.
10421	7/10/2012	Being cut completely.
10422	7/10/2012	budget cuts
10423	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10424	7/10/2012	Lowering the funding to keep libraries open would be the biggest threat.
10425	7/10/2012	I don't know. Secured funding we can count on, I think. I know our libraries are very well used.
10426	7/10/2012	that they will close. Our only complaint is that we wish our local library was bigger, but we just use the online system to request our books.
10427	7/10/2012	Overbudgeting, and taxing the working man beyond his willingness to support it.
10428	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10429	7/10/2012	money of course; or lack of it
10430	7/10/2012	The attitude that it is always the responsibility of the property owner to fund the libraries. Between the schools and the libraries, it's becoming impossible to live in Multnomah county and I have to seriously consider moving.
10431	7/10/2012	Apparently funding, like with most public entities nowadays.

10432	7/10/2012	Funding. Being considered a low priority by politicians.
10433	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10434	7/10/2012	operation funding deductions
10435	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the community not understanding the value of and not using the library. People spend too much time sitting in front of their TV or computer these days.
10436	7/10/2012	Republicans are the greatest threat to our having an educated and informed society. They want to destroy education and the libraries by refusing to fund these great public services.
10437	7/10/2012	Loss of interest in reading and accessing that media through a community resource rather than purchasing the item new from a remote (Internet) source. I think that library programs to get children interested in reading are extremely important. It certainly greatly influenced my interest and I remain an avid reader.
10438	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
10439	7/10/2012	Probably the Internet. That is why I am happy to see MultiCo Library embracing the internet including the ability to check out books for Kindle, etc.
10440	7/10/2012	People like me who are tired of being taxed out of our neighborhoods. I will vote against any new tax increases having to do with the library.
10441	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10442	7/10/2012	Well let's see, here in Western Appalachia (Oregon) were graduate less than 60% of our HS seniors. Of those that do complete HS in the prescribed time approximately 30% go on and obtain a four-year college degree. As a recent NY Times survey indicates, less than 90% of those 18 and younger read print media. Here in Portlandia I would up that age group into the "thirty-somethings". Hence the closings of the "Lookingglass" bookstore, Downtown Borders, Barnes & Noble on NE Broadway, etc. Approximately 70% of K-12 in PPS are in free meal programs and we know the correlation of nutrition and study habits. Even the current group of college underclassmen have reduced their reading workload significantly (see: Charles Murray's "Coming Apart" & "Academic Anxiety"). As a rule the majority of folk's do not read for either study or entertainment any longer. That's why the Kardashian TV series has such an intellectual following.
10443	7/10/2012	Lack of public support and funding.
10444	7/10/2012	kids too addicted to screens that they do not "get" the joy of reading
10445	7/10/2012	People not encouraging reading.
10446	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
10447	7/10/2012	Not being open and not being relevant.
10448	7/10/2012	The ability to do research on the Internet.
10449	7/10/2012	funding.
10450	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10451	7/10/2012	Funding in difficult economic times.
10452	7/10/2012	Loss in funding.

10453	7/10/2012	apathy and lack of funding that are symptoms of our growing lack of enthusiasm for literacy.
10454	7/10/2012	Funding? Is this a trick question?
10455	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
10456	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!!
10457	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10458	7/10/2012	ill informed individuals who have not availed themselves of the libraries and their great resources. I would think that more exposure to these treasures available would be a great idea....and a way to get people off their cel phones, ipod's, etc. that they can learn/relearn how to actually read and enjoy and do things manually and mentally at the library!
10459	7/10/2012	Theft and Misuse of materials. Unsavory types scaring children
10460	7/10/2012	The grand but mistaken idea that people find the information and resources they need online or through other electronic means. Just because smart phones and ipods are everywhere does not mean people are well-informed by them. Libraries and librarians provide an indispensable public service by providing what no computer can provide: physical, human resources. A knowledgeable librarian can help even a well-educated person to locate resources they might have been unaware of, and that human hand is even more valuable to someone whose education, age or language abilities might hinder them in other ways. We cannot be a community if we all isolate ourselves within the anonymity of the web-based search engine! We need each other, face-to-face, and a library is one of the last bastions of that community in the publicly funded realm.
10461	7/10/2012	Not being open into the afternoons and therefore inaccessible for full time M-F workers during the week
10462	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, it seems.
10463	7/10/2012	Being shut down.
10464	7/10/2012	The belief that digital media will render print books obsolete.
10465	7/10/2012	I don't really know.
10466	7/10/2012	Wall street stealing all the money.
10467	7/10/2012	Funding. Lack of public knowledge about all that is offered through library services.
10468	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10469	7/10/2012	I don't know.
10470	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
10471	7/10/2012	The Internet.
10472	7/10/2012	budget constraints
10473	7/10/2012	Books,cd-s,
10474	7/10/2012	Possible closures.
10475	7/10/2012	Funding
10476	7/10/2012	Increased costs and decreased funding.
10477	7/10/2012	Lack of funds. How about a small fee per item checked out, Could raise a lot of money,

10478	7/10/2012	I don't know
10479	7/10/2012	Loss of hours due to loss of staffing, due to loss of funding...
10480	7/10/2012	Voters and politicians not understanding how extremely important libraries are to the growth of our community.
10481	7/10/2012	Lack of use...and lack of funding.
10482	7/10/2012	Ignorance. Must stay open long enough to serve all people.
10483	7/10/2012	Republicans! Seriously though, I think the threats come from cutting budgets and not realizing the impact libraries have on local communities through services and access to materials. Those that want to limit the working/not working class's access to knowledge.[] Those that have money to buy books and don't care about others.[]
10484	7/10/2012	[] All the money currently being spent on controlling and/or killing others.[] [] Republicans
10485	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10486	7/10/2012	Apathy and wrong-headedness about paying for public services.
10487	7/10/2012	Plain and simple it is funding. I would encourage a greater effort to get the word out in regards to potential cut backs due to funding. Many people including myself were aware that a problem existed. Many people including myself would have happy to donate to keep the library fully functional.[] I think donation information should be available and well marked in the front entryway of every library.
10488	7/10/2012	Ignorance. Lak of money.
10489	7/10/2012	Funding
10490	7/10/2012	not sure.
10491	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
10492	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
10493	7/10/2012	Apathy from lawmakers and lack of appreciation / awareness from locals.
10494	7/10/2012	Money
10495	7/10/2012	Lack of use.
10496	7/10/2012	Funding
10497	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is people not giving money.
10498	7/10/2012	Not having enough resources and available hours to help the community thrive.
10499	7/10/2012	closure due to budget constraints
10500	7/10/2012	Funding cuts by people who fail to understand the value of the library.

10501	7/10/2012	MCL is well-loved and highly used library system. However, reducing hours or the availability of materials will force patrons to look elsewhere. If funding continues to drop, the library will lose a lot of its patrons and not be able to provide the valuable services that it's known for.
10502	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding
10503	7/10/2012	waste of executive money
10504	7/10/2012	A lack of funding.
10505	7/10/2012	Apathy of citizens and voters.
10506	7/10/2012	Lack of understanding among non-users as to what a library really is and does for the community which leads to decreased funding when the need is greatest
10507	7/10/2012	Apparently, funding. We should probably be asking you this question.
10508	7/10/2012	Maybe lack of awareness of programming and resources? Funding?
10509	7/10/2012	funding, shorter hours
10510	7/10/2012	Insufficient funds e-books and online resources that people can access from home
10511	7/10/2012	young people especially don't care to read much anymore
10512	7/10/2012	lack of money
10513	7/10/2012	Lack of money
10514	7/10/2012	Honestly, I just come in and check out my materials. I'm not very involved in the library, but I love what it has offered me.
10515	7/10/2012	Lack of a stable funding base because of political gamesmanship by the County board of commissioners.
10516	7/10/2012	No sales tax and small real estate tax = little funding
10517	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
10518	7/10/2012	Probably a lack of funding. Either that or sea monsters.
10519	7/10/2012	Electronic books and people not using the library as much so not supporting the funding through taxes
10520	7/10/2012	I don't know.
10521	7/10/2012	Inaccessibility.
10522	7/10/2012	People using computers at home and video games and not learning the value of reading and doing research the old fashion way...using a book.
10523	7/10/2012	tax cutters that want to cut everything
10524	7/10/2012	Odd question since I have a limited perspective. I don't feel qualified to answer.
10525	7/10/2012	funding?
10526	7/10/2012	lack of funding, competing priorities for services
10527	7/10/2012	A cultural loss of curiosity and love of reading/learning.

10528	7/10/2012	Republicans; the wealthy elite who inherited their wealth and avoid paying their share of taxes for the common good.
10529	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to reduced property tax income & current financial/economic climate
10530	7/10/2012	Misuse of the dollars that are already give to the libraries. [] 1. Tell me why the libraries are buying Wii's and video games? A library is for multimedia use, but not for entitlement items like video games[] 2. Why not collect all the late fees due to them? I can tell you I have a balance and have never been asked to pay it. What is the balance of outstanding late fees in total? Wouldn't it be in the interest of the system to collect the funds and not allow people access to the resources if they have an outstanding balance in late fees?
10531	7/10/2012	lack of priority put on this very valuable resource.
10532	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding.
10533	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of caring about books anymore.
10534	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10535	7/10/2012	Funding and support.
10536	7/10/2012	i don't know. bookworms? lack of funding, doubtless.
10537	7/10/2012	Electronic Access -- how long the physical libraries will be necessary
10538	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness on how valuable a public library really is. Nothing is free, but our libraries come awfully close. Folks need to step up and support our amazing libraries.
10539	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10540	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. [] A lack of understanding of the importance of a great public library system.
10541	7/10/2012	non funding.
10542	7/10/2012	money
10543	7/10/2012	Mismanagement of tax revenues.
10544	7/10/2012	Wasteful government spending in other areas that take resources away from library.
10545	7/10/2012	Reduced hours, especially during summer when kids are out of school and use the library more frequently. I could more understand reducing hours in winter.
10546	7/10/2012	Inconsistent funding model, dependent on informed and engaged voters. The library needs dedicated funding, protected from boon and bust economic trends.
10547	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10548	7/10/2012	Not enough space, not enough computers (we are a technical society now days)
10549	7/10/2012	Funding
10550	7/10/2012	I guess lots of people are changing to electronic readers, but there is no substitute for a real book
10551	7/10/2012	not enough books

10552	7/10/2012	probably funding but I do often think some of the services should be cut back, ie: I don't see the sense in having computer access for on line video games and dating sites except I know it encourages people to vote on the funding levies. I also think some of the funds for CD's, DVD's and magazines could be reduced drastically. I realize this is old school mentality but I still think libraries are FIRST about books.
10553	7/10/2012	Refusal of politicians to make the rich pay their fair share of taxes.
10554	7/10/2012	Reduction in funding
10555	7/10/2012	lack of money as it gets spent on special interests and not for the greater populaces good or betterment. priorities are not for the common good, sadly.
10556	7/10/2012	As with our schools, insufficient funding to support valuable services to the community.
10557	7/10/2012	Online editions of books (Kindle's), are getting cheaper and cheaper. I think that will be the biggest threat. Why be put on a hold for a book, when it may cost you less than \$10 to have it now?
10558	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
10559	7/10/2012	the Republican party
10560	7/10/2012	Funding to keep the doors open as MUCH as possible....
10561	7/10/2012	Limiting times and materials available due to costs involved.
10562	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10563	7/10/2012	Spending money incarcerating non violent offenders.
10564	7/10/2012	Apathy.
10565	7/10/2012	defunding
10566	7/10/2012	budget cuts, increase in digital media leading to neglect of traditional, hard-copy media
10567	7/10/2012	Not enough funds, clearly.
10568	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
10569	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
10570	7/10/2012	not enough funding. all of the above programs are critically important, i'd rather the library not open on Mondays, but to keep all the community aspects. for me i need later in the evening hours, since I work all day, and for the library to open be open on weekends. but i also recognize all the other services the libraries provide, that they really shouldn't loose.
10571	7/10/2012	Funding is always at risk, and censorship issues crop up every now & again.
10572	7/10/2012	funding
10573	7/10/2012	Funding.
10574	7/10/2012	Don't have an opinion
10575	7/10/2012	Ignorance, especially in social priorities.
10576	7/10/2012	lack of funding; republicans.
10577	7/10/2012	Falling behind in technology.
10578	7/10/2012	funding... I think people care enough, but everyone is so tight right now.
10579	7/10/2012	Not having up to date materials

10580	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
10581	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.[]
10582	7/10/2012	Transition to online information - how do you check out a book for your Kindle from the library?
10583	7/10/2012	Decreased tax base and funding. closing
10584	7/10/2012	Funding! Obvious, but the Library has not been as forthcoming as it should be about the levy and the proposed tax district. I am afraid that the latter will be defeated because of "I just voted for more money." Secondly, the library is moving away from traditional information provision to serving the homeless. It is not a social welfare agency. Much staff and sheriff time is spent in this area; as well they often intimidate others, elderly and younger patrons. I have no answer for the latter matter and I am certain you are well aware of the challenges.
10585	7/10/2012	Probably one of the biggest I can see is people thinking that they can do most everything with electronics, such as ebooks. However not all of us agree with that and still like holding a book in our hands. Plus not everyone is into all those gadgets.
10586	7/10/2012	Them being closed.
10587	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for operations. [] This could have been solved by placing the question of whether to create a special district with taxing authority in the last election, instead of asking whether to continue funding under the scheme that has been used. [] I also think the question re: special district should not be placed on the ballot for the 2012 general election. Placing it during an off-election would increase the chances of a positive outcome, because those who support the library system would be motivated to vote, while other potential voters may not be inclined to vote.
10588	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is when people forget how IMPORTANT the value of having a community library. Library is a space is that creates community and builds on the strengths sharing information. I value the library and I want to be a part of a community that holds and adheres to the values of having a community library. The library needs to gets it's groove on and add other community sharing events that bring people into read. We have the Portland Living Room down at Pioneer Courthouse Square...We need our community reading room, The Public Library.
10589	7/10/2012	Becoming obsolete due to technology addicted people and their their lack of interest. They find all they need to know by staring into their little machines, unable to have an intelligent conversation. It's important for the very young to come to the library.
10590	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10591	7/10/2012	People not willing to fund this basic service to our community.
10592	7/10/2012	Lack of a stable source of funding
10593	7/10/2012	out-of-control salaries and benefits for staff at upper levels
10594	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

10595	7/10/2012	Anti education bias, resulting in reduced funding.
10596	7/10/2012	Underfunding
10597	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10598	7/10/2012	Limited hours for access
10599	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, apparently.
10600	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. We need more funding, it is the most used system in the nation
10601	7/10/2012	less service
10602	7/10/2012	That people put financial concerns ahead of concerns for having a system to promote and enhance literacy, community involvement and engagement, and resources for those who otherwise couldn't read, use computers, etc.
10603	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and kindle/Amazon. The current political climate doesn't value the government or public works or anything provided as a benefit to all
10604	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
10605	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10606	7/10/2012	That people will stop using them and we will lose what is valued most in education. Without education, our country will diminish!
10607	7/10/2012	?
10608	7/10/2012	The Internet, ebooks, Kindle and anything Kindle like, funding
10609	7/10/2012	Inaccessibility from reduced hours of operation due to budget cuts.
10610	7/10/2012	if affluent, influential citizens of multnomah county do not value the services offered
10611	7/10/2012	Unwillingness for users or taxpayers to pay for the wonderful service and resources
10612	7/10/2012	Govt. You raise taxes, shorten service hours and accessibility, and the library is not as customer friendly, as a decade ago.
10613	7/10/2012	Funding and service cuts.
10614	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, obviously. The tax structure in our state is problematic, in that home owners are relied on too heavily to fund every aspect of government. We desperately need a sales tax.
10615	7/10/2012	Not enough funding due to the hurting economy...dropping funds from property taxes, & inversely, more out of work people needing to find jobs, including non English speaking folks & low income folks needing to find resources.
10616	7/10/2012	Lack of dollars
10617	7/10/2012	How bound to economic and educational development the library is to our city. There is unequal access to technology and books and important to our future to have resources available to all community members. With the Portland Schools also seeing and facing devastating cuts, the libraries fill a crucial niche to our area by providing computer classes, programs for school-age children and current materials.

10618	7/10/2012	As libraries began to eliminate hours, families and especially kids who used to go the library regularly will have to cut down on their trips. For many children, growing up with regular and frequent library visits is what develops them into readers and future supporters of public libraries. This library "habit" can be easily broken for families with inflexible and busy schedules who find it difficult to work around the new library hours.
10619	7/10/2012	Competition for funding with other priorities. I also think Portland's priorities are a threat. We should direct funding for libraries, schools, police, streets, parks etc instead of funding bicycle lanes and street car boondoggles.[] I am saddened by neighbors running fund raising campaigns for their childrens' schools, and reading stories about cutbacks and closings of libraries and parks all the while I see never ending bicycle lanes and rails built for street cars! First things first. We need to fund what we've got before moving on with other projects.[] Further, I am ever more angered by the never ending raising of taxes and ballot initiatives.
10620	7/10/2012	Unstable and inadequate funding for major goals and purposes.
10621	7/10/2012	sounds like funding.
10622	7/10/2012	Short hours
10623	7/10/2012	budget cuts
10624	7/10/2012	insufficient funding
10625	7/10/2012	smelly street folks who need a shower
10626	7/10/2012	Greed corporations and those who seek to privatize everything. We have lost some much budget - national and local - because of this fact.
10627	7/10/2012	Not being open 7 days a week
10628	7/10/2012	Lack of funding that will cause the amount and breadth of media to decline.
10629	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, it seems to me.
10630	7/10/2012	I really don't know
10631	7/10/2012	People read less and less in favor of other kinds of entertainment.
10632	7/10/2012	A lack of funding. Redirecting tax funds to other causes?
10633	7/10/2012	Drastic decrease of funds NEEDED to run, operate, and maintain the library.
10634	7/10/2012	Republican austerity! Technology is changing so quickly and I think many young people don't view libraries as an important center for learning and growing. I think the library is challenged to be relevant and applicable to a generation that has so much access to online materials.
10635	7/10/2012	Lack of support from the community that uses it and can afford to support it.
10636	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10637	7/10/2012	Funding issues.
10638	7/10/2012	Too many homeless. Good people stay away
10639	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
10640	7/10/2012	

10641	7/10/2012	funding. However, I don't really like the property tax method of funding. I pay around \$200-300 annually for the library, which is pretty expensive - I don't understand how there can be funding problems when the library is receiving this kind of money. Or are other people paying a lot less? And if so, why?
10642	7/10/2012	Funding from what I hear. Without funding everything else falls.
10643	7/10/2012	A message to the Library Board: please don't make the mistakes that Seattle made. There, they've spent millions on an avant-garde central library and new branch buildings, but can't even keep the system open the whole year; they shut down for at least one week a year, perhaps two. The highest priorities for MCL should be maintaining the collection and not cutting jobs or hours. People before buildings!
10644	7/10/2012	The largest threat to our libraries is the internet. With so much information available at the click of a button and with children today being brought up in an "information now" society, books I feel will become more and more irrelevant. It is important to keep the library full of new fresh materials in order to stay relevant with today's general public and especially youth.
10645	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, not enough funding, and kids who don't like to read
10646	7/10/2012	Amazon?
10647	7/10/2012	anti-tax sentiment amongst people who actually vote
10648	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10649	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding.
10650	7/10/2012	The shift from print to digital media, and libraries slowness to adapt and offer sufficient digital resources.
10651	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10652	7/10/2012	the economy and reduced tax base
10653	7/10/2012	Republicans
10654	7/10/2012	Lack of a permanent tax base
10655	7/10/2012	irrelevance
10656	7/10/2012	I think the fact that most people use the internet to find what they need these days, it's very important to have more access to electronic books, etc. through the library.
10657	7/10/2012	Books in non traditional form becoming mainstream.
10658	7/10/2012	ignorance
10659	7/10/2012	Lack of public concern and funding.
10660	7/10/2012	funding. amazon
10661	7/10/2012	management of the library to be the most efficient
10662	7/10/2012	Funding.
10663	7/10/2012	Budget issues
10664	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
10665	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep current with materials and electronics.

10666	7/10/2012	Funding.
10667	7/10/2012	Video games, poor education funding, lazy parents
10668	7/10/2012	E books will make people think libraries are no longer necessary.
10669	7/10/2012	I would say budget cuts. When hours go down it seems to cause a new area that could be cut further.
10670	7/10/2012	Homeowners are continually asked to bear the expenses - not just for libraries, but across the board. It is just too heavy of a burden and does not seem to get any attention.
10671	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to match inflation.
10672	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Libraries breed social change and are sources of empowerment through education. People need to realize their importance in the community and pay with their vote
10673	7/10/2012	No money to operate.
10674	7/10/2012	from your email, it sounds like funding. I wish I had some to give.
10675	7/10/2012	When the public doesn't understand how the library anchors the community. Even if you don't personally use the library, having a well funded public library in your neighborhood makes it a better place to live. When people think the library is just a place to get the latest Grisham novel without paying for it then they are less likely to be willing to properly fund it.
10676	7/10/2012	Lack of current materials due to unappropriated funds. I am not sure there is a lack of funds for new materials, perhaps just a need to redirect funds. I am fine with fewer operating days/hours, since books can be reserved online, and there is usually a long wait for a book anyway.
10677	7/10/2012	Not being open
10678	7/10/2012	Electronic reading books and other materials.
10679	7/10/2012	Reduced hours. To me this will cause confusion, some days open late some not, thus lowering the perception of reliability which leads to abandonment.
10680	7/10/2012	People who fail to recognize that our community as a whole is well served by high quality libraries even if they don't use them.
10681	7/10/2012	e-books, amazon.com, wikipedia, i phones lack of care, lack of money, lack of community
10682	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
10683	7/10/2012	I don't know. Lack of funding would be my best guess.
10684	7/10/2012	Short sighted budget cuts.
10685	7/10/2012	Funding- not making schools and libraries a priority in the state
10686	7/10/2012	Miserly people who are unwilling to support our treasure.
10687	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding and lack of support, particularly from state legislators.
10688	7/10/2012	People who don't pay property taxes. (apartments, renters)
10689	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10690	7/10/2012	funding cuts
10691	7/10/2012	internet access
10692	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and a loss of young readers who grow up to be adult readers.

10693	7/10/2012	Lack of relevant material.
10694	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, of course. Restricting the hours in such a way that makes it difficult for working people and parents with children to get to them. Too--for me--making them more about visual media than print media. I love BOOKS.
10695	7/10/2012	Being over taken by homeless people where one does not feel safe or comfortable being in the library.
10696	7/10/2012	consistent funding
10697	7/10/2012	Amazon? I have no idea. I would like for the library to be open late at least one day a week. It is hard to actually get to the library, because I typically work the same hours. I do not need the library open on Sundays, but I am sure that is helpful to many.
10698	7/10/2012	I don't know the answer to that.
10699	7/10/2012	ebooks[] not enough money
10700	7/10/2012	wasted money
10701	7/10/2012	i me thking foer me new the so sher sun all comics books aer godd mover i and music
10702	7/10/2012	I don't understand your question. Threat from where?
10703	7/10/2012	An uncoordinated funding system. In your last two funding rounds, you have stated that "if not funded at this level we'll have to make cuts" and then when you are funded, you make the cuts anyway. It has become a "boy who cried wolf" situation for you. Id advise you look at getting some funding from low hanging fruit such as; Charge an annual fee fo a library card.
10704	7/10/2012	The internet, I suppose. I'm a book person myself but I would imagine that there are some big generational shifts away from that. Libraries make excellent neighborhood hubs, however - even better than bars!
10705	7/10/2012	Many people take our library services for granted. Because it's been so consistently good for so long, I think that many Portland residents don't realize how exceptional our library is. Providing these services takes a lot of community resources but are really worth it in the long run. Having lived in other places before where those libraries can't hold a candle to the quality of media offered, the number of branches through out the area, and other activities such as story times classes etc. I am always impressed by and grateful for our library.
10706	7/10/2012	Lack of funding? I think our libraries are a tremendous resource. I want people to be more aware of how valuable they are to our communities and society as a whole. The biggest threat to institutions such as this... ignorance, stupidity, fear, censorship, disinterest... I really don't know what is the biggest threat. I only know that I love our library system (Thank you, Benjamin Franklin).
10707	7/10/2012	Funding
10708	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts
10709	7/10/2012	I'm not sure how to answer this question.
10710	7/10/2012	Funding, it appears.

10711	7/10/2012	not having adequate funding
10712	7/10/2012	Finances. A social, cultural, political climate in which people are not willing to pay for the services that they demand.
10713	7/10/2012	Funding
10714	7/10/2012	Budget cuts resulting in shorter/reduced staffing and hours
10715	7/10/2012	funding
10716	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
10717	7/10/2012	Losing access to materials that are now readily available.
10718	7/10/2012	Keeping up to date resources and materials and having the adequate staff to maintain them.
10719	7/10/2012	Funding is poor and inconsistent.
10720	7/10/2012	Losing them!!! And losing the options for children to experience reading and books and reading programs!
10721	7/10/2012	I hate to say money, but that's it, in a nutshell, is it not? I mean, lack thereof. The internet and new technology does not replace-- only enhances-- the library
10722	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. ebook publishers demanding new "books" to be purchased after a limited amount of downloads.
10723	7/10/2012	Having to rely on levies for its funding. It is not a stable funding source and wastes a lot of money on campaigning.
10724	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, fire, and stupid people who don't read anymore.
10725	7/10/2012	Apathy and ignorance.
10726	7/10/2012	funding issues
10727	7/10/2012	Please do NOT close on Sundays! If you are going to close one day per week, please make it a mid-week day. Weekends are the only time most people can make it to the library.
10728	7/10/2012	Oregonians think they are smarter then they really are. Tri-Met, The City of Portland and Portland Public Schools using money for pet projects instead of what is important. This is eroding public confidence and driving families and middle income wage earners out of the city and the county.
10729	7/10/2012	The privatization obsession. In a free market system there's more profit in everyone buying a microwave, everyone buying a car, everyone buying their own copy of a book. The mainstream media are funded by advertisers who push this sharing = communism hooley. I worry that people who don't use the library much are buying this view and will vote against keeping services that are a lifeline for job seekers, disadvantaged youth, seniors on fixed incomes, etc.
10730	7/10/2012	Any reduction in the great range and availability of books and media. Want to keep the quality and amount of resources the same as it has always been. Excellent library system so far.
10731	7/10/2012	Lack of funding seems to be the the biggest issue. I went to the library yesterday only to realize that it was Mon. and it was closed. It made me feel so sad to think that we are again facing a reduced schedule.

10732	7/10/2012	Having county communications describe your dilemma with terms like "property tax compression." What does that mean?
10733	7/10/2012	Funding.
10734	7/10/2012	funding
10735	7/10/2012	Not enough current books, especially for 10-15 year olds.
10736	7/10/2012	not enough money
10737	7/10/2012	Poor funding, which limits hours. Libraries must be available so that every one can access them.
10738	7/10/2012	Television
10739	7/10/2012	Giving away library funds for incentive programs
10740	7/10/2012	I don't know
10741	7/10/2012	Mexicans
10742	7/10/2012	Frequently changing hours make it difficult to remember when the library is open, which makes it more difficult and frustrating to use the library. This is due to budget cuts.
10743	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10744	7/10/2012	Internet.
10745	7/10/2012	Unsure
10746	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. Also, as a user I would not mind donating or having opt-in pay services to help support a library that can be used by all, regardless of ability to pay.
10747	7/10/2012	People who have knee-jerk reactions to taxes. Those who do not have a long view of the benefits of an educated and involved citizenry. Troglodytes, in a word Ignorance & funding []
10748	7/10/2012	I'm a Beaverton school librarian & my job has been eliminated. I think it is important to keep libraries open, professionally staffed and offer programs relevant to the local clientele. If people don't know & understand what happens in the library they won't use & fund them.
10749	7/10/2012	The failure of the library leadership to propose a ballot measure that would supply the library system with ample, steady funding--and the wrongheaded failure of the library leadership to trust that Portlanders would support it. The library leadership wimped out when it decided not to propose such a ballot measure.
10750	7/10/2012	Weak tax base
10751	7/10/2012	Apathy
10752	7/10/2012	I really don't know. I think many people are unaware how easy it is to order books from home & then go pick them up. I think not many people know of all the uses/programs that a library has & the benefits to the community.
10753	7/10/2012	reduced interest in reading and use of library and library services by youth, and their increased preoccupation with online social networking and use of online informational services

10754	7/10/2012	I don't know enough to answer this question intelligently -- and "lack of funding" is often touted -- but I think the problem is probably deeper. If we accept the premise that libraries mostly serve underprivileged classes (children/teens, seniors on fixed income, low-income families, recent immigrants) without resources to purchase the level of books, media, computer access and educational programs that they desire, then the biggest threat to local libraries would seem to be connected to the biggest threat to underprivileged classes in the US in general: lack of political will (or clout) to prioritize boosts in the standard of living for those with compromised living conditions. I would say that funds could most likely be made available in sufficient amounts without additional tax levies if only political leaders would be willing to assign higher priority to such programs. Perhaps lobbying political bodies for more community-building and society-building investments along the lines of greater library availability and usability -- as well as educating the public about such efforts and encouraging public activism -- is preferable to simply resigning to a policy of seeking more funds through higher taxation.
10755	7/10/2012	Funding!
10756	7/10/2012	.
10757	7/10/2012	Longer closures and limitations to sources of access. Discontinuing educational and social activities.
10758	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
10759	7/10/2012	Online access to same media
10760	7/10/2012	Weak local economy
10761	7/10/2012	people who don't understand what a great resource they are and are unwilling to help fund them.
10762	7/10/2012	budget overspending
10763	7/10/2012	Funding
10764	7/10/2012	Children not learning of and about the value of libraries
10765	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to remain open and provide a full compliment of services
10766	7/10/2012	Loss of so many open hours that working people can't use it. Then user-ship falls off. I myself am frustrated with the current lack of morning hours when I have free time.
10767	7/10/2012	Loss of tax base.
10768	7/10/2012	Constant cuts in funding.
10769	7/10/2012	Government budget cuts. Lack of public awareness.
10770	7/10/2012	Politicians who don't understand how important the library is to the average Multnomah county citizen.
10771	7/10/2012	I don't have the resources to answer this question as I don't know the inner workings of how the library is run and funded.
10772	7/10/2012	Not controlling expenses.

10773	7/10/2012	Obviously funding is short - For a full time worker as myself it is difficult to get to the library during open hours - especially if the weekend hours are cut even further - ☹ I don't think it's fair that only property owners pay for the funding - how about a \$10/year library card for non property owners? Everyone gets to vote on increasing property taxes - though only those who actually own it have to pay the tax.
10774	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is the priority many people seem to have toward spending their money on Blazer games and casinos instead of on basic needs like a free library system that serves so many people and provides a basis for the development of our young people. We seem to have a fundamental skewed idea of where our good comes from.
10775	7/10/2012	I think if you try to create a library district it will be voted down because of the economy - seniors and unemployed/underemployed people cannot afford to pay more in property taxes, especially since PPS has just proposed a huge property tax increase. If I have to choose between libraries and schools (which I would hate to have to do) I would have to choose to support schools, since so much of what the library has traditionally offered is now available online from home to anyone who has Internet.
10776	7/10/2012	This seems more like something you tell us- what are your statistics saying? I just check out books nothing more. I have a computer, a job, a newspaper subscription so I am probably not the demographic being affected. If the library was open two days a week I would schedule my visits on one of those two days.
10777	7/10/2012	budget
10778	7/10/2012	funding
10779	7/10/2012	Lack of funding or lack of public interest
10780	7/10/2012	lack of funds; lack of respect for the written word
10781	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
10782	7/10/2012	Limiting the ability to access books in cases of emergencies
10783	7/10/2012	not enough funding
10784	7/10/2012	Lack of money, of course! Cuts down on the collection size and quality (which is mediocre at best to begin with) and the open hours.
10785	7/10/2012	not t enough funding????
10786	7/10/2012	not being funded properly
10787	7/10/2012	I'm not really sure, but I imagine lack of funding. Please don't close any libraries, or cut hours. Sometimes I have a hard time getting to the library to get my books, and having it open longer hours would really help. As a child, I would spend hours in the Central Library's children's room, reading and discovering new books. I would hate to not have that option available for future generations.
10788	7/10/2012	lack of funding

10789	7/10/2012	we keep giving them more money, and they keep telling us it is not enough, when it is going to stop. we just passed a bond measure to keep the doors open every day, and already, they are down to six days. you are lying to the public who pays your bills, it will not last forever.
10790	7/10/2012	funding
10791	7/10/2012	Funding
10792	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10793	7/10/2012	People that don't want to pay ANY taxes no matter what.
10794	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10795	7/10/2012	Funding.
10796	7/10/2012	Spending too much on genre best sellers with a short popularity span
10797	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Not enough funding. People use the library all the time. When I was in high school, my senior year back in 2003, I would always use the library to study for test. I think libraries are a crucial part of our community here in Portland. As suggested previously, other method's of income for the library would be helpful. IE the APP idea to rent out e-book's per a charge, .50 .99 cent's. That would beat buying the book for 9.99- 29.99 through the kindle apps or nook apps. and one could have time to read it.
10798	7/10/2012	
10799	7/10/2012	Funding and people not realizing what an incredible and invaluable resource the Multnomah County Library system.
10800	7/10/2012	I would guess not enough funding to keep libraries open, new books being acquired, and services for all ages being maintained.
10801	7/10/2012	I don't really know, but I would a lack of funding or a lack of public perception of value that would lead to lack of funding.
10802	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10803	7/10/2012	Poor leadership by Jeff Cogen who blew it big time by not letting the Library secure independent funding authority, the measure would have carried overwhelmingly now we have the same old shamle to put up with

		Not receiving funding. Also something to take into consideration. ¶ ¶
10804	7/10/2012	I used to enjoy going to Central library as my primary library, but stopped going as often because of the environment. I would commonly go with my textbooks and stay for two to three hours completing assignments and reading. But, the bathrooms are in consistent horrible condition, and there are days where the library seems to have a high amount of people just hanging out.. Drinking out of paper bags, talking loudly or even yelling back and forth between one another being the chief concerns. ¶ ¶ In this environment it is more difficult to study in, but there are also times where I just don't feel as safe and so don't care to dive too deep into study while at Central. Personal comfort like sitting next to someone with limited hygienic practices or access to hygienic facilities is one thing, but worrying about your personal safety or the security of your belongings while at Central is a pretty heavy detriment to user traffic.
10805	7/10/2012	Disregard of their importance in our community. Our three main focuses for tax-payers dollars should be fulfilling the most basic human needs (food, shelter, water, legal places to use the restroom, ect. (this isn't even being met)), education, and preservation of the educational resources available to everyone such as the library system.
10806	7/10/2012	The amount of unsupervised children, the dedication of resources committed for people to use the internet for social contact, shopping, etc. Our libraries are becoming daycare centers for parents to "dump" their kids so they can have some "alone" time. Even though I have not checked out materials for quite some time, I stop in on occasion to see if conditions have changed for the better, yet they have not, so I just leave and purchase reading material from retailers.
10807	7/10/2012	People don't realize how necessary public libraries are to the community and are not willing ¶ to pay taxes to support them.
10808	7/10/2012	A trend of fewer people spending time in the library buildings in favor of using them as pickup/dropoff locations for books they've reserved over the library's website. To adapt to this, the library system needs to evaluate how well their library buildings are used, and make plans to use/rent-out space in their buildings for more services/events that both 1) provide a high benefit to the community, and 2) are popular and well-attended by members of the community. Both metrics are important: it doesn't matter how beneficial a class/event is if few people attend.
10809	7/10/2012	lack of consistent funding
10810	7/10/2012	The homeless.
10811	7/10/2012	political posturing
10812	7/10/2012	funding?
10813	7/10/2012	lack of funding, it seems
10814	7/10/2012	Available funds

10815	7/10/2012	I don't think I understand how the libraries are funded well enough to know what their biggest threat is in that area. I would say people being unaware of what wonderful programs you offer, and the ease and simplicity of the website to check out materials could be a threat.
10816	7/10/2012	Our libraries need stable funding so they do not need to continually go to voters.
10817	7/10/2012	Lack of public funding.
10818	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
10819	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
10820	7/10/2012	Electronic media
10821	7/10/2012	I don't know. Money, I guess.
10822	7/10/2012	lack of funding and then theft of materials
10823	7/10/2012	nothing at all really.
10824	7/10/2012	Budget funding.
10825	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10826	7/10/2012	Ignorance. Politicians assume that everyone has a computer, and are placing more and more government services online. People flock to the library to access those services, placing a larger burden on libraries. Then, to "save money" library funding is cut, and access to those services is reduced even more. It's a vicious cycle.
10827	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
10828	7/10/2012	Funding
10829	7/10/2012	Limited funding needed for so many things, diminishing culture of community in the US vs "everyman" for himself (mostly republicans!)
10830	7/10/2012	Undocumented peoplesv from foreign countries who demand American tax payer funded services..
10831	7/10/2012	lack of funds
10832	7/10/2012	restricted county budgets. People in the library district vote to approve the levies for the libraries because they are valued as a resource. It is important to the population that libraries be open and their services and resources be available to everyone.
10833	7/10/2012	Potentially not enough funding in the long term.
10834	7/10/2012	The greatest threats is those who do not understand the value and benefits of libraries and want to hand them over to a private, fee-based model. Free access to information is essential to a free society. Lack of access cultivates greater class disparity and wastes human potential.
10835	7/10/2012	Electronic readers and on-line information sites. In some sense, the model our libraries use is outdated. It is far less important today that we have libraries as physical presences open the hours that they traditionally were. We should move to a model where electronic access to library material is given primary focus and physically going to a library (a much more expensive proposition) be put on the back burner. So, the biggest threat is the desire of library officials to spend money on outdated models, for which people will rebel.
10836	7/10/2012	
10837	7/10/2012	The fact that even one person fails to appreciate the role the library plays in a civilized society.

10838	7/10/2012	Funding. What about some lottery dollars instead of always taxing the home owners?
10839	7/10/2012	1) People who do not want to pay their fair share of taxes; the dead-beat rich, have corrupted OR tax laws and broken the tax system. 2) The historic incompetence, corruption & brass-ackwards priorities of gov't officials have left OR voters distrustful that their tax money will be spent in a useful and productive way. Resulting in 3) Competition for funds from such worthy &/or beloved things as public education, Park & Rec, "the Arts." The dead-beat rich have created a system where they divided, and thereby have conquered. We voters should not have to choose between having education for our children, public parks, public concerts, or a public library. Any decent, civilized society has them all, for all of its citizens.
10840	7/10/2012	The biggest threats are people who want all public services to become privatized (the ultimate goal of many in the anti-tax crowd), people that are literate but watch TV more than they read, and people who think that because of Amazon and Wal-Mart, libraries are obsolete. [] The recent, ironic book burning party in Troy, Michigan, was genius in its subversive marketing campaign.
10841	7/10/2012	Homeless people and punk kids hanging out in the Centreal Library all day.
10842	7/10/2012	PR
10843	7/10/2012	Television
10844	7/10/2012	not enough funding to support the programs and services.
10845	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10846	7/10/2012	lack of new material
10847	7/10/2012	The internet - on-line books. No need for personal contact
10848	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding causing staff layoffs, less buying, deferred maintenance to buildings, unable to keep up with technological advances.
10849	7/10/2012	People who would rather fund schools. The problem is, schools don't work; they don't fulfill their mission. Libraries do. If I am given a choice between school funding and library funding, I choose libraries.
10850	7/10/2012	reliance on property tax
10851	7/10/2012	Budget cutbacks causing fewer hours / days open !!
10852	7/10/2012	being under-valued by people who don't understand their impact on the community (thus leading to lack of support and lack of funding)
10853	7/10/2012	Not sure. Obnoxious people with their equally obnoxious children who talk loudly while others are trying to study or do quiet work.
10854	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
10855	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is decreased funding. I'd rather the library close one day per week than for people who need them to lose programs.
10856	7/10/2012	funding

10857	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10858	7/10/2012	lack of funding, not able to keep the locations open to provide the important free programs available for the community.
10859	7/10/2012	homeless, porn
10860	7/10/2012	Lack of up to date material and spending cuts. Also, a degenerating idea about the importance of reading and education.
10861	7/10/2012	Under-funding
10862	7/10/2012	Funding - obviously.
10863	7/10/2012	Not being able to access it as many hours as I'd like. Limiting our resources to education. Being in country that supports education and the library system. I am very disappointed with the budget cuts. Where are my tax dollars going exactly???
10864	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10865	7/10/2012	Lack of advocacy
10866	7/10/2012	Bureaucrats who don't believe Multnomah County voters will support MCL and instead cut the services provided.
10867	7/10/2012	Lack of sense of community when it comes to taxes. Many good people don't want to take from their own income to pay taxes for public resources. Although these are the things that make a community desirable...good libraries, good schools, nice parks, good roads.
10868	7/10/2012	I think you ranking protocol sucks on question 5....you might just as well have not asked me (are you folks for real). 6. Bureaucracy. If funding was done fairly than you'd base the amount of funding for each library received in funding would be based on the numbers of people that checkout books, what is the waiting time to get on computers, and the number of folks standing in line (and for how long) waiting for assistance. That would be done by the senior staff person at the library (with a random check on that person doing the counting and the manner in which they assess their needs).
10869	7/10/2012	government
10870	7/10/2012	move to digital media
10871	7/10/2012	Funding and politicals mudding the waters about funding.
10872	7/10/2012	Going in the direction of electronic books.
10873	7/10/2012	funding - there is no more room in the property tax system
10874	7/10/2012	Republicans
10875	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10876	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the move to digital media.
10877	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
10878	7/10/2012	other available sources for books, and availability to get this from home. example, ipad, kindle notebooks that allow you to buy books on the spot with out leaving home

10879	7/10/2012	Maybe tie between underfunding generally, and the need to invest in more comprehensive ebook collections and more efficient ebook interface.
10880	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10881	7/10/2012	A misunderstanding that not funding our library means that services could be cut. Many people I talk to don't fully realize that. They also don't always understand that the current funding system isn't stable, and we must renew it to keep libraries open.
10882	7/10/2012	It appears to be a lack of funding, because I know that they are wel loved and well utilized by the community.
10883	7/10/2012	The internet, Google, Amazon, Apple.
10884	7/10/2012	Not enough current and bilingual material.
10885	7/10/2012	Lack of funding/lack of political support for funding and increased community need. (Need = cuts to public school and enrichment programs, increased cost of higher education, higher unemployment...)
10886	7/10/2012	de-funding...much like our school system. Our children will (or won't) be as prepared as possible - to the extent we invest in them in their early years. I grew up in a small(er) Oregon town and the library was a huge part of my growing up - and has been for my children as well. My kids are excellent readers and excel in school - in large part due to the library. We have to message the importance of our community libraries and access to these great resources, better than the message for prison funding.
10887	7/10/2012	being taken for granted...the library is too important to ignore
10888	7/10/2012	Indifference.[] lack of awareness - perceived lack of value. Libraries compete with internet and online media, also free, also accessible 24/7. The physical experience seems to be generational. (I am 46, so that my age-slanted view). I loved libraries as a kid. Now I see very young, and then a jump in years. [] Librarians, great resource, but the connection between them and availability of research online is lost to younger crowds. Asking an adult - intimidating. Looking online, easier. THAT SAID there is no one teaching proper research, evaluation, critical thinking -- all things a library provides; indifference puts it at risk.
10889	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat to the local libraries are those individuals who possess library cards but either do not live within the county or have since moved from the county. Because the libraries cater to so many people, sought-after books are often hard to come by and require a wait time. Perhaps the library should limit the number of users by keeping it within the county.
10890	7/10/2012	That they will not be open and available for daily use. Libraries are a critical learning tool for people of all ages.
10891	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.

10892	7/10/2012	not enough funding to keep libraries open. When we had a funding crisis some years ago the library hours were cut to such a degree that it was so confusing to know when the library was open or not. Every day was different. Our libraries are well used. We need to keep them open at least 6 days a week.
10893	7/10/2012	The biggest immediate threat is reduced hours. The biggest long term threat is the loss of the role of the library in all our daily lives. It's what the library represents to all of us: We are a literate, intelligent, thoughtful, interactive community committed to multifaceted learning.
10894	7/10/2012	I think that there are two things that pose the biggest are: 1) The lack of awareness that some people have of all the things the library does for our communities. My coworker has children and since school is out, she has to find ways to engage their minds. I learned of all of these awesome things that the library does for kids, which I didn't know before hand. I think if people knew how much of a community center and resource it is to the people who live in Multnomah County. 2) There isn't that much money that we can receive from taxpayers. I know of many people who are having a hard time paying their current bills (especially mortgages), and it is hard for them to pay any more. I don't own a home and have minimal debt so this isn't a problem for me.
10895	7/10/2012	Unwillingness to increase taxes on the wealthier citizens.
10896	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
10897	7/10/2012	the internet, google scholar, etc people reading less and uneducated
10898	7/10/2012	funding.
10899	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10900	7/10/2012	Lack of political support for adequate funding.
10901	7/10/2012	Not having funding to buy new materials or technology and not being open when people need it.
10902	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries is to much focused on computer technology instead of books themselves. I would rather our libraries be about reading, learning, and community rather than turning them into a internet cafe.
10903	7/10/2012	No money to buy books
10904	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and loss of access
10905	7/10/2012	No funding?
10906	7/10/2012	Cost of operation combined with need to provide free services for lower income population.
10907	7/10/2012	ignorance
10908	7/10/2012	Defunding. And bears.
10909	7/10/2012	Consistently poor administration, bloated staff & extreme salaries.

10910	7/10/2012	Policy makers whom do not understand that a good library is a necessary neighborhood asset like bus lines, bike paths, and a K-12 school. Libraries are part of the "sense of place" needed for people to thrive. [] See Dan Kemmis's work in Missoula.
10911	7/10/2012	Many of the voting public doesn't realize the importance of a library.
10912	7/10/2012	Sufficient funding
10913	7/10/2012	Lack of access, where access is defined as outdated material or limited amounts of materials (like periodicals subscriptions) and restricted hours.
10914	7/10/2012	Same primary threat as our other public infrastructure and services. People don't want to pay for infrastructure or services (library, sewers, schools, etc.), despite their reliance on them directly or the reliance of their community upon the services..
10915	7/10/2012	Money being diverted to law enforcement. Keep the library open, fire the guy at the door with the gun. How many deputies does it take to operate a metal detector at the court house?
10916	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
10917	7/10/2012	Lack of funding seems like it is an existential threat although the rise of digital media is significantly changing the role libraries play in the community.
10918	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10919	7/10/2012	funding
10920	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and unimaginative administrators.
10921	7/10/2012	Funding!
10922	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
10923	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
10924	7/10/2012	Apathetic citizens who don't care. Digital media, kindle, e-reader, etc.
10925	7/10/2012	Is this a loaded question?
10926	7/10/2012	Apathy among the greater community. Less reading by teens and young adults. Weakness in funding.
10927	7/10/2012	Not keeping up with technology.
10928	7/10/2012	internet
10929	7/10/2012	The general population not understanding the breadth of materials and services the library provides, and thus the importance of continuing to fund those services.
10930	7/10/2012	Defunding by the right-wing zealots.
10931	7/10/2012	Complacency (assuming the library will always be around no matter what) and also the halo effect (people who say "I love the library!" but never use it).
10932	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; lack of public support.
10933	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!

10934	7/10/2012	Funding and people's perception of the libraries' importance in our communities. That people value lower taxes over invaluable community resources.
10935	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10936	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is the biggest threat 1) to keep the library open when working people can have access to it - for example, nights and weekends; 2) to update computers and add electrical connections for people who bring personal computers; 3) make printers wifi accessible so people do not have to go onto library computer to print; and keep the library receiving new materials.
10937	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10938	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to the central library is its current status as one giant toilet for every street kid in Portland. I'm very egalitarian, but seriously, certain behavior shouldn't be tolerated. I frequently don't go there because I know I'll be accosted by a junkie or a paranoid schizophrenic. And of course, the situations is significantly worse for women.
10939	7/10/2012	Funding. We need to make sure that the communities understand the value of libraries. Its about story telling with numbers.
10940	7/10/2012	Lack of market penetration about the presence of our libraries and the services they provide to our communities. I think that the local television stations should be asked to run a 15-30 second advertisement just for the libraries at least once a week as part of their stewardship for our community. If they can't do it for free, ask the Oregon Community Foundation for help on finding a sponsor.
10941	7/10/2012	Besides lack of funding and support which is in first place, the biggest threat to local libraries is the misplaced belief that technology and the internet can replace this resource. The convenience and speed of technology leaves the keyboard wanderer without the safety net of reliability of information (knowing the source), depth of knowledge, and personal service provided by local libraries. Libraries can anchor a community, technology is still searching for the definition of community.
10942	7/10/2012	The perceived benefit of the Internet - who needs books and librarians when we have Google?
10943	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
10944	7/10/2012	Funding I assume.
10945	7/10/2012	stable funding
10946	7/10/2012	Lack of knowledge about the range of resources available. It's not just books!
10947	7/10/2012	ZOMBIES
10948	7/10/2012	Reduced hours of operation.
10949	7/10/2012	Outdated materials and technology
10950	7/10/2012	Complacency
10951	7/10/2012	budget cuts, copyright-hungry corporations with no interest in fair use
10952	7/10/2012	closure? Libraries are important to have in each community
10953	7/10/2012	Underfunding
10954	7/10/2012	Probably financial resources

10955	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10956	7/10/2012	Citizens who don't understand the role of taxes and what they should be providing for our community.
10957	7/10/2012	lack of funding...television!
10958	7/10/2012	The internet. Where I went to the library to do research when I was young and in school more research is done online and through ebooks/e-journals. I don't think this is bad so much as it requires the library system to adapt accordingly. Appeal to youth through electronics rather than trying to get them in the physical building.
10959	7/10/2012	People not using them, because then they won't vote to fund them. I would like to see the library do more to reach out to middle and high school students, and have an easier way to watch videos (rented) online. The current video system that replaced being able to check out educational DVDs in not user friendly or mac friendly.
10960	7/10/2012	Poor education from the schools
10961	7/10/2012	Republicans and their desire to pay less and leave those in need to fend for themselves.
10962	7/10/2012	I don't see a threat, per se. Libraries need to balance resource availability and service, just like everyone else. And in the Internet age, the traditional view of "what is a library for" might need to change. More online access might actually help reduce staff costs without significant impact on us end-users.
10963	7/10/2012	Not identifying characteristics of a changing market and failing to evolve
10964	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10965	7/10/2012	costs
10966	7/10/2012	the people that use it and don't take care of the materials right
10967	7/10/2012	Obviously it's funding, and that is due to a fundamental misunderstanding of how important libraries are. Secondly, and I hesitate to express this "incorrect" sentiment, but many people think of the libraries as homeless shelters and the unpleasantness around all that.
10968	7/10/2012	apathy.
10969	7/10/2012	funding
10970	7/10/2012	The government.
10971	7/10/2012	The libraries themselves
10972	7/10/2012	Funding, perhaps.
10973	7/10/2012	lack of funding
10974	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
10975	7/10/2012	That people don't find them important and worth funding.
10976	7/10/2012	Under funding.
10977	7/10/2012	budget cuts
10978	7/10/2012	LAck of funding!!!
10979	7/10/2012	Voters misunderstanding the importance of taxes for supporting services.
10980	7/10/2012	funding?

10981	7/10/2012	Ignorant and privileged bureaucrats
10982	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding
10983	7/10/2012	Failure to pass levies
10984	7/10/2012	lack of funds
10985	7/10/2012	Budget cutbacks. Portland is a literary town. Promoting an open source of knowledge is vital.
10986	7/10/2012	None.
10987	7/10/2012	Struggling economy.
10988	7/10/2012	I'm sure that lack of reliable funding is the biggest issue facing our libraries.
10989	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to operate
10990	7/10/2012	Monetarily not enough funds. Politically censorship.
10991	7/10/2012	Lack of money, just like every other area of our lives.
10992	7/10/2012	Corporate greed, citizen apathy, leadership without vision or guts.
10993	7/10/2012	Lack of public support for adequate funding.
10994	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
10995	7/10/2012	I do not have enough in-depth knowledge to answer.
10996	7/10/2012	That people don't choose to use the resources that the library has and that it is thought to be an unnecessary tool in the age of electronic books.
10997	7/10/2012	Lack of money.
10998	7/10/2012	..that they will be viewed as as a social service agency for low income, homeless, and lonely people. All others have their own resources and the internet, and don't "need" the library in this view. Nothing for regular people at the library....
10999	7/10/2012	Funding to provide services to the neediest portions of our population --- low income, unemployed, seniors, children, etc. These people have heavier reliance upon library services to make positive changes in their lives, and reduced funding undermines the library's ability to meet this population's needs.
11000	7/10/2012	Perhaps this survey will help answer that question. Too much money spent on remodeling. I think we should fix leaky roofs etc. but spend less on beautification and more on access ability. Libraries need to make information available to as many people as possible.[]
11001	7/10/2012	[] Perhaps libraries could operate for proffit gift shops, book stores,coffee shops for added revenue and pizazz. Make fresh filtered drinking water available to all for free.
11002	7/10/2012	A refusal to acknowledge that we should support those entities that contribute to the public good. I am cutting back on many expenses because of the economy, but I'd rather skip take-out coffee and restaurant meals to know I'm paying taxes to support the best library system possible. One night's hotel stay is more than I'd pay in library taxes; why not put that money where it does such huge long-term good?

11003	7/10/2012	Closure. Loss of staff. Inability to maintain the high standards that have been set.[]
11004	7/10/2012	Limited access when the need is so great. Diminishing programs. Unknown
11005	7/10/2012	Not having enough of the current books on hand, while having enough research and history for students etc.. The current stuff keeps readers like myself wanting to come back rather than buy. Children can learn good study habits, respect, knowledge from "hanging out" at the library and the can grow larger and larger. But they need to be introduced to begin this process
11006	7/10/2012	the internet. most people i know only enter the library to pick up the books the have placed on hold. between ebooks and scanned books not much of a reason to go to the library.[] [] why do job search at the library? thats what the state employment office is for!
11007	7/10/2012	Funding
11008	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; becoming out of date.
11009	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11010	7/10/2012	Lack of appreciation of physical printed word.
11011	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11012	7/10/2012	People get discouraged because it takes so long to get the books they request. If hours are cut and funding for new materials is decreased, this will be even more of a problem.
11013	7/10/2012	People don't know how to read. Also people spend more time watching TV and videos online rather than read. This leads to lower support (tax support) for libraries.
11014	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Incorrect public perception that the public library is a homeless shelter.
11015	7/10/2012	Funding...
11016	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
11017	7/10/2012	Fiscal conservatism.
11018	7/10/2012	As I understand it, no funding is the biggest threat.
11019	7/10/2012	the homeless and vagrants; I would use it more if it was not so unpleasant to visit the library. Too many are there for reasons other than what I grew up thinking a library was about
11020	7/10/2012	Digitization and computerization. The cost is enormous, the savings and public benefit are less than admitted. The library once was a quiet and well funded place for self education and advancement.
11021	7/10/2012	The public no longer needing them. It's fairly easy to download free books off the internet these days so sadly, libraries have to offer more than just books for people to go to them.
11022	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11023	7/10/2012	Funding shortages.

11024	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of interest in keeping the most wonderful of library systems as exceptional as it is! I have used libraries in 6 different major cities in the U.S. and find the Multnomah County Library the best of them all. I have asked for the most obscure titles very few of which have ever been denied me. I am a homeowner and would hope that any further taxes seen on my bill will increase towards helping to sustain the library system. I also love taking my grandchildren to the various branches to participate in the children's programs.
11025	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11026	7/10/2012	That we lose them or they're only available in certain localities based on prosperity.
11027	7/10/2012	Reduced access to the collection due to decreased funding.
11028	7/10/2012	1) Politics! It seems there is a push to eliminate all types of publications that are counter to the vision of people that believe the county should not have automobiles, manufacturing, motorsports, etc. 2) Using funding that voters intended to be for the libraries operations (i.e. being open, books and research staff) being used for other non-library functions. A LIBRARY SHOULD BE A LIBRARY AND FOCUS ON BEING EXCELLENT AT THAT FUNCTION. IT SHOULD NOT "MORPH" TO BECOME ALL TYPES OF OTHER THINGS TO ENCOMPASS OTHER, NON-LIBRARY TYPE FUNCTIONS. LEAVE THIS TO OTHER GROUPS AND AGENCIES.
11029	7/10/2012	Internet
11030	7/10/2012	Not adapting/utilizing current technologies!
11031	7/10/2012	funding cuts
11032	7/10/2012	funding cuts
11033	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
11034	7/10/2012	Loss of funding, loss of personal contact. I miss chatting with a librarian, or even a clerk when checking out books. The robot just isn't the same, even if it is saving us money and allowing the other services I love to continue.
11035	7/10/2012	Illiterate maroons who can't and don't appreciate the magnificent joy of reading!
11036	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
11037	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11038	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11039	7/10/2012	Selfishness that threatens public services because of the perceived burden of taxes
11040	7/10/2012	Atmosphere. Making the library a more comfortable place to visit would make a huge difference in the time I spent there.
11041	7/10/2012	Taking the service for granted.
11042	7/10/2012	Funding.
11043	7/10/2012	Decreased number of days open
11044	7/10/2012	Not seeing how important they are to our community as a whole especially to those without other resources

11045	7/10/2012	Too much money being spent on entertainment DVDs and CDs rather than books and research aids.
11046	7/10/2012	The absurd tax system in Oregon with regressive and illogical property taxes; lack of a progressive sales tax, (exclude food, clothing, medicine and housing); and a draconian "bond" system that again inappropriately penalizes home owners.
11047	7/10/2012	Lack of reliable, consistent funding.
11048	7/10/2012	politicians (and regular citizens) undervaluing the need and benefit of libraries.
11049	7/10/2012	Not having enough electronic versions of books.
11050	7/10/2012	Expecting the library to be all things to all people. It should be about books and the information therein and a quiet environment to enjoy same. Other community institutions (or new ones) should be tasked with "programs and resources", foreign language materials, and community computers - not the library.
11051	7/10/2012	<p>1. Spoiled upper class brats who don't value it enough and therefore don't make it funding it a first priority. Public libraries keep the population literate, functional, and offer many services and opportunities to working class individuals and families that we otherwise wouldn't have. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>2. Spoiled poor brats that think stealing from the library it okay--they steal from the whole community since the community pays for the library.</p>
11052	7/10/2012	invisibility to those who do not use its resources
11053	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
11054	7/10/2012	Those who are not realizing the importance of reading, as well as having access to knowledge available to all on a daily, consistent basis. Those who are not realizing the importance of teaching others to read & to expand their knowledge, especially children.
11055	7/10/2012	Maintaining relevance. Lack of digital media availability. Most all mobile devices can access these materials. It has been cumbersome to use, if not most items are just not available. I would greatly prefer to read or listen to the majority of books on my tablet, even if it is checked out for the same time as a physical book. I would even enjoy dropping by my local branch to sync my device. Download would be ideal.
11056	7/10/2012	<p>1.) That users don't understand that we all have to PAY for library services via TAXES or libraries will go away.¶</p> <p>2.) Non-users don't care - period - about the greater good, the future and education of children, or that there is life beyond the Internet or TV.</p>
11057	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to misplaced priorities of state and local government. We already pay enough taxes. The people who allocate those funds need to pull their heads out of their asses, stop wasting tax dollars, and put that money to work doing things that are actually important -- like funding the libraries!

		Probably funding. but to be honest, as a community and a nation, we all have to "pinch pennies" and make some sacrifices. ¶
11058	7/10/2012	This is a sad truth, but it's the state of our economy right now. ¶ Politicians and those in charge of creating budgets seem to think there is this endless, everlasting supply of money to support every sort of government program imaginable. As a community and nation, we need to decide which programs are absolutely essential (military, healthcare for children, taking care of our elderly and veterans, etc.) and which programs (as nice as they are) are not. Sadly, I believe that the library (among many others) will need to be the ones taking a few cuts.
11059	7/10/2012	it appears to be funding, as it is for ALL publicly supported entities. As a citizen I can tell you I am weary of being asked to support financial Band-Aids for school, libraries, zoos, parks, rescue services. Where does it end? No one appears to have enough, regardless of what is requested and even when given, we simply move on to the next request. I love the library system and have voted to support it but, I can tell you I am not going to get into a (public schools style) cycle of this levy for books and services, this levy to support outdated buildings, this one to maintain education programs. Figure out what you need, live within that sum and be done with it. This idea of parsing up requests to make them more finically palatable is having the opposite effect; you are losing my support for all.
11060	7/10/2012	The Internet
11061	7/10/2012	Online access of materials
11062	7/10/2012	Unknown - other than online books are more easily available, although for a charge
11063	7/10/2012	being under-funded
11064	7/10/2012	Like everything in our state - poor funding base.
11065	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11066	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11067	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11068	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11069	7/10/2012	Underfunding. Reduced relevance of services.
11070	7/10/2012	The question assumes there is a threat. Maybe you should rethink your questions.
11071	7/10/2012	Funding
11072	7/10/2012	Being unable to provide the vital services it is known for
11073	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
11074	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
11075	7/10/2012	Definitely funding. But I'd say lack of funding comes from ignorance. People who do not frequent the library do not always understand how vital it can be to a community.
11076	7/10/2012	Republicans.
11077	7/10/2012	Amazon.com
11078	7/10/2012	Underfunding

11079	7/10/2012	Arrogance.
11080	7/10/2012	Not enough money to run them.
11081	7/10/2012	Well, one big threat is this survey being taken very seriously. The auto-ordering of the above question to some default ranking, the vague question before it. How should I know how well used the library is? What does that even mean?
11082	7/10/2012	People voting against tax levies and the terrible economy.
11083	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11084	7/10/2012	Not enough taxes to cover the cost.
11085	7/10/2012	I don't really follow the library system details like that.
11086	7/10/2012	Lack of reliable, continuing funding
11087	7/10/2012	disregard from those who can afford to buy any item they may want or access to any source they desire.
11088	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11089	7/10/2012	The people who don't understand the importance of libraries in our society and their influence on culture. These are the people that defund libraries.
11090	7/10/2012	I don't feel qualified to answer this. I would guess funding would be the biggest threat, but Mult Co residents always seem to pull through when it comes to funding our libraries; they're a source of pride.
11091	7/10/2012	How people get their information is changing every day. The libraries need to keep up with technology as well as they can to remain relevant. As the concept of the modern library changes, our local libraries need to keep up so we can continue to provide free access to lots of types of materials.
11092	7/10/2012	Closing branches.
11093	7/10/2012	In order for libraries to remain useful, I believe that the materials available for check out must stay current and relevant to our times. Currently I do not see a threat to our local libraries.[] []
11094	7/10/2012	I have had to make cuts to everything in our household, i.e., watering my lawn, cable service, cell phone service, groceries driving cars well past their prime, etc. I feel it is only fair that the library make similar cuts. I can certainly make the 6 days a week reduced hours work as I am sure most others will too. It may be less convenient and I may have to wait longer for a book but I can adjust.
11095	7/10/2012	Short-sightedness. Libraries provide a wealth of information, materials and avenues to enhance a person's ability to participate in the modern world. Not very one is totally 'connected' to the technological world that drives our lives. Even when they are, a library provides a link, especially when they are new to the community or traveling through.
11096	7/10/2012	Not being accessible enough for the people who need it most.

11097	7/10/2012	I know the threat for most people is the deduction in time that the libraries will stay open. Im not sure if its true but could the web & ebooks be threatening our libraries??
11098	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11099	7/10/2012	digial media
11100	7/10/2012	Economic cut backs?
11101	7/10/2012	Under funding.
11102	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
11103	7/10/2012	Inefficient use of funds
11104	7/10/2012	Lack of reliable funding.
11105	7/10/2012	funding/ budget cuts
11106	7/10/2012	loss of funding, Thank you ballot measure 5 supporters
11107	7/10/2012	Funding
11108	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I think, with the advent of the Internet and particularly ebooks, a lot of people feel the library is less relevant -- which couldn't be farther from the truth, but it does make it harder for libraries to receive the necessary funding.
11109	7/10/2012	Insecure funding.
11110	7/10/2012	Proliferation of electronic media; young people are always plugged into their i-phones, texting, playing computer games. Almost no one READS BOOKS any more.
11111	7/10/2012	inappropriate behavior of patrons and a waste of personel time and resources
11112	7/10/2012	lack of sufficient funding
11113	7/10/2012	Not supplying enough electronic versions of books.
11114	7/10/2012	My sense is that they are underfunded, especially considering how much value they add to the community.
11115	7/10/2012	Funding for staff and programs
11116	7/10/2012	The GOP
11117	7/10/2012	Lack of a stable funding source.
11118	7/10/2012	Funding
11119	7/10/2012	I realize that costs are going up but it should have been easy to predict that property taxes were down. Asking voters to extend a levy and now coming back and asking for increase does not build trust
11120	7/10/2012	That the hours would be so restricted that people would get discouraged and not make the effort again once the hours don' meet their needs.
11121	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to libraries is the increasing incursion of electonic media. Though libraries should offer public services they should not offer internet services other than research tools.
11122	7/10/2012	Completely closing down or open only a few days a week.

11123	7/10/2012	<p>People thinking online books are as "good" as e-books. I don't think people realize how "simplified" e-books need to be to be readable--losing much of the formatting that may have added to the experience of exploring an author's ideas--especially in the arrangement of non-fiction materials. E.g., skipping from point to point online in the Encyclopedia Britannica is NOTHING like the now-lost skill of browsing the physical volumes. The first is narrowing, the second is expanding. []</p> <p>However, I like how our libraries are expanding their mission of "information purveyors" as the world changes.</p>
11124	7/10/2012	<p>People who don't see them as promoting the well-being of our communities!</p>
11125	7/10/2012	<p>I love that the library continues to be a community center that promotes reading, literature and learning for all ages and through various means. Over the years, it has also become a venue for classes, music, crafts and dance. However, in our tight economy, the library seems to be stretched thin, as are other public and private organizations and businesses. Prioritizing services and resources is essential as the library cannot afford to offer everything to the community. What should the library offer that cannot be found elsewhere?</p>
11126	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11127	7/10/2012	People take them for granted.
11128	7/10/2012	Underfunding
11129	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11130	7/10/2012	Funding!
11131	7/10/2012	Lack of priority in Funding
11132	7/10/2012	<p>Lack of funding</p> <p>The Kardashians sisters?[]</p> <p>Question unclear.[]</p> <p>If anything seems leading - do you want us to say, 'inadequate funding!'?[]</p>
11133	7/10/2012	<p>:)[]</p> <p>Actaully, I have no idea how to answer.[]</p> <p>I still think .25 per day fine for overdues is too much, though.</p>
11134	7/10/2012	Republicans
11135	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11136	7/10/2012	Balancing reduced hours of operation and staff with availability of material, programs, and services.
11137	7/10/2012	I am not sure...
11138	7/10/2012	No funding.
11139	7/10/2012	County Commissioners underestimating the love of, and support for, the library.
11140	7/10/2012	E-book readers. Libraries need to offer more books as e-books, and more copies of e-books.

11141	7/10/2012	Those who run the library need to stay focused on being a library, not trying to be a place for people to take classes or as a daycare. Have current and relevant information available.
11142	7/10/2012	The Internet, followed closely by the Kindle.
11143	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11144	7/10/2012	It appears to be budget cuts. I don't think people realize how valuable and what a privilege it is to be able to access all of these things for free. It opens my world to alot of new media/experiences that I couldn't have if I didn't the library. There's no way I can afford sampling and using all of those items (DVD, book, CD) outside of the library.
11145	7/10/2012	Risk of becoming obsolete if the system does not keep up with technology.
11146	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11147	7/10/2012	Public ignorance of how beneficial the library is to so many.
11148	7/10/2012	funding!!!
11149	7/10/2012	libraries need to cover many areas. slowly getting cut here and there until they no longer support the wide variety of people that use them.
11150	7/10/2012	funding decreases that limit the selection, which is currently quite good.
11151	7/10/2012	For them to loose funding and have to shut down branches
11152	7/10/2012	Library boards that doom library bonds by putting library bonds on minor-election ballots. Wait till November, for cryin' out loud! ☹ If you want to win, go for the election when the most people are paying attention: November in presidential years. November in non-presidential years (2010, 2014, etc.) is less favorable, because it attracts more extreme voters, which nowadays are mostly right-wing and anti-library. Me, I'd vote for a library bond if you held it at midnight at the North Pole. But most people aren't aware of elections except in November. Many people with mobility problems (senior citizens, parents of young children, marginalized people) benefit from libraries and would vote for them, but they have a lot on their plate. Keeping up with minor elections is actually a fair amount of work. I know because I do it.
11153	7/10/2012	One reason I don't visit more is the type of people that are "hanging out" at the libraby. Too many scummy people.
11154	7/10/2012	cutting funding and laying off of our wonderful and necessary librarians who are so knowledgeable.
11155	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11156	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11157	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
11158	7/10/2012	Drunk hobos using them as their living room and bathroom
11159	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11160	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11161	7/10/2012	funding
11162	7/10/2012	It seems to be funding.
11163	7/10/2012	The internet. Lack of funding.

11164	7/10/2012	People who don't want to pay taxes
11165	7/10/2012	Not enough funding?
11166	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11167	7/10/2012	Budget
11168	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to continue operations.
11169	7/10/2012	I have no idea. The digital media certainly is changing things, but I wouldn't say it's a threat.
11170	7/10/2012	lack of funding cutting hours and programs
11171	7/10/2012	Funding
11172	7/10/2012	Nook and kindles
11173	7/10/2012	I have no idea but can I just give all my tax money to the library system instead of the danged CRC bridge?
11174	7/10/2012	lack of funding. We need libraries with full service hours and resources!
11175	7/10/2012	Not funding them adequately to keep them open and current.
11176	7/10/2012	The idea that everyone can have access to information strictly through the internet. Not all people have computers at home AND we all need access to materials other than computer based.
11177	7/10/2012	Funding
11178	7/10/2012	People who don't use it and don't vote
11179	7/10/2012	The Internet substituting fo reading among our youth and the working hard professionals.
11180	7/10/2012	Complaisance amongst patrons / uncertainty in revenue stream.
11181	7/10/2012	Shorten hours Parents who allow their children to spend all day playing video games or watching tv rather than encouraging them to read (and reading with them) and to be outside playing. We are generating a generation who only know how to text and be constantly entertauned by garbage.
11182	7/10/2012	
11183	7/10/2012	That they don't transfer the information they have to electronic copies and utilize technology fast enough.
11184	7/10/2012	fire?
11185	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I assume. Also perhaps a reduced level of interest due to ease of getting books and media elsewhere (online, etc)
11186	7/10/2012	People not realizing how central our library system is to our community.
11187	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11188	7/10/2012	Lack of funds. Need to have good resources, adequate building maintenance, good hours.
11189	7/10/2012	Apathy. Security. Libraries turning into homeless shelters. People using libraries only for internet access, or as a place to get out of the rain.
11190	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to political posturing and voter apathy.
11191	7/10/2012	Internet access to ebooks, making books less used. (Also a great asset for libraries offering electronic borrowing)

11192	7/10/2012	They are becoming irrelevant in the digital age. The threat is high cost for facilities that few people are using. 35,000 seems like a big number but is a small percentage of the metro population. The rank order list in question number 5 assumes that any of those things are personally important to me--they aren't. In terms of the 3 programs mentioned, how many people currently avail themselves of those at a library? Are the libraries the most cost-effective way to do that? Community colleges offer the same services for free to seniors, illiterate and ESL citizens, for example. Like everyone else, libraries are competing with health care for the poor and schools budgets which take priority. Sorry, reality is here.
11193	7/10/2012	Funding Restrictions on loaning ebooks
11194	7/10/2012	Linking post measure 50 property tax revenue to library funding. Otherwise I'd say the ignorance of those who cannot see the indirect benefit a library gives to the community by improving livability for those of lesser means.
11195	7/10/2012	That people who do not use them often, or ever, think they are so little used. Libraries like bunnies (no joke had house rabbit pets once) are unseen and unheard, unknown for how rich they are in activity unless you yourself are very involved as well...and like bunnies assumed to be less useful or lively than they are. ☐ Kids programs are so well used. Myself I like the idea of if libraries were less used - there would be more room for me with less others using computers or the workrooms. But, there's not. Those who are making budget decisions for less use of libraries - do they realize these places operate like busy little community centers? They are a public meeting place - money isn't made off people from their buying drinks, so libraries may be overlooked - but they matter to many. They are safe places to seek information where you won't be flirted with, assaulted by loud music, eat things you want to avoid, get distracted by friends away from your work, and where there is so much....information all around you to enjoy. Encourage intelligent communities - support libraries.
11196	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11197	7/10/2012	funding
11198	7/10/2012	they are too expensive
11199	7/10/2012	finances
11200	7/10/2012	Probably funding- and electronic books (Yuk!)
11201	7/10/2012	loss of objective and neutral information services
11202	7/10/2012	funding, dumbing down of citizenry, right wing zealots undercutting anything for the public.
11203	7/10/2012	electronic media
11204	7/10/2012	Online Media. It makes libraries somewhat obsolete. That's a shame too because there is a wealth of information that comes from the people there as well as books, etc.
11205	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
11206	7/10/2012	e-books and kindles....

11207	7/10/2012	Multnomah County Commissions with a hidden agenda to change the system.
11208	7/10/2012	funding issues
11209	7/10/2012	when less than 7 days/week are open, or daily hours are shorter, people will use them less, setting off a vicious cycle of less support and less literacy
11210	7/10/2012	People will stop using the library if there are not enough physical materials in the library
11211	7/10/2012	ebooks and ability to get them via librart,
11212	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11213	7/10/2012	Smart phones.
11214	7/10/2012	Electronic books
11215	7/10/2012	lack of consistant funding
11216	7/10/2012	Not staying current with latest and popular books, newspapers, and magazines.
11217	7/10/2012	Not controlling access to mature and or inappropriate media and web sites to youth and to adults when in a public space accessible to youth eyes and ears. I will never support the library system with these practices in place.
11218	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
11219	7/10/2012	The current trend to e-books instead of the printed version. This is the same threat to the publishing industry as we watch the large number of retail book stores close.
11220	7/10/2012	The prevalent anti-government sentiment and therelated lack of appreciation for how important libraries are, especailly for those who cannot afford to buy books or pay for high speed internet.
11221	7/10/2012	The liberal use of Library funding to support non-traditional library activities in an attempt to meet needs in the communities it serves. I.E. English language assistance, computer training, job search help, homework assistance, etc.
11222	7/10/2012	Anti-tax political posturing
11223	7/10/2012	google search.
11224	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
11225	7/10/2012	closing is the biggest threat. Keeping the libraries open is always the best bet. Close the ones that are the least utilized. Cut back on hrs and or days but keep them open, people will adjust.
11226	7/10/2012	Spending library funds on anything not directly related to providing books and other materials, and paying the wages of library employees. There is NO need to have live music or other entertainment, and classes not directly related to reading. Even "story telling" for little kids is not a direct need. If other people or organizations want to rent library meeting rooms to put on programs, at their own expense, that's fine - but a library with funding problems should not pay for any of it.
11227	7/10/2012	tight funding
11228	7/10/2012	Over taxing.
11229	7/10/2012	obviously funding will be the eternal threat, but i see a level of ignorance toward further education to be a root problem. unfortunately this is a problem neither federal nor state government will ever be able to solve.

		Number 5. in your list of questions did not work. It simply listed all in a prescribed order when I clicked on a number 1 which I later wanted to change. []
		Number 1. All branches and Central Library open with full hours - seven days per week. and nothing else cut. There is enough money in this country to support this basic support for our democratic republic. However, the Kleptocracy (those who steal from the public and destroy our most valuable human asset; good will towards each other) are trashing everything that is of genuine value. Stop TPP before they steal everything from every nation for the puny and destructive Midas Touch. You do realize that King Midas died because he could eat food, or drink water because it turned into gold and he couldn't hug his daughter. Of course most narcissitic and antisocial monsters don't care much for hugging as they don't believe love exists. They are not willing to do the hardest work they might ever do, to know and feel genuine love. If they actually were capable of genuine love, they would not be in the process of destroying everything of true value.
11230	7/10/2012	
11231	7/10/2012	cut backs
11232	7/10/2012	Funding
11233	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11234	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
11235	7/10/2012	Closure?
11236	7/10/2012	republicans
11237	7/10/2012	bums
11238	7/10/2012	An unwillingness to invest in the education of our populace.
11239	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11240	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and the larger picture of lack of understanding of the importance of libraries.
11241	7/10/2012	Funding?
11242	7/10/2012	I don't know
11243	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding.
11244	7/10/2012	Lack of funding - when the library isn't open during convenient hours, people will not be able to use it or will choose not to use it.
11245	7/10/2012	Closures of library branches.
11246	7/10/2012	Threat is a strong word, but I think a problem is the lack of funding and the knowledge of what that funding does will make it harder for this levy to be understood.
11247	7/10/2012	The economy and the national government.
11248	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding and the perception (incorrect) that our library is overstaffed or somehow not doing the most with limited resources. Ignorance is rampant in this culture and the library is the best bulwark of an informed citizenry.
11249	7/10/2012	Recession.
11250	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

11251	7/10/2012	Use by fewer people due to limited hours. More would participate and support if the libraries were open more often.
11252	7/10/2012	sounds like you don't have enough money.
11253	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11254	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11255	7/10/2012	not enough funding. [] Overly high salaries for top administrators
11256	7/10/2012	A perception on the parts of too many people that the resources it provides aren't important to the community
11257	7/10/2012	Lack of funding causing a smaller selection of materials and fewer hours of operations.
11258	7/10/2012	The internet and Powells.
11259	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
11260	7/10/2012	Apathy
11261	7/10/2012	Ineffective government/use of tax monies.
11262	7/10/2012	Funding.
11263	7/10/2012	Lack of funding first of all. Then lack of understanding of all the wonderful things you can get there, so easily, especially if you understand how to find an item online and pre-order it (in the case of popular movies for instance)
11264	7/10/2012	Given the preamble to this survey, I'm inclined to say the prolonged contraction in the economy is the biggest threat, since it results in fewer funds available via levies.
11265	7/10/2012	Lack of community or financial support?
11266	7/10/2012	People who don't read.
11267	7/10/2012	The ability to have current and relevant materials available. Budget cuts, in spite of the support shown by those of us that show our support by voting yes for every library funding measure that's on the ballot. []
11268	7/10/2012	[] I don't see electronic media being a threat, although the regressive policies of the big publishing houses could grow to be an issue. We use a Kindle and an iPad for reading, and the limited access is frustrating. My eyesight isn't what it used to be, and the ability to enlarge the print is a blessing.
11269	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11270	7/10/2012	Clearly it's funding.
11271	7/10/2012	monsters
11272	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11273	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
11274	7/10/2012	Staying open?
11275	7/10/2012	Budget cuts resulting in few resources and materials and reduced hours
11276	7/10/2012	Government

11277	7/10/2012	Lack of support through funding
11278	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
11279	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11280	7/10/2012	Keeping up with innovation and changing needs -- and the funding for keeping up with those changing needs.
11281	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
11282	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11283	7/10/2012	Seems to be funding.
11284	7/10/2012	Budgetary cutbacks that limit access to branches, materials
11285	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11286	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11287	7/10/2012	The mindset that what is held in common by a community is less valuable than that which is privatized.
11288	7/10/2012	Funding for resources both human and material. Keeping the library open 7 days a week and being able to provide materials that would not be available otherwise.
11289	7/10/2012	Not getting enough funding because people who don't use the library don't realize how valuable it is.
11290	7/10/2012	The belief that libraries are expendable given the prevalence of the internet and growth in eBooks. It would be interesting to see if a study could be done on the cost of NOT having a strong public library system. My sense is that the results would demonstrate the immense value of the library to all members of the community.
11291	7/10/2012	Rich people who don't pay their fair share in taxes
11292	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
11293	7/10/2012	lack of adequate funding
11294	7/10/2012	Accessibility of library resources electronically. With laptops and e-readers, many people simply pay to buy or rent books rather than go to the local library. Streaming allows for movie access without leaving the house. I would imagine the audience has changed to a lower-income demographic and perhaps those who vote against the funding are those who can afford to get library resources without leaving their home.
11295	7/10/2012	Not having enough money causes less hrs.and days,less classes,and less material.
11296	7/10/2012	funding cuts and hiring freezes. please continue to invest and enrich our library system. it's already very very good and it occupies such an important place in our community. i'm always amazed at how many people are reading library books all over town... let's keep staffing them and expanding their collections so portlanders can stay at the leading edge of knowledge (which we all know is one of the main weapons in the fight against ignorance and injustice).

11297	7/10/2012	The county reducing the annual operating budget even more. This is an old, mandated service; yet the boards have continually shrunk the allocation. We should be adding back. We cannot continue this business of asking voters for proportionally more money at every levy or in a district, should that come to be. The library is needed just as much as health services.
11298	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat is the perception that local libraries are archaic institutes that have been replaced by Television, the internet, eReaders, online bookstores... as a result the community cuts funds to libraries because most of what is available at libraries is available through a computer.
11299	7/10/2012	under-funding and lack of public understanding about the importance of this resource Funding.[]
11300	7/10/2012	We have the interest that most communities don't. As technology increases the library needs to change with the times. It has in large part. Libraries must not die like many bookstores have.[] Books may evolve because of technooogy. The breadth of material available in your library expands choices inspite of the internet. The library is for all.
11301	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11302	7/10/2012	funding
11303	7/10/2012	Funding
11304	7/10/2012	funding cuts
11305	7/10/2012	funding! This is in part related to interenet access for those who can afford it
11306	7/10/2012	not enough funding
11307	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is the Internet. Libraries as they were conceived are no longer helpful to most citizens - they've been rendered largely obsolete by the internet.
11308	7/10/2012	fluoridation?
11309	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the lack of use by the community.
11310	7/10/2012	tax formula
11311	7/10/2012	Funding
11312	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
11313	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
11314	7/10/2012	under funded
11315	7/10/2012	funding restrictions
11316	7/10/2012	Changing media; funding of course.
11317	7/10/2012	It seems that the largest threat is not having enough money to continue or expand programming and to keep the libraries open.
11318	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11319	7/10/2012	Idiot politicians that control the budget.
11320	7/10/2012	Access
11321	7/10/2012	Isn't it always the lack of funding?

11322	7/10/2012	Technology tends to take away from the importance of paper materials. For students books are important too.
11323	7/10/2012	Apple computers and the I-pod/smart phone mythos. In other words illiteracy and ignorance.
11324	7/10/2012	Impression that they are becoming day-care stops for the homeless and underserved in the community. The biggest deterrent to me and my family is the occasional threats we feel by those who have no other social services to help them acclimate to the community. The NW library is often literally uninhabitable due to the stench at the computer station area. I have witnessed loud arguments that I felt would have turned physical had patrons not stepped in. I have never seen a library employee take any sort of action in these circumstances. While the library must be for all the slip in attention to maintaining a safe and clean place for the children and elderly members of the neighborhood means those people will stop using, and stop funding, the system.
11325	7/10/2012	funding ¶ internet access to books/ and other library uses
11326	7/10/2012	I think it is lack of funding. The struggling economy has meant significant budget cuts to public services. In my opinion, this is the greatest threat. I think the library has done a phenomenal job of adapting and updating to the changing media in today's world, so the digital revolution doesn't strike me as a great threat to the library. Rather, the library has added this resource to the tools through which it makes a wide range of information and print material available to the public. People who cannot access internet at home can do so at the library. The online catalog and the ability to place holds online and then pick the book up at my local branch are such gifts!
11327	7/10/2012	Funding apparently. We just passed an operating levy and it isn't enough to keep the existing level of service. Why? Why didn't the levy ask for more money? I don't know of other threats, but going to the central library I notice quite a few homeless people using the library area for a day shelter and gathering place. Seems like the central functions as a public restroom and homeless shelter and that takes resources away from books, classes, and programs. Is that a big issue?
11328	7/10/2012	a general cultural tendency for spending too much time being absorbed in mainstream entertainment, and infortainment, and not appreciating and utilizing the choices for independent thinking and following one's own inclinations. ¶ ¶ a general cultural tendency emphasizing the acquisition of things, rather than developing one's mind and creative abilities¶ ¶ a general cultural tendnecy towards 'what is in for me (and my family) and less interest in the overall prospertiy and well being of the community

11329	7/10/2012	Political feeling that libraries are not an essential public good, and the consequent cuts in funding. [] Also, I wouldn't mind only 6 days a week if they were 6 days with FULL HOURS. This closing-at-5 thing is a huge pain.
11330	7/10/2012	Funding and ability to effectively allocate the libraries' substantial budget (in comparison to similarly-sized libraries).
11331	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11332	7/10/2012	Funding issues
11333	7/10/2012	Budget cut, fire, and the Internet
11334	7/10/2012	Libertarians and Republicans
11335	7/10/2012	Too many computers and not enough desk space for other types of work.
11336	7/10/2012	slow, steady decline of services - sort of like what began July 1.
11337	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11338	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11339	7/10/2012	not staying up-to-date on new technology (aka online resources, ebooks, etc)
11340	7/10/2012	budget cut and the culutre of not reading books.
11341	7/10/2012	you taking away funding. how about you take some money from the homeless and your dumb composting project and put i back in the library
11342	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11343	7/10/2012	Internet access provides more available information, as well as convenient.
11344	7/10/2012	anti-collectivist conservatives that think community is the opposite of freedom.
11345	7/10/2012	Funding issues. And the fact that the majority of people who use the library system may not have a loud enough voice to share their opinions with city politicians who decide the fate of the funding issues.
11346	7/10/2012	Increasing PERS contribution rates consuming too much of operating budget causing staff cuts, reduced hours, loss of programs.
11347	7/10/2012	The county commissioners who take the money that we vote for libraries and use it for their favorite programs instead of libraries
11348	7/10/2012	reduction of hours and days more than current plan
11349	7/10/2012	I don't think that we should become to focused on computers and media. There is still a place for browsing the shelves and storytime.
11350	7/10/2012	n/a
11351	7/10/2012	lack of awareness about just what is available through the library, and the subsequent lack of support in the community. there should be more county sponsored advertising about programs and classes.
11352	7/10/2012	Relying on property taxes to fund them!

11353	7/10/2012	Material available online, personal devices. People who don't care to support this valuable resource for our kids.
11354	7/10/2012	People taking the libraries for granted.
11355	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that will not allow the libraries to update their materials or computers, and not being open full days for convenience.
11356	7/10/2012	In my opinion, availability of other means of obtaining books, movies, and other materials. The internet and technology make libraries increasingly obsolete for lots of people. For those of us who love real books and the idea of libraries sharing these resources, it is very unsettling.
11357	7/10/2012	I use the library specifically to check out items of my interest. To me, the only thing that would prevent me from going to the library is that I can't find the specific materials in the library. I use the online system to place hold on books or other materials.
11358	7/10/2012	Having the days and hours being cut
11359	7/10/2012	I would imagine it would be pure ignorance, and lack of knowledge of the full range of resources it offers. We primarily use it for books and DVDs, quite heavily, but we will likely soon take more advantage of the digital offerings. Lack of knowledge of the full breadth of offerings is likely the biggest threat. Those who have no understanding of the libraries importance in the education and vibrancy of our culture, perhaps could not be swayed. But this seems a likely secondary threat. So, two kinds of ignorance.
11360	7/10/2012	Republicans.
11361	7/10/2012	Not sure, probably those who work in the system know best. It seems that if it's not understood how relatively little it would cost if we all share the burden to keep the level of services we have and want, then funding could be cut out of ignorance. It seems like funding to keep services going is the biggest dilemma.
11362	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11363	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. A lot of people who depend on libraries for studying and so on. Like some of the bookstores who have closed, I think people are worried that libraries will close in their neighborhood and they will have no access at all.
11364	7/10/2012	More people not being willing to share the responsibility for keeping our library viable and vibrant thorough property taxes. □ □ Lack of other ways of raising monies for library support besides property tax. I don't know if there is a model for any other way to support libraries other than assessing property owners. There are a lot of people who rent who could afford to help support the library system, but we have no way of accessing those people.
11365	7/10/2012	Money being voted in for the libraries and siphoned out of the libraries for other uses that aren't as popular as our libraries.
11366	7/10/2012	lack of funding

11367	7/10/2012	<p>Apathy.[] Though it seems that the most enlightened of us realize the value of the resource and how to access branches and sites, "spreading the word," as it were, seems an essential and integral value in a sustainability plan for the system, more effective education on applicability to "Life as we know it," seems timely and prudent.</p>
11368	7/10/2012	<p>The Belmont Branch sometimes resembles a day-care center and homeless shelter.[] [] Outside the Central Branch is the best place in Portland to inhale second-hand smoke. The Central Branch bathrooms are where the homeless go. We are very, very tired of the creepy, smelly street people at the Central Branch, who use it as their daily office.[] [] We always vote for Library funds. Always. Let's not cut funding, it is disrespectful to the people who vote to have their taxes raised to support the Libraries.[] [] A little less coddling of our dead beat residents and a little more government support for the Libraries, please.[] [] Sorry to sound so un-generous, but we are really sick of the creeps in the Central Branch.</p>
11369	7/10/2012	<p>Weak tax base and the fact the in Oregon you need to pass bonds on the ballot to receive funds-I really dislike that system I realize that libraries are suppose to be free but I would charge one dollar or so for a library card and have a dues system that for each year a card holder/member must pay 10 dollars or so (late fees would still be assessed). In the Central Library I would open a cafe so that patrons could drink coffee or have a snack at the library and this would further help to generate funds. [] [] Have late fees go against the person's credit score if not paid within a reasonable amount of time. [] Charge 25 or 50 cents for ebooks or dvds. [] [] I think the public has a financial responsibility as well.</p>
11370	7/10/2012	<p>resistance to taxes; lack of familiarity with reference & other special services</p>

		Funding. In hard economic times, when many are out of work and/or underwater on home mortgages, people are less likely to vote for bonds to support libraries. Need to find multiple sources for funding to spread the cost burden. □ □
11371	7/10/2012	Don't feel it is necessary for libraries to be on the "cutting edge" regarding high-tech offerings, though important to keep moving ahead with the times--should be a balance. □ □ I see the most important role of libraries as providing a more equal playing field to help bridge the learning gap between society's wealthy and poor and to help instill a love for books in children and adults.
11372	7/10/2012	Politically Conservative ideology. Corporate owned media. Taxpayer apathy. Lack of education. Dumbing down of our society through excessive dependence on television and a "fast food mentality," as in a society with high expectations and wanting immediate results, but not willing to put much effort into the desired results. All of these reasons are connected-not in isolation.
11373	7/10/2012	Poor oversight.
11374	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Wish they were open more hours.
11375	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11376	7/10/2012	Decreased funding
11377	7/10/2012	Limiting hours.
11378	7/10/2012	Increased demands on the libraries to serve as community centers with many different resources/programming without major changes in funding to support this.
11379	7/10/2012	Not enough funding, reduced hours.
11380	7/10/2012	Funding cuts or insufficient funding to begin with.
11381	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11382	7/10/2012	being open only 6 days a week
11383	7/10/2012	funding
11384	7/10/2012	Lack of investment in materials & employees - the operating costs. Perception of the library as a 'free' resource rather than a community-supported investment.
11385	7/10/2012	lack of voter support for levy funding
11386	7/10/2012	No sales tax in Oregon. Lack of a sales tax in Oregon means revenues are chronically low. This affects county services indirectly but it does affect county services.
11387	7/10/2012	Losing ease of access in the neighborhoods
11388	7/10/2012	Tea party.
11389	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.

11390	7/10/2012	People don't read as much, and e-books. But e-books are a HUGE opportunity. Amazon's policies are really terrible for people who want to share e-books. Authors are reluctant to give permissions for their books to be shared online, but they would be much more receptive to allowing a library to share their e-books.
11391	7/10/2012	inadequate resources to keep open and to employ good staff.
11392	7/10/2012	Lack of interest.
11393	7/10/2012	Funding, of course. This is in terms of our economy, and EVERYBODY is affected by the economy.. we all live and die by this particular aspect of our system.
11394	7/10/2012	Loss of public support/funding.
11395	7/10/2012	Fewer hours open; programs curtailed or canceled
11396	7/10/2012	Besides destroying 1st amendment rights and wasting time trying to keep certain books off of shelves, it's a reticence people have to helping fund the libraries.
11397	7/10/2012	An inability to meet the growing need of the surrounding community.
11398	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of support from County Commissioners such as Jeff Cogen. More computers. □
11399	7/10/2012	Lack of seats to review books and peridocals.□ Too crowded.
11400	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding from an adequate tax base and growing disinterest in "deeper" literacy as a result of an overreliance on digital technology.
11401	7/10/2012	misuse of the premises.
11402	7/10/2012	Government and Public who forget that Learning & Education should be open to all strata of Society.
11403	7/10/2012	Probably that people read less (more computer, video and tv), subscribe to magazines and news online and read online or buy ebooks, but I would think that libraries still have a unique notch as a source for a wider range of books and other things as well as a place to search and explore for books and information.
11404	7/10/2012	Well there's global warming, nuclear war, and over population as big threats to our entire community, of which the library is a part. I suppose these outrank things like not enough funding.
11405	7/10/2012	Cutting the number of hours it is open. It is criminal to have a library full of knowledge with a locked door. What kind of a message are we sending to our children if we do nothing about this? Where are our priorities?
11406	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the risk of them becoming entertainment-oriented computer centers. Computers are absolutely necessary in the library, but their primary purpose should be to serve academic pursuits or job-seekers. The wide use of library computers for playing games, watching videos, etc. may in time degrade the library culture and will most certainly misappropriate funding.

11407	7/10/2012	Our politicians. The library should be funded by the general fund. The politicians keep taking popular causes (schools, library etc) and try to fund these by special levy. Then they use the general fund for all their pet projects and things tax payers would never ok.
11408	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much. The library should focus on having new, current information and materials - not programs for every possible group in the greater Portland area. These are difficult economic times for many families. While Portland supports its libraries if the hand for more money is stuck out too often it will come back empty. Close each branch one day a week, do away with homework help (many schools duplicate these programs) or resources for job seekers (the State has resources for the unemployed and there are many helps online) . Encourage volunteers to run programs for young children and deliver books to shut ins. Keep the materials, physical and online resources at a level of excellence and the library will continue to thrive; ask tax payers to support programs while the materials decline and the library will become less and less of an asset and eventually lose tax payer support.
11409	7/10/2012	lack of funds
11410	7/10/2012	Reduced funding, I suppose
11411	7/10/2012	The cutting of public funding.
11412	7/10/2012	Reduction of any services and/or times available for access.
11413	7/10/2012	funding
11414	7/10/2012	The "don't tax us" crowd. A healthy society costs money, and we all need to get behind that.
11415	7/10/2012	lack of funding and apathy on the part of the community over funding issues.
11416	7/10/2012	state budget cuts
11417	7/10/2012	e-books, lack of funding
11418	7/10/2012	lack of funding, and lack of understanding of the importance of library services, especially in this economy
11419	7/10/2012	"Newer" information available immediately on the internet. It makes the libraries more of a recreational choice instead of the latest up to date source.
11420	7/10/2012	Aside from funding, obviously, the biggest threat that I've seen drive off several people would be some of the louder, more aggressive patrons. The library staff either is reluctant to deal with them, or will simply scoff at you, and bringing it up with the patron in question usually results in a litany of swears, aggression, and insinuations that I engage in intercourse with my mother.
11421	7/10/2012	ebooks and funding
11422	7/10/2012	Not being engaged with as much of the local population as possible.
11423	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11424	7/10/2012	I wouldn't begin to know the answer to this: I'm sorry. Other than lack of funding
11425	7/10/2012	Shrinking tax base caused by corporate and wealthy tax dodgers.
11426	7/10/2012	They should be funded by those who use them. With monthly, yearly and family plans. Staffed by volunteers

11427	7/10/2012	1) A decline in civic life and in willingness to pay for a civic life. 2) A populace that reads (beyond words and phrases) less. 3) Electronic books
11428	7/10/2012	Fire? Budget cuts? e-Books? Netflix?
11429	7/10/2012	Some of the items in Question 5 are inappropriately grouped together, and i think this will give you bad data, (i.e. jobseekers, small business owners grouped w/ homework help for ESL kids?)
11430	7/10/2012	taxpayer unwillingness to fund them.
11431	7/10/2012	Unemployment that creates lapses in funding while increasing use by jobseekers
11432	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Payroll of staff.
11433	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great resource for those on the fringe who do not have a place or the resources to get a foot up in our society. We need our libraries. Students, immigrants, lower-income and others need a place to learn, grow and get help.
11434	7/10/2012	Lack of funding/ people not understanding the importance of local libraries (or not caring about those who truly depend on the library for vital resources, including job seeking).
11435	7/10/2012	The digitization of books. [] Digitized books require digital devices to consume them. Anybody without them will simply not be able to access information as the industry transitions to digital-first and then digital-only distribution. Lack of a digital reading device is more common than it seems - most middle class young people have at least one of smartphone, computer, or digital reader, but poorer people and seniors often don't have any of them. That means the library will probably have to supply citizens with these devices, which are expensive and more difficult to use than a simple book and will likely be considered by seniors as a barrier to reading. [] Also, digitization will probably reduce library building sizes and in-person staff because there will simply be fewer books. Instead, a lot of lending will happen online with no in-person staff needed at all. The challenge due to this change will be to have in-person staff available to those who need it most.
11436	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11437	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11438	7/10/2012	devaluing the service they provide by certain segments of the community
11439	7/10/2012	rampaging apes
11440	7/10/2012	Close-minded wasteful people.
11441	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
11442	7/10/2012	budget cuts - it is sad.
11443	7/10/2012	Heathens

11444	7/10/2012	Losing hours/resources at the small local branches that ppl not in the metro rely on to meet all their library needs.
11445	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11446	7/10/2012	Budget reductions. We have one of the most well-used library systems in Oregon. Not fully funding it is detrimental to our communities.
11447	7/10/2012	Reduced tax base.
11448	7/10/2012	funding
11449	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts
11450	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11451	7/10/2012	I'm not quite sure how to answer this question.... reduced budget is a terrible threat. there are a couple branches - i.e. Rockwood library - that are phenomenal community assets but need to be expanded to meet the growing need. the inability to be 'right sized' for a community is a threat.
11452	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11453	7/10/2012	top-heavy administration.
11454	7/10/2012	budget
11455	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11456	7/10/2012	Size.
11457	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
11458	7/10/2012	Becoming irrelevant due to old/outdated material and being too inaccessible. I think 6 days a week, even 5, still provides a decent level of service.
11459	7/10/2012	the fact that whatever money the taxpayers approve it is never enough. goes back for years and is very predictable. i always vote for the levies, but get frustrated by that.
11460	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat is the lack of integrity exhibited by some of the users. When patrons see the library used as a day care for noisy 'tweens or a place middle-aged men go to for scantily clad lady pictures, it drives the perception of the library as a sacred place for reading and learning further from reality. I'm a 1st Amendment advocate, so I acknowledge the difficulty in policing and I understand that safe after school programs are rare but it drives me away from the using the library more fully.
11461	7/10/2012	getting hit by taxes everywhere and not curtailing benefits for public employees. People feel that we can not take it any more even though I support public libraries, we just don't have any more money.
11462	7/10/2012	Funding
11463	7/10/2012	cutting hours, unable to stock current materials, closing libraries.
11464	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
11465	7/10/2012	Home owners unable or willing to pay higher property taxes. Our current economic slump.
11466	7/10/2012	funding to keep it going, I suppose

11467	7/10/2012	Limiting hours of operation limits access to books and other media. If access is limited/inconvenient, people may wind up utilizing the library (reading) less.
11468	7/10/2012	People who refuse to read. Lack of interest in source of information.
11469	7/10/2012	Complacency. "It's always been this way, or that way, and it should stay that way", without regard to what it costs to provide.
11470	7/10/2012	PLEASE NOTE! I was unable to answer Question #5 as my numbers didn't register. The only applicable ones are Numbers 1 and 2 (which are 1 and 2 in importance to me).[] []
11471	7/10/2012	#6. A serious lack of funding. No idea.
11472	7/10/2012	I think an attitude of autonomy - people feel like they don't need to pitch into a public service that they don't use, and so they have a problem with paying for things through taxes and such. However, services like the library, the public schools, public transportation are all valuable services to the entire society. Even if an individual doesn't use them directly, those services benefit people who benefit that person in some way. They help uplift society as a whole. I don't know a good solution to that problem, but I hope that more and more people will realize that all of these types of services are really fundamentally valuable and worth contributing to.
11473	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11474	7/10/2012	funding apparently
11475	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11476	7/10/2012	Funding
11477	7/10/2012	budget reduction
11478	7/10/2012	I'm guessing it's budget cuts.
11479	7/10/2012	budget cuts and lack of funding
11480	7/10/2012	People's perception that we are unwilling to pay higher taxes to support the library.
11481	7/10/2012	Anti-tax activists who erode the revenue for such a fantastic resource.
11482	7/10/2012	Funding, unappreciative people
11483	7/10/2012	Idk
11484	7/10/2012	lack of funding and cost of upkeep, maintenance and staff
11485	7/10/2012	The cutting of hours in the summer, leaving school aged children with even less educational activities.
11486	7/10/2012	budget shortfalls
11487	7/10/2012	Technology. Laziness. Parents not reading to their children and children not learning to love books.
11488	7/10/2012	not staying current with new mediums. Business as usual.
11489	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11490	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
11491	7/10/2012	lack of funding - and lack of political willpower to ensure adequate funding.

11492	7/10/2012	Apathy from non-users
11493	7/10/2012	Not being available when people need them.
11494	7/10/2012	In tough budget times, libraries can seem low priority. Also, you've got a ton tied up in real estate - maintenance costs can bury you if things are let go too long.
11495	7/10/2012	Loss of relevance and usefulness as more and more information, books, and media are made available online.
11496	7/10/2012	Underfunding and accessibility. Lack of funding. The above renumbering system isn't working[] 3 is my number 1[]
11497	7/10/2012	2 is my 2[] 4 is my 3[] 5 is my 6[] 1 is my 5
11498	7/10/2012	lost books not being replaced, and new books being ordered include more than just mainstream or pop fiction
11499	7/10/2012	Lack of availability to children.
11500	7/10/2012	Funding, I'd think. So... conservatives.
11501	7/10/2012	Reduced funding and illiteracy.
11502	7/10/2012	Not getting the funding it needs for materials and resources.
11503	7/10/2012	1. funding
11504	7/10/2012	funding
11505	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is by far the urban renewal areas. I wish taxing districts, such as the Multnomah library and PPS tried to fight the urban renewal areas before considering property tax increases. Not having enough money to stay open, not having enough money to fully staff the Central Library and the branch libraries, and, if these are not provided, failing to provide to the citizens of the county that which a democratic society is obliged to provide. .
11506	7/10/2012	
11507	7/10/2012	Funding cutbacks
11508	7/10/2012	Lack of proper funding
11509	7/10/2012	funding
11510	7/10/2012	illegals
11511	7/10/2012	I really cannot say. Funding I would guess.
11512	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! Local government unable to make tough funding decisions. If libraries are a priority for the community, then funding MUST
11513	7/10/2012	be reduced somewhere else. Multnomah County taxes are already the highest of anywhere I have ever lived--so tax increases are out of the question.
11514	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for staff and to keep the door open.
11515	7/10/2012	Lack of funding which causes local branches to be closed or incur reduction of services.

11516	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
11517	7/10/2012	Tax
11518	7/10/2012	n/a
11519	7/10/2012	People surfing the web for inappropriate content in full view of other patrons (including children). Also, lack of quiet study areas (everybody seems to be talking or on a cell phone) and far too many homeless people.
11520	7/10/2012	costs
11521	7/10/2012	Taxpayer backlash
11522	7/10/2012	I don't know. Money not coming through I assume.
11523	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11524	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11525	7/10/2012	Low funding
11526	7/10/2012	Having to compete with other public institutions for limited resources.
11527	7/10/2012	It would seem budget.
11528	7/10/2012	The doors being closed! Because people will not have another place to go and wierd scheduling makes folks second guess the availability of the Library. Many people do not take advantage of what is offered at the library, even if they would appreciate it. This ignorance does not help when levies come up for a vote. I think a better knowledge of what is offered by the library is necessary for the general population to be invested in its success.
11529	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. Needs a consistant funding source.
11530	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. Needs a consistant funding source.
11531	7/10/2012	Poor funding! Bad economy; people don't want to pay for services.
11532	7/10/2012	stable funding
11533	7/10/2012	lack of proper security system for years which caused huge losses of inventory to the Mult County Library.
11534	7/10/2012	spending too much money on non-english books - and perhaps not leaving enough for everyone else [] Allowing too much free access to the internet stations - limit it to people that have a library card - or have them pay a fee
11535	7/10/2012	High administrative costs. People salaries at the top (i.e.:overhead). Out of control retiree pension/benefits that are tied to poor contract negotiations and set increases that don't match the rest of the economy.
11536	7/10/2012	Lack of community organization. We wouldn't need as much funding if we could get organized around a database of already available resources in every neighborhood and find a way to network what we already have. I think the library could be utilized by more people if it had evening hours and volunteers shifts as well.

11537	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, but that translates into a lot of things. The library needs to remain relevant and useful to people. If I can't get the books I want from the library, then the library is not useful to me and I will stop using it. (This relates directly to funding because I realize that money is needed to buy, catalog, process books.) I beg you to look into joining Link Plus to expand the collection!!
11538	7/10/2012	Mondy, clearly, but also moving away from providing books/information and using limited funds to offer redundant services offered by other institutions such as homework assistance etc Simply being open is the most important thing. ☹
11539	7/10/2012	The books (and computers) themselves are enough for the self-motivated. And simply having the space available will likely motivate those who can show up. Please, just keep the libraries open!
11540	7/10/2012	The Chinese Communist Party. They are flooding world markets with products produced by virtual slave labor. This destroys manufacturing jobs, which leads to urban decay which leads to a reduced tax base. The next worst threat is the miserable performance of the Multnomah County School system, illiterate people don't have much use for a library.
11541	7/10/2012	A big threat is people not realizing the full spectrum of services that the library provides to people... of all ages & abilities. I include myself in that; every time I go in to pick up a hold, I'm reminded how many use the library. While I primarily use the library for checking out reading & media material, especially via the online database, it's important that I remind myself how much time I spent at my local library as a child & grade-schooler, and that I hope my kids can do the same in the future.
11542	7/10/2012	Accept that the taxpayers are not willing at this time to increase funding for the library. Do exactly what is being done; cut service to six days a week, or whatever the library management deems appropriate within the funds available. To do otherwise and request of the taxpayers more funding than they are willing to pay for is to invite the threat of loss of goodwill and willingness to vote for a higher levy when the economy again permits full funding.
11543	7/10/2012	Closure
11544	7/10/2012	funding
11545	7/10/2012	illiteracy. haha
11546	7/10/2012	Not getting enough funding.
11547	7/10/2012	Being overly acquisitive with the next bond levy.
11548	7/10/2012	The effects of the recession as well as dwindling household resources making people less likely to vote for funding. Also, compression.
11549	7/10/2012	Rich, stingy bastards who are too selfish to pay a fair share of the community's taxes.
11550	7/10/2012	not enough funding; would really like to see Spanish learning for toddlers opportunities
11551	7/10/2012	Funding hour cuts job loss
11552	7/10/2012	Lack of funding :(
11553	7/10/2012	Absence of funding and political support, increased access to refernce materials through the internet.
11554	7/10/2012	Not having funding to purchase new or enough materials.

11555	7/10/2012	Being on the ballot over and over and over.
11556	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. I think the library is a valuable resource and is on the front lines of reaching many under served communities.
11557	7/10/2012	That they are being closed. Not good.
11558	7/10/2012	We always seem to be coming up short of money. Consistent funding would be great
11559	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11560	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11561	7/10/2012	I don't know, but I wish it would go away.
11562	7/10/2012	Economy!
11563	7/10/2012	inadequate government funding.
11564	7/10/2012	Better libraries in counties next to us. I LOVE CLACKAMAS LIBRARIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11565	7/10/2012	Not having stable source of guaranteed support.[] Extensive use by vagrants/ disruptive/ substance abusing people.
11566	7/10/2012	Inflation related funding to keep up with resources that respond to all library patrons.
11567	7/10/2012	Funding in a down economy when there are competing priorities like public safety and schools.
11568	7/10/2012	not sure on this one. all I know is that a library is normally a quiet place for people to read, study, whatever... but the midland library is quite noisy, with people playing games on the computer, watching youtube videos, etc. I usually get my things and head home asap. not the library environment that I am used to. funding. But I think the library should operate within them means given. People are no tin the mood for raising taxes or another levy.[] []
11569	7/10/2012	If branches are closed on different days, it would allow people to be able to go to a library every day if needed. I can't see why most people would need to go every day and don't think providing that is necessary. Keep the six-day access and DON'T go for a special levy or permanent tax! WE already got hit with a special levy a couple of years ago...[] [] One idea, close some of the brancches, perhaps there are too many. Consolidate inventory in the remaining branches.
11570	7/10/2012	The trending of "no more taxes". If we are to keep our society civil, educated, and on top, we have to fund our libraries. Sadly, too many people do not have priorities straight...

		Well... I can think of a couple.[] First, the library doesn't really satisfy the library needs of people that live in the Wests. It is much easier for us to go to WCCLS/Cedar Mill branch. []
11571	7/10/2012	Second, when I go to donate money to "my library" it goes to Cedar Mill/WCCLS.[] Third, your question "all branches and Central library" don't need to be open seven days but some should be open 7 days. The choices you gave me don't really reflect alternatives.[] Finally, ebooks....get better about offering more ebooks and do a better job of tracking ebook usage.
11572	7/10/2012	Apathy. I'm a second year Advertising/Marketing student at the Art Institute of Portland as well as a single Dad of a book loving, soon-to-be-second grader and this questionnaire now has me wanting to create some sort of helpful awareness campaign focusing on all of the modern services our libraries have available!
11573	7/10/2012	Politics and money
11574	7/10/2012	N/A at the moment.
11575	7/10/2012	The 'dumbing' down of our children by TV, video and DVDs. Also, if their parents were not readers, some kids tend to not read much, or very well, themselves.
11576	7/10/2012	Closing a library.
11577	7/10/2012	People not coming to local libraries and a lack of money. Unaccountable and corrupt police forces, corporate entities and government pillaging the public coffer for new fancy toys o violence and repression.[]
11578	7/10/2012	[] Libraries help keep people out of prison and make those things called democracies worth living in.
11579	7/10/2012	Denying access to the library by closing or limiting hours of operation.
11580	7/10/2012	Theft? Citizens not really appreciating what a jewel they have in the Multnomah County Libraries.
11581	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11582	7/10/2012	A funding squeeze. Hours may shrink but people will always attend and use the library.
11583	7/10/2012	They need to have an online book download service.
11584	7/10/2012	funding?
11585	7/10/2012	Funding, apparently.
11586	7/10/2012	Don't know.
11587	7/10/2012	Apathy and disuse.
11588	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11589	7/10/2012	Funding cuts due to decreased tax revenue (itself due to the current recession).
11590	7/10/2012	Digital book formats.
11591	7/10/2012	lack of money
11592	7/10/2012	Dangers that taxpayers will stop supporting it.
11593	7/10/2012	wasted taxpayer dollars! I keep voting libraries money and I see wasteful spending practices!!

11594	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11595	7/10/2012	No new books
11596	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and people who believe that libraries are not that important :(
11597	7/10/2012	government. They are so out of touch with what people actually need.
11598	7/10/2012	Lack of marketing to reach community to how the effective use of a library.
11599	7/10/2012	My guess would be funding, as is the case for all public services.
11600	7/10/2012	steady funding
11601	7/10/2012	funding and theft of materials
11602	7/10/2012	Funders undervaluing libraries' importance (i.e., libraries' broad, positive impact).
11603	7/10/2012	I don't see a threat. It seems a very healthy situation to me. Libraries are well supported and deserve to be maintained at the current level, at least.
11604	7/10/2012	Electronic books and lack of funding
11605	7/10/2012	Funding! I'm assuming that's why we're doing this survey?
11606	7/10/2012	Lack of engagement with the public to demonstrate the value we receive for our tax dollars. Libraries must engage everyone in the community and be highly relevant to their individual neighborhood as well.
11607	7/10/2012	Financing.
11608	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
11609	7/10/2012	apparently lack of appropriate funds due to Raygun's alleged trickle down theory which created a third world nation out of this country. instead of putting money into sustainable resources, we have used up all our resources and continue to do so. short sighted handling of funds by people who live in boxes. also a lack of compassion driven by a corporate controlled media which pits people at the lower ends of the financial spectrum against each other and condemns social and communal outlooks.
11610	7/10/2012	Cut backs on personnel, and being able to keep current on resources.
11611	7/10/2012	Don't know.
11612	7/10/2012	1. Over-taxation by county authorities.[] 2. Dishonest operation of the library system in effort to sway public opinion -- convince public of desperate measures required by present limited budget in order to build support for bond measure in November.[] 2. Use of resources to serve burgeoning population of illegal immigrants.
11613	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep programs operating that support literacy skill development and resources for our most vulnerable citizens (children, elderly, ESL).
11614	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

11615	7/10/2012	I completely disagree with how this survey mechanism is representing my choices. Reranking them serially misrepresents my views and weighting of the issues. The questions are also far too general to represent my views. [] The biggest threat to local libraries are librarians and politicians who are pandering to people who want free largely mindless entertainment, day care for their kids and free Internet.
11616	7/10/2012	People who do not want to pay taxes of any sort.
11617	7/10/2012	budget cuts
11618	7/10/2012	Funding.
11619	7/10/2012	Apparently, budget cuts.
11620	7/10/2012	Republicans
11621	7/10/2012	Runaway staffing costs.
11622	7/10/2012	Not sure - funding issues? The libraries seem very well-used to me, so it doesn't appear to be an issue of lack of interest or use.
11623	7/10/2012	Public employee unions.
11624	7/10/2012	PERS
11625	7/10/2012	closure
11626	7/10/2012	No funding
11627	7/10/2012	Trying to become a social service center instead of a place for the dissemination of information to all.
11628	7/10/2012	Too small, long waiting lists for books
11629	7/10/2012	IDK. Fire?
11630	7/10/2012	Get vote done for creation of library district. The biggest threat is fiscal uncertainty.
11631	7/10/2012	Because it is a "free" service on a user level, the public forgets that taxation is important in order to pay for it.
11632	7/10/2012	The budget. Unfortunately, places that provide access to knowledge are the first to be cut of their funds.
11633	7/10/2012	We certainly don't need to have access to the library every day. Just like we don't need mail delivery every day. Who can't wait a couple of days longer. People have lost track of reality. [] Reduced days or reduced hours 7 days a week is totally acceptable.
11634	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Also, lawmakers need to consider how important these resources are for people who are trying to find a job, and for parents who can no longer afford expensive programs for their children.
11635	7/10/2012	godzilla and big foot
11636	7/10/2012	Budget short-falls, and decreased hours and days open in satellite branches.
11637	7/10/2012	Not being open on weekends for working families.
11638	7/10/2012	Lack of funding it would seem from the information that you provided.

11639	7/10/2012	Lack of use, Kindles and Nooks and the like. Internet reading. People who are too stupid to realize how important having equal access to information is for a civilized society. Information is always easily available to the wealthy. Libraries are the great equalizer, and as such, should be treated as incredibly valuable. That being said, some librarians don't do themselves any favors by standing around doing nothing, or worse yet avoiding helping people, where patrons can see them. I've seen this happen too many times & I always think to myself "How much are you making for standing around?" I know I could do a better job than some of those people. It must be an insult to job seeking people who use the library to see someone who is paid so well, and with benefits, screwing around doing nothing.
11640	7/10/2012	
11641	7/10/2012	My guess is FUNDING...always. Also, perhaps the ever evolving electronic availability of resources online etc....resulting in less library usage (especially by people that can afford or who have access to electronic resources). This means that potentially libraries may find the demographics of their patrons changing...this would probably affect funding resources etc. Also, I don't know if this is a threat, but one thing that keeps me from visiting the libraries more (especially the Central Library) is that they seem to be increasingly serving more as a day center for the homeless than a relaxing and enjoyable place to look through books. I think it's great that EVERYONE has access to the library for sure--but there should be restrictions around personal hygiene etc.
11642	7/10/2012	Consistent funding
11643	7/10/2012	Funding
11644	7/10/2012	stupidity
11645	7/10/2012	Electronic Media
11646	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11647	7/10/2012	funding cuts
11648	7/10/2012	\$\$
11649	7/10/2012	Money?
11650	7/10/2012	theft perhaps
11651	7/10/2012	Funding
11652	7/10/2012	kindles
11653	7/10/2012	CLOSURE
11654	7/10/2012	Probably not enough money or poorly managed money.
11655	7/10/2012	Republicans trying to shut them down in order to cut costs.
11656	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of knowledge by voters of the variety of ways the libraries are used.
11657	7/10/2012	Internet
11658	7/10/2012	Too much TV and internet, shortening attention spans and making reading less desirable.
11659	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
11660	7/10/2012	Becoming obsolete is my biggest concern for the library.
11661	7/10/2012	Overcrowded and very noisy!

11662	7/10/2012	hell, i don't know, creeping socialism, bill sizemore, rap music?
11663	7/10/2012	i don;t know other than funding
11664	7/10/2012	The poor economy of the City/County/State that forces false choices for saving on taxes
11665	7/10/2012	Unstable funding sources from Multnomah County.
11666	7/10/2012	People not making the tax increases large enough to sustain open libraries, thus requiring a new ballot issue every year. I fully support the library system, though it is extremely frustrating to see a new tax levy on every ballot. I was shocked to see that the levy passed this year and yet you are limiting access to libraries. What did I vote for?
11667	7/10/2012	diminishing of the budget
11668	7/10/2012	I suppose a lack of funding to provide important services to all patrons equally, but primarily, bad management policies that disconnect those important services due to politics and mismanagement. I'm not saying specifically that the Multnomah County Library does this, but I've seen it happen at other libraries and institutions, and I fear that all libraries can be susceptible to making easy choices without transparency of communication between the library and its public and staff. Particularly in difficult economic times when hard choices need to be made.
11669	7/10/2012	People who don't realize how important it is to everyone and to our society as a whole to have library service for information, and to support the education of all citizens.
11670	7/10/2012	the devaluation of inquisitive broad thinking by an instant gratification market driven society The questions above are somewhat 'loaded' in my opinion.[] []
11671	7/10/2012	Re questions about library hours and days of operation:[] I WOULD SUGGEST FIVE DAYS A WEEK FULL OPERATION AND TWO DAYS A WEEK[] LIMITED HOURS--ONE DAY 10-2 (to accomodate mothers with children AND A SECOND ONE [] 4-8pm (to accomodate working people and job search residents).[] SO SIMPLE OF A SOLUTION! Why don't people making decision use common sense solution)?
11672	7/10/2012	If I had to guess, a decrease in tax revenue coincident with the recession.
11673	7/10/2012	Under funding
11674	7/10/2012	Obviously it's the lack of funding and the fact that politics at the state and federal level continue to underfund and not fund services like the library in favor of giving tax breaks to the wealthiest people. If the tax rates in this country were structured correctly and more fairly, the library and more importantly the schools wouldn't have to put bond measures on the ballot every year so that they can remain open. The state and federal governments would rather throw money away on the Columbia River Crossing just to save people a few minutes on their commute than putting that money where it needs to go Just imagine what the library, schools and other social services could do with the money that is being wasted on the CRC. State and federal government needs to get their priorities in check!

11675	7/10/2012	Lack of funding causing closures and threatening lack of or outdated materials. Also apathy towards reading and education by citizens, online reading of newspaper and books
11676	7/10/2012	?
11677	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11678	7/10/2012	People who refuse to fund them.
11679	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the internet!
11680	7/10/2012	Republicans
11681	7/10/2012	Too much money being wasted in government, PERS system too fat
11682	7/10/2012	unstable funding
11683	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11684	7/10/2012	theft
11685	7/10/2012	I dont know
11686	7/10/2012	Not getting funding support.
11687	7/10/2012	Funding. The Internet
11688	7/10/2012	␣ In case you're not aware of it, newspaper subscriptions are down, periodicals are waning, and magazine publishers are going out of business.
11689	7/10/2012	Earthquakes and people who can't read.
11690	7/10/2012	lack of use.. not keeping up with technology.. available ebooks etc
11691	7/10/2012	Electronic readers
11692	7/10/2012	Misguided attempts at downsizing and privatization; attempts to characterize libraries as mere repositories of books or information rather than community centers.
11693	7/10/2012	Lack of younger people knowing how current and valuable the inventory is.
11694	7/10/2012	public employees/unions
11695	7/10/2012	Funding.
11696	7/10/2012	I don't know. Ask the staff.
11697	7/10/2012	Loss of funding!!!!
11698	7/10/2012	Lack of permanent funding.
11699	7/10/2012	Lack of money. I see no grant-seeking in our local library. Why has Paul Allen not been asked?? A county alcohol tax dedicated to libraries would be good.
11700	7/10/2012	Not enough access. People really need them for time on computers. Not everyone can afford internet or computers and it's important for job seeking. Where is the tax money going?
11701	7/10/2012	Funding and hours cut so much that people stop using them as a resource. People not understanding the need for free access to information.
11702	7/10/2012	Budget
11703	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and in turn, reduced hours, which limit the systems' accessibility to users.

11704	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
11705	7/10/2012	Access. Especially for seniors and those that have need of research sources. Young people need to be encouraged to use and read all throughout their lives.
11706	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, by far. For a state that values the community it is so sad that Oregonians are willing to put so little into education and related resources like libraries. Some people are genuinely having a hard time making it and can't afford to contribute more, but most households, ours included, can and should pay more in taxes to support local services.
11707	7/10/2012	Investment / spending needs to be at a level that does not cause the system to deteriorate. When people stop going to the library because it is out of date, its relevance reduces and justifies even less investment. Have to avoid that doom loop.[] Note - this does not mean investment has to be super high. There is a tipping point where investment is too low.[] [] Also - must migrate successfully to electronic media. I have been happy with the library in this regard, but I'm no expert. I have checked out an ebook though, and it works great. In the age of ebooks, libraries still have a role to provide a physical space to read, interact etc..
11708	7/10/2012	That's an oddly worded question. Are they under attack? Masked gunmen? Obviously, funding is important and quality and availability of materials is important. If all funding were to disappear, that would be a threat. If we were only able to keep the library open a few days, that would be a threat. But six days and late openings seem reasonable.
11709	7/10/2012	Our unfair tax system that favors the wealthy.
11710	7/10/2012	Funding
11711	7/10/2012	funding...
11712	7/10/2012	INTERNET
11713	7/10/2012	People who don't realize how important the library is to so many people.
11714	7/10/2012	loss of funding.
11715	7/10/2012	Cut backs on hours and and resources.
11716	7/10/2012	Lack of interest.
11717	7/10/2012	Funding
11718	7/10/2012	Our economy. I can't afford to give more to the Libray when my income has decreased.
11719	7/10/2012	?
11720	7/10/2012	Funding as it is affecting the days/hours that the library is open.
11721	7/10/2012	decreased hours...making the library less accessible to the community
11722	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11723	7/10/2012	Lack of staff who are culturally competent and speak languages other than English.
11724	7/10/2012	Lack of funding of course.
11725	7/10/2012	Too many people not understanding the benefits of having libraries in the community

11726	7/10/2012	Lack of understanding what the local libraries have to offer.
11727	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11728	7/10/2012	People who think we shouldn't fund vital public services because they're well-off enough to afford everything on their own and don't understand what it's like to need services like the public library.
11729	7/10/2012	The political establishment
11730	7/10/2012	Taxes
11731	7/10/2012	No-tax idiots.
11732	7/10/2012	People stealing.
11733	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11734	7/10/2012	Unstable funding. The levy model is outdated and unreliable and needs to be replaced with a more stable and predictable funding source.
11735	7/10/2012	Illiteracy
11736	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11737	7/10/2012	Amazon.com if the library is unable to provide current materials.
11738	7/10/2012	electronic books
11739	7/10/2012	Unfortunately, the internet is the real threat - but we still need to maintain free public access to un-censored information and a place that anyone including the homeless and those with limited resources can educate themselves and expand their imagination.
11740	7/10/2012	Republicans.
11741	7/10/2012	funding
		1. Not keeping up with technology. People who come to use computer resources should have access to the most current technology. ¶
11742	7/10/2012	¶
		2. Not promoting the library as a community hub - should be regarded as a place to gather, learn and just hang-out. Need more variety of open seating/gathering areas.
11743	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11744	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11745	7/10/2012	Funding shortages.
11746	7/10/2012	funding
11747	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
11748	7/10/2012	Reduced funding, perceived lack of necessity among decision-makers.
11749	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11750	7/10/2012	Cutting library hours.
11751	7/10/2012	Apparently the funding... BUT, I would be happy to pay some amount each year to support the library! Like \$10 - what if each person in the county who participated in the library donated \$10 a year to have the access that we do?
11752	7/10/2012	under staff and budget cuts

11753	7/10/2012	LACK OF FUNDING AND CONCERN THAT THEY WILL BE CLOSED. [] ON ANOTHER NOTE.....THERE ARE SOME SCARY PEOPLE HANGING OUT IN URBAN LIBRARIES.
11754	7/10/2012	Low funding
11755	7/10/2012	Funding short falls and staff reduction.
11756	7/10/2012	Erosion of hours and availability
11757	7/10/2012	If hours are going to be cut, they should be cut during standard business hours. Priority should be to remain open in late afternoon/evenings and on the weekends when the largest number of people are able to visit.
11758	7/10/2012	keep decreasing the amount of time they are open. we voted to keep the library tax based on the belief we would not be losing anything. now you want MORE money to get it back to where we were. WHEN WILL IT END?
11759	7/10/2012	lack of money--staff
11760	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Tax payers do not seem willing to pay for services provided.
11761	7/10/2012	Increasing costs and a reductions in funds received from the property tax levy.
11762	7/10/2012	I'm not sure - other sources of media? (online, etc) Having to cut resources to the point where access is difficult for the citizens of Portland. We are so fortunate to have such a thriving library system in this city, and as the economic hardships continue to put pressure on tax-payers, it will becoming increasingly more difficult to fund the system.
11763	7/10/2012	reduced and changing hours and services cause frustration and confusion, which leads people to rely on the library less which in turn reduces usage and access. Not a good thing.
11764	7/10/2012	underfunding
11765	7/10/2012	underfunding
11766	7/10/2012	Hard to say, but probably competition... It would be nice if there were more current titles and more of them
11767	7/10/2012	Reduced hours, or, very limited hours.
11768	7/10/2012	It seems like funding is always an issue Lack of money. Declining economy. []
11769	7/10/2012	I understand that you are unionized, but what about a volunteer program? I'd love to do it a half day a week, putting away books, etc. Lack of knowledge and understanding of what great resources libraries are. I'm 24 and have only lived in Portland for a year but have taken a couple of friends who have lived in Portland their whole lives to libraries and reminded them why we should utilize libraries.
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11771	7/10/2012	When I am out of work or not able to work I will not have access to reading materials.

11772	7/10/2012	Electronic media?[] [] Lack of funds to expand services & buy more copies of books that are popular so wait time could be shortened.
11773	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11774	7/10/2012	I don't know, but I can guess it's reduced money resources
11775	7/10/2012	Reduced budget. In order to face the situation you need to decrease costs and/or increase revenue. You could put a yearly fee on carholders who do not pay any Personal Property tax. After all, they use the Library service without contributing to it (better not to call it "fee", but "compulsory donation" or something similar).
11776	7/10/2012	Possibly the ease of accessing material via the Internet. I still would rather have a paper book to hold, but I am not sure about the younger generations. I think it is imparative to have current information available in print, otherwise, it doesn't matter how many hours the library is open...nobody will want to come read old material. I would love to have the library open seven days a week and evening hours, but as a property owner (residential rentals and commercial properties) I can't afford more taxes! It is a tough call. Just like our own small business, operating expenses have increased but we can't raise the price of our products.
11777	7/10/2012	funding
11778	7/10/2012	funding
11779	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
11780	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, apparently.
11781	7/10/2012	Fundingggggggg Alternative sources of data.[]
11782	7/10/2012	[] Accessibility to library resources when desired.
11783	7/10/2012	Funding
11784	7/10/2012	A lack of funding.
11785	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11786	7/10/2012	I have no idea. I suppose lack of funding remains a great issue.
11787	7/10/2012	Not being open when convenient
11788	7/10/2012	Being underfunded
11789	7/10/2012	Funding. Libraries seem to always be out of money.
11790	7/10/2012	New technology making them not necessary.
11791	7/10/2012	Dont know
11792	7/10/2012	Priority funding seems to be the perennial issue
11793	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11794	7/10/2012	Patrons who do not respect the property. ie: books with pages missing,

11795	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11796	7/10/2012	Republican agenda
11797	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
11798	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11799	7/10/2012	I don't know. Access should not be decreased when the library is the most-used per capita in the nation. I am willing to pay more taxes in order to make this happen.
11800	7/10/2012	funding problems
11801	7/10/2012	Relevance/currency of material. Availability of qualified staff. Misuse of resources. Funding
11802	7/10/2012	Complete loss of government funding.
11803	7/10/2012	The fact that they aren't needed anymore.
11804	7/10/2012	The internet and e-books.
11805	7/10/2012	Lack of funding that would cause our libraries to be unable to serve the needs of all the community.
11806	7/10/2012	Obviously funding - if support is reduced and services are diminished it is challenging for libraries to stay relevant.
11807	7/10/2012	Video games
11808	7/10/2012	obviously funding
11809	7/10/2012	not enough money and support
11810	7/10/2012	Insufficient resources
11811	7/10/2012	Funding
11812	7/10/2012	Public misperception of their importance to the community.
11813	7/10/2012	The perspective that they are obsolete or have dated material, or are cumbersome in the digital age. Also lack of funding.
11814	7/10/2012	The loss of the dewey decimal system
11815	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of overall community support for fundraising, growth, maintenance, etc.
11816	7/10/2012	I rarely use the library, but I wholeheartedly support funding.
11817	7/10/2012	funding
11818	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11819	7/10/2012	misspent funding due to a poor tax system in Oregon
11820	7/10/2012	I don't know personally but apparently lack of funding is an issue
11821	7/10/2012	??
11822	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and electronic devices
11823	7/10/2012	I am guessing lack of interest might be a threat.
11824	7/10/2012	possibly e-books although I don't think they are at all equivalent to what the library offers
11825	7/10/2012	too crowded
11826	7/10/2012	Everything becoming computerized, there will be no humans working there
11827	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
11828	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding - ?

11829	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Lack of prioritization of education by politicians. TV culture.
11830	7/10/2012	Free membership.
11831	7/10/2012	Sufficient funding from our taxes.
11832	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
11833	7/10/2012	I would say people who try to abuse the system.
11834	7/10/2012	potential lack of funding
11835	7/10/2012	I'm sure you want me to answer money or lack of, however that's also the biggest threat to me. ☐ Poorly written question, by the way.
11836	7/10/2012	The budget crisis. Honestly I am surprised the library is open 7 days a week, I would think that 6 would more than enough. I do think that the library should be open both Saturday and Sunday and the closed day be in the week, perhaps the least busiest day
11837	7/10/2012	reduced funding
11838	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. I was pleasantly surprised when we voted for the bond, since we never approve taxes. I wonder if people would also vote for increased property taxes for a library fund. My husband and I would. The library saves us hundreds of dollars a year.
11839	7/10/2012	Focus on esl and other secondary things pulling resources
11840	7/10/2012	Taking library services for granted. Not understanding how the library serves the whole community, not just library card holders.
11841	7/10/2012	Not utilizing all the resources. There are many of my friends who are well read yet still don't use the public library system. Many don't know what is available. ☐ I wonder how more information could be accessed easily.....I found out about Freegal through a newspaper article.
11842	7/10/2012	Public belief that libraries are not that important. That belief needs to be challenged and beaten up with a stack of books.
11843	7/10/2012	the threat is that people think libraries are just books and don't understand how many other incredible services are included in the library. If the people of Portland knew how important the services the library offers were to our community, I think they'd be more inclined to vote yes on tax options.
11844	7/10/2012	People's lack of awareness of what a great resource they have on their doorstep. I have introduced many people to what is on offer...Many don't know the extent of what's available, especially if they're from out of the area.
11845	7/10/2012	Indifference.
11846	7/10/2012	Closure. I am a disabled senior who values the use of the library, especially the local branch which is now easily accessible. The quality of my life would be hurt if it closes.

11847	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is the reduction in hours. Libraries are not just essential as access points for information, but they also serve as community centers that drive interest in reading and learning. Knowledge is power and when we have limited access to that power in the form of reduced hours it is an insult and an attack on our liberty and freedom.
11848	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and citizens desire to keep all taxes at a minimum.
11849	7/10/2012	lack of stable funding
11850	7/10/2012	Not enough money
11851	7/10/2012	Going extinct. Becoming a thing of the past.
11852	7/10/2012	apathy
11853	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11854	7/10/2012	Internet and online book readers
11855	7/10/2012	Lack of support from the community.
11856	7/10/2012	Decreased/limited funding
11857	7/10/2012	Government budging,
11858	7/10/2012	funding issues
11859	7/10/2012	being closed more that one day a week
11860	7/10/2012	cuts and lack of REAL books as you move toward more e-books
11861	7/10/2012	Not enough money
11862	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
11863	7/10/2012	The perception that we don't need them anymore. The libraries have actually evolved AMAZINGLY with the advent of the internet and online resources, and don't deserve the misconception that they're outdated.
11864	7/10/2012	People being uninformed of what libraries have to offer.
11865	7/10/2012	Aversion to taxes a levies?
11866	7/10/2012	The internet
11867	7/10/2012	People who don't see the use of them I suppose.
11868	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
11869	7/10/2012	I suppose funding. They have done well with limited resources.
11870	7/10/2012	keeping current with the mission of educating, providing resources & being accessible to EVERYONE.
11871	7/10/2012	Funding!
11872	7/10/2012	Money needed from taxpayers in the current economy
11873	7/10/2012	Money spent un-wisely (porn, buying license for people to download music for keep sake, etc.)

11874	7/10/2012	Funding problems. I feel that our library system is currently experiencing the positive benefits of being a government program that is well-funded. The library does an incredible job meeting the needs of this community. Because the library is well funded, it can successfully execute its mission. Because it does a good job, people support it and are willing to fund it, and so on. If funding becomes an issue, and services are cut, the library could lose support. The library is incredibly well run and easy to use. Plenty of people who don't have to use the library choose to use it because it is such an excellent resource. If services are cut, that could change.
11875	7/10/2012	Economic strain at the local and national levels that contributes to the over-taxation (and economic exhaustion) of taxpayers. Without a robust local economy, schools, libraries, police/fire etc. departments all suffer. Moreover, at the city/county level, there's a need for transparency and responsible spending.
11876	7/10/2012	Shortsighted 'austerity' proposals that don't consider what a population needs to prosper long term -- like health care and education. Libraries are an indispensable resource for a self-educating person.
11877	7/10/2012	Expanded beyond available funding. Support your mission. Why going from \$.89 to \$1.22 which is a \$.33 cent increase (27% increase) while you reduced service by 14%. Why all the extra money?
11878	7/10/2012	Underfunding resulting from inequality of income and wealth, and from the shunting of public monies to corporate treasuries and military activities.
11879	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is inaccessibility. If people can't get to the library (because they don't have the physical means, knowledge of the library resources available, or experience of what powerful exposure the library offers), or the library is closed when needed, the library will fail to get the financial and social support it requires.
11880	7/10/2012	Lack of community support through taxes.
11881	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11882	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and closures.
11883	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
11884	7/10/2012	Less people reading real books.
11885	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11886	7/10/2012	The homeless!
11887	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
11888	7/10/2012	The librarians are kind of mean
11889	7/10/2012	Not enough money to maintain and run them.
11890	7/10/2012	Diminished hours and lack of new materials.
11891	7/10/2012	I would think budget concerns.
11892	7/10/2012	I would like for all citizens, particularly those that are children, seniors, or with special healthcare needs to have access to library services daily. I worry that our local literacy rate will decline if families do not have free access to these resources.

11893	7/10/2012	Budget cut backs impact materials, services, hours and programs.
11894	7/10/2012	The property tax structure. It doesn't work. The fact that the city & county have depended on levies to fund the library for the last 20 years means the library is heavily dependent on a broken system.
11895	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, people taking them for granted, consistent non-prioritizing
11896	7/10/2012	Closure for funding reasons. I believe, if push came to shove, libraries are more important than schools.
11897	7/10/2012	Loss of consistent, sustained funding.
11898	7/10/2012	Funding, fewer people seeking higher education as media specialists or librarians
11899	7/10/2012	Children not being taught proper research skills in the classroom. Children need to be taught to use non-fiction books.
11900	7/10/2012	Having them closed or shorter hours. Many need library and computer access to look for jobs, work on important research papers and enrich the lives of children.
11901	7/10/2012	Poor economy, no sustainable funding stream, misuse and abuse of offered services, technology, and misappropriation of public money.
11902	7/10/2012	people who expect something for nothing and do not want any additional tax levies, people who legitimately cannot afford additional tax levies
11903	7/10/2012	It appears to me that diminished funding is the biggest threat... but perhaps that is a symptom rather than a root cause. It baffles me that as a heavy library user -- someone who has all but stopped buying books, after being a longtime book purchaser -- I feel obliged to justify the ongoing need for libraries, which I consider a critical community resource. But I am not sure how I can diminish the threats to libraries -- the funding cuts that will result in steadily more diminished operating hours and, ultimately, branch closings.
11904	7/10/2012	Oregon's tax structure. It does not allow for the upkeep of services.
11905	7/10/2012	I would imagine it is lack of funding and lack of commitment but the actual librarians presumably know the answer to this better than me.
11906	7/10/2012	lack of interest, and lack of money
11907	7/10/2012	Not having a consistent source of funding.
11908	7/10/2012	Tea baggers, conservatives and Wilber Romney
11909	7/10/2012	Becoming obsolete. Having low inventory, old and outdated references, not having a good selection of current and classic materials.
11910	7/10/2012	overflow parking from the Gresham Saturday Market...no, seriously, the dumbing down of America by Republicans and big media conglomerates
11911	7/10/2012	Right wing beliefs pushing limited government that results in taking away funding
11912	7/10/2012	Lack of public knowledge of all the great things that a library actually has and provides. Wasn't until recently that I thought it was just "a building over there."

11913	7/10/2012	stupidity from politicians. everybody loses when the library is closed. employees lose wages. students are denied resources. job hunters/families are denied resources.[] cut from the top not the bottom. stupid decision. quit throwing money at management.
11914	7/10/2012	Becoming irrelevant
11915	7/10/2012	Failure of the local economy due to overly-large public budgets and indebtedness.
11916	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of understanding the importance of local libraries and the services they provide to a community.
11917	7/10/2012	Passive public behaviors. We have a right to our libraries, the current climate is no worse than book burning
11918	7/10/2012	Funding
11919	7/10/2012	not sure.
11920	7/10/2012	I'm not really sure what you mean by this. Being closed I guess.
11921	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
11922	7/10/2012	Climate change is all our biggest threat. I would support anything that makes the libraries more energy efficient (solar panels on all the roofs?), as well as any programs the library could offer around climate change.[] [] Second to that, I'd say the unstable public funding is the next biggest threat. It's hard to operate a quality system when funding levels can fluctuate wildly from year to year.
11923	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, cost of replacing lost, damaged or stolen materials.
11924	7/10/2012	more closures due to funding losses
11925	7/10/2012	Complete ignorance about all the resources available and lack of community's perceived value in a public library system.
11926	7/10/2012	Political apathy. The need is there; is the political will?
11927	7/10/2012	People not reading and using the services.
11928	7/10/2012	E books and the difficulty of finding the latest titles available when they first come out
11929	7/10/2012	Children that aren't reading enough.
11930	7/10/2012	Misuse/mismanagement of available resources. The Central Library, where I go about once a week, ALWAYS has a few people standing around, doing nothing. The new "Lucky Day" feature apparently buys huge numbers of new books, so people who can't be bothered reserving something, can get instant gratification. I enjoy new books and bestsellers, but if I am using the library, I am willing to wait my turn. Seems to me a great deal of money is being wasted.
11931	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11932	7/10/2012	The lack of a budget seems to be the biggest threat. There needs to be better ways the money the libraries do have to be spent wisely without losing employees and programs. Better promotion of fundraising, or better fundraising, could help.

11933	7/10/2012	People who do not read and cannot appreciate the value of the library system to everyone. Also, those who are anti-government (taxes, too) and are not societally oriented.
11934	7/10/2012	Regressive tax structure. We've already de-funded schools. When libraries go, we'll be even closer to a nation of illiterates.
11935	7/10/2012	changes in management/managers... i.e. personal service, or lack thereof. Attitude.
11936	7/10/2012	Governments and fires
11937	7/10/2012	Digital Media
11938	7/10/2012	LOCAL GOVERNMENT
11939	7/10/2012	Kindle?
11940	7/10/2012	Republicans
11941	7/10/2012	Books, resources online
11942	7/10/2012	Republicans
11943	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding and absence of a permanent funding stream
11944	7/10/2012	people not willing to pay the increased levy The biggest threat is a failure to realize just how much good libraries can do. They seem to have a low signal boost in comparison with internet and TV as far as information-dissemination and entertainment value. People forget about them and I wish more could be done to remind the general public how important the library system is to the general welfare and improvement of the citizenry.
11945	7/10/2012	
11946	7/10/2012	Seemingly lack of funding (open hours) and perhaps limited ability to expand space in some areas/neighborhoods.
11947	7/10/2012	Unemployment resulting in fewer tax dollars for funding
11948	7/10/2012	Inefficient use of resources. The library system should focus on providing services which it is uniquely qualified to provide, namely convenient access to a wide selection of quality books and other media. More peripheral services, such as specialty programs that are only available at certain times and catered to specific populations only act to divert needed personnel and funding away from what the library is best known for. Additionally, these peripheral services are often available from other places, such as local school libraries, boys and girls clubs, YMCA, etc. In a time of diminishing funds, I believe the library must prioritize.
11949	7/10/2012	People who don't think life-long learning is important. People who don't understand that to make democracy work everyone, no matter what their economic status, needs access to information. People who do understand this and don't care. People who think libraries are an unnecessary expense, a frill. People who think it's better to put young men in prison than it is to teach them living skills.
11950	7/10/2012	Government funding being spend inappropriately, parents not instilling the importance of reading in their kids

11951	7/10/2012	It's clear that stable funding is a great challenge, and one to address in the near term. But I wonder if there's not a longer-ranged problem with maintaining relevancy of the library as an institution with those who mistakenly believe that technology can substitute with convenience, bells and whistles for what many of us know and understand to be the irreplaceable resource of printed word. As print book sellers are experiencing, and users of such services as library.nu now know, we are losing the wealth and diversity of knowledge found in legacy publications to changing consumer expectations and interests, publisher incentives to narrow their offerings, and copyright constraints that put the canon of printed word into an electronic lockbox, accessible only by those with privilege and dollars.
11952	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for new materials or falling behind the trends in technology.
11953	7/10/2012	i just filled this out. why is this survey repeating itslef
11954	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
11955	7/10/2012	Not open enough
11956	7/10/2012	funding
11957	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11958	7/10/2012	Republicans
11959	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11960	7/10/2012	Lack of appreciation for what they do for the community
11961	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11962	7/10/2012	Apparently it's funding.
11963	7/10/2012	funding?
11964	7/10/2012	Being shut down due to lack of funds.
11965	7/10/2012	Funding
11966	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11967	7/10/2012	Refusing to put together a District to permanently fund the library.
11968	7/10/2012	Don't see any threats
11969	7/10/2012	Terrorists? Dust? Faulty plumbing?
11970	7/10/2012	Money
11971	7/10/2012	Reduced hours so that people stop getting in the habit of coming because it is not open at convenient times.
11972	7/10/2012	The emergence of digital media
11973	7/10/2012	Defunding
11974	7/10/2012	funding, movement towards electronic access may limit underserved populations who don't have this access.
11975	7/10/2012	Unstable source of funding. Oregon needs something new. Either increase taxes on income or create a sales tax.
11976	7/10/2012	Government overspending and government employees getting way too much money when they are out of office....really bad budgeting by our government!

11977	7/10/2012	Lack of a solid permanent funding base
11978	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep up with demand for using the library itself and buying new materials.
11979	7/10/2012	lack of funding
11980	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11981	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
11982	7/10/2012	I think the current ondemand nature of our society is the biggest threat -- that and the funding crisis, of course.
11983	7/10/2012	Lack of funding People not valuing the potential that libraries provide for children without regular access to computers, books and other educational resources in the home. Libraries are an equalizer for many who would not have access to these types of resources.
11984	7/10/2012	
11985	7/10/2012	Closing
11986	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, apathy for the arts and public resources.
11987	7/10/2012	Probably small-minded politicians.
11988	7/10/2012	Electronic books. Funding.
11989	7/10/2012	funding
11990	7/10/2012	Lack of funding means fewer hours + less books = bad. . .
11991	7/10/2012	This doesn't affect me, but I think that loss of resources for jobseekers is quite critical.
11992	7/10/2012	Apathy
11993	7/10/2012	Funding?
11994	7/10/2012	people doing other things besides reading
11995	7/10/2012	e-books and the ease with which you can order things online...why go to the library anymore?
11996	7/10/2012	The Internet changed research, the kindle changed reading. More people need libraries less to read and learn more.
11997	7/10/2012	I imagine it's lack of funding.
11998	7/10/2012	not enough funding
11999	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, lack of funding
12000	7/10/2012	Internet.
12001	7/10/2012	As the American Empire declines funding for social services will continue to be difficult
12002	7/10/2012	Not enough funding! But I'm open to a six-day-a-week schedule. Doesn't seem like a big deal to have the library closed one day each week.
12003	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12004	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness on how to use them
12005	7/10/2012	the internet
12006	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12007	7/10/2012	Not keeping up with new technologies. They should provide trainings on new technologies, as well, like how to use ebooks on iphones, etc.

12008	7/10/2012	Foolish lawmakers who think this is dispensable situation. Penny wise and pound foolish doesn't get anyone ahead!
12009	7/10/2012	Poor management, We just voted to give the Library a levy now here we are cutting hours and asking for a tax base. Seems to me there is game playing going on with the service cut trying to scare folks into voting for the new levy.
12010	7/10/2012	underfunding
12011	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
12012	7/10/2012	A government ruled by greedy idiots, and wealthy people with no vision or commitment to their country and their total and complete lack of "stewardship" for the blessings they enjoy. Some of the wealthiest people of the Industrial Era founded and funded libraries. Today's Wealthy leadership and business leadership have no sense of the importance of Libraries - a cornerstone for a free and evolving culture.
12013	7/10/2012	Lack of stable and long-term funding.
12014	7/10/2012	Loss of funding due to nearly complete reliance on property taxes.
12015	7/10/2012	I'm not sure. I guess I would say funding. The same thing that threatens our schools.
12016	7/10/2012	I don't know
12017	7/10/2012	Um, being under funded?
12018	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12019	7/10/2012	Hard to say, but like everything else it is probably some form of ignorance. I would guess that many do not know how much richer their lives can be when they use the library regularly. I think that people in general do not fully understand how much more important the library is in financial hard times for so many, especially low-income and resource-poor people. Not enough people understand the role of the public library as an essential element in a viable and vital democratic society.
12020	7/10/2012	I do not know but assume it is money. It costs a lot to purchase necessary materials and supplies, plus the cost of employees. I am not sure if volunteers are utilized but if not, I think it would be good to research the possibility of seeing what talents are in the local community. I realize and support that some staff are required but volunteers could reduce some costs.
12021	7/10/2012	Taxpayers who do not see the importance of the local libraries and who vote against measures aiming to preserve them.
12022	7/10/2012	As I said in a previous statement, for me personally it is having them taken over as homeless shelters which severely limits my use since they feel uncomfortable if not threatening much of the time.
12023	7/10/2012	stealing book
12024	7/10/2012	Computers
12025	7/10/2012	Lack if funding
12026	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12027	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

12028	7/10/2012	Reduced hours
12029	7/10/2012	lack of relevancy
12030	7/10/2012	\$\$ problems
12031	7/10/2012	Funds!
12032	7/10/2012	Poor money management
12033	7/10/2012	budget cuts and technology (ebooks, etc.)
12034	7/10/2012	I don't know
12035	7/10/2012	Public employee unions and unfunded pension liabilities.
12036	7/10/2012	\$\$, I assume. And a culture that doesn't support reading.
12037	7/10/2012	E-readers, irrelevance of books, with the ease of Internet access students can do research online now & don't need the library for school projects.
12038	7/10/2012	cut hours?
12039	7/10/2012	Liberals who promise to keep the system open then cut hours even though we voted for more funding. This last betrayal was sufficient for me to vote NO on further funding.
12040	7/10/2012	Theft of materials
12041	7/10/2012	Not using library money for its intended use -- books and materials related to reading and literacy.
12042	7/10/2012	Theft not returning books
12043	7/10/2012	Being closed and/or not maintained, and reduced staff
12044	7/10/2012	The Internet is number the number 1 threat and evolutionary change to our known world. Number 2 is the economy... the economy has effected Everyone, Myself, without a SOLID career or even JOB for over 6 years. Right now my wife is the only one working and we luckily we some how make it day to day.
12045	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12046	7/10/2012	The widening gap between books and electronic media presents a challenge of empathy to the people that don't read books, that interact only with digital media.
12047	7/10/2012	Internet access to resources and E-books. Funding wise, the recession makes it hard to support additional funding.
12048	7/10/2012	People forgetting that libraries are more than just a place to get books - it's a place at the heart of our community!
12049	7/10/2012	Lack of tax support to continue the present level of services. Ongoing ability to purchase new books and videos is critical so that patrons are likely to find what they want/need.
12050	7/10/2012	1. Funding from state and local budgets 2. Books on digitized readers

12051	7/10/2012	Biggest threat: "Dumbing-down" i.e. going to vanilla in trying to do everything for everybody. This is a diverse population with diverse dynamic needs. The local focus on Asian culture at Woodstock is wonderful. I hope all the local libraries have similar local strengths. Similarly, the special displays at the Central Branch are wonderful. Depth and breadth are both essential.[] [] Separate suggestion for consideration: Perhaps there could be some small effort at cross fertilization, i.e. rotating a portion of these special displays or cultural focus pieces among the various branches. Thank you!
12052	7/10/2012	Lack of creativity. Poor communication. Consolidating and becoming over-crowded. Stressed employees who are unfriendly.
12053	7/10/2012	Apathy. People trust the libraries to be there always, without making opinions known. If they need it they expect it to be there within a reasonable schedule.
12054	7/10/2012	Abusive and unruly homeless assholes.
12055	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep the doors open
12056	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12057	7/10/2012	Loss of support
12058	7/10/2012	lack of electronic books, more and more of the people I know don't often go to the library because they read electronic version now and assume the library won't have them
12059	7/10/2012	Puppies? I don't know....
12060	7/10/2012	Lack of funding which could lead to decreased utilization. It is a wonderful wonderful resource for our community.
12061	7/10/2012	Inefficiency.
12062	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Up your late fees!
12063	7/10/2012	Digital books.
12064	7/10/2012	Republicans.
12065	7/10/2012	Amazon and lack of funding
12066	7/10/2012	Closeing and rheyneed to close waste to much money
12067	7/10/2012	inadequate funding, competing priorities for sources of funding
12068	7/10/2012	Funding, or lack thereof
12069	7/10/2012	Mismanagement of county tax revenue.
12070	7/10/2012	Lack of proper, ongoing funding.
12071	7/10/2012	Trying to go "e-books".
12072	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12073	7/10/2012	ebooks and book publishers.
12074	7/10/2012	lack of fund and a lack of understanding the importance of the library system
12075	7/10/2012	lack of funding. I guess.
12076	7/10/2012	MONEY!

12077	7/10/2012	The constant threat of loss of funding due to our having to vote to renew the levy every few years! It should not be a political football.
12078	7/10/2012	Budget woes.
12079	7/10/2012	lack of appreciation of range of services
12080	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding by people who totally underestimate the importance of libraries to people like me.
12081	7/10/2012	Obviously funding - I have always voted for every library bond that is on the ballot, but I think we need to slow down. Cutting hours is the first step - I don't like it, but it is a reality that we don't have the money to continue at full time. I've had to cut back my home budget after being laid off - services are needing to do the same. [] I would even consider paying something for use of the library - like OPB - I'd donate \$10 month
12082	7/10/2012	services cut to the point of very limited I am property tax payer and I donot want higher taxes but maybe if the cuts services from other things that I think I waste of funds.
12083	7/10/2012	Not having a comfortable atmosphere. lack of funding to attempt to provide too many resources.[] eg, too many free dvds and cds and books on tape[]
12084	7/10/2012	books should come first, but not romance novels which can be found free or cheap at any garage sale or fred meyer or even at book exchange places.[] the discs are a luxury that people should pay for.
12085	7/10/2012	Lack of funding Lack of advertising! I talk to people all the time who do not know how easy it is to reserve a book, movie, CD and receive it quickly at your local branch. As the economy continues to slow, even more people will need no/low cost alternatives to resources such as books, CDs, DVDs etc...I think of how much money I have saved by using the Library system instead of just purchasing or renting materials from Powells, Amazon, local video stores.....
12086	7/10/2012	The internet makes library research almost archaic although the lines for the computers at the library only lead to it becoming a place for large groups to hang out and be annoying. Computer time should be limited to 1/2 hr. The downtown branch is more like a homeless shelter
12087	7/10/2012	Money to stay open and money to add materials
12088	7/10/2012	funding
12089	7/10/2012	People not realizing how wonderful the library system is until it's too late and too much funding has been lost.
12090	7/10/2012	people not wanting to go and not feeling safe. it can be an unpleasant place, many people are there to use the internet only and they are often loud, distructive and have poor personal hygiene.

12091	7/10/2012	Not enough middle and lower income people working who would contribute more taxes if they were working. Large tax breaks for the top 1% of wealth in our communities and nationwide hurts our tax base that funds libraries, schools, street repair, ect. Too much of our tax money going to wars and subsidies for profitable corporations. A gross amount of money spent on political campaigns that could be funding community services and but instead go buying off too many politicians and decision makers.
12092	7/10/2012	Lack of proper funding
12093	7/10/2012	Funding
12094	7/10/2012	Closure
12095	7/10/2012	tax cuts for the wealthy!
12096	7/10/2012	The economy and budget cuts.
12097	7/10/2012	I have no idea.
12098	7/10/2012	A lack of understanding of the importance of libraries and library funding.
12099	7/10/2012	Closures and loss of funding.
12100	7/10/2012	we need more chairs for people to sit down to read their books.
12101	7/10/2012	Funding. Video games.
12102	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12103	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12104	7/10/2012	Funding?
12105	7/10/2012	Unsure.
12106	7/10/2012	For-sale bookstores. Electronic Readers. Government cuts.
12107	7/10/2012	lack of funding!
12108	7/10/2012	Tax cuts and poor resource management
12109	7/10/2012	Funding.
12110	7/10/2012	Mismanagement at City and county levels
12111	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12112	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12113	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12114	7/10/2012	People not aware of all of the libraries resources.
12115	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12116	7/10/2012	Budget cuts / misappropriation of our county's general fund
12117	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12118	7/10/2012	I do not know.
12119	7/10/2012	The loss of interest in printed materials.
12120	7/10/2012	People forgetting how wonderful libraries are. I talk to friends who are starting to use the library and are awed by not having to buy and keep books.
12121	7/10/2012	Honestly I don't know. I know funding is always an issue.

12122	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Biggest threat is libraries going beyond the basics. Currently you're squandering money on internet access and dvds for loafers and meth heads. Libraries should be about *books*. []
12123	7/10/2012	* Not comic books[] * Not internet access[] * Not progressive classes[] * Not movie rentals[] [] Keep the focus on books + education. :-)
12124	7/10/2012	not enough funding
12125	7/10/2012	Lack of info. About the latest abilities & services the libraries provided. Such as digital/ electronic access. Meetings/ groups available which the community can participate in.
12126	7/10/2012	Unsteady and insufficient funding. The public takes for granted that the library will always be there and seem to think that this and other important social services will get paid for out of some magical, bottomless pot at the end of a rainbow.
12127	7/10/2012	Republicans.
12128	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12129	7/10/2012	The Internet
12130	7/10/2012	lack of funding and community support
12131	7/10/2012	Budget restrictions.
12132	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12133	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and bureaucrats robbing us of a community resource that connects people. Tax the large scale businesses.
12134	7/10/2012	Not able to access on my schedule
12135	7/10/2012	Funding & e-readers
12136	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12137	7/10/2012	the never ending begging for funds
12138	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
12139	7/10/2012	lack of money
12140	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12141	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I would imagine.
12142	7/10/2012	Internet
12143	7/10/2012	funding cuts, lack of access
12144	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12145	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to keep the hours necessary for our community to find them useful.
12146	7/10/2012	Closures.

12147	7/10/2012	Electronic media
12148	7/10/2012	Loss of funding making it so new materials aren't available, leading to loss of public interest in libraries and further loss of funding.
12149	7/10/2012	lack of consistent funding
12150	7/10/2012	Budget cuts for buying new books.
12151	7/10/2012	Not open everyday
12152	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.[] Cutting services to the point that few use the library anymore.
12153	7/10/2012	The smell the homeless people bring in when they use the bathrooms for bathing
12154	7/10/2012	The Kindle?
12155	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding Lack of funding, lack of use, middle/upper class perception of the library being unsafe, a loitering place for homeless and drug action, or don't know what resources are available to them.[]
12156	7/10/2012	Well trained, degreed, professional librarians with good marketing/public relations as well as great signage for services are essential for public use. Current, relevant materials are also necessary.
12157	7/10/2012	I can't answer this question - I'm sure you know far better than I, but I believe that the decline of people reading actual books and doing research at the library is a threat. It seems that every time I go to the library people are either sitting at computers or looking at dvds. I usually have the stacks and reference section to myself. But computers and dvds are everywhere - a collection of books and scholarly materials is just something most people can't have access to without libraries. I hope that the library I know will still continue to exist, rather than turning into a community center for people to stare at computers.
12158	7/10/2012	Foreclosures and unemployment are a big threat because if people cannot pay their taxes there is no money for the libraries.
12159	7/10/2012	Adequate funding
12160	7/10/2012	The federal funding is low with all of these updated technology it cant keep up
12161	7/10/2012	They are often closed when people can go.
12162	7/10/2012	1. Proprietary and use restricted e-books[] 2. Government cutbacks that deprioritize educational resources.
12163	7/10/2012	Another subjective question. What answer do you want? Could a threat be crime, lack of resources/materials, funding, ebooks, reduced hours? What answer do you want?!?!?!?!?
12164	7/10/2012	decreased funding. as a "green" city we need to support systems of social sustainability and civic health - the library being a key link to democracy, community engagement.
12165	7/10/2012	The economy...tough financial times make folks tightening their belts less likely to vote for tax increases...even as they increase their use of the libraries.

12166	7/10/2012	A significant long-term threat is that copyrighted works are no longer falling into "public domain". Copyright is supposed to be a short-term monopoly on publishing, for the long-term benefit of everyone. Libraries are great places to find public-domain works.
12167	7/10/2012	Those who oppose levies which would give libraries vital funding. I'm sure you may have seen this campaign from Troy, Michigan, but if not I thought I would share. I think the library supporters here put together a genius "book burning" campaign prior to an important election. Please watch the video here if you haven't seen it already. http://www.upworthy.com/burn-the-libraries-down-kidz-can-learned-stuff-on-there-oan?g=2
12168	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is that people will lose touch with the library as an integral part of their life. I know countless Portlanders who are "hooked" on the library, the way some people are hooked on going to the gym or programming their Tivo. We go several times a week for a wide range of materials, use the Interlibrary Loan program, put books on hold online, and generally incorporate the library into our intellectual, creative, and family lives. One of the main reasons we're able to do this is access. This means, in part, having libraries that are still open when most people get off work, seven days a week. The harder it is for people to get something, the quicker it will fall out of their lives. "Access" here also means having access to a wide range of new materials. If a store always has what you're looking for, chances are you'll be a devoted customer. Knowing that MultCoLib owns dozens of copies of the newest bestsellers, as well as a host of guitar instruction DVDs, and all the new manga comics for my daughter, plus important new (expensive) art books, makes the library an indispensable resource. Should that wealth of access ever "dry up," people will stop looking to the library for many of their needs.
12169	7/10/2012	Local government and mismanagement of financial resources by local leaders.
12170	7/10/2012	Funding
12171	7/10/2012	funding and digital materials.
12172	7/10/2012	Funding, it seems.
12173	7/10/2012	Republicans
12174	7/10/2012	no money.
12175	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
12176	7/10/2012	Underfunding over emphasis on computers
12177	7/10/2012	Funding. Funding. Funding.
12178	7/10/2012	lack of consistent funding
12179	7/10/2012	Reduction in funding seems to be the greatest threat.
12180	7/10/2012	Republicans
12181	7/10/2012	Stupidity.
12182	7/10/2012	politicians, budget cuts, electronic media, illiteracy
12183	7/10/2012	Funding
12184	7/10/2012	Decline of society as a whole?

12185	7/10/2012	No opinion.
12186	7/10/2012	funding
12187	7/10/2012	Not sure?
12188	7/10/2012	Material is outdated and we live in a quickly changing environment. More electronic media could be available.
12189	7/10/2012	E-Books
12190	7/10/2012	Individuals who do not use library services not recognizing the value of the services provided.
12191	7/10/2012	Lack of interest by taxpayers, loss of funding
12192	7/10/2012	Bureaucracy
12193	7/10/2012	Staff cutbacks.
12194	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12195	7/10/2012	An apathetic/uneducated public.
12196	7/10/2012	Not enough funding!
12197	7/10/2012	Non-users who do not value the importance of our libraries and the important services they provide to our community.
12198	7/10/2012	People not knowing about all the free-to-you activities that are available at the library.
12199	7/10/2012	Funding
12200	7/10/2012	Lack of compassion for those who don't have the resources for buying books, personal computers, etc.
12201	7/10/2012	Section 5 of this survey is poorly designed. I wanted to indicate that having the library open six days a week was important, but planned to leave the rest blank to indicate they had no importance to me. By renumbering all the others, you give them "value" that I do not see.
12202	7/10/2012	Not enough hours open. Monday is a work day for most people and not having access to the library does. It meet the need. Also lack of staff. Most people need help from the staff finding materials, information etc. With lack of staff I fear needs from the community might not be met as well as organization of the library and resources available. People need to let the librarians know what is available to community like education programs etc; they are a big source of our information.
12203	7/10/2012	People not recognizing the importance of them for our community's literacy, education and self-succificency.
12204	7/10/2012	Political/Societal priorities. In other words, the same thing that is a threat to all community richness programs and resources. Convincing people that their lives will be enriched when those of all are enriched is a losing battle. It's like people who commute by car yelling at cyclists to get off the road. The motorist sees themself as the taxpayer who's money supports the road, and the cyclist as a freeloader, not a fellow taxpayer who chooses to use the same road differently. Community resources that benefit all people, rich poor young old, are often targeted by those who don't want to pay for anything they themselves don't use. Public schools, libraries, Head Start - different versions of the same story. Priorities.

12205	7/10/2012	Funding being cut
12206	7/10/2012	The above ranking was difficult for me. I strongly believe in "The Commons" and consider the Library an important piece of that. I am supportive of anything that will help the library and further, I understand what is happening all over the country as we let go of these important public services or make them less available. I even see the library; especially the Central branch, an important resource for the poorest in our communities, including the homeless. The biggest threat to the libraries, as I see it, is that it might go away due to voter apathy or people who increasingly don't support the commons.
12207	7/10/2012	Television
12208	7/10/2012	People take them for granted and tend not to consider library funding a priority until it's gone.
12209	7/10/2012	I wrote an equivalent of two of these boxes worth of feedback--spent nearly 1/2 an hr thinking & writing. Why did it vanish!!! Pissed.
12210	7/10/2012	personnel costs
12211	7/10/2012	Underfunding
12212	7/10/2012	Ignorance.
12213	7/10/2012	?
12214	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
12215	7/10/2012	funding
12216	7/10/2012	Funding.
12217	7/10/2012	Lack of tax revenues.
12218	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12219	7/10/2012	Greedy Portland schools and ignorant political leaders.
12220	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
12221	7/10/2012	Funding
12222	7/10/2012	Funding and video games
12223	7/10/2012	Changing technologies
12224	7/10/2012	fucking homeless people. throw them out!
12225	7/10/2012	management not being honest about bond levies
12226	7/10/2012	Need more funding to keep all branches open 7 days a week.
12227	7/10/2012	Not having enough funding from the city
12228	7/10/2012	Funding.
12229	7/10/2012	funding
12230	7/10/2012	I'd say people buying books on devices such as the iPad or Kindle instead of going to the library.
12231	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12232	7/10/2012	people forgetting to use them as a resource
12233	7/10/2012	Lack of funding options
12234	7/10/2012	Theft of materials and misuse of materials and facilities.

12235	7/10/2012	recession.[]
12236	7/10/2012	too many increases in government spending for other things
12237	7/10/2012	Funding to allow libraries to provide needed community services.
12238	7/10/2012	lack of funding - it is difficult for me to understand why this problem is occurring because the library is beneficial to so many people in different age groups and of different income levels.
12239	7/10/2012	The open time is not enough
12240	7/10/2012	I think the libraries should be open everyday, but not necessarily for full hours. I would rather see reduced hours each day, rather than closed any day. The biggest threat to libraries is lack of support and funding.
12241	7/10/2012	Perennial funding from property taxes. Other sources need to be found.
12242	7/10/2012	Other government entities fighting for the limited tax dollars.
12243	7/10/2012	The same thing that is the biggest threat to all public institutions in Oregon: the lack of a stable revenue source.
12244	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is being closed all together. I wasn't completely thrilled about the new hours but at least the library is still open.
12245	7/10/2012	Access and not being able to update materials
		Funding.[]
		[]
12246	7/10/2012	We have one of the highest, if not the highest, rates of circulation per capita. The Library is a fundamental community resource and especially so as a shared resource when family resources are limited.[]
		[]
		If you think about in terms of _leverage_ the library system is one of the most cost-effective programs around.
12247	7/10/2012	You mean, besides the Internet? Maybe lack of coordination between school programs and library programs, teaching kids to use the library as a resource. and of course, adequate funding
12248	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient availability will train young people to not make use of the library if it is not open on days or hours convenient to their schedule. I grew up always knowing that the library was open whenever I needed to use it for research, writing papers, taking out books, etc. If a young person needs to use a library on a Monday and it is not open, they will need to seek other resources like the internet.
		Apathy and lack of funding.

12249	7/10/2012	Funding and budget cuts when the the local libraries are important especially for low income families and thier children who may not have access to computers of books.... I know that people use electronic books these days but not everyone can afford to buy a tablet or update the books. Libraries offer a wealth of information for students and families and if funding is decreased then programs will be limited and resources which will make it hard for the middle class and lower class families.
12250	7/10/2012	not enough circulation of air Lack of stable funding.[]
12251	7/10/2012	[] In many other places, I might say "irrelevance," but obviously we Portlanders love our books! But the books (and the computers) don't do anyone any good behind closed doors.
12252	7/10/2012	The funding being misappropriated. We pay way too much in taxes and levies to STILL be short on funding
12253	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12254	7/10/2012	Too many cut hours. Neighborhood branch is not open or available. Computer workshop class.es and service is not available to the public
12255	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep the libraries open enough hours, for the people of the commmunity to get adequate use of them.
12256	7/10/2012	People not using them and budget cuts
12257	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12258	7/10/2012	e-books
12259	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12260	7/10/2012	Not funding them properly.
12261	7/10/2012	netflix
12262	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
12263	7/10/2012	That the cost to order on amazon is less than the late fees and more convenient (delivered to your house). Open 7 days with longer hours is the best strategy against this threat so you can always stop by. Or some sort of after hours self check out from the books you have ordered.
12264	7/10/2012	Reductions in staff and operating hours--which equates to less access to the valuable programs and services.
12265	7/10/2012	Apparently it is funding!
12266	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12267	7/10/2012	not enough funding
12268	7/10/2012	Republicans
12269	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12270	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
12271	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and resulting cuts decreasing patronage

12272	7/10/2012	Funding, lack of interest or sense of importance by the larger community
12273	7/10/2012	Limited materials especially books.
12274	7/10/2012	Selfish, greedy Republicans.
12275	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and community participation, possibly also lack of community awareness as a common resource
12276	7/10/2012	short-sighted politicians; willfully ignorant people who resent people who want to improve their knowledge.
12277	7/10/2012	People watching porn.
12278	7/10/2012	financial and lack of staff support.
12279	7/10/2012	Unstable source of funding.
12280	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is politics not valuing our libraries' role in our community. Tax restructuring should not threaten the library.
12281	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Electronic books should not be a threat for some time.
12282	7/10/2012	People who don't use them and don't understand the amount of traffic they receive may not see them as important
12283	7/10/2012	I assume lack of funding or funding insecurity.
12284	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12285	7/10/2012	1)Unplanned structually fixes.[] 2) Internet media and resources
12286	7/10/2012	Loss of resources
		Likely funding, especially as the services offered by our libraries are expanded to meet the needs of the consumer.[] []
12287	7/10/2012	As an educator (pre-K teacher, Pre-K- 12 district administrator, professor), I think that technology may have an impact but I truly believe that hard copy books are still critical to the the teaching of reading and the lives of our children and all of us as adults.
12288	7/10/2012	wall street becoming 40% of our GDP -- as they create nothing of value, and gamble with our economy rather than serve it - - while they lobby the federal government for their benefit and get bailed out for their worst behavior. Also, the myth of self reliance that is sucking the life out of our efforts to strengthen the common welfare and community.
12289	7/10/2012	Shrinking budgets. Keeping programs relevant as the needs of the community change (for example job seeking is hugely important now but may be less of an emphasis five years from now). Getting value from investments in new materials.

12290	7/10/2012	I suppose funding. Unfortunately the funding for libraries and many of our services are done through property tax which I feel is the most unfair of all taxes as you cannot get away from them whether you own, rent, live in a nursing home - whatever - they are there. I am sure the ever-increasing property tax keep many well-meaning citizens - many senior citizens on low fixed incomes and others who are suffering in these difficult economic times from voting for local bond issues and levies. This is a serious problem and I wish there was a more fair way of taxation that would fix this problem, but it doesn't seem to happen.
12291	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
12292	7/10/2012	stingy taxpayers. The funding base of the library system needs to be expanded - the primary source should be the general fund. The funding needs to be based on the cost of running a library system without any budget cuts. We need 0 based budgets so taxpayers pay for the service they want, and use.
12293	7/10/2012	Cuts in budget.
12294	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
12295	7/10/2012	Their closure.
12296	7/10/2012	Well the fact that we essentially need bar bouncers working at Central doesn't help, does it? I'm not sure why there is such a funding gap honestly; our libraries seem well-liked and funded.
12297	7/10/2012	lack of money
12298	7/10/2012	I don't perceive any threats to our local libraries. They seem well used and supported.
12299	7/10/2012	low funding!
12300	7/10/2012	the increasing tax burden on home owners.
12301	7/10/2012	Trying to provide too many services. They need to be used for media lending, not community programs.
12302	7/10/2012	FUNDING + to a lesser extent the Internet/ebooks
12303	7/10/2012	not being able to stay current with access to modern materials and resources
12304	7/10/2012	People don't understand how much libraries serve our communities, and the consequences of losing all of the resources the county libraries provide. If roads are not serviced, people notice immediately, are outraged, and demand funding. Services like the library are easier for people to ignore until they are gone, then are outraged only after completely losing them.
12305	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding / uncertain funding.
12306	7/10/2012	Electronic books
12307	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
12308	7/10/2012	not sure
12309	7/10/2012	republicans and tea partiers
12310	7/10/2012	Story time for kids
12311	7/10/2012	The lack of money.
12312	7/10/2012	city government taking library money from bond

12313	7/10/2012	So many of my friends, ages 20-30, hardly know it exists! They don't know that they pay big money for relevant, current books and media they can borrow for free!
12314	7/10/2012	The libraries are used to the level that they are because of the amazing array of resources they offer. I fear that cutting services will reduce usage/revenue and create a cycle of cuts that weaken the system.
12315	7/10/2012	Cutting resources due to poverty consciousness
12316	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding.
12317	7/10/2012	county government. & excessive spending
12318	7/10/2012	Well, for the upcoming ballot, we are being asked for money for libraries, schools, and the arts. Our property taxes have gone up significantly already in the last five years while our property value has taken a nosedive. We are in our sixties. We are reaching the point at which we can't say yes to all the bonds and levies even though we have always voted for these increases before. How do we choose?
12319	7/10/2012	Lack of funding/not large enough selection (in general) at each library. Often times I have to go to the central library because the St.John's library doesn't have what I am looking for.
12320	7/10/2012	funding concerns
12321	7/10/2012	Legislators who think our libraries, schools and other PUBLIC institutions are ATMs. Businesses' and Corporations' tax loopholes - there's where your resources lie.
12322	7/10/2012	Funding
12323	7/10/2012	Declining literacy. Lack of sophistication: to think that what you get on the internet can fulfill your reading needs, such as they are if you think so. Also the question of what you think is important and what you think isn't. If government, taxes and the common wealth are seen as evil (socialism!) because of the climate in this country for the last 30 years, then community riches like libraries will be the first to go.
12324	7/10/2012	Lack of government support at the state level and no permanent source of funding.
12325	7/10/2012	electronic books! television!
12326	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

12327	7/10/2012	All these services are so important, it is really hard to rank. I would say objectively they have the same value for the most part, depending on what stage of life you are in. The programs help to bring a diverse audience into the libraries, introducing people to available resources and building a sense of community. For me, the early childhood programs have been a big support, and have been a gateway to seeing what else the library has to offer. I have felt so lucky to live in an area with such high-quality library resources and programming. The children's librarians are exceptional. We were very disappointed to see cuts in storytimes and hours, especially so soon after the levy passed. I understand the situation, but it seems like bad PR. I am afraid that degrading the extent of services provided will disenfranchise patrons. I think the biggest threat is across the board chipping away at programs.
12328	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12329	7/10/2012	seems like lack of funding; here in Portland, interest is high, but mechanisms for funding limit what can be done.
12330	7/10/2012	Funding. People don't understand that a good public resource the library is.
12331	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12332	7/10/2012	not enough funding!
12333	7/10/2012	Under funding
12334	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, I suppose.
12335	7/10/2012	electronic publishing, and the fact that people can research almost anything on the internet now
12336	7/10/2012	It would seem to be funding. Despite the fact that we have one of the best, and most used, systems in the nation, we face funding shortages.
12337	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12338	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
12339	7/10/2012	That they won't be open and available to us (the public). I think that many people are very short-sighted when it comes to funding such an important public service (for people of all ages).
12340	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
12341	7/10/2012	war mongering and capitalism
12342	7/10/2012	Poor fiscal planning by elected officials of all parties. More accurately, poor prioritization by them.
12343	7/10/2012	If they libraries are closed and are not accessible to people when they need them people will stop using them.
12344	7/10/2012	Public funding cuts. I guess funding, given the topic of this survey.[]
12345	7/10/2012	By the way, the programming for the previous question isn't working correctly. It automatically ranked the responses & didn't let me change them.
12346	7/10/2012	Minimized hours and salary cuts for qualified staff
12347	7/10/2012	lack of funding.

12348	7/10/2012	Public ignorance of the value of free libraries to our community and our economy, by providing a place for anyone to learn and get job skills. Free access to books is not available on the internet.
12349	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. The public library is one of the remaining places where all people can go to access literature and other services. It's bad enough that we are cutting education to such a low level of functioning, but a community without a public library accessible to all?!?!? That is rock bottom in my opinion. It is depressing and sad that we have gotten to the point where we cannot even preserve the basics of what serves as a foundation for living a good life. Ugh.
12350	7/10/2012	Seems like a loaded question. Given the context of this survey, I am guessing that you want me to say funding.
12351	7/10/2012	pedophiles and those looking at pronography. Also those who are looking for work not being able to use the resources because of closures.
12352	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to maintain current services and stay abreast of technological changes.
12353	7/10/2012	budget cuts!!
12354	7/10/2012	Shortened hours will make libraries busier, which leads to stressed staff and customers. This will make great libraries turn into a poor environment.
12355	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12356	7/10/2012	Operational funding is not specific to the libraries, electronic & social media that reduces literacy, lack of resources-or information about resources- that are available at the library and are important to members of the local community. Surveys of card holders should be used often by the County to stay abreast of current concerns and issues. Unstable funding! We need a source of stable funding for the libraries. Otherwise, a random election could cause this extremely valuable resource to slip away from us. ☹ ☹
12357	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Library, as it is now, is one of the best libraries I have ever seen. Hard-to-get and rare books are easily accessible. I am able to read, listen to, or watch anything I want and in a reasonable amount of time. We need to maintain whatever funding enables this to occur. Access to knowledge is not something that should be reserved for the people who can afford to buy it. Knowledge should be free.

		Mission creep. Libraries should review its mission statement and affirm to one that isn't overly broad, as it then encroaches on other departments and jurisdictions and creates waste.[]
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		Instead of job-seeking services - something that is properly handled by the county's employment department - the library should be focusing on making digital content (knowledge) readily and easily available.[]
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12358	7/10/2012	Instead of helping out small business owners - something that is properly handled by the SBA - the library should be expanding its non-English content.[]
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		Instead of helping out students complete their homework - something that should be handled by schools and parents - the library could be expanding its volume of self-help books such as the GRE, GMAT, etc.[]
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		Instead of providing video game consoles - something that children can access by building friendships with their mates - the library could be building a digital repository of open source tools to build video games.
12359	7/10/2012	1.) The changing nature of how people access knowledge. 2.) The seemingly fragmented purpose of Multnomah County libraries. What is the libraries core mission? Has this mission been compromised over time? Has the mission of libraries changed (technology, internet, clientele) based on realities? Does each library location serve the same clientele or different (adjust services accordingly based on clientele and library location). Has mission creep occurred? If so, how and how to address new realities then budget accordingly.
12360	7/10/2012	Possibly the move to electronic books. The library seems to be incorporating online resources, though. The library needs to keep up / stay ahead of the times.
12361	7/10/2012	Reduced funding which limits the communities access to valuable services.
12362	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12363	7/10/2012	funding cuts.
12364	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12365	7/10/2012	Unstable funding.
12366	7/10/2012	Right-wing politicians
12367	7/10/2012	It seems like lack of funding.
12368	7/10/2012	Anti govt. hysteria; know-nothings; etc.
12369	7/10/2012	There are a lot of non-citiens and children using the libraries. Neither group pay to keep the libraries open.
12370	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12371	7/10/2012	Lack of money

12372	7/10/2012	Obsession with Internet time wasters, notably so-called social media, and electronic games.
12373	7/10/2012	Funding
12374	7/10/2012	Sloppy surveys? Funding? Weirdos on the computers? Termites?
12375	7/10/2012	Ebooks and cost of new printed books.[] Apathy of most voters, whi have a say in how money is spent.
12376	7/10/2012	Financing and the libraries will close
12377	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, or not having enough technology/up-to-date resources, which I think we have.
12378	7/10/2012	(1) people's increased reliance on technology and lack of willingness to wait for information at the expense of interest in the thoroughness, accuracy, and neutrality of the information and (2) confusion as to the role of libraries and (3) lack of funding for the library.
12379	7/10/2012	Under-utilization
12380	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12381	7/10/2012	not enough funding
12382	7/10/2012	lack of funding, availability of resources online
12383	7/10/2012	\$ cuts
12384	7/10/2012	Threat?
12385	7/10/2012	Local govt
12386	7/10/2012	ignorance
12387	7/10/2012	Costs of maintaining services growing faster than community wealth, requiring increased rate of funding.
12388	7/10/2012	Funding
12389	7/10/2012	Funding from all aspects.
12390	7/10/2012	mismanagement of funding. politicians who use the library issue as red herring to raise property taxes.
12391	7/10/2012	Besides budget?
12392	7/10/2012	Lack of public funding.
12393	7/10/2012	lack of funds it appears
12394	7/10/2012	Do not know
12395	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12396	7/10/2012	Funding. There will always be a need to restock, add new material, and keep up w/technology
12397	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that result in inability to purchase current media, books (new releases), general content etc.
12398	7/10/2012	Anti-tax paranoia. Relatedly, the mindset that if one doesn't use a service one should not have to support it with tax dollars. This I do NOT understand and unfortunately seems deeply entrenched in the conservative ideology.
12399	7/10/2012	Lack of community interest in supporting the libraries and lack of funding.

12400	7/10/2012	Not sure unless loss of funding. I also find that the main library is populated by street people without use of bathrooms and warm places to stay during the cold weather. We need more such facilities beyond libraries.
12401	7/10/2012	it's not the internet. it's the general public not being aware of how vital the library to an educated public in a democracy. when the general economy is bad and tax revenues are reduced, then something's gotta give when it comes to social services. uh-oh...
12402	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12403	7/10/2012	For me it's reduced hours, but I can work around that. It's more important to keep programs for young and school-aged children and senior citizens.
12404	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
12405	7/10/2012	It seems it has become an entertainment only place.... focus back to the learning and growing aspect
12406	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, censorship, and not keeping up with technology and community needs. I think the library is a key pillar in holding a safe place for ALL demographics to conitued education.
12407	7/10/2012	Inability to maintain/expand core services and offerings. The library needs to keep up with new technologies, and new releases. It needs to have available a deep enough inventory to minimize wait time on holds. The library also needs to keep expanding its ability to provide electronic media. Moving forward is important, and that will take funding or re-allocating of current funding. Closing system wide for one day per week is preferable to cutting back on the service that the library provides to the community.
12408	7/10/2012	The inequities of the federal and state tax systems that allow people who have used the country's infrastructure to generate personal wealth without paying their fair share back into the system.
12409	7/10/2012	Having to pay for services
12410	7/10/2012	Cutting hours due to funding problems.
12411	7/10/2012	Limited hours.
12412	7/10/2012	Electronic media
12413	7/10/2012	Republicans.
12414	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
12415	7/10/2012	BUDGET CUTS
12416	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12417	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12418	7/10/2012	Obviously funding. How are libraries supposed to keep paper books in the hands of children when they can't stay open? It's simple - closed libraries mean more downloads of digital books.
12419	7/10/2012	E-readers (including iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc.)
12420	7/10/2012	Signature gathers
12421	7/10/2012	the belief that libraries are unnecessary with the internet which may result in defunding libraries in negative political climates.
12422	7/10/2012	Lack of funding? Lack of interest in reading?

12423	7/10/2012	Loss of patrons to online resources.
12424	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
12425	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12426	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12427	7/10/2012	The Digital Age and a post-literate culture (meaning, people don't read to learn anymore... they watch a YouTube video)
12428	7/10/2012	budget cuts are because if they continue like this than there will be no more libraries in the future
12429	7/10/2012	lack of reliable funding
12430	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
12431	7/10/2012	I don't like that everything is going to computers. I prefer to check out my books from a person, not a scanner. I also prefer to read from paper, not an IPAD. Funding for many programs seems to be diminishing as well which leads to cutbacks.
12432	7/10/2012	falling behind in offering current materials. Not being open when people need it to be.
12433	7/10/2012	limited access
12434	7/10/2012	I am concerned that books will become less available as electronic books become more popular.
12435	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. I feel the libraries are for all the people. Its very democratic. We have plenty of money to bail out Wall st. and fund so called wars. We need to do more for systems that help educate the public. This will keep our country strong.
12436	7/10/2012	The constant and dishonest pressure by politicians to raise taxes, fees, levies, etc. to continue to take money from citizens who are already hard pressed by this economy to keep their hard-earned dollars. This latest levy is the worst example, originally billed as a "temporary" levy to a full-fledged "the sky is falling" that will now be segued into a permanent library district fee. It's hard not to believe that the decision, immediately on the heels of the last election, to close on Mondays is nothing but a gimmick designed to put pressure on taxpayers again. This institution needs to tighten its belt, cut expenses and take a hard look at its budget. Taxpayers must do this for their own home budgets; it's high time the library stopped looking at us a bottomless pit of fees. The library administration is its own worst enemy.
12437	7/10/2012	NOT RECONIZING THE IMPACT & IMPORTANCE. ALL AGE LIMIT'S ALL HAVE A STAKE IN THIS.
12438	7/10/2012	consistant funding and enough availability of materials and space, although I believe we have done a good job so far

12439	7/10/2012	Costs. Property taxes in SW Portland are already exorbitant. Most of the concern is that funds are not handled correctly to begin with, so why vote to give more? For instance, the building itself (in Hillsdale) did not have to be that upscale. ¶ I have the same issue with the SW community center. Focus on services, but keep the structures basic to save money for all. Otherwise, we can live with a 5-6 day/week library. We'll just have to plan our visits accordingly. But, this could have been avoided in the first place, thus saving a lot of jobs.
12440	7/10/2012	It is difficult to rank the services mentioned in question 5 because all are essential and valuable resources for our community. The biggest threat to our local libraries is lack of funding and resources, similar to the budget deficit of our local schools. Additionally, I think that public libraries are not utilized well by students from lower socioeconomic status communities. As a teacher of many students with free and reduced lunch eligibility, I observe that many of my kids rarely go to the library and some do not have library cards. Perhaps access and knowledge of the library system across all socioeconomic levels would help promote the longevity of the libraries' importance in our community mentality.
12441	7/10/2012	T V
12442	7/10/2012	LACK OF FUNDING
12443	7/10/2012	Short staffing and budget cuts
12444	7/10/2012	I have no idea
12445	7/10/2012	funding?
12446	7/10/2012	That people take them for granted that they exist and don't realize they need support to stay open.
12447	7/10/2012	Funding
12448	7/10/2012	Cutting any hours. I felt the hours were not good enough to begin with. I couldn't get to the library after work before it closed! And it was the MAIN library. That's not ok.
12449	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is that funding will be cut.
12450	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12451	7/10/2012	Not enough current material.
12452	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
12453	7/10/2012	Opening hours need to be expanded NOT contracted!
12454	7/10/2012	Ignorance.
12455	7/10/2012	Funding.
12456	7/10/2012	People think they no longer need to fund a "traditional" library because books and other materials are readily available online.
12457	7/10/2012	I don't really know. I do know I voted for a library funding bill in the last election and was then dismayed to see library hours reduced.
12458	7/10/2012	Funding lapses and the fact that people don't realize what a great library system we have.

12459	7/10/2012	Technology, it is much easier to order online, download a book/movie/CD etc. than to physically go to a local branch. People don't rely on the libraries like they use to because they don't have it. Those that do use the library on a regular basis rely on it in large part because they don't have access to technology.
12460	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding must be a constant concern. I do not object to increases that will help fund our libraries; however, as we approach "retirement" the increased taxes will be another stressor on our limited income.
12461	7/10/2012	Not varying days and hours so that all seven days are covered in each geographic neighborhood. Please don't have all/most sites closed at the same time!! It makes people feel frustrated if they cannot at least travel to a nearby open location. That is not good service, makes for bad association.
12462	7/10/2012	A culture that doesn't value reading enough
12463	7/10/2012	I love the libraries! However, with that being said my finances are stretched to the max. I cannot afford an increase in my property taxes. My property tax, car insurance, health insurance, home insurance, utilities, traffic fines, garbage service, food, gasoline...all keep going up. Once a year I get a dinky cost of living raise, and that barely keeps me treading water as is. I have not received a substantial raise in 7 years. Sorry, I wish I could do more.
12464	7/10/2012	Reduction of funding
12465	7/10/2012	Trying to be everything for everyone all the time, and computers are the biggest threat to local libraries. Libraries are sacred. Books need to stay the primary focus and events that promote books would help. Learning and exploring comes from not only the books we read but the books we hold in our hands. The more senses we bring into the library experience the more that experience will impact on us. Touch (holding a book, magazine, browsing), sound (music, storytelling), visual (travel slideshows, movies), etc. are important. Playing computer games, e-books or surfing the internet do not add to that experience. Libraries are community centers for people to learn and explore and when they need to have a tactile - hands-on intent they provide what no computer experience can.
12466	7/10/2012	funding
12467	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
12468	7/10/2012	being closed and not having updated materials
12469	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12470	7/10/2012	Apathy.
12471	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12472	7/10/2012	money?
12473	7/10/2012	Under-utilization by the public.
12474	7/10/2012	Ignorance and Tea-Tards
12475	7/10/2012	lack of funds

12476	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12477	7/10/2012	lack of funding and thereby becoming defunct
12478	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, leading to closure.
12479	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12480	7/10/2012	Reductions in the tax base
12481	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, threat of layoffs for seasoned librarians and archivists, libraries closing, not enough money for new acquisitions, not enough new technologies introduced.
12482	7/10/2012	Online library systems like Library 2 Go.
12483	7/10/2012	Budget management to ensure funding utilization is maximized.
12484	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
12485	7/10/2012	I don't know, but I assume it is the funding problems.
12486	7/10/2012	People think that books are becoming obsolete. I just picked up my lunch, with a library book under my arm, and one of the servers joked that he thought people didn't read any more.
12487	7/10/2012	lack of funding for hours, materials, and programs
12488	7/10/2012	Not having up to date materials and not being open enough to be accessible to all that want to use their local library. The next biggest threat is funding only through home owners. If the community uses the library (owners & renters), then the community should pay for the services.
12489	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
12490	7/10/2012	I don't know...?
12491	7/10/2012	Funding shortages and electronic books.
12492	7/10/2012	Higher property taxes. I cannot afford them anymore.
12493	7/10/2012	People do not realize how much is available at the library and how much it costs to keep the library open.
12494	7/10/2012	Portland government
12495	7/10/2012	Scarcity thinking
12496	7/10/2012	Lack of dependable, appropriate funding.
12497	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Having to do more with less.
12498	7/10/2012	Digital world. But I have no fear that the love of that old book smell will prevail :)
12499	7/10/2012	The adjusted schedule. The library is a valued resource, closing it one day a week means that those who are looking for computer access, or other library benefits can not find it. It increases the digital divide, devalues literacy & digital literacy, and takes away valued community gathering space.
12500	7/10/2012	The perception that they are irrelevant.
12501	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12502	7/10/2012	Netflix.
12503	7/10/2012	Idiots who think that cutting library services is a way to deal with budget issues.
12504	7/10/2012	Probably funding

12505	7/10/2012	Limited hours and days - libraries should be open all day every day.
12506	7/10/2012	funding base is property tax levies - this needs to be expanded as these levies compete with other levies.[] How about creating a user fee based on a means test to spread the burden more widely?
12507	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12508	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding, not having a library district that can collect taxes that aren't subject to compression.
12509	7/10/2012	Making adequate changes that identify the needs of users as digital media becomes more widely used on electronic devices. To make sure those needs are taken into account while realizing that many might not have that kind of digital access and rely on libraries for their needs. Finding the right balance.
12510	7/10/2012	? Again, what do you mean by threat?! IS there a threat? I would hate to loose either of the branches, if that is what you mean. This seems like a loaded question.
12511	7/10/2012	poor funding
12512	7/10/2012	1. Insufficient funds leading to reduction in hours, resources available in the libraries, or closure of branches.[] 2. The movement of information access away from the public space (the library) into the private place (the computer in my phone or laptop). Libraries are essential as symbols of what we share information-wise.
12513	7/10/2012	Local and regional government's inability to properly budget/allocate resources. The amount the city/county/state expend on law enforcement and county jails is ridiculous when compared to the amount spent on our local libraries.
12514	7/10/2012	I 'm not sure that I understand the question, and I know that I don't understand what the problems are. It seems like a funding issue, but I don't know where that stems from. I am very frustrated that I keep voting for bonds to give money to the libraries, and then my taxes are raised, but the library hours have been cut.
12515	7/10/2012	Sometimes seems not cleaned properly.
12516	7/10/2012	Unenlightened taxpayers?
12517	7/10/2012	The transition from very often being the only source of general information in a community to one that is competing with myriad other sources of information. The decline in people checking out books and the compensatory rise of entertainment (DVDs, CDs, etc). As an oldster I've witnessed the shift in the perception of libraries as sources of serious research to the present state of being just another entertainment venue. I suspect the summer reading programs are losing participants even as kids are checking out movies by the drove.
12518	7/10/2012	funding.
12519	7/10/2012	funding cuts
12520	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and book burnings

12521	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
12522	7/10/2012	Lack of funding resulting in hours that are inconvenient for employed individuals and youth with after school obligations/activities.
12523	7/10/2012	I'd have to assume it's funding.
12524	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12525	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12526	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, it sounds like. That's no good.
12527	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Libraries should be a priority.
12528	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, which is probably due to an aversion to taxes and empathy.
12529	7/10/2012	What an odd question to ask. I wasn't aware they were threatened.
12530	7/10/2012	days to be opened and new purchases
12531	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12532	7/10/2012	continued budget cuts technology advancements making free, online content more and more accessible to everyone.
12533	7/10/2012	Not enough funding and people using online sources such as kindle for books.
12534	7/10/2012	Funding, it seems.
12535	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and support.
12536	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I suppose
12537	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to support such an incredible library.
12538	7/10/2012	The down economy where everyone's budgets are limited. While I appreciate the library, I am in full support of it having to constrict its services along with other government services. Sadly, this is a necessary step to make sure that the state stays within its means and does not pass on an undue burden to any of its citizens.
12539	7/10/2012	Funding to keep out Libraries open, due budget cuts and crunch we are in. I think we are still at risk as funds gets moved to another allocation to help out other funding needs.
12540	7/10/2012	funding opposition from those who believe that the services provided by the library system is best provided by private, for profit entities.
12541	7/10/2012	I would guess funding. Some say that people prefer to read books online nowadays, but I see so many people using the library, I can't imagine that's true. I have an iPad and do read some books online, but I prefer holding an actual book.
12542	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12543	7/10/2012	I think the decrease in days/availability, as may lead to people not incorporating it into their lives.
12544	7/10/2012	expenses
12545	7/10/2012	Politicians
12546	7/10/2012	Salaries of the county employees and benefits.
12547	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12548	7/10/2012	privatization schemes

12549	7/10/2012	lack of funding...
12550	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12551	7/10/2012	Funding.
12552	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12553	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is reducing the hours and/or days that the library is open. Many people depend on their local branch being open. It is a safe refuge for learning for many people and it should be open...a lot!
12554	7/10/2012	mainstream age groups not understanding the true societal value
12555	7/10/2012	Apparently a lack of funding. I'd pay more in taxes to keep the libraries well stocked and open 7 days a week from early morning to late evening.
12556	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the undervaluing of having educational resources for broad age groups.
12557	7/10/2012	Funding
12558	7/10/2012	Amazon.com - Specifically though the internet and how easy it is to either buy a book/magazine and have it shipped to you OR download an illegal epub file. Possible lack or loss of computer access. Many seniors do not have computers at home and rely on the library's computers to check their email, etc. Not everyone is online and the library recognizes that. So, please protect computer access! Thank you.
12559	7/10/2012	Not having funds to 1) stay open and 2) get a variety of current materials
12561	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. I will always vote "Yes" for library funding.
12562	7/10/2012	Funding
		Funding
12563	7/10/2012	Need better announcements for programs for parents to teach their children to read. Emails? announcements at local public and private schools?? Need more awareness and teaching on how to access library materials and books through computer and ipad
12564	7/10/2012	Keeping it open and funded properly.
12565	7/10/2012	I think the libraries try to be too much of a community center. I'd prefer them to focus on lending books and other media. The other services like computer access and childrens dancing are valid, but necessarily in a library. Those are also billable services. Make a little money off them at least. I'm happy to pay for acces to media, but I'm not down with expanding the role of the libraries beyond that on my dime.

12566	7/10/2012	iPad and tablet computers; coffee shops with free internet access; Kindle & nook on-line book services; local public and private schools with greater, and more easily available, resources. All these keep people from using the library and the value of the library is diminished by these similar functions. Perhaps most students and people don't understand the value of a public library.
12567	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of access to under-served populations.
12568	7/10/2012	less open hours
12569	7/10/2012	Underfunding!
12570	7/10/2012	Daily closures and hour cutting!
12571	7/10/2012	decreased funding if people believe they need to choose between the library and other public services like education or parks
12572	7/10/2012	not having funding
12573	7/10/2012	the internet. laziness. budget cuts.
12574	7/10/2012	\$\$\$
12575	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12576	7/10/2012	loss of funding that could cause the closure of branches of the library
12577	7/10/2012	funding
12578	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12579	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
12580	7/10/2012	Funding
12581	7/10/2012	Tax-cutting measures.
12582	7/10/2012	Becomes a hang out for bums.
12583	7/10/2012	Branches closing due to lack of funding.
12584	7/10/2012	Less and less people come to the library because of the number of homeless who loiter. I think that having more ebooks available, and more audiobooks, would bring more people in. Many people feel that they don't have time to read, but wind up utilizing ebooks and audiobooks with increasing frequency on commutes and in breaks at work.
12585	7/10/2012	Continued cutbacks on hours!
12586	7/10/2012	Not enough money. ¶ Diminishing interest in reading for recreation/information due to social networking focus?
12587	7/10/2012	lack of money? seems to me that sums it up (assuming censorship doesn't rear its ugly head here in Portland). oh, and parking is tough. my branch is a bit too far to walk, and weather isn't always good for biking (and even then I sometimes have way too many books with me one direction or the other). I know you can't really do anything about that. I hope you are able to keep those few spots in the apt. lot. I expect that if the new apartments across the street don't have parking it will get even worse at the Hollywood branch. In the meantime I try to avoid weekends.
12588	7/10/2012	Misuse or not used at all.

12589	7/10/2012	while it is important to stay current with materials. It would mean absolutley nothing if people did not have access to them because thier branch is not open there is not one in their community, or the hours are so limited that they cant get to them.
12590	7/10/2012	Reduced funds for providing essential services to our community - including reduction of days open.[] [] The less services are available, the less the community can/will support and utilize our libraries, thus creating a downward cycle of the underuse justifying budget cuts or closures.
12591	7/10/2012	People who prioritize eliminating anything related to the word TAX above everything else, and scream and moan about every effort to gain funding for things like arts, health care, libraries, schools, roads, etc. Those people are dangerous, stupid, isolationist, hateful, willfully ignorant morons, and they have grabbed for themselves far too large a share of the public conversation about civic matters. The squeaky wheel gets the grease but sometimes the squeaky wheel is a tiny-minded child who should be told to hush and go play while the adults are talking rationally.
12592	7/10/2012	Like our schools they seem to be short of funds, the economy is affecting us all in many ways.[] I feel that the libraries are one of our greatest resources, it benefits and empowers our society in [] many ways with knowledge, information and resources of all types so people can get better jobs [] and kids can learn the love of books. There are many many book lovers here in Portland!
12593	7/10/2012	Tax cuts
12594	7/10/2012	lack of money
12595	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12596	7/10/2012	inadequate and inconsistent funding
12597	7/10/2012	Lack of PR to public about the importance of public libraries.
12598	7/10/2012	This part of the survey doesn't work right. Part 5. Selections don't take.
12599	7/10/2012	The Economy; Kindle; B.O.
12600	7/10/2012	Closures and limited boos, media and resources.
12601	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12602	7/10/2012	Cut back hours.
12603	7/10/2012	Funding.
12604	7/10/2012	becoming obsolete by not changing as technology changes the way we live
12605	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12606	7/10/2012	Funding.
12607	7/10/2012	threats of closing or cutting down on hours open.
12608	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Why is there never enough money for schools and libraries?
12609	7/10/2012	I guess it must be funding.
12610	7/10/2012	People not thinking it's important enough to keep funded

12611	7/10/2012	People do not understand what resources the libraries have available to them (besides books). Online tools, tech savvy checkout, children's resources, Internet access make using the library very relevant and easy but many do not realize this.
12612	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is not enough stable and adequate funding. Also need to keep the public informed about the programs the library offers and how it is the best in the nation. Promote how well the library utilizes its funds will keep the public supportive.
12613	7/10/2012	Underfunding, and ideologies that prioritize corporate greed over social needs. I want to say a word about this: I fear that the loss of a sense of "public goods"--that is, of collective services and resources that benefit everyone--is creeping even into Portland politics. I think we need to combat this directly. In the case of the library system, I think we need to unapologetically say, "look--this is what it will cost to have a high-quality library service, we can't do without it, and this is what it will cost." On the other hand, it's obvious that tea-party obstructionism at the federal level means that aid to state & local gov't isn't forthcoming, which filters down to libraries, parks, and everything else. Still, I feel strongly that Mult Co. Public Library needs to not mince words--let's get a dedicated tax to fund this library district!!
12614	7/10/2012	Funding
12615	7/10/2012	Disinterest in using the library because of the inability to get wanted materials, info, or not open.
12616	7/10/2012	Over taxing the people. Not offering hours for good use of library.
12617	7/10/2012	Children not being taught to read well and not enticed to enjoy reading.
12618	7/10/2012	Underfunding is a problem. Also, the lack of support from voters (tax payers) that don't understand the extent of resources that are available at the library.
12619	7/10/2012	I'd guess money, and I can't say vehemently enough that without libraries, the class divide just gets bigger. We must support our libraries and keep them open as many hours as possible, with as many resources.
12620	7/10/2012	I worry about resources. I haven't been an active library member until it got to the point that I could no longer buy all the books I like to read this past year. But what I was surprised to see is the wear and tear that the books I check out can have. It just seems like the cost of keeping books intact and replacing those that fall apart would be a big expense. I don't know if that is true but it does concern me!
12621	7/10/2012	Continuing to overextend its resources with too many expensive and non-essential programs. The library may be TOO good. How about an annual limit on the number of materials patrons can put on hold from other branches? Being more strict about fines and holding people accountable for damaged materials? Waiting a while longer to buy new materials when they may be cheaper, and the people who really want them to buy them privately, thus stimulating the economy? A library's purpose is to primarily lend books. I'm afraid Multnomah County Library may have become too big.
12622	7/10/2012	Anti-tax, anti-government forces. I don't feel qualified to choose the best option and don't want to have to choose between schools, police and fire and libraries.

12623	7/10/2012	digital media and e-books
12624	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
12625	7/10/2012	Funding!
12626	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12627	7/10/2012	Overspending. We have a luxury library service and it could and should be slimmed down in the current economic climate.
12628	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Duh.
12629	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12630	7/10/2012	numbers one and two are my only priorities. pay no attention to the ranking of the others. [] I think the last funding request for libraries was not straightforward. post election with the passage of the library levy, i thought the libraries were fine and was very surprised (and felt like I was sold a bill of goods) to learn of the shortened hours.[] biggest threat is competition for funds via voter approved levies when pps and other jurisdictions are also seeking funding and the economic slump or downturn
12631	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12632	7/10/2012	Being underfunded.
12633	7/10/2012	Under-funding.
12634	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12635	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and apathy.
12636	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12637	7/10/2012	The idea that we should "economize" by choosing between programs and services for human beings while we spend ENORMOUS amounts of money to elect politicians.
12638	7/10/2012	Lack of use by the majority of county citizens. Libraries must find a way to make themselves invaluable for the majority of citizens.
12639	7/10/2012	The idea that a reduction in service is a good idea.
12640	7/10/2012	Lack of sustained and dedicated funding.
12641	7/10/2012	Lessened ability to fulfill community needs and failure to provide up to date and current research materials and new books.
12642	7/10/2012	Lack of money and turning obsolete with old materials.
12643	7/10/2012	Lessening programs for young, school aged children, and senior citizens as well.
12644	7/10/2012	E-reading (people don't know that you can or how to do it through the library)/Funding

		You just got us to vote for an increase a few months ago and now you want another one. You need to plan and budget better - you are losing credibility among voters. ☐
12645	7/10/2012	You are also being tarred by the same dynamic in the schools. They forecast doom and gloom - get a "special" levy passed to raise rates "temporarily" and then seem to almost immediately need another to "save teachers". I know schools are a separate entity - but to tax payers it seems like we're always getting a chicken little story "the sky is falling" and it's getting very old. I have no confidence that if I voted for additional money for you that you wouldn't come back in a short while and ask for even more.
12646	7/10/2012	Shift in priorities. Not prioritizing education and library availability and updating resources as important. The threat is when our elected leaders are not looking out for the best interest of the middle and lower class citizens because they are being paid off by wealthy sources with their private agenda to gain power over our elected leaders and our state government.
12647	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. The library should operate like our schools as a major resource for the education of our culture and citizens.
12648	7/10/2012	I think that you have an excellent customer base -- however you don't seem to be attracting new customers. You have a lot of families with children, but as the population ages, and couples are having fewer children-- if at all-- your customer base is shrinking. So how do you attract new customers -- who are your future core customers. It seems that you need to attract more people between the ages of 25-55 ==> so how to do that? In house coffee shop (starbucks, second cup, Seattle's best -- they could have a limited menu). Then what about better general interest classes, held by outside vendors that take place in the library -- knitting, chess clubs, any sort of general interest classes that would bring people into the library -- make them aware that the resource is there.
12649	7/10/2012	Apathy and ignorance.
12650	7/10/2012	funding
12651	7/10/2012	lack of funding
12652	7/10/2012	not enough funding. :(
12653	7/10/2012	Apathy
12654	7/10/2012	lack of funds
12655	7/10/2012	Operational cost
12656	7/10/2012	funding
12657	7/10/2012	I don't feel there is one.
12658	7/10/2012	I worry about funding cuts that will require the libraries to reduce hours further. The library is something that everyone has access to.
12659	7/10/2012	Duh, lack of funding?
12660	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12661	7/10/2012	Lack of steady, adequate funding, along with the absence of an understanding among some officials and citizenry of the core, vital role public libraries play in our community.

12662	7/10/2012	An inability to maintain relevance in the age of digital media and DRM.
12663	7/10/2012	Funding
12664	7/10/2012	lack of financial support.
12665	7/10/2012	Irresponsible government financial management.
12666	7/10/2012	You tell me. ???
12667	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12668	7/10/2012	Budget
12669	7/10/2012	funding as usual. I believe we have a great library system, just need to keep the funds flowing.
12670	7/10/2012	Porbably funding - and perhaps less interest in books now with on-line and other technology.
12671	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to idiots on the various government boards. Ranks right up there with funding cuts for schools.
12672	7/10/2012	The first answer that came to mind is Republicans.... Anyone that wants to cut their personal tax burden without thought to the greater good of the community in which they live. Education, infrastructure, and support services are critical to the well being of our communities. And Libraries are the backbone of an informed, connected populace.
12673	7/10/2012	Lack of public support for reading and free access to varied points of view.[] lack of funding.[] inefficiencies & poor management of libraries.
12674	7/10/2012	Lack of sufficient funding--and support to raise funds--to maintain adequate staffing and hours. I would like to see the library fully-supported through property taxes. (I am a homeowner and am willing to pay higher taxes to support this public service, which I rely heavily on.)
12675	7/10/2012	funding is a big issue, but I think the messaging for the need of libraries is also a threat. A lot of people don't feel that going to the library is a viable option in this digital age. I think it is vital, since it allows us to reduce our consumption of paper by sharing resources and it also allows readers to access digital copies of books. I think increasing the number of online/digital books will help this, since there is high demand. But most importantly, the library system needs to do more marketing to clearly explain to voters why funding is crucial. You do a very good job now, but the messaging that I see is always at the library. Please try expanding messaging to people outside the library system.
12676	7/10/2012	Lack of funding from tax sources (i.e. rich people not paying their fair share).
12677	7/10/2012	It seems strange to us that one of the few departments of the City that clearly works has had to make the cuts that they have. We wish that the other departments were heald as accountable as the library system holds itself.
12678	7/10/2012	People loosing interest in reading?
12679	7/10/2012	That they may be mis-managed.
12680	7/10/2012	Reducing the hours to the point where the libraries are no longer accessible. Also, the homeless people problem at Central and the cost to the county to staff it with officers to monitor the problem.
12681	7/10/2012	Funding!

12682	7/10/2012	What does the library offer that I can't find elsewhere? I can adapt to the library's schedule as long as I want to go there and have a reason to.
12683	7/10/2012	not letting funding measures get on the ballot?
12684	7/10/2012	hour reductions
12685	7/10/2012	poor funding, more is needed!
12686	7/10/2012	dropping funding, cutting staff that do programs for children, not having enough money for programs or new books
12687	7/10/2012	Ignorance
12688	7/10/2012	The proposal to establish a taxing district for the library is the biggest threat to the system.
12689	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, too limited hours, old resources.
12690	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding
12691	7/10/2012	Administrative waste
12692	7/10/2012	lack of funding and lack of interest from constituents.
12693	7/10/2012	Not being open. The more unpredictable the hours, the more use will drop off.
12694	7/10/2012	lack of funding from a variety of sources
12695	7/10/2012	The county or other entities siphoning off funds raised specifically for the libraries for use at other "pet projects".
12696	7/10/2012	Insufficient and unstable funding.
12697	7/10/2012	Not sure, but I would imagine it to be funding cuts
12698	7/10/2012	Lack of funding...am I the only Oregonian willing to pay sales tax so we can fund things like our libraries and permanent music programs in schools?
12699	7/10/2012	Lack of fnding, mainly due to cost increases, it seems.
12700	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12701	7/10/2012	funding cuts
12702	7/10/2012	Funding. It effects resources and programs for every branch.
12703	7/10/2012	Doors not being open Apathy from our tech-savvy crowd. People assume because they have access to the Internet from their smartphone and home and work computers that they don't need the library. They have no idea how much of a difference having free access to data, and programs and people to help make sense of it, can mean to marginalized, young, senior, and immigrant communities.
12704	7/10/2012	
12705	7/10/2012	limited hours and limitation on book availability
12706	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and economic hard times.
12707	7/10/2012	Kids not using the resources.
12708	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, as well as wasteful spending on items that are not nessisary.
12709	7/10/2012	People not fully appreciating the priceless value that our local libraries provide in resources and access.

12710	7/10/2012	The economy for our funding, which is unfortunate, as when the economy is in worse condition people will utilize the library more.
12711	7/10/2012	Apparently not enough funding. Also I would say that e-readers are taking their toll on how much people feel they need the library.
12712	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to keep them open and operating with full services intact.
12713	7/10/2012	Maintain primary focus on core/basic library services and materials. Not on building new facilities or trying to provide niche services for every need.
12714	7/10/2012	If libraries are open less and offer less services, people will get out of the habit of using them and it will be much less convenient to go.
12715	7/10/2012	Probably continued funding. I think though that more and more people will use the library, especially if you did more outreach to increase awareness of all the materials, services, and activities there. I myself began using the library more because I'm broke and there are good videos and books to check out. I checked out a workout video and have renewed it 3 times so far. I think most people don't know how easy it is to use the library, or don't know how to use the search engine properly. Improvements to the search engine and expansion of the video collection would be awesome. Specifically it's difficult to "browse" using the Search function; you have to know what you're looking for, so I usually use imdb.com and Amazon to browse before checking for the items at the library.
12716	7/10/2012	Paper waste. The confirmation printouts seem wasteful, they go straight in the recycle bin as soon as I check out my book.
12717	7/10/2012	Also, the hold slips with names are too big.
12718	7/10/2012	The internet., electronic age (kindle). Why hold a book when you can get it digital and download it. Continually rising costs of wages and benefits at a time when most library users and other taxpayers are NOT seeing any increase in their wages. [] [] In my mind, this ties with the failure of the County library system to prioritize allocation of resources to provide the greatest service in its core areas. We don't need to see new computer systems every 18 months; we do need to see a commitment to providing current materials, preferably prioritizing print media and music. E-books are used by a small percentage of readers and offer less to the majority of library users but seem to have become the flavor of the day recently.
12719	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12720	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12721	7/10/2012	not enough funding
12722	7/10/2012	Lack of Funding
12723	7/10/2012	The community not passing funding that would allow libraries to thrive.
12724	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12725	7/10/2012	A lack of funding which cuts back on services which leads less people to use the library which can then be used to justify further budget cuts.

12726	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness, and therefore utilization, of the many services they provide---people don't want to pay taxes or levies for the library if they don't know how much the library offers.
12727	7/10/2012	Lack of funding?
12728	7/10/2012	Mitt Romney and other Republicans.
12729	7/10/2012	Individuals who do not value community resources simply because they choose not to use them and on-line books and other media.
12730	7/10/2012	Being closed frequently due to budget cuts.
12731	7/10/2012	Change of the hours of operations. Libraries open for shorter periods of time.
12732	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
12733	7/10/2012	Austerity. The anti-popular agenda of the wealthy elite. Historical, sociological, and political ignorance. The perfidy of mainstream media.
12734	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12735	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. Not enough hours. I certainly didn't realize when I voted for the recent levy that it would mean cuts in services. This is not acceptable.
12736	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is a tight budget combined with a complacent attitude toward the services the library provides. Something has to give when budgets are strained, and this burden often falls to the libraries with the assumption that cuts to the library system are not damaging to the community. Unfortunately this is untrue. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm that others in my community have shown toward the library system and hope community members and their representatives continue their efforts to support and protect libraries.
12737	7/10/2012	I believe the biggest threat to our local libraries is access. And that come be in the form of computers, books, classes, and just being with people.
12738	7/10/2012	unstable funding seems the issue. I believe the communal space libraries provide could be leveraged to better serve the community and perhaps better justify full hours for all branches. Libraries are logical gathering places for community non-profits, homework clubs, book clubs, etc. They would also serve as excellent school bus stops especially paired with after school programs.
12739	7/10/2012	Street people who use the library as a hangout.
12740	7/10/2012	"Funding" would be obvious. I would add that the PURPOSE of a library is lost on so many; it is NOT a game arcade or a place just to "hang out" after school, but a place of learning. (At the risk of sounding like an old "coot", I still believe that online games should be blocked from library computers.) I practically "grew up" in my local library, but it was the books themselves and their contents that drew me.

		Wasteful spending by City Hall on pointless junk! [] []
12741	7/10/2012	My Tax Dollars should be spent on Schools (frugally budgeted, unloading all this useless bureaucracy, and money wasting to maintain the budget), libraries (likely has the same shenanigans going on with the budget), city infrastructure (stop stealing money from the road budget to pay for bike boxes and bike paths, and FIX the Damn Pot Holes!), and most importantly Fully Staff (we have 2.2 million in the PDZ metro area, 1/4 the population of NYC, why don't we have a police department 1/4 the size of NYC?!?!), Fully Train (You watch the news don't ya! They don't have all the training they need!), and Fully Equip (Have you seen the 10 year old police cruisers! What else is out of date?) the Portland Police Bureau!
12742	7/10/2012	lack of money
12743	7/10/2012	don't know
12744	7/10/2012	Funding, I'm sure.
12745	7/10/2012	money?
12746	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12747	7/10/2012	Computers and the internet...people's movement away from print media.
12748	7/10/2012	Funding to keep them open
12749	7/10/2012	Republicans
12750	7/10/2012	Funding it seems
12751	7/10/2012	Disinterested public
12752	7/10/2012	lack of adequate funding
12753	7/10/2012	As busy as my all library branches appear to be, I could only say that a lack of funding for programs/resources/open hours.
12754	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
12755	7/10/2012	Too few hours.
12756	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and complacency by Multnomah county residents.
12757	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and high administration costs diverting funds from necessary operations.
12758	7/10/2012	e books?
12759	7/10/2012	We pay over 600 per year in additional library support taxes and still you are asking for more. Library is great but you need to restrain your budget a bit.
12760	7/10/2012	Obviously funding.
12761	7/10/2012	Lack of funds to keep technology and information current, and keep access to such available as often as possible.

12762	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our communities are the leaders who make decisions about our community-based resources. Because these people do not have to depend on these resources (because they can afford to buy everything they need and most likely have never struggled like the common person does everyday) they are out of touch with everyman. They have no idea how the choices they make affect the people who need services.
12763	7/10/2012	At Central Library--the homeless population using it as a daily shelter--this not really an issue--and the restrooms as their only toilets and leaving them a disgusting (no exaggeration!) mess--urinating in the sinks, etc.[] Branch libraries: uneven funding
12764	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
12765	7/10/2012	Multnomah county seems to have excellent support for the local libraries - I noticed a number of signs in my neighborhood asking to renew the levy to allow the libraries continue operation this past election. The biggest threat would be losing that support - by having this survey, you seem to be handling this more proactively. Keep up the good work!
12766	7/10/2012	Loss of funding and loss of interest in reading.
12767	7/10/2012	Not enough support of the importance of this great resource.
12768	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat and the biggest advantage is the internet. It's a two edged sword, making printed material obsolete (ie downloading books from online sources instead of the library), yet being such a draw to order your items online and have them ready for pick-up or sent to your home. Some of us still prefer to hold a book in our hands. Obsolescence. And cost.[] [] A library is a place where we as a community can bulk purchase media and share it. It has traditionally been a research resource but this importance has diminished with the vast Internet resources now available, often free. Computer access is nice but not essential; at least 50% of the users are 'just screwing around'; this isn't part of the core mission. Programs for <group> seem like the most optional and least in the core mission of a library. They also seem like they could have a small fee to cover their costs.[] [] -- Also, your survey lost my response the first time and I had to re-enter. --
12770	7/10/2012	Not being creative in finding new uses for the libraries. Reducing hours, reduces availability which reduces use and reduces need.
12771	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12772	7/10/2012	anti-tax rhetoric & threats
12773	7/10/2012	Tight funding.
12774	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12775	7/10/2012	Not sure!

12776	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and apathy
12777	7/10/2012	Just lack of funding. You guys do a great job staying relevant and seeing the library as an INFORMATION resource, not just a place for books.
12778	7/10/2012	Short-sighted piggy Republicans.
12779	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
12780	7/10/2012	Electronic books
12781	7/10/2012	I don't know.
12782	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12783	7/10/2012	Business's over crowding area to park
12784	7/10/2012	Politicians who make budget cuts to libraries because they are relying on voters to approve library money -- that way they get to keep spending money on their pet projects with minimal accountability.
12785	7/10/2012	Illiterate jackasses who'd rather spend the limited government resources on wasteful corrections programs.
12786	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12787	7/10/2012	the internet
12788	7/10/2012	The state government
12789	7/10/2012	apathy and inertia.
12790	7/10/2012	Republicans! No-taxers! Selfish people who do not care about the public good.
12791	7/10/2012	It seems to be lack of funding.
12792	7/10/2012	Funding and the prevailance video games are taking over reading
12793	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12794	7/10/2012	Dirty books that smell of smoke, dirty library users, mentally ill people who do not seem stable, not feeling safe or comfortable at library.
12795	7/10/2012	the loss of access.
12796	7/10/2012	withdrawal of community support (funding)
12797	7/10/2012	Funding. We need to fully fund every library so everyone has access. We LOVE our library and spend time there every week; my daughter has volunteered there for years. In my opinion, libraries are the most radical insitution left- free books for everyone with no agenda! Makes us so happy.
12798	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much. Stick to the basics and don't try to be all things to all people. Access to materials and the ability to check them out for personal use is the number one criteria.
12799	7/10/2012	Aside from the obvious budget constraints? I don't really see libraries as under threat from any other area; in fact it appears to me that they are more heavily used and relied upon than ever before.
12800	7/10/2012	lack of funding The libraries must be free and available to all. I may not always like to see some of the patrons, nevertheless I consider it vital that all have access, as long as they are not disruptive.
12801	7/10/2012	The libraries are trying to be all things to all people. Trying to speak all languages, provide all formats, serve every person means you aren't there when many people can really benefit.

12802	7/10/2012	I want you to know I as a property taxpayer am getting tired of you holding services hostage to us. You waste so much money eg I-5 bridge, goofy bike lanes, chasing young interns and generally disrespecting the taxpayers. WE ARE NOT STUPID and I for one have had enough. I plan not to reelect any of you and if I have my chance to change budgets I will. But for once, put aside your petty selves and look how to truly serve the taxpayers of Multnomah county.
12803	7/10/2012	Funds reduction. The library system is so important that it should be accessible for public more time than presently . Cutting working hours is inexcusable.
12804	7/10/2012	funding. lack of interest of the community of what a library can do.
12805	7/10/2012	Closing.
12806	7/10/2012	Computers! Television!
12807	7/10/2012	Underfunding
12808	7/10/2012	unsure? I love our library!!
12809	7/10/2012	irrelevance
12810	7/10/2012	I believe it is lack of funding.
12811	7/10/2012	high costs of operation
12812	7/10/2012	Over taxation by the county. We cannot afford more taxes or bonds. We must learn to live with less.
12813	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12814	7/10/2012	less hours open
12815	7/10/2012	Voter apathy
12816	7/10/2012	citizen apathy.
12817	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of support by those who use it most.
12818	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
12819	7/10/2012	budget cuts.
12820	7/10/2012	the internet
12821	7/10/2012	Budget cuts that require closures or shortened hours. Libraries need to be open so that they become part of citizen's regular routines and the default option for finding information.
12822	7/10/2012	closure, loss of community, loss of funding/ tax cuts, loss of public interest
12823	7/10/2012	I'm not deeply educated on library issues. But I love the Multnomah Library system, so I hope it is always well funded, with a well compensated staff.
12824	7/10/2012	Lack of funding that cuts hours/services.
12825	7/10/2012	Capitalism
12826	7/10/2012	taxpayers who don't recognize how critical the library is
12827	7/10/2012	Worst that could happen would be to deny access to people who don't have computer/internet access at home. This includes school children, seniors, and anyone else who relies on library for these services. An educated society is a healthy society and economy.
12828	7/10/2012	Funding...or lack of it!

12829	7/10/2012	The proliferation of e-books, online movie streaming and cheap MP3's will make the library a thing of the past in the years ahead.
12830	7/10/2012	The decline of home ownership. It can't be property taxes because my taxes keep going up while my property value goes down. Also unemployment and houses going into foreclosure.
12831	7/10/2012	E-books were a threat, though Library2Go seems to work relatively well.
12832	7/10/2012	Residents who do not understand the value of a library generally and the specific value of MCL -- the kinds of folks who say, 'who needs a library when everything is online;' who have online access at home; and who purchase all their media without giving it a second thought.
12833	7/10/2012	Funding will be cut and the resources will decline in quality and access. Libraries are important for the community but they need to be accessible to everyone!
12834	7/10/2012	-Public perception that libraries are not as valuable as electronic media (2000 years of experience versus a drop in the digital bucket)[] -Short-sightedness: the same lethargic and apathetic response of households not to fund public education are the same regarding the importance of libraries. We'll reap what we sow if we don't make the investment.[] -the homeless using the libraries computers for hours on end, occupying the seating, and using the washrooms as personal shower stalls.
12835	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and apathy. I don't think that many taxpayers realize how important libraries are to their communities and their futures, even if they don't personally use library materials. Even if one doesn't check out materials, their neighbors do, and the kids who will eventually grow up are learning how to read there, and the programs for seniors and job searching resources are there in case of hard times. So, apathy and close-mindedness.
12836	7/10/2012	Runaway capitalism...the attitude that anything that doesn't result in corporate profiteering isn't worth supporting financially or otherwise.
12837	7/10/2012	not being open on saturday or sunday's
12838	7/10/2012	Loss of a true educational focus. More and more I see the library turning into a place to check out movies or surf the net, rather than a place to learn. Even the selection of books is starting to reflect this, with increasingly less shelf space dedicated to more "serious" books in literature, philosophy, and science, and more space given to light subjects like hobbies or romance novels.
12839	7/10/2012	Not enough funding for employees with MLS degrees
12840	7/10/2012	Loss of funding for a number of reasons: poor economy, laziness, misunderstanding of the value of the library as a community resource, more and more people opting to pay for digital copies of books for personal e-readers, fewer people reading in general
12841	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
12842	7/10/2012	Politics
12843	7/10/2012	loss of funding to keep open and accessible to the entire community
12844	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.

12845	7/10/2012	People not using them!
12846	7/10/2012	Funding - but it's unrealistic to expect taxpayers to continue to foot the bill to pay for the same level of service. At some point, something has to give, and we as users of the library system will just have to get used to it.
12847	7/10/2012	Funding not being approved by tax payers.
12848	7/10/2012	funding
12849	7/10/2012	Funding
12850	7/10/2012	Cutting back on hours and funding.
12851	7/10/2012	lack of funds
12852	7/10/2012	funding cuts d/t unnecessary things like dumb wars
12853	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12854	7/10/2012	Trying to figure out how to use limited resources as the variety of media channels increases.
12855	7/10/2012	Continuing to attract and retain users.
12856	7/10/2012	I assume it is lack of funding.
12857	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12858	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; unpredictable funding.
12859	7/10/2012	Decline in funding is the only threat that I know of, and it is a big threat.
12860	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and the opinion among the general public that Wikipedia is a good replacement for a library.
12861	7/10/2012	Lack of consistent funding, it seems. Otherwise, the library system appears to be adjusting to the e-reading phenomenon while meeting the more traditional needs one has of a library.
12862	7/10/2012	stupidity
12863	7/10/2012	Misplaced priorities in our society and government. The government wants to spend billions hurting people instead of helping them, mainstream Americans want trash cultural distractions. Luckily, we live in Portland!
12864	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
12865	7/10/2012	Electronic resources (books, audio, media) are fast, (sometimes) free, and easier to access than printed materials at a local library. A local library should invest in electronic materials, including subscriptions to journals, magazines, etc. which a subscriber could then access.
12866	7/10/2012	funding
12867	7/10/2012	budget restriction
12868	7/10/2012	Being closed! People need access to our libraries! It is our civil liberty as tax payers! This is where our youth is building it's foundations for education, and higher learning! These need to be available to our children and our community!
12869	7/10/2012	Funding is obviously an issue, but I think the local population is quite supportive of the libraries. The changing nature of books and media is also a concern - how can access be maintained as things migrate to electronic forms?

12870	7/10/2012	Limited hours = limited use. Internet for research.
12871	7/10/2012	Lack of awareness/promotion of its usefulness and existence.
12872	7/10/2012	Getting behind the times in terms of technology.
12873	7/10/2012	Our culture devaluing wisdom and self-motivated inquiry....
12874	7/10/2012	An hour later opening doesn't seem like a big deal but when you are trying to plan your daily trips it makes a big difference.
12875	7/10/2012	rumors of bed bugs in the book bindings...in all seriousness, this rumor was rampant in Cincinnati (and is an actual problem people saying they stayed away because of this, but not sure if there were many instances of bed bugs transferred from books into homes, but was a popular rumor).
12876	7/10/2012	Not keeping up with embracing new technologies. In addition respect is being lost for the importance of education (both of our children and continuing education).
12877	7/10/2012	I'm sure the biggest threat is lack of public funding and unwillingness for people to pay taxes. Another concern is the lack of other safe places for homeless people to be. Also, libraries should be better marketed, then they would maybe get more patrons.
12878	7/10/2012	Cuts in state and county budgets. Regulators need to find the money to balance the budget somewhere other than library services.
12879	7/10/2012	Straying too far from the core mission. Over-expansion is expensive and people will get angry with tax increases.
12880	7/10/2012	people refusing to pass measures that support the library's funding. as my friends may have tired of hearing by now, when the library is on the ballot, it's probably the most important single item to vote on. enabling and encouraging literacy and providing access to knowledge are some of the very most essential requirements for a functioning, hopefully evolving society. we gotta get out the vote!! liberals can't depend on the church for that, so we have to find another way....
12881	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding. For many patrons with full time employment, 7 days a week ensures access.
12882	7/10/2012	Bad policy decisions by our politicians. We have one of the best library systems in the country and it must stay strong and vibrant. The programs at our libraries are so important as is the human contact and expertise of the librarians.
12883	7/10/2012	Current economy and "no more taxes" mentality.
12884	7/10/2012	Over taxation of residents in Multnomah county.
12885	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. A good library system is a top priority for a good community. We must keep our services and outreach to all people. We are convinced that our children have been as successful as they are is due to weekly library visits from early childhood.
12886	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to reach the most needy populations.
12887	7/10/2012	Being closed
12888	7/10/2012	politics
12889	7/10/2012	Politicians.
12890	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Keep our libraries open!!!

12891	7/10/2012	Hours open decreasing.
12892	7/10/2012	Funding cuts!
12893	7/10/2012	Funding
12894	7/10/2012	Funding.
12895	7/10/2012	Not passage of levies
12896	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12897	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12898	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12899	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
12900	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12901	7/10/2012	The lack of funding.
12902	7/10/2012	Funding
12903	7/10/2012	finances.
12904	7/10/2012	Funding A speaker came to arts and lectures before the spring election, (one of the commissioners) pleading for support, saying it was needed to keep the libraries open 7 days a week.[]
12905	7/10/2012	[] One month later - libraries closed on Mondays. It left me wondering what other false information the public is being fed. It makes me reluctant to be as supportive of the library.
12906	7/10/2012	Theft
12907	7/10/2012	FUNDING! But that is also the biggest challenge within public schools (where I work) and there seem to be no good solutions at this point in time. I was very happy to vote (and see others do the same) for the library funding initiative that appeared in the last election.
12908	7/10/2012	budget cuts.
12909	7/10/2012	The silence of the people who use them/depend on them. The indifference of the wealthy who can buy whatever they want to read.
12910	7/10/2012	Ignorance and Capitalism.[] The public school system, where kids are supposed to learn to use libraries and become life learners is failing.
12911	7/10/2012	The dumbing down of America (and the acceptance of the process).
12912	7/10/2012	In my opinion, funding is the biggest threat. With the levy that expires periodically, we maintain a state of threatened funding. I would support a more permanent method of funding. I believe our libraries are a vital resource in our communities and particularly serve those who need these resources most.
12913	7/10/2012	Funding.
12914	7/10/2012	That they will reduce hrs and programs to the public.
12915	7/10/2012	Not enough money; competition from other county programs.

12916	7/10/2012	I imagine it is the annual budgets that restrict your hours, your staff, and your ability to acquire both the quantity and quality of books you might wish to buy.
12917	7/10/2012	Limited resources due to size of the library.
12918	7/10/2012	Not sure
12919	7/10/2012	Budget's reduction year after year?
12920	7/10/2012	Excessive funding needs. While I can appreciate budget woos, have you looked at property tax rates? The economy continues to just get by yet the library and other publicly funded facilities continues to go up at an alarming and unsustainable rate. Please respect peoples budget and come up with other ways to fill the gap!
12921	7/10/2012	Immediate: Budget Long-term: Proliferation of accessible, credible information and digital media via the internet.
12922	7/10/2012	Other bureaus taking the levied money designated to and for the library. The automation of the library staff, which makes it harder and harder for the person who can not find materials, to do so and decreases the education of younger people on how to use, rather than abuse the library.
12923	7/10/2012	Funding and the resources needed to keep our libraries open and new and current programs running.
12924	7/10/2012	budget cuts
12925	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12926	7/10/2012	Funding, I'm sure.
12927	7/10/2012	Republican politics.
12928	7/10/2012	Lack of education
12929	7/10/2012	A lack of education about the benefits the library can provide. Also funding.
12930	7/10/2012	Funding
12931	7/10/2012	I don't know.
12932	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
12933	7/10/2012	Theft of CD's, Books and Movies
12934	7/10/2012	Budget cuts making them less accessible.
12935	7/10/2012	closure of local branches, and loss of those distributed community resources.
12936	7/10/2012	Our culture does not encourage and support learning and observation, only playing and seeing.
12937	7/10/2012	Funding
12938	7/10/2012	electronic media
12939	7/10/2012	Republicans
12940	7/10/2012	Funding
12941	7/10/2012	non use
12942	7/10/2012	The people who give the most financial support (property owners) are not nearly the biggest net users of the Libraries.

12943	7/10/2012	Funding clearly. Availability is a huge issue for me, the reduction in hours makes it that much harder for me to visit around work and family commitments.
12944	7/10/2012	Closure!
12945	7/10/2012	Budget cuts!!
12946	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12947	7/10/2012	Sounds like funding is! Electronic books may threaten the community gathering aspect of the libraries as well as they gain in popularity since people can order those online through the system.
12948	7/10/2012	Not adapting to the world of digital information access. This will mean joining with out he library systems to fight publishers' restrictive policies on things like media encryption.
12949	7/10/2012	Loss of funding. people hanging out in front of the library...but nice to see security around. Also, I know it's a free speech concern but
12950	7/10/2012	computer access to questionable material...pornography...I don't know if this is a current problem because I haven't allowed my children access (to the computer except for availability for books and material) for several years because of material another user was viewing...
12951	7/10/2012	Uninformed people that think a library exists only for homeless people to have a bathroom. The ignorance is appalling. ⑆ Otherwise, I would argue that closures and reduced hours will impact the tax base elsewhere. The correlation between reading and learning and staying out of trouble is irrefutable.
12952	7/10/2012	Reductions in dedicated funding
12953	7/10/2012	Excessive public union benefits diverting resources.
12954	7/10/2012	homeless
12955	7/10/2012	ipads nooks, etc..
12956	7/10/2012	Sounds like lack of funding.
12957	7/10/2012	funding
12958	7/10/2012	overuse?
12959	7/10/2012	homeless people hanging around out front scaring people away from using the library
12960	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12961	7/10/2012	Republicans.
12962	7/10/2012	not receiving their funding
12963	7/10/2012	Loud, talking librarians that support the loud talking of patrons. I go to PSU library more and more because it is quiet there like a library should be. Hollywood library is like a party..impossible to concentrate there.
12964	7/10/2012	Apparently, it is budget cuts.
12965	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12966	7/10/2012	Putting something like library funding to a public vote when it's so easy for the privileged to decide it's not worth it to them personally and vote it down.
12967	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

12968	7/10/2012	People not able to afford higher property taxes. We need a state sales tax.
12969	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
12970	7/10/2012	it being taken over buy local markets such as Fred Meyers.
12971	7/10/2012	I don't know
12972	7/10/2012	Funding
12973	7/10/2012	IMO, Best tax money I pay!
12974	7/10/2012	Under funding.
		Being perceived as non-essential. []
12975	7/10/2012	[] As far as #5, I don't use the library all that often, but I see the libraries as a mark of the overall wellbeing of the community.
12976	7/10/2012	Not realizing it is the fountainhead of democract and education
12977	7/10/2012	Lack of support by city.
12978	7/10/2012	Reduced hours could make it impossible for the people that need the library's resources the most to utilize it's services (ie. working long hours or multiple jobs)
12979	7/10/2012	I'd say theft/vandalism to materials is high on the list but funding is obviously the biggest threat!
12980	7/10/2012	I suspect it is funding. Keeping material current costs money as well as staying open enough hours that work with people's schedules (especially those of us who work 8:30 to 6 every day).
12981	7/10/2012	The biggest threats are lack of funding and lack of relevance, and the two are related. As the public increasingly accesses information electronically, it is important that libraries stay current with technology in order to receive continued community support.
12982	7/10/2012	convincing community of importance that library system stays strong and technologically current so they will vote to accept bond measures for library
12983	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is that the most important hours will be reduced. Longer hours on Saturday and Sunday are much more important than being open every week day.
12984	7/10/2012	Not having enough copies of the same book or material.
12985	7/10/2012	Stupid governance decisions by Multnomah County's commissioners, like not asking for enough money from the voters last election, and then blindsiding voters/patrons with shortened hours.
12986	7/10/2012	Not being well used?
12987	7/10/2012	Location - it's nice to have our neighborhood library, it takes us 15 minutes both ways.
12988	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
		I think the biggest threat to any public service is the feeling that the[] people receiving those services are somehow stealing from the rest of us.[]
12989	7/10/2012	If voters think of themselves as library patrons, the libraries will be fine.[] If voters don't think of themselves that way, they might be convinced that[] the library is a luxury or worse.
12990	7/10/2012	budget cuts

12991	7/10/2012	Funding
12992	7/10/2012	Closure? Lack of money?
12993	7/10/2012	Tax stinginess.
12994	7/10/2012	Lack of public funding and support.
12995	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
12996	7/10/2012	Funding
12997	7/10/2012	loss of funding
12998	7/10/2012	No money
12999	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13000	7/10/2012	Funding (lack of!)
13001	7/10/2012	This page of your survey did not work. Did not allow me to rank correctly.
13002	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
13003	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
13004	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13005	7/10/2012	I'm for keeping library funding at current levels, I'm against raising taxes for libraries at this time.
13006	7/10/2012	Overspending for other things we don't need in the community.
13007	7/10/2012	straying from basic function: access to literature, information, media
13008	7/10/2012	Home owners cannot afford to continual tax increases to support all the open hours and programs.
13009	7/10/2012	Funding
13010	7/10/2012	lack of budget options?
13011	7/10/2012	Irrelevance. Invisibility. If you're not open often, people will go elsewhere for information, resources, media, social engagement, educational opportunities, etc... If your doors are often locked, people won't consider you when deciding where to go... I have no idea, I don't think in those terms. The biggest threat to me in regards to the library is if it wasn't there at all. I depend on the library for movies, books etc in order to entertain and educate myself and my granddaughter. It would change things for me financially to lose that resource.
13012	7/10/2012	Not being open 7 days a week!!
13013	7/10/2012	Society as a whole not utilizing the libraries. Parents not teaching their children how important it is to be able to use books and people for research. We rely to heavily on computers and technology.
13014	7/10/2012	Politicians wanting to cut taxes that go towards supporting our libraries and other public services.
13015	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. High overhead and administration costs hurts the libraries at a local level.
13016	7/10/2012	Tax compression
13017	7/10/2012	Lack of interest, lack of long-term perspective on the part of stakeholders (education builds a better future for all of us - libraries are an essential part of that education).
13018	7/10/2012	Decreased funding, Lack of Open Hours.
13019	7/10/2012	Funding cuts in Multnomah County
13020	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13021	7/10/2012	

13022	7/10/2012	lack of consistent funding.
13023	7/10/2012	Republicans.
13024	7/10/2012	piecemeal funding by ballot initiative. voted for the last few, can't believe we have to pony up more this soon.
13025	7/10/2012	apathy of our citizens
13026	7/10/2012	Resistance to paying taxes for the common good.
13027	7/10/2012	Funding.
13028	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13029	7/10/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
13030	7/10/2012	funding
13031	7/10/2012	not sure
13032	7/10/2012	Lack of funding = difficulty of access due to limited schedules
13033	7/10/2012	?
13034	7/10/2012	Poor economy -- cheap internet rates maybe
13035	7/10/2012	Electronic media will made "traditional" libraries obsolete.
13036	7/10/2012	Funding
13037	7/10/2012	Well, the fairview one is small and the hours are difficult for someone in working class to be able to pick up and drop off library items. I think the biggest threat is the government taking away one of the limited resources for keeping kids safe and educated as well as adults who need the free services to better there own lives. The librarys when I was little were a haven but now the services they offer are limited by the funding hindering people who need the libraries.
13038	7/10/2012	I have no idea. I am still annoyed that I voted for the levy and then lost Monday services. What a ripoff.
13039	7/10/2012	There is not enough money to support all of the resources we want in Portland. Hard choices have to be made.
13040	7/10/2012	Don't know
13041	7/10/2012	Financial security. And people's lack of awareness of all the library has in stock
13042	7/10/2012	Limited hours and hours that change from day to day. People need to be able to access the library to enjoy the books and services available.
13043	7/10/2012	Lack of reliable funding. I'm concerned that property taxes are so high and there are many competing needs for our money Plus, there is a general lack of understanding of the important role of government and the need for support. I hate to see schools and libraries pitted against each other. But when it comes to funding choices, this is often how it is set up.
13044	7/10/2012	The lack of knowledge about how vast the offerings of materials are. There are books, movies, music CDs - extensive media that is difficult to afford these days - that the library generously lends. And with the hold system, you can utilize the entire library system (not just your local branch). That's a true gift.

13045	7/10/2012	Money, I guess. And taxpayers not seeing the library as important enough although we are the busiest in the US. I find that a proud fact about Portland which is also well represented in independent bookstores nationally. [] The money needed for a fine library service is not much per person or household.
13046	7/10/2012	Funding
13047	7/10/2012	abuse by the disrespectful
13048	7/10/2012	funding cuts
13049	7/10/2012	loss of funding
13050	7/10/2012	Loss of funding and resources.
13051	7/10/2012	Unsure, declining funding?
13052	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to provide appropriate hours and qualified staff to support the mission of the library.
13053	7/10/2012	more days closed
13054	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Definitely not lack of interest.
13055	7/10/2012	Apathy. Parents not valuing reading. Kids / young adults spending too much time pursuing instant gratification rather than something sustained, like a book.
13056	7/10/2012	i would say funding. otherwise they would be open all the time and have the variety of programs needed in a city like portland.
13057	7/10/2012	People who don't need to access 'free' resources.
13058	7/10/2012	Mismanagement. Clearly, given that we JUST passed a new levy increasing property taxes for the library and you're STILL having budget issue, there are management issues.
13059	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of community awareness of resources available. Especially electronic resources.
13060	7/10/2012	Digital media consumption and general lack of reading. I don't think the troubles of the library are on the community radar but feel that they would offer support if they were aware.
13061	7/10/2012	Apathy
13062	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13063	7/10/2012	Telling me you need another bond that will raise my taxes yet again
13064	7/10/2012	Funding
13065	7/10/2012	Lack of funding obviously. Hope your levy passes to make you have permanently available resources.
13066	7/10/2012	lack of funding.
13067	7/10/2012	closing them forever
13068	7/10/2012	FUNDING
13069	7/10/2012	Funding, old buildings(NE, North)
13070	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13071	7/10/2012	Austerity advocates, tea party mentality toward needed governmental services.

13072	7/10/2012	Fall in property taxes. Competition for resources. Expensive & fast moving shifts to e-media.
13073	7/10/2012	Becoming irrelevant as the world goes digital.
13074	7/10/2012	Continuing to lose day/hours that the library is open.
13075	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13076	7/10/2012	Lack of un-to-date materials, equipment and resources to draw people in.
13077	7/10/2012	lack of administrative support. lack of community interest/support
13078	7/10/2012	Underfunding!
13079	7/10/2012	Not enough funding ?? Not enough coordination between schools and libraries to introduce and keep young people coming back. ?? (I honestly don't know if there is any coordination or not-
13080	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
13081	7/10/2012	Loss of tax revenue. One of the most important public services that the city can provide.
13082	7/10/2012	I would hate to see our libraries close. They are very important to our community and education. My little children love outings to the library to pick out fun books. I loved to do that when I was a little girl. When my girls are older, I expect to be there more as they need to do research and write papers for school.
13083	7/10/2012	That they will be closed so that no one has the ability to use them and receive the knowledge that the libraries can provide. It will hurt all of us if the libraries are closed.
13084	7/10/2012	PROPERTY TAX COMPRESSION. Oregon legislators really ought to do something about this. it was a mistake, it has caused nothing but heartache, and voters should get the chance to correct it if the legislators will not.
13085	7/10/2012	I believe that it's funding, but I don't have much knowledge beyond that.
13086	7/10/2012	Funding instability ... needing to ask for new funds all the time.
13087	7/10/2012	PERS seems to be at the root of all these budget cuts. Until PERS is reformed, bureaucrats will put essential services on the chopping block. We need real leadership to reform PERS and get back to fiscal sanity.
13088	7/10/2012	Costs of home ownership. If they are funded through property taxes, people can't afford to buy houses here. Property taxes are extremely high here and that prevents people from wanting to buy homes.
13089	7/10/2012	funding
13090	7/10/2012	Apathy
13091	7/10/2012	Not staying cutting edge with what the community wants form its libraries.
13092	7/10/2012	Lack of access. Many people can only visit a library one day a week due to work hours or other time constraints, I would like the library open daily even if some hours were reduced.
13093	7/10/2012	funding
13094	7/10/2012	e-readers...?
13095	7/10/2012	Nothing can replace a neighborhood library.
13096	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.

13097	7/10/2012	Lack of a consistent, dependable funding stream. Library services should not be dependent on periodic bond/tax measures.
13098	7/10/2012	People who don't understand the benefit of social services.
13099	7/10/2012	loss of hours and computer access for many.[] like social programs the more cuts the less attendance then gone...
13100	7/10/2012	closure
13101	7/10/2012	funding!!!!!!!
13102	7/10/2012	Apathy.
13103	7/10/2012	Lack of funding it appears!
13104	7/10/2012	Not keeping up with changes and demands of technology is a computer driven world.
13105	7/10/2012	Willingness of taxpayor to fund
13106	7/10/2012	Funding.
13107	7/10/2012	financial cuts that force them to close or lessen service hours
13108	7/10/2012	Probably funding which could at some point require some type of payment to use the resources. The libraries should always be free and open to everyone. Mismanagement at the county level. The county should have put funding (whether it was a library district or levy) to a vote when they originally planned on doing it: November 2011. Now they're faced with trying to get voter support twice in one year, and as you should expect, other agencies have competing measures on the November 2012 ballot. It's a set up for failure. Great job, county chair!
13109	7/10/2012	
13110	7/10/2012	Loss of funds to maintain services for residents who need access to resources they cannot afford.
13111	7/10/2012	People who don't use the library and don't understand how valuable it is to our community.
13112	7/10/2012	Lack of a permanent funding source is a constant threat to our libraries. Increasing property taxes year after year is an unfair burden on a portion of society that is steadily shrinking. As property ownership declines, so does the libraries funding source. Oregon's local officials need to consider implementing a sales tax.
13113	7/10/2012	Definitely NOT lack of interest, at least not in my neighborhood... it seems to be funding restrictions, which is incredibly frustrating after the vote a couple months ago.
13114	7/10/2012	Funding?
13115	7/10/2012	lack of literacy
13116	7/10/2012	Cutbacks.
13117	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
13118	7/10/2012	Funding...and republicans.
13119	7/10/2012	not enough \$
13120	7/10/2012	The question above doesn't allow much detail - I would much rather the library focussed on new books, not electronic versions.
13121	7/10/2012	Funding cutbacks and hiring freezes.

13122	7/10/2012	The terrible economic climate that we endure where we don't have enough money for everyone who needs it -- like social services, education, libraries, etc.
13123	7/10/2012	Throwing away money on programs that are not utilized.
13124	7/10/2012	Salaries of Linrary staff in upper positions
13125	7/10/2012	The internet.
13126	7/10/2012	Mismanaged funds.
13127	7/10/2012	Funding
13128	7/10/2012	I don't believe we have to be the social media for all citizens. Provide books.
13129	7/10/2012	Misallocation of tax revenue to law enforcement, mandatory public education, and subsidies to developers, other corporations, and rich people's neighborhoods.
13130	7/10/2012	lack of access/hours
13131	7/10/2012	funding
13132	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13133	7/10/2012	Shortsightedness I don't have a problem that the library is open only 6 days a week. I recently learned that books were available for home-bound seniors which is a great asset. In a behind the scenes tour I recently learned of this program and the great use it has.
13134	7/10/2012	
13135	7/10/2012	Not enough fundin
13136	7/10/2012	The safety of children. Access to pornography should not be allowed in our libraries!
13137	7/10/2012	Funding and lack of interest in reading.
13138	7/10/2012	The lack of funding. We don't understand why more people don't use them. I think it's because they lack the understanding of all the resources that libraries provide. The libraries are such a great asset. My husband and I don't buy books anymore because we can read them and return them. Besides, we don't have room in our condo for a book assortment anyway. We also rent old movies that are unavailable via red box.
13139	7/10/2012	Losing them due to budget cuts & no money. lack of funds.[]
13140	7/10/2012	[] internet resource competition among young people who are less and less into books and print materials
13141	7/10/2012	Less hours open, and buying less materials.
13142	7/10/2012	Lack of adequate funding.
13143	7/10/2012	The lack of funding and general disregard of the importance of public libraries. Public libraries are integral to upholding the social fabric.
13144	7/10/2012	Becoming irrelevant in the eyes of those using electronic media. Freedom to access hard copies of media.

13145	7/10/2012	The Central library needs to be open until 9:00 for professional people that work during the day, including Fridays. By closing before 8:00, or earlier on Fridays as it has been, it makes the library very unusable for people that cannot get time off during the work day and that have to drive or bus downtown after work. Children and seniors can use the library branches during the day, but people that work and bear most of the tax burden for the use of the library should be able to visit the Central branch later in the day.
13146	7/10/2012	Funding being lost.
13147	7/10/2012	Republicans
13148	7/10/2012	not sure
13149	7/10/2012	Lack of money!
13150	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
13151	7/10/2012	Peak oil & concomitant economic collapse.
13152	7/10/2012	Funding
13153	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding
13154	7/10/2012	budget of course
13155	7/10/2012	Budget Cuts.
13156	7/10/2012	Lack of public funds.
13157	7/10/2012	I do not know.
13158	7/10/2012	Not keeping current with new books, magazines, etc. Lack of funding and community support.
13159	7/10/2012	Privatizing library systems. I think they need to remain funded by local government, not private companies.
13160	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. The Multnomah County library system is one of the most useful services provided by our local government.
13161	7/10/2012	unstable funding sources
13162	7/10/2012	the internet, loss of funding, lack of interest in reading
13163	7/10/2012	Seems like lack of funding is. I think access to books online is a threat. I prefer paper but was given a Kindle. I'll try it.
13164	7/10/2012	Funding...
13165	7/10/2012	That they not be adequately funded in order to provide even the most basic needs of the community. There are many people who cannot afford to go out and buy the resources that are available to them in the library.
13166	7/10/2012	Funding that is tied into tax assessments.
13167	7/10/2012	Cutting back hours and services - it is so easy to use and access - it adds to why so many people use it. Cutting back on staff so that they can no longer help you or put up the wonderful displays - especially in the children's room - that have driven our reading list all these years - I have also started to use the list of suggested books for kids on your web site
13168	7/10/2012	lack of funding

13169	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Just like the schools.
13170	7/10/2012	Decreased funding, obviously. It bums me out that the lib is closed on Mondays now, but I understand that limiting access to capital necessarily limits the library's activities. Personally, I think this all stems from the rampant anti-intellectualism in our society, as well as the decrease in value placed on books, reading, and the pursuit of knowledge at the expense of dumbed-down electronic media. Oh, and the fact that everyone has to work so many hours now that they don't have time to read as much as they once did--and all the other social ills facing us in the 21st century. The good news is that the library is the antidote!
13171	7/10/2012	Um, Zombies?
13172	7/10/2012	Reduced tax revenue from falling home prices and poor economy. Lack of public interest in funding the library.
13173	7/10/2012	lack of or inconsistent funding
13174	7/10/2012	Funding
13175	7/10/2012	No funding and electronic books.
13176	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13177	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
13178	7/10/2012	The lack of funding
13179	7/10/2012	Funding.
13180	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of community outreach to encourage people of all ages to take advantage of the library system.
13181	7/10/2012	People undervalue the service!
13182	7/10/2012	People not caring. If people stop caring about the libraries, they lose funding.
13183	7/10/2012	Funding, I assume.
13184	7/10/2012	Loss of funding that leads to reduced hours. We have one of the best library systems in the country. It would be a shame to lose it. I don't want to see the library go the way of Tri-Met, which used to be a showcase transportation company.
13185	7/10/2012	Not having enough funding.
13186	7/10/2012	Not enough funding, not enough public awareness of available services through the library.
13187	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13188	7/10/2012	Access for all no matter what income or social status. Lack of Funding for programs.
13189	7/10/2012	The lack of support from all levels of government .
13190	7/10/2012	Funding challenges
13191	7/10/2012	apathy
13192	7/10/2012	portland voters have repeatedly expressed their support for their excellent library system, so i'm not sure why the library has decided to reduce its hours. there are times when my branch library has staff just standing around. i'd rather have fewer staff at a time or have the current number spread over more days.

13193	7/10/2012	People not appreciating them until they are gone. The lack of marketing and outreach. [] []
13194	7/10/2012	Suggest staying in the under \$1.00 assessment range and 6 day schedule. With RFID checkout, library staff needs to find more ways to serve more customers within the current headcount. Today they are often idle when I visit. Library partnerships with the schools should be explored.
13195	7/10/2012	That politicians will feel they are not necessary.
13196	7/10/2012	Underfunding - I think participation of the community is high (people use the library, its services and volunteer to help it run). If underfunding and lack of money becomes too much of an issue and services are cut, participation will decline and a vicious cycle will be started. :(
13197	7/10/2012	Electronic takeover in place of personal interaction with actual people- librarians, staff, etc. Further "threats" include loud children's programs (little consideration for other patrons), long-term computer-placement precedence over actual books, under-staffing, and overall impression of libraries as multi-media centers rather than as knowledge repositories and disseminators of same. If people wish to play computer games, they ought not be doing so in libraries.
13198	7/10/2012	People forgetting what a great resource they are and how blessed we are to have access to them so easily.
13199	7/10/2012	Bureaucratic blunders
13200	7/10/2012	The largest threat to local libraries is technology. The expanding media and devices present today for reading, research, etc. renders much of the mission of the library obsolete or at least out-dated.
13201	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13202	7/10/2012	Abuse from users and reduced funding
13203	7/10/2012	zombies
13204	7/10/2012	Health care premiums
13205	7/10/2012	A second ballot measure only a few months apart ...
13206	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13207	7/10/2012	more cuts
13208	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13209	7/10/2012	funding cuts
13210	7/10/2012	I have no idea... is it the funding issue?
13211	7/10/2012	Lack of funding due to idiot voters.
13212	7/10/2012	Not enough people using the library
13213	7/10/2012	homeless people and vagrants hanging around
13214	7/10/2012	The decline of reading in general, especially books; public funding
13215	7/10/2012	Not receiving the funding they need to help the community
13216	7/10/2012	An apathetic, non reading public
13217	7/10/2012	Budget cuts

13218	7/10/2012	Not having the materials that people want and need from their libraries, making attendance go down and support for funding and access go down.
13219	7/10/2012	I was worried when I heard about the 6 d / wk schedule.
13220	7/10/2012	Funding - without funding we have no libraries.
13221	7/10/2012	The anti-tax movement!
13222	7/10/2012	Source for homeless to congregate in, on steps and around
13223	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13224	7/10/2012	People wanting to privatize the library that already functions very well for the public. If people don't use the library they don't see the value it brings to the community in helping to educate and inspire people of all ages.
13225	7/10/2012	Movement to ebook format is more familiar to the rising generation. The mclib ebook connections are far too complex.
13226	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. We've built up an amazingly effective system that serves the community extremely well. The library uses its resources well. We shouldn't endanger a system that works so well for so many people. People who think it is just a place for homeless people to get out of the rain.[] []
13227	7/10/2012	Also electronic resources. Don't do it. Just get books and provide good support. Computer use is nice for the under class o' people, even though I've never used one of them. []
13228	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
13229	7/10/2012	I think people not going or not having access to the resource of the library is most threatening- The more people that use the library on a regular basis, the more they would be willing to increase fun ding/taxes, etc.
13230	7/10/2012	Romney. [] BUT also, funding the library needs to be a TOP priority with local politicians. It is an essential public service.
13231	7/10/2012	It sounds like funding is the largest threat. I've always thought that late fines were impressively small - personally, an increase in late fines would not affect my library usage.
13232	7/10/2012	A poor economy. Budget cuts. Republicans?
13233	7/10/2012	Pitchfork-and-torch mobs, Republicans, unlettered savages, galloping pneumonia, and pinworms. In that order.
13234	7/10/2012	Not having current material and funding. Libraries need to operate on volunteer services or neighborhood associations need to help take care of them. Think outside the box when it comes time to funding them, maintaining them and operating them.
13235	7/10/2012	I would happily pay more taxes to keep our libraries open and staffed. I have no idea what the biggest threat may be.

13236	7/10/2012	Not moving quickly enough into e-books.
13237	7/10/2012	Limiting access to information for all generations.
13238	7/10/2012	Underfunding. I am upset that although the library levy passed, the branches are now closed on Mondays! Ask for enough to run it right.
13239	7/10/2012	not enough money
13240	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
13241	7/10/2012	I don't know, lack of funding?
13242	7/10/2012	Funding
13243	7/10/2012	Inadequate financing.
13244	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13245	7/10/2012	Closure many days during the week
13246	7/10/2012	I hope the libraries all stay open
13247	7/10/2012	Reduced hours. Also they aren't the most comfortable places to actually be. I don't think I'd ever actually sit and read at the library. Cut in programs, child story time, adult book groups.
13248	7/10/2012	Obviously funding.
13249	7/10/2012	funding and program awareness
13250	7/10/2012	Lack of money.[]
13251	7/10/2012	People treating library materials poorly.
13251	7/10/2012	uneducated citizens proud of their ignorance
13252	7/10/2012	Not enough resources.
13253	7/10/2012	Underfunding.
13254	7/10/2012	over spending
13255	7/10/2012	Ignorance about libraries' importance that can lead to poor funding and reduced service.
13256	7/10/2012	funding
13257	7/10/2012	Funding
13258	7/10/2012	The only threat I can see is lack of use. But I do not see that happening anytime soon.
13259	7/10/2012	The use of the computers should be restricted to non research sites. You do not need facebook or full internet access. These are misused. Also games should NOT be on there. I do not want to pay for games on the computers.
13260	7/10/2012	People not using the libraries due to their own internet and kindle usage not realizing how important the library is to those not in the same economic bracket, in other words casting their vote against the poor or another way to look at it is that our society would suffer greatly from the lack of education that the library affords to those who have very limited financial resources. The library encourages good citizenship too as well as provides a place to gather and to learn.
13261	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Our neighborhood libraries are a very valuable resource to a community. The library provides a place for ALL to gather.
13262	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. Not being relevant to a section of the population.

13263	7/10/2012	Lack of forward funding. Insufficient funding.[] []
13264	7/10/2012	Inadequate marketing of services overall that could improve chances of increased library funding to the county.[] [] I think the public needs to hear MORE about our great library system, what it can do for them in their daily lives, and why it is so important to provide consistent and adequate funding.
13265	7/10/2012	Intolerance, hatred, ignorance and divisiveness There are many, mostly about placing their emphasis in the wrong places. I think they are spending too much time and effort chasing bestsellers and not enough on cultivating a true life of the mind in the community, making themselves distinctive from Amazon or Powells and giving these buildings a renewed purpose, not just book warehouses. I would also cut funding for School Corps. This is work that should be done inside Portland Public Schools, but they have largely dismantled their school libraries because they can get this service through the county. I think too much emphasis is placed on having staff who speak Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Spanish, etc. Immigrants want to learn English and get good jobs, and it's far better to have more professional staff who are sensitive to cultural needs than less professional staff who happen to speak another language. I would add social workers to the mix at some locations, because the homeless issue should be faced, not chased away with behavior policies. I would also find a way to make summer reading programs about intrinsic reward, not "paying" kids to read with prizes. I'm opposed to the 0-3 movement that's so embraced by Multnomah County Libraries--it's simply not true that someone's future is largely set in those first three years. Way too much emphasis is placed on youth services at Multnomah County. This county does not have a large and growing youth population--adults
13266	7/10/2012	funding
13267	7/10/2012	
13268	7/10/2012	FUNDING, duh. I don't think you need to lend as many popular movies. Those are a luxury--leave it to Netflix.
13269	7/10/2012	Cutting funding.
13270	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and people being uninformed about all the amazing services public libraries provide.
13271	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
13272	7/10/2012	Funding
13273	7/10/2012	Idiots who see them as a socialist evil.
13274	7/10/2012	Eliminating books. Going to electronic format.
13275	7/10/2012	A lack of appreciation for the services and the value that libraries provide for our community; short-sightedness in the allocation of funds.
13276	7/10/2012	I guess there is a lack of funding even though many people use the libraries. I am worried about less open days so that it's harder to get there outside of normal work hours.
13277	7/10/2012	lack of funding

13278	7/10/2012	imagining that we need this many books. It doesn't matter if I wait two weeks for a novel or three months. It's wonderful whenever it comes.
13279	7/10/2012	The idea that they are not needed.
13280	7/10/2012	misappropriation of taxpayers funds...
13281	7/10/2012	1. Budget problems 2. Electronic reading devices 3. Children who are not encouraged to read
13282	7/10/2012	Obama.
13283	7/10/2012	Limited access for people who are trying to find work in this recessed economy and diminishing programs for young children learning to read.
13284	7/10/2012	Probably funding. I just wrote to my representative urging him to let the Bush tax cuts expire. All of them.
13285	7/10/2012	lack of access means those who rely on the library and the wide variety of free and easy to use resources (job seekers, families with young children, elderly, low income families, etc) will miss out on important educational opportunities, internet access, and community building and support.
13286	7/10/2012	Funding and the current tax system.
13287	7/10/2012	I don't really know I think libraries serve as public utility in learning and information.
13288	7/10/2012	I have stopped using, but fully support the library since it ensures minimal access to information. Every day matters less to me than being still open with materials and programs to help.
13289	7/10/2012	Poor funding and the reputation that only homeless people use the library. Also, e-books could be seen as a threat, but that can be mitigated by offering more access to e-books and informing people on how they can take advantage of free e-book check-out. Number 5 did not work for me, so I have ordered my choices below 1.) Full hours 7 days a week 2.) Current Materials 3.) Programs for children 4.) Programs for senior citizens 5.) programs and resources for job seekers, small business owners, etc. 6.) all branches open at least 6 days a week
13290	7/10/2012	
13291	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what this question means. I guess budget cuts and lack of financial support from outside sources.
13292	7/10/2012	The biggest asset the library has is goodwill: We love our libraries, and we use them. The biggest threat is fracturing of the support base, e.g. playing groups against the other (e.g. children vs seniors), whittling away hours in such a way that access is drastically limited for those who cannot make it to the library before 5pm or who work into the early evening.

13293	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
13294	7/10/2012	??
13295	7/10/2012	\$\$\$\$\$\$
13296	7/10/2012	Politicians threatening to cut funding! Secondly, library users who don't speak up to save the library because they don't realize the severity of the threat.
13297	7/10/2012	Cost for wages and benefits and retirement Yikes!
13298	7/10/2012	Cloud
13299	7/10/2012	Not enough funds.
13300	7/10/2012	Electronic media
13301	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! Homeless in bathrooms...
13302	7/10/2012	funding
13303	7/10/2012	Republicans
13304	7/10/2012	kids not reading anymore
13305	7/10/2012	Ebooks
13306	7/10/2012	Budget cuts
13307	7/10/2012	funding
13308	7/10/2012	Funding levels. I believe that the support for the libraries is present among the community, it is just a matter of separating it and creating its own financial situation.
13309	7/10/2012	Anti-tax sentiment
13310	7/10/2012	Lack of funding reducing hours and staff
13311	7/10/2012	Consistent, stable funding.
13312	7/10/2012	Not enough people taking advantage of them (and instead buying books and e-books) and them having to shut down to lack of use.
13313	7/10/2012	no stable source of funding
13314	7/10/2012	Inadequate and variable funding.
13315	7/10/2012	Funding
13316	7/10/2012	Trying to do too much. The library should be a simple resource for the community. It is not a vital service for a majority of the population, and should not be treated as such. However it is a nice resource to have. Increasing taxes on homeowners to increase services is not the solution. Closing libraries one or two days a week or decreasing hours would be a preferable alternative to raising taxes.
13317	7/10/2012	Good question
13318	7/10/2012	not enough funding
13319	7/10/2012	Easy home access to online books and other information Funding - or rather lack of funding.
13320	7/10/2012	closure
13321	7/10/2012	Space?

13322	7/10/2012	Funding. [] [] I think open 4-5 days/week is sufficient. Track busiest days & hours & that's when you open.
13323	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13324	7/10/2012	The biggest threat is people not understanding the importance of the materials, literacy, and programs that are offered to the community via the library
13325	7/10/2012	Kindle
13326	7/10/2012	not enough funding
13327	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13328	7/10/2012	keeping up with technology
13329	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13330	7/10/2012	funding
13331	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13332	7/10/2012	Not enough money to keep them going. I'd definitely pay to use the system. Portland has one of the best library systems out there.
13333	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13334	7/10/2012	Tax cutting idiots who don't know a good thing when they see it.
13335	7/10/2012	Unemployment. People need to have enough money so they can vote for library levies.
13336	7/10/2012	Budget cuts, lack of support from the government
13337	7/10/2012	over extending their function. libraries should be libraries without so much of a reach for external programs and events. I rarely make use of the library because the catalog is so sorely lacking
13338	7/10/2012	Declining use due to internet access, tablets and apps
13339	7/10/2012	I have no idea.
13340	7/10/2012	Apparently it's lack of funding, unfortunately. I think you guys are doing a great job otherwise.
13341	7/10/2012	Closure.
13342	7/10/2012	Not having enough funding.
13343	7/10/2012	Many people are opting to read purchased books on computers and readers.
13344	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, archaic positions on copyright and digital rights management, and a political mindset that thinks there should be zero public funding for such things as libraries (and parks and schools and...)
13345	7/10/2012	The recession/depression, and related cost increases while funding decreases, or at least increases much more slowly....
13346	7/10/2012	The increase in costs, the loss of tax revenues and other funding sources, as well as short-term thinking, not realizing that as people need to cut more and more corners in their own budgets they will rely more and more on the public libraries.
13347	7/10/2012	Apathy. Really it all comes down to wealth inequality - which actually means corporations stealing our wealth and rich people not paying their fair share...

13348	7/10/2012	Possible inability to provide new materials of all kinds for borrowing because of insufficient funding.
13349	7/10/2012	Not having the money for books. No being able to have the library everyday.
13350	7/10/2012	Funding.
13351	7/10/2012	Lack of funding!
13352	7/10/2012	Citizens not recognizing them as the community asset that they are.
13353	7/10/2012	Under-funding causing materials to be less vast and hours to be less convenient for everyone.
13354	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13355	7/10/2012	Closure!
13356	7/10/2012	Lack of support and money.
13357	7/10/2012	Apathy.
13358	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13359	7/10/2012	Less funding.
13360	7/10/2012	City hall
13361	7/10/2012	new technology that makes libraries less relevant to citizens. I appreciate the library offering online holds and ebooks
13362	7/10/2012	The public not using it.
13363	7/10/2012	lack of public funding
13364	7/10/2012	Lack of funding priorities
13365	7/10/2012	Keeping up with current material.
13366	7/10/2012	Not having enough programs for TEENAGERS. I can't believe that's not even on the list above.
13367	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and other resources.
13368	7/10/2012	lack of materials and availability
13369	7/10/2012	Negotiating compensation for employees. Personel makes the library but poor negotiation has led to far to much deferred compensation.
13370	7/10/2012	losing anything! i don't want to see any of it go! its such an important aspect of community!
13371	7/10/2012	Infrequent use, people using the space for sleep or shelter only.
13372	7/10/2012	Politicians, particularly Repulsivecans
13373	7/10/2012	Bad management? Federal suits? I have no knowledge of any current threats, other than general budgetary woes.
13374	7/10/2012	silver fish
13375	7/10/2012	Apparently, funding. Usage doesn't appear to be a problem, as the downtown branch i frequent is busy from open to close Increased community awareness of its offerings, particularly in economically challenging times, is always a good thing.
13376	7/10/2012	Funding during an economic recession. Ironically, this is exactly when we need libraries most.
13377	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13378	7/10/2012	Funding, censorship
13379	7/10/2012	A lack of funding oversight. We need to make sure ALL public funding is used wisely.

13380	7/10/2012	Obscene amounts of tax dollars being wasted on wasteful and antiquated pension systems and unions. The systems built to support you are broken.
13381	7/10/2012	inefficient bureaucracy
13382	7/10/2012	Lack of funding,it seems. :(
13383	7/10/2012	I am concerned that the electronic age will eventually replace local libraries which I feel will be a detriment to young and older readers.
13384	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13385	7/10/2012	causing people to not be able to educate themselves
13386	7/10/2012	Arsonists. Libertarians. You're in trouble because a housing bubble burst and triggered a depression, not because some discrete menace is out there.
13387	7/10/2012	Insufficient tax base to support it along with all the other entities that rely on the same income source. At base, we need to repeal the tax-suppression legislation and refunds of tax over-payments, crediting those to the taxpayers' taxes for the following year.
13388	7/10/2012	Funding
13389	7/10/2012	Appears to be funding.[] But increasing funding through property taxes IS TOO TAXING on the homeowner and business property owner.[] This may seem tacky, but perhaps a jar on the counter for additional donations, fund-raisers to support general operations.[] If there is not a link for donating to the "general fund", or other special funds, on website perhaps add one should be added.
13390	7/10/2012	Plutocrats carving more from the common weal.
13391	7/10/2012	lack of funding evidently
13392	7/10/2012	It seems that it would be funding!! I certainly think the need is real, and people use the libraries, so just like our other public services homeowners must be willing to pay for the service through the levy! I am!!
13393	7/10/2012	closure
13394	7/10/2012	Taxing us too much so we don't vote for any levy.
13395	7/10/2012	Trying to keep them open all the time at the expense of other programs
13396	7/10/2012	Unknown.
13397	7/10/2012	funding
13398	7/10/2012	Public support
13399	7/10/2012	property tax fatigue - I love the library but even I choke a bit when I calculate how much every Multco resident spends every year on the service. we get our money's worth, but there are plenty of people paying hundreds of dollars every year to support a service they don't use. it's important to foster a sense of community pride in supporting an excellent library system, but also making sure we don't alienate potential supporters.

13400	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13401	7/10/2012	inflation
13402	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and resources.
13403	7/10/2012	Too much administration, not enough service. People will stop paying/voting if it doesn't work for them or becomes too costly.
13404	7/10/2012	Budget - no constant source of income - subject to the variations of the economy
13405	7/10/2012	????? Lack of funding?
13406	7/10/2012	Difficult funding environment, diversification and digitizing of resource materials, periodicals and shift in media culture to an online environment. Decreased demand for physical books and media and increased access to technology. Reinventing the physical library to fit the needs of society in the 21st century.
13407	7/10/2012	Loss of funding.
13408	7/10/2012	Theft and vandalism.
13409	7/10/2012	Unstable funding.
13410	7/10/2012	Gradually eroding relevance if it remains useful mainly as a store of books. Could also expand into tool-lending and other useful community goods, and continued shared access to digital resources is essential.
13411	7/10/2012	LACK OF FUNDING. Competing funding because of property tax limitation laws. Every time a library levy, or any other levy, is passed, because of compression all other funding is reduced. Funding is reduced for the schools, city, county, ESD, FPD&R, and so forth.
13412	7/10/2012	This is why, even though I greatly love libraries, I voted against the most recent library levy. Passing it will reduce funding for Portland Public Schools. It's nuts, but that's how it is ever since the voters unwisely passed the property tax limitation measure.
13413	7/10/2012	The only threat I see is lack of funding, what other threats are there?
13414	7/10/2012	Unstable funding. Our neighborhood relies on the library, but with closures and reduced hours, it will become a scarcer resource. I would pay more in taxes to have the library returned to full service.
13415	7/10/2012	The fading of a sense of commonwealth. Lack of willingness to invest in public services. Unwillingness of citizens to tax ourselves to provide for each other.
13416	7/10/2012	The internet and electronic media are the biggest threat to libraries. Books are becoming exceedingly underused resources, especially after childhood. Libraries need to stay more connected with technological resources to continue as a viable route.
13417	7/10/2012	Lack of funding is the biggest threat to the library system. Without adequate funds we can't have all of the amazing programs we want, or if we have them all they will merely be skeletons of what they should be. In that case they'll serve some people, though not very well, which sort of defeats the purpose entirely.
13418	7/10/2012	Fire.
13419	7/10/2012	funding and closures

13420	7/10/2012	e-readers!!
13421	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13422	7/10/2012	budget cuts
13423	7/10/2012	Funding
13424	7/10/2012	Shortsighted anti gov't conservative hegemony
13425	7/10/2012	Funding
13426	7/10/2012	I am sure it is lack of money
13427	7/10/2012	Loss of funding
13428	7/10/2012	funding
13429	7/10/2012	I suppose lack of funding...
13430	7/10/2012	The perception that libraries aren't as useful as they used to be because 'you can find everything you need on the internet.' Also DRM licensing issues for new content.
13431	7/10/2012	The status quo - we need the stable funding promised by a library district!
13432	7/10/2012	Lack of leadership by Chair Cogen. If the library had strong support from the Chair, the district wouldn't be a question. Despite the Chair's past statements that he supports a district, he seems to be backing away from that commitment.
13433	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
13434	7/10/2012	Poor leadership and lack of proper funding.
13435	7/10/2012	becoming outdated
13436	7/10/2012	Perceived irrelevance. People rely less on it since they are using more ebooks and internet, but many people don't know that you can get ebooks from the library, too.
13437	7/10/2012	lack of funding...I am so disappointed that we as an affluent culture have to continually fight the very things that define our freedoms. Libraries are essential to the development of our communities as well as our nation. Without access to education, learning, community support...what are we?
13438	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
13439	7/10/2012	Mission creep. Too many new ideas are expensive. Just keep it simple. I can't afford to stay in my home if property taxes continue to rise every year. Pass a sales tax and tax the rich!
13440	7/10/2012	Sounds like budgets are the main concern if you are considering reducing days open. i would be open to 6 days, if both weekend days are still available, as that is when i am free to visit the library.
13441	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is voters who don't understand the resources that the library provides beyond just checking out books. The library is a safe and public forum for learning, education and improvement of self, and not a "free version of Barnes&Noble."
13442	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. the use of our libraries is extremely high so it's important to keep the facility open with quality staff and current materials.

13443	7/10/2012	Selfishness. Many people with money don't need libraries for themselves (they already have or can buy computers, jobs, books, etc.), and don't feel any obligation to fund libraries. Sadly, for many these days what is important is, "Me, me, me!", rather than community/civic "responsibility". I might note that I use the library infrequently and have funds for computers, books, etc.. The rankings I gave for "most important" are based on my _use_. I have no children so programs for the young are not important to me _personally_. On the other hand, they _are_ an important justification for me with regards to library funding.
13444	7/10/2012	closure
13445	7/10/2012	Publishers not allowing libraries to lend ebooks thus making libraries seem out of date and unappealing.
13446	7/10/2012	Loud little children and obsolescence in an age where digital materials are so cheap everyone can afford them.
13447	7/10/2012	Not enough funding!
13448	7/10/2012	Economy
13449	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. People not caring anymore. People with home computer access forgetting about those that so desperately needing it that don't have it at home. Easy to forget about those that need things that we take for granted.
13450	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13451	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
13452	7/10/2012	I'm not sure
13453	7/10/2012	People don't need/use them anymore with the availability of online information and ebooks. We need to rethink libraries as a place to gather and think and be, not just a place to get books.
13454	7/10/2012	small-mindedness
13455	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13456	7/10/2012	Portland citizens not recognizing the value of a strong public library system.
13457	7/10/2012	PERS
13458	7/10/2012	***NOTE-- this portion of the survey is not working; I cannot rank anything. Once clicked it numbers accordingly and does not allow the numbers to be put in as I want them.
13459	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13460	7/10/2012	Funding being cut.
13461	7/10/2012	People who read go to Powell's or download books instead because books are no longer important at branch libraries.
13462	7/10/2012	Access and hours
13463	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13464	7/10/2012	Community members not using it enough or at all.
13465	7/10/2012	funding issues

13466	7/10/2012	Reducing hours of operation and staff. Poor management of county money and bad decisions by county officials.
13467	7/10/2012	Electronic technology.
13468	7/10/2012	Same as everything publicly funded. The push to privatize, and unwillingness of citizens to pay taxes even if the taxes benefit them.
13469	7/10/2012	People losing sight of the real value that these libraries bring to our communities and choosing to cut funding in favor of what keeps an extra dollar or two in their own pocket.
13470	7/10/2012	A lack of realizing how important the public library is leading to potential budget cuts.
13471	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. If the libraries are not able to keep up to date with the latest technology, media, and resources, then it will become obsolete.
13472	7/10/2012	Apathy, disinterest, an unwillingness to fairly-graduate the property tax rate to make the richest among us fund their fair share of necessary public infrastructure. New broad-scale taxation is an inequitable solution even given a perhaps-disproportionate consumption of library services by the poor.
13473	7/10/2012	People who want to privatize public libraries. Bad economy the shuts out public services.
13474	7/10/2012	I don't know where libraries get most of their funding, but the ease of electronic purchases will likely distract people from checking out/renting books and other publications.
13475	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13476	7/10/2012	Funding
13477	7/10/2012	The economy.
13478	7/10/2012	underfunding
13479	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13480	7/10/2012	I'm not sure.
13481	7/10/2012	Cutting back staff and hours.
13482	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, declining interest in reading
13483	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
13484	7/10/2012	Funding.
13485	7/10/2012	Lack of consistent, dependable funding (much like our schools).
13486	7/10/2012	funding, I'm sure.
13487	7/10/2012	under funding
13488	7/10/2012	Decreased funding levels.
13489	7/10/2012	Lack of resources or staff
13490	7/10/2012	Misuse
13491	7/10/2012	risk of losing funding
13492	7/10/2012	Funding cuts

13493	7/10/2012	We need stable funding for the library. Homeowners, no matter how supportive of the library system, are going to get tired of getting the bill for libraries attached to their tax bill every time we turn arounds. I'm liberal, I make good money, but man am I tired of adding another dollar or two per \$1000 to my tax bill. STABLE FUNDING is needed. Add a sales tax to luxury items and give it to the libraries, anything, but adding more to my property tax.
13494	7/10/2012	Lack of comprehensive funding mechanism
13495	7/10/2012	trying to use the library as a "one size fits all" solution for various social services. the library should be focuses on availability of current material and programs directly related to reading. it does not need to be a place where someone can hop on a computer and surf the internet all day under the guise of job searching. it does not need to be a place for tutoring and ESL programs. focus on basic services and having all neighborhood branches open 5 days a week. the library does not need to be open on weekends, let the librarians have lives too.
13496	7/10/2012	Increasing property taxes to fund. Everyone that resides in multnomah county should pay regardless of whether they own property or not.
13497	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13498	7/10/2012	People thinking they can steal books, videos etc... because the librarians EXCUSE fees & fines...AND to many free programs... when did the LIBRARY become a HELP center ..stories for BABIES???let MOM read to them grrrrrr
13499	7/10/2012	Funding
13500	7/10/2012	I have no idea. Probably lack of funding?
13501	7/10/2012	funding
13502	7/10/2012	funding would be my guess
13503	7/10/2012	Funding shortfall, apparently
13504	7/10/2012	funding
13505	7/10/2012	lack of funding, equating close libraries/severe lack of resources.
13506	7/10/2012	Lack of funds
13507	7/10/2012	Hours being so curtailed that people cannot use them when they have the time to do so.
13508	7/10/2012	Lack of funds to pay for the services people want.
13509	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13510	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. More people need to read!
13511	7/10/2012	Closure of any library location. It is crucial to have convenient educational resources in every community so that everyone has the opportunity to grow as an individual.
13512	7/10/2012	It's important to me that people who work 9-5 still have access to the library system
13513	7/10/2012	homeless people using it as a place to get warm or clean up
13514	7/10/2012	Funds for new book acquisition and adopting to new technologies
13515	7/10/2012	underfunding.
13516	7/10/2012	The internet. Slow Wi-Fi.

13517	7/10/2012	Funding
13518	7/10/2012	people in control of local monies not caring about how much people count on the one thing[]
13519	7/10/2012	that hasn't been taken away from the middle class
13520	7/10/2012	County funding misuse leading to loss of library hours.
13521	7/10/2012	A lack of understanding about funding. More importantly, libraries are one of the only public commons spaces open to the community. Limited access also impacts services to the poor & homeless. Everything is interconnected. Question #5 on this electronic survey has a bug...(the automatic reordering doesn't work).[] [] Biggest threat to our library are small minded republican budget cutters.
13522	7/10/2012	Electronic media/versions of books and redundancy of programs with other schools/institutions. The libraries really should embrace digital resources fully, but unfortunately it doesn't require a physical branch to access those resources. Also, these resources are great for the home-bound, elderly (can change font size on all readers/computer screens), as well as students and job seekers who are likely to do things from home or other remote locations. As a student I never found the library a conducive place to study (odd, I know!).
13523	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of understanding concerning the value that a library brings to a community. As libraries provide the most direct benefit to the poorest and most vulnerable in our society (internet access, help for English language learners, etc.), the people that influence the decision makers are far less likely to be affected by cutbacks in library funding.
13524	7/10/2012	Funding.
13525	7/10/2012	lack of funds
13526	7/10/2012	Not enough funding
13527	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13528	7/10/2012	funding!
13529	7/10/2012	budget cuts
13530	7/10/2012	?
13531	7/10/2012	electronic books? Lack of funding. []
13532	7/10/2012	[] We want libraries open and available the maximum number of hours possible!
13533	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13534	7/10/2012	Electronic media
13535	7/10/2012	Money, or the lack thereof.
13536	7/10/2012	Funding
13537	7/10/2012	not enough funding to keep open as much as possible and have a large assortment of books
13538	7/10/2012	Ignorance

13539	7/10/2012	This economy, non-readers, MONSTERS!
13540	7/10/2012	Lack of funding for employees and new materials
13541	7/10/2012	Taxpayers not funding them. They should also be funded through the state
13542	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
13543	7/10/2012	e-books and the new low cost e-readers on market
13544	7/10/2012	Funding
13545	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I imagine, and the popularity of electronic readers
13546	7/10/2012	Again, what is the intent of this question? Why are people not using the library? Maybe because of our public school system. Funding, always. As the owner of two homes I take a large hit in taxes to be able to support the library. It's vital for a thriving city. But not everyone sees it this way and with a stretched economy and many of us upside down in homes, it becomes challenging to remember that it is our responsibility to provide services for all.
13547	7/10/2012	
13548	7/10/2012	The closing of branches. The Gregory Heights Library branch is relatively small, but again, it's critical for our community. The resources that are available there are important for everyone, regardless of age, ethnicity, etc.
13549	7/10/2012	Voters who don't comprehend the value of libraries to the entire community (see above: programs for young and old, jobseekers, those interested in lifelong learning, those without home internet access...I could continue...)
13550	7/10/2012	Perception of reduced or no need leading to reduction of staff, programming, and acquisition: that is, line items axed from budget because those items don't seem used, or appear to be underutilized. It's the "underutilized" items that are, often, what makes/breaks a local library system: ours is fabulous because of things like the classes -- I don't use them, never have, probably never will, but what a resource for those who do -- or search engines -- I use them for work and personal business, though I bet many library goers never will, etc.
13551	7/10/2012	under utilization and lack of current resources and materials
13552	7/10/2012	Underfunding and apathy towards education.[]
13553	7/10/2012	Also, fires. money
13554	7/10/2012	I believe the transition to a computer culture has put libraries in a perilous position of being outdated. The library remains a terrific resource, but it will need to continue to evolve by supplying electronic access to its materials.
13555	7/10/2012	Nothing
13556	7/10/2012	If they're not open everyday, people might lose their habit of using them.

13557	7/10/2012	Misguided library spending... periodicals that aren't used often. Not enough high demand materials available (like dvds and best sellers) which cause people to say "I'll just buy it at Powells rather than wait 6 months to get it at the library. Excessive administration. Unfriendly librarians that deter people from thinking "This is my library."
13558	7/10/2012	Not enough funding and vandalism. Late returns
13559	7/10/2012	I don't know
13560	7/10/2012	budget
13561	7/10/2012	loss of funding i would guess
13562	7/10/2012	Funding?
13563	7/10/2012	funding
13564	7/10/2012	Everything moving to digital media
13565	7/10/2012	Funding shortfalls
13566	7/10/2012	Wasteful spending.
13567	7/10/2012	Digital media being overly used.
13568	7/10/2012	Underfunding. eReaders? [] []
13569	7/10/2012	Funding cuts?[] [] I'm not sure, but I do worry that libraries will someday become a thing of the past. I heart libraries!
13570	7/10/2012	People who are afraid of Socialism.
13571	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
13572	7/10/2012	Republicans and idiots.
13573	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13574	7/10/2012	Loss of funding and people in our community suffering from it.
13575	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding...the library is one of the most valuable and important public resources in our society, and I would be happy to pay more taxes to be able to use it more often and make it available to everyone!
13576	7/10/2012	People who don't believe paying taxes are important.
13577	7/10/2012	Younger people not using the library system. People not being aware of the incredible resource we have in them. I should know this--I barely used the library until I had
13578	7/10/2012	a kid. Now we go there regularly. My use really increased once I figured out how to use the online system to reserve books That made a huge difference.
13579	7/10/2012	Republicans
13580	7/10/2012	No access.
13581	7/10/2012	Funding problems are the biggest threat to our libraries.
13582	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, citizens who don't care about access to information, privatization

13583	7/10/2012	Miss-spent money.
13584	7/10/2012	Online resources as well as lack of funding. I think more digital media ie being allowed to check out e books would help reduce costs and still serve as many if not more people. There are ways for things to become more automated as such.
13585	7/10/2012	Buildings full of valuable material out of reach of the citizens that support it due to reduced funding/hours.
13586	7/10/2012	Rising costs/falling revenues. Transitioning from physical collection to digital collection and having to maintain both.
13587	7/10/2012	Apathy and subsequent lack of funding. People-government and voters, not realizing what a vital tool for freedom, education, and long term happiness having a library provides to our communities, especially our seniors and youth. Reduced hours due to lack of funds and support means people will stop coming/become frustrated and that will lessen support even more. Like our schools, libraries should be receiving the lions share of state funding, and sadly are not. Education about our libraries and services and accessible hours are needed.
13588	7/10/2012	Taxpayers taking our system for granted and let inventory and services deteriorate due to lack of funding.
13589	7/10/2012	funding
13590	7/10/2012	Frickin' idjits who don't understand austerity measures don't work and taxes aren't personal affronts to their dignity.
13591	7/10/2012	funding
13592	7/10/2012	Technology and lack of community.
13593	7/10/2012	We need extra money to keep them functioning.
13594	7/10/2012	Loosing additional hours of operation.
13595	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of understanding of the importance of libraries and education in general to thriving communities and citizens
13596	7/10/2012	ignorance
13597	7/10/2012	That the county isn't funding them with county general funds. This piece-meal funding of various county programs is bad public policy. The county ought to fund all operations out of its funds and more clearly explain to the voters what funds are needed and why.
13598	7/10/2012	Ignorant voters! There should be government mandated funds (federal AND state/local) to ensure libraries across the country stay open and have access for all.
13599	7/10/2012	Online media and file sharing
13600	7/10/2012	Not being open
13601	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13602	7/10/2012	Not enough money. I am paid minimum wage and would gladly pay \$60+ a year to use the library. It is my only source of books and movies and computers. I hate the rich.

13603	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. It would be such a shame to further limit the capacity and reach of this system. This library system is the best in which I've ever participated and I've lived in many places.
13604	7/10/2012	loss of funding resulting in loss of resources for communities.
13605	7/10/2012	That they will be closed down. I do not want to see this happen!!!
13606	7/10/2012	It appears lack of funding is the biggest threat
13607	7/10/2012	lack of consistent funding.
13608	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat to libraries is cutting services and closing libraries. If the libraries have to cut one day a week, I think that is a reasonable solution. When I lived in Seattle, libraries were open 6 days a week. I was very surprised, when moving to Portland, that libraries were open 7 days a week. I think cutting down to six days is a great way to stay within budget and not cut services or close libraries. Almost everything in Portland is closed on Monday....why not libraries.
13609	7/10/2012	The library system seems to run like a well-oiled machine. I think a loss of customer service would be a terrible threat - I have not perceived one yet but it seems like if there was not enough money, there would not be enough people, which would result in it not running as smoothly.
13610	7/10/2012	Not enough resources to compensate for demand/ space to store the resources.
13611	7/10/2012	Loss of hours and staff to fully operate library and it's most well used area branches.
13612	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, of course.
13613	7/10/2012	Not enough funding to provide all the services now existing
13614	7/10/2012	Not having enough money or recourses to stay open 7 days a week. Libraries should be open 7 days a week, because there are some kids who can't check out books, but still go to learn how to read or keep up with their reading. And not being open 7 days a week during the school year could hinder children and teens who can't afford a computer to do homework. There will be a loss of respect for the Library system.
13615	7/10/2012	Operating at 6 days a week.
13616	7/10/2012	Not having enough new books!
13617	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13618	7/10/2012	money
13619	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of interest from those people who don't utilize the library.
13620	7/10/2012	Funding cuts
13621	7/10/2012	People not understanding all of the resources and services the library provides.
13622	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
13623	7/10/2012	No funding - Closing
13624	7/10/2012	Don't know
13625	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and changing media
13626	7/10/2012	Loss of funding; I think Portland has a wonderful and highly utilized library system that is easy to navigate. It would be a shame for budget reductions to negatively impact the ease with which one can access the library online and in person.

13627	7/10/2012	funding
13628	7/10/2012	Taxes too high given the current economy.
13629	7/10/2012	no money!
13630	7/10/2012	Funding cuts. The library I go to is a great resource for our lower income neighbors who have limited access to the internet and books at home. If funding is cut it is a slippery slope that doesn't allow children or adults the opportunity to further their literacy skills, or access to the big wide world. It saddens me that the libraries are only open six days a week and for limited hours but it frightens me that they may be closed even more. There is already limited access to such knowledge and wonder, I fear the consequences if it gets worse.
13631	7/10/2012	bookworms
13632	7/10/2012	I imagine it is having to pass tax/levy increases at the ballot box, but, I would hope you would know better than me.
13633	7/10/2012	the internet
13634	7/10/2012	Ignorant people who vote for greedy politicians who value low taxes over everything else.
13635	7/10/2012	failure of the public to see the value of the library, with resulting lack of support. [] the library system needs to get behind a good PR/advertising program to explain its importance to the community. seriously ... if i'm just another library non-user, why would i vote for my taxes to be raised?[] the library system needs to answer the basic question ... what's in it for me? ... for everyone. the answer is not self-evident, as i'm afraid many in the library system would believe.
13636	7/10/2012	Funding and staff
13637	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to provide e-books and updated learning materials and books for children
13638	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
13639	7/10/2012	Compression
13640	7/10/2012	Reduced funding. It is impossible to raise our standard of living as a society without providing citizens with every possible opportunity for them to educate themselves.
13641	7/10/2012	lack of funding along with the internet
13642	7/10/2012	Parents not getting kids involved in reading
13643	7/10/2012	Budget cuts.
13644	7/10/2012	I feel the biggest threat is the use of electronics and how this is replacing people going to the library.
13645	7/10/2012	well based on the recent cutbacks in hours and staff it would certainly seem to be funding.
13646	7/10/2012	Funding and how the available funds are used.
13647	7/10/2012	None
13648	7/10/2012	The lack of understanding in the general population about the connection between services and taxes.
13649	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13650	7/10/2012	Not having paper books.

13651	7/10/2012	Not enough access.
13652	7/10/2012	cuts infunding.....adequate funding.
13653	7/10/2012	lack of funding i suppose and that people won't care.
13654	7/10/2012	republicans
13655	7/10/2012	People's increasingly selfish attitude and the assault on both taxes and anything deemed a "public good" by politicians. Basically a lot of us have forgotten why the library is important.
13656	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. Republicans.
13657	7/10/2012	We need new materials like books, cds, dvds, magazines for kids and adult, computer with internet accesses for those whc needs, and library opens enough hours for people who work and pay the taxes to use the library after work hours
13658	7/10/2012	Sadly, Tea Party types who want to defund everything and anything. The attitude toward the library should be one of reverence, and this feeling has really corroded over the years. Libraries are a place for learning, exploring, and improvement. Not only that, it's a positive place for leisure. For every kid or young person unsupervised or getting into trouble in the community, there's a kid who is avoiding all of that by spending time at the library. Libraries should not be devalued in the media or in politics. They are a direct indicator of a culture's intellectual and artistic well-being.
13659	7/10/2012	Cuts in funding. It's a valuable resource that is easy to overlook. Libraries are too essential to be considered a privilege; they're a necessity. [] The other thing I would say is awareness and a general ambivalence. Love to see programs that engage readers and non-readers alike. Libraries are not just books, and that's a message that needs to be spread.
13660	7/10/2012	lack of funds[] too much talking in the library
13661	7/10/2012	There shouldn't be any threat to our local libraries. Seems like the voting public overwhelmingly supported the recent bond measure. I'm a home owner and I not only supported the bond measure but I donate to the library every year.
13662	7/10/2012	I'm not knowledgeable enough on this subject but I would like to mention that not providing reasonable operation hours for our local libraries in order for the public to make the most out of their library experience would be unfortunate.
13663	7/10/2012	From what you indicate, apparently FUNDING ![] i would add general dis-interest on the part of younger generation, as they do not fully understand [] how the library is funded, nor it's vital importance to the communities interest and health. [] That message, of the library's, any library's, legacy of influence and sustaining of citizen [] information and news should be made a watchword for every student.
13664	7/10/2012	anti-tax sentiment by philistines.
13665	7/10/2012	People being too cheap to want to fund them.

13666	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.
13667	7/10/2012	reduced hours!!!
13668	7/10/2012	N/A
13669	7/10/2012	E-books, the internet.
13670	7/10/2012	Not sure.
13671	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13672	7/10/2012	funding
13673	7/10/2012	Budget cuts. Republicans.
13674	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13675	7/10/2012	People who use it for daily Internet access, you should charge a user fee,
13676	7/10/2012	I'm guessing lack of money, but I realize I am rather ill informed on the subject.
13677	7/10/2012	Budget issues.
13678	7/10/2012	Religious fundamentalists attempting to censor materials.
13679	7/10/2012	Keeping technology and resources current for those who do not have personal access i.e. computers, etc.
13680	7/10/2012	Ignorance! People not realizing the many resources the library has for everyone in the community, including them.
13681	7/10/2012	Funding.
13682	7/10/2012	Not getting enough books because of a lack of funds.
13683	7/10/2012	People who think libraries are irrelevant in the Internet age.[] [] That or plague infested dinosaurs with guns and jet packs riding an asteroid made of plutonium hurtling towards Portland.
13684	7/10/2012	Appropriate funding, as I understand it.
13685	7/10/2012	I think the library was misguided in not requesting adequate funding in the last election. It gives an impression that planning is not going smoothly.
13686	7/10/2012	Homeless/transient people monopolizing resources like restrooms and computers.
13687	7/10/2012	The idea that computers will replace libraries. Lack of funding.
13688	7/10/2012	Underfunding. I pay a lot of taxes and get little in return. The library is one way I can enjoy being a part of the Portland community.
13689	7/10/2012	The fact that a large portion of their funding comes from bond money instead of out the state budget. Probably the growing tendency to rely upon semi-literate electronic media rather the printed materials and the decline in
13690	7/10/2012	teaching reading skills in school; I would rank the library as the personally most important public service, even before police, schools or roads.
13691	7/10/2012	Funding
13692	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to the local libraries is lack of funding.

13693	7/10/2012	I'm not knowledgeable enough to answer this but my guess would be funding. If it takes closing the library for one day a week, then that's what needs to be done. I would definitely recommend the library be open on Saturdays in order for students to have access. I believe Library materials and computer access for students are a high priority.
13694	7/10/2012	ignorance about the budget, compression, pers. lack of funding.
13695	7/10/2012	Funding, and the government's apparent belief that our library and its services are expendable resulting in defunding of library services.
13696	7/10/2012	This survey is a problem: after I entered my choices on question 5 - "Please rank the following..."; <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> After ranking my choices, the five questions reverted to 1-5 top to bottom. My input was lost.
13697	7/10/2012	Fat retirement programs bleeding the services away
13698	7/10/2012	People who don't read books.
13699	7/10/2012	funding.
13700	7/10/2012	lack of funding...
13701	7/10/2012	People don't care enough about their libraries. They don't understand why we need them.
13702	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
13703	7/10/2012	Funding
13704	7/10/2012	lack of money
13705	7/10/2012	N/A
13706	7/10/2012	Apathy
13707	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13708	7/10/2012	Electronic books and lack of funding
13709	7/10/2012	Tax dollars, reduction in education
13710	7/10/2012	Need a stable base for funding
13711	7/10/2012	Being closed so much that people who work nine to five jobs can't go to the library.
13712	7/10/2012	You need to find a way to make library books downloadable to tablets and mobile media. Printed books will be obsolete in the next decade or so.
13713	7/10/2012	As long as the libraries stay technologically up to date (lots of computer access, lots of digital media), I can't see any threats.
13714	7/10/2012	Spreading themselves too thin. Libraries are sources of information available to all. They should stick to making information available and encouraging young readers.
13715	7/10/2012	Lack of funding. We need to insure that our fabulous library system has funding adequate to avoid further cuts and to restore lost hours & services.
13716	7/10/2012	Budget shortages that lead to cutbacks in staff and hours of operation.
13717	7/10/2012	I think it's ignorance. I think some people think of the levy as taking away something that belongs to them, rather than funding something that belongs to them.

13718	7/10/2012	too many kinds of service. while most of the programs that the library supports are fun and enjoyable, i'm not sure they always support the main mission of the library which is to collect, maintain, and disseminate high-value information and promote reading and literacy to create an educated public.
13719	7/10/2012	Lack of funding to maintain inventory and obtain new inventory to keep the library current and up to date with books and other materials.
13720	7/10/2012	Funding
13721	7/10/2012	Losing their funding and not being able to provide the vast (both breadth and depth) array of services it offers a huge community. Everything above is important and cutting any services would be a detriment to some of the population. Overall, a declining intelligent community! Our libraries foster literacy, education, and inquisitive, intelligent minds.
13722	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13723	7/10/2012	dunno
13724	7/10/2012	Digital age. You should have more access to books via Kindle and other digital forms.
13725	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
13726	7/10/2012	Bureaucracy
13727	7/10/2012	ebooks! funding!
13728	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, apparently. :(
13729	7/10/2012	Funding, with competing priorities
13730	7/10/2012	closure
13731	7/10/2012	Funding cuts and growing prevalence of electronic media (vs. hard-copy books)
13732	7/10/2012	I think the lack of funding. It boggles my mind that people do not want to pay more taxes or give more money for this. Is it possible to do private donations? I do not have a lot of money to give, but I would be willing to give a monetary gift, possibly on a monthly basis.
13733	7/10/2012	Disinterest in reading and literacy; budget problems & lack of funds
13734	7/10/2012	Funding
13735	7/10/2012	Funding (I guess).
13736	7/10/2012	I don't know, I love the library and would not want anything to happen to it.
13737	7/10/2012	budget.
13738	7/10/2012	The cutting of the budget.
13739	7/10/2012	Funding
13740	7/10/2012	Budget cuts and digital media.
13741	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, lack of advertising.
13742	7/10/2012	Funding cuts.
13743	7/10/2012	Limited hours. Please keep the library accessible!
13744	7/10/2012	The Internet, and access to such information from home.
13745	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.

13746	7/10/2012	Economy is why no one wants to give out more when we are making less . Misunderstanding of the purpose of libraries in the Digital Age. [] Physical books are not as important today as they were in the past. []
13747	7/10/2012	Access to information remains vital, but the publishing industry has made access to scientific papers and other information prohibitively expensive for individuals and small businesses. The library can help. [] The library also has a very important role in supporting the education of children and students.
13748	7/10/2012	Trying to compete with the internet
13749	7/10/2012	Funding base
13750	7/10/2012	Besides lack of funds? Perception that libraries are a luxury.
13751	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13752	7/10/2012	The digital evolution of information. I rarely read physical books any more. It's too much of a hassle, and it's too expensive. I would love to see an expansion of digital lending.
13753	7/10/2012	lac of monies for keeping buildings open, free internet access and acquisitions
13754	7/10/2012	Mismanaged funds and the wrong priorities. The same problems that affect our schools!
13755	7/10/2012	lack of funding. use of other library counties. I am worried about lack of funding. (I have also bought a kindle and have not been to the library since, but that's more my fault.) []
13756	7/10/2012	Note for answer 5: All three program groups (young children, senior, jobseekers and ESL) are equally important in my mind, but I feel that the library should prioritize programs by community need.
13757	7/10/2012	Misinformation. People who have the resources to acquire whatever they want, whenever, do not understand the importance of our libraries. It's not clear to non-users that everyone uses the library.
13758	7/10/2012	Ignorance of the library's status as a crucial and very helpful tool.
13759	7/10/2012	loss of funding
13760	7/10/2012	Closures
13761	7/10/2012	Anti-government political sentiment.
13762	7/10/2012	lack of funding electronic threats
13763	7/10/2012	electronic devices
13764	7/10/2012	Not enough materials
13765	7/10/2012	The internet
13766	7/10/2012	No funding
13767	7/10/2012	Unknown.

13768	7/10/2012	To my understanding, it is funding.
13769	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13770	7/10/2012	People who don't understand the importance of libraries and public spaces in our lives, and seek to benefit from short term savings in negligible amounts.
13771	7/10/2012	Reduced funding
13772	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, I suppose. I don't know who would actually want to threaten an institution as useful as the library.
13773	7/10/2012	Closures
13774	7/10/2012	Not having enough operation hours.
13775	7/10/2012	lack of funding, lack of understanding about the financial crisis facing libraries, government undervaluing libraries and underestimating their importance within a community
13776	7/10/2012	Loss of hours that they are open.
13777	7/10/2012	lack of public interest, and therefore lack of funding.
13778	7/10/2012	Funding is always a big threat...I supported the recent bond and would support future ones
13779	7/10/2012	Excessive staffing, overpaid administrators, Every time I visit the Belmont library I am shocked at the amount of people "working" there...
13780	7/10/2012	Funding used for non-essentials...electric car charging stations; Supreme Court battles to prevent porn filters.
13781	7/10/2012	Poorly managed databases and resources. But placing technology before people does not help. I would like to see the cost benefit analysis on the automated check-outs for example.
13782	7/10/2012	lack of funding. i do think each library needs at least one fully trained librarian (with mls degree) on duty. they are such a valuable resource. i don't like the idea of the library only open 6 days a week, but as long as there are at least some libraries open everyday in each part of town, we could manage. we have made many an emergency visit for research paper help during the school year.
13783	7/10/2012	What if there were some students who needed a book immediatly and they lived a decent distance from the library? We need to have the libraries open at normal change because not everyones schedule can flex because we dont want to "spend more money than necessary on our libraries." This is a part of the towns, the areas, you cant take it away for and x amount of hours or days. What if the library is the only joy and hope for a person living on the streets? What if its for the education of younger children? Doing this will take some of these oportunities away. Don't do it, it'll be a mistake.
13784	7/10/2012	I am not sure but I would say reduced hours or closure due to lack of funding. If you are referring to vandalism or terrorism then I would think the treat is very minimal. Although much is available online on computers, I really value the contact with the local library and the human librarians.
13785	7/10/2012	Unwillingness of citizens to pay taxes for services, and a lack of understanding of the value of an excellent library system.
13786	7/10/2012	Funding
13787	7/10/2012	Not having a stable base of funding & always having to take it to the voters.

13788	7/10/2012	I think the most important thing for libraries is to have a location open with full hours every day of the week. That way, if your local branch is closed, you can still take the bus to another library.
13789	7/10/2012	Poor funding
13790	7/10/2012	People who don't use them nor see the use in them deciding they don't want to pay for them. It's the duty of the community to provide for this space.
13791	7/10/2012	unstable funding.
13792	7/10/2012	Public funding.
13793	7/10/2012	Again, the inappropriate use of the internet.
13794	7/10/2012	lack of funding and the rush to e-books where (pardon the vast right wing conspiratrist theory) whatever we download can already have been skewed
13795	7/10/2012	The shift from hand-held books, journals, newspapers, etc. to electronic access of written works.
13796	7/10/2012	That it will lose relevancy for the average user. Note that you have mixed a lot of things together in your list above. Jobseekers, homework help and ELL could be considered quite different services. ¶
13797	7/10/2012	¶ Probably the county budget decision makers and what competing items they choose to budget for.
13798	7/10/2012	Funding cuts, I'd imagine.
13799	7/10/2012	Most likely funding cuts
13800	7/10/2012	Money & closures
13801	7/10/2012	Republicans
13802	7/10/2012	Information and media available online.
13803	7/10/2012	Not having enough funding and not being open and available to citizens.
13804	7/10/2012	Having the libraries being closed on days or closing early in the day.¶ We like to go after work and and not being open until 6PM is a problem to me.
13805	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13806	7/10/2012	Being under-funded, and often seen by the public as being one of the first places to cut money. When I went to the library yesterday it was closed. Three people tried to get into the library in the two minutes I was there. Closing the library is the biggest threat.¶
13807	7/10/2012	¶ During hot days in the summer, the library needs to be open to provide a cool place for people to congregate. I know this isn't a listed use of the library, but it is important.
13808	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and electronic media replacing physical books/music/etc...
13809	7/10/2012	Funding.
13810	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13811	7/10/2012	Republicans and Tea Party members
13812	7/10/2012	lack of funding
13813	7/10/2012	Not enough funding.

13814	7/10/2012	Reductions in funding
13815	7/10/2012	Lack of sustainable funding.
13816	7/10/2012	funding
13817	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13818	7/10/2012	Funding
13819	7/10/2012	I think the biggest threat is increased costs for library employee -- primarily increased healthcare and pension costs
13820	7/10/2012	It sounds like this economy is the biggest threat!
13821	7/10/2012	I would guess the answer to that one is funds. If you are not able to keep the doors open and purchase new materials.....
13822	7/10/2012	The coming zombie apocalypse. Also Republicans.
13823	7/10/2012	Funding
13824	7/10/2012	Not recognizing that libraries are an important resource for the community.
13825	7/10/2012	Apathy-induced lack of funding.
13826	7/10/2012	funding
13827	7/10/2012	Funding cuts; elder librarians.
13828	7/10/2012	Failure of the library to keep up with technology, and become irrelevant. Innovation is key to success.
13829	7/10/2012	no money
13830	7/10/2012	I am confused after always voting for the library why the hours are reduced. I am happy to pay more but it does stink that the brunt is always on the homeowners for library's, schools, etc.
13831	7/10/2012	Unionized environment; lack of interest in the community.
13832	7/10/2012	Kindles, electronic reading devices that will create a mentality that "books" in paper form are not necessary anymore and don't need to be funded.
13833	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and the Internet causing young people to turn away from books.
13834	7/10/2012	Lack of public support. I think changing the hours will be detrimental as well - I will no longer be able to stop at the library on my way home from work now that it is closing at 5:00 every day but Tuesday and Wednesday (of course I can still go then, but that is not always convenient).
13835	7/10/2012	Being shut down entirely.
13836	7/10/2012	The culture is shifting to individual lifestyles, not community based. We have instant access to information online, why get out of our house and interact with people and use a physical book versus staying at home and googling it? The library will transform into a community center with classes and community activities, more than just a place to check out books.

13837	7/10/2012	The Kindle/Nook/iTunes/Netflix and easily accessed material. Although I think providing for those who cannot use other services easily is important, I think it's more important to provide general services to all ... and I have a 3-year old and have been to some of the children programs like puppet shows and reading hours. ¶ ¶ Also, a model to look to: the Vancouver, WA library. Their children's section is robust and also fun to be at. Our daughter has visited there and likes to be there. Most of our other libraries are a place to go and leave, not be there for a while.
13838	7/10/2012	Right-wing slack-jawed mouth-breathing idiots who regard the promotion of mass ignorance to be a viable political strategy.
13839	7/10/2012	Tax Cuts...
13840	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding.
13841	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13842	7/10/2012	Lack of stable, perpetual funding
13843	7/10/2012	stable funding
13844	7/10/2012	e-books. And Republicans.
13845	7/10/2012	People not realizing that the funding can get cut because libraries are taken for granted.
13846	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and job loss.
13847	7/10/2012	changing perceptions about the necessity of personal contribution to support the public good
13848	7/10/2012	Frankly, the biggest threat is irrelevance. My main need for the county libraries is e-book loans. If we could get the inventory and selection of that built up, I'd pretty much never need to go to a physical library. I have school-age kids, and they can do 95% of the research they need for projects, etc., online. Our family' s need would be served with the local libraries open 5 days a week, 6-8 hours a day at most.
13849	7/10/2012	Not enough funding. I believe that libraries are important not only for lending books and media, but because of the services it provides to young and old.
13850	7/10/2012	losing funding
13851	7/10/2012	funding
13852	7/10/2012	Funding
13853	7/10/2012	Those who believe privatization is the answer to public services
13854	7/10/2012	Kindle-type things.
13855	7/10/2012	Republicans
13856	7/10/2012	Funding.
13857	7/10/2012	Lack of consistent funding
13858	7/10/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is budget cuts.

13859	7/10/2012	Insufficient funding, obviously. To take it back a step, people whose political/economic persuasions lead them to believe that libraries are not central to our civilization, hence vote against taxes. For libraries, as well as other important functions of government.
13860	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13861	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13862	7/10/2012	I had no idea there was a threat to our libraries - my sense is they're highly supported here.
13863	7/10/2012	Inadequate funding, so-called fiscal austerity
13864	7/10/2012	I don't know of any real threats
13865	7/10/2012	the internet
13866	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and lack of support for early childhood reading.
13867	7/10/2012	the internet -- people THINK that you can do adequate research on the internet, but it is not true, and there is a good deal of misinformation on the internet.
13868	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, the bad economy, exacerbated by the dislike of the political Right for public services. [] [] Also, lack of understanding by trendy politicians that, even in this electronic era, physical BOOKS are important resources.
13869	7/10/2012	Lack of funding causing increased reduction of hours, staff and available programs.
13870	7/10/2012	I imagine budget cuts.
13871	7/10/2012	lack of access
13872	7/10/2012	Closing down a place that offers such wonderful opportunities. Keep them running, as much as possible! If we have to lose a day or two during the week, its better than shutting them entirely!
13873	7/10/2012	A lack of sufficient funding!
13874	7/10/2012	The perception that maximum open hours is not that important. A library offers more services than the internet and the human aspect and contact is very important. Can you tell that I work in a library??
13875	7/10/2012	Corporations in Oregon failing to pay their fair share of taxes under Measure 5. [] The current economic depression and erroneous federal spending on the Pentagon and wars around the globe.[] Citizens unwillingness to pay for what they want!
13876	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13877	7/10/2012	cutting budget from goverment
13878	7/10/2012	I have no idea. Lack of funding?
13879	7/10/2012	Underuse
13880	7/10/2012	if they are closed or stop offering selection - ignorance will win
13881	7/10/2012	Online resources available from your home computer without the library- books, articles, etc.
13882	7/10/2012	Loss of regular business hours and inability to keep current materials are vital for the varied schedules and needs of working people.

13883	7/10/2012	Difficulty keeping up with current technology.[] Antiquated library catalog search feature (doesn't offer enough options, subcategories, nor is it intuitive in any way.)
13884	7/10/2012	complacency
13885	7/10/2012	Poor customer service
13886	7/10/2012	A lack of state funding, I would guess. We need to subsidize social services and renew our belief in what used to be called "public goods." When this notion became a dirty word, I do not know and cannot understand.
13887	7/10/2012	Unions.
13888	7/10/2012	Lack of funding; relevance due to fewer opening hours
13889	7/10/2012	Outdated materials.
13890	7/10/2012	Lack of funding - Libraries are an important resource of information, entertainment, and social services. I think they are a vital part of the community and deserve enough funding to stay open at least six days a week.
13891	7/10/2012	The last question is a loaded question. I think every option is equally important except for the one that lists all libraries should be open 7 days a week. [] [] As far as threat goes, I would say the biggest threat would be lack of funding.
13892	7/10/2012	Extinction
13893	7/10/2012	funding cuts
13894	7/10/2012	internet use
13895	7/10/2012	Lack of young people with enough education to want to use the system[] Online social tools like Facebook or Twitter that reduce people's attention spans. (I'm not computerphobic).
13896	7/10/2012	Funding
13897	7/10/2012	Cutting open hours and days.
13898	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding - just like our schools. These should be priorities for a healthy, viable community.
13899	7/10/2012	Closed minded citizens, taxpayers, and staff.
13900	7/10/2012	Decreased availability, cutting programs, not having both hardcopies and e-books, but only e-books.
13901	7/10/2012	Limiting the hours they are open or days open
13902	7/10/2012	Insecure and uneven funding dependent on voting cycles.
13903	7/10/2012	Multnomah County Commission. They did not keep their promise to permanently fund like they promised and now you are going out for another bondy levy. This is effing ridiculous. It better pass.

13904	7/10/2012	I DO NOT KNOW....But my guess would be the big WORD in our Society....MONEY....."the lack of"..I am a very average wage earner.....and plan on NOT GIVING ANYMORE Then I do now....TO THIS SYSTEM. I need to take care of me, my family and friends...and save for my future...Get more money from the WEALTHY....they can afford it....
13905	7/10/2012	Public unwillingness to fund entities that benefit the public
13906	7/10/2012	A lack of funding from the county.
13907	7/10/2012	Overreaching the mission of the library system, to the point where citizens can no longer afford it. It does no good to provide special services to seniors (I am one, also disabled) if these very citizens cannot afford to stay in their homes because of property tax bills.
13908	7/10/2012	funding
13909	7/10/2012	Funding
13910	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13911	7/10/2012	FUNDING
13912	7/10/2012	Our libraries have enjoyed popularity and public support for many years, and while the funding is occasionally spent on silly things, for the most part the focus has been on having the items people want, and having the doors open so people can access them. Recently we voted in library levy, and the hours were immediately cut. This represented bad faith to me, and i have found myself considering voting against library funding this fall for the first time in my 30 years as a Portlander. I have discussed the hour cuts with my friends who work in the library system, and I still feel it was a bad PR move if nothing else, and I'm very frustrated with the new hours. To add insult, I went to the Woodstock branch yesterday at 1:30 in the afternoon, and it was closed. If you are going to only be open minimal hours a week, you might try being open for all of them. Very very frustrated.
13913	7/10/2012	Non-library users who vote down library-support measures.
13914	7/10/2012	CLOSURE and limited hours.
13915	7/10/2012	That would seem to be a lack of a sustainable funding source.
13916	7/10/2012	Branches closing more then 1 day a week. Not a good idea for patrons.
13917	7/10/2012	Lack of public understanding of the need for additional funding
13918	7/10/2012	Lack of assured funding.
13919	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13920	7/10/2012	ignorance
13921	7/10/2012	Obviously, insufficient funding
13922	7/10/2012	Lack of funding

13923	7/10/2012	My mother just passed away, and so much information was lost because she is not here to tell us about her pictures, letters, ect. Information needs to be brought into the digital age to preserve and make it more accesible from computers, tablets, phones.....I love books, but my kids and grandkids are viewing information in different ways than I did growing up. I love the library branches, but libraries need to exist as digitally accessible entities too. There is a book, "Sharp Ears" that I have wanted my grandson to read for a long time. It is a wonderful story but the book is very rare. Okay so perhaps a new printing of the book doesn't make sense, but making digital copies of it sure do. Books like this one should not be lost. Bringing books like this to life again in the digital age will help make libraries current and relevent to kids that are used to getting information where ever and when ever they want it.
13924	7/10/2012	Theft and lack of funding.
13925	7/10/2012	Lack of funding Becoming too bureaucratic and insular. Prioritizing new facilities over usable facilities. Squandering the goodwill of the city and county by making poor choices about how to finance things. Conspiring with the city and county to take less money from the general fund, claim poverty, and then waste money building stupid computer-laden new facilities and paying the administrators more.
13926	7/10/2012	Less hours No current books and materials
13927	7/10/2012	No current books and materials
13928	7/10/2012	That the services will be reduced due to lack of funding.
13929	7/10/2012	Not having stable funding.
13930	7/10/2012	Lack of funding
13931	7/10/2012	Lack of funding, and the notion the books will be obsolete.
13932	7/10/2012	Too few materials, or outdated materials.
13933	7/10/2012	A lack of stable funding.
13934	7/10/2012	Apathy.
13935	7/10/2012	politicians who don't see the value of libraries for the local communities.
13936	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and lack of legislative and public support.
13937	7/10/2012	I really don't know.
13938	7/10/2012	Ignorance
13939	7/10/2012	Lack of automatic funding from the government!
13940	7/10/2012	Children are not being taught to love reading. Children are promoted without being able to read at grade level. Schools need to do a better job of teaching kids to read.
13941	7/10/2012	Apathy.
13942	7/10/2012	Lack of continual, reliable funding.
13943	7/10/2012	Funding issues and reduced hours
13944	7/10/2012	No stable source of funding. People who don't want to pay taxes and don't appreciate the value of libraries.

13945	7/10/2012	Short hours, Books other helpful use.
13946	7/10/2012	Lack of funds.
13947	7/10/2012	Lack of funding and governmental support.
13948	7/10/2012	reduced funding
13949	7/10/2012	It sounds like funding is the biggest threat.
13950	7/10/2012	apathy
13951	7/10/2012	Ignorance; those who don't use it don't see the intrinsic value of libraries. Levies always pass but it's not enough money to offer the level of service the community needs. I hear there is a measure for a library district. I hope this passes.
13952	7/10/2012	Taxpayers who don't read and don't want to pay their fair share of taxes.
13953	7/10/2012	Reduced hours/days due to the district not passing.
13954	7/10/2012	Lack of funding--people who either refuse to acknowledge, or are not aware of, the huge positive impact libraries make in our community and therefore don't prioritize funding
13955	7/10/2012	digital delivery of books--cheaper than traditional books, so harder to justify waiting for holds
13956	7/10/2012	Secure and consistent funding for long term strategy and capital improvements.
13957	7/10/2012	Lack of funding! Good lord - raise taxes enough to pay for them! I don't mind - *REALLY*!
13958	7/10/2012	The Web.
13959	7/10/2012	Reduced hours
13960	7/10/2012	Competition for limited resources. Also, I believe many people have an outdated sense of what libraries do, and don't realize that (whether they use libraries directly themselves or not) they benefit from the many ways the library helps keep the community vibrant (and preserves intellectual access and freedom).
13961	7/10/2012	The internet and Kindle like devices.
13962	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding.
13963	7/10/2012	Lack of funding.
13964	7/10/2012	The antitax, every man for himself attitude that seems to be getting more popular.
13965	7/10/2012	Republicans
13966	7/10/2012	To cut the hours back.
13967	7/10/2012	budget shortfalls
13968	7/10/2012	Mitt Romney. What do you mean? Money, or rather, the lack of it.
13969	7/10/2012	inadequate funding
13970	7/10/2012	Not being open to high school students at the end of the school day.
13971	7/10/2012	lack of financial support for ongoing operations
13972	7/10/2012	technology replacing books
13973	7/10/2012	Klds sitting in their bedrooms staring at their personal computer.
13974	7/10/2012	not sure

13975	7/10/2012	Potential lack of funding, perhaps tied to potential waning public interest in books, libraries, and shared public space due to internet, e-books, etc.
13976	7/10/2012	Funding, cost of employees and benefits.
13977	7/10/2012	Ignorance - allowing funding to dwindle and reading skills to languish.
13978	7/10/2012	Republicans.
13979	7/10/2012	hours
13980	7/10/2012	reduced priority for education and the tendency to fall behind in offerings
13981	7/10/2012	reduced hours or closures of selected branches. 2nd is elimination or reduced children's services
13982	7/10/2012	shortage of funding
13983	7/10/2012	Lack of stable funding
13984	7/10/2012	to be closed.
13985	7/10/2012	I wish I knew. Funding issues are very complicated to me. For instance, we have a new trolley on MLK that goes to OMSI when there was already public transportation from the Rose Quarter (and sidewalks to MLK!) to OMSI. Maybe we couldn't have used that money for something else, like the Library, but that makes no sense to me.
13986	7/9/2012	lack of funding to keep doors open, new materials flowing and resource staff available
13987	7/9/2012	None
13988	7/9/2012	Lack of funding and a stable funding base - already public education is under siege - take away the libraries and our society is crippled in its ability to educate itself - recipe for disaster - revolution - more ugliness in general
13989	7/9/2012	Lack of money
13990	7/9/2012	Not sure
13991	7/9/2012	Inadequate funding resulting in 1) not having a good selection of new materials in various formats and 2) not being open enough hours.
13992	7/9/2012	Stable source of funding
13993	7/9/2012	Loss of funding.
13994	7/9/2012	Union contracts make employing librarians extremely expensive... some programs cannot be funded at previous levels due to increasing labor costs.
13995	7/9/2012	Failure by the public - including government institution to undervalue the role of libraries. In this age we need them more than ever (not less as many like to think) as information literacy and equal access to information are so important. ¶ I also believe that antiquated thinking - particularly in the form of business models - from publishers and the "book industry" are a threat. Libraries are here to help the success of books - in whatever format - and it would be best if the publishing industry wised up to that. Again, this is another reason we need strong investment in public libraries so that they may form consortia to fight against corporate greed.

13996	7/9/2012	the lack of stable funding, which opens the door to the anti-populist "privatizers" who believe in elitism.
13997	7/9/2012	Before November, justifying another funding vote to people who don't understand what they just voted for during the primaries (and/or why hours are being cut back.)
13998	7/9/2012	Lack of funding
13999	7/9/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
14000	7/9/2012	The forces of privatization
14001	7/9/2012	<p>The lack of permanent and stable funding for our library is the biggest threat to our local libraries. It is inexcusable that a library as heavily used as this one is, does not have stable funding.</p> <p>Libraries provide knowledge through much more than just books and they provide many services for the public. All need stable funding. A library protects the culture of a city and ours is seriously endangered without a permanent tax base.</p>
14002	7/9/2012	The bad economy! Our libraries are superb, but they are also very costly to run.
14003	7/9/2012	Mr. Coggin not supporting a district levy as promised. Portland Public Schools are NOT in competition with these library funds!
14004	7/9/2012	Funding. Allocating resources
14005	7/9/2012	economy
14006	7/9/2012	Ignorance and misapprehension of the proper function of a library, as plainly exemplified by the conflation of "access to paid search engines for research and other library materials" with the other matters referenced in the item ranked third in survey item 5 above.
14007	7/9/2012	#1 - An equitable, stable source of funding.
14008	7/9/2012	People who don't use the library....
14009	7/9/2012	Lack of funding, and lack of interest.
14010	7/9/2012	funding
14011	7/9/2012	An ignorant population
14012	7/9/2012	PERS
14013	7/9/2012	<p>I believe that the biggest threat to the local libraries is that they don't stay up with the latest technology. They need to understand the library of the future isn't the library of the past and they need to stay with what the people want TODAY and in future.</p> <p>disrespect. reading isn't valued as it should be & free access to books, computers, etc. helps folks without those attributes grow, learn, find work, have fun. libraries are a healthy way to pursue knowledge, action & excitement & create a closer to level playing field by providing a place for all of us to share books, knowledge, wisdom & to learn the things we can't get at home. reading needs to be re-established as one of the most important skills we ever learn.</p>
14014	7/9/2012	
14015	7/9/2012	this question is too broad and too open to subjective interpretation to be useful

14016	7/9/2012	<p>the discouraging OVERUSE of technology and on line information - in my opinion the internet has overdone the immediacy of info dissemination allowing for too much procrastination, changes that are impossible to stay up with due to volume and pace, and a stressful "plugged in 7/24" mentality....this trend is eliminating the former need/desire for printed material - books, newspapers, magazines - everyone is glued to an online screen - it's very sad - and hard on the eyes.[]</p> <p>I actually did a speech centered around technology's distraction which causes lack of awareness of nature, other people, traffic - resulting in accidents - and a general fragmented inability to focus due to over stimulation of brain with constant new info/interruptions.</p>
14017	7/9/2012	not sure
14018	7/9/2012	Poor funding and stupid decisions by County Commissioners - the decision to stagger voter referendums was badly handled. REALLY pissed me and my neighbors off - I don't know who (failed to) think it through, and there has been tremendous confusion as a result and the result is an atmosphere of distrust in local 'decision makers'.
14019	7/9/2012	The threat of only being able to access it during working hours which eliminates reading for all business employees
14020	7/9/2012	Commissioners not fully understanding what an immense educational resource the library provides for kids in the Summer. [] The Library provides year round services to customers of all ages.
14021	7/9/2012	Lack of funds.
14022	7/9/2012	Lack of funding.
14023	7/9/2012	the recession
14024	7/9/2012	Lack of permanent source of funding. We shouldn't be having to vote to continue library services, it should be an established fact that they are an essential part of our community.
14025	7/9/2012	Decreasing library availability can lead to a decrease in reading, especially in children. This would be bad for our community and bad for the libraries.
14026	7/9/2012	It's a global answer, but I think that the corporate dominance of media and politics in the United States is, in the end, the greatest threat to adequate funding and support of literacy and an informed democracy. Hence, the greatest threat to our local libraries.
14027	7/9/2012	citizens who do not want to pay taxes to support important civic programs and facilities
14028	7/9/2012	Not being open enough it could lose its major impact in the community. How can the library remain a national leader when it's not open and not available to families and the community? Friends that live across the country are like, oh yeah, Multnomah County Library, it's a big deal. I'm worried we'll lose that.

14029	7/9/2012	It seems to me that the Central Library must be open 7 days a week. There could be some branches that are open 7 days a week, and others at 6 days a week. Having every library in the county closed on Mondays makes my life much more difficult, as I rely on the Library to do work and access needed materials for job searching and other needs.
14030	7/9/2012	The current library administration.
14031	7/9/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries is budget cuts.
14032	7/9/2012	Public apathy about the need for library funding--A permanent funding system needs to be implemented.
14033	7/9/2012	Underfunding. Conversely, the perception of over-funding is equally hazardous. When people look at what's on the shelves, what's being added, what's new, they shouldn't have to ask themselves if the library is being a good steward of its collection budget. Come on, EIGHT seasons of "Three's Company" on DVD? A whole wall of "Lucky Day" titles in the Title Wave so shortly after they've been purchased? Don't make people feel like suckers for supporting the library's funding requests.
14034	7/9/2012	Economy, politicians and other taxes, compression and lack of comprehension of rising costs.
14035	7/9/2012	I do not see a "threat". I also do not see the internal workings of the organization so there could be serious mismanagement or not.
14036	7/9/2012	The community not seeing the library's value.
14037	7/9/2012	reduced funding is bigger threat than electronic media
14038	7/9/2012	Competing for funding / other bonds/levys on ballot. Ebooks
14039	7/9/2012	The global austerity fad - but I am not willing to accept the possibility of not having libraries.
14040	7/9/2012	The lack of a permanent source of funding. The possibility that library funding will fall victim to political pressure even though it is such an essential resource for the population that it should be above politics.
14041	7/9/2012	Not being available to the public 7 days a week.
14042	7/9/2012	Tax revolt
14043	7/9/2012	I guess loss of funding.
14044	7/9/2012	Conservative agendas, such as the editorial in the Oregonian, and Republican efforts to destroy the middle class and public, union based jobs.
14045	7/9/2012	Funding.
14046	7/9/2012	I think the biggest threat is the prevalence of online media resources and the perception that libraries aren't important anymore.
14047	7/9/2012	Lack of funding.
14048	7/9/2012	stable funding
14049	7/9/2012	Bad economy encourages funding cuts.
14050	7/9/2012	* Level of common/general sentiment against public good/services. -or- * Restrictive copyright licensing/technologies/systems.

14051	7/9/2012	I don't know. Probably, lack of appreciation among those who get their media and information with the click of a mouse, elsewhere. Also shifting values regarding government services, infrastructure, and meaning of community. MultCoLib is one of the most important community service organizations in the area, which is an oasis for so many shunted out of other programs, which have been cut pretty much across the board. Also many of us living near the margins before the Recession have more need for public access to media.
14052	7/9/2012	taxes :-(
14053	7/9/2012	The unfortunate anti-tax, anti-government, anti-education attitude seen everywhere nowadays.
14054	7/9/2012	Financial issues, I suppose...including the increasing portion of budgets eaten up by PERS.
14055	7/9/2012	Library hours continually dwindle across the nation as funding is proving insubstantial. I am amazed by how many Portlanders I speak to who say they have never been to their local public library-including several of my fellow English majors at PSU! I think that public awareness of all the services offered at the library must be very low in Portland.
14056	7/9/2012	Society's misconception that they are obsolete.
14057	7/9/2012	Underfunding. The library is absolutely essential to the lives of so many- it is surprising to me that it is even under threat at all.
14058	7/9/2012	Losing librarians and personal support as well as current media. [] Also hours if reduced need to be set to reach a broad range of society. Not keeping up with the funding that our libraries need.[] We have such an amazing library system. I love the programs offered there and have attended many over the years. Our family checks out a ton of books and so do I as a classroom teacher. We also are exposed to music from all over the world when we check out CD's.[] We also are exposed to cultural events with music, storytelling and folkloric dance. [] The summer reading program draws so many families to the library and helps keep my daughter inspired to read and see her progress.
14059	7/9/2012	
14060	7/9/2012	lack of funding
14061	7/9/2012	Hours of operation.
14062	7/9/2012	Budget cuts.
14063	7/9/2012	Lack of understanding about the vital role they play. There are useful programs for all ages, and people are encouraged to read. Information and critical thinking are essential for an informed populace. Providing computer access for those who do not have it at home is a social/educational equalizer. The smaller, more rural the town, the more important the library is. The library also provides a quiet place to study for those who do not have this at home. Free, public libraries are one of the best concepts ever. For what they provide,libraries are an extreme bargain.

14064	7/9/2012	I'm not sure what this question means exactly - if you are talking about the library being endangered, funding would be the biggest threat, but in terms of the above options, I would say that the new hours of six days a week have really changed the accessibility and convenience of it. Of course, I would also hate for the library to stop purchasing new books, and I believe that the helpful programs the library have to offer are a great thing.
14065	7/9/2012	Dependence on funding from levies on property owners.
14066	7/9/2012	If the library isn't open when it is convenient for people to go there, patrons will not use it.
14067	7/9/2012	Lack of funding.
14068	7/9/2012	Reduced hours and access due to lack of funding. Also the fear of reducing printed material to e-book type things that I don't like or use.
14069	7/9/2012	I think it is that people may not recognize how important libraries are to everyone but they are especially important in helping to educate our young and even if we don't have kids in the area (which I don't) it effects them. I think that it is likely that at least some of the kids would not be able to complete their homework and some might find themselves with nothing better to do than get into trouble. Kids are all of ours future. If they are not educated and contributing to the work force, there will definitely be no social security for the generations to come.
14070	7/9/2012	funding
14071	7/9/2012	Lack of funding
14072	7/9/2012	funding cuts.
14073	7/9/2012	n/a
14074	7/9/2012	funding cuts
14075	7/8/2012	Lack of an equitable tax structure where corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share.
14076	7/8/2012	Lack of public support for social services like libraries, and lack of will to contribute to these.
14077	7/8/2012	lack of funding and too few public service staffers
14078	7/8/2012	Stagnation
14079	7/8/2012	No stable source of funding. Voters who may not understand fully the issues or what is at stake. Conflicting budgetary priorities within the government system.
14080	7/8/2012	I wish I new the answer. Illiteracy? Civic apathy?
14081	7/8/2012	Lack of political leadership. Need for political leaders to have a long-term vision for libraries.
14082	7/8/2012	Lack of funding.
14083	7/8/2012	ridiculous funding issues that should be taken care of at a base level. Excellent programs that serve our children, families and Elders should not be placed in opposition to eachother
14084	7/8/2012	I suppose ignorance is the biggest threat to our libraries. Some people may not know or understand how valuable the library is to many people, nor the extensive services and programming that the library provides for the community.

		Threats:[] 1) The library's de-accessioning of books and library materials through selling or even recycling. [] 2) Lack of shelf space for books from other countries or earlier times, such as the 19th and early 20th century or before. [] [] We need to see the books on the shelves to help us in deciding what to check out. Browsing is the best way to get acquainted with excellent but lesser-known authors and literature from former times. [] [] Remove romance hardbacks and similar ilk (they're fine in the paperback section), and allow more shelf space for better quality writing. [] [] The books also need good maintenance, not just re-gluing and taping. Library director needs to hire a conservator to advise and train staff on proper care of books and related paper objects. It would be a public service for the library to hire a professional paper conservator to give public workshops on proper care of books as well.
14085	7/8/2012	
14086	7/8/2012	Library employees who don't appear to be doing their jobs but collecting income at the taxpayer's expense.
14087	7/8/2012	misinformation
14088	7/8/2012	budget cuts
14089	7/8/2012	Citizens who do not support the funding of libraries.
14090	7/8/2012	Apathy about the importance of libraries' role in the community, and the need to fund them well and consistently.
14091	7/8/2012	lack of funding
14092	7/8/2012	Funding cuts.
14093	7/8/2012	Loss of funds such that important programs have to be canceled and staff dismissed. Lack of resources for job-seekers, seniors, children, immigrants and non-English speakers, and low-income residents.
14094	7/8/2012	mediocracy, people who do not use them, people who do not read, damage to library materials from users, etc.
14095	7/8/2012	not enough finding to keep them open and well staffed,
14096	7/8/2012	Funding. Everything's gotten more expensive. There's more people using libraries and less money to run them.
14097	7/8/2012	Lack of funds.
14098	7/8/2012	Lack of stable funding.

14099	7/8/2012	I think it may be people who do not understand the wide variety of people, at all income levels, that use our library system and for the MANY reasons they use it. Society has evolved to a point where people can be very isolated with their electronic devices at home, and if they never have a reason to put a book on hold, or have a librarian answer a question, or take their child to a bug program, they may never come to the library. And if they never come, the likely will not vote for it.
14100	7/8/2012	Funding cuts.
14101	7/8/2012	Lack of full funding
14102	7/8/2012	Republicans
14103	7/8/2012	Lack of funding causing a decrease in operating hours which decreases usage and awareness of the one of the most important public resources available to a community. This also affects access to digital lending. We're moving into an age where people are accessing materials digitally, and the wait list on digital materials is quite long.
14104	7/8/2012	inadequate funding
14105	7/8/2012	funding, duh.
14106	7/8/2012	Not enough money being allocated from our taxes
14107	7/8/2012	Those who would deny funding to the library in the name of fiscal responsibility or due to some false sense of austerity--i.e. anti-tax fiscal conservatives who think libraries are part of a government bloat problem.
14108	7/8/2012	Lack of dedicated, permanent funding
14109	7/8/2012	Funding seems to be unstable. I am not sure why. I believe there is public support for the library being adequately funded.
14110	7/8/2012	Apathy Many people do not realize how lucky we are to have libraries as wonderful as the ones we have
14111	7/8/2012	people not reading
14112	7/8/2012	A lack of funding and perhaps a shift to online books maybe? I think people need to really realize how much the library is taken for granted and step up to ensure they never close their doors for good because that is unthinkable and unacceptable.
14113	7/8/2012	how would i know? what do you mean? what kind of threat? threat to what aspect of local libraries? security? financial? closure? I'd need a range of threats
14114	7/8/2012	Inadequate funding.
14115	7/8/2012	Ignorance
14116	7/8/2012	Inconsistent, seemingly ever-limited funding.
14117	7/8/2012	The biggest threat to our libraries right now is definitely Jeff Cogen and those commissioners who are not standing fully behind their promise to put the district option on the _November 2012_ ballot.
14118	7/8/2012	internet
14119	7/8/2012	loss of staff and revenue
14120	7/8/2012	The inadequate funding the library is currently experiencing.

14121	7/8/2012	Taking it for granted, and the general resistance of local folks to pay for important services.
14122	7/8/2012	Lack of funding.
14123	7/8/2012	Not providing the needed services the citizens need. What about the adults that are not seniors yet. Are we left out?
14124	7/8/2012	Seems as if it is gearing monetary support to fluctuating property values.
14125	7/8/2012	For libraries to close. If I had a chance, I would put all the choices for #5 as the 1st choice. I am a part time student and a part time worker, so the library to be there is always a bonus. It is a place where I can do research for classes, relax with a good book. It is a place where the community to meet and for people to learn many things. The loss of the library in St. Johns would be a sad thing for adults and the children in the neighborhood. To take it away, I am not sure where the next library is unless I take the bus over to Nobb Hill, which is the only one that I know of within a half an hour bus ride.
14126	7/8/2012	The biggest threat is how all the books are becoming electronic.
14127	7/8/2012	The lack of stable funding. We need a more progressive property tax structure to pay for the library and other important public institutions and safety nets.
14128	7/8/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries? Tax payers who are unwilling to contribute. And people who don't know how many services the library offers and how important they are to kids, families, the community, the economy, etc.
14129	7/8/2012	People not willing to pay a little extra house tax to fund them, people not realizing its one thing that makes everyone equal regardless of income. Reading and access to materials.
14130	7/8/2012	Current wave of well funded capitalist organizations who want to privatize everything; bad and untrue press.
14131	7/8/2012	lack of funding
14132	7/8/2012	Misperception. I voted for the levy, and I totally support the library's adjusting branch hours to be in line with usage and to use the levy funds to the greatest effect. If schools took their fiscal responsibilities as seriously, I'd vote for those levys too. But on the news one night I heard this inflammatory trailer about the library, saying the levy was just passed, so why is the library cutting hours. It suggested some kind of wrongdoing, and this is the kind of misinformation that can really damage the library's reputation.
14133	7/8/2012	I guess, funding....
14134	7/8/2012	Underbudgeting.
14135	7/8/2012	Not enough money to stay open. Loss of staff. Loss of programs.
14136	7/8/2012	Funding
14137	7/8/2012	Republicans
14138	7/8/2012	Lack of funding
14139	7/8/2012	lack of stable funding
14140	7/8/2012	funding issues

14141	7/7/2012	Not enough funding.
14142	7/7/2012	Lack of funding causing reduction in hours and staff. Money[]
14143	7/7/2012	Apathy[] Ignorance of what the library provides
14144	7/7/2012	Emphasis should not be on computer and internet use. Not having current materials. I would like to see the branches open at least 6 days a week, but 5 would be acceptable, if needed. I normally visit the library 2/wk, but I can be flexible with my schedule. []
14145	7/7/2012	[] We have to be ever-vigilant about the many places our tax \$\$\$ are needed. We can't have everything. Let's be as smart as possible.
14146	7/7/2012	Not open enough. I need internet access and print services and Library is only open until 6pm Thursdays, closes too early for me to print out the paperwork I need for work/independent contractor/self employed. Also need copy machine.[] Teens need evening access to Libraries and so do I. I believe Libraries should be open 24 hours a day with minimal staff. 1 staff 1 security guard would be fine for 24 hour service and to get Teenagers off the street
14147	7/7/2012	People taking them for granted. In my mind, people having the ability to check out a wealth of media (and return them responsibly) is one of the hallmarks of a civilized society(along with knowing how to merge in traffic and being respectful and enthused for others during karaoke)
14148	7/7/2012	loss of funding.
14149	7/7/2012	Budget cuts.
14150	7/7/2012	The biggest threat to local libraries is not keeping up with popular forms of media. Since it seems that books are mostly going to electronic, having a system that keeps up with that demand will be important in the life of libraries. It seems a bit short sighted to have 1 digital copy of a popular book available for download for the whole of Multnomah County. I also think that keeping up the online presence of the library is very important. Multnomah County Libraries have a fabulous online presence. So keep up with that. It's possible that librarians are going to need to continue learning how to do what they do online. It could lead to a whole new way of looking at how we use our libraries.
14151	7/7/2012	Too many electronic books and not enough physical books.
14152	7/7/2012	having a generation that is not introduced to the tactile benefits and enjoyment of reading physical books. that physical books will become boutique/luxury versus access by everyone
14153	7/7/2012	Not enough money to keep up with needs.
14154	7/7/2012	Lack of stable funding

14155	7/7/2012	Lack of funding is the most basic threat, but I also consider the potential loss of privacy due to hysterical anti-terrorism laws a grave threat to libraries everywhere. Libraries should not be put in the position of mandatory disclosure of patrons' reading lists or library usage. Period. I appreciate Multnomah County Library's efforts to protect patron privacy.
14156	7/7/2012	Our library system is so great as it is; I think our community would be dejected if its current level of service declined. It's one thing to cut back hours--ideally, we wouldn't have to. But if our catalog started to suffer, I think that would be a tremendous downfall.
14157	7/7/2012	Unstable funding. The library is as vital a public service as police or fire departments - it protects and defends the minds of the citizenry.
14158	7/7/2012	Cutting hours or staff so people cannot get there when it is open, or cannot get help when they need it.
14159	7/7/2012	Lack of funding.
14160	7/7/2012	fewer hours
14161	7/7/2012	We need Measure 5 and measure 50 reform in Salem, without it local governments will continue to run out of money. The media that frames the debate as you have to decide between one vital service or another, instead of advocating for legislative tax fixes that could fix the problem permanently. Also, if the cost of healthcare could get reigned in then local government agencies, like the library, wouldn't have to scramble for funding year after year.
14162	7/7/2012	1) People not respecting or appreciating the libraries and all they do. When this happens, the materials are not taken care of (costing more money for replacement) and people do not want to spend money on a service they don't respect.[] 2) Apparent mismanagement of library funds. People are always more willing to pay for something they can get behind and not so happy if they think they money they have donated (even if it is via taxes) is being squandered.[]I know that is two...
14163	7/7/2012	Unstable Property Taxes
14164	7/7/2012	Funding cuts! In tough economic times, the library becomes even more important. Schools are being shut. Students (young and old) cannot risk taking out exorbitant student loans to pay for an education that may not provide them with a living-wage job. People are unemployed and need to brush up on job skills, bolster their resume and job-hunt. Language-minority and less academic youth need access to language, ged, college prep, citizenship, and job skills training. People (the 99 percent) who no longer have disposable income need to access computers if they have foregone internet in order to meet their other needs. People who no longer have disposable income use the library to distract themselves from their problems -- borrowing music, dvds and books (for entertainment and edification). The library builds community through its programs. It provides the tools for an informed citizenry. The library that inspires and educates is the best prevention against fascism!

14165	7/7/2012	I'm really concerned about the upcoming Monday closers. At least some library needs to be open every day - couldn't the days closed be staggered so that some libraries are open on Mondays while being closed another day? What about people who have really crazy work schedules? Job hunters who need to use computers? Homeless people who need a safe place to be? It seems like the decision was made to close all branches on Mondays without thinking of the consequences of what it means to the community to take away a whole day of open doors.
14166	7/7/2012	I would say underuse, because that tends to lead to reduced visibility and/or reduced perception of importance which leads to reduced funding. But in our case, the library gets a LOT of use and seems well loved by the community, but still the funding is less simply because of the poor economy. So I suppose the biggest threat is probably trepidation at asking for increased funding to make up for the weak economy. Ask us! We will fund you!
14167	7/7/2012	Poor leadership by elected officials
14168	7/7/2012	Lack of community support (look what happened in Troy, Michigan: http://vimeo.com/35758683), expressed as underfunding.
14169	7/7/2012	apathy, diminished reading, lack of information about the range of information the libraries provide
14170	7/7/2012	Lack of funding
14171	7/7/2012	Kids seem to be less interested in reading books, and will likely grow into adults who don't read anything but blogs and YouTube comments.
14172	7/7/2012	Lack of funding, Universal internet access
14173	7/7/2012	Our county commissioners not placing the library district on November ballot. It is very important to continue to pursue a district to assure adequate funding in the future.
14174	7/7/2012	lack of funding
14175	7/7/2012	greed, censorship, and devaluation of our library workers
14176	7/7/2012	I didnt know ther was any threat until the hours suddenly changed and they said they didnt have enough money to stay open like they used to. I was real surprised I think they need to be open more not less. Lots of people work when the library is open.
14177	7/7/2012	money
14178	7/7/2012	e-books and no service
14179	7/7/2012	Lack of stable funding. Our libraries need the assurance that comes with a dedicated funding stream. It is a waste of time and money to mount a levy campaign every 3-5 years, and it compromises the library's ability to plan and sustain programming.
14180	7/7/2012	politicians.
14181	7/7/2012	Current funding model
14182	7/7/2012	Bizarre tax-code on top of an already fatigued property tax-paying base. And ebooks. And bears!
14183	7/7/2012	A misunderstanding of what the library really does, how much of their "work" reaches beyond the brick and mortar both physically with programs and literally with computer access through databases etc

14184	7/7/2012	not enough stable funding!
14185	7/7/2012	Funding.
14186	7/7/2012	tea party voters
14187	7/7/2012	Lack of full funding.
14188	7/7/2012	Not having stable funding. Just like our schools.
14189	7/7/2012	government always thinks they don't have money
14190	7/7/2012	Right now, the ridiculous choice of the County Commissioners not to place full funding on the ballot in May. It seems obvious that it would have passed, albeit not with the record percentage that the inadequate measure that they did go with passed. Whoever was responsible for this cowardly and short-sighted decision should be fired.
14191	7/7/2012	county government has squandered the goodwill of the voters. they waited too long to decide what to put out to the voters and now they are unable to adequately explain a situation that seems like total nonsense -- levy funding passes, then cuts take effect after people overwhelmingly vote yes.
14192	7/7/2012	Ignorance of libraries' importance, right-wing opposition to community institutions, and public lack of understanding of the necessity of raising taxes on corporations and the rich.
14193	7/7/2012	I am ignorant of the details!
14194	7/7/2012	Lack of funding to stay current with materials and staffing resources for community education. Closure of libraries at times needed by students and jobseekers.
14195	7/7/2012	lack of secure funding.
14196	7/7/2012	Funding cuts.
14197	7/7/2012	Lack of funding
14198	7/7/2012	Cutting back hours and employees.
14199	7/7/2012	Lack of funding.
14200	7/7/2012	Lack of resources to buy new books and material
14201	7/7/2012	losing funding/the uninformed who demand services but deny money to pay for them
14202	7/7/2012	Probably unstable funding caused by swings in the economy. You must also take into account competition for tax dollars with other services required by the community.
14203	7/7/2012	funding
14204	7/7/2012	loss of funding and a misunderstanding of the importance of libraries, political manipulation
14205	7/7/2012	Poor tax structure at the state level. Stable funding is necessary!
14206	7/7/2012	Unstable budget; community members not realizing how important libraries are to them
14207	7/7/2012	Lack of stable funding and/or an uneducated voting populace.
14208	7/7/2012	Competing with other needed services and the money to support them.
14209	7/7/2012	Lack of funding
14210	7/7/2012	Less hours open leads to less use. Then less interest in funding libraries.
14211	7/7/2012	Being underfunded. I was incredibly shocked that the funding passed but hours were still cut.
14212	7/7/2012	Closing libraries, cutting hours.

14213	7/7/2012	I'm not sure. Probably lack of funding
14214	7/7/2012	Too many to list-other priorities, not knowing how libraries play a strong role in a democratic community, not marketing what the library actually does to the community.
14215	7/7/2012	Lack of funding
14216	7/7/2012	The Budget Seems like there is not money. People that don't speak English well enough for people to understand. Having to ask them what they are saying or please say that so we can understand. Staffing
14217	7/7/2012	County Commissioners who seek to adjust budgets to favor pet projects in stead of maintaining important, cultural mainstays like libraries.
14218	7/7/2012	budget cuts
14219	7/7/2012	Apathy
14220	7/7/2012	The City's Budget.
14221	7/7/2012	lack of knowledge about what it has to offer. 1. Lack of funding. ¶
14222	7/7/2012	2. The tendency of the city's large homeless population to use the library as a day shelter. Not only does this detract from the library's real purpose as a place for learning, investigation and reading but it also unfairly turns librarians into unofficial social workers and mental health professionals.
14223	7/7/2012	Lack of education among the youth population in general (the state of public education is not supportive of wide-spread public library usage) as the youth age they don't seek out libraries or the opportunities there. Even further there is a lack of education amongst adults that leads to misunderstanding how tax dollars work.
14224	7/7/2012	Politicians with an agenda, and people who don't utilize the services on a regular basis.
14225	7/7/2012	Funding
14226	7/7/2012	insufficient funding
14227	7/7/2012	that people don't realize all the amazing things they can do, for anyone! not just people with kids (which is always what gets promoted). not just putting the latest books on hold (though they do do a great job helping you find the next book you want to read!). not just for folks who need access to computers (but thank goodness they are there since everything is online now). but also, they will help you with any question under the sun! they'll help you research the history of your house, or help you write your business plan, or help you with home improvements or any kind of research project. they will help you find anything you need, and they are much more friendly, knowledgeable, and interested in you than Google! if everyone who could use the library actually did (which is everyone!) than people would see it is invaluable (and not just for kids).
14228	7/7/2012	jeff cogen. doesn't give a shit about libraries
14229	7/7/2012	I am very worried at the fact that our libraries are not funded enough to maintain normal operations. Shutting doors is a backwards direction when so many people depend on the library for their own development.

14230	7/7/2012	Funding not keeping up with costs
14231	7/7/2012	Funding issues?
14232	7/7/2012	Funding. Apathy from community members. Many people don't realize what a special specimen of public library we have here in PDX. It really is a remarkable program and we should uphold its excellence by caring for it and funding it adequately.
14233	7/6/2012	Lack of funding from the state.
14234	7/6/2012	Not funding
14235	7/6/2012	Not enough funding.
14236	7/6/2012	Public misunderstanding of where the library's funds come from and how the library uses them. I think it is very important for people to know how efficiently the library uses the funds it has to deliver the quality and quantity of service it does.
14237	7/6/2012	Not becoming its own district.
14238	7/6/2012	Lack of stable funding.
14239	7/6/2012	Reduced tax revenue and Library competition for other essential services is the major threat. Right Wing anti-tax conservatives are no help either.[] The priority should be keeping the branches open as much and long as possible with available dollars. [] My highest pick would be number 1 ; keep branches open at least 7 days a week.
14240	7/6/2012	People with means assuming that they can personally obtain anything they want online or from bookstores and forgetting about the well-being of the whole community, especially underprivileged - young, old infirm, poor, etc.
14241	7/6/2012	The right wing! We have to be willing to raise taxes to continue paying for public services.
14242	7/6/2012	In adequate funding
14243	7/6/2012	Cultural decline. Google and Library are not the same thing, but many people think they are & they don't see the point of paying for public libraries.
14244	7/6/2012	Insecure funding. As I perceive it, the biggest threat is in having to ask the public repeatedly for increased taxation. These people affected, mostly middle class citizens, are having a hard time and public education, the police, fire dept. etc are also vying for that same money source.[]
14245	7/6/2012	Another threat is that we are more and more into the electronic age, the kindls, etc., but there is nothing, nothing like the real feel of a book whose velvety pages you can turn. It smells like a book. It is nice, like a puppy dog, to have by your side and not have to flick a switch when you want to read.
14246	7/6/2012	Funding I would imagine...
14247	7/6/2012	people who think that the library is not work their time/money in taxes, bonds and etc. maybe those people dont realize all that the library offers and has. its sad.
14248	7/6/2012	Lack of community cohesiveness
14249	7/6/2012	Financing system and poor economic outlook

14250	7/6/2012	inadequate funding, I suppose. They are certainly loved and used. The threat must be someone doesn't think public money is well spent on libraries. In fact it couldn't be better spent, given all the ramifications that stem from having such a good library system.
14251	7/6/2012	Lack of funding and understanding of the services they provide.
14252	7/6/2012	The economy threatens the tax-base which funds the library system.
14253	7/6/2012	funding
14254	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14255	7/6/2012	not sure. the internet? certain demographics need the libraries less with increased use of the internet (as a general information resource, as well as for books and other entertainment) (and so would be less interested in funding libraries, i would think) ... but others need it just as much or more for those reasons and then some, so i'm not sure how to call that a threat. maybe the disconnectedness of our communities, and people's lack of awareness of / proper appreciation for the library.
14256	7/6/2012	People that are afraid of paying for government services.
14257	7/6/2012	Lack of funding and possibility that libraries could be open fewer hours.
14258	7/6/2012	Lack of funding!
14259	7/6/2012	Lack of funds
14260	7/6/2012	Oregon's messed-up property tax system is the biggest threat to almost all of our public services, including libraries. But for the library specifically, the greatest threat is what that system does to levy-funded services. The library needs stable, long-term funding.
14261	7/6/2012	Probably budget cuts. I love the library though and only buy books after I know I want to own them (usually reference books). I only know I want to own them after I borrow them from the library. It's possible that the schools and libraries could create a system that required students to do research AT the library itself, NOT just online. I think this would help instill what I learned as a kid about libraries' benefits, especially for research. In college it was very obvious that my library use skills were necessary, and I was glad to have them.
14262	7/6/2012	short sighted people who can't look past their wallets, and think that the services should just be there without them having to pay anything.
14263	7/6/2012	Our government duping us into thinking they need to raise taxes to fund libraries rather than cutting spending in non-critical areas (i.e. flowers in the roads, more bike lanes, etc.)
14264	7/6/2012	Unstable funding
14265	7/6/2012	Poor management!
14266	7/6/2012	Tax-cutting measures.
14267	7/6/2012	Short hours... You have to understand people do work, so with the short hours, it is very hard for us to get to the library before it closes.
14268	7/6/2012	No money
14269	7/6/2012	Holgate is a small but busy branch, would hate to see closure, reduced hours are better. Maybe Friday vs Monday being closed.

14270	7/6/2012	The politics of the levy renewal and possible delay on voting for the library district
14271	7/6/2012	Eletronic books vs. printed books
14272	7/6/2012	From my point of view, it seems like lack of funding ... right?
14273	7/6/2012	Too much bureaucracy
14274	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14275	7/6/2012	Sometimes it appears that the system tries to provide too many services to too many constituencies. It needs to focus on core services - reading, education & access - and control costs otherwise. Like any public employer, the cost of benefits and retirement probably use a lot of the funds, so staffing needs to be managed - six days a week seems fine. Downtown at Central, there do seem to be a number of homeless people who use the library more for camping than for materials, but I'm not sure how much cost this behavior generates.
14276	7/6/2012	People who don't understand how important it is for the community as a whole and aren't willing to pay enough taxes to support it.
14277	7/6/2012	Funding. Duh
14278	7/6/2012	Lack of funds, not lack of use.
14279	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14280	7/6/2012	People who don't actually read seldom take advantage of libraries; they might not want to fund them properly because they're unaware of all the programs, services and media the library offers. There are those in politics who can't see the value in programs and services that enhance life and intelligence, but don't make money.
14281	7/6/2012	Loss of funding
14282	7/6/2012	closure
14283	7/6/2012	F'ing tea party/anti_government
14284	7/6/2012	The homeless and other squatters driving away tax paying patrons.
14285	7/6/2012	Tax cuts
14286	7/6/2012	lack of government funding. County knows that taxpayers love the libraries and will vote for funding levies, but I think this makes it easier for County to reduce its own contribution.
14287	7/6/2012	Taxes and hours and programs being cut
14288	7/6/2012	Stupid people. People who don't understand the value of the library, but do have a say in funding!
14289	7/6/2012	fear of taxes & anti gov't/union jobs
14290	7/6/2012	Our property tax system is the biggest threat to our local libraries and most other public services. Until that is fixed we will continue to experience these challenges. Since the passage of ballot measure 5, the burden has shifted to individuals rather than corporations and that helps fuel people's reluctance to support change. They feel as if they are paying a lot, but don't see the services they think they should be getting. ¶ As far as the library goes, the biggest threat is a lack of stable funding. Covering 2/3 of the library's costs with temporary levies does not make sense.

14291	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14292	7/6/2012	eReaders
14293	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14294	7/6/2012	lack of funding. the tea party
14295	7/6/2012	The so-called "austerity" programs that threaten most of our nation and community. Also, not having a stable funding base.
14296	7/6/2012	The internet.
14297	7/6/2012	I couldnt rank the above services because of the tablet I'm using, but I would say the biggest threat to our local libraries comes from people not wanting to pay for the library.
14298	7/6/2012	money
14299	7/6/2012	Losing regular hours. I think the biggest threats are fewer days open and/or fewer open hours. I understand why some days the library first opens at noon, but ... I very rarely take advantage of the evening hours.[]
14300	7/6/2012	[] It is important that the library continues to have sufficient numbers of current materials.
14301	7/6/2012	Funding. I also think that ignorance is a threat as so many people do not realize the role of the library in a community. Perhaps they assume that the library is just a place to check out books rather than a place to not only check out books and other media, but also to take classes, use computer resources, and grow.
14302	7/6/2012	ignorance and apathy
14303	7/6/2012	Citizens not understanding or comprehending how vital and important a public library is to a thriving society.
14304	7/6/2012	Resource scarcity- financial cuts
14305	7/6/2012	funding not adequate - the library needs to be open and fully staffed 7 days a week
14306	7/6/2012	Jeff Cogan. 1st[] Second- Adults who only use our computers to view adult websites[] Third- Violence at the Central library[] Fourth-[] The failure of the library district vote.
14307	7/6/2012	threat?
14308	7/6/2012	republicans
14309	7/6/2012	Underfunding.
14310	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14311	7/6/2012	Poor management.
14312	7/6/2012	Underfunding. There needs to be a stable source of funding for our libraries so their hours and services are not cut.
14313	7/6/2012	Lack of long-term, stable funding.

14314	7/6/2012	Misguided leadership.
14315	7/6/2012	Not having permanent, stable funding.
14316	7/6/2012	Insecure funding for the future.
14317	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14318	7/6/2012	Most likely budget issues!
14319	7/6/2012	Not being open when we need them to be.
14320	7/6/2012	Public misperception of who uses the library and how ... leading to the belief that libraries are not a necessary resource in our community.
14321	7/6/2012	Lack of knowledge about how libraries are funded.
14322	7/6/2012	The economy. It's hard going out for levies every 5 years, even though every levy has passed. Competing levies and the vote happening in November right after people have received their property tax statements always cause me anxiety as to whether we will get a levy passed. Also the weird Oregon tax laws keep us from collecting the full levy rate, if we collected the entire amount the levy says, it would make a difference.
14323	7/6/2012	Challenge of staying relevant.
14324	7/6/2012	Not enough funding!
14325	7/6/2012	Everything is more expensive and funding is stagnant.
14326	7/6/2012	Not maintaining it's place as the paragon of our desires as a community, and a way for the library to continue being the culmination of all that a city wants and needs to be. Cutting services is the biggest threat for maintaining the place the library holds in our consciousness as a society
14327	7/6/2012	lack of funding, apparently...
14328	7/6/2012	Lack of stable funding
14329	7/6/2012	Lack of stable funding. Lack of understanding about libraries resources by non users.
14330	7/6/2012	lack of funding
14331	7/6/2012	Not having stable funding.
14332	7/6/2012	Anti-tax sentiment.
14333	7/6/2012	Lack of funds which leads to inadequate services both in storytimes and reference help.
14334	7/6/2012	diminishing funding
14335	7/6/2012	Not telling us the whole story: I voted for the levy, this and every time. Then I was told the hours would decrease. I don't like the politics of freedom. The library system must remain open; waiting until after the vote to tell us access will decrease is not ok.
14336	7/6/2012	The fact that those of us with means and access to other sources for much of what the libraries offer won't feel the need to support for those the libraries serve more regularly because of a lack of means/access.
14337	7/6/2012	Funding
14338	7/6/2012	shortened hours
14339	7/6/2012	People not understanding the funding that it takes to keep the libraries open and available.

14340	7/6/2012	The ranking question does not work. [] Biggest threat is lack of funds.
14341	7/6/2012	Lack of funding. Austerity measures.
14342	7/6/2012	Lack of funding while need increases.
14343	7/6/2012	Technology will continue to change how we access and use information. Libraries of the future may not look like they do now -- is this a threat? Not necessarily ... we need to be smarter about how we plan for the future. I don't think that a tax district is smart planning.
14344	7/6/2012	lack of money
14345	7/6/2012	Funds taken away. People not seeing the value.
14346	7/6/2012	lack of funding[] lack of focus on the library's part
14347	7/6/2012	Relevance in today's economy. With the advent of the internet, there's little reason to use a public library anymore. Would be nice to see those revenues re-directed towards job creation, economic development, etc.
14348	7/6/2012	Limiting weekday hours to the extent that it is virtually impossible to pick up held items (i.e. now closing at 5 p.m.) This is completely inaccessible for the majority of working adults.
14349	7/6/2012	Health care and pension costs of employees
14350	7/6/2012	not enough funding to support them
14351	7/6/2012	Cutting funds and digital technology.
14352	7/6/2012	Lack of permanent funding
14353	7/6/2012	Funding cuts.
14354	7/6/2012	budget cuts!
14355	7/6/2012	Not having consistent funding is the biggest threat to MCL. Having to beg for money every five years is ridiculous.
14356	7/6/2012	Underfunding.
14357	7/6/2012	No secure funding for our libraries.
14358	7/6/2012	an unstable funding structure
14359	7/6/2012	A perceived lack of ability to fund and the desire to let someone else pay for what we want government to do.
14360	7/6/2012	People don't understand the importance of a free library to our freedom and equality in our society or they aren't willing to pay taxes to support it.
14361	7/6/2012	Funding! We have a jewel of a system and we need to take care of it.
14362	7/6/2012	Lack of solid consistent funding. Having to "compete" against government entities that are less fiscally responsible than MCL for bond measures.
14363	7/6/2012	Funding. Apathy.
14364	7/6/2012	E-books and a generation of parents who have not taught their kids the importance of reading.

14365	7/6/2012	Funding of course.
14366	7/6/2012	Not sure, but maybe funding. It's odd that the hours were recently cut after the bond measure was passed. Of course, I can understand that the bond funds may have been shoring up your budget and that you might've had to make even deeper cuts in hours without the bond. But the library missed a key opportunity to explain the oddness of this timing--it felt abrupt and counterintuitive. The Monday after I heard about the cut in hours (on the news), I saw several people trying to get into my local branch, and the signage still showed hours for Monday, with no signage explaining the new hours. I love the Multnomah County library system, but this move seemed flat-footed. The impact could be that people think twice before voting for future library-funding measures, because it may not seem to matter, or you may suffer the creeping suspicion (like our schools do) that the library's leadership isn't managing our funds well. If I'm paying \$13 extra a month on my property taxes, I really don't mind if the money is being spent well (which I would guess that it is, for the record), but some people might have a new kernel of doubt after this.
14367	7/6/2012	inadequate funding. Only service that the government offers that is available and useable throughout entire persons life. Birth to death. That makes it so unique and such an integral part of a person entire life. Especially if it is always there when you need it.
14368	7/6/2012	Unstable funding and political brinksmanship.
14369	7/6/2012	The lack of long term stable funding.
14370	7/6/2012	Do not know.
14371	7/6/2012	If you start cutting hours the programs will not be accessable and the turn out will start to drop.
14372	7/6/2012	Declining revenue as the County continues to defund libraries.
14373	7/6/2012	loss of funding
14374	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14375	7/6/2012	Not embracing the future of libraries- more flexible programming, staff roles, civic engagement pops., skilled volunteering, community center
14376	7/6/2012	Funding.
14377	7/6/2012	Republicans, probably.
14378	7/6/2012	Budgets too low to provide proper services at all locations.
14379	7/6/2012	lack of funds
14380	7/6/2012	technology, the internet, declining public support (\$), declining middle class.
14381	7/6/2012	Drug use in libraries
14382	7/6/2012	Likely lack of funding - or low valuation of its importance by its citizens.
14383	7/6/2012	The biggest threat is reduction of inventory and reduction of access (reducing hours and days)
14384	7/6/2012	\$\$\$\$
14385	7/6/2012	Republicans.
14386	7/6/2012	People who don't want to pay for shared community services

14387	7/6/2012	People who don't want to pay for them, or want to privatize them! Or perhaps the economy in general is the real threat, putting pressure on libraries by increasing demand for services while the scarcity of jobs puts enormous pressure on taxpayers, who start worrying about money and wondering what can be cut from government budgets.
14388	7/6/2012	Money, of course. Oh, and crazy tea partiers/libertarianuts who think they shouldn't exist at all.
14389	7/6/2012	Lack of funding, decentralization of knowledge. Perception issues with lack of value-added.
14390	7/6/2012	The lack of a permanent, stable funding source. Current funding is insufficient for a community resource that is so important and so widely and heavily utilized. Reduced hours and services is a terrible loss to the community.
14391	7/6/2012	lack of funding
14392	7/6/2012	Shrinking funds which, in turn, compromises the quality of the service and the continued support and development of the collection. Without adequate staffing at all levels, the ability of the library to provide materials to the public when they are needed is surely sacrificed.
14393	7/6/2012	Reductions in media availability .
14394	7/6/2012	Money and a lack of understanding of every thing our libraries offer.
14395	7/6/2012	Losing hours will make the library less convenient and less valuable to people. I worry it will make them less likely to support it at the ballot box, too. I also worry that electronic materials will be less available than printed materials have always been. (Fewer copies, longer waits, limited formats, etc)
14396	7/6/2012	Funding
14397	7/6/2012	The lack of awareness on what a resource the library is.
14398	7/6/2012	Republicans.
14399	7/6/2012	This section seems to be broken because my first two choices are correct: 1, programs for children, 2, programs and resources for jobseekers but I don't want a 3 4 or 5 only #6 which is current materials. I think this is the least important. The library needs to focus on classics and important books not the latest self help book or every new DVD and CD that comes out. I just don't think we need 100 copies of Hot Tub Time Machine.
14400	7/6/2012	lack of funding
14401	7/6/2012	People who don't realize what an incredible, amazing asset our libraries are will always be libraries' biggest threat. They don't realize this because they don't use them! I get access to an amazing variety of books and other materials, magazines delivered to me online, ebooks, the great summer reading program for my kids, lots and lots of holds... and the chance to talk with the INCREDIBLE STAFF who help me with everything from quickly printing something I need (I don't have a printer at home) to finding my next great read to alerting me when a book I might like is on the lucky day shelf.

14402	7/6/2012	Lack of money for funding.. But more than that I also think that many people are not familiar with the many services that the library provides. The wide variety of their programs is not very well publicized. I talk to people all the time who don't know that the library has ebooks, has free music download, has free computer access, has public meeting rooms, has multi-cultural programs,has special programs for teens, etc. They don't know how hard the library works to provide equal access for all people. They don't know that they can just call the library with questions or come in with questions and people in the library will cheerfully go above and beyond to help them find answers. Readers know about the benefits of the library. But non-readers? Or readers who can afford to buy their own books? Or what about people who feel it is more convenient to use their own electronic device to access their reading material, music and entertainment? They may not be as convinced of the importance of paying for something that doesn't benefit them. Or they may not realize just how important the library is to people who have a limited or no income. Or even someone like myself- there is no way that I could buy all the books and materials that I am interested in . I work at a school with limited resources- I use my educator card to be able to supplement the curriculum and show students new authors and materials. When my own kids were
14403	7/6/2012	Not being open
14404	7/6/2012	Inadequate funding
14405	7/6/2012	Insufficient funding
14406	7/6/2012	Closing or limiting hours. Lack of funds for new materials.
14407	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14408	7/6/2012	Being so dependant on the current form of funding.
14409	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14410	7/6/2012	bad local funding and POLITICS!!! Jeff Cogen, that means you!!!
14411	7/6/2012	The inconsistent source of funding. For such a hugely successful, widely used library system we NEED a library district, or secure funding for our libraries. They are such treasures, they cannot rest on a variable levy.
14412	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14413	7/6/2012	apathy
14414	7/6/2012	Electronic books. With books cheaper, fewer folks go to library. Need to educate public about its' other uses, for job seekers, computer classes, children's programs, etc.
14415	7/6/2012	Lack of consistent funding.The library sometimes seems like it has to appeal to the masses by having large quantities of popular books and movies instead of amassing a collection of resource material for the community.
14416	7/6/2012	E-books, Amazon
14417	7/6/2012	I don't know.
14418	7/6/2012	Proprietary e-books that can't be circulated beyond a set number of copies
14419	7/6/2012	Not having access to materials and computer to everyone who needs them.
14420	7/6/2012	lack of funding
14421	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14422	7/6/2012	complacency

14423	7/6/2012	Loss of funding, I would guess. But shouldn't you be telling us what the threats to the library are? Most people in the area (myself included) probably have no idea what the library system is up against, whether that relates to funding, political pressures, or anything else. I did read an article (in Yes! Magazine, I believe) that said that privatizing library services is a huge threat to local libraries, and I believe it. But it has not been mentioned in any of the recent conversations I've seen about Multnomah County libraries.
14424	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14425	7/6/2012	It's the lack of funding. I'm not too knowledgeable about the system that provides for them but obviously it's not getting what it needs. I know it doesn't lack for users. There may be some very uninterested, uninformed people who don't think that's important- I don't even think they need to try for more users- it's always busy- Money- that's what it comes down to.
14426	7/6/2012	People not realizing how awesome they are. And bucking up accordingly.
14427	7/6/2012	the changing technology; I think there are people who crave a physical copy - and getting publishers to distribute packages of publishing all at once. The complication of convenience and traffic to libraries. Though the albina library is closer to my residence; my choice is the central library which has hrs that I can access more easily (close to work). The audience of the library.
14428	7/6/2012	Loss of money .
14429	7/6/2012	No Funding - lets solve this!!
14430	7/6/2012	i do not know.
14431	7/6/2012	Unstable funding.
14432	7/6/2012	Funding and lack or awareness of it's need.
14433	7/6/2012	inadequate, unreliable funding
14434	7/6/2012	Loss of funding.
14435	7/6/2012	Proposed hour shortages, proposed branch closings. A ethod of operating that doesn't look at the possibillity of eliminating "current materials" in return for keeping full hours and the basics (a copier, a printer, and books)
14436	7/6/2012	unstable funding
14437	7/6/2012	Funds being cut and libraries not opened to the community.
14438	7/6/2012	The lack of permanent stable funding.
14439	7/6/2012	Lack of stable funding. We need a library district and we need it now!
14440	7/6/2012	Funding cuts! Internet/computers
14441	7/6/2012	I would imagine it's a lowering of funds available.
14442	7/6/2012	Funding plus a lack of awareness of what the library needs and how the public can help.
14443	7/6/2012	I assume it's not having enough funding to keep the libraries operating at pre July 1, 2012 levels; in other words we need to pay more to maintain library services.
14444	7/6/2012	Political cowardice and capitulation.

14445	7/6/2012	lack of funding
14446	7/6/2012	funding that has to be renewed every couple of years -- it takes so much time and effort and money to run those campaigns and it's so scary for us and for the staff... This community needs to commit to the library in the same way that the library's been committed to the community for 150 years.
14447	7/6/2012	Funding cuts
14448	7/6/2012	funding
14449	7/6/2012	I'm scared of seeing them close completely, or if that's too ominous, of not having convenient hours, which would deter a great many patrons. Also, not having current or enough materials. Not everyone wants to or can afford to go to a bookstore and spend money on something they only need temporarily. Also, lack of community.
14450	7/6/2012	I feel like the ease of access for information on the internet at home makes it easy to ignore the resources available at the library. And the fact that younger kids are not as interested in picking up a new book every other week.
14451	7/6/2012	Lack of funding, I'm sure. We love our library and would hate to see it change.
14452	7/6/2012	Not being funded fully or permanently
14453	7/6/2012	politics and slumping economy (ironic that when we need the library the most-that is when cutbacks have to be made)
14454	7/6/2012	Reduced funding.
14455	7/6/2012	It is hard to say. I'm not sure.
14456	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14457	7/6/2012	Not having the resources to keep them open and functioning fully. People need these services more than ever.
14458	7/6/2012	Lack of financial support. Corporate and business taxes should help fund libraries which help provide an educated and effective work force for Portland metro area?
14459	7/6/2012	Stable funding
14460	7/6/2012	County leadership not allowing the library to do what it needs to survive and thrive.
14461	7/6/2012	gt5rg54
14462	7/6/2012	Lack of funds! And less access to the library (i.e., open fewer days per week) can circle into less usage, leading to less funding, and on and on. I don't want to see that happen!
14463	7/6/2012	Unstable funding due to the current model.
14464	7/6/2012	Willful ignorance.
14465	7/6/2012	\$\$\$\$
14466	7/6/2012	Lack of funding?
14467	7/6/2012	Closing for too many days a week.
14468	7/6/2012	Lack of access when it's most convenient for users
14469	7/6/2012	People who think you can find everything yourself on the internet.

14470	7/6/2012	Superficial services and 'novelties' access rather than research resource, as prime identity. As well as, the often noted glut of employees through out library system, which is an unnecessary budget burden.
14471	7/6/2012	I don't know but I want to get more informed about this issue.
14472	7/6/2012	The Illiterate
14473	7/6/2012	That would be the lack of funds. Also the fact that assholes disrespect library materials.
14474	7/6/2012	Policies and laws that maintain or increase income inequality and that reduce the public good or commons.
14475	7/6/2012	Lack of funding
14476	7/6/2012	That they will close due to electronic books, etc.
14477	7/6/2012	Bears? Budget cuts. Conservative politicians reducing public spending, touting it as unimportant. Mitt Romney.
14478	7/6/2012	Businesses posing as religious institutions to avoid paying property taxes.
14479	7/6/2012	Lack of consistent funding.
14480	7/6/2012	People who think they know what I should read and not read. People who in an effort to control others will take it out on the library's funding.
14481	7/6/2012	Lack of funding.
14482	7/6/2012	1. Lack of support from the county. It seems like there is little support from the commissioners. Do any of them use the Library?¶ 2. We need a stable financial base for the Library.
14483	7/5/2012	Not sure.
14484	7/5/2012	Lack of stable funding. The county needs to give people the option of voting on establishing a library district.
14485	7/5/2012	Lack of funding with what should be going to the library going to other things
14486	7/5/2012	the false notion that they are no longer a valuable resource. With a downturn in the economy I feel that libraries are even more important for those hoping to expand their skills/knowledge when college educations are becoming so much more expensive be one a first time or return student. People should be able to study and learn outside of standard academia.
14487	7/5/2012	Becoming inconvenient and/or unavailable.

14488	7/5/2012	<p>"Serving" community silos instead of finding ways to mix subcultures. We have an incredibly thoughtful creative core in Portland that could offer so much to others in the County if the library reached out. A program that seeks to leverage the skills and talents of some of these inspired citizens in hi-tech, design, advertising, marketing, art and culture fields could go a long way to breaking barriers and integrating traditionally polarized groups.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>This and poor proof reading:¶</p> <p>"If the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners decides to place a measure to establish a Library District they could chose to put it on the ballot in November 2012 or November 2014."</p>
14489	7/5/2012	underfunding
14490	7/5/2012	I don't know...fire?
14491	7/5/2012	Budget cuts
14492	7/5/2012	<p>Asking people to rank (in the question above) what should be fully funded library programs and materials availability is a huge part of the problem! I am so very disappointed that someone made the decision to not pursue additional funding for the levy renewal this past election cycle, out of fear that it would be voted against by the people of this county. I think the residents of Multnomah county have spoken loud and clear about just how important this library system is to them, by consistently voting FOR the levys we've been asked to fund. Finding out AFTER the election that the levy passing would still not stem the tide of cutbacks and funding shortfalls was a huge blow. It's just that sort of short sighted thinking that makes people feel they're being cheated and lied to by politicians. I am not sure you'll have an easy time of passing an increase now. Shameful.</p>
14493	7/5/2012	Apathy from people who think the Internet is sufficient.
14494	7/5/2012	Lack of funding; poor statewide and national tax policies
14495	7/5/2012	Funding!
14496	7/5/2012	Citizens who do not use the library on a regular basis not understanding it's importance in the daily lives of so many of the citizens of Portland...
14497	7/5/2012	down economy
14498	7/5/2012	That low use means no use. Unfair for others to suffer because not enough people are coming in to the branches. Serve anyone who comes in!
14499	7/5/2012	lack of funding.
14500	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14501	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14502	7/5/2012	Funding...like everything else. Perhaps raise fines. Collect them at \$5 instead of when you've accumulated \$10.
14503	7/5/2012	People believing that it isn't important enough. I hear people all the time say that kids aren't reading enough anymore, it seems that the problem is that rather than thinking it means the libraries need more funding- this means that libraries aren't as important. Which obviously isn't the case.

14504	7/5/2012	Funding cuts!! The libraries are not a priority to the city, and that means that when programs need to be cut, the library is usually at the top of the list for programs that get cut.
14505	7/5/2012	Budget cuts to SERVICES and programs that other organizations, like Amazon and Barnes & Noble, can't provide.
14506	7/5/2012	Stable funding
14507	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14508	7/5/2012	Multnomah County funding instability and the cost of buying services from the county.
14509	7/5/2012	*shrug* morons? The Multnomah Library is something we can and should be proud of as residents, and it's nationally known to be one of the finest. let's keep it that way!
14510	7/5/2012	lack of funding
14511	7/5/2012	Money
14512	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14513	7/5/2012	War funding rather than library and school funding
14514	7/5/2012	a lack of funding
14515	7/5/2012	lack of funding
14516	7/5/2012	I think they need to be open as much as possible to be a resource for all people, regardless of work schedule, etc.
14517	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14518	7/5/2012	Cutting of hours and programs.
14519	7/5/2012	Reduced hours.
14520	7/5/2012	Mismanagement of the library and poor public relations. When the public perceives that money is misspent on high salaries, or political and controversial social agendas they lose public support for bonds and levies. The library should also be careful to spend money on materials considered generally acceptable by all. Stories about people using the library to access pornography (digital or print) make people want to defund the library.
14521	7/5/2012	The biggest threat is that people don't think of the library's value to the entire community, but instead focus on individual use.
14522	7/5/2012	lack of funding
14523	7/5/2012	funding
14524	7/5/2012	Funding. I think that's the only threat.
14525	7/5/2012	Closure.
14526	7/5/2012	Funding?
14527	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14528	7/5/2012	Small minded politicians, ignorant citizens, and not enough money to run the libraries effectively.
14529	7/5/2012	being used as homeless day shelters because the city refuses to fulfill its stated obligation of providing one in the core area. And the advent of the e-book...how will the library handle this
14530	7/5/2012	closing branches completely; losing the middle/ high school group of reasers

14531	7/5/2012	many... funding needing to be open.. needing programs
14532	7/5/2012	1. People don't understand compression and our tax base. [] 2. Culturally we seem to have forgotten how important the commons is to our community. Public libraries aren't luxuries, they're necessities that help shape the community we want.
14533	7/5/2012	The biggest threat is lack of funding! I believe that libraries are the foundation for a healthy and sustainable community, and libraries - as well as public education and public transit, should be at the top of the priority list for every city, county and state politician.
14534	7/5/2012	Lack of funding and financial support is the biggest threat to our libraries. The county needs to establish a permanent funding source that will be able keep all branches open seven days a week and keep them well staffed and stocked with the materials needed.
14535	7/5/2012	The biggest threat seems to be buying 526 volumes of a Harry Potter book and selling it for \$1.50 a year later. We can wait a while for our books, but at the rate they go on "sale" at the Title Wave, you'll be out of books in two years.[] Buy one for \$1.50 and get 5 free seems like a good deal, but sho bought the five free books which retail for \$26.00, and how much did they pay?
14536	7/5/2012	Inadequate funding that will ensure the consistent service and quality we've come to expect and enjoy from our great library system.. I think we're fortunate that most people and key community leaders accept the importance of having a healthy library system. I'm grateful that our library does not seem to be under attack as a low priority. For Multnomah County - the lack of current books or enough of them. Travel is a great example. If I can't get it, I will buy it. I don't even use the Mult Co library for travel books anymore. So out of date. [] []
14537	7/5/2012	The Library should be open as much as it can afford. And what it can afford shouldn't be based on the amount of general fund. The general fund amount should be lessened as the County has to cut funds, not protected just because of a Levy. I don't even like how the questions on hours above are worded, a bit loaded. *At least, Full hours. . Should be more about hours vs trade offs.
14538	7/5/2012	Probably ignorance... people who don't know what's going on and then lament when changes are made.
14539	7/5/2012	Apathy
14540	7/5/2012	Funding.
14541	7/5/2012	Lack of understanding about the importance of fully funding the library system and its programs.
14542	7/5/2012	Overuse - the libraries are packed because of the great staff and resources. I fear they will be stretched too thin with only being open six days a week.
14543	7/5/2012	Lack of sufficient funding to allow for the demands put on staff and materials in terms of usage during this economic down turn.
14544	7/5/2012	Apparently lack of funding. Perhaps also people not knowing about what a great resource the library can be for the community.

14545	7/5/2012	Lack of funding and being loved too much.
14546	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14547	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14548	7/5/2012	Becoming obsolete by not having up-to-date resources, materials, etc.
14549	7/5/2012	Not prioritizing funding.
14550	7/5/2012	Poor visibility of the amazing work they do in our community, which can lead to reduced funding.
14551	7/5/2012	Pop culture's lack of civic-mindedness and disinterest in literacy.
14552	7/5/2012	idk. Cthulhu?
14553	7/5/2012	Lack of adequate funding from people not willing to pay taxes to be a part of a better society.
14554	7/5/2012	Privatization
14555	7/5/2012	Lack of stable funding
14556	7/5/2012	Anti-tax organizations
14557	7/5/2012	I'm guessing funding.
14558	7/5/2012	e-media, funding...
14559	7/5/2012	Budget, budget, budget
14560	7/5/2012	Metered parking
14561	7/5/2012	Not paying for them?
14562	7/5/2012	The biggest threat to our local libraries under its current funding setup would be apathetic voters. Especially here in Multnomah County where there is so much wasted tax money (and compounded by the City of Portland's fiscal irresponsibility). This weighs heavily on voters each and every time a bond or levy is put to a vote. The library frankly is one of the few taxes I am happy to support.
14563	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14564	7/5/2012	Short-sightedness of voters. A faltering economy means libraries are more important than ever!
14565	7/5/2012	That reading is not as an important source of entertainment as it once was. That reading isn't stressed as an important life skill. I mean when you have kids that are passed from grade to grade and graduate with a grade 3 reading level, it says something about the society.
14566	7/5/2012	I honestly don't know. I'm okay with the libraries being closed one day a week, but I would hate to see additional cuts. Our library has been such a wonderful resource to us in our community.
14567	7/5/2012	Funding. Slow growth economy and tax rates.
14568	7/5/2012	Lack of adequate funding (in part due to the effect of compression on levy funds)
14569	7/5/2012	If libraries don't respond to community needs
14570	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14571	7/5/2012	Not enough funding.
14572	7/5/2012	Lack of funding that leads to closures, etc.
14573	7/5/2012	lack of funding
14574	7/5/2012	Funding cuts.
14575	7/5/2012	Staff, hour and service cuts.

14576	7/5/2012	not sure
14577	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14578	7/5/2012	Diminished collections. Excessive holds on limited copies. Limited hours.
14579	7/5/2012	Penny pinching
14580	7/5/2012	funding
14581	7/5/2012	The economy
14582	7/5/2012	Canceling programs for kids, not having access to new materials, and having a library that is not open often with regular hours
14583	7/5/2012	Tax activists.
14584	7/5/2012	continually asking for taxes/levies competing with school funding.
14585	7/5/2012	non stable funding
14586	7/5/2012	I think the biggest threat continues to be the dwindling funds and the Internet. When libraries started, there wasn't such a thing as the Internet. Many industries are struggling to find out how to survive including commercial bookstores, newspapers, the recording industry/music, etc.
14587	7/5/2012	The anti-tax lobby that views no tax as a good tax.
14588	7/5/2012	People who don't like to read. People that don't realize the importance of having easy access to free knowledge. Lack of funding.
14589	7/5/2012	Lack of every day access. I really want the library open 7 days a week.
14590	7/5/2012	Lack of funding, political machinations, folks who don't value the library's services and don't prioritize libraries in fiscal planning.
14591	7/5/2012	anti-tax and anti-science conservatives cutting state/federal budgets
14592	7/5/2012	People who don't want to support state/local services through taxes generally and those who don't see why their taxes should pay for services they don't currently value or use (schools, libraries); corporatists who want everything that is of value in the public sphere monetized and privatized.
14593	7/5/2012	Ambivalence from the community at large. People just assume that the library will always be there functioning at a high level. Most people love libraries, but know very little about how they work and what they need, so they assume that the library is not in need of anything.
14594	7/5/2012	Weirdos who don't understand about the tax/levy system (it IS confusing) and the profound benefit to the community at large that access to a library provides. AND the crazy number of overlapping and oppositional government levels that get fighty over taxpayer monies.
14595	7/5/2012	Probably the poor economy.
14596	7/5/2012	Lack of funding Inability to keep up with on-demand media (streaming and e-delivery).
14597	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14598	7/5/2012	Lack of funding, community apathy
14599	7/5/2012	Losing valued programs for pre-school and school age children; losing valued librarians and community jobs.

14600	7/5/2012	Closures
14601	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14602	7/5/2012	Not enough money.
14603	7/5/2012	Obviously budget cuts at all are the largest threat. Assuming those cannot be circumvented, the next largest threat would be a decrease in service. Right now the library has an excellent staff, is well stocked, and offers countless programs that are not available other places. Personally, as a young adult, I am most concerned with the books themselves and less with the programs for young children and the elderly, but I do think that those programs are vastly more important than a few hours of extra time open.
14604	7/5/2012	Not enough funding--the story of everything in Oregon these days.
14605	7/5/2012	I don't like the way it is funded because it is so closely tied to our property taxes. I will always vote to fund it, but some people feel our property taxes are too high and cringe at the thought of funding it that way. Plus, with so many empty homes, it makes it difficult to fund the library. Also, some taxpayers do not like to vote every couple of years to raise their taxes. I'm hoping we can find a better way to fully fund our libraries so that services can be expanded, not cut.
14606	7/5/2012	The budget cuts
14607	7/5/2012	Threat? This is a vague and poorly designed question.
14608	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14609	7/5/2012	.
14610	7/5/2012	false ideas of budget cutting - right wingers.
14611	7/5/2012	illiteracy
14612	7/5/2012	People who reject taxation as a concept.
14613	7/5/2012	insufficient funding
14614	7/5/2012	lack of funding combined with anti-tax people.
14615	7/5/2012	no money. we need to be open so people can access it, but we have to have things that people find worth accessing, re: current materials, programs, resources.
14616	7/5/2012	Lack of funding, it seems.
14617	7/5/2012	Isn't it funding? I guess I don't understand the question.
14618	7/5/2012	Being politicized by County officials who do not have the citizens' best interests at heart. It is astounding that our County Commissioners only chose to renew the library levy for three years and only at the current level which is not sufficient to keep libraries open 7 days. They did so with the promise that they would put the district on the ballot fall 2012. Clearly they are renegeing on that promise. Further, the County level of funding is decreased as they choose to support programs that are NOT County responsibility. I wonder if they even use the library!!! There is great competition for tax dollars at our local level. However, the voters should be given the opportunity to choose what they believe is important to them.
14619	7/5/2012	politics

14620	7/5/2012	Funding
14621	7/5/2012	Lack of funding
14622	7/5/2012	The contingent of this community that is not willing to contribute in order to maintain public services
14623	7/5/2012	lack of sufficient funding.
14624	7/5/2012	Competing needs for funds
14625	7/5/2012	Restrictions placed on the lending of e-books and the general ambivalence of community members.
14626	7/5/2012	Funding!
14627	7/5/2012	Funding, I would imagine.
14628	7/5/2012	Funding.
14629	7/5/2012	Lack of political will on the part of elected officials to raise enough revenues & Property tax compression
14630	7/5/2012	Lack of funding.
14631	7/5/2012	Loss of funding.
14632	7/5/2012	Lack of consistent adequate funding
14633	7/5/2012	Our local libraries are a critical part of our community. As residents of Multnomah County, we should make sure that we maintain these critical resources for our families, neighbors and children. This is a critical public structure, and it's biggest threat is unstable or diminished funding.

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QUESTION 7: All in all, how important are local library services compared with other local public services?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	76.0%	14327
Somewhat important	20.6%	3884
Not too important	1.9%	361
Not at all important	0.5%	99
Don't know	1.0%	188
	<i>answered question</i>	18859
	<i>skipped question</i>	1505

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QUESTION 8: Why are they that level of importance to you?

Answer Options	Response Count
	15441
<i>answered question</i>	15441
<i>skipped question</i>	4923

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	7/31/2012	I know from personal experience that it was the ability to read early in life and having books from the school library and later access to the public library that lifted me out of what would have been a lifetime of challenging lack of resources. Read early, Read often! is my motto!
2	7/31/2012	There are other services that are more important: education, transportation, support for the poor and disabled; The library is important but not more important than any of these things. Health care for members of the community is more important.
3	7/31/2012	Because improving literacy in our community ensures a productive society. It is one of the few public resources that truly serves ALL of the public--regardless of need--and enriches them all. Because improving literacy and access to knowledge is the only way to ensure that this country and our community can continue to compete globally.
4	7/31/2012	Libraries serve as the very core of a civilized society. To turn your back on a library is to embrace the very essence of barbarism
5	7/31/2012	Libraries are an anachronism. Irrelevant in today's educational scheme of things. Compared to basic services required for contemporary urban living, libraries are an unnecessary expense and burden on the average person.... especially the elderly and those on a fixed income.
6	7/31/2012	Property owners cannot afford continued increases in their taxes, no matter how important any particular service is.
7	7/31/2012	The public school system is probably the most important, closely followed by a lot of other services, including the library. Libraries are especially important in low-income neighborhoods, so that parents with fewer resources do not have to pay for books in order to read with their children.
8	7/31/2012	when pitted against public health, education and safety, the library, no matter how sterling, comes in last.

9	7/31/2012	I like that all kinds of books are available to me because I can't afford to buy all of the ones I would like to read.
10	7/31/2012	Reading is the gateway to knowledge.
11	7/31/2012	Free to all.
12	7/31/2012	The library is the cornerstone of a free and informed society.
13	7/31/2012	Multnomah County libraries have been a huge resource for new knowledge and entertainment.
14	7/31/2012	For our libraries to be used they need to be open and accessible with programs for those who can benefit from them. A place during the summer to grab a book and a drink, then sit, relax and read. ☐ A magnet.
15	7/31/2012	It is important for people to have access to a variety of reading materials and information on many topics, even if they cannot afford to purchase the items in stores.
16	7/31/2012	Books and real literacy are the foundation of an enlightened society, which enlightenment is the ultimate basis of a sane, healthy, and positive future.
17	7/31/2012	Library2go is amazing and extensive.
18	7/31/2012	Even though currently I am not using the library on a regular basis I believe they are very important to a community, as necessary as the police and fire department.
19	7/31/2012	Libraries are a necessary resource for people of all ages, most particularly those who can't afford to purchase their information--the very young and the very old with limited income. An educated public is crucial if we are to have a healthy society, well-informed and able to make the right decisions. The public library is where people go to find the information that will help them make intelligent choices and decisions.
20	7/31/2012	I have two small children and I want them to be regular users of the library.
21	7/31/2012	Not life or death, but very important access to books and materials otherwise out of reach.
22	7/31/2012	I read constantly and am very pleased with the enormous variety of materials I have access to through the library.
23	7/31/2012	The library is one of my primary connections to the world around me. Having a library in my neighborhood is one of the prime reasons that I love where I live.
24	7/31/2012	Education equals a stronger community
25	7/31/2012	I think that they serve as a gateway and building block for community. It's a space to learn, dream, discover, be safe, have fun, and "get away" if that's as far as you're able for the time being. It's a detriment to our community if we can't fund our libraries. I would gladly pay \$1.22 / \$1000 to have the privilege of using the library system and ensuring that others have access to it as well. I feel it's my duty as a community member. We all have a part.

26	7/31/2012	Libraries serve as community centers, helping to spread literacy and teach the importance of reading and writing to youth, as well as offering services to people who don't have access to them. I have always enjoyed the public sphere of libraries- a place that I can go for free to use the internet, to read, to write, to relax, to pass time, etc. These public spaces are very few and far between. For those without access to Internet, libraries are essential, especially in today's computer-centric society. My public library has always played an extremely important role in my own life, in Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco. I love my library!!!!
27	7/31/2012	i can spend time browsing and getting out of the house and because i have a low income and cant afford to buy books, movies and music
28	7/31/2012	I think its a great community resource. It is a place of knowledge and encouragement. It inspires community involvement and lastly, borrowing materials is much more economical than buying them.
29	7/31/2012	As a community member without children who prefers the convenience of e-books, there isn't much the library has to offer. I do appreciate the programs that are offered to children, but they are not utilized by anyone in my household.
30	7/31/2012	Libraries in Portland serve a crucial function in building community, providing access to educational and career information and promote the civilized and socially important activity of reading. Without libraries the divide between rich and poor would increase, the level of literacy in our population would decline and the health of our community would be in serious jeopardy. It may sound like hyperbole, but I really believe that this is true.
31	7/31/2012	They are a source of internet access and information/media that some may not be able to access otherwise. As I do not have a full list of all local public services to look at, this is just a tentative ranking, Though I would probably place it slightly higher than funding for traditional schooling due to the current online schooling option that is being offered, as there is more variety in what can be learned in the public library system and the internet than what will be taught in a public school.
32	7/31/2012	I use the library for uses that can be done using other methods. However, the library does have good resources and it's nice to have around.
33	7/31/2012	The libraries provide access to reading materials at a lower cost than buying them myself. I support library funding. My wife prefers to buy books instead. I think she's nuts!
34	7/31/2012	Literacy is fundamental to a civil society and a democratic form of government.
35	7/31/2012	If we live in an educated society, community members will have the tools, knowledge, and resources to solve the needs of other local public services.
36	7/31/2012	Library services provide a world of resources to our community, supporting equal access to information and technology for kids, families, disconnected youth and adults, seniors. Although I would consider some public services more valuable (accessible healthcare, family planning, public education) the library system still ranks high, as it's a shared resource and removes barriers for many people.

37	7/30/2012	The library is the heart and soul of a community. With so many programs being cut in the schools, we have to have our libraries with stable long term funding. Levies are not the solution any more.
38	7/30/2012	This is one of the places free left, gives an escape from the world, and unfortunately supplements my children's public education
39	7/30/2012	Public libraries promote community, education, responsibility, and sharing. They are a resource to all other (local) public services.
40	7/30/2012	Can't afford to buy books/media, so it provides a free way for entertainment.
41	7/30/2012	Knowledge is power and access to information is important for democracy. □ Plus, the homeless need a spot to go to the bathroom and stay warm.
42	7/30/2012	PUBLIC libraries provide a safe sanctuary for everyone. They offer a place for unemployed to search for jobs and protect everyone's access to information. Libraries are definitely needed right now with the current state of the economy when people can't afford to buy things so they borrow books, DVDs and newspapers and need to use public computer servers to search for jobs.
43	7/30/2012	Because information is empowering and a library is the great equalizer. It evens the playing field and everyone of any age, income, or status can go there and learn.
44	7/30/2012	Because I believe in the importance of a literate, informed society, and the availability of books and other materials to all, regardless of income level. Sounds corny, but it's true.
45	7/30/2012	Libraries are the heart of a community. I have been using them most of my life. (For a period when I was a child we lived in an area with no library services except the book mobile. I soon read everything I could from there.) All people should have access to books and all of the other services a library offers.
46	7/30/2012	It's important to give people access to new knowledge, especially young people. Giving people those opportunities to read and do research is important not to themselves but also to how they view the world and behave in it.
47	7/30/2012	Only one should matter, the Central Library is the only important library.
48	7/30/2012	Access to libraries has been important to me for my whole life. Growing up in a poor family meant limited resources, and the library opened up all kinds of possibility for me.
49	7/30/2012	not nearly as important as police, fire, schools, social services...these are services that directly impact livability. But the library is also a key component to livability for my family since we use the library so frequently.
50	7/30/2012	Very important as they are the only reliable source of computer access and reading material and other media that are available to me.
51	7/30/2012	i value reading and knowledge and access to those things very important.
52	7/30/2012	With out venues for learning, research, exploration of information or ideas and shared resources, our community with suffer from a lack of knowledge and intellectual advancement due to the inadequate funding.

53	7/30/2012	The library is a focal point in our community because it is open to everyone, provides knowledge and provides opportunity to build relationships in and beyond our neighborhood.
54	7/30/2012	Difficult to say unless at least some of the other local public services are listed to be compared with. Are police and fire considered public services and are they funded by competing fund types (local levies).
55	7/30/2012	Everyone should have free access to information and resources for learning. An educated populace is the key to a strong society.
56	7/30/2012	Access to all the information/resources available at them, as well as a quality of living issue.
57	7/30/2012	Because they provide free services - books, computer - to vulnerable members of our community
58	7/30/2012	Libraries are pretty much the only places where every person who walks in the door, regardless of age, sex, ethnic origin, economic means or mental ability is treated with respect, civility and compassion. While we need and use other public services, we need libraries to assure an educated, literate community for all.
59	7/29/2012	We do not fully rely on the library for internet or book access, but we do appreciate the extra resource being available. We also enjoy the social aspect with kids story time.
60	7/29/2012	it is extremely important for books, and education is accessible to everyone in the community regardless of ones income. for me it enables me to resources and information that i could not afford.
61	7/29/2012	I have been a library patron for over 50 years. I value any library and feel that the Multnomah County library system is the best that I have ever used.
62	7/29/2012	Because of my constant reliance on my libraries. I put libraries at the top, right up there with water and sewer.
63	7/29/2012	I really enjoy the books and group discussions at the Page Turner bookclub. I also like the wide variety of materials I can check out.
64	7/29/2012	It is free education.
65	7/29/2012	good place to take kids. people who speak my language and help teach english
66	7/29/2012	I only use it when my computer is down.
67	7/29/2012	Learning, thinking, and sharing ideas are essential to a society that values democracy, collective progress, and personal growth.
68	7/29/2012	Need access to information to make full/best use of other services.
69	7/29/2012	Library builds community
70	7/29/2012	It allows people (children especially) to pursue their intellectual interests for free, whether the schools are teaching those topics or not.
71	7/29/2012	Libraries have been my savior since childhood. Everyone should have access to their local library.
72	7/29/2012	Because that makes for a literate educated population . The rest of the civilized world would certainly overtake the US pretty soon if we do not fund libraries.

73	7/29/2012	Because of the importance of access to books, media and information of all kinds; access for everyone.
74	7/29/2012	I think self-education is generally more effective than public education so having materials available on various subjects is important to young people especially.
75	7/29/2012	I remember riding my bike to the Beaverton library growing up. Going to the library was something my family did on a weekly basis. I loved having all of those books available to me. As I have grown and now have small children of my own I enjoy taking them to the library and having them choose books to check, Reading is so important and I want to make sure that my children feel this same way.
76	7/29/2012	It is a part of the county's core services that they should maintain through the general fund, not with additional taxing
77	7/29/2012	Learning never ends.
78	7/29/2012	I live in a small space and do not want to buy books. I love the freegal music to help a collection along. I love browsing books I wouldn't see elsewhere.
79	7/29/2012	Providing reading material and services to a broad audience at a reasonable cost
80	7/29/2012	I enjoy reading.
81	7/28/2012	Extremely important. We need access to books to help us run our business, and improve our lives.
82	7/28/2012	The library is a resource for continuing education and provides the community with access to materials and services which some may not otherwise be able to afford.
83	7/28/2012	Although the computers are put to good use; I enjoy reading and also use the reference information available. My grandson loves to come to the library. Its sad when I have to tell him "they're closed now."
84	7/28/2012	access to information
85	7/28/2012	The library is the first line of defense of free inquiry. Without them, reliable information becomes far more difficult to obtain for those who are poor or otherwise disadvantaged in society, and makes it more difficult to maintain an informed and responsible electorate, which is vital to a functional democracy. In the case of our libraries, they are also a hub for community activity, acting as de facto meeting halls, where citizens who may not otherwise choose to be involved in civic processes come to engage with their neighborhoods.
86	7/28/2012	Any type of society requires sanitation and health services for basic survival, of course, but a healthy democracy requires tax-supported education and access to information.
87	7/28/2012	Literacy plays an enormous role in terms of how our community functions. Without free access to books, and other library resources and programs our community would greatly suffer. Limiting hours will limit the community's access to these resources.
88	7/28/2012	mild

89	7/28/2012	Its an area of growth, learning, helping one to move forward in life. There's an element of rest, acceptance, encouragement to be the best one can be and not become stagnant in a library as well.
90	7/28/2012	It is very important to have knowledge and learning available to all of our citizens.
91	7/28/2012	Access to a variety of information is one of the most important elements of a democratic society.
92	7/28/2012	I feel that the library is a great resource for so many things. For me personally, I like checking out both normal books and audio books. It saves me a lot of money and I usually find something I wouldn't have normally picked up at a bookstore. I use the computers when my internet is down or my printer is not working. While in school I used books from the library to study for tests, as well as, to work on presentations.
93	7/28/2012	Compared to vital local public services, such as police, fire, garbage, electricity, etc, they are not essential to safe living. I do not need a library to survive, but I definitely want one.
94	7/28/2012	How many places can we go to where we can borrow books for free, use computers for free, and where everyone is welcome to use the library? Isn't that what democracy is about?
95	7/28/2012	The libraries are part of what makes Portland what it is.
96	7/28/2012	Well I don't know what I am comparing the library with, but I have no need to go there, especially with it's new current atmosphere..
97	7/28/2012	easier access than other public agencies
98	7/28/2012	Important to me as a parent and as a teacher because it gives me access to materials I don't have the money to buy.
99	7/28/2012	It is important to me to have a continuous flow of new music, movies, and books in my life. Without the library I could not afford to experience these things. The library is for education and enjoyment- it is indispensable in my life.
100	7/28/2012	The library provides a learning resource, entertainment, and community gathering space. It also saves me a bunch of money and space in my house because it stops my family members from buying way too many books, which used to be a real problem for us.
101	7/28/2012	Libraries provide access to human knowledge for whomever chooses to seek it.
102	7/28/2012	Availability of books, books on CD, and videos is a key ingredient in my well-being.
103	7/28/2012	Because this is our source of information. We are very lucky to have the best library system in the county. Just think of how bad our neighbor to the south (Jackson county/Medford) with such sub standard library service. For anyone who takes this library for granted, just needs to spend a few days in Jackson county. Their library service is terrible.
104	7/28/2012	I think the Multnomah library system is fantastic. I love how you can order books online and be emailed when they're available for checkout.
105	7/28/2012	Aside from my high value of the library system, other public services rank very low on my priority list.
106	7/28/2012	Democracy depends on a educated,well informed populace, and libraries help provide that.

107	7/28/2012	Extremely important
108	7/28/2012	Because our local library is one of the core's of our community. It provides basic services to all regardless of race, class, gender, etc.. all which are a basic right and important for all!
109	7/28/2012	I believe I answered that in my last written response.
110	7/28/2012	Community, resource-providing.
111	7/28/2012	The library is the only public service I regularly use.
112	7/28/2012	Libraries provide access to more books than any other resource can. More than e-books can possibly provide, since so many books aren't available digitally.
113	7/27/2012	people in our community can use library resources to make their lives better, save money, learn new skills,have access to internet. the list goes on.
114	7/27/2012	The library provides important services and resources to those who aren't privileged enough to afford them on their own. It keeps our community literate, informed, and a democracy.
115	7/27/2012	Libraries are a service available to all, as opposed to services open only to low income families, for example, and are not something you age out of like public education. Our local library provides services and resources not available (or not easily available) elsewhere and for free -- resume building, early literacy programming and education, genealogical research, homework assistance, free computer access, free reading materials! etc
116	7/27/2012	I love books but largely do not wish to buy or own them (nor can I really afford to). The library is my only source for books. Because I don't buy books, I see the library as an overwhelming (in a good way) source of fiction, non-fiction, and reference materials (not to mention movies and TV on DVD, which I LOVE but don't necessarily NEED ;)). I know there are others out there who cannot afford to buy books but would nonetheless love to read as much as they can. I think, among other things, the library exists to serve those without the financial resources to attain books on their own. This goes for adults and children.
117	7/27/2012	7 on a scale of 1-10
118	7/27/2012	Knowledge has inherent worth.
119	7/27/2012	Correct knowledge & correct information are King!!
120	7/27/2012	B/c reading is an essential life skill and public libraries are free to all people no matter their situation (financial, homeless, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc) and libraries make our community a better place to live!
121	7/27/2012	It used to be a library. Now it is a group of litttle children being baby sat and let them use the non-needed computers. A group of foreiners looking for anything but how to speak english and get along here.
122	7/27/2012	If you consider police and fire departments as local public services, I would rate them as very important.
123	7/27/2012	I am an avid reader and lifelong learner. The library is one of the most important places in the community to me.

124	7/27/2012	They are a vital resource and other things that are not needed all the time or can be passed on should follow this model as well.
125	7/27/2012	I believe the Kenton library provides a lovely space for the neighborhood to gather and serves as a potent reminder of the importance of books and learning. With our increasing reliance on electronic readers we are becoming increasingly more isolated. So having a gathering space that celebrates reading and learning in a communal center is both a wonderful and vital neighborhood resource. I also have witnessed that since the library opened, there seems to be an increased attention to the Kenton downtown area with new businesses coming in and a burgeoning sense of pride in our community. resen
126	7/27/2012	Well you can read books that are interesting to you without having to buy each book even if you're not sure if you'll like it. I also enjoy examining the shelves and have noticed books on them that I read and really appreciated so it's a good place to find new books that you like.
127	7/27/2012	They contain service and knowlege that is hard to obtain elsewhere.
128	7/27/2012	Books
129	7/27/2012	very important
130	7/27/2012	My children use the library weekly.
131	7/27/2012	As a graduate student training to be a teacher, I can think of no public service more important than libraries other than schools. Libraries empower and educate people, especially those least able to afford alternatives. For many people, the media and internet resources at the library are their only way to have such access. By providing self-education, low/no-cost resources, free programs for underserved populations, and safe community spaces, libraries are a way to prevent so many other social problems.
132	7/27/2012	I think education is important to us as individuals and as a society. Libraries offer diversion and entertain us and they are free to users, which makes them a quite democratic institution.
133	7/27/2012	The public library is the best run and most positive American institution. It is open to and accessed by all sectors of society without regard to class or creed. The public library system is the epitome of all that is good about the U.S.
134	7/27/2012	I place a high value on education and knowledge.
135	7/27/2012	Most people don't have the money or time with out a library, plus the educational help is pricelss. And it's for all ages and creed. GOD BLESS OUR LIBRARY
136	7/27/2012	Trimet is more important, as I need it to get around to places like the library.
137	7/27/2012	Libraries build communities; they serve everyone equally. Libraries offer ideas and information to everyone.
138	7/27/2012	Not much, but I see that others use the system
139	7/27/2012	Like I said in previous questions, I used to frequent the library a whole lot when I was watching tv shows on DVD a lot, but when my usage switched from physical media to digital the library no longer had what I wanted. These days I don't use the library anymore for that reason.

140	7/27/2012	While, if pressed, fire and police and water and sewage and transportation are more basic and probably are higher in importance, I think it's immensely important to have this publicly accessible source of knowledge available to all. I think everyone should be able to access materials regardless of their economic status.
141	7/27/2012	Get real. I am a lifelong supporter of reading and libraries. But increasing the library budget over 30% in this recession, while funding for other services are being cut, is not appropriate.
142	7/26/2012	Libraries provide access to all levels of society. They expand the human experience providing the possibility of understanding at all levels, whether academic, cultural, etc. A well informed society provides the basis and continuation of freedom. Libraries are crucial to the survival of overall society. This is done, through access to develop knowledge, in every socially advanced society at every time in history that we have studied.
143	7/26/2012	The Library is the best source for information, research and the most accessible place for the public to continue to be educated and informed
144	7/26/2012	main source of entertainment.
145	7/26/2012	I use them a lot
146	7/26/2012	One of my favorite things to do as a child was go to the library and check out books!! This inspired my imagination and desire to read. I am now an avid reader and continue to utilize the library often. It is also very important to me that a variety of services are offered to the community. Services for children to encourage reading and imagination. Computers and job finding assistance for those who would not otherwise have them available. Classes for seniors to help them better understand computers in a safe environment, as well as mail/drop off services so they can still have access to the library. As well as a variety of books services to assist those who would like to learn or are in school. The library helps community members of all classes, races, age groups...It is such a gift to the community and only enhances the community as a whole.
147	7/26/2012	I'm a student who relies on the library for educational materials. I'm also a citizen that enjoys the popular materials.
148	7/26/2012	Libraries don't put out fires, cure diseases, or catch bad guys, but the library can open our minds to the world around us. They can compliment our school curricula, provide a safe gathering place for our citizens, and challenge us to make learning a life-long habit.
149	7/26/2012	The library is an educational place for the whole family. The library is a place to meet other people who have the same interest of learning specific subject, is a place to spend quality of time for exploring subjects that will help to become proactive with their life and improve their lifestyles
150	7/26/2012	As I stated previously, we depend on our local library for educational purposes and entertainment. We love books and reading, and while we have fairly large home library, we are able to find new books, DVDs and music CDs at the library.
151	7/26/2012	Reading is a number one concern in our schools. It's very important that all individuals have access to books.

152	7/26/2012	because we have children and thats how we keep them reading thru the library
153	7/26/2012	Some public services are essential to daily functionality of a place. Libraries help us be a more informed and socially connected society.
154	7/26/2012	Knowledge and access to technology and job resource programs is the key to upward mobility.
155	7/26/2012	I believe that they are an extremely important resource for society, especially for those who would not otherwise have access to the materials provided. They are also important in that they are a public gathering space that is not commercially-oriented, which is rare in our society. In my personal life, I have cut back on the number of books and the music that I purchase and rely instead on the library for these items because in many cases, I don't want to own them--I would prefer to just borrow them and give them back. This is both because of my budget and because I am trying to simplify. My children are older now, but I think that story time when they were very young and the summer reading program also contributed to their reading skills and enthusiasm. I will always vote for more money for our libraries.
156	7/26/2012	Because they provide a hub for the community to meet, interact, recreate, and discovery new ideas. [] [] Growing up we went to the library every week. This along with encouragement from my parents fostered a life-long appreciation for reading and libraries. They are an essential part of our community.
157	7/26/2012	It's the only place everyone can go and have access to information, without censorship.
158	7/26/2012	Everyone can go to a library to educate themselves without spending money or joining an organization. They are empowering and private and available to everyone.They give poor families access to entertainment and educational resources for their kids. They are the most welcoming government buildings bar none, and therefore, a great place for other government departments to distribute information.
159	7/26/2012	I check out books for enjoyment reading, and also I really enjoy exploring books I hear about on many subjects to see if I want to buy later. I take my granddaughter to the the library. It is a special time for us. As a former schoolteacher, this is very important to me. I want to foster the love of reading in her.
160	7/26/2012	Any city, at any time needs venues to bring culture, education, enjoyment to the people.
161	7/26/2012	Education is freedom and empowerment for everyone
162	7/26/2012	very
163	7/26/2012	The library is a cornerstone of our community. School libraries and education are underfunded so our public library is often looked to as a resource for children/parents. Job seekers, businesses, people dealing with these hard economic times: they all use the library to better themselves.

164	7/25/2012	since i use the library daily, regularly ck out books and have access to periodicals that i can't afford alone, and, since i travel throughout the county as part of my business, i like that i can count on stopping in at a branch to get paperwork done, ck my email and otherwise have a quiet place to work.
165	7/25/2012	I use the library more than most other local public services. It's one of the few places I feel like I get good value for my tax dollars. I would happily pay more in taxes to directly support our public libraries.
166	7/25/2012	I like the availability of media and internet services.
167	7/25/2012	I use the library because I'm on a fixed income and it gives me easy access to books not only in our local library but nationwide,(which I have used several times). I have grandchildren who would not have the great diversity of literature available to them without a local library system available to them and their parents. There are other public services that are more important, such as police, fire, emergency services etc. but the libraray provides a place for meeting individuals of like mind for a multitude of purposes and reasons if the resource was better known.
168	7/25/2012	The library offers a wide range of services and programs to people of all ages and socioeconomic levels, for free, that are impossible to get anywhere else.
169	7/25/2012	Supporting literacy and education, even self-education, are integral parts of maintaining a functioning democratic system. So the library should stop wasting so much on administration and restore services which the public really wants; books, open hours and new materials. There is no reason full services cannot be maintained at the current level (before the unnecessary cuts of July 2012) by massively cutting management.
170	7/25/2012	libraries serve the "public" no matter your age, sex, education or ethnic background[]
171	7/25/2012	they provide a safe, clean, warm public space, a community space It provide excellent service to community
172	7/25/2012	Libraries are community centers. They educate. They entertain. They facilitate all forms of research. They benefit everyone in all demographics. Free and open libraries are the cornerstone of a civilized society.
173	7/25/2012	Higher importance would only be roads and utilities.
174	7/25/2012	Although I don't use the library a great deal myself, I believe that it is essential to efforts at maintaining and improving literacy, ongoing education, and access to literary culture.
175	7/25/2012	I'm a teacher- and on average I have about 100 non-fiction and children's picture library books in my classroom each week. I depend upon them immensely for photographs and information to teach my students science, social studies and math concepts. I also check out 6 book sets of chapter books for our novel studies. I'd have to pay for all of this out of my own pocket each year if I didn't have the library! I also am an avid reader and check out adult fiction regularly. Your on line "hold" system and interlibrary transfer is so easy to use. I'm also starting to use your e-books as well. We have a wonderful library system in Multnomah County and I'm so lucky to live here.

176	7/25/2012	Libraries are part of the foundation of America's cultural heritage of public education, and are functioning symbols of the power inherent in free access to knowledge. My wife is a librarian and my late mother was as well. Libraries have been an integral part of my life since childhood. They are pillars of our communities, beacons of freedom, and bulwarks of civilization itself.
177	7/25/2012	limited income
178	7/25/2012	Having free access to information is extremely important to our society. So many other things stem from that (education choices, career choices, political choices). There is no other reasonable option for these things if we lose libraries. Also, the joy of reading is something that everyone I know shares, and what defines many of us.
179	7/25/2012	Libraries are the most available form of public education, available to all, regardless of age or schooling. Libraries provide shelter and mental stimulation for the homeless during the day.[] Programs for children, adults and seniors enrich us all.
180	7/25/2012	I was a kid who lived at poverty-level but the library was free and open and there for me. Librarians and books saved me and I hope that they can do the same for other kids. Besides, with newspapers shutting down and information being more and more controlled by a few big corporations, it's important that free, easy to use sources of information be available to the public if they go looking for it.
181	7/25/2012	Because this is a place where everyone in the community can come to gather, for various different reasons, but all people can find something useful at a library.
182	7/25/2012	I love to read, but mostly the library is a valuable community resource in so many ways. We need to encourage education, literacy and access to information, which the library does in a big way. We need a healthy library system to function as a democracy.
183	7/25/2012	See my first remarks.
184	7/25/2012	I love the library!
185	7/25/2012	I get a sense of community from the library. I borrow books and media all the time, including lots that I'm just curious about -- items I wouldn't be able to afford. I used to work at nursing homes where the home-bound senior services were essential to some residents' quality of life.
186	7/25/2012	Our citizens need to be educated, informed, the library provides a vast source of information, all age levels and incomes are accessible,
187	7/25/2012	A well-informed populace is the single most important aspect to a viable democracy.
188	7/25/2012	Everyone can use the library.
189	7/25/2012	I rely on the library as a source of inspiration and knowledge. I am also a college student, so buying new books is not always possible. I enjoy keeping up to date with the library and using the ILL system.
190	7/25/2012	Local library services are vital to our community. [] "Education is peacekeeping by another name". - Kofi Annan

191	7/25/2012	libraries are a home-away-from-home for everybody and also a place to access a world of thought, the most useful and benign service provided by government
192	7/25/2012	other local public services have a more direct impact on day to day living
193	7/25/2012	There are certain wellness/poverty/homeless services that I consider a bit more important but the library is up there.
194	7/25/2012	I have used the library since I was in grade school and was in awe that I could actually borrow books, music and eventually movies just by having a library card. Although I do like the kindles, ipads, iphones and other various types of techno gear; I still enjoy going to a library to sit and read an actual book where I can flip through the pages. And for children and their families who may not have enough money to actually buy books, computers, or movies the library is a great resource.
195	7/25/2012	Because I actually use the library services.
196	7/25/2012	It is access to information which is fundamental to a functioning society.
197	7/25/2012	Having free educational materials available is very important. Only public safety is more important.
198	7/25/2012	I have an affinity for local libraries, a clerk was one of my first jobs. I also got started in my tech career by holding classes on how to use the Internet at my local library in the 90's.
199	7/25/2012	Free access to information is vital to a democratic society.
200	7/25/2012	We love putting books on hold and being able to pick them up or having them mailed to us. We love being able to walk to the library.
201	7/25/2012	There is so much free information at the library. No one else can compare to the services rendered at the library. And it is accessible to everyone, as it should be.
202	7/25/2012	A library represents free and equal access to information--an essential component of a healthy democracy--and it's a symbol of a society which values ideas.
203	7/25/2012	without libraries, we lose even more of our community's connection with words, books, education, literacy, preservation of history, etc
204	7/25/2012	Would be higher but the Internet has replaced most of what I used to use the library for.
205	7/25/2012	The library services get continuous use.
206	7/25/2012	Schools and safety important, too. About equal with libraries.
207	7/25/2012	The library is one of the most important features of a democracy. And I love to read, and can't afford to buy books every week.
208	7/24/2012	I use the library most of all the county services. It is invaluable to my way of life. It increases my knowledge, education, social status, entertainment possibilities. It is a monumental service provided to all citizens in Oregon and beyond, which says something great about our county. It is a very good use of tax dollars that is for all people in the county, unlike other services the county provides which are for a select group depending on need.
209	7/24/2012	I want to live in a community where people have access to knowledge.
210	7/24/2012	Library resources are essential to a well-informed community
211	7/24/2012	It's a community learning hub. What is more important than that?

212	7/24/2012	Because everyone can use them. Everyone.
213	7/24/2012	Access to information for everyone is essential to healthy, thoughtful communities.
214	7/24/2012	The library system is something our family has used for generations-it's a great public service!
215	7/24/2012	I love to read and have a place that I consider a community hub. I also use it to have access to databases and learning resources as I plan for small business development.
216	7/24/2012	With the poor economy, the library offers multi-entertainment for free: good books, internet access, magazines, DVDs, music and lots more.
217	7/24/2012	The library is civilization at its best. The commons. Equal opportunity for all. I meet friends and neighbors and learn new things. What's not to love??
218	7/24/2012	Benefit my entire family. Serve as a bedrock to informed and civically engaged society. Important for people to access computers who have no other chance.
219	7/24/2012	They rank right up there with schools in preserving democracy.
220	7/24/2012	Again, comparing them to 'other local public services' is a low benchmark. But then, libraries are so unimportant that they have to continually try to convince us of their importance, so....
221	7/24/2012	knowledge is power for all, whether for learning about things that are necessary or just enjoyable; keeping it available either through the internet access our libraries provide or the time honored books and journals is vital for all free societies
222	7/24/2012	I use the library all the time. I borrow books on CD, I borrow books, I borrow music cds. I use interlibrary loan. I order books via my computer, then pick them up when they arrive. I love the library. I don't need it open every day, or all hours, but it should cover all hours during the various days. For me it is important that it be open until 8 PM at least one or two nights each week.
223	7/24/2012	It is a great learning resource for kid(s), and for myself.
224	7/24/2012	Libraries allow me to learn more about subjects that interest me. I find it easier to learn from a book, with all the information already gathered, ordered and bundled in a way that makes it more comprehensive, rather than to gather the information myself using the internet or other sources. It saves me time and money.
225	7/24/2012	Not up there with public safety or roads, but important.
226	7/24/2012	offer an outlet key for students and those without home internet/books to embrace all opportunities
227	7/24/2012	Library services are truly democratic and need to be available for all citizens. Knowledge, access to technology, and a safe community space are essential to the kind of city/county I want to live in. I think there are as essential as any other public service that makes the quality of life better for its citizens.

228	7/24/2012	When I head to my library I see people of all ages, races, and incomes interacting together. I have spontaneous conversations with other book and media seekers about what we're reading, what we recommend as well as politics and community events. I see a place where youth and elders are valued equally and the needs of ALL community members from people experiencing homelessness to wealthy folks are respected, acknowledged and attended to. Our libraries are one of the true democratic institutions in that they both inspire critical thinking and provide access to all kinds of ideas, whether we personally agree with them or not. Libraries also support early literacy, which in turn supports healthy development of our future leaders through cognitive and social development. Whether escaping a hot summer day or a wet, dreary afternoon, our libraries are a refuge of imagination and learning and should remain as accessible as possible. As one of our most vital public services, libraries keep our community vibrant and I am 100% in support of higher taxes to ensure every person living in Multnomah County can utilize our libraries to their hearts content.
229	7/24/2012	Reading and having access to information is critical to our personal growth and economy.
230	7/24/2012	They're an irreplaceable and somewhat unquantifiable public good.
231	7/24/2012	Heart of the community and its culture
232	7/24/2012	Libraries represent the strength of the community to me. They are a barometer for where we place value in literacy for all ages. They have always been one of the first places I have searched out when locating to a new city.
233	7/24/2012	I use the library frequently! -- Children that can read is the way to go - so they will graduate, become gainfully employed and become good, tax paying citizens.
234	7/24/2012	In my family we use the library for personal support and well as professional. As a teacher I have shared links on the childrens website and my whole building uses the kids "Book Center" for free online listening centers on classroom computers. Additionally, Books-2-U and other teacher resources are important to my and the children I work with in my building. My son volunteers with the summer reading program and feels very connected to the library as well.
235	7/24/2012	It feels as if the library is the only public services being offered to "middle class" law abiding citizens who are fortune enough for not needing public assistance, and not in jail.
236	7/24/2012	I have used the library for as long as I could read. Books had a huge impact on me when I was growing up, and I want others to have that same opportunity.
237	7/24/2012	They embody "community" to me. I'm not a "yay America" kind of person, but I do consider our public library system an INCREDIBLE symbol of what works in our country, community gathering place where all incomes, races and ages come together. Love the Carnegie perspective -- wealthy individual recognizing the value to our society if people have access to books. I also appreciate the role the physical library plays in giving me access to books that I can hold onto rather than Kindle or the like.

238	7/24/2012	I find good literature and purchase the books I want because the library never has a selection of good literature on the shelf. If I have to wait several days to get it, I will have it delivered to my door and won't have to wade through the computer section...and be subjected to library workers who have no idea about good literature!!! Some of the employees are the most pious, incompetent, arrogant people I have ever met!! They have no idea about literature, are not friendly, and have been very aloof and dismissive when I have requested assistance with locating materials that were "classic." I don't need those kinds of services. I will take care of locating my own materials without their condescension. When I did attempt to sign up for a Russian Literature class several years ago, there was not even enough room for community members. It was a total disappointment to even attempt to attend the class. If you want to offer something of value to the community, don't make it so small and limited that the community can't even join you. And certainly don't fill it from the inside with staff and cut out the community!!
239	7/24/2012	they are helping in the community beyond the scope of just providing books and knowledge.
240	7/24/2012	Reading is key to everything you do in life.
241	7/24/2012	Access to free information that helps to create and support an informed citizenry.
242	7/24/2012	other than the mail that comes to my door, the library is my most often used public service.
243	7/24/2012	It is a way for me to access current media that I couldn't afford on my own
244	7/24/2012	reading is very important. We need to encourage it, especially with children since reading is necessary.
245	7/24/2012	increase knowledge for everybody. decrease guilty
246	7/24/2012	This is some of the only access to enrich peoples lives in our community. Equal access for all of our community to great literature and music.[]
247	7/24/2012	There is a sense of community amongst the users of our NW library.[] Great summer reading program fosters the making of lifelong readers.
248	7/24/2012	because of the service they provide
249	7/24/2012	With an increasing reliance on technology in many many sectors, libraries serve to equalize access to books and all sorts of media. Libraries are vitally important to those without the means to access critical resources otherwise not available to them. Libraries provide a crucial point of access to information and knowledge resources to people of all social strata in a community, not just those who can afford to pay for this access on their own. I believe that access to these resources are critical to the health of our community.
250	7/24/2012	
251	7/24/2012	I love libraries because they provide a space to learn in.
252	7/24/2012	I don't want to purchase reading material and appreciate borrowing them from the library.
253	7/24/2012	not everything is available online and not all resources for equivalent products are free or affordable
254	7/24/2012	When I was working computer books were very important to me. Now I primarily check out financial books and self-help books.

255	7/24/2012	As much as I value the library, I do feel that public safety and health/mental health services are very important with a tight budget.
256	7/24/2012	i use the library for almost all of my reading and i read 1-3 bks per week. i also get a lot of music and some dvd's from there. it is essential that libraries be available to every person in the community.
257	7/24/2012	great resource for books, music, movies for my family
258	7/24/2012	I love the library but I can't afford more taxes!
259	7/24/2012	Because many people, including myself, rely on the library for access to resources that would otherwise be quite difficult to obtain.
260	7/24/2012	My family uses are local library for books, music, and movies aand it provides a quick and easy form of education and entertainment. It also allows my family to broaden their knowledge base.
261	7/24/2012	It is a resource that is utilized by all, and provides access to information for all members of the community
262	7/24/2012	They are the best example of seeing exactly where my tax dollars go.
263	7/23/2012	Local libraries are very important for communities & neighborhoods so people can have equal access to books/materials & computers as well as programs for children & seniors. They are also important for people to have a place to meet/gather. This is I voted in favor of the levy.
264	7/23/2012	I have been a library user all my long life, a library employee, and I know the importance of library services to people of lessor means, new immigrants, children and adults etc.
265	7/23/2012	Libraries provide a variety of services that specifically address individuals who fall through other social supports and when utilized properly, are an incredible educational and informational resource that do not cost any money to the individuals who utilize them. A resourceful individual could learn and master the English language, compose a resume and conduct a job search online using only a library. I can think of few places that offer so much to adults and do not charge them directly for the service.
266	7/23/2012	I use the library a lot and feel it is a big resource for the community. However, things like police, fire and schools are very important. Parks are also important.
267	7/23/2012	The library has sustained me through the best and the worst times in my life. I have filled many hours of my life with books, music and film. I have been uplifted and encouraged by the books I found in the library. I continue to learn about cooking, gardening, home repair and saving for retirement at the library. I have sought refuge in libraries when the world is too much for me. Poetry and music from the library have saved my soul. Libraries and the books in them are not just for the mind; they are also for the body and the soul. Libraries and books help us to become better people.

268	7/23/2012	Libraries, and their services, are one of truer measures of how a community views keeping ALL its community members informed, enlightened, stimulated and mentally entertained. Furthermore that community that access most of the people, with the most available access in time and places, Libraries best and serves the community best.
269	7/23/2012	We have always lived within walking distance of a library, and, besides roads, the libraries are the government service we use most. The library provides us with entertainment, family time together, books and music, puppet shows, and even air conditioning on extra-hot days.
270	7/23/2012	Knowledge is power. Any nation or culture can be measured on how intelligent and educated its citizenry is.
271	7/23/2012	We live on the county line and are physically closer to a Beaverton library but attend the library on a weekly basis to take advantage of kid's programs, checking out books and movies and utilizing research resources for our entire family.
272	7/23/2012	We need an informed citizenry for a democracy.[] Libraries valuable for students and for self education[] Resources for child rearing and education of children[] Starting of lifelong habits
273	7/23/2012	Libraries are a source of knowledge and information which equates to power. The people must have access to information and learning. Libraries (even in this internet age) are a major source of information. Without libraries the continued dumbing of America will continue!
274	7/23/2012	The library provides access to information and literature. The library promotes literacy and offers programs to make literacy fun for kids. This public service is invaluable.
275	7/23/2012	It helps reduce the divide between those that can afford books and those that can. Without that children of poor families will suffer and eventually society will pay the price. A mind that stays busy stays out of trouble.
276	7/23/2012	Most of the information in print that I consume comes from libraries. It provides me a low cost way to access a variety of media and a meeting room for my Home Owners Association.
277	7/23/2012	Access to information, resources, and community.
278	7/23/2012	There is nothing more important than the ability to read and books to enjoy.
279	7/23/2012	They have to be balanced with the other needs of the community - social services, schools, roads etc
280	7/23/2012	My son and I use the library for all of our reading needs. We go there to meet other friends for story time, but mostly we appreciate the books and other media.
281	7/23/2012	Fire and police have to be more important, along with other critical services. Libraries could be considered a luxury, but in our relatively rich country, they ought to be a basic service open to all, especially those who can't afford to buy reading material.
282	7/23/2012	It is a wonderful resource for people that want to improve their life situation and have no other means.

283	7/23/2012	After Trimet (don't get me started about their issues), the library is the community resource my family uses the most. I am pleased with the level of service I receive and proud of everything "my" library system does for my community. I think libraries are key to recovering from the economic crisis and rebuilding community.
284	7/23/2012	They provide access to the larger society, as access to that society becomes increasingly digital.
285	7/23/2012	Books, access to free information and sense of community.
286	7/23/2012	very easy to reserve media online, no cost except for late fees.
287	7/23/2012	See previous comment. I have always been very proud of the Multnomah County Library and I pray that it will not be lost.
288	7/23/2012	democracy and access to information!
289	7/23/2012	Library services not only support literacy and community unity, they teach tolerance and increase the overall public image of a community.
290	7/23/2012	It's a huge part of the community, and access to reading and other media is invaluable to young and old.
291	7/23/2012	It offers me many services for free and since I am a person on a limited budget that is very important
292	7/23/2012	Because they provide so many services that enrich the community.
293	7/23/2012	They provide people of the middle and lower class resources for education and entertainment that they just wouldn't have otherwise. That's extremely important to me due to the cost of living these days.
294	7/23/2012	Our libraries are the solid foundation of our vibrant Portland communities. Our libraries give our children a place to gather, learn, and develop a life-long love of reading. They are a place where families can meet their neighbors and aid in developing a true sense of community. The library system in Multnomah county cuts down the cost of reading, entertainment, and research for already-stretched household budgets and ensures that all household have access to current information and literature.
295	7/23/2012	I believe that access to books and information is vital for an informed and involved public. The library is a community resource that helps build the community.
296	7/23/2012	community character enhanced
297	7/23/2012	Obviously police, fire and emergency services would take precedence, but the library is SO much more than just checking out book. I appreciate the convenience of my local library and you can't beat the price!
298	7/23/2012	Of all of the public services, the Library and Trimet are the two I use the most. If I couldn't use TriMet, I could drive my car (although I would hate that). If I didn't have regular access to the library, I absolutely could not afford to buy all of the resources I current get for free from the library.

299	7/23/2012	The library is a big part of why it is great to live in Multnomah county. I love the Everybody Reads program and the authors and speakers the library sponsors. I often can't afford the fee to attend other author events.
300	7/23/2012	There is always an amazing mix of people at the library, from all walks of life, who would not ordinarily be using the same resources. I think it really brings the community together in a way that no other public service does.
301	7/23/2012	Of the utmost importance, it provides services at a neighborhood level, and instills a sense of community that is rapidly decaying in our society.
302	7/23/2012	Center for community resources for wider community. [] Books & resources = education! Libraries support literacy which is an essential foundation block for a decent society. It is [] a place that supports and promotes thinking, sharing and imagination. []
303	7/23/2012	A library is also a community builder encouraging both young and old to access, share and enjoy, not only resources, but the company and ideas of others through programs, exhibits, meetings and classes. They are the keepers of our histories and the key to a better future.
304	7/23/2012	we need to be well informed to make better choices
305	7/23/2012	Reading and education are instrumental in developing a rich and happy life. Without libraries, we wouldn't have access to so many wonderful resources. Also, it's a great place to meet people in the neighborhood and feel connected to the place we live.
306	7/23/2012	The library is our lifeline.
307	7/23/2012	Equal access to education.
308	7/23/2012	we love to read
309	7/23/2012	Access to books, information and all the other services libraries provide for no fee to all in the community benefits everyone.
310	7/23/2012	I'm a writer and depend on the library for research materials I cannot afford to buy myself--hence my frequent use of ILL.
311	7/23/2012	Reading is important both for being informed and for pleasure.
312	7/23/2012	They are not only a learning center they bring a sense of community.
313	7/23/2012	Libraries offer free services, books, media to many people that could not otherwise afford these amenities.
314	7/23/2012	Anyone can access the resources and many of them are free or very low cost.
315	7/23/2012	I don't know what other public services to compare
316	7/23/2012	The ability to place a hold on almost any book I might think of reading, and have it delivered to a branch library, tagged with a little white slip with my name on it, is one of the most powerful tools I wield in my daily life. Seriously. It is practically a superpower.

317	7/23/2012	People gain knowledge and get information from libraries that they might not get anywhere else or have access to. Some people don't have access to computers or the internet and they need this for their school studies or adults might need this for their job searches. Some people with a limited budget simply use the library as their source for entertainment because you can check out books, movies, music, etc. for free. Libraries also usually have a community board that people can look at to see what's going on in their area that they might not otherwise have heard about. And there are often classes or events at libraries that cover a variety of topics and different age groups. I think libraries are a great asset to any community because they really serve their communities well and their patrons feel better connected to their own community as a result. Furthermore, libraries offer resources that help educate people and this leads to personal growth and independence and possibly less reliance on other public services.
318	7/23/2012	Access to knowledge, education, and relevant entertainment is essential to human growth and interaction.
319	7/23/2012	It is available to everybody regardless of income.
320	7/23/2012	Provides a community space and access to reading materials
321	7/23/2012	Because using the library is better than individual consumption of books. The library is a public resource that benefits all Portland citizens.
322	7/23/2012	it has become too expensive by trying to provide too many services beyond just books
323	7/23/2012	It's less important than water or roads, but it's important that there be easy access to material that isn't free on the internet - and access to the internet for those who can't afford their own connection.
324	7/23/2012	I have the resources to gain access to the print media in other ways, but I think libraries, and the access to information they provide is at the heart of an informed and educated public
325	7/23/2012	The library system is an important living example of society's ability to share resources. □ It exemplifies community sharing , use and reuse of goods, and a learning source. It is a continued sign of hope in an increasingly privatized world.
326	7/23/2012	As a retired person being able to check out books allows me to manage my disposable income better. I always bought books before but now just check them out. It is especially nice to be able to place holds on the desired books and media.
327	7/23/2012	They off many resources , important for students and children, access to computers...
328	7/23/2012	Because reading is a very important and necessary thing. So many people nowadays can hardly read. It's awful.
329	7/22/2012	access to knowledge

330	7/22/2012	WHAT other "public services"? this is the only one left. i can't afford a car, so roadwork doesn't apply. i don't have children, so school is out. i can't afford a bus pass, but Trimet could care less about people, and therefore don't count as a "public service". WHAT other services are there? the police?? they exist to extract money from everyone they come into contact with, or support the prison-industrial complex by ruining american citizens' lives and creating the LARGEST PRISON POPULATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. that is not a "service". the library is the barometer of a civilization's intellectual progress. the amerikan empire is doomed.
331	7/22/2012	Libraries contribute much to create a learned society. Without libraries and the programming and services they provide, society will (and continue) to slip behind other developed countries. The less we value schools and libraries, the more we can expect to decline. That is why I support the Multnomah county library system.
332	7/22/2012	In the library, everyone is equal and has equal access to information for entertainment, education, etc...
333	7/22/2012	We need educated, engaged citizenry to keep our democratic way of life. Libraries and schools are the most evident expression of the commitment to universal education.
334	7/22/2012	They are services I use the most and that dramatically increase my quality of life, especially for the cost!
335	7/22/2012	Because being well educated and well informed are fundamental to so many aspects of both private and public life.
336	7/22/2012	Somewhat important
337	7/22/2012	The library helps build community and is an excellent resource for all of us.
338	7/22/2012	The library serves anyone in the community who enters the door or uses the website.
339	7/22/2012	Libraries are my best and cheapest source for books and movies. I consider them critical to my sanity and quality of life.
340	7/22/2012	welfare is ruining my vision of the american dream.
341	7/22/2012	They'd be more important if there weren't a zillion other sources of books, or if private funding weren't a possibility.[] They'd be less important if I could think of many 'other local public services' that were much more important.
342	7/22/2012	Libraries are more than access to learning and life enrichment resources, but also a community gathering space. A place to share and learn together. It is usually the place on Portland that I in counter a higher level of diversity of people; something I crave more of in this city.
343	7/22/2012	I am a vibrant reader and I am almost always reading in my spare time. The library allows me easy access to reading materials that are free are pretty much unlimited.
344	7/22/2012	Our family uses them regularly and the resources of the library provide a valuable outreach to learning about the world and expanding the knowledge of all our family members.

345	7/22/2012	depending on what the definition of "public services" i'd say libraries are near the top. they aren't life saving, but they are life giving.
346	7/22/2012	Public library systems are a cornerstone of a civilized and democratic society.
347	7/22/2012	You haven't said WHAT local public services. Police, water/sewer, are essential for our city to survive. Please tell us what services you want us to rank.
348	7/22/2012	Because local libraries are not only a place for learning, but they are also there for people to have meetings, and to me that is very important.
349	7/22/2012	Access to knowledge and reading material. Also as a datasource for research.
350	7/22/2012	Because I use services often -- great resource.
351	7/22/2012	I happen to use them more than others - I'm inveterate reader. And I don't rely on other public resources as much.
352	7/22/2012	Because anybody can have access to the library and the services they provide, it's an equity issue.
353	7/22/2012	This is access to knowledge. for some the only way to access educational resources.
354	7/22/2012	I mainly use the library for the book lending. There really isn't much out there to compare it with.
355	7/22/2012	I love reading books, but we still need stores, not all of us grow food.
356	7/22/2012	The library is a pivotal icon for any municipality. To not fund or support the library would be detrimental to the health of the community. However, in modern times given modern people, why do we cling to old mentalities/methods? Most people work during the day, so why would the library be closed when most people are off work? If appealing to job seekers, don't we have public employment services available that are already staffed? Maybe I'm new to Portland politics (or maybe uninformed), but why is funding our library system such a complicated decision? Also, if budget is such an issue why isn't there a more publicized request for volunteers? Jobless folks get bored, and volunteer work looks good on a resume. What volunteer opportunities are available?
357	7/22/2012	People need to have a resource they can use - for job seeking and research. Not everyone has that access to a university library system.
358	7/22/2012	They support a community and provide free services that may be otherwise unavailable to people who may not be able to afford them.
359	7/22/2012	These are critical resources for everyone - access to reading material and computers is an essential resource in today's world
360	7/22/2012	Library services are over-reaching: a city of a half-million people does not need as many branches as we have, and the library is wasting much of its budget in trying to do what other institutions should be doing, for examples > job search assistance is the responsibility of Oregon Department of Employment, literacy programs are the responsibility of public education. Libraries are important, but it is more important to have good public health services, and good law enforcement services.
361	7/22/2012	they are necessary for the education needs

362	7/22/2012	They are spaces for rest, reading, and communication via computer technology. The only thing missing is Nature.
363	7/22/2012	DIY culture and the social and political climate of our nation point to unfulfilled needs of our citizens. My guess is that we grow tired of being consumers, and wish to move to a place of producers. Co-ops quickly becoming massively popular (even replacing old union structures) and are showing the populous' drive to be something more. What better cooperative tool is there that the library system for our people to study viable structures and models of success that can help American thrive--putting Portland, Oregon, in the nation's highest ranks?
364	7/22/2012	Public libraries are essential to make changes in one's life. We can learn new things, find new opportunities through this public service, and it betters all of us.
365	7/22/2012	I believe education and learning are keys to having productive adults. Children that enjoy learning become more productive members of society.
366	7/22/2012	Knowledge is the key to Everything!!
367	7/22/2012	Everyone should have access to books, media, and internet.
368	7/22/2012	I think that having books and media available to the community is foundational for our society. It's a rite of passage and incredibly important to society. It's where you can find other worlds and anything you need to know.
369	7/22/2012	The libraries are used by the young and old, free of charge. Everyone has access for its services.
370	7/22/2012	Reading is very important to us, and we can't afford to buy all the books we borrow from the library.
371	7/22/2012	Need other public services, especially safety
372	7/22/2012	i have 3 children who adore the library and i love enforcing their love of reading. the summer reading program is also a huge hit!
373	7/22/2012	Without the library most everyone would read less. Most people cannot afford to purchase books every time they want to read something. the library also connects people to their communities and creates a safe environment. Just being in the library make me feel happy!
374	7/22/2012	I live near the Central Library. I check out books, Cd's, go to programs, and just go to sit and read magazines.[] It is one of my favorite places in Portland.
375	7/22/2012	While I know that local public services are necessary and needed, they don't enrich my life and provide education or happiness on a daily basis.
376	7/22/2012	Reading is essential to my life. Free public Libraries are one of the key foundations of American Democracy.[] And unlike some other basic institutions in American the Libraries are untainted. They actually are open to all, and the services they provide are invaluable.
377	7/22/2012	They are a necessary and important element of an educated public. Having access to reading/resource materials, related literacy and learning activities, and a safe, welcoming community gathering place are a cornerstone to an engaged and well functioning community.

378	7/22/2012	We love our library and use the resources weekly. Its hard to say what is more important between emergency services, parks, schools or libraries.
379	7/22/2012	Resource and learning opportunities and information. It is a place to relax and enjoy periodicals and books that would otherwise be unavailable to me, to others in the community.
380	7/22/2012	The library is the heart of any community. It is the socio-economic equalizer between the most affluent and those of much lesser means. It provides such an important safe learning and being space for children, elderly, disabled, homeless, and other marginalized in our society.
381	7/22/2012	They keep kids educated and out of trouble, they are our future!
382	7/22/2012	I dont personally rely on many public services other than the local library system. There's no other resource in the community where you can find almost any book/periodical/media etc. Even the variety at the local bookstores doesn't compare to the extensive system of the public library where I can place a hold on a book that may not even be located in the state.
383	7/21/2012	Ready access to books means access to learning and access to culture. It promotes a thinking citizenry and offers self-improvement, enjoyment, entertainment and inspiration to everyone.
384	7/21/2012	I use them frequently, and refer many others to the library for the variety of services they offer.
385	7/21/2012	I don't really use other local public services, that I know of.
386	7/21/2012	Personally, I don't use the library that often. I do sometimes access the library for my job and the services are important to my clientele. But if the choice is shortened library hours or less police and firefighters, and more potholes in the roads, I'll choose less library.
387	7/21/2012	As a teacher I need access to as many resources as possible to provide an excellent education to my students.
388	7/21/2012	reference information and entertainment(reading) available at low/no cost is really important to have available.
389	7/21/2012	Education and access to media are essential to any society. Knowledge is freedom.
390	7/21/2012	Libraries are an important resource for my community. I want my children to know that reading is an important value in our community.
391	7/21/2012	Because I can learn a lot.
392	7/21/2012	level of civilization it give the people
393	7/21/2012	A well-informed citizenry is essential for democracy. The library provides us with resources and information we might not have access to or be able to afford otherwise. It also serves as a community hub and meeting place for a variety of educational purposes.
394	7/21/2012	Libraries are the backbone of our communities. They are the important adjunct to our education system, and help insure that education does not stop when a person leaves school. They help civilize us. They also serve as supporters of basic rights, like freedom of the press and freedom of expression, when many other factors in our society work actively to curtail these rights.

395	7/21/2012	Having easy, free access to books is extremely important. Reading programs encourage children to learn to like to read and to explore different topics. Going to the library was a scheduled, weekly activity growing up and it was also for my children.
396	7/21/2012	It is a safe, learning environment that meets the needs of many levels of society during these tough times.
397	7/21/2012	Knowledge is the one of the most important assets a person will acquire in a lifetime. It is something that you can never put a price on. It is something that continually increases and empowers people. No one can take away the knowledge that you have learned and they cannot limit how much you acquire. It is the only asset that will never lose its' value. Libraries are our best source for maintaining information of our past, present, and future.
398	7/21/2012	Multnomah County provides very important social services to the community and the Library is one service that can be used by all.
399	7/21/2012	Love Books & to read
400	7/21/2012	They are that level of importance to me because I think reading is slowly becoming a lost pastime, next to the e-readers, video games, Tv, iphones, and many other electronics.
401	7/21/2012	I love to read. Reading is important to and for my children. The libraries provide valuable programming and activities for youth. Fostering a love of reading is an important part of healthy child development and healthy communities.
402	7/21/2012	Libraries are one of the most used community services for people of all ages and income levels. Also the libraries contribute to the feeling of community for our town, and we take pride in having a great library.
403	7/21/2012	Libraries are very important to me and I feel they should be valued in our community.
404	7/21/2012	Because they provide the basic resources on which a society can build its culture and values. They are the power house for a healthy economic and social development. They furnish materials that help individuals to develop their talents, to explore and reach their potential. They are the source of knowledge and wisdom. Library services in any community are, therefore, of vital importance.
405	7/21/2012	For my needs and uses, the library is a critical component in the ways I experience written, visual and audio information and entertainment
406	7/21/2012	I cannot afford to buy every book or CD or DVD that I'd like to read/listen to/watch. Borrowing them from my library allows me to use those funds for food, rent and other necessities without forcing me into a cultural black hole.
407	7/21/2012	With access to knowledge and current events we all lose. I would also consider other public services just as important.
408	7/21/2012	The libraries offer so many useful resources to such a wide variety of people in need.

409	7/21/2012	I am a college student and access to a local library is invaluable to me. It is also saves me money and space because I can check out books instead of buying them and not clutter my small space with too many books. The ability to check out books also opens up a world for my children to explore through reading. Having library services available in my community is invaluable to me and my family.
410	7/21/2012	They provide an alternative for our children other than running the streets.
411	7/21/2012	The library is a vital resource used by everyone of every income level and ethnic and cultural background. It's the backbone of the community.
412	7/21/2012	It gives me and my family the opportunity to find a wide assortment of books. Also it is a great place for other resources.
413	7/21/2012	It's educational & easy to check books out that one cannot otherwise afford. Good experience for my daughter & quality time spent with my daughter
414	7/21/2012	education
415	7/21/2012	As a high school student I use the public library system for research materials, and in that respect I am fairly reliant on it. I also enjoy checking out materials for entertainment and personal edification.
416	7/21/2012	Providing free books and media to the public is a huge resource and it is currently underestimated.
417	7/21/2012	I read a lot.
418	7/21/2012	The staff are superlative. The resources offered are excellent. The library offers a superb service relative to its cost. What a treasure.
419	7/21/2012	It isn't that important to me directly, but indirectly I think it is important to everyone, even if you yourself never use the services. Because our state & our country's economic future depend on our people to be educated and we need to do a better job regarding education or we will no longer be the greatest country on earth! Unfortunately our youth today would rather play video games than go check out a book and read it. Access to information can be the most important service which our government provides to us. I think anyone in their right mind would agree with that statement.
420	7/21/2012	Because it's important for me to show my daughter the importance of reading, having good grammar, spelling and the like, that she gets from reading.
421	7/21/2012	I use them more often.
422	7/21/2012	Libraries are a service I use weekly. Fire, police, and roads would be also extremely important but, although they are absolutely needed for emergencies, I don't FEEL their benefit on a weekly basis.
423	7/21/2012	Libraries make it possible to read books and access materials that many could not afford to buy. It is sharing and leads to an appreciation. The programs for children are very important and I know of seniors who learned to use the computer because they attended classes at no charge at the library. I cannot imagine living in an area without access to a library.
424	7/21/2012	Because libraries offer such a wide range of information, teach you how to look for that information on your own, tangible books, and computer access to those without it at home.
425	7/20/2012	Free access to important information, education and technology.

426	7/20/2012	<p>I have special needs for the library and its services since they have computers, zerox and printers. It has been a convenient service since I cannot afford or have access to these service in my home.</p> <p>Multnomah County's library system is one of the most actively used in the nation; that tells me that it is a vital part of our community's health and well-being. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Is it MORE important than health services? nutrition services? education? personal safety? adequate housing?[]</p> <p>[]</p>
427	7/20/2012	<p>I understand when it comes to dividing up the financial pie the word 'compared' comes into the conversation, but I truly dislike the pitting of one aspect of societal health and quality of living against another. Access to information and education and resources is something that many people take for granted; the library offers this access to everyone, regardless of economic status. It is about the only public service that I can think of where this is the case. It is, in many ways, invaluable. It's a quieter service, not big and flashy and driven by crisis, so it may get overlooked. But I think on many levels it is vital. Thanks for asking.</p>
428	7/20/2012	<p>When I was in school I needed a place to go and sit and not be interrupted while doing homework. The central library was that for me.</p>
429	7/20/2012	<p>I LOVE and depend on renting books for free, and I have no access to electronic books and other usages. []</p> <p>And who doesn't LOVE a library, come on! :) Except maybe the really youger population who never learned to appreciate it.</p>
430	7/20/2012	<p>Because people need access to free books. Literacy/education is critical and yet we undervalue it tremendously. For kids, going to the library makes reading an important, fun activity that is always new and exciting. Kids look forward to it and they learn more because of the library.</p>
431	7/20/2012	<p>They ar free to use.</p>
432	7/20/2012	<p>It is important to me because I believe that everyone should have access to materials and resources that the library offers.</p>
433	7/20/2012	<p>I'm not saying the other public services aren't important, but it is crucial to maintain equal access to current information. The gap between the haves and the have nots will just widen further if the information at the library becomes outdated and only people with money have access to the most current information, resources, etc.</p>
434	7/20/2012	<p>I am especially fund of freegal</p>
435	7/20/2012	<p>Because I use the library often for school resources, it is very important to me when compared to other public services.</p>
436	7/20/2012	<p>no comment</p>
437	7/20/2012	<p>Reading is vital to all people and the communities they live in.</p>
438	7/20/2012	<p>Very important to me, but other social services are more critical to some families.</p>

439	7/20/2012	When it's economically hard time for the community, the library is a great resource!
440	7/20/2012	Because I can not afford to buy books but love to read. I also do not currently have access to a computer and/or the internet unless I am at the library.
441	7/20/2012	Because it is an extremely valuable resource that helps the community stay connected, learn, and share the value of having a library system that actually works.
442	7/20/2012	As with all public services, the manner in which the service is driven many times determines it value. The library is part of the infrastructure of this city. Is it more important than water, sewer, emergency services,lights, streets, shelter? No, these are life sustaining services.However, if we do not have the knowledge and education, it cannot be done. You cannot have one without the other...that double edged sword keeps swinging in.
443	7/20/2012	With cuts to school programs, it is especially important for parents to have resources available to support their children's education outside of the classroom. The library is the first place that comes to mind for most parents trying to support their child's learning. There are really no other resources that I am aware of that can offer anything comparable for children and families. The same is true for elderly folks who don't get out of their homes. The library offers a service that is free and reaches people of all socio-economic backgrounds who need information and entertainment. Many other public services have eligibility criteria that few meet.
444	7/20/2012	Don't know--if the library goes out of business and the private sector will take over and tax payer funding will be a non issue.
445	7/20/2012	There's lots of information available to us that would be more difficult to access on our own.
446	7/20/2012	I love the Multnomah Library system & I use it weekly
447	7/20/2012	For the additional resources they provide along side the very important social services that the county provides. They also keep our community deeply connected to each other as library usage does not seem to be socially stratified. Plus, this is a city of readers--it is part of what keeps us engaged in the community.
448	7/20/2012	They provide access to the infinite world of the written word and important resources for personal growth to all regardless of income level.
449	7/20/2012	A public library is the foundation of democracy. Without it, we are all on unequal footing. I've lived in countries where there are no public libraries and there just is no comparison. The public library serves all of us and not just those who can pay.
450	7/20/2012	01/10/2009
451	7/20/2012	Books enrich my life. I cannot imagine my life without easy access to such a vast selection available to browse.
452	7/20/2012	The library offers activities that are beneficial to everyone. It is a positive operation.
453	7/20/2012	The library is a wonderful resource accessible to all. Raising the literary/analytical level of the US population is key to keeping the US competitive in the world market.
454	7/20/2012	I listen to audiobooks daily on my commute.

455	7/20/2012	A vibrant public library is a place where community is created and strengthened. Children and adults from communities that are marginalized can have access to books, computers and other learning materials that would be out of reach their reach otherwise. Youth have a safer place to be and learn than out on the streets, and, sadly for some, in their own homes.
456	7/20/2012	All people should have access to books no matter what.
457	7/20/2012	A literate and educated society is of utmost importance. Everything else will fail if our intellect is put on the back burner.
458	7/20/2012	As a young girl, I visited the library almost every day and it was so instrumental in my educational journey. When I got my first library card (as soon as I could sign my name), I felt empowered and that doors were opened for me. There were so many subjects to study and discover and I was allowed to check out as many books as I could carry. I hope that other young people will continue to discover this vast, valuable resource.
459	7/20/2012	Libraries allow everyone access to information to educate and better themselves. Other programs are a waste of money.
460	7/20/2012	Access to books and education for everyone is important. Libraries make knowledge accessible and affordable to everyone, which is essential to society as a whole.
461	7/20/2012	I feel very strongly that the health and prosperity of a community depends largely on the resources dedicated to the public good. Libraries are a HUGE part of that considering they have something to offer every member of the community on a daily basis, unlike schools which attend to kid's needs or hospitals which one goes to when ill. Part of the reason I live in Portland is the sense of civic pride that is demonstrated through the gorgeous Central Library and the extensive efforts in community outreach.
462	7/20/2012	It is a great place for my family and I to find books, read them, and then if we decide we want to purchase that book, we can. It allows us to make an informed decision before a purchase. Or, simply borrow the book, and avoid a purchase. We read LOTS of books each year, so it saves us a lot of money each year. But I have paid for many books through fines, OOPS! I don't mind paying the fines, I know it helps fund the library. ☹ ☹ We love going to the library in a world where book stores are few and far between, or are only in big box stores, which we aren't interested in supporting. I love being surrounded by books!
463	7/20/2012	I think it is important for everyone to have access to knowledge and the ability to improve their understanding of the world. The library is a great place to do that, and is open to all.
464	7/20/2012	Local library services provide the intellectual infrastructure for our community. Without access to ideas and a center where ideas are valued... celebrated, we place our civil society in jeopardy.
465	7/20/2012	Libraries are the basis of knowledge needed for most activities humans engage in.
466	7/20/2012	My family and I are very regular users.

467	7/20/2012	They are important to many, such as those without computers using the library to find employment. Libraries, however, are not as important as public safety services such as fire and especially police here in Portland. □ We use it mainly to get books to read and appreciate the fact that we can order any book on-line at home, from any library in the system, and pick it up at our local (Midland) library. It saves us a lot of time and gas money.
468	7/20/2012	Very Very Important.
469	7/20/2012	I think learning is a key to a successful life and healthy communities. At the library, I can learn anything I want for free (except for the taxes we pay). We use the library website or our local branch many times a week, and using library resources, I have successfully completed two Bachelor's degrees, taught myself skills that have helped our small business be successful, prepared myself for having kids, and learned a lot of fun household hobbies and skills. Not to mention all the movies we watch from the library- saves on Netflix fees. We love the library!
470	7/20/2012	Yes, public library is likewise a grocery store. The different is the grocery store to supply foods for physical needs while the library supplies "soul/mind/mental needs" on daily basis, and this should need connected to physical needs on daily basis.□ □
471	7/20/2012	Hoping this could be understood. Thanks. Library services that I use are not available elsewhere
472	7/20/2012	My budget doesn't allow me to buy books or other media. I think a lot of people are in the same situation. I think the library has shown excellent judgment about what information the community needs, including children and job-seekers. In this continuing recession, I think these services offer a good value to taxpayers. I think continued funding for robust libraries tells the community that Portland highly values literacy and education for all.
473	7/20/2012	Information and safe public gathering places are essential to a healthy democracy.
474	7/20/2012	Very important as I use the library check out services regularly.
475	7/20/2012	free access to leisure activities
476	7/20/2012	We need them for our society to learn and grow
477	7/20/2012	Because they bring knowledge and education to the masses. Whatever level - whether one is just learning to read or learning a new language or searching for a job or needing to use a computer which is all too important in today's society or just reading for pleasure. Lifetime learning is such an important thing and libraries provide that for free!
478	7/20/2012	A genuine community service that does not discriminate. Anyone has equal access regardless of financial or social standing. A truly American institution.

479	7/20/2012	Our family uses the library for books, movies & TV shows. We don't pay for cable or other TV. In fact, we don't even watch live TV. We love our library system. All six of us (two adults, four children) participate in summer reading. □ One other item: do not equate computer filters with censorship. It's not the same thing at all. I don't like it that my library dollars pay for on-line access to porn.
480	7/20/2012	Its free and safe
481	7/20/2012	Reading is that important to me
482	7/20/2012	not for me personally but for those seeking access to internet for job seeking and electronic media. Developing literacy in children has long range and significant benefit. I do appreciate the ability to borrow books that I can peruse before choosing which to read.
483	7/20/2012	We have a certain level of comfort knowing library services are available but would be more than willing to forego them to have clean rest rooms and reading rooms , free access to a chair when needed and not to feel intimidated when using the libraries.
484	7/20/2012	I'm a voracious reader, and I couldn't possibly afford to buy the number of books I read.
485	7/20/2012	I like books and cds and dvds and public spaces like the library.
486	7/20/2012	I have a limited income and the library provides entertainment.
487	7/20/2012	The libraries are important, but we have limited funds and need police, fire, and roads.
488	7/20/2012	The reason for the importance of the library system is I've been volunteering for nine years now and I can read,watch and listen for free.
489	7/20/2012	Following public safety and welfare in importance, library is key resource for all ages, all walks of life.
490	7/20/2012	I guess simply because the library brings access to all peoples of socioeconomic classes to reading & literacy, something that in other countries is only for certain classes. Without literacy we'd be really worse off as a nation.
491	7/20/2012	I think the library is essential to the heart and mind of our whole community.
492	7/20/2012	Education, community involvement, and books available for free Without access to information and learning, □ how are we to improve our evolution as a species? □
493	7/20/2012	We must share our resources and the library is □ perhaps the single most obvious way to do that.
494	7/20/2012	I was a Depression baby. The public library provided me with resources far beyond what my family could afford and gave me a broad perspective on the world. On my father's side of the family, I was the first to complete college and earn an advanced degree.
495	7/20/2012	Community and literacy!!!!

496	7/20/2012	Libraries provide several services that are especially important for low-income citizens, such as internet and computer printer access. As other services are cut, the library becomes more important as a social safety net. For example, as funding for schools is cut and schools must forego non-essential purchases like library books, children turn to the public library for access to the resources necessary for education. Students who don't have home computers or whose parents cannot afford internet access can rely on the libraries for at least limited access to the internet and basic word processing even when the school day is over.
497	7/20/2012	I have two kids and we utilize the children's programs weekly. I have met a lot of friends through the programs and that has helped me as a new mom. The programs have introduced my kids to lots of books and songs, which has been wonderful. And I am an avid reader, and can't imagine not being able to use the library to get my books! I love the library!!
498	7/20/2012	Because the programs that a library can offer kids as well as adults can't be found elsewhere. Or not in nearly such a nice, convenient place.
499	7/20/2012	Most services just take care of physical safety and health. The library provides the knowledge for that and for everything else as well.
500	7/20/2012	The summer reading program for school children is a great motivator.
501	7/20/2012	I cannot afford to buy all the books I would like to read
502	7/20/2012	Because not all have well assistance but some do
503	7/20/2012	I need help researching and I NEED books
504	7/20/2012	They allow access to huge amounts of information and culture.
505	7/20/2012	Libraries are a valuable resource for research.
506	7/20/2012	Access to information enables better use of all public services.
507	7/20/2012	Libraries provide important resources to all people. Not just reading materials but classes and support and other resource tools. They do not discriminate based on any -isms, the library acts the same for everyone. And we ALL benefit from a working library system.
508	7/20/2012	Utilities are very important
509	7/20/2012	Because a free, well-stocked public library is at the heart of protecting what's left of our fragile democracy. The library is the one place today where people could learn how to become fully participating citizens.
510	7/20/2012	Reading and literacy is key to success in school. Computer access is vital for low income patrons/youth who may not have adequate or any computer access at home.
511	7/20/2012	Personally the library is a part of my every day life. It is one of my favorite errands to run, I use the library for my work and for pleasure. The employees are always so excellent and kind, I love and use the website. The library adds a lot to my quality of life and I can't imagine not having it as a resource.
512	7/20/2012	very important

513	7/20/2012	I utilized the resources daily whether it be using the computer or checking out material. I enjoy going to find a book to read or use the computer. It is also helps my elderly father up to date with senior resources.
514	7/20/2012	education, availability of information and resources
515	7/20/2012	THE LIBRARY SERVES SUCH A DIVERSE POPULATION; LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES REACH PEOPLE FROM BIRTH TO THEIR OLDER AGE.
516	7/20/2012	Access to public transportation and social services trump books on the grand social scale.
517	7/20/2012	I like reading
518	7/20/2012	I believe we need to ensure that everyone can have access to information via the Internet and have free materials available to them via books and other media.
519	7/20/2012	Libraries provide access to services and information that may be out of reach for many families, especially low income and English language learners. Libraries provide access to education materials, opportunities (story times, classes, etc), and services to support early childhood learning, learning in schools, and adult education. Libraries are also important cultural and community centers; they bring together members of the local community and foster understanding, acceptance, and celebration of all the different cultures in the community. Libraries were my life line when I was a young mother with two small children. Not only did they provide the above, but they also gave me a safe place to take my children where they could have fun and be around other children and I could be around other adults. I often recommend story time at the library for families who want their children to spend more time with other kids but can't afford daycare or preschool programs and for moms who are feeling isolated by parenthood and child rearing. Libraries fill a critical need for members of the community who are seeking support in more ways than literacy services.
520	7/20/2012	Each is important to someone out there so this is hard to answer. I'm fortunate that I don't have to utilize a lot of public services, but they ought to be there those that need them.
521	7/20/2012	this is the most democratic of institutions. all my life, the place and the service has been important. Reading is the key to responsible adulthood and occasionally comfort and joy.
522	7/20/2012	we use the library very frequently
523	7/19/2012	They aren't a basic needs or safety service, but provide tremendous value to the community.
524	7/19/2012	I use the library all the time. I check out books, CD's and videos both movie and TV and go online for value line. I use the freeze system all the time. It makes my checkouts more effecient. I don't need to checkout everything at once which allows other library users to use the info quicker. I would like to see the amount of freeze items raised from it's current 15.

525	7/19/2012	The importance of literacy and reading cannot be overstated, especially in these increasingly complex times, nor can the importance of books themselves in their comparative accessibility to the poor, the young, the elderly, those in outlying areas, and those without computer access (the majority of the planet's population) in our increasingly technological world. The reading and accessibility programs for young people, the elderly, the disabled, the illiterate, and those learning ESL are incredibly important in bridging the gaps of access to information and resources that exist in our modern society, and exemplify the best parts in our remaining humanity.
526	7/19/2012	Because the library is a cornerstone of democracy; the true enabler of an informed citizenry, without which public institutions either wither or become self-serving bureaucracies.
527	7/19/2012	The library is an important resource for the community for learning. Reading is important, fun and opens up all kinds of possibilities.
528	7/19/2012	Because knowledge is critical.
529	7/19/2012	the buildings are accessible for everyone. the staff serves everyone. they are the 1st line resource whenever I want to know something. They help me keep my brain active and interested. there is never enough time to read all there is to read. Above all they encourage and promote reading for everyone. I don't believe that the printed word will disappear that all will be electronic. To hold a book is soul soothing.
530	7/19/2012	Learning/reading is a good outlet for the community
531	7/19/2012	I do think it's very important, really, but I don't know if the Library is going in the right direction. I personally didn't care for this passing of the levy and then deciding to close the day. It seemed deceptive on the public. Also, I get tired of going to that Downtown Library-which is not utilized nearly as well as it used to be and finding it be kind of a zoo and the employees not really doing much of anything. If that's what's happening, it makes no difference if it's open 7 days to me. It can stay closed.
532	7/19/2012	The library levels the playing field across socio-economic classes. It provides books, computers and internet access to those who cannot otherwise afford it. It benefits the young and old. It is a vital resource to the health of our community.
533	7/19/2012	aside from entertainment the libraries provide various materials (books, internet access). if one chooses to study/learn a subject outside of a school setting they can easily do so.
534	7/19/2012	If you could list other similarly funded public services, this question might be more useful to me. As a Multnomah County resident, I highly value my library and the services it provides. I believe in the grand scheme of things, our priorities should go to supporting education (libraries are part of that), our safety, and our general well being (parks, accessible transport.)
535	7/19/2012	The library is our first go to point for all sorts of information. Would find accessing other public services more difficult without the library. Customer service actually exists at the library, which is not always the case elsewhere.
536	7/19/2012	I use it and many, many others do who need the resources.

537	7/19/2012	Our freedom depends on it.
538	7/19/2012	at this time, it is the main 'local public service' I use the most
539	7/19/2012	Reading and learning are a big part of my life.
540	7/19/2012	Libraries allow folks access to knowledge and resources that might otherwise be unavailable to them.
541	7/19/2012	Because the library is accessible to everyone! Regardless of income, race, disability, etc. We all can save money using the library and supporting the system.
542	7/19/2012	I read avidly, and MultCoLib is absolutely the best library system that I have ever used, including Brooklyn Public, which is huge. I never stop being amazed at what this system has to offer.
543	7/19/2012	libraries contribute to the quality of life by making books and resources available to the public.
544	7/19/2012	To keep the populace informed and literate regardless of income.
545	7/19/2012	helps me with the resources to aid everything I do
546	7/19/2012	Libraries are a source of information and education. People tend to miss opportunities and make poor decisions and judgements when uninformed. Libraries fill gaps in other public services. It really makes for a healthy society, it is a very basic social service that will always be of more value to people in society that actually need it the most and can make huge impacts to any person in improving their life and chances of succeeding in society. []
547	7/19/2012	[] It is at least as important as education in general, because it makes the resources available to all levels of society who are eager to learn and who are actually willing to come seek out/up the information. If we don't help young children get familiar with books and information and learning, then the actual school system will have much more trouble delivering formal education. They provide FREE access to knowledge and information. To me this is on par with access to good education for all people. I also consider the librarians and employees to be an important resource as they can be the gateway to accessing the information, that is, you may not be able to find what you are looking for, but they usually know how to get it.
548	7/19/2012	I enjoy reading and love to be able to read new books without having to buy them. Reading is one of my favourite hobbies and I usually have 3-4 books checked out at a time. Gregory Heights Library is within walking distance of my house and I usually go there to pick up or drop off books at least once a week.
549	7/19/2012	
550	7/19/2012	Health care and planned parenthood more important, as well as social care for mentally challenged.[] Criminal rehabilitation also more important.
551	7/19/2012	The value they have to serve job seekers, homeless and others who need a connection center.
552	7/19/2012	It is a great opportunity for children, teachers, parents, students, and everyone in a community to read books at no cost to them. Libraries promote great academic habits.
553	7/19/2012	reading is my life

554	7/19/2012	If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.[] How would I rank library services vis a vis police or fire or road repair or the military or teachers or bridges or housing inspectors or accurate voting machines? All VERY important.
555	7/19/2012	An educated public is important to a democratic society. Access for all is needed, even for those without money.
556	7/19/2012	I believe that libraries fall within the basic tenants of the community, which would include safety, infrastructure and education. Libraries augment our schools and universities in educating the public for the overall good of the community.
557	7/19/2012	VERY. It helps me in research, and saves me so much money and as I'm a low income educator... it helps sustain me fiscally, spiritually and mentally.
558	7/19/2012	The library adds to my education on a daily basis, and is a continuing education program of the highest caliber.
559	7/19/2012	Local libraries are the last-ditch avenue for free self-education, among other things. An ignorant population is an enslaved population.
560	7/19/2012	Libraries offer equal access to all comers-no racial, sexual orientation, immigration, gender, or other bias. It is truly a public institution.
561	7/19/2012	I use the library to gain information.
562	7/19/2012	Libraries expand our society's knowledge base, often in unexpected and unlooked for ways. In this digital age, with tailored ads based on previous search histories, and with a visual barrage of consumer products 24/7, there are a handful of spaces that allow for the gentle absorption of knowledge. First, and foremost of these spaces are our libraries. They are often the first place a child is allowed to explore alone, before the city park. They include members of our community that may feel at odds elsewhere. They provide safe spaces to gather. Free Public Libraries are frankly one of the pillars of American Democracy, and without them, we'd rapidly crumble into corporate owned city-states.
563	7/19/2012	The libraries here are a wonderful shared resource
564	7/19/2012	It is a place for ALL to frequent.
565	7/19/2012	For the reason that I am retired and need to maintain contact with the world in a manner which is independent of commercial advertisement.
566	7/19/2012	This is a community resource for all people, those who live there, those visiting, children, jobseekers, seniors etc. You can get answers to almost any question at the library (from friendly faces) or be pointed to where you might find the answer of your question. It is much more than just a place to find books. I have lived in countries without public libraries and it is amazing what a loss that is. I think we tend to take them for granted when we have always had them around, but they are a terrific resource and a way to conserve resources by providing information at your finger tips that can be shared by all regardless of income. It is a key part of any community. I think librarians are some of the greatest people around (and i am not a librarian nor is there one in my family).

567	7/19/2012	Because I read a lot ,
568	7/19/2012	Walking to the library, and sharing the treasures I found there with my grandmother on my way home, got me through the gawky years. In an era when many families are struggling financially, both parents work full-time and schools are failing, access to books, computers and people who want to share their love of reading is even more important. If you can't read, your access to jobs, travel, history and financial independence, etc. is limited, or eliminated.
569	7/19/2012	Basic library services are important. The additional services and programs are not important to me and therefore a waste of my tax dollars.
570	7/19/2012	The library provides many important services and even though I don't use the library for anything other than checking out materials, these services are critically valuable for those who do use/need them. The library is a source of information, knowledge, access and community to multiple diverse groups unavailable any other way.
571	7/19/2012	Education is they key to our children's future, as well as keeping our brains from atrophying. The internet cannot replace the books and services available through our libraries.
572	7/19/2012	I find it difficult to utilize my library to its fullest potential due to my work and home life. We have a lot of media already in my home, and I don't have much time to read for pleasure. My kids also go to a daycare that has a very broad library. Also, when I do check out books, they most times dont get read and I return them before we read them.
573	7/19/2012	knowledge is the key.
574	7/19/2012	An informed community is at least as important to a decent quality of life as police and fire protection. Public libraries are critical to assuring that information is available to adults, and a critical adjunct to the schools. In short, we cannot have a healthy, working democracy without the public library system. There are too many ways that the other means of information distribution can be gamed by special interests.[] For me specifically, the Library gives me access to entire realms of knowledge that I would otherwise never encounter.
575	7/19/2012	My daughter looks forward to going to the library every month to check out a stack of new books. She loves to read.
576	7/19/2012	I don't want to live in a community without good libraries - this is a very good indicator of community health
577	7/19/2012	As a senior citizen living on a small fixed income, I rely on the public library mainly for books to read. I cannot afford to buy books, but I do enjoy reading. As a "card-carrying"-Luddite, reading is an important home activity for me, because television, videos, and "on-line streaming" simply are not for me. Thank you for continuing to offer such a wide variety of reading materials.
578	7/19/2012	It's valuable to be able to go somewhere and borrow a book that you don't have to buy, or do research and get help from the librarian, and see books you might not otherwise find.

579	7/19/2012	Like everyone else I am selfish. At least I can admit the truth! I read an average of 90 books a year and can't afford to buy them. It is very hard to find good content at the library as I have burned through so many authors. The quality of my life would be ruined without literature. Any change at the library has a direct effect on my life.
580	7/19/2012	Education and reading is very valued in our family. Reading books and having access to gaining knowledge is how we better ourselves.
581	7/19/2012	Everyone benefits with libraries, not just one group of people.
582	7/19/2012	My daughter and I have access to material that we cannot afford to buy and store. I have a place to focus on my education when I need a quiet space. I've learned so much over my lifetime just by having access to libraries. These are crucial needs in a community. They need to be recognized as such.
583	7/19/2012	Crucially important. As a zinester and a researcher of the Chinook language, the Central Library is the only resource for Chinook Jargon in the entire Pacific Northwest that does not require long periods of travel to say, a place like Seattle or Vancouver.
584	7/19/2012	fire and police are more important
585	7/19/2012	Very important. It is a free source of knowledge and place for community.
586	7/19/2012	A community needs access to information regardless of income. The library is the great equalizer and the key to citizen self improvement.
587	7/19/2012	the library is a fun place to go and get books to read.
588	7/19/2012	It is at the of our civilization.
589	7/19/2012	Everyone, regardless of income, should have access to information. Libraries grant that access to all.
590	7/19/2012	Libraries are a community center. During tough economic times, they are a resource for job seekers- and also a necessity for those without personal Internet access who would otherwise be unable to get a food handlers card, apply for work, or take care of personal business that requires Internet. Books and media are wonderful, but the classes and programs offered by the library fill a huge need that other social services don't meet.
591	7/19/2012	equal access most of all, as too many lower-income kids and families don't have access at home to computers/internet, Netflix, purchased books; preserving and promoting a wide range of viewpoints, since internet searching that people think is so great actually narrows the range of information to which they are exposed; learning to read early changed my life dramatically, so getting kids to read well is unbelievably important; shared sense of purpose as a community and shared ownership of the library resources; many schools (public and private/charter) are unable to provide good in-school libraries, so the county library system is necessary for student success;
592	7/19/2012	Access to books and educational materials I otherwise would not be exposed to. I hear or read of a book of interest and can check it out to see if I want to own it. I also find the ebooks very useful.

593	7/19/2012	As a historian who is not affiliated with an academic institution, the public library is the most vital tool in my professional work. (It also doesn't hurt that the public library's staff is vastly more friendly than that of the Oregon Historical Society.)
594	7/19/2012	less important than say, the fire department. More important than tree planting. Libraries foster a literate and informed civil society, and provide a place for people of all ages to share experiences and interact--in our increasingly isolated, tv dependent culture, these experiences are important.
595	7/19/2012	Can be used rain or shine. Vast scope of resources. Knowledge is so vital to a society.
596	7/19/2012	Because residents have access to information for free at their neighborhood library.
597	7/19/2012	The library greatly influenced me as a kid. It allowed me to develop my passion for reading/education. I've also seen the impact it's had on people who are immigrants/learning english. It can change lives.
598	7/19/2012	I feel access to the type of resources the library offers is essential in a system that has an uneven playing field. The library shares a wide variety of resources that do not simply assist the already advantaged in our society.
599	7/19/2012	Libraries offer an opportunity for people to access information and entertainment that otherwise may not have the opportunity. It gives people a chance to educate themselves or their families, which helps the whole community.
600	7/19/2012	I use the library a lot - reading is a big part of my life, and being able to borrow books is very important to me. It provides a daily service, unlike other local public services.
601	7/19/2012	Access to knowledge affects our whole community. The library is somewhere anyone can go no matter what their income to learn.
602	7/19/2012	The library is the only public service I use. I have a toddler son and I work outside the home so the ability to hold books online is convenient and being able to stop by after work or on Saturdays to check out books is ideal. I have also taken advantage of the free childrens books, one of which is my child's favorite. My husband and I are avid readers and I like the free services of the library so I can surround my son with books and influence a growing love of reading.
603	7/19/2012	It's one "free" and widely, easily accessible avenue to literacy. It levels the playing field for rich and poor.
604	7/19/2012	learning, education, enjoyment, community connections -- these will always be priority for me.
605	7/19/2012	I value reading and literacy very highly
606	7/19/2012	I have a toddler and use the library a lot. I go to story time every week and feel that the program has really benefitted my daughter and improved her verbal skills.
607	7/19/2012	It is very important for everyone to have access to literacy and learning.
608	7/19/2012	It is my prior resource to research and community even if I don't interact with folks there. (If that makes sense.)

		The library provides so many important resources that everyone can use. These services are provided free of charge to anyone that holds a library card. These services help a lot of people out every day, no matter what their financial status is. []
609	7/19/2012	[] When money is short, it is good to know that you can go to a library and get a book. That book may provide an escape to a mythical land, further education, a new recipes to cook, or new crafts to be created. It is amazing what a book can do.
610	7/19/2012	If a person can read, opportunities become available. Personal growth, education, resources. A public library provides that to all consmers at no cost to user. Other public services require qualifying for use, ie, low income or under 18.
611	7/19/2012	I love to read. For people without home computer access, it's vital. It's also one of the few community spaces available and used by wide cross sections of Multnomah County.
612	7/19/2012	We use other public services such as parks and rec as often as the library.
613	7/19/2012	when homebound or blind it is good to have books on tape to "read" books. it is needed for seniors to feel that they are not cut off from the community
614	7/19/2012	I have young kids and love to read and learn, and I want to impart this onto my children. Books need to be revered and available for discovery to all. Libraries are also centers for our neighborhoods and communities.
615	7/19/2012	I'm not sure what other local services I'm being asked to compare it to. But overall, I think the library services are vital for the community.
616	7/19/2012	An educated and informed community is key to the happiness and wellbeing of our city.
617	7/19/2012	Without the basic services provided by city & county I would have neither the time or leisure to make use of the library. I would certainly put the library ahead of the dogcatcher though.
618	7/19/2012	I believe every community requires a good library to encourage reading, knowledge and community involvement.
619	7/19/2012	Access to information is vital to education and knowledge!!!!!!
620	7/19/2012	Everywhere I have lived the library is one of the first places I go. It is a part of my life for information and books. The internet access provided as well as the internet access to the library itself is important.
621	7/19/2012	Public libraries have been the source of continuing education, information, entertainment for over 80 years of my life. Everyone should have that opportunity and the familiarity to enjoy it.
622	7/19/2012	Great resource for books and educational materials.
623	7/19/2012	because library resources benefit children, seniors, & low income adults
624	7/19/2012	Library provides free access to internet, friendly environment to read books, useful materials for my study, and even volunteer work opportunities.
625	7/19/2012	free education for an informed citizenry

626	7/19/2012	Reading level and opportunity to engage with all forms of media determine overall literacy of our society
627	7/19/2012	Because they give all parts of the city access to library resources.
628	7/19/2012	I read a lot. Being able to get books without a seperate fee is important to me. I have used the library since was was a child.
629	7/19/2012	I'm a writer and sometimes rely on libraries for research purposes.
630	7/19/2012	no internet at home
631	7/19/2012	They are not among the most important things because they are not necessary for my survival, but they are pretty important because they offer information to the community who may not have any other place to gain that information. And keeping the community informed is crucial to the communities success.
632	7/19/2012	very. one of the foundations of a community
633	7/18/2012	easily accessible to all
634	7/18/2012	Education and access to educational materials is very important for a healthy society.
635	7/18/2012	Available education to those who seek it but may not be able to access it freely.
636	7/18/2012	Public safety is probably the most important service that government provides. The beauty of the public library is that it offers the same level of information and service to all, regardless of income. Education is the answer to all problems; the library is a part of that process.
637	7/18/2012	Libraries are now asked to fill more gaps than ever - programming that schools have cut, programming and services for a growing senior population, services and programming for unemployed, etc. The need is great, and the services are many - not just checking out books anymore.
638	7/18/2012	access to information that is free and widely available to all of the public, not just the privileged.
639	7/18/2012	High
640	7/18/2012	The library gives me and my daughter access to the whole world through books.
641	7/18/2012	I see fire and police more important as safety issues, while libraries are important. The internet makes libraries a bit less relevant but still a huge help for the lower income and middle class families.
642	7/18/2012	Libraries are a public health issue. They are a public necessity. Food, shelter, and then libraries - and frankly libraries can teach us a thing or two about food and shelter (so they could actually be first in line). [] Libraries provide an incredible sense of security to people. And a progressive people - a health community is one that has access to this kind of security. When you're basics like libraries are met, it allows people to go on and do great things, it inspires people to give back. have you ever seen a sad person leaving with an armful of books at the checkout counter? This kind of happiness... is rare. Public happiness, we should consider the value of this, it may be priceless.

643	7/18/2012	Having free access to print, computer, and internet resources is of varying importance for people in different economic and professional groups. The advent of affordable information technologies in our homes has decreased the necessity for library services for many people, but have not eliminated the need for library services in our society completely. Not all people use libraries anymore, but those who do use them still rely greatly on them for access to materials and resources.
644	7/18/2012	They are extremely important to me. My family uses the library as a place to get reliable information from professionals. The library is an activity, an opportunity to learn, an opportunity to meet new people, a place to share and heal and grow.
645	7/18/2012	I love to get books, we need to have access to the internet
646	7/18/2012	They provide a free service to all.
647	7/18/2012	The library provides education via books and materials that are unaffordable to most of the population. Without a library, a community suffers in many ways. One only has to see how much the Multnomah county library is used to understand how vital this resource is to people. Reading electronically via the internet has been shown to lower retention and be unhealthy for the body.
648	7/18/2012	Libraries provide incomparable resources for everyone - regardless of education or financial station. Their programs also provide invaluable education and instruction for those both young and old.
649	7/18/2012	Our family has depended on the library over the years for free social outlet for our children and us as parents, for computer access (we have no computer at home), and for book and media entertainment/education resources. It has been our main link to the community since moving here 7 years ago.
650	7/18/2012	I use it for reading material and research.
651	7/18/2012	Very well. There is always a multitude of activity occurring. I use it for a number of purposes: work, educational books for myself and my kids, reference material, wireless capability, recreational books. Open 7 days a week is important to me.
652	7/18/2012	I use them all the time.
653	7/18/2012	They are a city service that is part of our education and cultural fabric, secondary only to schools and key infrastructure issues such as fire, police, roads.
654	7/18/2012	I just graduated from PSU and so won't be able to check out books from the college library anymore. This means I'm going to become more dependent upon the public library. It worries me to think that as I'm making this transition that the library may be limited in hours open and resources.
655	7/18/2012	All people can use library services regardless of income level, education, and language

		See my answer above. ☐ ☐
656	7/18/2012	It seems to me that ALL the employees in all the branches are amazingly patient, someone always has time to help with an endless variety of questions and requests for help, and the occasionally inappropriate patrons' behaviors are handled quietly with amazing tact and courtesy. These people are to be commended! Maybe the Oregonian nor more likely, neighborhood newspapers could be persuaded to run a regular profile of "library person/event of the week in a more prominent position.
657	7/18/2012	Its an extremely important, invaluable resource for all people, especially those with little or no income. Its important for our communities, and civilization really, to have free access to books and media of all types to encourage reading, and to further the development of our minds, cultures, and understanding of our world and each other. We need to fight the dumbing down of American culture!
658	7/18/2012	Because it provides diverse resources on site and is a place to go. The feeling of a learning institution has always beer a very secure setting for me, Schools give me that same sense of anything is possible...hope I guess.
659	7/18/2012	Access to books and varied materials to me is a measure of a thoughtful, progressive community and an important reason I chose to move to Portland.
660	7/18/2012	The access the library affords are of great importance.
661	7/18/2012	I was able to get my BFA (through a low-residency program, which means no campus and no library) without having to purchase a ton of books thanks to the Multnomah County Library. I'm also half-way through my MFA at another low-residency program and combined, I've had to purchase fewer than 10 books! That's for 5 years worth of reading-intensive education! Without MCL, I'm not sure how I would have been able to do the readings I needed to do.
662	7/18/2012	Libraries are important because they give access to a wide variety of reading materials especially for those who cannot afford it. Reading is a critical component of education, which is usually critical to personal financial health and independence. I have learned almost everything I know from books, and my education has served me very well (I have a PhD). It is distressing to see elementary students spending time reading silently in the classroom, rather than being taught something, simply because too many students do not read to themselves at home.
663	7/18/2012	These services meet needs in a local convenient speedy manner that could take longer when trying to access resources in another avenue. I enjoy bringing my child here all the time.
664	7/18/2012	providing free public access to information, education, entertainment, and resources is of huge value to a democratic community

665	7/18/2012	The library is an awesome source for all kinds of media and research. I like to check out music mostly in the most recent years. Sometimes it is better to read the written word in a book on paper rather than on line or on a reader device. I love the library. I never linger at the library to do my reading like some. But I like that patrons can stay at the library and do that as well. Did I say that I love the library? I really do.
666	7/18/2012	I love our library system, it works extremely well. I love logging on to search and get a book sent to my local branch. Thank you so much for this wonderful resource!
667	7/18/2012	The online resources are just wonderful. My husband is bedridden, he is able to do research by using the library website. The historical Oregonian and other newspapers online are a wonderful tool for every thing we need.
668	7/18/2012	Because we all use them every day for entertainment, business, education, leisure and we also meet people there and interact.
669	7/18/2012	not as important as services relating to, for example, safety, but still very important.
670	7/18/2012	With school funding decreased, there should be other ways for children to enhance their academic learning and literacy
671	7/18/2012	Because people need a quiet place to relax and the library is the best place
672	7/18/2012	reading opens the door to everything
673	7/18/2012	THE LIBRARY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE , IT IS MY SOURCE FOR INFORMATION , KNOWLEDGE AND INSPIRATION.
674	7/18/2012	Reading fiction & nonfiction as a way of understanding the world is central to my life.
675	7/18/2012	Society is stronger when they have full access to information unfettered by government
676	7/18/2012	Education is so important and reading is such a vital part of learning. I can't imagine not having the written word in our lives. We must protect this. Thank-you for caring and asking..I raised my children taking them weekly to the library. I love the library..
677	7/18/2012	because access for all is important to maintain
678	7/18/2012	I could never afford to purchase the books I check out from the Library. Very convenient online services allows me to research books, place holds, etc. Saves me time from shopping book stores.
679	7/18/2012	It is a place where the whole family can go and be together. It helps with homeschooling and since it is open on the weekends, it is really convenient for working parents.
680	7/18/2012	While I have access elsewhere to information and materials I might find at the library, I have no other options for services such as water and sewer, road repair, police and fire protection.
681	7/18/2012	High priority
682	7/18/2012	We need more education dollars, roads fixed and sidewalks and bike trails. We also need to fund higher education so tuition don't sky rocket!
683	7/18/2012	There are other sources for information and entertainment for our household.

684	7/18/2012	I want my kids to learn how to use a library, to enjoy a library. They are an outlet for so much entertainment and joy. I want them to be life long readers.
685	7/18/2012	The library has always been a neutral place for our citizens to gather to learn about, question, and come to appreciate the knowledge base crucial to a free State. Over thirty years ago I was asked to give a speech in New York on the library of the future and the one aspect I had not imagined was the social and political consequences of an unsustainable and "free" market system that has left our citizens poor, powerless, and anything but prosperous. Externalizing the risk and costs of often legal, but immoral actions to our people, and at the cost of massive environmental degradation around the world, continues as Corporations with the aid of governments now seek extreme energy resources most of which are in the territories of indigenous peoples, their and our last stand. The library system is part of a fraying fabric of interconnected people and institutions that need to really grasp the significance of sustainability and its message of seven generations and become advocates and activists.
686	7/18/2012	They have a large impact on the quality of my family's day to day life.
687	7/18/2012	Because at every stage of life, libraries are needed. They are a resource for everyone, especially the under represented.
688	7/18/2012	Local libraries are important because they not only show our children that we value knowledge but an informed society is essential to a democratic society.
689	7/18/2012	Access to information
690	7/18/2012	We are a family of readers. Without a library we could not afford to read as much as we do and we would be less informed citizens.
691	7/18/2012	Too expensive to buy books and cd's so having the library nearby and open seven days a week is important.
692	7/18/2012	Free access to information is a neccessity in our modern world.
693	7/18/2012	I think it would be a shame if this generation grows up not knowing how useful the library is[] but they call it progress
694	7/18/2012	I use the library a lot -- reading is very important to me.
695	7/18/2012	Education, human services, police and fire are more important public services
696	7/18/2012	Very Important!!!
697	7/18/2012	They are the community's educational centers for all ages at all levels.
698	7/18/2012	Libraries are a luxury we can not afford. Parents should be more responsible for their children (they should read to them and they should buy them books. If they can't do either then they should reconsider whether or not they should become parents) and should not rely on outside services like libraries to do their job as a parent. Adults should spend more time with their senior parents instead of pursuing material possessions and in affect trading the time they could be spending with their senior parents for time at work.

699	7/18/2012	Because I read a lot. And I believe we need publicly funded libraries as a foundational component of an educated and involved people.
700	7/18/2012	Print and other media is available to the public with or without library services. Closing libraries up to two days per week would not significantly impact most users.
701	7/18/2012	Part of our educational services. A place where people can get help. I like to read. A place of positive input in the community.
702	7/18/2012	Society should have access to free information.
703	7/18/2012	Access to all citizens
704	7/18/2012	Other services such as fire, police, water/sewer, etc. are an absolute necessity to one's well-being. Libraries, although important centers for communities, do not rise to the level of vital importance.
705	7/18/2012	library Services are not Necessary for life. I would Place More importance on Water, Food, Public Safety and Infrastructure.
706	7/18/2012	the library is part of the community. the program, materials and knowledge offered at libraries assist so many, regardless of age or economic status. it is an important place to gather, learn, and exchange ideas and experience, and a safe place to enrich one's mind and life. libraries are a key component to education, and that is something we should strive to strengthen every day.
707	7/18/2012	The local public library system is very important to me. Reading helps my brain stay healthy and, in my view, contributes greatly to the mental health of the community as a whole! I cannot afford to buy books and I cannot imagine the community without our public library system. (Please Note: I was satisfied with the Hours of Operation just prior to recent reductions in operating hours, specifically the hours of operation of my most used branch, the Central Branch.) In my view, only the funding of our public school system ranks higher than the funding of our public library system, funding for police and fire protection, funding for the building and up-keep of local infra-structure and funding for social services.
708	7/18/2012	I think local library services are very important to the life of the community. Reading helps my brain stay healthy and, in my view, greatly contributes to the mental health of the community as a whole. I cannot afford to buy books and I cannot imagine our metropolitan area without our public library system! (Please Note: I was satisfied with the Hours of Operation of my most used branch, the Central Branch, just prior to the recent cut in library hours and services.) To me, the local public library system is equally as important as police and fire protection, building infra-structure and upkeep of infra-structure and social services. Only our public school system ranks higher than all the rest including our public library system.
709	7/18/2012	Libraries encourage children to read from a very young age and this is so important. Being able to read can influence a person's life. I have fond memories of going to the library when I was a child and even though I had a difficult time learning to read, I now love to read.
710	7/18/2012	Because it's part of the broader realm of education and allowing internet access to those who otherwise might be cut off technology-wise.

711	7/18/2012	First if all you don't define what the other local public services are so i really have no point if reference but the library is important to us because we Homeschool and use the library for a lot of our readings and resources.
712	7/18/2012	Former university reference librarian (UCLA - 70s); retired school librarian and system administrator for library automation (PPS)
713	7/18/2012	Not essential but beneficial The children's book groups are a great (free of charge) place to get my child to interact with other children while in a safe environment learning great skills and having fun.[]
714	7/18/2012	[] My child and I go to the library once or more times a week to browse get new books to read during the week. We are developing good habits with this available outing we do together.
715	7/18/2012	This is a resource that helps to achieve equity. Being able to order materials through the Multnomah County Library makes my job as a teacher much easier. There is a streaming service called Discovery Learning or United Streaming which the Portland Public Schools used to fund.
716	7/18/2012	The school district has discontinued funding this program so I'm hoping to be able to access this service through the Multnomah County Library,
717	7/18/2012	I love reading, but absolutely cannot afford to buy books, even used, even at Goodwill if I could find something worth reading. I think it's vitally important to keep information and resources available to all, not just those that can afford it.
718	7/18/2012	Libraries are very good resource for the community.
719	7/18/2012	They are especially important for those that don't have access to reading materials, research resources, and Internet. Most notably for school children and those for whom English is not the language spoken at home. It is often their only way to access resources some of us take for granted.
720	7/18/2012	Library services are important to me personally because I can check out books I'm interested in reading but not necessarily owning, and I can access research databases (particularly old newspaper articles) both online and at Centra Library. I see the library system as very important, in the broader social sense, in providing access to the Internet to those who cannot otherwise afford it and in providing access to reading programs, job search resources and other essential services that can assist many, particularly low-income citizens, in improving their skills and economic prospects.
721	7/18/2012	Educational resources

722	7/18/2012	I'm poor, and sometimes the library is the only access I have to a printer. I have three kids and the library has the gizmos that the kids like and snappy internet service, so my kids can play the games and use computer and other devices and get a taste of it like their friends. It is very important for them to have similar experiences with technology and know what is going on. I like that the library is a community center where we get to see each other. The library staff is always so helpful and knowledgeable and want to enable learning and knowing. This experience, where someone else wants to help me know, is not available in many areas of my life. It is so encouraging to have someone to help me move forward in my understanding and see that as their job. To help me know and understand and get more breadth of information. What a great service!
723	7/18/2012	The library has always been an important place for me, especially when you have little to no income
724	7/18/2012	Books make an informed citizen
725	7/18/2012	Because they are nurturing. Because they are educational. Because they serve many groups who do not have power, economic clout or political standing.
726	7/18/2012	knowledge is power and everyone has the right to gather their own information
727	7/18/2012	I believe that services such as police and fire are more important but the services offered by the library are a vital part of ensuring everyone has access to resources and I appreciate being able to use these services.
728	7/18/2012	I have children who love to read and learn about the world. I prefer to use the library books instead of wasting resources buying books that will be read in a day.
729	7/18/2012	Having access to free media improves quality of life and promotes literacy across all socioeconomic groups.
730	7/18/2012	Great resource for children and community. Encourages young reader interest in books and learning.
731	7/18/2012	The libraries are important for personal development, entertainment and a sense of community.
732	7/18/2012	Libraries provide a place to go for information that connects us to more than books, more than film, more than computers, more than personal assistance and sharing ideas and resources; it is part of what makes us a community.
733	7/18/2012	free entertainment, free resources. All in book form.
734	7/18/2012	Education (or lack of) affects all other areas of social issues.
735	7/18/2012	Free public libraries are the cornerstone of a democratic society. They allow everyone to have access to knowledge that in a different time would only be available to the wealthy. They encourage individual thinking by allowing us to react widely and form our own opinions. They help to fill the technology gap for students by allowing them to use computers when they may not have one at home. Having librarians who can point us toward high quality information is critical in this time of information overload.

736	7/18/2012	The library offers many different services to people who need them. Libraries are not as important as public safety, however.
737	7/18/2012	Unclear question
738	7/18/2012	open to all, with services for all, it's what makes a community great
739	7/18/2012	It is far more sustainable to be able to borrow books and media than to buy them, which some people can't afford. The materials are key to continuing education, community and entertainment.
740	7/18/2012	Demonstrates a level of investment in the community
741	7/18/2012	A library to me is of great value to me, and a treasure for all in a civilized society. 1. Multnomah County Library provides free materials that promote literacy and entertainment for all age levels and specially to the under-served members of our community.[] 2. MCL also provides essential programs that promote early literacy such as Raising a Reader, Storytimes and Listos para Aprender.[] 3. MCL provides free access to computers, computer classes and labs that are essential for patrons to search for jobs, communicate with others and satisfy their information needs.[] 4. MCL provides programs that promote civic engagement not only for native English speakers but also for new americans such as book discussion groups, Intercambio and Talk Time (english conversation practice for non-native english speakers) and citizenship classes.[] 5. MCL provides a safe environment for children and teens where they can participate in teen councils, teen lounges and get the books and information they need to do their homework as well as participate in family and teen programs that provide cultural engagement.
742	7/18/2012	
743	7/18/2012	Libraries are a source of free information, which is essential to a functioning democracy. Libraries work to lessen the digital divide, granting internet access to those who can't afford it themselves. Libraries work to improve social mobility, through job assistance programs, literacy programs, and homework assistance for children who need it and can't get it elsewhere. Libraries are as essential to a community as schools & public safety.
744	7/18/2012	It was important; because of your recent poor decisions; I will start looking else where and start investing in other avenues.
745	7/18/2012	I am an avid reader.
746	7/18/2012	Not so much for me but I can see the impact for others that really need the resources the library provides. A library provides a safe place, resources for people that need use of the computer for job searching, school, as well as having a place that offers reading materials and music for those that identify with the arts.
747	7/18/2012	Although, of course, other public programs are necessary, in my opinion, so is the library. In order to broaden our minds, learn about other cultures and each other, there needs to be an affordable place where information can be obtained and other people can be met.

748	7/18/2012	Significantly important. The library allows anyone of any age and income the ability to learn and use media they otherwise might not have access too. It is vital to our education and culture, and a deep hole would be left were anything to ever happen to the library.
749	7/18/2012	Knowledge is extremely valuable to our existence.
750	7/18/2012	Education is crucial.
751	7/18/2012	Because I believe they are very useful. When I go to the library for a specific purpose, there are few other resources out there where I can find the same things for free. This makes a huge impact on me and the community I am part of. We need our libraries.
752	7/18/2012	I absolutely love to read. My favorite thing to do, especially in the winter, is read a good mystery book. I am looking forward to being able to learn how to get e-books onto my Dopo e-reader-- haven't made time to figure it out yet. I use the 'Hold System', ordering in books done by my favorite authors. I love that system.
753	7/18/2012	I live in North Portland where the majority of my neighbors do not have books and other reading materials in their homes. Libraries, like public parks, provide healthy activities for everyone, but especially for youth whose families are not economically solid.
754	7/18/2012	vitaly important to me and to the community.
755	7/18/2012	Right now, our roads need to be repaired, too.
756	7/18/2012	Because for some it is the only area of access to everything you need to make it in life - books, media, computers, tax forms, voter drop off, help of any kind. I honestly don't know what I would do without it. Everything costs so much. Not everyone can afford a computer or internet access to look up homework topics. And there are real people there too who can help. It actually is like a safe-haven, like a first-aid for minds station, it empowers people, gives them a chance when otherwise they would just be out of luck, say, to find out something about an employer, or learn to improve themselves in some way. I love our library. (the only thing is, it is too small!)
757	7/18/2012	Too much in taxes already come out of my pocket
758	7/18/2012	The access to the vast information they provide assists in the education and development of those seeking knowledge on any given subject... a worthwhile endeavor deserving of support.
759	7/18/2012	because the library is a great public institution
760	7/18/2012	I think the library is right behind public schools. The schools are another public service that does not receive enough funding.
761	7/18/2012	At this point in my life (over 65) the library is very important. It gives me access to books I can't afford to buy, access to DVD's & CD's and the computer, which I do not have the money to purchase either. As more and more services go to online business it becomes more and more important to have access to one. On a realistic level in this belt tightening economy we all must realize and share the burden of limited services. I am totally fine with the Library needing to go to a 6-day week with less hours of service if it will save money.

762	7/18/2012	Literacy sets us apart from other mammals - literature has the ability to open minds and even doors. A society that doesn't value literature is a society that I would argue will not last; for me, personally, books are an integral part of who I am and where I come from. Without my literary history, I doubt I would be the forward-thinking person I pride myself on being today. Save the libraries!
763	7/18/2012	Access to knowledge is very important for any healthy community, and probably delivers more 'bang for a buck' than other public services.
764	7/18/2012	I feel libraries are still a source of public knowledge and a community center for a lot of people. Not everyone can afford to have a computer or access to books and music or movies.
765	7/18/2012	libraries are integral for the community as a meeting place and provides access to information for all
766	7/17/2012	Borrowing books saves money on entertainment and educates me so I'll do awesome on Jeopardy one day ha ha ha
767	7/17/2012	I'm not sure what you mean, specifically, by other "public" services. Like is it more important than garbage removal, water, electricity, etc? No. But if addressing how important services are for a participatory community then I think it's up there near the top.
768	7/17/2012	Libraries are one form of public service to the community. Libraries build communities
769	7/17/2012	so I can place order for my materials online
770	7/17/2012	stated in ? #6
771	7/17/2012	knowledge is key to living a fuller life.
772	7/17/2012	because I can learn more.
773	7/17/2012	I believe everyone should have the opportunity to read and research no matter their income level. Libraries provide critical services to ALL citizens.
774	7/17/2012	Would need to evaluate this in context of other specifically named public services.
775	7/17/2012	Need books, magazines, etc. available to all people, including those who can't afford to purchase.
776	7/17/2012	The library is many things to me: resource for information, books and movies and audio media for borrowing, and a neighborhood community pillar of sorts, this last being an intangible, immeasurable sort of thing.
777	7/17/2012	What public spaces do we have? We have parks, which is public outdoor space and libraries which are public indoor space. Libraries are a community space that everyone can use. Libraries offer access to information which is essential in this information age. I go there at least once a week, usually twice a week. We love books and we love the programs the libraries offer. Not everyone has internet access so the library offers that too.
778	7/17/2012	The library system represents what's left of the idea of the commons. It's something the community shares together. I enjoy checking books out from the library because I like to read and because the taxes I pay to support it are affordable. But I also enjoy the feel of going to the library, of sharing that experience with my community.

779	7/17/2012	A community resource that is safe, educational and a gateway to learning, resources and self-improvement.
780	7/17/2012	I use the library at least once a week, often more frequently, almost always to check out books. I also like to see the library helping parents and children, and others who don't have computers at home. It is important to me that our community offer these services.
781	7/17/2012	I have a 9 year old son and it is a great place for us to go and keep him interested in reading. He is an excellent reader and it is important to support our libraries and to promote reading.
782	7/17/2012	Literacy is paramount to knowledge. Knowledge is integral to an ability to make informed decisions.
783	7/17/2012	Vitally. My son enrolled in the Summer Reading program from age 2-8 and found it very rewarding. We were also able to use computers at the library for research (for my profession, as well as his school projects) at a time when we did not have internet access at home. I'm not sure how we could have endured that period without the library system.
784	7/17/2012	It is a great resource! It is an important place for kids.
785	7/17/2012	Beucase the servicethey provide and heck I wouldn't hand out at the Water office for a few hours a week
786	7/17/2012	Library with core materials are a must. Fluffy materials and extended hrs are not necessarily more important than other services
787	7/17/2012	I use them more than any of the other services
788	7/17/2012	Libraries are a great public resource for general knowledge, internet access and librarians who assist people in getting the information they need, including info on public recources.
789	7/17/2012	Libraries are POSITIVE communty support!
790	7/17/2012	The library is a resource which is key to my education in school and my education outside if school, especially in art, music, and history. the information that I have obtained from the library has influenced my own character as a person and the way I perceive life, history, and current events. It sharpening my awareness, the library has helped to develop me into a more charitable and conscientious individual.
791	7/17/2012	I feel that literacy, pursuit of knowledge, and getting people away from the electronic age is very important. The libraries may also be a gathering point for some communities. I always see people we know when I visit the library.
792	7/17/2012	We use this resource regularly. It is important for our society to be informed and educated.
793	7/17/2012	Sign of a quality community, point of pride, greatly increases readership - benifits society.
794	7/17/2012	They are very, very important to me.
795	7/17/2012	Because of access to patrons who do not have other resources.
796	7/17/2012	I am very happy to support my local library, it is a good source for movies and books that I do not want to buy or rent. I have not been visiting the library as much recently but will be changing that soon to using it as a resource more.

797	7/17/2012	Have always spent my free time reading. Young people need to imagine through the printed word. It is where information is found. In books, on computers, or by talks given there. It is also a place to exchange ideas through page turners. It is a meeting place for groups that need somewhere to gather for a board meeting. Writers can write there too.
798	7/17/2012	I love to read and have grown up using libraries. When I was a poor graduate student, I relied on the libraries for all of my pleasure-reading needs. Now I am able to afford to purchase books, but I still rely on the library especially for travel-related and specialty subjects (ie: chicken raising) books. I am also a community health nurse who works with low-income families, and I see first hand how important these free services are to many, many of my clients with young children.
799	7/17/2012	Fire and police address threats to personal safety. Animal Services and Child Welfare protect the defenseless.
800	7/17/2012	Because it is a free resource, that has great value and is vital to the community--intellectually and to some, socially.
801	7/17/2012	Reading is one of my passions. I don't like reading on a computer. I like the feel of books, smell of books and real text. I can't afford to buy books as I'm a low-income individual, nor do I have the space to store all of the ones I already have! I would be heartbroken if libraries became obsolete. They help build communities and keep us from being too wrapped up in our individual selves.
802	7/17/2012	The library offers a range of services that expand the mind. While public protection (police/fire) may rank the highest, the library is among the top services the public should have access to for it's own good!
803	7/17/2012	The internet is inexpensive now and available to basically everyone. Everything, (almost) that is available at the library is or can be found online.
804	7/17/2012	I am an avid reader with low income. I would not be able to purchase the books that I have access to at the library.
805	7/17/2012	We check out so many books, saving money and clutter.
806	7/17/2012	how did libraries get into movie business, isn't that compition to small rental places
807	7/17/2012	Services are valuable but I don't consider them essential for me as I could find other sources for books and movies
808	7/17/2012	Libraries serve everyone without discrimination, they are filled with incredible resources, they are free to all, they're just wonderful places for items for knowledge and entertainment, they're magical treasurehouses!
809	7/17/2012	Libraries help to educate. Education helps people move forward in their lives. Learn to read. Learn English. Do school work. Do research on topics of interest. Expose to information. Expose to other ways of living. Enrich with music, theatre, art.
810	7/17/2012	I'm a writer and some materials I need, including old newspaper archives for the Oregon Journal, Telegram, etc. are usually not available on line. My wife enjoys reading a lot of fiction, so she visits the library frequently and often has books held if they are not available when she is at the library.

811	7/17/2012	Books open doors to all income levels in a way that no other public service is able to.
812	7/17/2012	It's not as important as clean drinking water, so it doesn't get the highest ranking, but I use the library a lot and I'm grateful to have access to the materials, so it gets a "somewhat important" rank.
813	7/17/2012	place of resource access place of community
814	7/17/2012	I need it almost every day in order to keep learning and to use the internet.
815	7/17/2012	I use them a lot. But of course schools and public safety are more important.
816	7/17/2012	The library is a recognized community hub, a place not just for books and DVDs but also for trainings and getting information to county residents. No other community institution has the same "go to" status for information... and if you can't tell people about community resources, what good are the community resources?
817	7/17/2012	As much as I love the library and find it important I can't put it above other county services that are critical to so many people, especially those with few resources.
818	7/17/2012	They never seem to have the material for which I am looking on hand when I visit.
819	7/17/2012	Free access to information and knowledge is a great equalizer. The public library system prevents these things from becoming luxury items.
820	7/17/2012	I have enjoyed using the local library ever since I was a child - I want future children to be able to enjoy that same experience
821	7/17/2012	An educated public is safer from itself than not.
822	7/17/2012	The library is a "free" service that provides programs and services surrounding literacy on many levels.
823	7/17/2012	Although, we are not using them much now, I anticipate that as my child gets older, we will be using the library more and more.
824	7/17/2012	Literacy and intelligence are an important quality of a free society.
825	7/17/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books that I read, especially newer ones on popular topics that are only available in hardcover. Also, during the times where I lived in areas with poor Internet access, public access through the library was one of my best options - the quiet environment is easier for me to focus in, rather than in a pub or coffeeshop with continual noise and distraction. Also, businesses expect WiFi users to be spending money - the library is a publicly-funded service which allows people of limited financial means to have the same level of access as everyone else.
826	7/17/2012	For reasons already mentioned.
827	7/17/2012	Libraries allow equitable access to information, essential for a just, free society. I wouldn't want the library funded only to lose fire stations or police, but I do believe the library is as important as these services in creating a healthy, vibrant, and safe society.
828	7/17/2012	Top

829	7/17/2012	I check out books and books on CD and occasionally I download a book (something I suspect I will use more in the future). I also get DVDs of movies and TV series. So basically every day I am using something from the library. It is wonderful to be able to go online to request materials I want to check out and then have them delivered to my local branch.
830	7/17/2012	Bring community together - build community. Used by people of many different educational and socioeconomic groups.
831	7/17/2012	Emergency services will always trump all other services, and indeed it's also more important to me that education quality and availability be maintained at high levels than a local library be open when it's convenient for me.
832	7/17/2012	It is a question of making books and resources available to everyone and encouraging people to be educated and informed.
833	7/17/2012	reading is essential to a civil society, libraries make it possible for everyone regardless of income to be able to access information
834	7/17/2012	The library is a great and needed resource for the whole community. Like schools, libraries are a place of learning and exploration, fostering personal growth, sparking imagination in young and old. As a low income household, we have access to services at the library that we could never afford to pay for.
835	7/17/2012	Naturally, safety is most important. Next schools. I'd say libraries are important resources to supplement education, especially for poor and middle class.
836	7/17/2012	Because I think it is essential for everyone to have access to books and educational materials.
837	7/17/2012	It's a way to keep people educated for free and encourage our youth to read and explore. Especially in not so fortunate households that don't have computers or money to buy books.
838	7/17/2012	I've always been a fan of libraries and reading. It's important to our communities to keep libraries funded and open.
839	7/17/2012	I believe libraries are community and media centers.
840	7/17/2012	Very important
841	7/17/2012	Education and access to it is extremely important for our community and our country. Education and awareness build tolerance, acceptance and success and help our country progress and without it we would suffer severely.
842	7/17/2012	A literate society is a healthy society, and the community aspect of a public library brings everyone together.
843	7/17/2012	I judge a community by its library system. I think it reflects an appreciation of education, on-going learning and open-mindedness. I think libraries also serve as community "centers." People use libraries for different reasons - they are a major part of supporting residents. I would be devastated if I did not have access to a good library.
844	7/17/2012	Have been a library supporter & user since I was 4 years old. I would go into a big depression without my local library and its resources.

845	7/17/2012	While not one of the survival public services (fire, police, etc.), the library is an important public service that brings the community together.
846	7/17/2012	So you are able to utilize educational avenues.
847	7/17/2012	Knowing that there is a resource of 'hardcopy books' available in case the grid ever goes down is ver reassuring to me. hope it never happens, but I think it is unlikely that we will be so lucky as to live our entire lives without the Internet 'breaking-down' at some point. For older people who grew up in a 'manual' world it will be less distressing than it will be for the youth, who have grown-up in a 'virtual world', and who have never needed to understand how things work. However, the older citizens will be limited physically in what they can pass-on to the younger generations, so having books is vital to the survival of or civilization.
848	7/17/2012	As a retired person, this access to books, audio books, films, CD's is a major interest and activity.
849	7/17/2012	They allow me to hear, read and see things that I would not otherwise be able to due to financial and spatial restrictions.
850	7/17/2012	Freedom if information. education. community.
851	7/17/2012	I read library books as my main source for reading. I don't want a kindle or other ebook. I read the NYTimes book review, and I can put books I am interested on reserve. When I travel, I can take guides out and figure out what to do and see. My kids get most of their homework research there. Ou family's life! would be greatly diminished without out local library.
852	7/17/2012	people need to have access to information and be able to self educate themselves.
853	7/17/2012	education for children and students
854	7/17/2012	Because the libraries provide such important services to children - pre- and school age - and to the homeless, including job seekers.
855	7/17/2012	Libraries today fill roles that other public and social programs used to, but were eliminated for lack of funding. So many kinds of people use them.
856	7/17/2012	I have always relied on and a steady stream of new books and media, to feel engaged with the world.
857	7/17/2012	I love going there and using the resources. Music, movies, books and tons of information about the whole world at your finger tips.
858	7/17/2012	This question is too vague -- does "services" mean book access, or classes for jobseekers? There are other agencies citywide that offer job seeking help, small business resources, and other services you have listed in this survey. I hope Multnomah County doesn't try to make the library a catch-all center for any services people need -- instead, focus on what libraries do well, and do that as efficiently as possible.
859	7/17/2012	i am a regular library user, for leisure and for research needs

860	7/17/2012	I love the Multnomah County Library because it as a great selection of books and media materials which I access on a regular basis. My life wouldn't feel as rich without access to all these wonderful materials - and it is particularly important to me that I can borrow them. Also, libraries offer community, information, education opportunities, research assistance - so much!
861	7/17/2012	A good community needs a good library system.
862	7/17/2012	I think access to media like the kind that the library provides is important for people who don't necessarily have the means to procure that access on their own.
863	7/17/2012	They're a place for people to grow & expand their knowledge of the world- for free! They're open to all, and they provide so much more than just access to books. They're an important social gathering place in an age when such places are becoming rarer (how many people still gather in the "town square"?).
864	7/17/2012	It depends what you mean by "other local public services". Overall I look to the library for books that I cannot obtain elsewhere economically (out of print books and such).
865	7/17/2012	The library is one of the only truly free resources we have. You can do so much there.
866	7/17/2012	I love the library and feel that reading is a vital part of culture. Reading and the love of reading serves so many areas - the library has always been a place offering people access to knowledge. To close this would be to end an ancient system of access to people to learn.
867	7/17/2012	There's always Amazon.
868	7/17/2012	it will be an inconience but the timing is the thing that confused me. my fault for going on vacation and coming home to this suprise. no pre warning.
869	7/17/2012	Serve all members of the community, improve our livelihood through literature, programs, and promoting community dialogue. Without the library I don't think nearly as many people could afford to purchase books or rent media so they would have limited opportunities to read. At that point the primary readers would be people who can afford to buy books or who go to their college library, which would just exacerbate socio-economic divides that are already pronounced in our community.¶ This just refers to the materials that just about everyone uses. In addition, the library plays a critical role in early childhood development and literacy, skill and language building, and many people don't have internet at home and wouldn't be able to read books online, even if they were available.
870	7/17/2012	Access to books is culturally important to society.
871	7/17/2012	It's accessible & affordable to for everyone, its an educatioanl experience for my children, it's provides a positive learning environment.
872	7/17/2012	I value the library as being a low-cost way to read books and check out DVD's and movies as my partner and I are on a single income and have been for the last 3 months.
873	7/17/2012	I feel that reading and books are an important part of growing and learning.

874	7/17/2012	They have so much to offer on so many levels to virtually every citizen who chooses to use the library from the toddlers to the elderly. The library system here is top notch and it shows with the level of usage it gets. I appreciate being able to utilize the services of the library for free as I feel I am getting a return on the taxes I pay to support the library system. Keep up the good work!
875	7/17/2012	Without education, what would our future look like? Public schools rank right up there for me, too, but the libraries allow us to continue that education in whichever direction we choose and for however long we choose. [] Our communities depend on the library as a resource and for entertainment alike.
876	7/17/2012	An educated population maintains the Democratic principles of our country.
877	7/17/2012	Because police, fire, water and education are in the "very important" category. Libraries are among the public services that fall just below those for me.
878	7/17/2012	Libraries provide access to information, which helps level the learning playing field.
879	7/17/2012	Somewhat
880	7/17/2012	Our family visits the physical library at least once a week and the library website even more often. The library is a vital part of the community. We use it mostly for books and DVDs currently - there's no possible way we would be able to afford to individually purchase all the novels, travel guides, maps, and other materials that the library provides. When I was unemployed several years ago, I used the library daily to look for jobs and work on my resume. The library was so helpful that I started volunteering there.
881	7/17/2012	an invaluable resource for information[] a source of reading and dvd material[] providing a sense of community[] a place to go
882	7/17/2012	They give everyone in Portland a wonderful place to learn about their neighbors, Portland and the entire world by offering every sort of media, books, classes and expert help.
883	7/17/2012	Many other public services have to do with physical survival and I depend on them for that. It is also true though, that libraries help me enjoy and cope with that physical survival.
884	7/17/2012	We use them more than any other public service but equaled by the parks.
885	7/17/2012	Reading is vital for kids and adults. I love to check out new and exciting materials and broaden my horizons.
886	7/17/2012	It's where I access information and learn.
887	7/17/2012	The everyday positive impact they have on a range of people. A healthy library system is a indicator of the value a community places on education and learning.
888	7/17/2012	During the great recession, it's a big help to be able to save money on books and computers by using the library.

889	7/17/2012	I use library services to continue my learning, solve problems, connect with others' and their ideas, do my work more effectively.
890	7/17/2012	Because availability of knowledge to everyone makes a huge difference in people's lives. With the economy the way it is, people seem to be turning to the library and I love it!
891	7/17/2012	I read constantly, both for recreation and for career information. I would not be able to purchase the quantity of materials I have access to through the library. I depend on it.
892	7/17/2012	Library resources can supplement limited school resources. The library provides access to information and entertainment to people with limited funds.
893	7/17/2012	Simply put, accessibility to free information in a socially interactive environment.
894	7/17/2012	I love to read and don't intend to be my own librarian at home. I need a place where I can borrow or get help with finding information.
895	7/17/2012	I am a retired educator and realize the importance of libraries to all ages.
896	7/17/2012	The library levels the playing field for people of all backgrounds and income levels.
897	7/17/2012	not all people can afford to go buy books and have internet. the library offers this and so much more, it is an important community resource
898	7/17/2012	library encourages reading, learning, and all the positive things for people. If we want a better future, we need to fund libraries and schools.
899	7/17/2012	The utmost.
900	7/17/2012	Our family (2 adults and 2 kids) love reading; we love going to story times, finding new books, learning about anything (from Butterflies to the Solar System); etc. especially during the winter, going to the library is part of our weekly routine and the kids (and parents) are disappointed when we don't go.
901	7/17/2012	I do not use them much at this time, but in the past I have and anticipate using in the future. I vote to support library, used a lot when kids small. besides, my immune system is not good with dust.
902	7/17/2012	Hey Mayor Adams: fix the damn streets, knock off the bike path sucking up for votes bs, quit building stuff (the Gibbs street crossing to the river for bikes ??? omg) just to pump up Portland's importance on some whacky list (such as food cart whoopde do) and then start lowering property taxes.
903	7/17/2012	Libraries support a diverse population. They provide a safe place to read, computer access for those who need it, access to books, music, movies to all. They are places for our old folk, our young, everybody has a reason to be there and it is essential we protect this resource.
904	7/17/2012	Every citizen stands to benefit from libraries, and they serve as a location that brings different sections of the community together.
905	7/17/2012	Because as an artist and small business owner having a place to research and borrow books and other materials that I can't afford to buy is very important. Also, I think that it is very important that people of all monetary abilities able to have access to computers and books. Education should be one of the most important priorities in our society and access should be universal.

906	7/17/2012	With schools failing, libraries are the next best way to provide education for those who seek it, yet may not have internet at home.
907	7/17/2012	Safety, infrastructure, schools come first. But i certainly can't imagine a city without a library.[] That would be bleak. I just got some really good history books about african americans in portland,[] that i couldn't have found elsewhere. And i know once we have kids we'll be there all the time. And[] several of my elderly clients use your homebound services.
908	7/17/2012	Library service is a public service that everyone is welcome to use and the more folks who use the library, generally speaking, the better our county is as a place to live and work.
909	7/17/2012	I think it is really important to have libraries as a resource available to the public because it puts a lot of information and materials into people's hands who might not otherwise have access to it. Also, I'd like to preserve actual books in our culture and not transition into a fully digital world just yet. I think it is especially important for kids and juveniles to have access to reading materials. I read a lot as a kid and spent a lot of time at my local library in the summer. I would read everything I could get my hands on - and I don't think I would have been able to read as much without libraries around to supply the material. Reading should be encouraged as much as possible in young people.
910	7/17/2012	Education is paramount in our society.having a "free" outlet to access an abundance of information that is equal to all is very important.
911	7/17/2012	It helps teach my kids the importance of reading and books.
912	7/17/2012	Reading is key to having an educated society.
913	7/17/2012	Libraries help citizens communicate, hence they build community.
914	7/17/2012	I love to read and free access to high quality reading material is important to me. I would never be able of afford to buy all of the books that I can check out of the library.
915	7/17/2012	Because reading is more important to me than most local services
916	7/17/2012	I'm cynical about government these days - I have my kids in private schools, pay a lot out of pocket for healthcare, and generally don't think that government agencies can do a good job with anything meaningful. But the library really, really works for my family, and I CHERISH this public resource.
917	7/17/2012	because they are a public resource that people don't realize how much they use. everyone uses the library in some way, even if they don't realize it -- for public space, public events, public access to information, etc.
918	7/17/2012	Literacy is an incredibly important part of any society. Access to libraries and literacy programs is a great tool to ensure that our citizens are literate thinkers, creators and dreamers.
919	7/17/2012	I think they are very important to a community.
920	7/17/2012	Because free and easy access to books and computers (for everyone) is absolutely essential to a strong democracy.

921	7/17/2012	Libraries are places of learning and broadening horizons. What better place to learn how to love books and discover different worlds? Literacy is a fundamental to a civilized society.
922	7/17/2012	Because we love to visit the library with our young children.
923	7/17/2012	Local parks are also important, but safety - police force - needs to be in place in order to enjoy any other public services.
924	7/17/2012	Availability of help on a variety of levels. Reflection of comments in last section lead me to believe that maybe other public services should share some of the burdens our local libraries try to carry, especially with the use of computers. As a university student, I am constantly having to ask for extended time beyond the two hours, and this is not always granted if there are many other patrons using computers. A possibility would be that children playing games on computers be restricted. Some sites that can easily be seen by others are not educational. It is a tough balance to know how many "activities", including sites visited on the internet, would be considered library activities.
925	7/17/2012	I love reading. The library has books. Also, I haven't really needed police or fire in the past.
926	7/17/2012	There are many options to libraries available, book stores, online stores. They each offer a unique opportunity to discover new books, movies and music. The library option is always the most economical. The movies are often damaged and unviewable, but I love the enormous selection of books.
927	7/17/2012	The library is one of the few equal-access points for knowledge. It enriches lives through materials, courses, and community.
928	7/17/2012	It depends on what other local public services you mean. I find the library to be extremely important and use it frequently.
929	7/17/2012	Local library services define the level of culture and progress within a city. It is a service that provides individuals with an equal opportunity to share a vast collections of resources without regard to income, class, etc.
930	7/17/2012	Very
931	7/17/2012	As a senior it saves me money for books
932	7/17/2012	I am a 54 year that has returned to school I use the library to study in quiet. Do research for projects because everything is on the internet. I order books for research and pleasure reading through the library system. I am not sure what I would do if the library was not open on the weekends.
933	7/17/2012	They are important for me personally for my reading and audio enjoyment, but in so many ways for the general community, to help develop interest in reading among young people, and to assure that the elderly have access to reading materials.
934	7/17/2012	Free access to information is one of the most equitable services we provide as a society
935	7/17/2012	I am home-schooled and borrow lots of academic books and movies from the library.
936	7/17/2012	Our family uses the library at least once or twice a week. We're so impressed w/ materials that are available to us, even books that are not necessarily on best seller lists, but topics important to us (non-fiction).

937	7/17/2012	listen to books on cd while sewing, read books at other times, to expensive to buy so borrow for free
938	7/17/2012	It helps educate and expand minds that would otherwise not have the resources to do so. We all pay taxes to make this work. It is one of the few reasons I still pay taxes, otherwise all our money would be going to killing people and fighting war at home and abroad.
939	7/17/2012	I have always loved libraries for the resources, somewhere to do homework, a place to rent videos and books, and find out about other information like classes and bus schedules. Nostalgic place for me as well.
940	7/17/2012	Obviously, emergency, health, and sanitation services come first.
941	7/17/2012	I use them at least twice a week. I am an avid reader and couldn't begin to afford to buy the books.
942	7/17/2012	I lost my job due to a car accident and resulting disability. Mutcolib has many options for what kinds of materials I can check out (audio, large print, etc.) and offers me the only source of entertainment that I can afford and access since my accident. Even before my accident I educated, informed, and entertained myself with library materials. "No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." [] - Confucius[] [] "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." [] - Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"[] [] "A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear it will go off in your face. It is one of the few havens remaining where a man's mind can get both provocation and privacy." [] - Edward P. Morgan
943	7/17/2012	
944	7/17/2012	I love the ability to put books on hold, check out Lucky Day items and to know I can access books without having to pay the high prices at book stores. Multnomah Co Libraries are very willing to order new releases and to help with research.
945	7/17/2012	Access to educational resources and the internet are essential to survival today. A lot of people can't afford access to educational resources and the internet at home. Reading is also one of the few pleasures in life that isn't toxic, fattening, illegal, or expensive, so it's a great way to escape from life's troubles.
946	7/17/2012	Libraries are important for providing access to information for all people..
947	7/17/2012	Libraries allow equal access to information and technologies. They enrich the lives of many and provide opportunities for social mobility and enrichmentl
948	7/17/2012	I'm a truck driver and use the recorded books to make driving so much more pleasant

949	7/17/2012	Libraries give the community resources and opportunities that are not available elsewhere. Also provides a welcoming community meeting place.
950	7/17/2012	Libraries help to give knowledge to those who: want to save natural resources, the libraries give us a means of sharing books who are not able to buy materials and books
951	7/17/2012	I spent a lot of time at the library growing up and the reading and community were an critical in keeping me from feeling isolated at home.
952	7/17/2012	Because the library has the knowledge and freedom to explore new topics while being family friendly. Also it provides a local center for those interested in continued education growth or neighborhood activities.
953	7/17/2012	It provides access to so many things many people couldn't otherwise afford.
954	7/17/2012	Because if you can't read and don't have access to reading material you are deprived of learning about yourself and this great world of ours.
955	7/17/2012	Offer books and material I otherwise would not have access.
956	7/17/2012	They are an important source of reading material and dvds that provide an option for learning at home
957	7/17/2012	They form an important rib to the backbone of our community
958	7/17/2012	The importance of resources and the importance of reading for all people. Reading and the importance of it, NEEDS to be stressed to everybody. Without reading you cannot fill out a job application, read a recipe, read a sign...and the library is where we first learn the importance of reading as children; and continue that skill, until we are old. Public availability to all reading materials are one of the greatest gifts we can give to a community. The greater the use of our public libraries, the greater the health of our communities. No doubt about it.
959	7/17/2012	Not everyone has easy access to good reading material.
960	7/17/2012	We read lots of books, I was laid off recently and used the Library to find a job.
961	7/17/2012	I've utilized libraries all my life and believe they are an important part of allowing us all to access literature and continue personal growth.
962	7/17/2012	I am unsure of your definition of other local public services, but if it does include services as police, fire, and health services, I think those should be given priority to libraries
963	7/17/2012	The library gives people a sense and place of community. It keeps them involved. It allows people to use resources in a cost effective way, through thei taxes..
964	7/17/2012	It's a valuable community asset that helps people access resources, including materials, jobs, community events, and services.
965	7/17/2012	The library is very important to both myself and my preschool age daughter because it's an outing that is not determined by weather, it feeds our love of books and reading, and it's a perfect way to fuel her desire to learn more about the world around her.

966	7/17/2012	Entertainment and education materials are not cheap to acquire and the library provides them for free.
967	7/17/2012	access to knowledge is powerful, and everyone should have this access.
968	7/17/2012	It is personally important to me and I think to the community to have free access to information in order to broaden our own education and understanding of our world, so that we may become better citizens and better people.
969	7/17/2012	I confess that I do not use many other public services.
970	7/17/2012	It's one of the few places I have interactions with others in my community.
971	7/17/2012	Reading is the key to an educated public.
972	7/17/2012	I think there are some services like Transit, Water, etc are more important but an educated community is very important.
973	7/17/2012	My kids are school age and this promotes their literacy. My wife and I are book fanatics (and love checking out movies and music too). We save a fortune by borrowing and not buying most of our books.
974	7/16/2012	The library provides a safe place to study, work, and self-educate as well as learning to enjoy the leisurely pastime of reading for fun. There are engaging ways the local library involves the youth and encourages increased literacy. Free access to media, computer resources, classes and skilled staff for better navigation of these resources has been what has made our library system great!
975	7/16/2012	It's important for the benefit of the community.
976	7/16/2012	I am a former teacher and literacy activities are crucial. I also believe community gathering places are important to preserve a sense of humanity. Libraries here are urban oases where people can let their guards down and feel relaxed among others and included in the mix. Plus, the services offered are often gateways into further involvement in the community.
977	7/16/2012	Along with programs for proper waste disposal, I believe that a library system which provides free access to reading material is a major characteristic that separates 1st and 3rd world countries.
978	7/16/2012	Libraries provide free and open access to information to all people, irrespective of their income level, age, or political beliefs. Librarians have provided me with expert help in researching important topics. Libraries also have provided me with access to materials for me and my family that I would otherwise not be able to afford. Libraries, lastly, are for me a key element of preservation of free speech.
979	7/16/2012	I have traveled to many countries in the world and seen many places within America. The more access a place has to information, the better off it is in all respects.
980	7/16/2012	Because unlike me I know there are people who need computer access and help with school or jobseeking and the library makes it easier for them to obtain that information
981	7/16/2012	The Public Library will soon be the only source of Knowledge, Information and Education - which are absolutely vital for the existence of a vital representative democratic governance.

982	7/16/2012	Literacy and free access to information are essential!
983	7/16/2012	The libraries offer so much to so many people. For many, it is their only way to access the internet and use computers. For children, it is often their introduction to the world of reading and other media. I always feel happy when I'm going to the library!
984	7/16/2012	We have a lot of books in our home and we have lots of friends to share books with. Buying books is also an option. It is very nice to have so many books available at the library to borrow. Books are very important, but I would not say they are more important than parks (since we have no yard for the children to play in), or public safety.
985	7/16/2012	This question is hard to answer because it is so broad, but in my mind the highest level of importance to me is police, fire, water department, public schools. The libraries are close behind however.
986	7/16/2012	I use the library for many reasons. I know that not having a library would be devastating and really impact my own personal life. When I think of the impact even Monday closures have on school-age children, it really makes me worry about they way local government prioritizes our budgeting. For many people, the library is like a second home and just as valuable.
987	7/16/2012	Contributes to an informed public.
988	7/16/2012	(a) 'cause my family uses the library.[] (b) 'cause now, just as in ancient times, the Library provides the core repository and management of a society's knowledge. The library is where we read, develop and exercise critical thinking skills, find things out and find out how to find things out.
989	7/16/2012	I depend on the resources provided by the library system on both a personal and small business level. The amount of information accessible (at virtually no cost) is truly impressive and it would be damaging to lose that. I would rather see curtailed hours than cuts in the books, materials, etc. Also, good librarians are a huge asset that are probably undervalued.
990	7/16/2012	They are a safe place for kids to study, they offer pre-school/toddler programs for socialization, they help seniors access different types of media and they loan books for both education and entertainment.
991	7/16/2012	People having access to information is important. I makes for more informed voters, less ignorance, less poverty, less crime, it's all around good.
992	7/16/2012	Very important
993	7/16/2012	I think public libraries are the the only source for education and computer access for many citizens within the county who can not afford otherwise. It is a service we must continue to supply especially for the lest fortunate in the community.

994	7/16/2012	Books and DVDs are a primary source of entertainment and enjoyment for me. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I could not afford to buy the books and DVDs that I am able to borrow from the library. I learned how to use a computer through classes at the library, and I continue to learn new things related to the digital world (classes on Excel and E-books) at the library. I could not afford to pay for those kind of classes at PCC.
995	7/16/2012	We use the library weekly and sometimes daily. We are on a limited income and love the constant source of new reading material. We always know that whatever new interest our son has, the library will have a book about it.
996	7/16/2012	It makes sense for our community to share the materials the library offers rather than individuals having to buy every book or other resource they need on their own. I learn more and read more because our library is strong and offers virtually every book I want to read. I wouldn't buy all these materials on my own, and I know many members of our community could not afford to pay individually for access to even a fraction of what they use at the library. Our community is stronger and better educated by pooling our resources and making them available to all.
997	7/16/2012	If by 'services' you mean "access to information via books in whatever form" it is critical for enabling a responsible and thoughtful society to stay informed and thoughtful. However, services to maintain public health, safety and order or enable basic commerce are more important. □ □ If by 'services' you mean "access to porn" or "after school care", you are overstepping your bounds and missing your purpose.
998	7/16/2012	I think that public libraries are the greatest way to equalize access to information and educational opportunities in a society where the gap between the haves and have nots grows daily. Our school districts are struggling to meet the demands of a changing global economy with shrinking funding. Our libraries serve to bridge those gaps and much more.
999	7/16/2012	because I use the library all the time, I lost my \$60 a month book buying habit when I moved to pdx
1000	7/16/2012	I would rate police and fire before library services
1001	7/16/2012	Because I make use of library resources regularly.
1002	7/16/2012	Not as critical as fire, police, ambulance, health clinics... but very important to my family and certainly used more regularly than services just listed.
1003	7/16/2012	It is so important for children to read and be read to, I don't want someone on a tight budget to have to deny their child books. Books should be available for everyone.
1004	7/16/2012	Education and access to uncensored information are central to a well-functioning, democratic society
1005	7/16/2012	Library represents community to me. I want my community to be educated and resourceful.

1006	7/16/2012	although i have been buying more books, due to the inconvenience of getting all items in a trilogy, i have always greatly valued the availability of books at the library. in times of need, having access to the internet at the library was very helpful, and i know many who use the library in that fashion currently.
1007	7/16/2012	I think of the library as very helpful in so many different ways. They help with research and they provide enjoyment/entertainment. They also help with literacy rates of school-aged children. I've always loved being able to check out a few books, read them, and return them to get some more (and not having to buy any!). I didn't have the luxury in the town I lived in growing up, but I love it now!
1008	7/16/2012	I love having access to everything libraries provide and sharing it with everyone else!
1009	7/16/2012	Because it's a public service that I use. I have no kids, so many of the high cost services don't impact me directly.
1010	7/16/2012	Free access to educational materials and the internet are vital in order for Portland to continue to grow in the right direction -- more equality, more problem-solvers, more opportunities.
1011	7/16/2012	Very high
1012	7/16/2012	The library has always been part of my life; I enjoy reading and participating in the programs it offers. It is a resource center and is a major component of community life.
1013	7/16/2012	My children are gaining a foundation of learning! We could never afford to buy all the books we regularly check out from the library! This means expanded vocabulary and in the long run, smarter kids that can contribute in a meaningful way to our society.
1014	7/16/2012	Everyone deserves access to reading materials and shelter. The library offers a safe, comfortable place for anyone to read, which is a great thing for low income or homeless individuals.
1015	7/16/2012	Close to education and safety.
1016	7/16/2012	use it all the time, mainly for books for the whole family and storytime for my 2 yr old. Could not afford to buy that many books. Being open late/weekend is important because both my husband and I work full-time.
1017	7/16/2012	knowledge should be available to anyone, regardless of income. Library is part of what makes a community.
1018	7/16/2012	Books are extremely important, as well as convenient library branches where you can check out books and materials from any branch. Access is very important also as a research resource for students who may not have access to books, computers, etc. at home.
1019	7/16/2012	Because I believe that people should still be reading books and visiting libraries. It has value that cannot be achieved anywhere else. Computers cannot provide a love for reading the way holding a book feels. My kids are all grown now but when they were young we visited the library every week and they could check out as many books as they could carry. As adults they are now avid readers and very intelligent individuals. As a parent I'm very proud of that and the availability of the public library has really promoted that level of learning.
1020	7/16/2012	Air, water, food, shelter, lack of crime, human services, and libraries.

1021	7/16/2012	The most important to me - I am a senior citizen and don't use other local public services except occasionally MAX.
1022	7/16/2012	The library offers programs across the board for so many different folks, age groups,needs.
1023	7/16/2012	Having access to knowledge is key in creating strong communities. In some households books can be non-existent - having a local library can open the world to children and adults alike. Libraries promote knowledge and curiosity, they spark passion and inspire dreams. When we encourage each other to read - to take advantage of the free books provided by the library - we signal to ourselves and others that we care about history, that we desire a better future, and that we are engaged in our present.[] The library was a haven for me as a latch-key kid growing up, and it is still a more magical, travel filled place than the airport for me as an adult.
1024	7/16/2012	Libraries are accessible to all and cover a wide range of programs
1025	7/16/2012	The library is a community gathering place, and without it, the sense of community would be altered. Also, freedom of information for all!!!!
1026	7/16/2012	Because we cannot afford to buy the number of books that we are able to check out from the library. We have gone to the library every week for almost 30 years. I used the library as a resource for educating my children as preschoolers. My sons continue to use the library as a resource.
1027	7/16/2012	same as my response to #6....
1028	7/16/2012	Libraries are the only completely public service that addresses the intellectual and entertainment needs of non-school age citizens.
1029	7/16/2012	Essential for a literate and informed citizenry, for helping children learn to love to read, for developing and maintaining community connections.
1030	7/16/2012	The library to offers many good things
1031	7/16/2012	Knowledge is power, at least in part. Without access to information or thought-expanding sources of ideas and concepts, people would be at a great disadvantage. It's not fair for information to be only for those who can pay, just as it's not fair for schooling or healthcare to be only for those who can pay. It's truly amazing that we've had the libraries we've had for so long; I hope they can continue in much the same way in the future.
1032	7/16/2012	Libraries make information and entertainment accessible to all members of the community regardless of income.
1033	7/16/2012	It's my main source of entertainment. I don't watch TV or go to the movies. I'd be happy to spend the amount I spent on my old cable bill on the library. Buying a book that I'm only going to read once seems wasteful. I could spend that same amount on the library, and get to reread it if I want later.

1034	7/16/2012	Because the library offers something for everyone in the community. It is a free service so there are no financial barriers for low income or seniors. The library encourages kids to read and they then become better students.
1035	7/16/2012	Information sources free for all, community gathering places, resource help from librarians...
1036	7/16/2012	The library provides life tools.
1037	7/16/2012	I don't read as much as I should.
1038	7/16/2012	This is a place where people of all ages come to learn, read, and research. We as a community need to have the library open early to help facilitate this learning process.
1039	7/16/2012	Libraries are an important part of the community. They promote the written word, act as a gathering place, provide knowledge and resources to people from all walks of life, etc.
1040	7/16/2012	"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education." -Franklin D. Roosevelt
1041	7/16/2012	Libraries are the last of our physical and intellectual commons. They are a place as well as a service. They make us all free. We can't have a functioning democracy without them.
1042	7/16/2012	important for everyone to have access to reading and resources that library provides.
1043	7/16/2012	I am a former school librarian (cut due to lack of funding) and I firmly believe that all citizens have the right to have unfettered access to information and literature, no matter their income level or social class. The more access, the more likely our citizens will USE it!
1044	7/16/2012	I love to read and I support the library bonds because I think reading is the key to a well educated populace. Many people cannot afford to buy books to read so the library is a place where they can continue to get materials to read without having to purchase them. It is also a great source of good movies to watch and musical materials.
1045	7/16/2012	I cannot imagine life without reading. In order to read one must have books. To get books one must have a library.
1046	7/16/2012	Information, research and literacy form solid communities
1047	7/16/2012	I'm poor. The library provides a safe, warm, dry place to read and write and access computers.
1048	7/16/2012	I think it's decided by the variety of help provided by libraries, and also other services compared with it.
1049	7/16/2012	It is the public service that I chose to use the most.
1050	7/16/2012	The libraries are so important because they make the entire world available in our small world. Without a library available when I was growing up, I would have had even less opportunity to pursue information on any subject. My family was very poor and the library was my window to the world. The library still represents the window on the world for me and my family. TV offers even less real information and schools are certainly not able to provide everything for knowledge seeking youngsters.

1051	7/16/2012	with budget cuts to schools, libraries help students access the internet, check out books and a place to do research. libraries are also community centers. the midland library is one of the hubs in mid county. a place for people to gather and attend programs, study groups and learn.
1052	7/16/2012	Clean drinking water is pretty nice. Couldn't live without it. Schools are pretty important; perhaps if we provided better support for our educational system our citizens would better understand the machinations of governance and municipal works and these library funding issues would be moot. TriMet is important, but the I have no car, so... Frankly, this is a terrible question because it sets up an adversarial relationship between the Library System and whoever I choose as more important than the Library System. Shame on you. The library is an important part of the overall city/county/state services structure, an inextricable piece of the overall public governance/service structure. For me to envision the Library System in any other way I would first need to envision the deconstruction of our local government.
1053	7/16/2012	Vital services such as police and fire are more important.
1054	7/16/2012	The library is an important source of entertainment and resource information for people on a limited budget.
1055	7/16/2012	They are important because I believe that everyone in our community should have access to quality reading materials and current educational opportunities through the library.
1056	7/16/2012	Alternative resources and technology are becoming more available and more commonly used (such as the internet and electronic books) but I do not think we should eliminate/cut funding for books, learning, children, our local libraries.
1057	7/16/2012	I think all public services are important. Getting health care and food stamps to people who need them are important, but encouraging reading at the local library and active play at the park are equally important.
1058	7/16/2012	Our libraries offer knowledge to all. They support keeping all members of our community well informed and active. They bring neighbors together. They support the arts. They support education. They support families. They offer free services equally to citizens from all income levels. They are the cornerstone to a vibrant, well-informed citizenship.
1059	7/16/2012	Simply because I feel reading is one of the most important tools we have in life; a free public library is an essential part of that.
1060	7/16/2012	Our family loves the library. Not only do my husband and I enjoy picking up material, but my two school age children really look forward to their visits. I would hate to see further cuts to this amazing resource.
1061	7/16/2012	I love to read. When I was growing up, the library was one of my favorite places to go. I want my daughter to feel the same way.
1062	7/16/2012	A place in the community to gather and learn is of utmost importance for keeping that community vibrant.

1063	7/16/2012	It's bonding time and inexpensive entertainment for our family. We also check out items that we wouldn't buy, giving us greater exposure to literature and entertainment. We love our library outings.
1064	7/16/2012	They serve thousands and thousands of people every day.
1065	7/16/2012	It is the one I use the most, and it is a foundation for a free and informed society.
1066	7/16/2012	To encourage love of reading.
1067	7/16/2012	You can get anything answered at the library. Every type of information available ever.
1068	7/16/2012	we need them for education Readers are leaders.[] [] Reading is an essential part of our family values. Our two year old grandson loves his once a week trips to the library. Because of library books and the half hour to hour or more spent reading with his parents he knows the alphabet, can count to thirty and is speaking in full and comprehensive sentences. Thanks to our local library.[] [] Life long learning begins at the local library.
1070	7/16/2012	I love to read and use the library for some types of research and just to see what is there.
1071	7/16/2012	I can't afford to buy everything I need/want for entertainment/education, but I can get it at the library. Provides services for literacy, job seekers, and others who are less well off than me so they can be productive community and school members. If you get what you need at the library, even as a child, you might not need to use other local public services, like jails and the health dept., later.
1072	7/16/2012	It's the one thing that everybody can access; it is open to all. It has something for everyone.
1073	7/16/2012	Not a very good question. at all. Who wrote this survey?
1074	7/16/2012	I value the fact that the library is a resource for everyone in the community. Rich, poor, employed or not, english language learners, old and young. I like it that it is a place that fosters growth and learning for us all. And I like it that it is a place of sharing. The book or video I read today will be in someone else's home tomorrow. It's green! I am really good that the library has bilingual/multicultural services.
1075	7/16/2012	The library provides access to tools that promote learning and growth as well as serve as hubs for the community.
1076	7/16/2012	They are not as important as public schools, police, fire, utilities but libraries augment schools through tutoring programs, provide internet and research for job seekers, and provide services for the elderly. One of the best bangs for the public buck.
1077	7/16/2012	I value literacy, learning and print entertainment immensely.
1078	7/16/2012	We must support all efforts to upgrade our educational standards as we fall behind many countries in a number of areas that affect our way of life and, in fact, reduce the American Dream to a fading hope for so many.

1079	7/16/2012	Libraries are a huge source of knowledge, community, learning and culture - those are hugely important threads in the fabric of any community. They support and relate to many other publicly-funded services: schools, community colleges, security, community development, building businesses, etc. And they're fun and get kids hooked on reading and learning!
1080	7/16/2012	Other services to children are so important. My nieces benefit from speech therapy, WIC, preschool, parks programs, and the library.
1081	7/16/2012	Our 10 year old son literally reads about 5 books a week. The public library is the only way for us to feed his voracious reading appetite. Not just access to books but recommendations are critical for us.
1082	7/16/2012	I'm privileged to have other forms of access to materials (on-line, e.g.). I'm already well-educated and relatively well-off, so I could personally live without a library. But my primary worry about decreasing support of our library is for those in other situations--economically or educationally lower, non-english speaking, families with small children, etc. The library is essential to them.
1083	7/16/2012	Libraries are community centers where information is shared whether it's local, regional, national or global. We keep breaking down our communities to the point there is no sense of support and cohesiveness fades away, which is a sad thing for our society.
1084	7/16/2012	Provide access to materials not able to purchase on own which in turn provides enrichment and learning opportunities not only for me and my family but the community at large.
1085	7/16/2012	Libraries help people seek employment, help people learn to read and are a safe and productive place for kids to hang out
1086	7/16/2012	I grew up with books being the most important source of information and education. Now the challenge is to figure out how to change libraries so they continue to be responsive to their new role in providing information and education to a generation that has rapidly advancing technologies. The future of the library depends on it's relevance to it's users and future users.
1087	7/16/2012	Safety and education come first.
1088	7/16/2012	I wouldn't want to close a fire station or a water treatment facility to fund a library but I also wouldn't want to live in a city without a place where I could easily pick up a book.
1089	7/16/2012	Access to books and other reading material
1090	7/16/2012	I don't buy books or electronic delivery(Kindle, Nook, etc.), the Libraries are my #1 source for research, information and entertainment.
1091	7/16/2012	I think libraries should be funded another way, either charitably or by user fees. Libraries are important, but not an essential government service.
1092	7/16/2012	Reading is very important to me, and my child.
1093	7/16/2012	I value police, fire protection and schools more highly than the library.
1094	7/16/2012	They help people that are not able to pay for all the help that libraries provide. Also part of a communitys livability rating.

1095	7/16/2012	Reading and having access to books is something that I highly value. I think it is a sign of a free society. We would have a greater separation of classes without libraries. Without the library, I would not be able to read a fraction of what I now read.
1096	7/16/2012	Public safety is primary, but then education is a close second (which includes libraries). With good positive resources available in the library and school systems, we would minimize some of the problems we currently face.
1097	7/16/2012	keep reading materials going to encourage reading for all, literacy, and availability to people who don't use or have access to computers.
1098	7/16/2012	I'm an avid reader and environmentally conscious too. Reading and returning the b
1099	7/16/2012	convenience, cost
1100	7/16/2012	Lets face it; If I want to know of something,Who else should I ask?
1101	7/16/2012	It is part of my everyday life. Without a library, I wouldn't be able to access information that helps me live my life.
1102	7/16/2012	Without them, there is no mechanism for access by poor people to cultural and economic resources that are vital to life.
1103	7/16/2012	focus of communitiy [] center of opportunity[] I value what they have to offer
1104	7/16/2012	I do not have the extra money - nor do I think it is sustainable - to purchase books, videos, and music. Having a local shared resource is important to the community of people. Libraries bring people together and provide information that is accurate and cannot be 'googled.'
1105	7/16/2012	An important resource, used regularly, that enriches my family's life.
1106	7/16/2012	I no longer have easy access to an academic library, and with small children, the programs for youth are indispensable.
1107	7/16/2012	Libraries are one of the few free resources used by virtually everyone of all ages
1108	7/16/2012	to maintain a literate society.
1109	7/16/2012	Because they are easy to use for all levels of income.
1110	7/16/2012	Helps with equal access to information and learning despite family economic status.
1111	7/16/2012	I love that my family can go to a wonderful place where we are immersed in literature and reading resources. The level of delight on my children's faces when they find just what they were looking for is priceless. Then the next week, the same level of curiosity and delight returns.
1112	7/16/2012	It's our primary source of books and media. We never buy new books, sometimes buy used books, but heavily depend on the library for our families reading and media needs. My kids are preparing for the battle of the books this summer by reading the list of books this through the library.
1113	7/16/2012	The libraries share knowledge and information to the people, regardless of their socioeconomic status. Knowledge and information are essential to democracy.

1114	7/16/2012	An accurately educated public is central to democracy and new literature, new discoveries in science, good leadership etc
1115	7/16/2012	Should always be funded but basic education and transportation are higher priorities.
1116	7/16/2012	It is much more important, for instance, that adding taxes to pay for arts in the schools which should be part of the normal tax base from the school districts.
1117	7/16/2012	It serves as an equalizer, it matters not what you earn or who you are.
1118	7/16/2012	along with bike lanes and public transportation they are what I use the most
1119	7/16/2012	Public safety is more important than libraries
1120	7/16/2012	Personally for me an excellent library system is very important but looking at the needs of the community as a whole, there are other services which are concerned with health which are also important.
1121	7/16/2012	I'm an avid information seeker. Also, I prefer a book in my hand to an electronic reader.
1122	7/16/2012	It's difficult to answer that question because I don't know what you mean by "other local public services". Libraries are less important than Police and Fire departments but more important than street sweepers. They are less important than the public school system but more important than public art.
1123	7/16/2012	Free and open access to literature and information that the library provides is essential to an educated, democratic society.
1124	7/16/2012	I need someplace to go and something to do during the day. The library provides me that. I enjoy cruising through the library catalog searching for movies to watch. Plus, it's nice to have access to the Sunday New York Times. And the computers are valuable not just for the Web, but for an excellent word processing system.
1125	7/16/2012	I've always loved reading, and when I moved to Portland, it was one of the first things I searched out-- my nearest library. I think it creates a sense of community, and sharing that would be lost almost completely without a local library system. I would be very disappointed to lose such a great service.
1126	7/16/2012	Because we can't afford to buy books and go to the movies all the time.
1127	7/16/2012	Education, community, keeping people reading and up on current events, allowing people (of lower economic status) to be connected to the internet. I live in NoPo and our library is crucial to many people who have no other computer access or job search education. Families and daycares bring young kids in and I see many latchkey kids in the library after school hours. Where else will these folks learn the value of reading for pleasure, be able to access the internet (a major point in the economic divide debate)?
1128	7/16/2012	To expand horizons!!
1129	7/16/2012	People need access to the programs for their well being....for education and entertainment.

1130	7/16/2012	Basic services such as water and trash collection are more important in day-to-day life. However, libraries are important for the future as they provide an alternative to pay per use sources of education (as well as literary pleasure) for young and old alike.
1131	7/16/2012	Service use used extensively and provided in a quality manner.
1132	7/16/2012	Access to information is critical in a democracy.
1133	7/16/2012	We must have a good available source of books and information for students, and a place for seniors and job seekers to enhance their skills.
1134	7/16/2012	Because I really count on you guys when I need to print something, to use a computer, or just want to read a new book..
1135	7/16/2012	Access to information and knowledge helps keep the mind healthy.
1136	7/16/2012	The best way to improve one's life is through learning. Learning should be a free activity. Libraries offer this opportunity, to learn freely, in generous, magical amounts.
1137	7/16/2012	because it is a foot print of our culture that has proven to be the financial and educational success of students and families especially minorities. It teaches valuable skills such as research and has a larger pool of material for the public than a school which has limited access.
1138	7/16/2012	because it is the last "free" service that includes everyone.
1139	7/16/2012	Knowledge, articulation, and creativity are essential.
1140	7/16/2012	Local library services fill gaps that other services do not provide. Access to information and culture for all is a necessity.
1141	7/16/2012	Access to books, media, and information is very important to being a well-rounded human being. It helps with learning, teaching, and decision making.
1142	7/16/2012	I have always loved the opportunity to go to the library and check about books about a variety of topics. I have used the library to plan vacations, to read classic novels and to learn about certain animals, places, sports, people and skills. The local libraries have been very helpful to me in completing school assignments, especially research projects, and I was able to save money on textbooks for college by finding a few of my required texts at local libraries. However, some public services are more vital to the safety of the public, so I rated libraries as important, but not the most important.
1143	7/16/2012	Because I'm poor and so are lots of other people. If I only could read books I bought...I'd be a lot less educated and well read. I'd also be extremely poor. I love reading and it teaches me so many things and it does that for lots of other people as well. It provides free information too. I think of all the public services (except firefighters) it is the most important. Certainly more important than the police or food stamps which people take advantage of anyhow...plus the police hassle people more than protect them...sorry this isn't a commentary...anyhow the library is extremely important for all types of people and it has no real downsides to staying funded. It educates people and makes them smart. The library is super good.
1144	7/16/2012	very important

1145	7/16/2012	<p>Because library materials and programs expand the mind and help us grow, and, gives us a place to gather with other people of our communities for learning, practicing, and interacting. Funding should go in this order.[]</p>
1146	7/16/2012	<p>1. Public safety [] 1.b. Police and fire[] 2. Public Schools (if schools are fully funded kids will have better library services in house and will have a lesser need for public libraries [] 3. Maintaining roads, bridges, ect.[] 4. Other spending such as libraries, parks, ect.[] [] If we run out of money before we get to number 4 then we do with out. Just like I tell my kids in the grocery store. If we run out og money before we get to the snack isle then we do with out. Public libraries provide access to knowledge that is key to self-improvement. Free access to educational resources car help the disadvantaged and underprivileged develop knowledge and skills so that they can contribute to society at a higher level. [] []</p>
1147	7/16/2012	<p>If children learn to love books when they are young, they gain a lifelong habit of inquiry. Reading gives access to worlds beyond the local. Reading helps us bridge beyond our immediate experiences to dream of new possibilities and empathize with those in very different circumstances. Innovation comes when people believe new things are possible and acquire the knowledge to make them happen. (Imagine whirled peas)</p>
1148	7/16/2012	<p>Library services were very very important to me while I was in school. Now that I finished my bachelors degree two years ago is still important even if I don't use it as much. I started a family and have a baby and I wanna be able to have my kids enjoy the same great services from the library as I did. [] Resources for kids and programs are a great way to help with education, and I look forward to use those services when my baby will grow a little more.</p>
1149	7/16/2012	<p>Library services are important but rank fairly low compared to k-12 education, feeding hungry people, housing poor people, providing for the mentally ill, ensuring clean water in my tap, treating sewage, etc. I would be ok with even fewer library hours if it meant that these other items were adequately funded.</p>
1150	7/16/2012	<p>It's most important to the lower income members of our community who can't afford to purchase what the library provides (internet, books, etc). Libraries help to bring more equality and leveling of the playing field by giving access to information to those who wouldn't otherwise have it.</p>

1151	7/16/2012	I consider the library to be very important because it serves a wide range of the community with a range of services. The library is first and foremost a lender of books, which can entertain, educate and inspire the imagination. However the library is more than a book lender, it is a part of the community, providing story time for the young, computer access, job seekers resources and more.
1152	7/16/2012	The only way to make our society better is to raise the level of public debate - the best way to do that is to ensure that the citizenry has access to knowledge. That's what the library provides.
1153	7/16/2012	For me, libraries were an exciting introduction to information and culture I would not find again until I attended university. I want that possibility to be there for everyone.
1154	7/16/2012	available, current, and multiple resources, specialized aid/help that I trust, comfortable environment, near my home.
1155	7/16/2012	I frequently use the library to access books and picture files for work-related needs.
1156	7/16/2012	It enriches my, and my families, daily.
1157	7/16/2012	It's in the service of all public good by providing access to knowledge.
1158	7/16/2012	I'm earn a relatively small amount - I'm a teacher - and it would be difficult for me to purchase the items (such as books, cds and dvds) I borrow from the library. Those items enrich my life culturally, and the fact that they're available to me through the library helps me feel that the value I place on them is shared by the County I live in.
1159	7/16/2012	Because the library offers FREE (outside of property taxes) services, materials, and information to EVERYONE in the community. This access is democratic, and I support that. The library is a community hub, and brings together people from various backgrounds. That is democratic, and I support that as well.
1160	7/16/2012	Books/reading equal Knowledge
1161	7/16/2012	Libraries are not only great sources of information via many types of media, they are gathering places for people from all walks of life. Library patrons are a community, whether they actually walk through the door or whether they access library resources that are available on-line. There are no economic, intellectual, educational, cultural, racial, etc. barriers to becoming a library patron.
1162	7/16/2012	Enourmous fund of knowledge and pleasure for the public's benefit- FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
1163	7/16/2012	I think schools, roads, and other city activities should be a higher priority, but libraries are nice too.
1164	7/16/2012	I can remember going to "story time" at my local library when I was a child.... I remember learning how to read and play through reading and talking about books. I feel that all children should have that opportunity. People should be able to explore and expand their minds through reading. I would be very sad to see the public library system go away, or change much more than they already have.
1165	7/16/2012	It is important for everyone to have access to information and education, regardless of income level.

1166	7/16/2012	I can't afford to buy books, so i get them at the library, and I couldn't further my education and expand my horizons without the library. Also, i love the opportunities to interact with other parents at story time, i would feel socially isolated with out them, especially as a new parent. Also my daughter gets a variety of books from the library and she loves it.
1167	7/16/2012	Even though I am well educated and have a steady income, I would not be able to obtain or afford the variety of books and materials that I can access through the library.
1168	7/16/2012	8/10 importance level.
1169	7/16/2012	because the library is a haven for so many people. It is for pleasure, but also for school and work related needs as well. It is an equalizer between socio economic status and any other inequality - it offers opportunity to everyone.
1170	7/16/2012	I consider libraries to be a core service responsible for helping eliminate educational shortcomings and fighting illiteracy. In my opinion, core services and infrastructure have been ignored in Portland in favor of "personal agendas". While I hate potholes and poor streets, sewer problems and ridiculous expenditures for an underground under-river sewage tank, out of control building inspections and the erosion of friendly police interactions in favor of confrontation, I don't feel I can affect these services. However, you are giving me the chance to affect library funding, and I strongly support high quality libraries with useful hours.
1171	7/16/2012	Equal access to information is empowering and transcends to other aspects of life
1172	7/16/2012	We can find and enjoy our favorites at the library and we appreciate that...free access for all in our community
1173	7/16/2012	An informed electing body in a democracy is what makes it successful. Reading is how we get informed. And it gets our people off the TV and off from Computers. It helps keep our community in balance.
1174	7/16/2012	Public libraries are a very important part of this community. Free access to books for any and everyone is very important.
1175	7/16/2012	Knowledge is power. Access to information is an equity issue that public libraries address.
1176	7/16/2012	Because it allows everyone access, not just those who can afford it. The library provides critical resources to people (computers, research, media and books, classes) who may not be able to afford them. It's also a community gathering place, even if people don't know one another.
1177	7/16/2012	The Library system competently carries out its mission.[] The other city & county services struggle to reach mediocracy
1178	7/16/2012	The library is key to keeping me connected to my community and knowledgeable about what is happening locally.
1179	7/16/2012	Access to information is vital for a free and fair society. Not everyone can afford to buy all of their own materials, nor is it a good use of resources.
1180	7/16/2012	it's a library. duh.

1181	7/16/2012	The above question is not a good one. You need to clarify what you mean by "Local public services".
1182	7/16/2012	I am on a limited budget, so can't be purchasing reading material. That is my favorite form of entertainment.
1183	7/16/2012	Somewhat important
1184	7/16/2012	Libraries provide the public with resources and opportunities for education and personal enrichment/improvement. I believe these services are crucial for progress on an individual and societal level.
1185	7/16/2012	I think it is extremely important. It is vital to have books be accessible to everyone and our libraries make that possible when they have proper funding and are steel staffed and stocked with as many reading materials as possible.
1186	7/16/2012	I believe that people should have easy access to information to educate themselves.
1187	7/16/2012	For me, the only public services that come above public libraries are ones dealing with education, health and safety (schools, police, firefighters, EMTs, etc.). Public libraries are (or should be) part of the required fabric of our society, along with good schools.
1188	7/16/2012	Well, basic infrastructure repair and education are the most important, but you know what I mean.
1189	7/16/2012	I am teaching my child to read and the library books are indispensable.
1190	7/16/2012	Reading is so valuable to everyone and to learning and developing as a person. Libraries make these opportunities available for everyone.
1191	7/16/2012	If local library provide good services, people would feel more inclined to use them. This will be a great way to for everyone to advance their learning and for society as a whole to become more knowledgeable.
1192	7/16/2012	Every age can use. Anybody who chooses to make use of any of the service can see some benefit.
1193	7/16/2012	I would say they are very important for people who use the library for studies, etc. or for good reading materials--esp. if you can't go out and purchase things you want to read.
1194	7/16/2012	I think the services make a big difference to those of limited means.
1195	7/16/2012	I use the library the most of all the county and city services
1196	7/16/2012	An educated well read citizenry is the foundation of our democracy.
1197	7/16/2012	I was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and I saw and know how important free access of books and materials are for families, especially the many low income families.
1198	7/16/2012	Because the Library system serves all members of the community.
1199	7/16/2012	Because I am an avid reader and can't afford to buy books. I also appreciate the selection of dvds.
1200	7/16/2012	I use the library materials for myself and for my classroom.

1201	7/16/2012	<p>We (my husband and I) depend on the library for most of our reading material; we could not afford to purchase the number of books we read (we very rarely purchase a book). We are contemplating stopping our newspaper delivery and working in a daily stop at the library in order to read it there.¶</p> <p>I select and deliver large print books from the library on a regular basis to a friend who has impaired vision -- this is an incredibly important resource for her.¶</p> <p>We check out DVD's on a regular basis also.</p>
1202	7/16/2012	<p>Libraries are easily accessible and incredibly helpful for low income folks, kids, and other groups of people who don't get any decent help or support from most state-funded public services. Books are important! EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT! If local library services (that obviously help tons of people) are cut further, it denies the importance of equal access to education and resources for self-aid.</p>
1203	7/16/2012	<p>because for the price I pay out of my property taxes, I receive all the books I want to read (in multiple formats), all the DVD's I want to watch (including television series), music CD's, online journals and programs to learn a language, new technology and access to public computers if I need it and even author talks, programs I can take (for free!) and this marvelous system in which I can request something and then go pick it up anywhere.¶</p> <p>It is a really great value!</p>
1204	7/16/2012	<p>I am a retired school librarian. I used MCL all the time for resources; not only books, but personnel and programs. Your work is exceptional and extremely important especially now when we are experiencing the loss of so many school library programs.</p>
1205	7/16/2012	<p>Serve people who would not have access to this info if not for our library system</p>
1206	7/16/2012	<p>they are some of the only places that I can get online.</p>
1207	7/16/2012	<p>They are very important to me because I love to read and have access to new and old literature without having to buy everything. I suspect however that people in financial difficulty right now need assistance with basic necessities more than the library.</p>
1208	7/16/2012	<p>They are an important support service for low and moderate income households and play an important part in helping public school students become successful. Investing in these kids now is far cheaper for the county than dealing with the expensive aftermath of failure through the social services and criminal justice system.</p>
1209	7/16/2012	<p>Education is first, then police/fire, then library/parks.</p>
1210	7/16/2012	<p>Due to the economy and loss in budgets left and right libraries are one place where young and old can be informed, educated, and welcomed. Libraries provide a welcoming learning environment for all. Libraries also provide internet access to those whom are less fortunate. Even the copy machines are scarce things to find or have access to.</p>
1211	7/16/2012	<p>The library is critical to me as it is resource for my continuing education as a Portland Public Schools teacher and citizen.</p>

1212	7/16/2012	public libraries along with schools are central institutions to a democratic citizenry. Without them, we decline as a society.
1213	7/16/2012	It's a place where everyone is equal in having the access to many resources and knowledge. Without well managed libraries, I can't begin to imagine the effect it would have on our culture.
1214	7/16/2012	free self-education raises productivity and is the primary important economic stimulus and source of self-improvement
1215	7/16/2012	The library is a huge part of our lives. We use it constantly.
1216	7/16/2012	Access to information, especially for those unable to afford it elsewhere.
1217	7/16/2012	High importance I consider the library to be my version of church. I believe all books deserve respect, even books that I don't like/agree with. I feel the written word (in any hard copy format) should be viewed as sacrosanct (but not in a religious sense, I'm agnostic),very much like schools.
1218	7/16/2012	The library provides so many resources to so many people - job seekers, seniors, children, students - everyone at every stage of life can use and benefit from a library.
1220	7/16/2012	Very nice to have, but certainly not life threatening Libraries give a vast amount of resources to the community. Gathering rooms, book readings and activities to the little ones, internet access for job seekers, computers and printers for those that do not have at home. As a divorced dad, my kids now live with their mother. I have great memories singing and listening to books at the Woodstock library. I also used the internet to look for work daily, the computers to type up resumes and the printer to print them and a map to the locations. Thank you.
1221	7/16/2012	
1222	7/16/2012	Extreme importance, I DO NOT want to lose my escape from the world, my personal hiding place!
1223	7/16/2012	It makes no sense to buy every book I want to read, therefore I get lots of them from the library. I also think it's very important for people to have internet access if they don't have it elsewhere.
1224	7/16/2012	many children and families need these resources
1225	7/16/2012	I would be lost without a library. I am an avid reader and get much of the information I need to be an educated, well rounded person from the library. I cannot afford to buy new books and count on the library, Tidal Wave and Good Will to keep me well stocked and well informed.
1226	7/16/2012	The library is a community gift. It's a place to learn something new and reinforce what you already know. The more we share knowledge the more we all benefit from the shared knowledge.
1227	7/16/2012	It is so important to have these resources available to the general public for free. As a teacher at a school without a library, I use the Multnomah County library to serve my students' needs. Thank you!
1228	7/16/2012	It's how I get my reading material
1229	7/16/2012	While I do consider the library services to be important, there are other, more vital social services offered by Multnomah County that I would rank above the library due to the life-or-death end results that they have.

1230	7/16/2012	They provide free books for a certain amount of time and cds.
1231	7/16/2012	It's in my blood. I READ.
1232	7/16/2012	I use our neighborhood library frequently and appreciate its convenience and availability of materials. The many outreach and other programs seem like luxuries to me, especially in these trying economic times.
1233	7/16/2012	There is no substitute. Local library services are vital in improving the well being and imagination of society. Money should never be a constraint on public information...personally, I'm appalled it's even considered.
1234	7/15/2012	<p>Many people can't afford other options for learning what is happening in the world, and educating themselves on what is happening here at home. TV (which most use) does not give unbiased views or necessarily the true views. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Free libraris are important to the mental growth of everyone, not just those that can afford college, internet, etc. Libraris allow all levels of people the opportunity to continue to improve themselves.</p>
1235	7/15/2012	Libraries provide a safe place for people to access reliable information, to gain critical skills for success & promote literacy & community cohesion through events. When people have access to gain skills through workshops & knowledge through books, magazines & internet access, they are able to make more informed & healthy decisions for themselves & their families. This may, in turn, decrease the need for other social services, keep the need for other services from increasing, or, at the very least, help people gain knowledge of how to access & best utilize other public services available to them.
1236	7/15/2012	i want to know it's there
1237	7/15/2012	Great resource
1238	7/15/2012	I am a supporter of education and arts. I have always been an avid reader. I currently volunteer at the library in the Read to the Dogs program. I am very aware of the need to provide an avenue for education to promote better readers and personal confidence. I am aware of the excitement in reading, learned awareness of the "world" we live in through exposure to books, periodicals, computer programs and staffed library programs. Interaction between librarians and other staff members is critical in opening up a comfort level in personal exploration of knowledge. During my volunteer hours I see children and adults on computers..challenging games, job searchers, homework..the full spectrum. I see readers of all types/levels. I also see a safe haven and comfortable friendly environment. I receive tremendous enjoyment during my time at the library. The best days are the ones where I feel the children have made a wonderful step into the world and have begun to learn the magic of reading.
1239	7/15/2012	When school is out, the library is the place I get all my books and media. It is not the most important public service to me, but it is pretty important, and I would hate to lose the library system.

1240	7/15/2012	Because I love to read, because books contain knowledge, because we don't want to have an ignorant populace and everyone should be able to access books, including those who can't afford a Kindle and having to pay for books. Libraries are a foundation of democracy.
1241	7/15/2012	This is the of research an learning.
1242	7/15/2012	The freedom to pursue knowledge must be as available as possible to people of any economic level if any equity is to exist in our society.
1243	7/15/2012	There are books that I cannot effectively get any other way.
1244	7/15/2012	Our libraries are invaluable resources that offer services to a very wide spectrum of the community. They are so much more than a repository of books and information; they have programs and services for everyone and reach out to the most vulnerable as well as the advantaged. We in Portland have one of the best library systems in the country - maybe in the world - and we should be proud and be willing to continue supporting it.
1245	7/15/2012	I understand the value of free access to information. With the internet, and easy access to all information, much of which is unreliable and inaccurate, students and adults seeking accurate sources is vital to a free and educated society. The quality of our library in the most populated county in Oregon is crucial. People of all economic levels, ethnic and economic backgrounds, children acquiring literacy skills, seniors seeking assistance and information, educators and people who provide important services to all segments of our society depend and trust the library to provide the high level of service and wide access to its libraries. Investing in literacy is a wise economic investment, as the library plays a vital role in creating productive citizens in our society.
1246	7/15/2012	culture is vital
1247	7/15/2012	I believe that it is very important for society that everyone, regardless of economic status, to have access to information, knowledge, education and the enjoyment of reading.
1248	7/15/2012	quality of life for "low & low-middle" income people important computer access for "lower & low-middle" income job seekers (especially Mondays)
1249	7/15/2012	First, define "other local public services." Do you mean constant availability of electrical service, sewage service, clean drinking water service, health care-giving services, police protection (and its attendant corruption) services, etc.?
1250	7/15/2012	Libraries are open to everyone. They try to provide whatever information people need. They have something to offer absolutely everyone.
1251	7/15/2012	Access to books and community services is very important. Teaching kids the importance of reading is essential.

1252	7/15/2012	I prefer to read books electronically (Kindle), and prefer to own what I read. I prefer to collect physical versions of music myself, so I only occasionally have checked out some CDs that are hard to find (no longer in print, etc.). For movies, there are too many "on demand" and "streaming" options to make checking out from the library worthwhile. I have a computer at home so I don't need those services at the library (nor for job search assistance, etc.). Perhaps if the library made their facilities available for private meetings, with later hours, my condo homeowners association could rent a meeting room there in the evenings, but we've checked and what's available doesn't work for our needs so we go with nearby community centers instead.
1253	7/15/2012	Libraries stand out for me because they offer not only education but also relaxation resources. No other community service is quite so positive in my view.
1254	7/15/2012	one of the most important public services (second only to education)
1255	7/15/2012	I think the library is very important because learning is very important and some people don't have access or can't afford the resources (like internet service). That is especially the case when someone loses their job and needs to job search and let's say can't afford the internet service. Everything is webbased these days and the computer becomes more and more important. For the same reason I so appreciate that we have books and that not everything is electronic. There is something special about turning the page instead of pushing a button.
1256	7/15/2012	All that is known or can be known is free for all - or free after taxes, including the property tax that renters pay to their landlords. []
1257	7/15/2012	You just can't beat that! do not use it often
1258	7/15/2012	I am a regular user and think it makes much more sense for people to check books out of the library than to buy bunches of books to read once and then put on a shelf. Reading is important to me and important for the community.
1259	7/15/2012	THE LIBRARY IS MY NUMBER ONE SOURCE FOR SELF IMPROVEMENT, JOBS, LOCAL INFORMATION INQUIRIES, ENTERTAINMENT, YOU NAME IT, ITS AT THE LIBRARY!!!
1260	7/15/2012	I am a lifelong avid reader. I couldn't possibly afford to read as much as I do if I had to purchase every book I read. I have an e-reader now and it's great to be able to get books online, but many older books are still only available in hard copy. The library makes nearly any book available to me at no per copy charge. That's amazing and valuable.
1261	7/15/2012	convenient source for knowledge and culture
1262	7/15/2012	We use the services very frequently
1263	7/15/2012	HAVING ACCESS TO THE BOOKS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS AN IMPORTANT AND REAL USE OF MY TAX DOLLARS, VALUE. IT IS A TREMENDOUS RESOURCE

1264	7/15/2012	Because all families and individuals should have access to books.
1265	7/15/2012	Access to reading material, information and computers is very important for learning, staying informed and entertainment.
1266	7/15/2012	Well a library is never as important as police, fire or roads. But it is pretty important because it is a public service that anyone can have a positive experience with voluntarily. If the libraries were terrible, it would be harder to make the case that public services are important and can be competently managed. I want to maintain/improve our library system so that it can be used as an example to the skeptics of government how well the public sector can function.
1267	7/15/2012	Access to Information is needed for a society to function.
1268	7/15/2012	The library serves an important role in the community
1269	7/15/2012	free public access to the collective knowledge of human history.
1270	7/15/2012	I use it very frequently and it is a place open to all.
1271	7/15/2012	This is a hard question to answer. I don't want to say that getting the books I want is more important than fire services, garbage services, etc. but being able to read good books really helps my quality of life.
1272	7/15/2012	Libraries is a place for peace and exploring
1273	7/15/2012	Not as important as public health and safety, but very important for the quality of livability in the city
1274	7/15/2012	Availability of books for those that are unable to afford them. Of course, police, firefighters, etc are the most important; however, for me personally, I feel like these services are like life insurance. You pay for it and hope you never have to use it.[]
1275	7/15/2012	[] I have used services at the library much more frequently. This is a service that I want to use and enjoy using all the time.
1276	7/15/2012	Because it is an important way of knowledge and healthy entertainment for our society.
1277	7/15/2012	At the library you can access information & resources with which you would not be able to find at any other place.
1278	7/15/2012	Maybe not that important for me personally who has expendable income and internet access, but extremely important for folks whose only access to information is through the library.
1279	7/15/2012	An excellent resource in the community.
1280	7/15/2012	I am a retired elementary teacher/librarian. I am a heavy user of the Multnomah County Library. I know the great impact libraries have on learning and using various media forms for enjoyment for children and adults of all ages.
1281	7/15/2012	I love reading and count on the variety and availability of the library book selection. I am also an art teacher and my educator card allows me to check out books to use as a teaching resource for students. And as a mom I deeply value the childrens section and programs for kids, particularly storytimes.

1282	7/15/2012	I don't mind that there are reduced hours but I'd like to see that the hours that the library is open allows actual public use - such as being open late hours (after 5:00 pm) for a couple of days a week so families can actually get there after work and school to use. Libraries only open from 9-5 don't really service the needs of the community; sorry - nice for workers but not very functional for a community.
1283	7/15/2012	free dvd internet printers
1284	7/15/2012	I rely on the library for internet, for research materials, and entertainment.
1285	7/15/2012	Not only does the library give me access to books that push me mentally and escape from daily life it is somewhere that I can get books on topics I am teaching the kids I work with. Reading broadens your world and improves brain function. Everyone deserves to have access to great books and information.
1286	7/15/2012	It is a service that my family uses frequently, I am the mother of three boys, and we can walk to our local branch library. Over the years, our need for various services has changed, but I appreciate the cradle-to-grave support Portland's library system has provided my family.
1287	7/15/2012	This is an idiotic question, as is 7. While waiting for an ambulance at a collision, a library does not seem critical. But ambulance use is occasional; the two incomparable in these terms.
1288	7/15/2012	public access to information, community building
1289	7/15/2012	need to keep mind occupied Public safety comes first
1290	7/15/2012	Libraries and accessibility of current resources pretty much next Maintenance of infrastructure in the middle Entitlement and "something for nothing" programs last
1291	7/15/2012	For people who can't afford to go anywhere else, it is extremely important, therefore I think it's very important.
1292	7/15/2012	Not essential to the community, but important for the long term
1293	7/15/2012	Libraries provide a wealth of materials and services that help each member of our society. Without a public library system in place that everyone can use, our society would have a very difficult time being as intellectually, morally and spiritually sound as it is now. Public libraries help provide a backbone and proper foundation that helps a society remain civil. It's very difficult for any human being to know what's right and wrong unless they can research for themselves what is correct. A proper library has materials that anyone can use to find information that they need for just about anything. And, just for fun, libraries also have great entertainment value with their collection of music CDs and DVDs, etc. Libraries also help people get the resources they need to find jobs, do research for a book they may be writing, and many other wonderful things.
1294	7/15/2012	Fixed income, avid readers
1295	7/15/2012	Provide learning materials to me and my community.

1296	7/15/2012	In a democracy it is paramount that the citizens have access to resources for informed decision making. The library acts as such an equal access depository. In addition it plays a vital role in life-long learning, a core value of our society.
1297	7/15/2012	Because I love to read and the library is invaluable to me.
1298	7/15/2012	Educational and media access for all
1299	7/15/2012	Reading without buying books and using computer access are pretty basic amenities I greatly appreciate having full access to. Thank you.
1300	7/15/2012	Healthy libraries and free access to information is a foundation of civilized society and an important part of the commons, especially as society grows ever-more complex and dependent on information access.
1301	7/15/2012	Reading and the ability to read is very important to me and my family. Reading should continue past the school years and through out your life. The library is an essential part of this.
1302	7/15/2012	Police and Fire come before library services. However, library services should come before unemployment for some people. If they accessing resources at the library, they might find work.
1303	7/15/2012	Active libraries can help breed a collectively informed population. People having the resources readily available to educate or better themselves is like a rising tide lifting all ships.
1304	7/15/2012	The library is a resouce which can be used by anyone in the community. It answers so many needs for a large variety of people. It is vital for job seekers and students, and just as vital for other who enjoy its large selection of books and other media offerings. We enjoy being able to go to the library on any day of the week.
1305	7/15/2012	They are very important. We specifically moved within walking distance of a local library. We use our library all the time.
1306	7/15/2012	Most important for computer access
1307	7/15/2012	I like to be able to count on the library when I want to use its services...no surprises, ok?
1308	7/15/2012	This is a service that speaks directly to what makes this country. A service that is available to all of its citizens regardless of economic status. That libraries provide these many services for free is most important, if we live in a true democracy.
1309	7/15/2012	The public libraries offer access to information. It is a great leveler in a society where literacy and access to information is linked to income and status within society. If you have no computer at home because you can't afford it, that creates an obstacle to being able to access the benefits of this society.
1310	7/15/2012	Public libraries offer a vast universe of information to all people -- not just those who can afford to own books or computers at home or pay for an education. The public library is a defender of our freedom by providing access to knowledge we might not otherwise have.
1311	7/15/2012	
1312	7/15/2012	Libraries make us informed human beings.

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1313	7/15/2012	the public library is one of the true democratic institutions in American society. Everyone has access. Anyone can walk in the door and have access to books and information
1314	7/15/2012	The library does so many things for people. It brings books more education and the children get the most use of it which is good.
1315	7/15/2012	It is accessible to EVERYONE
1316	7/15/2012	Many people have no access to computers, books without the library. Access to information and discovery enriches the whole community.
1317	7/15/2012	It's the service I use most frequently of all, with the possible exceptions of the streets and sidewalks and the Portland Tennis Center and the parks.
1318	7/15/2012	Education
1319	7/15/2012	For lower income families, public libraries may be the only place (outside schools) they have access to books and other media free of cost.
1320	7/15/2012	Because they provide access to knowledge, creativity, and help free of charge to ALL people.
1321	7/15/2012	Utmost. Up there with the biggies.[] Fire Dept., Police, Schools, Libraries.
1322	7/15/2012	I use the library consistently and having access to books and other resources through the library saves me quite a bit of money.
1323	7/15/2012	It is a free and unbiased resource for the community.
1324	7/15/2012	Literate individuals participate actively in society to contribute to improve the economy, opportunities and social fabric of a vibrant city. The library is an essential function to support equal access with its resources for all ages and accessibility.
1325	7/15/2012	water, sewer, fire and police are fundamentally necessary to survive. Books are very necessary to an acceptable life, but not before the need for water etc.
1326	7/15/2012	We have current serious needs of Oregonians that do not have enough food to eat, housing and employment; not to mention apparent under-funded education and job training. Perhaps Libraries could get involved with some of that? I'm not sure how that could happen but they are one of our community service sites.
1327	7/15/2012	The education of a society is how we can have a well functioning society. All people deserve free access to the world of books, media, computers etc. It in the end makes for a smarter and healthier and better, democratic society..because people are encouraged to read learn, discuss, participate.
1328	7/15/2012	I read and write daily. The library is a great resource for both of these activities. what are all of the true sayings:[]
1329	7/15/2012	A library will get you by when there's no money better than money will get you by with no libraries.[] and[] a book is a gift you can open over and over.[] They're both true

1330	7/15/2012	I think libraries can save lives in different ways than police and fire, etc. but in ways that are equally important.
1331	7/15/2012	The city can survive without it, but it significantly improves the quality of life. Some people rely on it for internet and educational and reading materials. Access to those resources should not be only for those who can afford to purchase them.
1332	7/15/2012	I and my family have used multnomah county libraries heavily since the fifties, and want to continue as long as possible. Reading is extremely important.
1333	7/15/2012	Because of the educational, cultural and community resources it providers for everyone including those that may not have access otherwise. Because I believe in libraries!
1334	7/15/2012	Because I use the library! Because other people--children, the aged, the poor-need them even more than I do
1335	7/15/2012	The library provides a huge range of services to people throughout our community. Few other public services touch as many people with as much value. The library is the foundation of a free and informed society.
1336	7/15/2012	Please see my previous comments. Libraries are the link to other public services, especially for those who lack education and other resources. And they open the world to all people. Anyone can walk into a library, and if they don't know where to start, ask a librarian, who can help them find what they are looking for.
1337	7/15/2012	Books are the foundation of education. I firmly believe that our youth need access to books to help our society grow.
1338	7/15/2012	I am a retiree, but I have my grandchildren visit often and also love the option to read thru the library, rather than spending limited funs on reading materials.
1339	7/15/2012	Basic public services like infra/structure, public safety and the like should be at or near the top of the importance list. Then schools, public assistance, followed by the library and parks
1340	7/15/2012	Before I had a working computer, I depended on the library for all of my online access needs. Two hours a day is paltry when you need a computer to keep current with email, job searches, and long-distance connections in today's wired world. I rely upon the library as a source of information on any topic or issue. I can connect to information from home, at times of my choosing. I also continue to value print materials very highly. I even learn from posters, brochures in the library lobby!
1341	7/15/2012	I DO NOT want all my news, information, consumer advice, etc. to come from hyped, fast-talking media. I want to choose materials that I can read/studyreview in a more methodical, slower-paced, thoughtful manner. The library is the primary source that enables me to do that.

1342	7/15/2012	They are a resource that serves many people. They provide access to educational material that may not be available to some folks. It enriches one's life.
1343	7/15/2012	I am an avid reader and love the community role that libraries play.
1344	7/15/2012	The health of a community can be judged on the literacy level of its people. Little ones need the opportunity to enjoy books at an early age and seniors need to have the access (mailed, on line) to materials. Plus, it is a nice place to hang out and meet friends.
1345	7/15/2012	Fundamentally, emergency services trump all others. But libraries are relatively high on my list. The internet has taken away much of the reference materials usage that I went to the library for in the past. I'm not attracted to ebooks so I use the library for books I don't want to purchase.
1346	7/15/2012	Literacy and knowledge are essential for a democracy.
1347	7/15/2012	I think local public safety and infrastructure (e.g. water treatment) are probably more essential on an everyday basis but libraries are great community and education builders and are the only place I can think of where knowledge and resources are available to people of all incomes and ages.
1348	7/15/2012	Because libraries give access to information to everyone. Exploring information can lead to gaining knowledge. Knowledge is only one attribute of what makes a strong community member, but it surely opens the door to the possibility of tolerance and self-confidence. We have a responsibility to each other to support our development as people. Libraries are one venue for that support.
1349	7/15/2012	Equal access to information for all income groups.
1350	7/15/2012	Because it is an outlet that isn't available elsewhere.
1351	7/15/2012	Everyone should have access to books, magazines and other media.
1352	7/15/2012	I don't even have kids and am not a senior citizen or struggling financially but I highly value libraries because they offer an essential educational tool to people who might not have other such outlets for exploring their creativity, valuing reading, and gathering with others in a positive, educational, but relaxed atmosphere. Without this there are communities that would be more at risk for under-education, lack of social interaction, and lack of a place to explore their own creativity and learn from others just because they want to.
1353	7/15/2012	If you are asking me to rank compared to fire, police services...teachers...?[] Libraries give more than what I pay for fire, police services...I would rank teachers first..
1354	7/15/2012	Question 7 is a BAD question and not reasonable to answer without the context of what other local services you're asking about. Water, sewer, and public health are more important than the library, but water and sewer aren't county funded.
1355	7/15/2012	I own a book and magazine store I can do research easily.[]
1356	7/15/2012	Make my community one of quality.[] A great place to bring children.[] Free books to read.

1357	7/15/2012	Central neighborhood resource.
1358	7/15/2012	We use the library regularly for at least half of our entertainment. Plus it's nice to be a part of a community, to feel like everyone is helping each other by supporting this institution.
1359	7/15/2012	All my family are readers and books are very important. Maybe not as important as fire and police protection but one of the highest in personal happiness
1360	7/15/2012	Reading is important. Although I have access to books, not everyone does. Libraries provide 'free' access to everyone Libraries are part of the type of society in which I wish to live.
1361	7/15/2012	Because libraries are important since they hold a great amount of information thats vital to people in the community.
1362	7/15/2012	Information, whether for entertainment or enlightenment is a priority for me and my family. It is how we take steps into a wider world. with no work and everyone stretched to their financial limits it is a luxury to be able to still read books or do research
1363	7/15/2012	when you cannot afford to buy what you need.[] []
1364	7/15/2012	One of the last "so called" free pleasures left in life form so long ago. They provide resources that enrich the community socially and economically.
1365	7/15/2012	Libraries are important; but keep in mind the role of government and their services: Public Health, Safety and Welfare. Libraries are important and they serve a role to the community. They give access to books and other materials to the public. Libraries are good resources to keep informed of the latest community events, new books and computer access to some. However, if I had only one dollar to spend, I would think twice giving it to the library system over the fire department. Also, with many people having personal computers or smart phones, computer access may start decreasing. Computers are cheaper by the year, so using poor v. rich people will not work. Audio book and e-books are easy to download, that may be the way of the future. Andrew Carnegie is no longer building libraries for small rural communities. It is time to get back to the basics.
1366	7/15/2012	We actively use the library as a resource for books and movies for our family. See my previous answer! Also, just because the library has been important in my personal development. I remember getting my first library card and loving going to the children's room in the central library. I spent days there in high school researching for papers, or reading treasures I found through browsing. I learned about the history of Portland through the newspaper archives and checked out many many plays and librettos for practice and pleasure. The library played a fundamental part in my life and I hope it can continue to do that for others.
1367	7/15/2012	
1368	7/15/2012	The value of libraries is incalculable. Just look at those counties in southern Oregon who have shut theirs down. Where do school kids go to research projects or access computers? Those people have put themselves at a disadvantage for the present and future!

1369	7/15/2012	I am a much bigger reader than anyone else in my family (2 adults, 2 children), but am often busy and don't often get to visit the library anymore. Even though I can't get there very often, many people do go to our branch and it is an important part of our local community I feel.
1370	7/15/2012	There is a sense of community in a library that I just tapped back into after several years. The library seems especially important here in Portland where there are so many people who depend on it in a very real way for a sense of connection.
1371	7/15/2012	Because with kids, it is a great resource. My children have always loved going to the library. They read a lot because of the constant access to new books. They like checking out movies, as well. When they were pre-school, we spent many hours there using the computers, looking at books, etc. Now we go there at least once a week to check out new books. My kids always have holds on books. They also do the Summer Reading Program.
1372	7/15/2012	Access to information is one of the basic tenets of our society.
1373	7/15/2012	Right behind police and fire protection
1374	7/15/2012	where else am i able to educate myself, my kids, and my community with such convenience? (aka not the internet - hard copies are so important for really engaging with the material, and i simply could not afford to read and get what i do from my local libraries anywhere else.)
1375	7/15/2012	I love the libraries- but I see alot of abuse in them..[] [] I think just being open 5 days a week should be efficient. Something like Tuesday thru Saturday so it includes one weekend day. While I literally LOVE our libraries, they are not as essential as supporting our police system etc.
1376	7/15/2012	The library is a great, free resource for everyone to use. It improves the general standard of living for people and enhances education and cultural improvement.
1377	7/15/2012	They are the mark of a civilized society and they make resources available to the poor that are otherwise not available. My only source of reading material as a child was a tiny rural library, so I know.
1378	7/15/2012	We go to the library weekly, it is an outing that my children love, to pick out books and movies. I checked out the BOB books and now my son is reading too, a key tool we use for teaching him to read that we did not know about until we found them at the library. We see our friends there, our family too. We attend the holiday festivities and other activities. I am able to read, watch, and listen to items that we could not afford on our limited budget. By checking out items, I have expanded my own learning in childrearing, budgeting, crafts, and making our lives better. I cannot say enough how important the library is to our family. It truly is the best library program I have ever seen in any of the cities I have lived and we absolutely love it.
1379	7/15/2012	They provide a place for students to study, relax, and learn without getting into trouble elsewhere. Also, they provide lots of visual and audio material at no cost to people who want to enjoy books, movies, or CDs but don't have the money.

1380	7/15/2012	Books are the core of learning and a healthy society. It's also a gathering place for the community. It provides resources for all classes of society.
1381	7/15/2012	The library provides many services that we could not afford otherwise.
1382	7/15/2012	I love my library! When I want to learn about something I just check out a book on it. I can't afford to be buying books, nor do I want to clutter up my house with books I might read once and then never look at. I save money and get to read about things I'm interesting in.
1383	7/15/2012	It is sad when people do not have access to the basics like papers and pencils; it is even sadder when they do not have access to books, cds, dvds, magazines, and all other resources the library offers. Libraries are a staple of civilization.
1384	7/15/2012	The Albina library is where community involvement starts. It is where we learn about events, parks and recreation, outreach programs, small businesses, and more. It is where we teach our children to read and learn about things they love. It is where we vote, where we count! It is our hub.
1385	7/15/2012	we use them all the time, it is a great service
1386	7/15/2012	I can not afford to buy all the books and magazines that I want to read. Most books that I read are not something that I need on my bookshelf. I think that the internet is oversold and not as carefully researched as published books and magazines. The library is where the community can go to learn about whatever interests them or to keep current with what is going on. Most news broadcasts on TV are a joke in the amount of coverage they allow for a story. The library does not have sponsors that determine what is on the shelves and what is important and what is not.
1387	7/15/2012	I enjoy going to the library but often find that the most popular materials are already in use so that discourages my patronage.
1388	7/15/2012	Because my children and I frequently visit the library and it is a treat for my children. We enjoy getting them new books because we frequently read to them. I also like that I can check out DVDs which I do often.
1389	7/15/2012	Available to everyone equally at no cost.
1390	7/15/2012	They are at that level to me because kids and adults get to check out book movies and the library has programs for kids and teens.
1391	7/15/2012	The local library is a hub for resources, interaction and community engagement. I have access to voting materials, critical local issues as well as a way to gather information for things that I find relevant.
1392	7/15/2012	Police Fire first.
1393	7/15/2012	my ten year old daughter is an avid reader, I use the library as a resource, I like the idea of the general public using the library to keep themselves educated regardless of their income
1394	7/15/2012	My children, especially, use the library. The atmosphere is very conducive to reading & studying.
1395	7/15/2012	The internet is so readily available at my home and I use it most of the time for research etc.
1396	7/15/2012	I was raised to respect the library as much as the temple...don't want to lose that.
1397	7/15/2012	Libraries are hubs of information and vital to an alert democracy.

1398	7/15/2012	The library system in Multnomah is a wondrous asset. However, I would say that police, fire and medical services should take first priority. I felt that listing libraries as "very important" might cause confusion on that point.
1399	7/15/2012	Because it gives everyone access to reading and entertainment, regardless of income.
1400	7/15/2012	All public services are imporant
1401	7/15/2012	Fulfill varied and crucial intellectual, educational, economic needs
1402	7/15/2012	It is the public service I use and enjoy the most.
1403	7/15/2012	i use the library all the time, it is like a secind home to me.
1404	7/15/2012	My family uses the library services regularly - it is both a destination (the little kids use the story hour and enjoy visiting the library) as well as a way for us to access a wide range of books (there is no way for us to buy all the books we borrow for our kids). Our older daughter borrows books that help her improve her reading skills and solidify her love of books and reading. She also loves the books on tape, which we take on trips with us.
1405	7/15/2012	I use the library a lot myself. I also think it is very important for people on limited budgets so that they have access to books and materials. As an educator, I think it is an important resource for children and families to promote literacy.
1406	7/15/2012	As I mentioned before, the library is a community hub for services and for social gathering. Since all of the services are free, it's very accessible to the entire community. In this way, I think the library can serve as an "entry point" for people to access services - like job searching resources and classes or English Language Learner classes - easily and without stigma, whereas people might be more reluctant to access services from other social service organizations. The library could potentially connect people to other services, but the services provided are already a starting point. In addition, I think literacy at all socio-economic levels is important to the future of a community, and the programs for kids and families lays important groundwork to make this a reality.
1407	7/15/2012	I believe schools- programs and repairs are a high level of importance. Libraries are close behind.
1408	7/15/2012	I love books beyond all measure they can be so many things teach, comfort, adventure.
1409	7/15/2012	books and media are important for kids and myself. I can't afford them otherwise. one of the most green things you can do is reduce and reuse. libraries do that.

1410	7/15/2012	<p>I have a young child and to be able to go to the library and check out new/old books for me is very important. I don't have the ability to or want to buy all of the books or dvd's for him. I like that we can try out new things for free (which is a rarity). ☐</p> <p>I like the feeling of it being a community center also with classes and computer access. The story-times and classes have saved my life in so many ways. I enjoy going every week just to get out of the house and know we are doing something that is good for both of us. Reading is so important for his development as well as being part of a community. It also teaches him to respect things that do not belong to him and responsibility in returning things on time.☐</p>
1411	7/15/2012	<p>Before I had children, I used the library mainly to study and use the computers. The library kept me up in my studies when I didn't have a computer and sane when I needed to study out of the house!</p>
1412	7/15/2012	<p>I believe in the fundamental right of all adults and children to have access to information. It is the foundation of democracy.</p>
1412	7/15/2012	<p>Somewhat important for me, but even more important that all citizens have access to knowledge and information and Internet access as government service provided for the common good.</p>
1413	7/15/2012	<p>I think librarians are an important resource because they provide access to necessary resources available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.</p>
1414	7/15/2012	<p>It is a community gathering place. ☐</p> <p>Would like more classes and community group meetings at the library ☐</p> <p>The library provides access to the world through being able to order any book. ☐</p> <p>Maybe the library could earn money by renting out their spaces to other groups during their closed times.</p>
1415	7/15/2012	<p>It is the public service that is constantly and consciously a daily part of our lives. We love the library!</p>
1416	7/15/2012	<p>I have been visiting the Multnomah county libraries since I was a child. I have the app on my phone. I order books and bring my children regularly. I raised my kids at the story hours from infants to toddlers. Reading is a part of the fabric of life in Portland and the libraries are award winning.</p>
1417	7/15/2012	<p>I am an avid reader and if I had to buy every book I read I'd go broke (I'd just read much less frequently). As a child, my parents helped me develop a library "habit" and I would absolutely say it's just part of who I am - a frequent library patron. I also volunteer full time as a art teacher at a public school in a low-income area (5 days a week) and being able to borrow books that are relevant to my lessons is key - as someone who essentially works for free, I certainly could not afford to buy books for my classroom.</p>
1418	7/15/2012	<p>I actually use the library. All the time. It greatly improves the quality of life in portland and it is free. Libraries are one of the best things going</p>

1419	7/15/2012	The medical information that has literally saved my baby sister came from the family reading through everything we could find at the library, not from her clueless doctors. The only access we have to computers for looking for and applying for jobs and doing resumes is at the library. Also for emailing business and family contacts, or researching places or events that may no longer offer their information off-line. We cannot afford a newspaper subscription and read the Oregonian and national newspapers there. I see the libraries providing every single socially useful service the public schools provide (with the exception of the free lunch program) and providing it to all ages. My family homeschooled in part because we believe a higher quality education can be gotten from such community resources as the library. We have lived in many extremely small and/or poor midwestern towns where the only "public services" were fire, police, schools, roads, the post office and library. Quality of all these services usually varied according to quality of the library, making me believe that investing limited resources in library service yields returns in other civic arenas. Libraries provide for me the solace some find in church. I work with at risk youth and many of them find their only calm inside a book. Where else are people going to find something to read? the one national book chain left? with I have no kids and pay huge in my property taxes for schools. But I DO USE THE LIBRARY and that is something of value to me when I pay my property taxes..along with police and fire depts.
1420	7/15/2012	
1421	7/15/2012	The library represents accessibility and freedom of information. It is a wellspring of opportunity for those seeking to better their circumstances, develop their character or intellect, deepen their interests or explore new ideas.
1422	7/15/2012	The library is a huge part of the community for lots of different folks--from after school programs for kids to job seekers to seniors. Since all of our other resources have been cut, the library has partially filled the gap for low income people.
1423	7/15/2012	They allow students to use books to study.
1424	7/15/2012	I suppose we take fire and police protection for granted; they would be very important, i.e., emergency services. Children's welfare is very important, too, so when you consider life and death decisions, where do you draw the line for how much and what is too much? After "vital" services, libraries would be high priority for us.
1425	7/15/2012	I believe providing all community members access to library resources is very valuable. In addition, libraries act as community gathering hubs, another valuable service they provide.
1426	7/15/2012	Police, fire and similar services, and education itself are the only things to be rated higher.
1427	7/15/2012	They're one of the few things that encourage enlightenment in today's society.
1428	7/15/2012	It is local and free and supports my neighborhood.
1429	7/15/2012	It is and important part of a healthy democracy and a great resource and opportunity for those of limited means
1430	7/15/2012	Literacy is valued. Having access to free reading material provides enjoyment, learning, and an activity that doesn't cost money.

1431	7/15/2012	Although I do believe that libraries offer a number of services that are important and should continue in their efforts to promote reading in children of all ages, I have worked in the social service delivery system of Multnomah County and see the desperate need of many of our citizens for basic survival services. I would hate to see those services lose money, so that the libraries have a guaranteed funding source.
1432	7/15/2012	Education is important.
1433	7/15/2012	it is important to have access to reading materials for me to help me get into grad school, I use inter-library loan often and many informational books in the non-fiction section
1434	7/15/2012	Because libraries help stimulate the mind and encourage young people to explore through reading and learning
1435	7/15/2012	I don't have much money. Certainly not to buy all the books I want to read or music I want to listen to.
1436	7/15/2012	I think its a place for a lot of kids to go who like reading and it is a nice place for a lot of adults to read and research when needed.
1437	7/15/2012	It promotes education no matter what your income level
1438	7/15/2012	It is used by the community
1439	7/15/2012	emergency services (fire, police, ambulance) are most important, followed by schools
1440	7/15/2012	I use information from the data base for my volunteer civic work.
1441	7/15/2012	I think libraries are very important. I think schools, public safety and public health might be the only things of higher importance.
1442	7/15/2012	Hardly ever use library, internet make library less useful.
1443	7/15/2012	I'm willing to vote for a levy for it. They are a lifeline to people without ready access to funds for a bookstore, and I remember from when I was a kid, a door to a wider world.
1444	7/15/2012	Because of how much a use the library and value what it has to offer both me and my family as well as the huge range of people who also use it.
1445	7/15/2012	free and universal access
1446	7/15/2012	I'm a lifelong learner
1447	7/15/2012	We need a good, safe, free local library to help today's kids be successful tomorrow. We need people who can read, think, vote, and live intelligently, not welfare recipients with an attitude of entitlement.
1448	7/15/2012	Because librarys hold information about the present and past, current events and if your not a student at a college then your not able to check out books.
1449	7/15/2012	internet access
1450	7/15/2012	It offers education and self improvement opportunities for people like me who don't believe in formal schools.
1451	7/15/2012	I wouldn't put the importance of the library above fire and police protection, of course, but it's way up there.

1452	7/14/2012	My husband and I read a LOT and most of our reading material comes from the library. Also we place high value on the effect our library services have on the community.
1453	7/14/2012	access to information and reading for entertainment are two very important facets of american life.
1454	7/14/2012	I cannot imagine a community without a good library
1455	7/14/2012	Times are hard, growing up, I didn't have access to a community library. The only books I had access to, came from my school or had to be purchased. My family couldn't afford to buy all the books I wanted to read. Which hindered the growth of my education and reading ability. I love to read now, especially using the online library.
1456	7/14/2012	Police, fire, clean water and perhaps some other services exceed this one. Pleasure[]
1457	7/14/2012	source of information[] great reading program for our grand children in the summer.[] Provides reading material for many people who couldn't afford it.
1458	7/14/2012	Only behind police, fire, sanitation, etc.
1459	7/14/2012	Libraries benefit all who access them. Other public services only benefit those who ride bikes for dedicated bike paths, green bike lanes, or community leaders personal projects to get re-elected.
1460	7/14/2012	Keeps us part of the community.
1461	7/14/2012	Helps the community to grow.
1462	7/14/2012	Knowledge is power
1463	7/14/2012	The I enjoy ability to check out books, attend book discussions, and feel a sense of community. The love of reading helped me through many trying times in my life, and enriched it beyond anything I have ever done. I started going to the library as a very small child, to get books for my very poor and busy mother. As a result, I started reading and literature and books became a passion.
1464	7/14/2012	They provide access to technology and materials only accessible to a certain level of income. Also they are an important community gathering place where information is shared, communicated, and learned.
1465	7/14/2012	I don't know what other "public services" you are referring to. If you mean police and fire? Then libraries are not as important.
1466	7/14/2012	The local library is way to become an expert is through public research. this involves looking through books and periodicals, doing searches of online databases and gathering any other already public information you can.
1467	7/14/2012	Free access to information, resources for children/job-seekers/parents. Simply a nice place to sit and read a book.
1468	7/14/2012	There is no democracy without full access to information and education.

1469	7/14/2012	We must make available resources and activities that promote learning and a sense of community for EVERYONE, regardless of age, race, income, etc. Libraries are also very peaceful places to hang out.
1470	7/14/2012	access to books, videos, music, and children's programs are very important to my family.
1471	7/14/2012	They have so many important qualities for so many people that cannot be found anywhere else! Especially for people who do not have a lot of money.
1472	7/14/2012	I use them constantly. I am there at least once a week on my own and once a week with my grandchildren.
1473	7/14/2012	The Library is a vital public resource not only to this city but society in general. Free access to information and the knowledge it brings is paramount. Its important to me because I like so many others I know couldn't afford to read all the literature I find at the Library, could afford to watch all the documentary's and interesting, hard to find movie titles I enjoy here. Its just part of my life. To have a quite place to go, to be, to read, to educate in some way, myself, in a way I wouldn't be able to d otherwise.

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as long as people think lying is ok (i.e. until eternity), public libraries will always be needed to (theoretically) provide what is (hopefully) a neutral counterbalance to people's natural inclinations :)]
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is it any better to rely on multinational corporations who only care about selling a product?[]
is it any better to rely on television programming that only cares about entertaining us and getting more viewers?[]
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there is nothing wrong with either of those things, but it is foolish to think their goals coincide with an educated public. one can argue it is in their best interest the public not be educated or informed.[]
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what other outlet besides libraries is there for accurate information?[]
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is a scary world indeed, and one that many people in many fields would love to see be the only possibility;[]
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it is less that "libraries are fundamental" and more "who else can even be half-way trusted to provide the services libraries do?"[]
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what could be more important than access to information without (for the most part) someone[]
deciding what you are allowed or not allowed to learn?[]
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food? shelter?

1475	7/14/2012	The library is where I come to find books, to connect with others in the community, to find out things that are going on in my neighborhood, to enjoy watching children and adults engaged in learning. We need to make sure people are clothed and fed but we also need to make sure we are feeding their souls as well - that is what the library does. Whether you are homeless or a single parent or a senior or someone with the day off, the library is a refuge where you can engage in study, recreational reading or just soaking in the spirit of the place. And, of course, free libraries are the foundation of an informed population and essential to preserving our democratic traditions. We have been given a unique gift in our free library system and we have a responsibility to preserve and pass on that gift to future generations.
1476	7/14/2012	Library services are essential to fostering education in parts of town that traditionally do not have many resources.
1477	7/14/2012	Sewer, water, garbage, police, fire, roads, building code enforcement, utility regulation, human rights protection, etc. are often taken for granted. They are essential services. Although I love the library, and am very proud of MultCoLib system, and I am happy to pay the current level of tax, I feel the library necessarily has lower priority than essential services. I think this is not a good time to ask for increased funding. I think it IS a good time to look carefully at programs and preserve those that are most "essential" for servicing ALL the city's residents, not just those who have political weight, and to mothball the rest for resurrection during better times.
1478	7/14/2012	Because being able to read is one of the most important skills a person can obtain. I recently retired after nearly 40 years as a librarian in public and community college libraries. We learned in library school that the free public library is the foundation institution of an informed and educated populace. Well, my experience illustrated that it is that and much more... children learn to love reading in their public libraries, young people do school assignments and find the thrill of trying on other realities, adults continue to learn and explore the world through reading. People finding jobs or needing to change careers desperately need their public library. Public libraries are the ONLY public institution that invites all people (young and old, rich or poor, clean or dissheveled) to come in, sit in a warm/cool dry place, and read or just be quiet for a while. Public libraries no longer offer all services for free, but being able to find needed information without being judged and without having to personally pay someone to help you find it, is one of the most important inalienable rights humans have, or should have. We must not let this resource be eroded further. We have SO few things left in our world where the quality of the service available is the same for both rich and poor....public libraries are truly THAT important.
1480	7/14/2012	Reading is key to success
1481	7/14/2012	Because all members of the community can participate in library services, essential for any democratic society.
1482	7/14/2012	More important is public safety but libraries are important community resources which keeps neighborhoods involved and visible
1483	7/14/2012	Firefighters, schools, and police are more important.

1484	7/14/2012	An educated populations prospers and makes good political decisions
1485	7/14/2012	We need the resources of fire and police first, but I would put libraries before parks. Lots of learning and entertainment take place in the library. It is a place where a variety of people come and rub elbows. It is a safe and accessible place to get out in the community.
1486	7/14/2012	Emergency always comes first;
1487	7/14/2012	providing free wifi and all things are served well.
1488	7/14/2012	Because the library [] 1. helps people pursue their interests and enlarge their knowledge[] 2. supports education.[] 3. helps job seekers[] 4. helps newcomers to this country[] 5. provides excellent programs for children and adults (e.g., puppets, storytelling, Bug Chicks, racism discussion, etc.)
1489	7/14/2012	I judge based on the number of people I see at library events and in the library, even on weekend mornings and evenings.
1490	7/14/2012	In this economy, many people cannot afford to have home computer access or be able to buy books for entertainment and education. I was unemployed briefly last year and I used the library EVERY day to help in my job search and to learn new skills. I don't know where else I could have accessed those things.
1491	7/14/2012	used the most by my family. no other services identified for comparison.
1492	7/14/2012	They are integral to maintaining our culture and feeding knowledge
1493	7/14/2012	Because I use it so frequently, and it is where I get all of the books I use to learn, and for school. I wouldn't succeed as well in school without the libraries, where I can find what I need, and get help.
1494	7/14/2012	It is such an amazing public benefit to check out books and materials at the local library. This benefit is something most of us grew up with and took for granted. I hope this does not change and local libraries continue to exist for many generations of children and grandchildren.
1495	7/14/2012	Literacy should be a fundamental imperative. Closing libraries only breeds ignorance.
1496	7/14/2012	serving the people of all ages, races and languages, access internet, using computer, games, place to hang out
1497	7/14/2012	I am an avid reader and a proponent of teaching kids to read.
1498	7/14/2012	everyone should have access to books and other materials

		Police and fire, and even running the city government, maintaining roadways, etc are all top priority. These are "needs" for a city to be efficient and functioning.[]
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1499	7/14/2012	To me the library is not quite as necessary as these people. However, it would be number one as far as a "want" to have in a city. []
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1500	7/14/2012	These are tight financial times for many people and cities. I am in full support of shortened hours, and even shortening them more if need be, rather than closing them or trying to squeeze more money out of people, governments, or districts.
1501	7/14/2012	Access to so many resources, for free, and of use to all different kinds of people. I am a mother, a grandmother, a (retired) teacher of over 35 years, and now a tutor. There was not a day when my students did not use the school library, and they and their parents were encouraged to use the public library in the off-school and vacation days. I want children to grow up to be curious, excited about reading and gaining knowledge and finding out for themselves, as well as simply deriving pleasure from reading poetry, fiction, magazines etc. he library has it all at their fingertips.
1502	7/14/2012	I am living under a roof, only because I have made friends over time. I have no internet access at the house and need it to find a better way to support myself!
1503	7/14/2012	Culture starts with reading. Reading is the key to success. Reading as a lifelong habit creates engaged citizens. Etc., etc.
1504	7/14/2012	BECAUSE THAT IS WERE I SPENT MOST OF MY DAYS.
1505	7/14/2012	It's a community knowledge and enjoyment resource not available elsewhere (eg., Barnes & Noble and Amazon have books, but not for free loan in a community setting.)
1506	7/14/2012	I am allowed to borrow media that, otherwise, I would not have access to, because I cannot afford to buy a book, etc. every time I'd like to reference one. Staying up to date on ideas and continuing my personal education is one of the most enjoyable and valuable activities I have.
1507	7/14/2012	Access to good libraries, and therefore information is vital to the richness and viability of a city. Good libraries go hand in hand with good education. The standard of living in a community will deteriorate without libraries.
1508	7/14/2012	The library is a service that impacts me personally. I may not be aware of how an agency like Health and Human Services or Child Services impacts me because I don't have personal interactions or needs that are required of those entities, whereas I utilize the library on a semi-regular basis.

1509	7/14/2012	The free use of books and media helps us stay connected to what really matters. Money and government will always try to take these things away and divert the public's interest into what it sees as important. We are losing more and more of our free privileges as citizens. There is less places for community to meet on all levels of background: ethnicity, class, age. It is harder to feel connected to one another with the high volume of cars, shopping malls and freeways. Big Business and Big Government will continue to divert money to making a grey world. What is important is that we continue to work hard toward making our communities safe and open for all to enjoy. Public Parks, Libraries, and other Public Services will always be cut if we don't stay clear on what is really important. The Government is not always interested in the Public's best interest. We have to stay strong to keep our communities and children our first priority.
1510	7/14/2012	Knowledge and access to it is key to citizen wealth. I lived in Longview, Washington, where library membership costs \$100 + per year, and the resources even then are shabby. It doesn't take too much neglect to rekindle the Dark Ages...
1511	7/14/2012	Libraries provide a place for yong children and adults to continue their learning after they are out of the classroom. Targeting Library funding is just one more step of dummying down America.
1512	7/14/2012	In this economy, the lower income folks desperately need these services. Access to the library is one of the back bones of democracy. We are on a tight budget, do not have the Internet at home or the ability to rent videos or buy books. In order to succeed in society, you must have Internet access on occation. Having libraies open 7 days a week is vital. I work, my husband works, we have a child, we are on a fixed income. The library offers us services (like checking out books) that we would otherwise not have (as we cannot afford to buy them). On the days I do have off and can spend with my child, we love to visit the library. We've gone to various Baby storytimes at local libraries. I can usually find a library with a storytime that suits his age and our scedules. If there were limited library hours this might not be possible. I work hard so that my child can have a good interest in books.
1513	7/14/2012	The library helps me do this. On hot days, I know some people go to the library because they can stay cool. The library as a space for people is equally important. People use the library in so many different ways. They all have value even if others don't understand because they are too far removed from "needing" the library. I wish I could better represent the people I know who use the library, but cannot advocate so well for themselves. Please consider these important citizens of our population too.
1514	7/14/2012	the resources at the library are used by our family more often than any other public services
1515	7/14/2012	they are a place where people can have easy access to books and other real (as opposed to the internet only) physical objects that provide opportunity for self-education and entertainment.
1516	7/14/2012	Access to information and learning must be available to all socio-economic levels.

1517	7/14/2012	Although I have a personal computer, I feel that the computer access is such an important community asset whether for students who need to do homework or those who are unemployed looking for work. As a student, Central is my favorite place to study and I love having access to the wide variety of material and the online research databases. I think the programming for children is also excellent.
1518	7/14/2012	I don't buy books very often if at all these days. I do research when I have to and I've also disconnected my satellite dish and don't have cable so i use the videos selection and hold service for movies I want to see.
1519	7/14/2012	I would say that basic services such as safety (police) ,or fire would outrank libraries. There comes a point when services may have to be cut or hours reduced to live within a budget. Our household has to do that and adjust and sometimes do without. Citizens are not an endless source of \$.
1520	7/14/2012	I believe it to be a very democratic institution imperative to a happy and productive society
1521	7/14/2012	I love the library. But if I had to select among fire and police services, and health care for those who cannot afford it, I would have to do so over library services.
1522	7/14/2012	They are not something more that is desperately needed, that remains available. Many activities have been dropped that I love, as there is no way to "squeeze them out of the budget." The library is a window into multiple worlds. I am still able to follow interests via books, even as classes become too dear. TV leaves nothing to the imagination, feh! I like to create in my head as I read. Sometimes my book flat-out one-ups follow-up films:)
1523	7/14/2012	Libraries are at the heart of Portland. They help build and sustain a culture of reading. They are available to all income and cultural groups. They are a treasure that must be protected.
1524	7/14/2012	Leaders learn from the library at a young age.[] Get 'em young and keep 'em for life.[] I'm *Old School.*
1525	7/14/2012	Access to books and computers is important in creating a more informed & knowledgeable society
1526	7/14/2012	Local libraries should reflect the heart of the community which they serve. I've always found that a healthy library where people can come together reflects a healthy community or town. Every time I've had to move to a new state or town one of the first things I do is find out where the library is located and in what shape it is in. They provide so much to everyone living in the town. It's so much more than just books or movies. More funding needs to be provided to keep our libraries vibrant and active for everyone.
1527	7/14/2012	Um, I'm resourceful. I can find your services in other venues. However; local libraries makes these type services more convenient.I mostly care about the individual(s) who not have means and resources and is dependent on local libraries for whatever reason.
1528	7/14/2012	Because it's a great public resource.
1529	7/14/2012	I rely on the library for current books and movies as well as a place to feel part of a community.

1530	7/14/2012	It provides access to numerous resources at no cost to anyone. That is a right
1531	7/14/2012	Libraries make literature, music and film available to all. They create a sense of community. They are simply a vital asset in any civilization.... Libraries offer resources that need to be available to everyone in the community regardless of socioeconomic status.
1532	7/14/2012	It's necessary to have places where people can utilize shared resources for learning and recreation and that is supported collectively. Libraries offer unique services that enrich people's lives. It's important to have a place where you don't have to pay to use.
1533	7/14/2012	For children and youth, the resources are less accessible and wide spread.
1534	7/14/2012	Because access to intellectual material via a free lending library is the keystone to an intelligent and civilized society. Information enables.
1535	7/14/2012	I think reading is an essential and important aspect for learning. Reading gives freedom to those who want a better future for themselves. In life you must be able to read to get ahead in anything you want to pursue.
1536	7/14/2012	It is one of the few free access places in the city. And it is great place to get introduced to new reading material!
1537	7/14/2012	Books, media and information at no cost. The ability to access those items and not consume/purchase them.
1538	7/14/2012	Because written and electronic resources should be available to all people.
1539	7/14/2012	Because the library has been a part of my life. I learned how to read and become involved in books by my parents taking my sister and I to a public library. The libraries stayed with me my whole life. That's how I read many of the best authors (Bill Bryson, R.A. Salvatore, E.E. Cummings, Richard Dawkins, O Henry, and so on). I could stay in a library for hours and never get bored. Not to mention, I like to travel to far away places and whenever I need information in that far away place or I'm bored and need somewhere to go, I go to the library. It's truly a gift and I don't believe plastic computers and the internet will last forever so let's hold on to this precious resource.
1540	7/14/2012	I feel that libraries are detrimental to the fabric of our communities. If, as a society, we stop reading or no longer have easy access to literature, (especially for our kids) the other social service demands will increase exponentially along with the costs of those services.
1541	7/14/2012	Computer access; can read widely without having to buy the materials; enrichment for my grandson
1542	7/14/2012	Personal reading is a daily activity in my life even if I only have time to do so at bed time. I also read to my two year old every day even if there is only time for a bedtime story. My personal opinion is that the average person spends too much time using electronic devices. I want to instill the same love of books and reading in my son that I have enjoyed since I learned to read. My hope is that libraries and hard copy books aren't obsolete before he is old enough to read.
1543	7/14/2012	Without the support of public services such as police, fire, medical, transit and others, the library system would not be capable of being used/needed.

1544	7/14/2012	I am an avid reader. I have many fond memories of the library growing up. If we could spark an interest in reading for pleasure, as well as learning, I think that people would realize what a treasure the library is.
1545	7/14/2012	because they are a resource for all citizens, especially those with limited incomes
1546	7/14/2012	I would be unable to get reading material.
1547	7/14/2012	Libraries provide something for everyone. Probably one of our most important public resources.
1548	7/14/2012	I very actively use the library, and would not be able to afford to read and learn the things I do without it. I do not as actively use other local public services. This is not to say other local public services are not as important or even more important than library services, but library services are definitely very important to the community and to me, and should be considered as such.
1549	7/14/2012	It's improves life.
1550	7/14/2012	Well, I'd have to put things like law enforcement, the fire department, and other public health and safety ahead of libraries, but educational needs and access is definitely the next priority for local government.
1551	7/14/2012	Availability of information and learning materials. Yes, the internet isn't everything!
1552	7/14/2012	After essential services such as police, fire, garbage, etc very important.
1553	7/14/2012	Because the library is big part of our everyday lives, a big part of the life of my children. Reading is the biggest part of their education and the library has been instrumental in promoting that sort of growth.
1554	7/14/2012	Libraries fulfill both a personal and a community function. I consider education to be a life-long adventure, and public libraries are an easily accessible source of the information (as well as entertainment) that keeps my mind active and of services/resources which contribute to a higher quality of life. Libraries also provide the community with information and services vital to a free and democratic society.
1555	7/14/2012	It's not only me but all the people who want access to all the libraries have to offer without having to pay for each one.
1556	7/14/2012	Like all public services, the library is still a critical part of our community and culture. Just like Portland Parks and Recreation, as well as other local public services, encouraging the public to read (especially youth), and build a community in Portland is just as important.
1557	7/14/2012	I use them regularly, but they are not life and death issues, like health clinics, jails, police and courts.
1558	7/14/2012	The local library services are keeping our minds open and going to the library is a very social experience.

1559	7/14/2012	I grew up going to children's programs with my parents and doing the Summer Reading program every year. In elementary and middle school I was able to read all the books I wanted with my membership, and in high school I went to the library to do research for school reports. Now that I am in college I still go to the library whenever I can to check out books, and try to volunteer some of my time over the summer. The library has given me many good memories and taught me a lot.
1560	7/14/2012	I am 80 and they are the source of many hours of enjoyment with books and audio books
1561	7/14/2012	It's the only thing i care about, in the world.
1562	7/14/2012	Support community connectedness[] provides access to services and resources that may not otherwise be available to some, particularly the elderly[] Can help establish life-long learning and reading in the young[] Healthy and inexpensive activity for families
1563	7/14/2012	Literacy and education are part of the bedrock of a healthy community. Our city's continued cultural and economic growth are endangered with each new cut to library and educational services.
1564	7/14/2012	I use the library more than any other public service except for public transportation. I think the library is a significant asset for students, children, families and individuals because it offers a service that is accessible to all individuals regardless of culture beliefs and values. People from various socioeconomic backgrounds use the library.
1565	7/14/2012	Because without access to free education, this is one of the only hopes to get ahead.
1566	7/14/2012	Libraries have been a staple of my life since I was a small child. They offer a range of services from entertainment to school research to job hunting. Just as visual and performing arts are part of the fabric of our culture, so are libraries.
1567	7/14/2012	A democracy and our freedoms rely upon an informed citizenry.[] Libraries are the foundation--for most of us the best or sole source-- of public access to knowledge and current affairs.[] Most people cannot afford to privately buy the range of books and services provided by our libraries.[] Libraries provide a major part of our family's recreation.
1568	7/14/2012	Very important. It is an integral part of information gathering at no cost, which is great for folks on limited or fixed incomes and young people. Without the library, they would be at an even greater disadvantage than they already are in a society that is progressively turning their collective backs on those who fall into these categories, even if they belong to them themselves.
1569	7/14/2012	First. Without them, civilization takes a huge hit and becomes, less so. And as a teaching place for children to learn the value and delight of reading, and to research.
1570	7/14/2012	this is the one community resource i use
1571	7/14/2012	Reading is one of my favorite hobbies
1572	7/14/2012	I used the public library daily.

1573	7/14/2012	very important for me
1574	7/14/2012	It's like one-stop shopping. So many resources and alternative resources in one spot. In this day and age of technology, I have found it overwhelming at times to have so many options. I'm pretty old school that way. Simple is always better for me, and to be able to go to one place that serves so many needs is a Godsend.
1575	7/14/2012	TO HELP PEOPLE COPE IN TIMES OF STRESS: LEARNING/TRAINING RESOURCES, EDUCATION THAT SCHOOLS CAN'T OR WON'T PROVIDE, ENTERTAINMENT, RELAXATION.
1576	7/14/2012	I have a hard time saying they are as important as schools, public safety, and health services.[] [] But the library is very important an on a level with transportation services. Libraries have always been a valued resource in US society. They provide necessary materials for people who would not have access otherwise, that allow them a certain level of success. Libraries are widely used and appreciated amongst people from all backgrounds. One group that does not utilize the resources as frequently are young adults who have their own technological resources and don't seem to read very much. If there is anyway to reach that group, believe it would be helpful.
1577	7/14/2012	
1578	7/14/2012	Free and easy access to books promotes literacy and effective democracy
1579	7/14/2012	Libraries are a free mode of distributing knowledge and entertainment to all residents with few restrictions. It is especially important for people with low incomes who cannot afford to purchase books and other material. it is the only public service that I can think of that I use (other than, say, street lights, and things of that sort).[] []
1580	7/14/2012	Isn't interesting that all the other tax money that the 'government' spends on "local public services", in my name, is of little avail to me,
1581	7/14/2012	We are new retirees and new to Portland. We believe it is important to have an informed community with access to resources that the library is perfectly able to offer.
1582	7/14/2012	I use it the most compared to other public services.
1583	7/14/2012	I love libraries, have volunteered at them, and care about them very much. I would happily pay more to support them in whatever way I can! Thank you.
1584	7/14/2012	Keeps something positive in the community
1585	7/14/2012	Information is power, and reading is a resiliency factor -- libraries equalize access to bettering oneself, and to a wholesome leisure activity.
1586	7/14/2012	Libraries are like parks in that they are the least discriminatory of public spaces. They provide free resources for all people and encourage self-education, volunteerism, and a sense of community. The Library is indispensable.

1587	7/14/2012	I have always loved libraries, probably because I have always loved books, and I also love the idea of sharing books and other media among many people. I have a deep emotional connection to any library, but especially to our Multnomah County Library. It is so easy to find and reserve books, movies, music; it is easy to find a local branch to use it is such an easy-to-use resource, available and friendly, and I always have such a good feeling going into our libraries. The Multnomah County Library is an important part of our community, and building community is particularly important at this time in the world, in my opinion.
1588	7/14/2012	The is a resource I use all the time. This is a resource that the public utilizes. Multnomah County Library is the reading program I began when I was in elementary school. I spent countless hours at the Belmont location when I was young in the 70's and 80's. During the summer when my parents were working, my sister and I could go there for all the programs. I cherish books because of the library.
1589	7/14/2012	Our population needs to have access to educational material.
1590	7/14/2012	Libraries are a vital resource for people of all ages to access reading materials as well as other services that are offered without cost to the individuals.
1591	7/14/2012	FREE ACCESS.
1592	7/14/2012	I've had the privilege of using the library system here and in CA and PA all my life. It's good for community and good for education of the populace
1593	7/14/2012	The strength of our libraries is as important as the strength of our public schools. Libraries provide services to all segments of our city's population, a community for the lonely, an opportunity to learn, research and escape in a common place. I love libraries. I visit them when I travel. I love the activity and atmosphere they provide for learning.
1594	7/14/2012	The internet may be a good starting point, but if I really want to research a topic, there's no substitute for a wide selection of books to go in depth and get specific. Besides, I usually have to skim several to find the one I really need to buy for personal use, and Mult Co lets me do that. On top of that, there's no other way to get our youth to start reading than to provide free access to a library. Mom and Pop can't afford to supply young readers appropriately and can't provide the broad range of topics a child (or grownup!) may stumble upon in the stacks and find a life-long love!
1595	7/14/2012	I put them behind police, firefighters, and public schools.
1596	7/14/2012	Gives a way for people to access resources, information, and tools to help them improve themselves. Plus it's "green"...reuse at it's best.
1597	7/14/2012	A library is a valuable asset to a community. I cannot imagine not having access to a library. It was part of my growing up, visiting the library regularly to get books; using the reference librarians to help access information; a gathering place for events and to feel welcome for those who are isolated. I visit libraries when I'm traveling, as they are great sources to learn about what is going on in a local community, thanks to their bulletin boards or places to pick up brochures, perhaps use a computer, and are also a haven if weather is inclement or I simply need to use the restroom!

1598	7/14/2012	knowledge is freedom and makes for a strong community and society. Not everyone has the funds to purchase resources (be they books, cd's, dvd's or technology in the form of ipads or computers)
1599	7/14/2012	sewer & water systems, maintaining roads & traffic safety, police & fire are vital to our community.
1600	7/14/2012	Other than highway systems and water/sewer, the library is the one I use the most.
1601	7/14/2012	I like to read a lot so the fact that I have access to some many book or DVD's is important to me.
1602	7/14/2012	Libraries give everyone equal access to knowledge.
1603	7/14/2012	Education always important. Especially in difficult economic times. Libraries can fill in the gap for students and families in all stages of life.
1604	7/14/2012	Books can change your life. Help you get through all stages, and phases. Buying them can be cost prohibitive and is not ecological. I use books everyday. I don't use all services everyday.
1605	7/14/2012	I use the library weekly. Part of the reason I use it so frequently is that we always have the newest books. I also check out CDs and DVDs on occasion and do this because of the up-to-date selections. Our library is much better than that of other communities in which I've lived, and the main reason is the accessibility (hours and locations) and current resources. The ability to reserve items online for pickup at my branch is the most important feature to me - if we lost that, I'd use the library system a lot less.
1606	7/14/2012	General literacy is critical
1607	7/14/2012	Libraries serve the entire community across income, language, age and location barriers
1608	7/14/2012	Only source for some services
1609	7/14/2012	As I stated before, education and information should be accessible for everyone, regardless of economic position.
1610	7/14/2012	I have the financial ability to buy what I need and find the Kindle reader extremely useful when I travel. However, I feel that the avenue to a better life is education of any kind. I also come from rural North Dakota. The library was our only source of books and community information. For people in low income, the library is free education and social networking. The ability to use media to find work or understand your finances or learn Spanish is priceless. The avenue to tolerance and understanding the world is made up of millions of lifestyles leads to communities getting along and working together better. I could go on and on....but I can't imagine a city without a library.
1611	7/14/2012	Libraries educate and bring the community together. Also, it is important for youth and people of all ages and income levels to have regular access to books. Without libraries, some of today's voracious readers would be unable to afford to develop that skill and passion.
1612	7/14/2012	I use the library almost every day because I'm an insane reader, so I personally would like them to have more funding, but there are a lot of government programs that I don't use that are probably more important for people who are desperately in need of help just to survive.
1613	7/14/2012	see answer to question 6

1614	7/14/2012	<p>I need to have an educated public that starts at the school level. Library will always fall second to that system.[]</p> <p>There are only few in society that are self directed to learn on their own, ie at the library. The majority need the school system to help them acheive education.[]</p> <p>The library system is an EXTRA in society, not a primary need.</p>
1615	7/14/2012	<p>We would never be able to afford to buy all the books we read. The summer reading program is a something my son looks forward to each year. I love just being at our library--the building is beautiful, the people are nice, and the multnomah co library system has sooo many good books. I get help with research, my son uses the homework research site. It's a big part of our lives.</p>
1616	7/14/2012	<p>I live with chronic pain and spending time researching on the library's free databases distracts me from my pain. I am disabled and do not make enough money to buy the books I want to read. I can often find books that I want to read at the library especially new books.</p>
1617	7/14/2012	<p>They provide information (books, cds, reference material, computer use, etc.) for people who can't afford to pay if we had to be charged a fee to use the library. Plus it provides a place for children to get access to information, learn to read, use it as a resource for school work. Also provides air conditioning on the few days we get really hot weather here in Portland.</p>
1618	7/14/2012	<p>It is the one place where a search for information can open new pathways. Browsing the internet is only looking for what you already know. In the library, books and media are put before us whether we look for them or not presenting new ideas and perspectives that doors to the world. []</p> <p>Being able to easily confirm information in preserved media so fact checking beyond the blogs is easy and certain. All the tools are in the library for valid information.[]</p> <p>We could not possibly afford to buy all of the books we are interested even if we waited for the second hand market. We are pay far less in taxes for the library then we would pay for books and as we said new ideas are always right there.</p>
1619	7/14/2012	<p>Keep educational access to all[]</p> <p>Brain involvement[]</p> <p>community involvement[]</p> <p>gathering of minds</p>
1620	7/14/2012	<p>I can't support my reading habit.</p>
1621	7/14/2012	<p>Our public library system is one reason the US has remained the world leader.</p>
1622	7/14/2012	<p>In hard economic times it is more important than ever that people have places of assistance, learning, and resource.</p> <p>Multnomah County ibraries have helped me at every stage of my life thus far: learning to read and developing a love of reading as a chile, getting homework done, applying for jobs, tax information and forms, college placement assistance- the library is invaluable.</p>
1623	7/14/2012	<p>Libraries serve everyone equally -- everyone!</p>
1624	7/14/2012	<p>Because I like to read and I don't have much money to purchase books from the bookstore.</p>

1625	7/14/2012	I had a very dark time in my life. I was depressed, unemployed, and had insomnia, which gave me a lot of open hours to lay stuck in my apartment and find ways to hate myself and my life. The public library helped save me from myself. I went every day just to make myself get dressed and leave my apartment. It was free, and I could check out books and movies to fill those hours with things that were entertaining and constructive.
1626	7/14/2012	I appreciate the amazing up-to-date resources for study and awareness.
1627	7/14/2012	I use the library frequently to check our books.
1628	7/14/2012	Libraries reach the entire range of the population and provide a wide range of services that are essential to the well-being of the civic community.
1629	7/14/2012	I love being able to check out materials that are shared with the community without all of us having to purchase them. It puts a whole world of information in our hands that we would not have otherwise.
1630	7/14/2012	Police and fire are more important. Safety first.
1631	7/14/2012	I no longer buy books and I am a voracious reader. The librarians are knowledgeable and helpful. In a time where we have cut back our personal expenditures, it's also been wonderful to be able to borrow movies, since we can no longer afford to go out. But mainly, LIBRARIES ENCOURAGE THINKING!!!
1632	7/14/2012	Reading is the foundation for education and growth in life.
1633	7/14/2012	Funding schools, police, Fire stations, then libraries. That is the order of importance to me.
1634	7/14/2012	Public safety is my top priority, health and human services second
1635	7/14/2012	Access to information, opportunities for adult and child literacy, community meeting place. Most important, this is one of the top public library systems in the US, and working towards my MLIS, I want to be able to come back and work here.
1636	7/14/2012	Access to information that allows people to better themselves.
1637	7/14/2012	to show the children the importance of books and knowledge
1638	7/14/2012	The library is an integral part of my life now...and always has been when I was younger raising children and as a child myself. I use it for keeping up in the world...newspapers, magazines, books. It is a wonderful resource. I would be lost without it!
1639	7/14/2012	Letting the kids with not as much have a chance at learning.
1640	7/14/2012	Because I know how important they are to our community. They are a great resource for learning and bettering our community. I appreciate the services they provide and think they are imperative.
1641	7/14/2012	Part of education and an educated community.
1642	7/14/2012	My family uses the library a lot for many purposes. It is part of our community.
1643	7/14/2012	because we love to use the library resources.
1644	7/14/2012	HANDS ON KNOWLEGE
1645	7/14/2012	Literacy and cultural understanding are the foundation of democracy.

1646	7/14/2012	I am able to check out books, movies, TV series and CD's, all of which enrich my life. On occasion I decide that I really want my own copy of something that I borrow from the library and am then able to purchase it, confident that it is something I am really going to treasure.
1647	7/14/2012	I'm biased because I'm also a librarian (although not in Multnomah Co. Libraries), but libraries represent the most idealistic aspect of democracy and the resources for anyone, at any place in life, to better themselves with minimal monetary cost. They are absolutely essential to society.
1648	7/14/2012	See previous comment.
1649	7/14/2012	We use the library frequently
1650	7/14/2012	I don't know *really* how to gauge the impact of something like library services compared to other public services. I do however feel that it is vitally important to have institutions for intellectual development and information and community resources for the public. School age children who need materials for school. The schools have gone to eliminating libraries, so students need convenient local access. □
1651	7/14/2012	□ This is an important resource for all ages. People on fixed incomes need the access and ability to read, for information seeking or personal entertainment.
1652	7/14/2012	Not as important as police, fire, schools, street repair/maint., parks, etc. but more than many smaller depts.
1653	7/14/2012	Not as important as 911 but I'd like to be able to visit a library with current resources on at least 1 of my days off during a week.
1654	7/14/2012	They are a community center. They are a resource that people of all backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses, interests, etc. can appreciate and use.
1655	7/14/2012	Reading is and always has been a huge part of my life. I'm also aware that many individuals or families do not have access to books or other entertainment outside of libraries. I think libraries are just as important as safety within a community because they further one's education, awareness of social issues, and provide entertainment.
1656	7/14/2012	I value books and learning and I enjoy reading as a hobby.
1657	7/14/2012	We go there all the time to check out books and use storytime as well as some of the computers for games and stories. Reading is such an important part of life I rank it right up there with schools and roads and parks.
1658	7/14/2012	Resource for reading for people that don't have money to buy books but enjoy reading
1659	7/14/2012	My 6 family members have become voracious readers, and the library supports this while we don't have to buy every book that we want to read.
1660	7/14/2012	I consider the state of a cities libraries to be a reflection of the city and the values of the citizens.
1661	7/14/2012	I believe reading and academic exploration are crucial to all people in all walks of life. Libraries are great places for people to find these resources and build community.

1662	7/14/2012	It is important to the cultural, educational and spiritual needs of the community. It helps improve the local economy as people become more educated, by accessing library materials, for new jobs that are created. It is a resource for elderly and poor to locate free material that they could possibly not afford.
1663	7/14/2012	Literacy, learning, the ability to think rationally, cogently are part of what makes any society vibrant, self renewing
1664	7/14/2012	place of community.
1665	7/14/2012	I can get information from my neighborhood library. It's in walking distance, that saves time and energy (additionally it's environmental protective).
1666	7/14/2012	I believe that these types of services are positive and have a beneficial effect on our society. Libraries are useful for people in ALL stages of their life, most importantly for those needing the assistance with job searches and improving their education.
1667	7/14/2012	All of the services they provide, including those that are not readily available elsewhere.
1668	7/14/2012	I have a heart-felt fondness and deep sense of appreciation for what libraries (all types not just County) represent in my life. However- my use of the county library was almost exclusively in checking out and reading books and occasional research activities. I did not and still do not have easy access to the Central Branch downtown. ¶ ¶ Regarding the next upcoming question-- much in the same manner as the other question rating the various importance of services I disagree that the possible options are limited to the the choices presented. To that end your survey is very limited in its accuracy at least of what I might answer- in my opinion as a concerned "outsider" there is a way to do much better than those choices with what is currently available. I see some of this survey as symptomatic and representative of a lack of creativity in finding solutions... and while I am quite sympathetic to the idea of a "Library District" (but because I don't trust the current decision makers) I think that upper management feeling the periodic "pressure" of public accountability and making the most out of a limited resource is appropriate.
1669	7/14/2012	I can't afford to buy books. If I want to read something, I have to check it out at the library. I also can't afford to take classes, so if I want to learn how to do something, I rely on the library as a resource for that knowledge (information on the internet is scattered and unreliable). Whenever I don't have internet access, I use the library. As a person building a small business, my internet connection is crucial for communicating with my clients. If something happens to my computer, I would be completely dependent on the library for me to keep in touch with my clients.
1670	7/14/2012	When I think of other public services such as transportation and police, I think they are a bit more important, especially with the information that is available on the internet.

1671	7/14/2012	<p>1. To have access to interesting material which broadens my outlook and enhances my life.[]</p> <p>2. To have this access in a very affordable way so that I can stay within my financial budget.[]</p> <p>3. To broaden the mind of others - education is the key to a happy community[]</p> <p>4. To experience community in a positive way when I go to the library and see others enjoy this facility as much as I do which, I believe, makes our world a better one with people who respect and care for each other in this love of learning and expansion through the utilization of what the library has to offer.</p>
1672	7/14/2012	It's the only public service we actually use on a weekly basis
1673	7/14/2012	I read a lot and am not wealthy.
1674	7/14/2012	Everybody loves the library. We all grew up going to the library and having our minds awakened to the magic of books. Libraries bring together people from diverse backgrounds and incomes. It is useful and nostalgic.
1675	7/14/2012	they are the only way I can read important books that I can't afford to buy
1676	7/14/2012	open ability to learn what and when at my own pace
1677	7/14/2012	they are free and can be equalizing.
1678	7/14/2012	Libraries come second to schools which are most important to me. It is vital that our young people get a good education.
1679	7/14/2012	i dont even know what this question means
1680	7/14/2012	Having the opportunity to read many books and listen to CDs without the expense of buying them is very important to me, but also for the community as a whole.
1681	7/14/2012	So peoPle can get to them easily and locally I am an educator! I believe in books for all people, especially the children, and the young. As a senior citizen I am still excited when I read a good book! Books are our friends, they take us around the world, and to other cultures. Books introduce us to new ways of thinking; show us various aspects on certain topics. Books are the best learning materials around!
1682	7/14/2012	As a student and community member I feel the library is necessary for my academic needs and also for others social well being
1683	7/14/2012	Libraries give us the opportunity to grow and become better people. When we are exposed to new ways of thinking, we often become better people and more conscious community members.
1684	7/14/2012	Local Library services are more important than somewhat but that was the best available choice. They rank second to Police & Fire.
1685	7/14/2012	Well not as important as Police and Fire, 911 system, road maintenance and general city maintenance. the library is a very good thing to have and I value it very much.
1686	7/14/2012	
1687	7/14/2012	we dont have much income and checking out books and dvds are all we have and its free

1688	7/14/2012	Books present knowledge to all age groups, and knowledge is of primary importance to juveniles, to youth, to young adults, to adults.[] [] Knowledge enables creation of the life you choose to live and have.
1689	7/14/2012	Local libraries support what we Americans consider fundamental rights: access to information, education for all. They have the friendliest presence of all public services.
1690	7/14/2012	I like the universal access to information as a public service
1691	7/14/2012	The public library system has been dedicated to being the gateway for access to information since Benjamin Franklin. It's a part of our history, our culture, and our heritage. It is vital for neutral access to information.
1692	7/14/2012	They are a central part of a community. They help people become better people by providing the resources they need to do that.
1693	7/14/2012	I have always gone to the library when I am feeling low on funds to purchase books. So it makes books available to those of us who cannot afford to buy them. It strengthens the community that uses its services
1694	7/14/2012	Whenever I go there there are many people using the computers and reading newspapers and keeping up with what is going on. This tells me that many folks do not have computers and access to current events and help in finding jobs or all the info that is available online.
1695	7/14/2012	I rank the importance of a good library system just after police and fire services. For me, a library system is at the foundation of what it means to be civilized. Arts, sciences, current events and entertainment support our humanity.
1696	7/14/2012	I'm not a big library user at the moment because I've started a business and I'm hyper-focused on that and I buy books when I need them for it. However, I have been an avid reader my whole life and have always used libraries, especially when I've had harder economic times and when I was in school. Public libraries are an invaluable resource!
1697	7/14/2012	libraries provide education, which is critical for any society/community to thrive
1698	7/14/2012	Provides unbiased, available to all, access to information which helps educate, empower, and ultimately improve people's every day lives.
1699	7/14/2012	I use it quite a bit and would feel lost without it.
1700	7/14/2012	Knowledge is a cornerstone of our society.
1701	7/14/2012	In order to rid ourselves of ignorance and find solutions to any problem, one must be educated. Having a free public library system supported by taxes provides a means to that end.
1702	7/14/2012	The library enriches our lives.

		Very important. [] []
1703	7/14/2012	I am an avid reader and usually take out audio books as well as the hard backs. My only complaint is that when I take out an audio book many times there is a disk or disks that have skips and I may lose a very important part of the story line.[] []
		I love my library. It makes it possible for me to read books I could not afford to purchase.
1704	7/14/2012	Library services are very important to me because it's free knowledge to the community. It's important for our youth to be allowed access to books or computers to gain what they do not learn in school. I love going to the library because the atmosphere is perfect to instruct my autistic son in his reading, writing and math. It's important as a mother to have a free place for me to instruct my son. I also love to read. Knowledge is so much important that other things.
1705	7/14/2012	I rely on the library for new books. Being a senior citizen on a limited income it is great to be able to read new books as they arrive. Buying them would not be an option.
1706	7/14/2012	Because of the opportunity for reading almost anything I want to, awareness of new technology, and some of the cultural offerings
1707	7/14/2012	because it's been so helpful!
1708	7/14/2012	Library is important for books and research for students. All the other programs - like free internet - has made the costs soar.
		It's the tax based resource that I use. Police are important, but since I am not a criminal and don't hang with criminals, they are not central to my daily life. Same with fire, social workers, et al. I don't want to discount the necessity of law enforcement, public safety or social safety nets, but the library is the great equalizer. You can not apply for many jobs without internet access since you can only apply on-line these days. Many people who need jobs don't have internet access. The financially secure and educated support the library for the most part for their own enjoyment and as well as a safety net. And there are many people who are supported by the library system. New readers, mothers who need to get out of the house with their new readers. Elders who can only stay in touch with their grandchildren via e-mail and are clueless. Keeping kids engaged with reading thru summer reading & read to the dogs. So much more than I have the capacity to mention here
1710	7/14/2012	Libraries provide access to information and literature to all residents regardless of income, creating opportunities to increase literacy and expand social well-being by meeting community needs.
1711	7/14/2012	Libraries mean free and available books and internet access. Many people cannot buy books, or computers, or internet access, and the library is the only place to access these things for free.
1712	7/14/2012	information resource and entertainment

1713	7/14/2012	I am an avid reader and also a teacher that understands how important the library is to the children in our community. School libraries are sadly disappearing and children need to have a readily available source to literature.
1714	7/14/2012	That can be summed up in one sentence: I do not believe that the importance of literacy can be stressed enough.
1715	7/14/2012	My family depends on it for intertainment an school work support
1716	7/14/2012	Mazlov's hierarchy of needs applies.
1717	7/14/2012	Information can be obtained from other sources. Police and fire protection, street maintenance, etc. cannot.
1718	7/14/2012	Public safety is the most important use of public money. After that, the library and parks systems add the most to the quality of life and opportunity for our children.
1719	7/14/2012	There is no other place to get free loan of books to read. The next option is a used book store but the book needs to be purchased.
1720	7/14/2012	I read a lot.
1721	7/14/2012	The frequency at which I use them. And: The government is not merely a utilitarian institution.
1722	7/14/2012	this is most important for thows without income and who need the free services. I know friends who would be much worse off without it. Nolage is power and if you can't get it then your life is much less promising. I rember when I was un empoyed that librарys where a major help for me to servive.
1723	7/14/2012	Access to literary material and other media is vital to the success of each individual within a society and the society at large. Without the library many disadvantaged individuals would not have access to these resources.
1724	7/14/2012	They would be very important but health and other infrastructure are more important.
1725	7/14/2012	I love to read, either hard copy books or electronic. Now that I'm retired, I have lots of time to read as much as I want.
1726	7/14/2012	access to books (more in-depth info than internet searches)
1727	7/14/2012	They make it easy to get information and access to quality literature at low cost. The open the world to people at all income levels.
1728	7/14/2012	I love being able to read books and not have to (1) pay for them outright (2) have them collect dust in my house forever. Having grown up without much money, I see the ability to access data and check out books for free as a very important educational tool for children in lower income neighborhoods.
1729	7/14/2012	I guess I just cannot imagine not having libraries to attend. I always went to libraries. I have friends who never step foot in a library so only to people who use the library it will be of important.
1730	7/14/2012	I don't live too close to one and rarely use them.

1731	7/14/2012	I'm one of those who consider the public library a sacred trust in a democracy. Access to information and the tools of learning and self-improvement can never be restricted to the already-haves of this country if the promise of the American Experiment is to be achieved. We still may not get there, but ignorance will surely sink us. All hail Benj. Franklin and Andrew Carnegie.
1732	7/14/2012	Starting to use other media, internet, and kindle. eye-sight is getting weaker, so reading of books require a magnifying glass.
1733	7/14/2012	I love to learn, and I love to read. I learn all kinds of things by reading--even more than from taking classes.
1734	7/14/2012	this is how my family and i keep a healthy rotation of media having to purchase it, which would be outside our budget
1735	7/14/2012	I value public education. A library provides materials that educate all citizens.
1736	7/14/2012	Libraries are for the distribution of ideas
1737	7/14/2012	Portland has a great library service and I think it is important to my community!
1738	7/14/2012	A great Library with the great services our library currently offers for a variety of constituents shows to new and potential citizens and business that Portland is a city that values all citizens and is committed to keeping families in the city.
1739	7/14/2012	My selfish reason is, I LOVE to read! I love the resources available and I love the programs provided that help excite our young people about reading as well. A local library is such an important tool in the educational process. I do think police and our emergency services are equally as important, so its hard to say one is more important than the other.
1740	7/14/2012	Free access to information is something I value.
1741	7/14/2012	Literacy and being informed are two of the most important qualities/skills in a democracy
1742	7/14/2012	I am a reader and cannot afford to buy books. I get on the que for a new book and then pick it up at my local branch. I read the librarian recommendations that are in the library
1743	7/14/2012	somewhat important
1744	7/14/2012	I've grown to depend on library resources Literacy is vital to a society.[]
1745	7/14/2012	But basic needs--safety, housing, food--must be a higher priority for our tax dollars.[] Take a look at Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.
1746	7/14/2012	Almost everyone uses the libraries, thats why.
1747	7/14/2012	I do not have a lot of extra money to spend on books, CDs, DVDs and crosswords. The library provides all of these things for me and helps me maintain a very high quality of life. The library makes me happy.
1748	7/14/2012	Very important!!!! I like being able to borrow books without having to buy them. Libraries are an amazing resource! I fee I've benefited greatly from having access to materials I otherwise wouldn't know about, or wouldn't be able to afford

1749	7/14/2012	My family loves to read and I dont want to spend money on books all the time. Checking books out is a good way to reduce, reuse and recycle
1750	7/14/2012	I see it as a place of learning, as well as community-building. Reading for pleasure is a great joy, in my life, and I have counted on the library, wherever I've lived, to offer interesting and informative books from which to choose. For new immigrants, it is often the only place where they can easily access computers and ESL classes.
1751	7/14/2012	I no longer buy books - they are a great source of entertainment and increase knowledge.[] I am not interested in Kindle - it bothers my eyes. I cannot imagine a world without books.
1752	7/14/2012	Very important
1753	7/14/2012	we not only use the library services ourselves, but see the level of involvement by seniors, students, and young families in our community![] it is one resource that seems available to anyone regardless of economic situation
1754	7/14/2012	I don't use them much but when I do, it's very.
1755	7/14/2012	It is a place to educate yourself at your own pace and gain knowledge of the world that we live in.
1756	7/14/2012	I believe the public library is one of the few places in society where the doors are open to all members of the public regardless of age, belief, culture, gender, mental capacity, etc. They are also one of the few government services that provide, life enhancing value to all members of society, not just some, free of the taint of corporate and commercial influence. Please do what you can to keep them this way!
1757	7/14/2012	literacy and access to information are key to a civil society
1758	7/14/2012	public service - continuing education is immediately available
1759	7/14/2012	It gives the folks a nice place to go when it rains and such, don'cha know?
1760	7/14/2012	Because they provide NMR with knowledge and entertainment on a constant basis.. Because the written word needs to continue to be read, through the generations.
1761	7/14/2012	I love my library and am a regular user. However, I am much more concerned about homelessness and the needs of people with mental illnesses, cognitive issues, as well as addictions. I would rather see the County work with the City to increase investments in affordable housing, prevent homelessness, and ensure mental health and substance abuse treatment.
1762	7/14/2012	They improve communities and provide integral functions to the community.
1763	7/14/2012	Libraries provide the general public a free way to educate themselves. PCC is great but you have to have the time and the money.
1764	7/14/2012	When I was a child, my home life was chaotic. The library was a safe and quiet place to go that was free, where I could spend time looking through beautiful books. And I could take some with me to help me forget some of the hardships at home. Through books I could live a million lives! I have loved books ever since. It is extremely important that public libraries stay open to offer free books and services to all who could not afford to purchase the books they wish to read.
1765	7/14/2012	because I do enjoy having this service available

1766	7/14/2012	Libraries offer a service to everyone regardless of income. I think they are especially important to those who cannot necessarily afford an up to date computer system or electronic devices at home.
1767	7/14/2012	My family uses the library on a weekly basis, mostly to check out books, CDs and DVD also electronic books. It is extremely important to the four of us.
1768	7/14/2012	It's important to me to be able to get all of my research material in one place. It saves time and money. I do not want to purchase material that I only need for research or one time use. I'd much rather check out what I need at the library, it just makes more sense.
1769	7/14/2012	I really enjoy using the library for my children - they get exposed to a much larger selection of books, and varied books which increases their enjoyment of reading. I use it for myself only occasionally, usually we just go to the children's section.
1770	7/13/2012	Library offer an opportunity for everyone to learn new information whether it is for pleasure, work, or to gain new information and knowledge. As they say, "Education is power."
1771	7/13/2012	I can't think of any other public services I use. I love the library for being about to check out materials at no financial risk to myself. I might not read as much if I had to buy more of my books.
1772	7/13/2012	They are awesome for cheap entertainment. Our library system one of the best.
1773	7/13/2012	Libraries are natural place-based reservoirs of information that many times help to coordinate and facilitate access to other Federal, State, City and County services. They are also places that actual services are being dispensed that don't fit the conventional idea that libraries are places that just lend out books. They are an integral part of the infrastructure for services delivery. One more element that makes libraries unique and important are that they can be a safe place where the "laying field is even". I believe our libraries are a place where everyone is welcome and, based on our branch locations, most people have access.
1774	7/13/2012	The library is where I get all of my parenting books as well as attend children's activities.
1775	7/13/2012	Because one i love to read and if there were no libraries i would know a small fraction of the knowledge that i know and i would have had a very sad childhood and life. and it is great for research and everything.
1776	7/13/2012	The library provides important resources to a community that otherwise would not be able to afford access to them. It also serves a local gathering space for all ages.
1777	7/13/2012	I like that there is a place to go to share information, books, and other media.
1778	7/13/2012	Because everyone regardless of their socio-economic status has access to materials.
1779	7/13/2012	The library is extremely well-run and has access to virtually any book that I might want to read. It also is a fantastic resource for my children.
1780	7/13/2012	I use the library system to read the books and watch the TV shows and movies I want without having to buy them. I don't need that as much as garbage removal or transit, but enough to consider it an important public amenity.
1781	7/13/2012	Because I love to read, love access to the books, and find the staff outstanding!

1782	7/13/2012	The public library is open more hours than college campus libraries.
1783	7/13/2012	Almost nothing now. But as a kid I used to love going to the library to use the computers or check out books and movies!
1784	7/13/2012	Although I may not use the library regularly most of my friends do. Many of them are lower income earners. It is very important they have the ability to access information (periodicals, literature, computers).
1785	7/13/2012	Having resources available to everyone is important to me. For me, it is also a way to save money and use resources wisely by not buying books that I might only read once.
1786	7/13/2012	I loved taking my child and nieces and nephews to library programs when they were young. They have all grown up to love reading and continue to visit the library. To see children excited to read and learn is priceless. Having volunteered at school libraries, myself, I know how much work goes into maintaining a well run library and I appreciate having the privilege to use Multnomah County Public Library. I feel that library services are very important because it gives everyone access to endless learning no matter what race or economic status.
1787	7/13/2012	At least as important as police and fire.
1788	7/13/2012	Because a library has not just one, but SO many new experiences, discoveries, and opportunities available for anyone who can read. Picking up a book can make up for deficits in education elsewhere, or can broaden horizons, and is also just so useful! Young, old, social and other status -- everyone can get something "out of" the library.
1789	7/13/2012	Not as important as water. But an educated public will produce greater results than redistributed of wealth.
1790	7/13/2012	A democracy needs a well informed public. Corporate media only feeds people propaganda. People need other sources of information besides TV and newspapers.
1791	7/13/2012	being unemployed and no computer at home its only way to find job
1792	7/13/2012	I feel the library has become a very important part of my families lives recently as we had our first child over a year ago. The library has given us a place to go and experience activities that are helpful as well as helped us make friends in our neighborhood. I feel the library is a service that anybody can use.
1793	7/13/2012	The basics (public safety) are most important, then library services
1794	7/13/2012	Without the libraries I could not engage in many activities I find rewarding.
1795	7/13/2012	Because they provide me with resources that I use for school as well as educational movies/ cook books/ fiction/ biographies and in addition, they have many valuable programs and community information. The library is the center of any community.
1796	7/13/2012	It has help and information that is needed.
1797	7/13/2012	See previous note.

1798	7/13/2012	The library has always been a part of my life from when I was a small child. Books are a very important part of a child's development. Not everyone can afford to buy all the books they need. Having access to an (almost) unlimited selection gives everyone that equal advantage. Libraries are also one of the few remaining centers of communities that are available to everyone. When I first moved here from NY, the library was one of the first places I checked out for events and programs that would enable me to meet others.
1799	7/13/2012	Libraries are a place to foster community and common interest, as well as interest in self-education and self-betterment. A community that can work to improve itself is better off than one which requires assistance in maintaining itself. This is of utmost importance in my way of seeing things.
1800	7/13/2012	The library goes hand-in-hand with education for our kids. There is so much to learn from the books there - raising kids who love to read will not only teach them reading and comprehension, but they can learn about the lives of others, learn to embrace differences in cultures, learn to be empathetic, and learn about this world we live in. Books and the library are critical for raising an aware citizen in this global economy.
1801	7/13/2012	I need water, but I want the library.[] It would be nice to have everything available all the time, but I am more concerned about the quality of the library.
1802	7/13/2012	I rank education as a very high priority for a person's success in society and believe that libraries help provide a very strong foundation. Libraries provide so many embedded services - children's programs that foster social interaction, job-search help, book groups, English language assistance, and FREE access to all of these things, IN ADDITION TO books, music, videos, magazines and other media.
1803	7/13/2012	Because they are competing with services that are important to me
1804	7/13/2012	I grew up in the library, and I was a teacher. I could really see the difference between families that didn't or didn't visit the library. I once had a Spanish-speaking parent thank me for encouraging her son to get a card--she didn't realize the library had great materials for adults, too. How great for children to see their parents, reading too. It is also a great equalizer of the digital divide. Many more reasons--we use many of the resources about home repair, etc. to save money and do it ourselves.
1805	7/13/2012	Because, with the (theoretical) exception of police, fire, and rescue services, libraries are the only public service that are available to everyone regardless of age and economic situation. This statement would be difficult to defend in a debate with someone working for other local public services, but it is how I feel.
1806	7/13/2012	We love to read and want to instill that value in our children.

1807	7/13/2012	The library provides tools (books!) for research and brainstorming that have been instrumental in my ongoing job search and my day-to-day life. The internet is fine, but books are a unique source of creative inspiration. There is no substitute for a half dozen books laid out on the dining room table. I can flip through a dozen examples of resumes in the time it takes my computer to load two or three.
1808	7/13/2012	Because there are also book stores, the internet, etc.
1809	7/13/2012	I use the library all the time as a resource to save money, educate myself and entertainment.
1810	7/13/2012	Because libraries help everyone in a respectful and positive way. They connect users with information which usually means empowerment. They are the last bastion of democracy. They are the community center.
1811	7/13/2012	access to books and magazines and the internet which lets people know whats going on, educate the people, thats always good.
1812	7/13/2012	The only library service I know of is that they provide media to the public. With the internet a wealth of media, a library is typically a nice place to bring my laptop and go online. So, that level of service is only somewhat important, as I can go to internet cafes and such to get the same thing.
1813	7/13/2012	All people are naturally curious and want to learn; it is vital for our citizens to keep growing, esp. Young people
1814	7/13/2012	Everyone needs access to books and other reading materials. If we are not educating our citizens, we are not doing our job. Some students in this area do not have a lot of books at home and rely heavily on the local library.
1815	7/13/2012	I practically lived at the library all through middle and high school, and would be really sad if it couldn't be the same for other people.
1816	7/13/2012	Can't afford to purchase books, so it's my only source for obtaining books for free.
1817	7/13/2012	Libraries are a way for everyone of every economic level to have access to books.
1818	7/13/2012	proximity.
1819	7/13/2012	Fire and police always come first.
1820	7/13/2012	As the public schools are rapidly closing their libraries it is becoming much more important to have access to local public library services available to students. The help of librarians and other staff is also very important to help students learn how to use libraries. These are skills that will help a person for the rest of their life.
1821	7/13/2012	information
1822	7/13/2012	knowledge is important to everyone!
1823	7/13/2012	It is a convenient and complete source for reading and multimedia that I use often.
1824	7/13/2012	One of the top ones.
1825	7/13/2012	Extremely important
1826	7/13/2012	Access to information
1827	7/13/2012	It is usually a safe social place, one in which the citizens see one another.

1828	7/13/2012	I think certain things like police provide a basic level of necessity as far as public services goes but libraries provide that second tier of importance which is educational enrichment and information access, something essential to the development of the next generation.
1829	7/13/2012	The library is of the utmost importance. Without libraries our community would not have access to opportunities and resources. The population who would bear the brunt of this would be the poor, the young, the unemployed, the folks who have no where else to go. The library is a vital resource for our community. There is no question about that.
1830	7/13/2012	I don't use the other public services. I suppose I could use the age and disability services when I get older. Everyone can use the library, rich-poor, smart-not so, young, old,-in-between, working-not working. It transcends our differences, it is for everyone.
1831	7/13/2012	Helps with daily education
1832	7/13/2012	Keeps me sane. And I can not afford to buy books.
1833	7/13/2012	Libraries are important for continued education, social connections, sense of community and they provide resources to all in the community. But compared to fire, police, health, utility services, they are not in the category of "life and death". But, they are important to the larger community and can be safe havens for some who have little else.
1834	7/13/2012	Libraries are a crucial resource for everyone in the community. They affirm everyone's right to information and support people in becoming engaged members of society. Libraries help to level the playing field between those from different socioeconomic backgrounds by providing services free of charge.
1835	7/13/2012	They are helping so many people who don't speak English (I think) to learn how to use computers and utilize community resources so they can better fit into the community. And then all the kids - they have great reading programs and clubs, and the kids just love them, and learn to love LEARNING. As senior citizens, my husband and I live on a very limited income, so we don't pay for TV, and therefore, books and the free cds we borrow are a big part of our entertainment. Keep up the good work!
1836	7/13/2012	I love the library. If I weren't a student and using the school library all the time, I would be at the public library. Before I returned to school, I used the library often. I always put books on hold and rely on the library as a resource to obtain reading materials. I only wish there were more copies of popular books and that I didn't have to wait so long for a book on hold to become available. Currently, I'm a student, so I haven't had the capacity to read leisurely as often as I would like, but I'm the type that has her library card memorized. I may not always spend a lot of time in the library itself, but I'm often in and out picking up books, movies, music, etc.
1837	7/13/2012	For my sanity, keeping my mind active, enjoyment of free time.
1838	7/13/2012	It's a place for community, for learning, for helping.

1839	7/13/2012	I'm homeschooling my child, so libraries are vital places to allow my son to gain access to the needed materials that will shape his education.
1840	7/13/2012	Because it just is !
1841	7/13/2012	Because it is a place of free education and community involvement.
1842	7/13/2012	because they are free services, which are reliable, full of various resources and a play a major role in the importance of literacy and reading
1843	7/13/2012	Education improves everything. Will for education should be driven by impetus and choice, and public libraries democratize information and technology. I believe we become more aware and compassionate toward being socially and mentally flexible the more we are exposed to. Without libraries, too large a percentage of our population is denied access to information, and maybe more importantly modern technologies like the internet and search engines. Now, if we could add to the library some kind of service that helps the general populace with critical thinking and triangulation/validation of information skills, that would would be an incredible win for society. Spike the water supply with curiosity? :)
1844	7/13/2012	They are a life-long learning resource open to all, and that has never been more important than in the uncertain economy we have now, when people must have access to knowledge and resources as they move and change jobs.
1845	7/13/2012	Learning and knowledge are the foundation of society. Keeping access to books and information for all people is extremely important.
1846	7/13/2012	I am a teacher (another threatened public employee), and I believe that key to an informed citizenry is access to many resources of information and ideas.
1847	7/13/2012	Libraries help all people to be on "equal ground" and gain access to invaluable information and resources.
1848	7/13/2012	if kids don't learn to read and enjoy it, we are screwed as a culture!
1849	7/13/2012	Libraries are shared resources that are even more important during times when some in the community may have difficulty paying for these services. Libraries are sources of education for all.
1850	7/13/2012	Because I am a compulsive reader and read everything of interest in my library growing up (very small in a small town) and Multnomah County libraries offer a chance for people to connect with other people and with the world at large through their offerings.
1851	7/13/2012	I love to read and belong to two bookclubs and can't afford to buy the books.
1852	7/13/2012	Libraries bring communities together. [] People still need the chance to experience reading, written material hands-on, not just from computers, electronic devices. Without libraries, where else will one have exposure to actual books, etc...?[] [] ** I say leave property tax increases out of library funding and just charge a \$30 per household yearly membership fee (or appx.). I'd rather just pay a once a year fee and be done with it.

1853	7/13/2012	Literacy is the foundation of civic engagement, good health, and prosocial behavior.
1854	7/13/2012	Outside of public safety, library services offer the most good per dollar of any publicly funded group. They enrich the community and offer resources to people of lower socio-economic status that they otherwise could not attain. I am routinely surprised how many people do not make use of this service that their tax dollars went to fund.
1855	7/13/2012	Many can't afford to buy books, a computer, etc. and must have this access. It's part of the freedom of being a citizen (or not) of the U.S.A.--being educated so we can be free, so we can read, choose and exercise our rights. Reading is power.
1856	7/13/2012	Because the library is, has, and always should be the cornerstone of any community.
1857	7/13/2012	I place a high level of importance having access to the books, CDs, & DVDs, Inter-library loans, and sheet music to grow as a more informed, more skilled, more culturally aware person.
1858	7/13/2012	I am an avid reader, as is the rest of my family.
1859	7/13/2012	I think it's important for everybody to have access to knowledge and research.
1860	7/13/2012	The library is the one of the only services that is truly available to every member of the community. Police and fire services are critical, but most of us hope to never need them. Schools are also critical, but many families do not have children. Utility services are important to everyone, but they are for maintenance of life, not improvement; they are also largely unresponsive to community input and local needs. Libraries serve anyone and everyone and truly care about the needs of the whole system and their local neighborhoods.
1861	7/13/2012	They're important to me because I use the library very often, but I think more importantly having the library and its services available is important to the community.
1862	7/13/2012	The ability to read and learn is important to everyone rich or poor. We need to provide the services of the library to all.
1863	7/13/2012	We use the library each week for activities, getting new books, putting books on hold, perusing the kid's section...it's a central part of our life as a young family.
1864	7/13/2012	Library is foundation of democratic process. Equality and commun - ity - ism (!) as it was intended!~ YEAH! Call it "socialism" call it "co-op" call it "government" call it PUBLIC - TOP IMPORTANCE!
1865	7/13/2012	In this age of regressing civilization. Books are the gatekeepers of knowledge.
1866	7/13/2012	I'm really sorry but I think that libraries will be obsolete in about 15 years. Even homeless people have cell phones and tablets now.
1867	7/13/2012	Libraries played a big part in my love for reading. I always had a few library books checked out at a time when I was growing up. Now I really enjoy the online services. It is nice to be able to download books onto my computer and read/listen to books.
1868	7/13/2012	convenience services
1869	7/13/2012	They help keep people educated and literate.

1870	7/13/2012	Neighborhood libraries are a hub for the neighborhood, provide easily accessible info for our daily lives via posting of neighborhood activities/resources, and reading material of all kinds. Would not like to think about what it would be like to live without this critical resource
1871	7/13/2012	Libraries are one of the most accessible sources of knowledge and resources available for members of a community, regardless of their race/class/gender/economic level. Schools and universities are closed off to many individuals and bookstores cost money as well. If you are house-less and broke, where are you supposed to access the internet, read a book, or even just relax for a couple hours without being harassed or thrown out for "not buying anything." The library. We desperately need libraries.
1872	7/13/2012	I think public education, public transportation and public safety are higher priorities. The public and private schools have libraries serving their students, so that population is being serviced. (For example, because the Portland State University Library (also paid through our taxes) is only blocks from the Central Library and the Oregon Human Resources Offices, a cooperative computer use arrangement could hypothetically meet some needs of the downtown population to free up funds for the branches.)
1873	7/13/2012	Given the wretched state of public education in Oregon, the public libraries -- like local art and science museums and the zoo -- are the key sites where real education takes place.
1874	7/13/2012	I use the library and love it, but I sense that other people rely on it for more than just borrowing dvds, cds and comic books. I see people at the Kenton Branch using computers to fill out employment applications and getting OLCC cards and stuff. I use the library to keep up with music and movies and new books, but it bothers me to think of people losing access to important help.
1875	7/13/2012	I am an avid reader with a young child that I am also trying to impress reading upon. I am not wealthy so being able to check library books out for free is great!
1876	7/13/2012	Libraries facilitate a community's need for knowledge through self-determined education.
1877	7/13/2012	I have been an avid reader my whole life. It is a very important part of learning and staying informed of the myriad of changes in our daily lives. It also provides a very personal form of entertainment, which is important in everyone's lives to combat stress. I am a movie lover as well, and enjoy watching Cable TV series on DVD, as I don't have Cable. At this time in my life, I am unable to afford to buy books, or to rent movies, so the Library is my lifeline. I feel very lucky to be able to use the library system.
1878	7/13/2012	Education is necessary to have or gain personal, professional, and political power. Everyone should have access to books and literary resources.
1879	7/13/2012	I feel like libraries are a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle items that our entire community has a need or want for. It allows me to offer my child a variety of books and programs at little to no (on site) cost. I wouldn't likely provide that level of variety if the library didn't make it so easy and affordable.
1880	7/13/2012	I'm not able to purchase books or have access to online books.

1881	7/13/2012	I think having access to books and the knowledge provided by libraries is priceless. It is so important that people of all ages are able to access this kind of information and resources.
1882	7/13/2012	They are essential to many in our community. For others the library services offer a relief from the stress of everyday life.
1883	7/13/2012	It's good for the community
1884	7/13/2012	My previous answer covers it, but again: our schools are our future, and we have to invest in them to see an educated, skilled, engaged citizenry in 10-20 years. Our libraries are right NOW. They are our community classrooms, where anyone can find the resources to continue, complete & augment they education they already have. [] Our libraries connect neighborhoods, providing a central, safe, affordable space for getting information, civic access, and individual enrichment; just as we want to avoid 'food deserts,' in which neighborhoods suffer a lack of access to affordable, healthful food, if we create information/access/literacy deserts, we are abandoning a vital civic responsibility.
1885	7/13/2012	My life is made better by the services provided by the library. They give me entertainment in the form of books, resources for learning, ways for my daughter to learn and grow, and connect me to my community in a way that no other public service does.
1886	7/13/2012	because we use the library often, online and in personal visits
1887	7/13/2012	More centered in the community
1888	7/13/2012	Books contain our written cultural history. They provide a wealth of knowledge about our ever-evolving universe. Communal access to literature, research materials, and programs which foster a love and appreciation for reading are necessary to preserve the written word in an exceedingly digital era where info converted to data in a harddrive can so easily be altered, erased, and potentially lost forever.
1889	7/13/2012	Equal access, opportunities for all.
1890	7/13/2012	My mother is a librarian and I grew-up visiting the library very often. You offer invaluable services to the public, and offer a special space for people to enjoy many different services including the value of reading, internet access, and a wealth of information that most people don't even know is available to them.
1891	7/13/2012	All public services are important Very important to shut-ins.[]
1892	7/13/2012	Very important to those without computers or computer skills.[] Very important to people on fixed incomes who have no other form of entertainment.[] Very important resource for all seeking knowledge.
1893	7/13/2012	As a mom with small kids, I go to the library often. I think libraries teach kids about community, economics, and literacy.

1894	7/13/2012	i am a kindergarten teacher and use the library often to get books for my classroom and for my own enrichment
1895	7/13/2012	I enjoy Portland Parks and Receptions
1896	7/13/2012	Our libraries are a last hold-out of our truly democratic institutions, providing access to information for all citizens.
1897	7/13/2012	Libraries are the best thing since (and before) sliced bread.
1898	7/13/2012	I value reading, education, and accessibility of resources.
1899	7/13/2012	I personally use the library a lot and I believe that everyone should have that opportunity. Access to information and entertainment is a great enhancement to a life. The library may be the only affordable information/entertainment/learning resource for many limited-income, limited-mobility citizens. It allows access to so much of value, and without straining the budgets of already overburdened families, seniors, the unemployed and underemployed. Times of economic upheaval are the very times when free options like the local library become even more valuable to ALL of us.
1900	7/13/2012	For many people the library is a place to learn, relax, escape in a book. If the library has to cut hours, fine, but please DO NOT CUT SERVICES!
1901	7/13/2012	my only computer access, and I like the computer
1902	7/13/2012	Reading is essential, and libraries make that access possible regardless of income.
1903	7/13/2012	Libraries are important community space and public service because they offer the opportunity for further community education and engagement. Libraries are great work spaces and a place where people can use a computer, particularly someone who cannot own their own. The materials for rent are invaluable for families, students, etc. A great public library is a tremendous public asset.
1904	7/13/2012	Improves sense of community, facilitates diversity as so many different types of people use the library. Important for my children to see how books can serve us-- teach us, entertain us, etc.
1905	7/13/2012	It provides a way to find reading material that I otherwise could afford to purchase, motivate my children to read
1906	7/13/2012	this is not a service/need offered by any other entity; safe and free public/community space in a time where this is increasingly uncommon
1907	7/13/2012	Supes important. Numero Uno.
1908	7/13/2012	The library is a resource that the community cannot be without.
1909	7/13/2012	we actively use the resources at the library all year long, especially during those rainy winter months!
1910	7/13/2012	Free access to information is hugely important for communities.
1911	7/13/2012	I would put libraries and education right below public safety (fire & police).
1912	7/13/2012	My first priority for public services is health and safety (ambulance, fire, police), followed closely by education, of which I believe both schools and libraries are an important part.
1913	7/13/2012	Public libraries, publicly funded, are the only source of information free of corporate interference and control -- and the only place poor people can freely access that information.

1914	7/13/2012	Learning should be available to all in a developed society. Libraries should be the continuing education source for all adults regardless of that persons income. We cannot lose that.
1915	7/13/2012	provides a community gathering places for intellectual engagement, services that many cannot afford and for children a love of life long learning
1916	7/13/2012	It's my primary entertainment source with the ability to check out books and movies.
1917	7/13/2012	Free access to books and other media is critical - particularly for students and children in low-income communities.
1918	7/13/2012	I adore books. There is nothing like holding a book in your hands to read.
1919	7/13/2012	Libraries represent society's center for learning and discovery. Their presence and usage indicate a city's intellectual prowess. They inspire us to grow, develop, and share our knowledge. When I visit a new city, I like to visit its library. It gives me a sense of the local culture.
1920	7/13/2012	Society is in a greater mess without life-long learning.
1921	7/13/2012	In addition to incorporating reading and learning into my young family's life, it helps build community.
1922	7/13/2012	It is hard to compare without a more specific question. Probably not more important than water or sewer - but still somewhat important, regardless.
1923	7/13/2012	I utilize the library more often than any other public service.
1924	7/13/2012	It's by far my biggest (and cheapest) source of reading material and movies.
1925	7/13/2012	Libraries are so very important, but it's really difficult to prioritize them over things like Safety Net, TriMet, Affordable Housing, and making our city and county function.
1926	7/13/2012	I do not travel too far off course as I am trying to maintain some what of a normal schedule.
1927	7/13/2012	When I was a little boy, my mother took me to the local library. She got me a card and took me to the Children's section. She said I could look at any book I wanted. There were picture books, story books, and all sorts of posters for children. Stories and pictures of places and things I never knew about. Once I realized that I could look at and borrow any of these for free, my life was fixed. I became a reader and never stopped.
1928	7/13/2012	Libraries have always been the single most important community resource for my family as a homeschooling parent and an avid reader. Right now I don't use my local branch as much I plan to in the future having just moved to Portland.
1929	7/13/2012	Libraries are very important to local communities.

1930	7/13/2012	<p>Knowledge is for all, public libraries are a public trust, access to information and loaning of books has been a hallmark for American democracy. Many famous authors write about the public library as the first place they learned to read and discover ideas not available to them otherwise. My 9 yr old son says " the library is very important because kids can learn stuff by going on the computer, and play games . I can go to the library to check out books on reptiles, or I like to check out books about rocks. People need to research things like about cooking. There are children's books like Harry Potter, and you can check out novels like Percy Jackson. You can mostly find any book you want at the library."¶</p> <p>It would be very cool to elevate the upbeat PR, posters, radio ads and TV ads about the library system being for everyone. Make the public library a household name again!</p>
1931	7/13/2012	<p>Throughout my life (67yrs) I have used the library as a source of sanctuary, resources, learning, teaching and personal enjoyment.</p>
1932	7/13/2012	<p>I use the library quite a bit and it is very important for me that the tax dollars I use go to something like this. I can't afford to buy the amount of books that I read in a month, and the library allows me to read things without having to try to sell them afterwards. I also like that libraries are wonderful in the ability to not have to buy a book you only want to read once. Also, the community programs are INCREDIBLY important.</p>
1933	7/13/2012	<p>Because I am an avid reader.</p>
1934	7/13/2012	<p>Libraries promote literacy. Literacy is vital to a thriving local community in all respects.</p>
1935	7/13/2012	<p>There's nothing more fulfilling than feeling a book in your hands and allowing the mind (regardless of age) to explore the universe.</p>
1936	7/13/2012	<p>Access to information!</p>
1937	7/13/2012	<p>for education for the public - everyone should have access to books and learning.</p>
1938	7/13/2012	<p>I use the library at least once a week, and often two or three times a week. I would certainly not have near the access to reading material that I have through the library if I had to rely on getting reading materials from bookstores. Though I do not have any children, as a child my family used the library frequently and having access to a wide range of books certainly improved my knowledge of the world and well as giving me a solid foundation for going on into higher education programs. So while I don't use the children and youth programs, I think they are important and am willing to pay more in taxes to support them as they have a broader social benefit. Likewise, while I don't use the computers at the library as I have my own at home, computer literacy and access is now a key part of our society and the library makes it possible for people who can't have their own computer to participate fully as citizens.</p>

1939	7/13/2012	So much of today's society and culture isolates us. Libraries do the opposite. They get us out of our cubicle worlds and connect us with resources in a local setting where we can both independently access information as well as get help doing so from trained library staff. I think of libraries as community centers that draw people together who seek information or entertainment. They encourage and model reading, especially for young people, and offer real, tangible, hard copies of everything from the classics to comic books. This free resource allows anyone--ANYONE--access to these things, without prejudice, and thus people poor and rich, young and old, of all color and stripe, are all on equal footing. What else in our society can you say that about?
1940	7/13/2012	I'm a retiree on a fixed income that loves to read.
1941	7/13/2012	I use the library often and love to see how well used it is by children, parents, and all other readers.[] It is the most important anchor of the neighborhood.
1942	7/13/2012	need the library outreach coming to The Heights at Columbia Knoll!
1943	7/13/2012	As outlined in the earlier question, the resources are invaluable. And having a space to go to for free, where I can have access to literature and information, internet, and a safe, quiet, and free place to work.. for me that's what the library is. The library is a vital community resource, especially for those who cannot afford to spend their time at coffee shops and the like to achieve a similar sort of atmosphere.
1944	7/13/2012	Education is my highest priority. Libraries are the cornerstone of that.
1945	7/13/2012	Sometimes it's just good to change the venue instead of working alone.
1946	7/13/2012	The library functions as a community center and a learning center all at once. It gives people access to positive things that they may not generally have access to. The library should be seen as a safe place for people to go for classes, reading, any number of things. To limit the library's function and accessibility is to limit the amount of use that the library gets. If individuals are on the fence about using the library and the day that they visit the library is closed, that is potential for them to walk away and move on to. See answers in #6[]
1947	7/13/2012	Also for the Head Start program (non profit) we rely on the library for teacher/classroom resources,Raising A Reader program and the librarian visitor that reads to the children.
1948	7/13/2012	We do not want further property tax increases.
1949	7/13/2012	Money saving and education purposes
1950	7/13/2012	I need a place to have tangible discoveries in learning.
1951	7/13/2012	Because of the help it gives the community
1952	7/13/2012	Access to the library system can help level the playing field for the have nots.
1953	7/13/2012	The library helps those that can't afford new books or haven't any computer access. It saves me money, time, and allows me to do much more thorough resurch then the internet alone.

1954	7/13/2012	<p>As an educational resource very important. As a way to provide access to information, very important. As a way to provide entertainment, of low importance. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The wording on this survey is skewed. It connotes little in the way of altering services to work in alternative ways w/ existing funding.</p> <p>As I explained before the library is a hub for many people...Some people don't have computers at home and where technology is concerned they have to fill out specific forms that they can no longer do in person. This sets people up for failure! Children might have parents who don't read or foster their reading and the library is a place for kids to take responsibility for their learning and research for school projects.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
1955	7/13/2012	<p>I am a director for a school in NW Portland and we have a woman we call "Library Susan" come to our school every month to read, sing songs and do finger plays. The families at my school including myself are extremely upset that the funding has been cut to support her school visits. The children LOVE her and can't wait for her visit monthly. Now she won't be coming and this is a real shame. Shame on the library system, our legislation and whomever is in charge of eliminating the funding for this program. I sure hope he or she can sleep at night knowing that kids are missing out on opportunities to hear wonderful stories, sing songs and become empowered by books!!!! These children are our NOW and our Future and I think we are forgetting this. Let's promote illiteracy, ignorance and lower the bar for our children. Think about how this will effect our future!!</p>
1956	7/13/2012	<p>i'm isolated from the mainstream; includes media exposure</p>
1957	7/13/2012	<p>our library has been a huge asset to portland. i brag to my friends in other states. they cannot believe what i can get from our library with just a bit of patience.[]</p> <p>i can keep reading and watching media without breaking the bank!</p>
1958	7/13/2012	<p>Not necessary like schools, police and fire, but without the library I'd be reading a lot of the same books over and over until I could spare the money for a new book. The library is vital to imagination and knowledge.</p>
1959	7/13/2012	<p>They're free books. I would be broke if I had to pay for all the books.</p>
1960	7/13/2012	<p>Libraries are the bastions of providing resources for illuminating the best aspects of the American culture(s), support the community in learning and asking questions, a peaceful haven of parallel and interactive literacy experience in connection with other people--which will become even more critical as high tech, hyper-drive, non-oral culture increases even more.</p>
1961	7/13/2012	<p>I like civilized society with intellectually people most prevalent.</p>
1962	7/13/2012	<p>literacy/ education/ self dev./ general knowledge</p>
1963	7/13/2012	<p>EVERYTHING is available at a library. Either through a book, pamphlet or employees help!</p>
1964	7/13/2012	<p>Resources should be available for those who want to improve their lives. Anyone can use a library--I want to support any way to help those in my community who take the initiative to educate themselves.</p>

1965	7/13/2012	I have a good education and a good job. I wouldn't have either of these without having had regular access to public libraries from a very early age. The libraries are more than a collection of books and media. They support lifelong learning and now provide essential educational services that are no longer easily obtainable elsewhere such as career pathway education and English language training. As public budgets are cut across the board, libraries have become an increasingly important resource for the community. As a member of the community and lifelong beneficiary of public libraries they are of utmost importance to me.
1966	7/13/2012	I do not want to pit one important local service against another. Most, if not all, local services are very important. We should be paying for them collectively. I am willing to pay more in taxes to make this region a better place to live now and for future generations.
1967	7/13/2012	The library provides a service that no one else can - they empower people, embolden them, through reading and learning, to learn and grow and better themselves, and all without charge. It's an amazing thing, the public library.
1968	7/13/2012	I love books, reading and the library environment.
1969	7/13/2012	Informed, educated, connected, enabled populace.
1970	7/13/2012	Education is supremely important.
1971	7/13/2012	They are high importance as it is a form of my entertainment.
1972	7/13/2012	Great way to have access to supplemental education. Assists me to be an active member of the community rather than an isolated citizen ordering books off of Amazon and reading them alone.
1973	7/13/2012	Public access for reading and learning are vital to all communities, states and countries.
1974	7/13/2012	Its a key community resource available for everyone in Mult. Co.
1975	7/13/2012	Not as important as trash pickup or safety but still high in importance
1976	7/13/2012	Enhances education by supporting reading skills that are essential for success in our society. The library provides this for no cost, so it supports all citizens who desire to further their education.
1977	7/13/2012	Constant source of knowledge and self-education on any subject as well as, arts and entertainment.
1978	7/13/2012	I am a librarian so obviously I'm biased. That being said the library is a place for the community to share ideas, find a new passion, read a novel, it's important to have a place in society where everyone can find something and I would say that is what the library of today is.
1979	7/13/2012	access to literature, information and the sharing of knowledge is the foundation of a free society.

1980	7/13/2012	I hate to say it, but they make up for some of the deficiencies in the public school system. Also they serve social work type functions for the elderly and the homeless that are provided with dignity and respect. I forgot to mention before but I enjoy the library book carts that come to my senior residence, Westmoreland Union Manor very much. Libraries are about so much more than just books! i have been attending the children's programs at Gregory Heights with my grandchild since he was an infant. Now the library seems like a second home to him and his friends, many of whom he met at Book Babies. He is a phenomenal reader-going through all the Harry Potter books though he is only seven. He reads piles and piles of kids books every week. Another function of the local libraries is multicultural community building. Nobody does it better!
1981	7/13/2012	provide public space and knowledge. I think these are the fundamental building blocks of a good community/neighborhood. I also really enjoy and use libraries more then other public services.
1982	7/13/2012	Community need Fire and Police are #1 Utilities (electricity, gas) are #2
1983	7/13/2012	Everything else is just a bonus for a community. Would it be missed if there was less? Of course, but we are in a recession folks and everyone is hurting. Be in solidarity with the community you serve. We can't afford more and more taxes.
1984	7/13/2012	everyone should have access to knowledge, whether that is in book form or internet access.
1985	7/13/2012	Library services are critical to keeping the their community education and engaged. Education equalizes opportunity and is the one thing that I believe can truly change our societies to become more civil and respectful. The library above any other service in the community enables this education for all its patrons.
1986	7/13/2012	Libraries are good ways to learn about pretty much anything at no cost.
1987	7/13/2012	the availability of reference materials, books, books-on-tape, movies is immeasurable. many of us cannot afford to purchase these items. Since you don't provide for general comments in this survey I'll make mine here:
1988	7/13/2012	I love our libraries dearly, but I don't think they need to be open 7 days a week (maybe not even 6 days a week), particularly not in times of difficult economic and budget conditions. People who want to use them will adjust to their available hours. I would vote lower except for the potential that libraries have for being public fora at a time when our society needs it all the more. Otherwise, I appreciate services provided for children and the needy (particularly internet access). I think the value of book resources has declined and will continue to deminish into the future, so unless the library does more to be an open resource for the general public to gather to advance intellectual pursuits, by opinion of their value will likely continue to degrade.
1990	7/13/2012	It is a service needed to educate our citizens for the new world of work that we find we need today.

1991	7/13/2012	My son is a year old. I don't know how I would have coped with being a new mom without the library. The Hillsdale library Book Babies and Tiny Tot programs have been so important to me.
1992	7/13/2012	We rely on the library for reading and media-based materials. Libraries offer easy and free access to these materials for everyone
1993	7/13/2012	I use the library more than other services (unless you regard water and sewer and police and fire department as services . . .)
1994	7/13/2012	I am of a generation that grew up using the various services of the library. It began with children's services □ Progressed through research, classics reading, job search, ebooks, etc. The library has been an integral part of my life from childhood through senior years. I still go there to browse the stacks for whatever catches my eye. I also participate in library2go.overdrive.com and download ebooks.
1995	7/13/2012	I think literacy is essential for the population. Availability of free books and media is essential to keep the population reading and staying informed....regardless of income and living situations.
1996	7/13/2012	For the community aspect. It's fun to take a trip to the library and explore your options.
1997	7/13/2012	we use the library, our neighbors and friends use the library, our school uses the library...the use is comparable to public safety, roads, and community programs
1998	7/13/2012	very
1999	7/13/2012	Fair, equitable access to good information is a foundation of community health and vitality.
2000	7/13/2012	Libraries offer many helpful free and low cost services. Services that many people might not even know they have access to.
2001	7/13/2012	Because I use the Library
2002	7/13/2012	My children and I are huge readers. The library gives us free access to the stacks of books we read each week. The library has created book lovers out of my children.
2003	7/13/2012	After basic safety, shelter and health comes education. Libraries are the key to self-directed education and life-long learning.
2004	7/13/2012	Having a local library gives our community a central hub. A place to go for resouces, entertainment, learning. It is a destination.
2005	7/13/2012	It provides access to technology for those who can't afford it at home, and genuinely contributes to our sense of community here, in addition to the regular library services offered. When we go, we always see a nice diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, etc. The library is a hub for each area it's in.
2006	7/13/2012	we need to be informed to better make decisions and choices
2007	7/13/2012	Police and Fire services are more important.
2008	7/13/2012	The library has been a place to work, research, study and seek a silent place to read and reflect all my life. The exchange of books, ideas, and quality resources for kids, adults and seniors is vital to our educated populace.

2009	7/13/2012	I can't afford to buy every book I want to read or listen to, the library enables me to read as much as I want about anything I want. The digital download for audiobooks is a life saver for me, I work from home and listen to books constantly while I'm working.
2010	7/13/2012	Because I care about books, getting books and reading them, and the library allows me to do that.
2011	7/13/2012	Because they provide us w/ access to many things beyond what individuals could access; because they help w/ literacy, w/ job seeking, w/ reading programs, etc.
2012	7/13/2012	Because the library is available to you at any income level, and a fantastic resource from relaxation to job search.
2013	7/13/2012	it is the source of everyday living
2014	7/13/2012	Sorry, it's hard to answer the previous question, because I'm not sure what public services being referred to here. If you're referring to emergency services, sewer, water, public parks and services like that, I would say at this point, with the web-enabled society, the library has become not at all important to me in comparison.
2015	7/13/2012	reading, quest for knowledge are important pillars of a democratic society
2016	7/13/2012	Because I strongly believe in the importance of free learning and education!
2017	7/13/2012	I grew up in poverty and worked my way through school. I literally had no books at home and no one read to me. When entered Kindergarten, I didn't even know the alphabet. My community was rural and my home life riddled with difficulty. As an adult, I became reliant on the library system, especially because I could not afford to purchase books and media. I have played intellectual catch-up all these years since, and the library has been my main source. Public libraries are a place where people can be equal and I believe them to be foundational to democracy. I am so proud of this library system. It is truly one of the best in the country. Even as the way people generate and take in information shifts, there still demands a place for the actual activity of this exchange and the physical presence of its source.
2018	7/13/2012	I want my children to have access to libraries and to use them as a resource.
2019	7/13/2012	In a democratic society information is critical to the common good. Furthermore information and a well informed community creates employment and a healthy lifestyle.
2020	7/13/2012	We need to maintain, or regain, our once proud level of basic knowledge. The library, properly used, has been an integral part of enhancing the knowledge base and supporting a once-proud educational system. Now that system seems to be failing and we continue to fall further behind other nations. The library could play a key role in garnering a position of respect.
2021	7/13/2012	I read daily, and the library has a great selection of books.
2022	7/13/2012	Libraries provide basic reading services; they keep reading a key skill and activity for young and old. They also provide a community center for a large variety of people---diverse ages, ethnic background, education level, and more.
2023	7/13/2012	They are less important than schools, but perhaps equally important as parks but probably less important than the historical society, all of which I'm funding through levies.

2024	7/13/2012	Even though education and information is of extreme importance, emergency services and public safety is still most critical. Without library services, those lacking financial access to reading and computer access may not have the same opportunities as their wealthier neighbors. Public educational services level the playing field for neighbors.
2025	7/13/2012	I loved going to the library as a kid and plan to take my kids someday (when I have kids). I wish I used the library more often now, but it's just so easy to download books to my iPad and I don't read very much anymore so it's relatively inexpensive anyway.
2026	7/13/2012	being able to use the materials on loan is very important for the community--especially with this economy
2027	7/13/2012	Libraries promotes tolerance through literacy and community connections. It provides us a community gathering place when our world is becoming increasingly isolating with our digital technology.
2028	7/13/2012	We use our library alot because it helps in the education of our daughter. I also use the library alot in my work; I am a social worker.
2029	7/13/2012	They give access to information, books I would not be able to afford to buy to get access to, the enrichment in my life is invaluable.
2030	7/13/2012	The library can be a hub for information and education of the local community.
2031	7/13/2012	Public libraries are the heart of a democracy as they provide access to information that might not otherwise be available to everyone.
2032	7/13/2012	The library is an endless source of education and entertainment for my family. There is no acceptable substitute.
2033	7/13/2012	Access to books and computers for those people that cannot afford them is very important to allow people to read, educated themselves and use computers for job seeking/resume building and research topics.[] Education is the basis of a good community.[] The library is also where education for small children starts.
2034	7/13/2012	I believe that a strong library helps to build a strong community.
2035	7/13/2012	Enjoying checking out new books without having to buy them.
2036	7/13/2012	Having books and media available to use is an amazing resource. It's allowed us to save money and save space in our small house by being able to check out books and other media. I love that I can go online and request a book and be able to pick it up at my local library. I don't think the reduction in library hours will have much impact on me since I can always check the hours of operation online before I visit.
2037	7/13/2012	Nice, but less important thn fixing potholes, or maintaining law and order.
2038	7/13/2012	Available libraries are a hallmark of a just, free and open society.
2039	7/13/2012	It's where I get all my reading materials and other access to information on classes or events that I may be interested in taking part of.

2040	7/13/2012	Builds community. Resources for all people regardless of income.
2041	7/13/2012	There are other essential public services that, I think, take priority over the library. But for continued learning and public awareness of current events, I feel the library is an indispensable.
2042	7/13/2012	they serve so many functions in the community!
2043	7/13/2012	Literacy is so important in helping people get ahead.
2044	7/13/2012	I want to live in a civil-democratic society. Impossible without libraries!!!
2045	7/13/2012	Gives all levels of income access to materials that might not be attainable otherwise
2046	7/13/2012	The library is an accessible community center. Many of the other services are accessed in an emergency or by a select few. The library is for all.
2047	7/13/2012	Libraries offer a wealth of knowledge and that's valuable to everyone in the community. For the services they provide. Not everyone has access to the best school, but anyone who can learn to read can educate themselves through books. It is a fun/no pressure place where kids can go that encourages them to learn, and where they can spend time productively, stay out of trouble, have positive experiences. Getting resources to home bound individuals and seniors is also important. Who else is going to do it? In short, it makes education in various forms available to everyone.¶
2048	7/13/2012	Having said that, although it is desirable to have full hours and programs, it is not absolutely necessary to have 7 day per week open when people are struggling financially in this economy and funding is needed for other important services as well. In the long term, I think a library district would be great. In the short term, I don't think the public can cope with more taxes.
2049	7/13/2012	Introducing my young children to literacy and building their literacy skills and providing library materials to my class of English learners.
2050	7/13/2012	Libraries are an important service that gives our community an inexpensive way to share books and media. I believe that the children's reading programs do encourage our young people to read and get educated, especially in those families that do not inspire their children at home.
2051	7/13/2012	I read a book per day.
2052	7/13/2012	Our local library has allowed my child to grow into a strong, regular reader.
2053	7/13/2012	Because library is my main source of knowledge and entertainment. I feel restricted and missing this service when I leave outside of the country. By my observation, children with poor library system do not love reading and spending their pass time in useless activities.
2054	7/13/2012	The library is a secure place to take your children and yourself and expand your literary horizon. I'm broke. But at the library I can tell my children to pick any book they want. They love it and I love that they are excited about reading. My daughter is dyslexic she hates to read, but the offering of any book she wants excites her enough that I can get her to read. Willingly. And when my laptop is giving me the blue screen of doom the library offers me a place where I can continue my job search in peace. I'd be lost without that haven.

2055	7/13/2012	because this is the free place anyone can go to learn about any topic of interest and to grow their abilities to become better citizens
2056	7/13/2012	because it evens the field it is important that everyone in our community has access to information not just those who can afford new books, subscriptions and internet access
2057	7/13/2012	learning and education at its most fundamental basis occurs within spaces that promote unity and potential collaboration between people (whether across the table or across the oceans)...libraries can facilitate a dynamic relationship for the individual with the public place of a city
2058	7/13/2012	Community gathering spot, a good place to bring children to start reading
2059	7/13/2012	There are of course other important services such as Police and Fire services that protect public safety, but the library also should not be undervalued. I use its resources frequently to help me with my research for my business. It's important to have access to knowledge for our children. I enjoy coming to the library and picking out a book with my child. I believe reading is a lifestyle that needs to be taught, and is an important part in helping a child bond with their parents and learn about our world.
2060	7/13/2012	Nothing is more important than access for all to free use of books and a place to read and enjoy learning.
2061	7/13/2012	Because literacy is important! Literacy is declining in this country, and that is a shame. In addition, libraries provide a place where children can have access to books, and the more kids read, the better citizens they become. I could go on and on, but suffice to say that libraries are one hallmark of a functioning society, and as they go, so goes the city and country.
2062	7/13/2012	With all the services our local government provides, education is the most important to me. Not just schools, but libraries as well. A library is a place that children can go to discover what a joy reading, curiosity, and self-reliance can be. In my view, it plants the seeds of determination for them to be free-thinking, independent adults who will not only lead better lives, but contribute to the local economy. Regardless of how much people actually use a library's services, it should always be there in at least some capacity for those who want/need it. These are the kind of things that make me proud to be a taxpayer.
2063	7/13/2012	when you can't pay for your own books slash computer, the library gives you the opportunity to read and use the computers.
2064	7/13/2012	My family has been using library services more frequently in the past few years than other other local public services outside of Portland Parks
2065	7/13/2012	The library is a cornerstone of our community and has services of vital importance to all ages and cultures. Maintaining access is key.
2066	7/13/2012	I love reading and am too poor to buy books or own a printer/copy machine. I use the library fairly often.
2067	7/13/2012	helps with kids and learning to read and look at books

2068	7/13/2012	Libraries make ideas of all kinds available to everyone of all kinds. They inspire opening up, instead of closing down. Without libraries, other public services would have no foundation to build on.
2069	7/13/2012	Libraries were were I first learned to read for myself. The books there filled my head with ideas and liberated my mind. They have brought me endless comfort by letting me know that I am never alone in my human experience.
2070	7/13/2012	The library is one of the only purely good things most people can agree on. It's the only place I go on a regular basis where I encounter and mingle with all sorts of people without strife. Also, I'm dependent on it for so much. I could write pages about how good it is for my family to have access to so much literature and music and film. We don't watch television or whatever it is normal people do, and I have injuries that prevent me spending a huge amount of time in the parks (though we love them too). We never have money and we aren't particularly well-educated people. We'd be frighteningly more crass and unhappy without the public libraries.
2071	7/13/2012	Information is power. Without this resource people would be forced to buy books or go without if the books if they are too expensive. [] []
2072	7/13/2012	Where would people who want to better themselves begin, especially those with limited means? I visit the library at least once a week and use the website daily. It's a great value from practical, educational, and entertainment perspectives.
2073	7/13/2012	The old cliché: reading is fundamental. Many people cannot afford to buy regular books and depend of the library to provide their reading material. As a student, I depend on the library to provide study material that I cannot get at the college library. I also depend on it as a place to study and use the internet.
2074	7/13/2012	It provides education, entertainment , fun for my family and our community.
2075	7/13/2012	I have mostly found the library my first and best starting point in all the services and great for getting information.
2076	7/13/2012	Because I read free material on the Internet.
2077	7/13/2012	Access to ideas and information is critical for a free society. even if you don't agree with the ideas available. In fact opposing ideas are at least as important to be exposed to. It makes you think. It makes you evaluate your beliefs. I do not mean the library should become a political soapbox for anyone but unusual, strange and unpopular points of view should be available to be examined.
2078	7/13/2012	While the library system is enjoyable and helpful I don't feel that it impacts our basic needs such as food, shelter. and safety.
2079	7/13/2012	I enjoy reading and sharing books with my grandchildren. Th library has an excellent selection, and I value that. I like being able to get almost any book I want from the library, though sometimes I get impatient waiting.
2080	7/13/2012	Because I am a weekly user of the library.

2081	7/13/2012	So i have a library to check out books to read
2082	7/13/2012	I believe people who are disadvantaged are given a gift with all the resources the Multnomah County Library systems offer. I believe our library is one of the best in the world, a treasure to care for, and respect. I grew up using the Central Library. I rode the bus there at age 6 all by myself just so I could check books out! Preserve the libraries of Portland!!!!
2083	7/13/2012	Because i love the library
2084	7/13/2012	I use the library all the time and feel that we should all continue to have access to all that the library provides the community.
2085	7/13/2012	It depends on the "other public service" you refer to. In tough budget years, roads can be neglected more easily than access to health-care and well deployed fire crews, for instance. So, education support is far more important than keeping up with vigilant road maintenance but cannot trump emergency services.
2086	7/13/2012	I view the services as an outlet that is direly needed for most people
2087	7/13/2012	#7 is a poor question. You ought to state which programs you want us to use for the comparisons.
2088	7/13/2012	Really, to get the best data it seems like you ought to give examples of other public services. . . In general, I think public libraries are fairly critical to American society. Public libraries ensure a more even playing field among citizens, making education and entertainment accessible to all. Also, the programs for children and young adults go a long way toward filling some of the gaps in our underfunded public schools.
2089	7/13/2012	I think libraries are great. I think Portland has a fantastic system. I also seem to be asked to vote on some kind of new levy every other year that adds 1-2\$ to my tax bill. I am happy to fund the libraries but am shocked to hear that despite the levies always going through libraries still have to shorten hours. Maybe a stronger look at what programs are effective is in order?
2090	7/13/2012	Because I believe in the importance of literacy, learning and literature. I also believe that these services should be available to all people at all times for no real cost. Learning and research should not be limited to those with money.
2091	7/13/2012	One will never live long enough to experience everything in this life. Reading about true life adventures teach us many things, history learned well is rarely repeated. learning needs to be a life long goal, it keeps the brain engaged and able to solve problems. It is much better to be apart of a solution instead of being apart of the problem.
2092	7/13/2012	It's a free resource that helps in an unlimited number of ways!
2093	7/13/2012	I use libraries very often. I use them primarily for reading material, second for research, third for audio and video media.
2094	7/13/2012	The local library is a resource and tool for the public to have access to a wide range of information and knowledge.
2095	7/13/2012	Water, sewer, and roads would top my list. There are plenty of used book stores of which some may elect to become lending libraries. More books are becoming available online.

2096	7/13/2012	The services that are more important are fire, police, and those that help those in need. Libraries are very important because they are a resource for printed materials. Soon everyone will be using all digital media and we will lose our gathering places for families and everyone else to obtain the written word.
2097	7/13/2012	I am an avid reader and music fan and I feel that access to current media is an important social service.
2098	7/13/2012	knowledge is power and reading helps provide positive, healthy diversions for people. Also libraries are good community gathering places and provide no or low cost access to systems, training resources, and books
2099	7/13/2012	Libraries allow free access to education. Education creates a stronger population, one that can more easily stand unsupported.
2100	7/13/2012	They are at this level of importance because they build community, they are a meeting place, social network, free, provide a place for people to learn, they are safe, and they offer a opportunity for people to better themselves at their own pace, outside of an expensive school setting. They are an inspiration for children and young adults and offer them the valuable opportunity to engage in their community while learning to volunteer and provide a service. They are multicultural, people of all cultures can seek help, resources, and find our how to navigate within their community. Free, public libraries are invaluable. We visited Argentina, SA last year and the library in our town was dilapidated, dusty, out of date, and hardly used. Many, many people there cannot even read. I feel our public libraries encourage and promote literacy nation wide and are responsible for much of our countries success.
2101	7/13/2012	I work in a library and understand the level of importance. I'm a daily user and appreciate all that libraries offer.
2102	7/13/2012	Hollywood Library serves many aspects of our community. I regularly see many students from Grant High School at the library after school hours as well as families with young readers toting stacks of books in and out of the library. Is anything more important than stimulating the reading skills of young children? I would be much better off today if I had developed strong reading skills sixty two years ago.
2103	7/13/2012	this is where I learn and without the library I would believe everything I read on the internet...

2104	7/13/2012	Reading helped me through a difficult childhood and allowed me to gain information and knowledge that my formal education failed to provide. Libraries have sustained me through times of deep financial difficulty as well. I see others like me every time I go into a library; families who couldn't purchase books for their children happily reading and checking material out, people sitting alone reading for personal education, youths disappearing into books as an escape from the world for awhile, people for whom the library is a valuable part of their weekly routine. I see seniors who can read their favorite magazines without having to stretch fixed incomes to subscribe to them and students who are able to access more printed matter than their schools could ever provide. Thanks to free access to online encyclopedias and the OED (among other things), educational augmentation need not be a matter of income. Local libraries are as important as a strong school system and when the schools cannot be strong, even more important, because then the library provides resources the schools cannot.
2105	7/13/2012	libraries provide us with the freedom to self educate, freedom of information, community space, shelter from the elements. the library is one of the only place we can have access to these resources without having to go into debt to obtain them.thank you very much. no budget cuts!!!!!!!!!! tax the corporations not cut our library resources. dismantle globally renew locally. OCCUPY!!!!!!!!!!
2106	7/13/2012	I use the library for books, movies, and music for myself. However, I am also a teacher, and I use the library for research materials for my students. I appreciate having librarians come in to do book talks and love the resources you offer to my 8th graders. There are very few other community resources that I use more than I do the local library.
2107	7/13/2012	Important for educational activities for children, job seeking, love of reading, etc.
2108	7/13/2012	We love books!
2109	7/13/2012	I am a teacher and I use the library to supplement books in my class room. My students also use the public library--many have very few books at home. The library system is a foundation of democracy.
2110	7/13/2012	If there were no libraries, I don't think I'd read anywhere near as much as I do now. The library is a safe haven where I can go to focus and work; I can use the internet there, find a random novel, flip through the cds, or pick up my holds. It's a quiet building full of books and helpful people. The fact that I can access pretty much any media I want is, I think, absolutely vital for maintaining a community full of intelligent and connected people. It also provides books for young children, who probably don't have the money/initiative to buy books for themselves.
2111	7/13/2012	It is critical that reading material be offered to everyone in a civilized society to encourage critical thinking, awareness, evaluation, creativity, and imagination.
2112	7/13/2012	Free computer services & educational programs for all
2113	7/13/2012	Because it provides an easy access to a lot of information at one time. In this way, one saves on money.

2114	7/13/2012	Because this is where I take my children to learn how to read & find books about things they have questions about that we can't answer at home.
2115	7/13/2012	They help kids who don't have library's in there schools. Or If they don't have any books at there house
2116	7/13/2012	I see the library as being vital to the community as a source of learning, knowledge, research . . . the art department alone is a treasure trove with information one would be hard pressed to find elsewhere.
2117	7/13/2012	I appreciate being able to borrow books & DVDs rather than purchase them.
2118	7/13/2012	i view the library as community and education. I can see that safety / basic needs may be more important, but i like to think my taxes go to the library.
2119	7/13/2012	Free access to books and other materials. Our family loves to go to the library and check out several books at a time. Invaluable.
2120	7/13/2012	Libraries are very important in a community, especially to those who do not have computers at home, or other access to books or other media. They are also places for the community to gather to learn. We need to understand that civilization as we know it depends on library for knowledge and vitality.
2121	7/13/2012	Poor and underprivileged children and adults can get free information if they have a desire for knowledge. Those of us who are not poor appreciate not having to have huge personal libraries for research or books that one wants to read jus once or twice. It conserves resources to share books.
2122	7/13/2012	We get almost all of our entertainment, reading, and educational material from the library.
2123	7/13/2012	My local library is a hub for our community in every sense. My children learned to love books at home, at school, and at the library. The library is a safe haven for all, where all are equal and have equal access to its resources.
2124	7/13/2012	Very important, I consider education and libraries to be the fundamental building blocks of social and economic improvement. Without them then we can't raise the bar for everyone.
2125	7/13/2012	The library plays an outsized role in my life at present, and has done so since my early childhood. My family leaned heavily on the library system for early-childhood literacy and never diminished that level of use since. I'm still a student of sorts and conduct my studies outside the university, using the public library as my home base. More generally, I strongly believe that a literate population is the best bedrock of a society.
2126	7/13/2012	The library fills in so many gaps in services. [] Most importantly, the library provides resources for every style of learning, so all members of our community can guide their own education.
2127	7/13/2012	Access to a wide range of materials that I could never hope to accumulate or access on my own is invaluable.

2128	7/13/2012	I am not sure to what you are thinking of comparing the library. Do you mean police and fire departments? Personally, a library is very important to me because I love books and enjoy movies.
2129	7/13/2012	I started taking my children to the library as young as two years old. Enjoying books together is a nice way to spend time as a family and it's far more budget friendly than bi-weekly visits to Barnes & Noble would be. Reading regularly set my children up for success in elementary school.
2130	7/13/2012	They provide opportunity for education, community, and entertainment to every citizen regardless of income and access ability.
2131	7/13/2012	Because the library is a place that has something for everyone. My entire family goes to the library at least once a week, and each of us has different reasons for being there, but all of us leave happy because we found what we were looking for.
2132	7/13/2012	Reading is essential and that everyone have free access to books. Reading keeps your imagination moving. It connects you with diverse subjects.
2133	7/13/2012	Knowledge is power.
2134	7/13/2012	Democracy doesn't function with out information. Libraries provide access to information. More than anything else knowledge and ideas should be shared and available to everyone. Libraries are not just a repository for these things, they facilitate their dissemination whether it's as archaic as text on paper or up to date video on-line. Thoughts are useless unless they are shared and rethought by others.
2135	7/13/2012	Books are needed for a free society to function and perform.
2136	7/13/2012	Our family reads and takes advantage of the offerings of the library! We love to share books.
2137	7/13/2012	Compared to fire/police/emergency services, libraries rank below these. However, they are very important for everyone to gain access to media, books, classes, no matter ones age or social strata.
2138	7/13/2012	I regularly reserve and then check out books for myself and my kids -- it is an almost daily activity. My 8-year-old son asked me about the origin of electricity a few days ago, and we went into the Hollywood library, found a stack of books on Benjamin Franklin, and have been reading ever since. To me, that ability to be curious and then find answers is as vital as the garbage & recycling service that visits our house every other week. The poetry, stories & art in books is an incredibly valuable resource.
2139	7/13/2012	Because literacy empowers everyone to achieve more. It is critical to a healthy society.
2140	7/13/2012	Reading is a great past time that is good for the soul and the mind.
2141	7/13/2012	Knowledge is power!

2142	7/13/2012	For many of my students, public libraries and their programs help them maintain their literacy over the summer. They also provide my students' families with resources like the internet, language learning, children's and young adults' fiction and non-fiction books (schools really limit the number of books our little readers can check out), and a place to go for fun as families.¶ For me, the libraries provide books to use when I teach in the public schools and articles and books on loan for professional research.
2143	7/13/2012	because I have two kids,and they like different books,they want to use the house computer at the same time.library is the best choice. Libraries are an important tool for my family to access materials to help us learn new things, perform research for home and school, and it is a gathering place for our community. My children are avid book readers, and the library gives them access to books they would never know about if they just did internet searches. I have a Kindle, but nothing compares to the smell and feel of a good hard copy book. I read dozens of books a year, and wouldn't do so if I didn't have access to the library.
2144	7/13/2012	
2145	7/13/2012	Knowledge is power.
2146	7/13/2012	clean and safe streets are primary importance (police/fire/maintanence), then services including libraries
2147	7/13/2012	Libraries are an integral component of an educated, literate citizenry -- and access to the services and information that libraries provide is one of the great equalizers in our increasingly inequitable society.
2148	7/13/2012	I don't access public services or library services. I feel it is more important in this economy to fund public services over the libraries. The library is important for the very young and the elderly who are on a limited budgets and cannot afford internet and to purchase reading materials. Students utilize the internet at home more than going to the library for their homework. Saying that, schools may continue to require book searches for research papers.
2149	7/13/2012	All kinds of knowledge bring power of thinking, of questioning to new conclusions. Libraries give access to this for all citizens of all ages. It is one of the factors that strengthen our society as a whole. Not only the rich get to read, or have access to the cutting edge of knowledge.
2150	7/13/2012	An educated and literate citizenry is essential to a healthy community.
2151	7/13/2012	As a low-income single mother of two school age children thelibrary is a saving grace for my family. I used books from the library and articles from databases for research papers while I was taking classes at Art Institute of Portland. The online search and being able to have books sent to my local branch was extremely helpful. My kids always have a book to read because our library is open and accessible.
2152	7/13/2012	Libraries help keep the population well-informed and cultured.
2153	7/13/2012	I'm not sure if you are talking about comparing library services with fire and police? What "other public services" are you speaking of?

2154	7/13/2012	I read. Books are expensive to buy even used unless you are a collector. I read and can't afford to buy. I have used libraries all my life.
2155	7/13/2012	Because of the very visible need for the library services as evidenced by the high usage.
2156	7/13/2012	Well, I think safety like police and fire fighters would come first. Then public education second. (Although I realize this is mostly funded differently.) Then it is a balance of importance between road maintenance, parks and rec, and library services.
2157	7/13/2012	Libraries provide access to information, knowledge and entertainment - to all.
2158	7/13/2012	Books that low income folks can't afford
2159	7/13/2012	I love books and libraries not only provide books, they provide a culture in which to fall in love with books even more. They also provide an equal opportunity and cheap solution for higher education, which is extraordinarily rare in the United States.
2160	7/13/2012	I am an educator so I believe libraries allow at risk youth and low income families to have the tools they need to better their lives.
2161	7/13/2012	I am a student and often get books there that are not available at PSU library.
2162	7/13/2012	We use the library a lot. With being able to place holds on books throughout the system, there is a lot of resources within our reach, and we appreciate that. We go to the library for many things from house repair, to house projects, cooking, history questions, and light reading for enjoyment.
2163	7/13/2012	I assume fire and police are public services so obviously there is no comparison. This is not a well-designed question.
2164	7/13/2012	If you dont read your losing more than you could ever know.
2165	7/13/2012	People need to be educated and the people who cannot afford to buy a computer or internet service need a helping hand (which is fine with me). If a person cannot read, he/she can't do very much in this society so any institution that helps prepare people for the real world is necessary and cannot be taken for granted. Like I've already written, the system and set-up are great and placing holds on books and having them transported to other branches so a person doesn't have to travel all over town is absolutely great!
2166	7/13/2012	the portland libraries are very diverse in their offerings to the general public who needs such services for various reasons.although not an issue for myself,being open either longer hours for the folks that work or being open more days seem to be the issue. The libraries offer alot of services that I feel should be funded by the users.Use fees...its what the parks had to do and maybe that should be how you fund more hours.either that or reduce services like all of us have had to do.tighten your belt...we all have had to do it.you cant expect the taxpayers to keep paying more..we are being taxed to death as it is to support the many programs you offer to folks that dont pay any or no taxes at all.
2167	7/13/2012	police and fire, public health are higher priorities library is 4th on that list
2168	7/13/2012	because well informed people typically make better decisions, and everybody deserves the opportunity to be well informed.

2169	7/13/2012	To be knowledgeable and educated and concerned comes right after being alive, sane, and healthy.
2170	7/13/2012	Libraries hold an invaluable element of resource and education material. They provide opportunities for advancement and learning that are not found anywhere else in our society. They are of vital importance to our entire society, from young children to the elderly.
2171	7/13/2012	Libraries are designed to give to the public without a high level of quid pro quo. They are gems within a dwindling system.
2172	7/13/2012	For me and my household. They could be closed and I would never miss them. I usually buy a book We usually buy books and movies and music if we want it bad enough.
2173	7/13/2012	I like to have the resource but don't use it much, so even though, conciously, I think it is important, I'm not sure how important it is to me subconsciously.
2174	7/13/2012	I am a content provider.
2175	7/13/2012	Literacy for my children and personal growth for myself.
2176	7/13/2012	Because they are greatest free university and educational institution.
2177	7/13/2012	People need access to books and materials. Libraries help to educate our communities. I use the Raising A Reader program with families I work with and it's great to get them involved with reading to their children. There is no replacement for the knowledge and resources libraries offer our communities.
2178	7/13/2012	It isn't something I use every day, but I'm glad the library is there for when we need it. I also think it serves a good purpose for those less fortunate.
2179	7/13/2012	Keeps children off streets and interested in reading and leaning
2180	7/13/2012	Without the library, I would have to purchase the books and media I use. This is an expense I could not afford. I used the library for computer access until I was able to get the internet at home. For some people, it is the only way they can interact with the digital age.
2181	7/13/2012	The library is my home away from home. I'm a voracious reader and enjoy holding a real book in my hands.
2182	7/13/2012	Only schools, police and fire departments rank above it.
2183	7/13/2012	I don't necessarily use either of those services - other than checking out books. I understand that they can be of great importance to others, so I would hate to see them cut too drastically, but I have never made use of those services personally.
2184	7/13/2012	they provide equal access to information to everyone - they are an important equity component of our society
2185	7/13/2012	It provides education and community support for free for those who otherwise don't have access.
2186	7/13/2012	Library services are somewhat important when compared to other local public services. They are very important when compared to some of the things the county waists money on. Public safety is always the top priority.

2187	7/13/2012	I use the library as a resource center and for most all my reading and a lot of my video needs. It would be very sad to lose the benefits of the country library system.
2188	7/13/2012	Libraries are a tangible, visible service however many other local public services are more important to me even though they are behind the scenes.
2189	7/13/2012	I visit the library regularly through my work and in my free time- for me it is the main connection to my community.
2190	7/13/2012	I think literacy is very important in the home, and therefore I provide books for my child through purchases and gifts.
2191	7/13/2012	They provide access to materials, learning for those who do not have the income to purchase iPads, computers, etc... they provide a "place" for children to congregate.
2192	7/13/2012	They allow everyone, regardless of circumstance, access to information, education, and the literary arts.
2193	7/13/2012	Because I cannot afford to maintain a library of this size on my own
2194	7/13/2012	My family reads a lot, and I listen to audio books constantly because I work from home. It's very important to me to have fresh and new reading materials regularly for entertainment and enrichment.
2195	7/13/2012	I use the library for work and personal reasons. With the wide variety of books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines available, it saves me a lot of money and allows me to access materials I couldn't afford.
2196	7/13/2012	Because people of all ages utilize them. They are a free, educational resource that EVERYONE can use. Books, media, computers, etc., why would anyone NOT want to take advantage of all the options our local libraries offer us?
2197	7/13/2012	My local library was one of the things that saved my childhood. I rate the library system very high on my list of personal importance.
2198	7/13/2012	Allows free access to books! I am reader, always have been and I can't afford to buy all the books I read. I also love sitting in the library and reading-- I don't have the same distractions I have at home or the office.[]
2199	7/13/2012	I am a faculty member at PSU and I can get resources through the library that I can't get through the PSU system. I also use the library more than I use any other city resource.
2200	7/13/2012	I personally use the library frequently. I don't buy books. And they are important to families with young children.
2201	7/13/2012	They're part of what makes Portland a great place to live and a book lover's paradise.
2202	7/13/2012	I'm a writer. My livelihood depends on access to reliable information.

2203	7/13/2012	This is a democracy and that should mean anyone who desires access to knowledge should have it. Libraries provide this. What kind of a nation will we be if we cannot have access to books or to the internet? What fun is learning if it is not self-directed? The school system strips people of creativity. It just prepares them to fit into the workforce or military and I believe drains creativity and the love of learning. The library is everything schools are not. No matter how poor you are, you can and should have access to the library. The quality of my life would be poorer without the library. The books I check out connect me to the world. Money should go to libraries. Schools are outmoded institutions. Slow to change. The library keeps pace and is a community center. A poor kid has a chance with access to a good library. Warren Buffet once commented he learned much about investing reading the books on investing as a child at his public library. The library stimulates thinking. The schools dumb you down and rob you - look at what college tuition is? A joke.
2204	7/13/2012	libraries are public commons--a way to share resources and for more people to have access to more resources
2205	7/13/2012	Because they cover so many services in one place
2206	7/13/2012	Everyone can use the library, no matter what your economic status is, education level, or age.
2207	7/13/2012	I rarely use any public services in Portland.
2208	7/13/2012	Education should be our number one priority as a community and our local library offers a wide range of options for free so it is accessible to all people. Children thrive there, teens have a safe environment and seniors can continue socializing and being involved, not to mention the amount of media available and all it's benefits.
2209	7/13/2012	Because local libraries provide me and my whole family with access to a wealth of books and media that we otherwise would not be able to access. We are a low-income family and it is not an option for us to buy such things on an individual basis.
2210	7/13/2012	Libraries enable literacy which is critical for children to become productive, engaged adults, and for adults to be stimulated and engaged community members.
2211	7/13/2012	Reading, writing, culture and learning how to function in the world make us human
2212	7/13/2012	I love to read!!! Literacy is extremely important, and access to all types of books (and content) is extremely important. Knowledge is power.
2213	7/13/2012	When all else fails hard copies will always be our best resource for recording history. Libraries are the best place for keeping permanent historical records and a resource for information. With economic fluctuations many will not have the resources to access information they need except through a program that is available to the community.
2214	7/13/2012	I think the local public services are more important and then we want the library opened 7 days a week.
2215	7/13/2012	Reading books is very important. It's the gateway to knowledge and new worlds.

2216	7/13/2012	A thriving library system is a reflection on the community in which the library resides. Libraries help children/teens develop a lifelong love of reading. Libraries help adults stay lifelong learners. They help job seekers prepare for work by using the computers to search for jobs, write resumes and cover letters, check out books about job interviews. They give people a place to go to be part of the community by taking part in library sponsored classes and programs.
2217	7/13/2012	Literate citizens make for a happier community.
2218	7/13/2012	every member of a democratic society should have access to knowledge and have a way of becoming/remaining informed...
2219	7/13/2012	Unless you have an unlimited amount of resources,being able to read current novels is a luxury not all can afford. It is important to keep learning,exploring, and growing. Having a library that is open all week and has an easily accessed waiting/hold list is very important and appreciated.
2220	7/13/2012	Access to printed materials, community programming, and the Internet are essential public services that encourage literacy, citizenship, capacity building, and appreciation of public space.
2221	7/13/2012	knowledge is power... [] Libraries are the place that anyone can access to gain knowledge to better their lives.
2222	7/13/2012	Books provide a people with quality of life. Children can learn from the library. People can find a job at the library. Knowledge should not be divided by class lines and public libraries allow all to have access to their shelves.
2223	7/13/2012	Very important
2224	7/13/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of any civic minded society. They offer services found nowhere else. Also librarians are awesome and I love reading!
2225	7/13/2012	Knowledge is power. Without access to the knowledge out in the world many will not have the opportunity to improve themselves. It is also important to continually allow people new experiences and what better way then to have access to information about new activities and stories to enjoy.
2226	7/13/2012	they are the service I use most and are the most important when it comes to getting books into the hands of kids
2227	7/13/2012	Good utility services, including roads and transportation, at reasonable costs are more important to my day-to-day life than the library is.
2228	7/13/2012	because they are such a rich source of information/diversion
2229	7/13/2012	Libraries are not just a community resource for access to information, they are a vibrant social hub for the community. They provide a special service that has no real substitute in the community.
2230	7/13/2012	The library provides affordable resources to people of all backgrounds. It is so important that people have access to these things!
2231	7/13/2012	i am a teacher and use the library's resources for my personal needs (current titles, movies, etc.) but also utilize the library system for the children i work with.

2232	7/13/2012	My family lived in a city overseas where only wealthy people had access to libraries and, hence, books. Witnessing that discrepancy made me realize that the public library system is one of the most important institutions in our country.
2233	7/13/2012	I've seen societies that fall into illiteracy. I'll spare you the lecture, but illiteracy really is a crime.
2234	7/13/2012	Library provides current media for me... both printed and video.
2235	7/13/2012	because books mean the world to my family and I. We sometimes go to the library 2 or even 3 times a week.
2236	7/13/2012	Easy access to so much information, range of books available, self-service check out, "hold" service
2237	7/13/2012	Literacy is important; free access for the public is important
2238	7/13/2012	I grew up using the library - free, public access to information and culture is essential to an inclusive, democratic civilization.
2239	7/13/2012	Every age group uses the libraries. Not every age group uses other social services such as the parks. However, the police and fire department should remain at the top of the priority list.
2240	7/13/2012	High
2241	7/13/2012	The library provided wonderful learning dvd media for me and my son.
2242	7/13/2012	A love of reading is on the short list of the most important things I want to teach my 3 children
2243	7/13/2012	reading and learning should be free!!
2244	7/13/2012	Reading, staying informed and engaging in education are important contributors to any thriving community.
2245	7/13/2012	i use it a lot I would say very important but I do think that police (and the whole legal system), fire and schools rank higher, so libraries and parks come in a little lower. I have to say though, I think libraries rank MUCH higher than things like bioswales and bike lanes in the streets... it bums me out to see money going towards these things when the libraries aren't able to be open 7 days/week.
2246	7/13/2012	
2247	7/13/2012	because I use them more than any other public service
2248	7/13/2012	I have young children and I want to continue to foster their love of reading
2249	7/13/2012	One of the last places you can get information for free. Well not free, (taxes) but you know what I mean.
2250	7/13/2012	Access to accurate information and knowledge are necessary for a democracy.
2251	7/13/2012	I'm teaching my children that libraries are a way of life. We visit them every week and get excited about new books.
2252	7/13/2012	I think healthcare is more important. But I do think education, including libraries, is of utmost importance to a functioning thriving society. I wish people would use them more! (I should take my own advice)....
2253	7/13/2012	because they are

2254	7/13/2012	Because they are very important but there is only so much to go around. Police, fire, roads, schools should be first.
2255	7/13/2012	Paid my taxes! Society needs books to read. Especially in the Portland area (people are always moving in and out of the city) not everyone can afford to buy or store a great many books of their own so libraries are a crucial resource. I grew up going to the library in my hometown and my Grandmother was a librarian at the Central Library downtown for about 20-30 years. Libraries provide shelter away from a noisy home on a cold or hot day to relax and read, and invite browsing for hours in a way that a bookstore does not. Librarians themselves are often a great resource, although I admit that over the past few years the quality of the books on the 'librarian recommended' shelf has gone to astounding lows. Books have been around thousands of years in different mediums, and I hope that the print form is not done away with completely. Books connect us with our history, the future and fire the imagination in a special way. We are all (supposed to be) equal in the eyes of the library and the books, as long as we have paid any late fines. The library is a soothing place to read, gather information and materials from, find a group activity to suit many age levels, and discover something new in life. Fire and Police and Mental Health and Legal and every kind of public service; they are all facing major budget restraints and reductions, and most could be called at crisis point at this time. We need to come together
2256	7/13/2012	It's a place where everyone in our community can use the resources, and interact. It's the most democratic place in our community.
2257	7/13/2012	Because schools, roads and public safety are "core" functions that must be prioritized
2258	7/13/2012	Not too much for me but, more so for the younger generation.
2259	7/13/2012	Because it keep kids off the street
2260	7/13/2012	Libraries are absolutely critical to empowering U.S. citizens. This in turns makes the country stronger. The library is corner stone of literacy, education, community and joy.
2261	7/13/2012	We are a reading family. My husband and I love to read and are doing our best to build that love in our two nine year olds. Would be hard to afford the number of books we all go through if we had to purchase them. Also, the library provides a healthy community gathering place and a fun outing for our kids.
2262	7/13/2012	Besides the practical uses-education and computer access for lower-income folks, access to public records, etc, libraries have symbolic meaning. What does it say when we start closing down the places where our culture, history, and imagination are kept? All the great civilizations of the world had libraries. The destruction of a library often is used to date the official end of that empire or city. Libraries have been there for me when I had no money to enjoy other activities.
2263	7/13/2012	Reading is an important activity for me. I used to buy books but later found that I had boxes of books that once read were never used again. So I began to just check them out of the library. I also enjoy helping my daughter with research for her school projects so I use the library for that all of the time.
2264	7/13/2012	

2265	7/13/2012	The library is a democratizing force in society that allows people to educate themselves. If they can't afford a PC at home, they can use one at the library. If they need help obtaining tax paperwork, or need a place to drop off their ballot they can do those things at the library. If a person can't afford to buy their child lots of books to promote early literacy the library helps.
2266	7/13/2012	Our family uses the library weekly. We only check out books and do not use the other services but appreciate being able to read the books and return rather than buying them.
2267	7/13/2012	I feel they provide a community center for neighborhoods. Great resource for all ages and incomes and backgrounds. Helps us access high quality info for "free"
2268	7/13/2012	I am a school librarian. The local library provides access to databases that allow me to teach my students how to complete research in an effective, efficient and ethical manner.
2269	7/13/2012	I enjoy the books and CDs that I check out from the Library. But police and fire, and services to the poor and homeless are more important than the Library.
2270	7/13/2012	I think Americans should have access to all information. If computers crash there are still books available to us free of charge. I hope we never see their demise
2271	7/13/2012	The local library provides access to information that most people otherwise wouldn't have the means to purchase themselves. Libraries with flexible hours and access to current/classic materials as well as internet access should be considered a civil right in our country.
2272	7/13/2012	I have always loved books, and books and libraries have a special place in my heart. However, taxing someone who can't afford to have a home or to eat so that patrons can have free music downloads doesn't see a proper priority. There is also so much information available for free online that there isn't time to visit the library and peruse an even greater selection. Providing a positive experience with books for children, providing resource and research materials, and providing internet access for those unable to afford it are good missions for the library today.
2273	7/13/2012	I think it's really important--for social justice, entertainment, equity, and so many other reasons--that people have access to literacy. And libraries are fundamental to that.
2274	7/13/2012	Love books, can't afford to continually buy them.
2275	7/13/2012	I see Public libraries are as valuable to American citizens as hospitals !
2276	7/13/2012	I take my 4 year-old son to the library once a week. Not only is it an amazing place for us to get access to all kinds of free books, CDs, and occasionally movies, it also is a wonderful place to hang out, surrounded by people of all backgrounds and income levels, in a beautiful environment, with friendly, helpful staff. Without even needing to be told, he has come to think of books as an intricate part of our vibrant city life.
2277	7/13/2012	It is the one place where people can go to do real research. Get lost in wonderful worlds and get away from the noise of the city. It is a place to hide from the troubled and dangerous world. It is a place to get away from bad influences. It is the place to go in any city in America to just get away from it all. It is the only resource that the city can provide that all walks of life can enjoy and take something from.

2278	7/13/2012	Because "knowledge is power" and I say "power to the people." The media seeks to make us ignorant and we must have a place to seek truthful information. Also, those programs for people seeking employment: if they are working and being used, seems like a great aid for those that have limited resources.
2279	7/13/2012	Great easy source of information and entertainment
2280	7/13/2012	Safety concerns aside, I believe education (and libraries are a HUGE part of this) is essential to the welfare and future of our community
2281	7/13/2012	everyone needs the Library
2282	7/13/2012	its the only place i actually feel at home and have fun in, i love reading and i think that librarys (unlike several places) actually contribute to minds young old and still matureing
2283	7/13/2012	An educated society is one that "costs" all of use the least in the long run. Libraries are a cornerstone of education.
2284	7/13/2012	People must have access to information, books, knowledge, social contacts. Libraries provide all of that.
2285	7/13/2012	Nothing beats a good book/read. Being exposed to current writing, research, scientific advances, current events, etc. TV, (except PBS/OPB) is, in my opinion seldom worth watching. Mostly drivel
2286	7/13/2012	Great resource for my family
2287	7/13/2012	1) access to information 2) communiity resource 3) access to media other than books 4) programs for kids & seniors - gathering place for those with little money (community)
2288	7/13/2012	Provide a source of information not otherwise available
2289	7/13/2012	They make the most broad-based, democratic, contribution to the community. They serve the greatest range of the population. They contribute to the education of our citizens. It is one of the best uses of tax money -- a contribution to the health, vitality, quality of life of our neighborhoods.
2290	7/13/2012	We need the police, fire and road crews. Then the Library should be close, but the kids now a days are just that interested in studying. More likely the top 10%. The rest just don't want to study or are just to lazy.
2291	7/13/2012	Society needs free access to reading materials. Otherwise it slips into a state of ignorance and hatred for the unknown.
2292	7/13/2012	Libraries are how the world should be in every aspect. Free, helpful, open. They're one of the few true gems left.
2293	7/13/2012	I use them often, they benefit so many people, they´re well used and function well, and they fill needs that would be very hard to meet efficiently through other methods.
2294	7/13/2012	I love the library, but it is more of a luxury/convenience to me than a necessity. I do think it is an essential institution.

2295	7/13/2012	I believe everyone should have access to books and knowledge. I, for one, can't afford to buy all the books I want to read so I like the access. I also think it is important in this day and age for everyone to have access to a computer even if they can not afford one.
2296	7/13/2012	Libraries remain important because they provide free access to information that cannot necessarily be found on the internet or through other resources. They also connect communities and help people in their personal learning process. They connect all forms of media - literature, music, film, and paperless - and all people easy access to almost limitless media. They also preserve books, music and film that can't be accessed on the internet or are not in digital form.
2297	7/13/2012	If you go to the library and ask them a question, they will do what they can to point you in the right direction. Libraries are about service. Other public services are more specific. They have one end goal. A library's goal is to get the patron the information needed.
2298	7/13/2012	Library contents and services provide intellectual resources to individuals in communities. they therefore foster independent thinking and facilitate independent researching. In the present era, where education is becoming more rote inculcation oriented (providing test-question answer information to cater to comparative measuring, instead of comprehension developing intellectual cogitating, to generate individual constructions and correlations from putting subject matter together, somewhere individuals may do what is necessary for individual thinking, but is not encouraged, and to go to research to determine what of what is provided as "knowledge" is knowledge, and what is bull-shit, is absolutely necessary.
2299	7/13/2012	I prefer not to buy books and movies, and almost always use the library for these. I occasionally attend special programs or classes, though these are not as important as say, emergency services
2300	7/13/2012	whoo, big question. I don't have time to give this the attention it deserves, but suffice to say that everyone should have access to the wealth of accumulated human knowledge. For free. Libraries, in my opinion, are one of the few things the government has the right idea on (except for the fact that they're cutting your funding. That is ridiculous and the decision-maker should be ashamed)
2301	7/13/2012	My daughter loves going to the library. It is a great way to introduce her to reading. I like to take books home too.
2302	7/13/2012	Libraries help create and maintain an informed citizenry regardless of class and income level. An informed citizenry is paramount to a functioning democracy.
2303	7/13/2012	I used to be a teacher and I know that many families don't have the resources to buy their own books to build a home library. The public library therefore is a very important resource that provides all families access to books that support early childhood and ongoing literacy.
2304	7/13/2012	investment in educational material and access to learning resources strengthens the community
2305	7/13/2012	Education

2306	7/13/2012	Libraries make reading more accessible to the masses. Literacy is an essential tool in succeeding in today's society.
2307	7/13/2012	Because many people, especially the poor like myself (a senior) and other ages need this service.
2308	7/13/2012	Our libraries are superb resources available to all, regardless of income.
2309	7/13/2012	libraries are community
2310	7/13/2012	we need open and free access to information in this information-driven society.
2311	7/13/2012	Because to some people local library services are more convenient. And it's nice to know that there are other people like you who need help at our own local libraries.
2312	7/13/2012	It would be nice to have more programs to ease homelessness and mental illness - those are basic life issues we should be addressing.
2313	7/13/2012	Because they provide free literature to help people learn and excel if they choose.
2314	7/13/2012	Access to books & knowledge is a basic value of a civilization!
2315	7/13/2012	I personally don't use the library too frequently b/c I can afford to buy books, but I don't think books, internet access, and reading programs for kiddos should be available to only those with disposable income! Free library access is vital for the overall health of our communities and for fostering reading appreciation.
2316	7/13/2012	In addition to free resources, libraries are a place where we are all equal. Even if you can't afford to rent a movie or buy a book, you can still watch and read, then participate in the collective dialogue.
2317	7/13/2012	i am an avid reader with a limited budget.
2318	7/13/2012	It's an amazing free public service, and it's totally underused- access to computers, books, magazines, cds, books on tape, classes...
2319	7/12/2012	I rely on them very much for books for my child and myself.
2320	7/12/2012	Libraries have something for everyone
2321	7/12/2012	I'm not sure if "services" includes the loaning of books and other materials, but if it does, it is extremely valuable for all in the community. If "services" means extra programs and groups that the library does, then I'm not sure, I've never tried to access those services through the library vs. other organizations.
2322	7/12/2012	I love all that the library offers. I would hate to see any of it disappear!
2323	7/12/2012	There is no substitute for information source than that of libraries.
2324	7/12/2012	Libraries services "should be" an economical way to allow the general public access to knowledge and educational resources. They enable people to be more self sufficient and better manage their lives.
2325	7/12/2012	The public has equal access to resources via a library, specifically computers, books, music, etc.
2326	7/12/2012	The library is a vital resource for students to access resources, to those seeking employment, for senior citizens and for all that enjoy reading.

2327	7/12/2012	On a limited income, I don't buy books, movies, magazines and music as often as I used to do. The library allows me to enjoy a greater variety of material than I would buy "just to see if I like it".
2328	7/12/2012	Because education is a lifelong process! When we cease learning about our world, our brain ceases to be effective. Zombies everywhere = scary!
2329	7/12/2012	I think access to reading material helps develop reading ability, which leads to an increase in the gaining of knowledge.
2330	7/12/2012	Important, but schools are the most important to me
2331	7/12/2012	I feel it is a privilege to have access to all that the library has to offer, but not a necessity
2332	7/12/2012	The library makes materials and other resources that I could not otherwise afford available. Library programs help people learn parenting skills and help young people become more independent learners. These programs help society in general and are more cost effective and appealing than remedial solutions later.
2333	7/12/2012	I cannot afford books for my family.
2334	7/12/2012	Books are very important for your continuing education and knowledge base.
2335	7/12/2012	Because there was a time when I frequented often for use of most resources.
2336	7/12/2012	Because access to reading materials shouldn't be limited by economic status
2337	7/12/2012	it's a high priority but not the highest priority--basics of food, shelter, safety, and health care are higher.
2338	7/12/2012	I think our libraries work at a sweet spot where sustainability, education, and community building intersect. Having a library in my neighborhood allows me to buy a lot fewer books, inspires me to go for a walk and maybe run into my neighbors. I also get to browse books and pick up some that I normally wouldn't but, but since they are free, I am more open to reading them.
2339	7/12/2012	I see libraries as a way to stay connected to information which is key to successful functioning of our society. Information is the key to success at so many levels -- you could write for days about this topic. I basically see the library as a key component of education which is necessary to eliminate problems like poverty, hunger, illness, social problems, etc, etc How we educate our citizens is key to how our society functions. The library is a place of equal access for all to these rich resources that allow each of us to tap into our potential.
2340	7/12/2012	With the high cost of books, DVDs, and CDs, it's nice to have access available, without any out of pocket expense. The amount of material available to the public is amazing and having the latest new release of books, DVDs, CDs is an extra added bonus. Even if we have to request something from another branch, it is available usually within a week, as long as it isn't in "high demand". The Gresham branch is clean, well lighted, very organized and plenty of seating available for those who want to stay a while and read or use their computer. <input type="checkbox"/> The staff are more than willing to assist anyone looking for material or make a suggestion of an author the person might like to try, especially parents with little kids, who have run out of ideas.
2341	7/12/2012	They are free.

2342	7/12/2012	As a senior citizen i get to mingle with people, read books that I could not afford to buy, excuse to get out of the house. Yeah!!!
2343	7/12/2012	Important for all ages and economic groups to have access to literary materials
2344	7/12/2012	<p>Reading and being exposed to a world of ideas seems vital to our community and to ourselves</p> <p>I have been so grateful to have the library here as a resource. When my children were little I home schooled them and the library played a central part in their schooling. All three of my children are avid readers, all three are writers of one sort or another. I know the library contributed to their overall conscientiousness and integrity, imagination, and knowledge.[]</p> <p>Aside from the sweeping access it provides of books and resources that would be impossible to find available to the 'average' person- it represents to me the best in our culture. People come here to build their lives, seek and give support, share ideas,. The fact that it is built on a foundation of trust in the citizenry to borrow and return, and otherwise be responsible for what is offered brings out the better sides of people. The library is the heart of a community.[]</p> <p>Here is a song that I wrote once- a lopsided song with one verse and three choruses:[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I never know when you walk out that door,[] Just when you'll be coming back-[] I feel pretty sure that your[] heart is pure but your[] brain goes off the track...[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>It's another Brain Derailment![] and it's looking pretty bad,[] If I had a dollar for every wreck you've had I could[] House the homeless, and spare the redwood trees,[] And keep open seven days a week[] all the[] closing public libraries.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>It's another Brain Derailment etc....[] I could feed the hungry and cure all disease-[] and keep open seven days a week[] All the closing public libraries[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>It's another Brain Derailment...[] I could hire a full time chef,[] buy a cottage on the beach...[]</p>
2345	7/12/2012	<p>It's another Brain Derailment![] and it's looking pretty bad,[] If I had a dollar for every wreck you've had I could[] House the homeless, and spare the redwood trees,[] And keep open seven days a week[] all the[] closing public libraries.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>It's another Brain Derailment etc....[] I could feed the hungry and cure all disease-[] and keep open seven days a week[] All the closing public libraries[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>It's another Brain Derailment...[] I could hire a full time chef,[] buy a cottage on the beach...[]</p>

2346	7/12/2012	My original, three paragraphs disappeared a few minutes after writing them, unfortunately: [] In brief, libraries are the most important educational community resource available to all age and socio-economic and cultural groups and need to be available daily, at every branch, ever updated and expanded.
2347	7/12/2012	Libraries are universal access to information and knowledge. Plus a pillar of the community.
2348	7/12/2012	A vibrant library, with tax-supported services, provides education/information as well as entertainment/recreation, to all residents, regardless of income, education level or other demographic factors.
2349	7/12/2012	Compared to what other local services? Your question is vague and misleading. Compared to police and fire? Well, let's work on putting better survey questions together. Is this a high school project for extra credit? You also have spelling errors in your advance piece. Good grief!!!
2350	7/12/2012	There are other more immediate needs that social services provide (food, housing, emergency responders), but encouraging literacy and providing resources for job-seekers, language learners, and readers of all ages is important for the health and success of our community. A literate and engaged population is necessary for a functioning society.
2351	7/12/2012	Education ranks highest for me. Children should be our most important concern.
2352	7/12/2012	The library provides internet access to people that cannot afford home access- hopefully they use it for personal betterment rather than mindless entertainment. I think it is a neighborhood asset to have a place outside of school where children can read and be read to. I don't like to purchase and store books unless I know I will read them several times so I appreciate having access to the library's collection.
2353	7/12/2012	I want to choose "very important" for myself but in these difficult times, I think services to those experiencing homelessness or unemployment are more important.
2354	7/12/2012	Internet
2355	7/12/2012	I use the library several times a week and check out many items
2356	7/12/2012	Safety net services need to come first - critical services to poor are not being delivered at an acceptable level. Library needs to reduce its mission to core services like every other government service. It cannot be held harmless.
2357	7/12/2012	I have small children that I homeschool on a tight budget.
2358	7/12/2012	For people on a limited budget it's great to know one can go to the library check out resources books tapes videos music and read about the things we want to know about without having to go to a book store and buy them. It's great for the little ones to check out books learn to read and go to story time libraries are NEEDED
2359	7/12/2012	Many of the resources are available elsewhere.

		I am the son and brother of librarians so I am extremely prejudiced. That said, I LOVE to read.[]
2360	7/12/2012	And, I strongly believe that the failure of those of us who do love books to communicate our love of reading is a serious issue in many aspects of modern society and culture.
2361	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power, being able to get lost in a book is essential therapy for many people.
2362	7/12/2012	They are the most tangible form of community we have here. Access to information and imagination available to ALL with no discrimination.
2363	7/12/2012	Very very important
2364	7/12/2012	As a stay-home mother living on a somewhat limited income, I need a way to introduce my child to as many books as possible - not too mention keeping my own intellect stimulated. I also think it's a sign of a well-educated community when the library is thriving.
2365	7/12/2012	Libraries are the major local source of information for residents
2366	7/12/2012	I think it's a wonderful service to our community, but I do not want to spend anymore money than I already do to enjoy this service.
2367	7/12/2012	Because we taxpayers traditionally value our library services enough to support them, but could soon tire of this if their tax \$\$ investment in the system does not provide reasonable services. Closing all libraries on Mondays, which allows all library employees a 3-day weekend is not too appealing when you have the option of tweaking your calendar to better serve the community with a relatively easy fix (i.e. keeping at least one east county, west county, north county and south county library open at all times). I think that is most important to most users of the system as opposed to entirely closing a weekday access to the public.
2368	7/12/2012	Libraries are a basic service, secondary in importance only to safety, utilities and infrastructure
2369	7/12/2012	But I think with cut backs in the school system, it is another avenue for students to use.
2370	7/12/2012	I use the library alot
2371	7/12/2012	They are generally less important to me than schools, and services that save lives.
2372	7/12/2012	It is a treasured resource for education and community spirit.
2373	7/12/2012	Because we use the library as a family. All five of us use it on a daily or every other day basis. I also use it as an alternative to a home office sometimes. We don't have tv, home phone, or internet so we rely on the local library for a supplement.
2374	7/12/2012	Free access to the community
2375	7/12/2012	I have recently discovered that the wealth of information and assistance for those without personal pc's is incomparable. As a writer, I can write to my heart's content and send off articles to many prospective publishers, friends and families. Also, if one does not have a phone or TV it is also a way of communicating on an international level as well as some entertainment.
2376	7/12/2012	opportunity for everyone to access books and learning, get part of the community, makes a level playing field for any motivated though poor parent, any kid who works hard.

2377	7/12/2012	The availability of books and other library research tools are essential to maintaining an informed, curious, self- or otherwise educated community since libraries allow people to design their destinies by infusing people with ideas that empower them with abilities they need to think, learn, work, share, and live productively. All in community benefit from a well-used, easily accessible, well-funded library.
2378	7/12/2012	I want my child to be engaged and actively reading and learning, and i think the library helps with that.
2379	7/12/2012	We live in an information age yet people are becoming less literate (or failing to become literate in the first place). All our citizens need access to all forms of literature and information as well as trained experts (librarians) to help them access the material.
2380	7/12/2012	Being able to go to the library and check out/view old and current materials helps inspire, motivate, heal, comfort and educate people. If people spent more time at the library AND spent more time reading/learning, our world would be a more educated, peaceful and joyful place.
2381	7/12/2012	No reading no learning, no incentive to advance leads to low self esteem, leads to ascellerated
2382	7/12/2012	Because they are resourceful and useful. As in all things there is a hierarchy. The hierarchy includes: some where to live, refuse collection, sewage disposal, provision of: water, roads, gas, electricity, emergency services, etc. They are all competing for Local Authority funds. One hopes that Local Authorities raise funds at a level and for purposes that it believes the majority of the local community will support.[] [] After the essentials have been taken care of, the perception of what should be included at any one level of the pyramid of services becomes much broader, subjective and tends to be related to individuals circumstances eg: people with/without children, old people, rich/poor people etc.[] []
2383	7/12/2012	The Library Service has to compete in the area of General Education and other similar services. General Education is only one area funded and administered in part by Local Authorities. The others are alluded to above. There are hierarchies within the domain of individual Local Authority service areas and they need to be balanced in the light of available funds. This may mean that a priority one in the area of say, Housing may be at the absolute top of the list but a Housing priority 3 may be equal to say, a General Education priority 1.[] [] In order to get tax payers' support Local Authorities must convince tax payers that services are well managed. However, important a service may be (eg law and order), tax payers will not willingly support it if it is perceived as inefficient. [] [] Local Enterprise, which helps generate Local Authority funding, is also very important. It is generally and thankfully, more self sufficient but can still benefit from Local Authority support.[] []

2384	7/12/2012	They serve such a basic need for information, etc for everyone. I think they are great for supporting literacy for kids.
2385	7/12/2012	we have no policing of our neighborhood, despite some of the highest assessed values in Mult Co. If we can't keep our property safe and our families safe, we can't begin to think of library expenditures.
2386	7/12/2012	For all the reasons in the previous questions, answered from 1 through 6.
2387	7/12/2012	Libraries are one of the great democratizing agents. And one of the other such agents -- public schools -- is going downhill quickly!
2388	7/12/2012	Empowerment through self-education being freely available - something I deeply value.
2389	7/12/2012	Libraries provide a service to the community that cannot be found anywhere else, regardless of your socio-economic status or neighborhood.
2390	7/12/2012	Because I use them ALL the time. I'm keeping my brain alive by reading ... maybe some of my medical coverage should go to our library system???
2391	7/12/2012	It's important for an informed public to have access to public libraries. While libraries are not "free," they cost very little per taxpayer and give everyone, rich and poor alike, access to a wealth of information. Both individuals and society as a whole benefit when access to books and other information are available to anyone, regardless of whether they can afford books.
2392	7/12/2012	An educated public is essential to a democracy. And I love to find books, discover new authors, and research questions.
2393	7/12/2012	I get nearly all my reading material and videos/movies from the library
2394	7/12/2012	they are important to quality of living but not as much as Police, Fire, and School. I do think they go hand in hand with schools.
2395	7/12/2012	We have learned so much from the young readers group. I've learned of resources, met parents and learned how to read to a baby and toddler. Plus my kids have grown up going to the library and love reading and being there.
2396	7/12/2012	Access to resources for our kids, and a chance for them to meet new friends.
2397	7/12/2012	I appreciate borrowing movies and using the Internet. It seems many people use the library to do research or just to study.
2398	7/12/2012	There are certain services that are more important - police, fire, infrastructure - but libraries and parks are important in other ways - in the health of our community.
2399	7/12/2012	Makes a community more knowledgeable and therefore more diverse and interesting. Also for those that can't afford a computer in their home it is a way to access it for research, school, job search, and many of the other uses computers are needed for.
2400	7/12/2012	Literacy is very important in today's society, and there need to be resources available to each and every person in the community. Local libraries provide sources of information and skills that are valuable in educating people. With school libraries being cut also, it is imperative that public libraries remain strong so that kids and adults alike can access books without having to buy them.

2401	7/12/2012	People need to get their basic needs met, of food, shelter, healthcare; education is also essential, and I include the libraries as part of our education system, but more as a secondary/supplementary part.
2402	7/12/2012	I love libraries, period. But I go to one all too infrequently. However, as a caring person, I can understand why libraries are a vital asses to a well'read citizenry and many of the services lirbrarties provid are very important.
2403	7/12/2012	Important
2404	7/12/2012	Used daily
2405	7/12/2012	Libraries keep people learning. I'm a fan of intelligent people.
2406	7/12/2012	I love to read and it's great that I don't have to buy every book I want!
2407	7/12/2012	make Portland an attractive place to live; provides community center; libraries are cool as a preschool teacher I am continually impressing upon the parents of the childern I teach the importance of literecy in the future of their children. Many are low income and the library is the only place they can obtain the resources they need to improve the literacy skills of their children
2408	7/12/2012	They serve as neighborhood hubs
2409	7/12/2012	provides entertainment, learning possibilities, and way to keep up with current issues
2410	7/12/2012	
2411	7/12/2012	I love to learn new things. The library has materials and resources that help me learn practical as well as information of interest to me. I do not have to depend on sometimes undependable Internet sources. The library is also a community center where neighborhood residents come together and share in something valuable to each of them in their own way.
2412	7/12/2012	Safety services should come first.
2413	7/12/2012	I rely on the library for my internet needs (don't have internet at home), my academic needs, and my entertainment needs. I feel inspired and fulfilled spending time in a place with other people of my neighborhood reading books, exchanging stories, and fueling our collective word-hungry hearts.
2414	7/12/2012	Heavy reader on a tight budget.
2415	7/12/2012	education is very important, freedom of information is very important
2416	7/12/2012	One of the few things that are free, provide everyone the opportunity to take an adventure by reading, provide internet to those who don't have computers, and close to my home
2417	7/12/2012	because i go to a new library for like 2 day
2418	7/12/2012	Because I want to read a book not a computer,notebook, kindle etc etc - I spend all day at a desk
2419	7/12/2012	I use the library at least twice a week. It is a valuable resource.
2420	7/12/2012	Libraries are the last true "public access" place. Anyone can go, regardless of...anything. It can be a safe haven for someone just needing somewhere to hang out, or provide resources for just about anything you could need.

2421	7/12/2012	Library services are great, and I am one who still loves to read a real, tangible book. However services related to public safety rank far above library services for me. With Portland being so anti-car we need to focus on transportation issues as well, since Trimet is tanking. If people are not safe, and cannot get to work, then they ultimately will not be owning homes which pay for the libraries. Libraries are a fabulous luxury, and we should feel very blessed to have as many as we do ... no matter how many days a week they're opened. (speaking of which, why not have off-set open days/hours, so some facility is open on any given day. Just because a library is only open 5 days/wk doesn't mean that they all must be open on the same days of the week.) Just saying ...
2422	7/12/2012	Because we are a democracy, and a democracy can't function without an educated public with access to information. The more readily available writing of all kinds is, and the more pleasant the environment associated with it, the more likely people are to develop an interest in reading and all that comes with it.
2423	7/12/2012	Usage.
2424	7/12/2012	just below essential services. Very important.
2425	7/12/2012	Because mosy people can no longer read write or spell. Being an employer it is sad how stupid our young adults are becoming.
2426	7/12/2012	The library gives me access to materials and information which would be denied to me otherwise. Employees are very helpful in my searches.
2427	7/12/2012	Libraries allow the public to access information.
2428	7/12/2012	Education and access to information are very important to me. I believe local governments are responsible for making those elements available. I love to read, but can't afford to buy books.[] []
2429	7/12/2012	Access to information is extremely important for a functioning democracy. Middle and working class people especially need libraries to improve themselves, for fulfilling leisure, and for the opportunity to become better-informed than broadcast news allows them to be.
2430	7/12/2012	I feel they are a vital resouce for everyone in the community
2431	7/12/2012	education/dissemination of information and ideas are very important
2432	7/12/2012	Libraries give a level playing field to everyone - no discrimination because of who you are, how much you are worth - anyone is welcome.
2433	7/12/2012	They rank with schools as social institutions that promote knowledge and learning, which are the foundation of a democracy.
2434	7/12/2012	Can't imagine the community without a good local library. Multnomah County seems to be doing a fine job, though the travel section at the Albina Branch is rather deplorable.

2435	7/12/2012	I see you're turning this survey into an opportunity to gather data about my use of the library, but what I want to tell you is that I feel absolutely blindsided by the decision to close the library one day per week! No one said anything about it as I was being asked to pay higher taxes - which I did support (now I wish I hadn't - I certainly won't next time). Why don't you just ask for the money you need to run the library? Don't ask me to pay and then withdraw services! Your actions strike me as underhanded and treacherous - probably not intentionally so, but that's how they strike me. I'm certainly not giving any more support to the library until I get some assurance of EXACTLY what services you intend to maintain in future. You've badly damaged your credibility.
2436	7/12/2012	I love to read and to share the joy of reading with others.
2437	7/12/2012	Free and accessible books and educational materials are a MUST HAVE to thrive in today's society. We need to be able to provide and attain knowledge for free in order to progress and sustain ourselves and our communities.
2438	7/12/2012	Encourage literacy and learning.
2439	7/12/2012	Personally, I use the library to check out books, movies, and cds, and to download from Freegal Music. I could probably afford to buy or rent these materials if that were the only option. Not everyone has enough money to do so. The contribution of the library system to the overall betterment of the county's residents is what is so important.
2440	7/12/2012	important for less fortunate citizens to have media and computer access
2441	7/12/2012	Of the public services I use most, the library is just behind transportation. I really value the ability to check out a book - almost any book I am interested in - and give it back. It's free and seems to be used by people of all different demographics, which I appreciate. My son loves to check and books and bring them back for other kids to read, and he loves the story times. The summer reading program helps me remember to sit and read to him, even as he gets older and more active. I love the library!
2442	7/12/2012	this is where I get my reading / viewing material
2443	7/12/2012	While I was in school, the library was a wonderful resource for my research, and many other students, from young to old, benefit as well.
2444	7/12/2012	not as important as services that save lives, but important to have free access for everybody and to assist with education, learning and provide support services for elderly and the young. Also important to preserve our culture.
2445	7/12/2012	See my earlier comments.
2446	7/12/2012	Our public library offers a good array of services to all residents--our public library is a truly democratic institution to educate and inform its patrons.
2447	7/12/2012	The Library is an amazing resource. I and my family have spent many hours fillid with reading and movies, also research for school assignments. Now as I head into my senior years, I am excited on all the books I can catch up on, and check out senior functions and hopefully volunteer some time, to give back! I love the Libaray!

2448	7/12/2012	reading is good
2449	7/12/2012	The libraries provide a service to all citizens. It is accessible and can help people better thier lives through the variety of resources available. It is a place where everyone can participate no matter what their socioeconomic status.
2450	7/12/2012	literacy and knowledge is the foundation of a healthy community
2451	7/12/2012	I check out four or five books every ten days. I belong to a book club and I get the recommended book from the library instead of buying it.
2452	7/12/2012	They are the basis for a literate society.
2453	7/12/2012	Fire, safety & emergency workers, and schools rank very important Public health & environmental services are somewhat important too
2454	7/12/2012	Our family uses the library system for education, entertainment, information, culture, and professional enhancement. At any given time our house is filled with dozens of library books, CDs, and DVDs. Along with the Internet and public radio the library system is our essential connection to the world. We are grateful for the level of service we get, but wish that the libraries could acquire more materials and stay open longer hours.
2455	7/12/2012	as a family, we use the library very frequently, especially due to it's location by schools and a park. but I would consider other public services like public safety services higher.
2456	7/12/2012	I love to read.
2457	7/12/2012	Public libraries provide access to educational resources which improve collective intelligence and cultural awareness within our community.
2458	7/12/2012	Police, Fire department, etc are admittedly very important and respond to critical needs and crisis. While the library provides a much quieter service it is offered to a much larger group of people that are not in an emergency state in their lives. the education, resources, computer access, support, all build the capacity for us to have a strong community in another way. The presence of libraries increases the ability for those who are unemployed to find jobs, which has a variety of positive effects on our community. Libraries also offer resources to low income folks who may not otherwise be able to access it on their own: computers, classes, books, etc. Libraries also create a strong community through connecting people through its various services. The process of having shared resources also has a HUGE environmental effect in that it saves the need for everyone to have their own personal copy of something. Rather it is shared among many people. The book Seven wonders for a Cooler Planet recognizes the library and its shared resources as potentially having one of the largest environmental impacts on our world.
2459	7/12/2012	They are a key resource for those that are more self-reliant. They provide access to other resources & information that get used in a variety of ways.

2460	7/12/2012	I rely on the library for mostly recreational use, checking out books and movies for pleasure. I have used it to supplement and sometimes replace expensive text books when I was in college and I've used it for access to language books and dual-language books when I volunteered with ESL students. I think the fact that it's there and offers such a wide range of materials makes it immensely valuable to the community.
2461	7/12/2012	Libraries encourage students to read. Reading encourages students to learn, both in school and outside of school.
2462	7/12/2012	Reading is so important and free access to books makes reading possible for many that wouldn't otherwise have it.
2463	7/12/2012	The library resources are incredibly important for low income people and families. They are probably our second strongest resource for improving literacy across classes, after our public schools. I worked as a teacher in East County and most of students' families could not buy books, but they were avid library users. The library was the only model of book and media literacy outside of school.
2464	7/12/2012	Access to info is vital in this day and culture. Computer access and abundant current reading materials is crucial for the citizens who live in an urban environment like Portland. Staying connected to our culture and regular access to the internet and research materials keeps our people vibrant, informed, educated, current, and skilled.
2465	7/12/2012	because I use it a lot.
2466	7/12/2012	I think our library is so very important to me because it represents a way for someone to move towards the American Dream, or to enjoy a part of it, by providing access to education and information. Reading and critical thinking are crucial skills in today's world, but they have to be applied to something to be of use. Our library system fills that void, providing a necessary service to our community. Forget "Bread and roses," it's "Bread and books" nowadays.
2467	7/12/2012	Libraries are invaluable resources.
2468	7/12/2012	I cannot progress, being from Scottsdale AZ, with the books they have there. Yours are better.
2469	7/12/2012	Because I use it constantly.
2470	7/12/2012	I don't have internet access @ home and I can't afford to buy or rent movies and books. It's also a cornerstone for any community as well as for families and children. I think libraries are one of most important things for our country to help us learn and grow.
2471	7/12/2012	I believe libraries make up a core component necessary to an educated citizenry. And, I love to read!
2472	7/12/2012	SERVICES not so much. For job hunting, as an example, there's worksource. For small business there's Fed Ex Office, etc.[] I read ALOT, and appreciate libraries. I feel we should be teaching their value to our young people so they grow to be better educated. One who reads is smarter than one who doesn't.

2473	7/12/2012	Because they offer equal opportunity and access to all demographics for reading materials and the internet.
2474	7/12/2012	Reading and access to other media are educational are very important.
2475	7/12/2012	Libraries provide basic services that are hard to come by for many people.
2476	7/12/2012	Having access to a variety of ideas and information is important to our culture.
2477	7/12/2012	I use the library occaisionally but really appreciate that I don't have to buy every book that I want to read and also an have access to a wider range of materials than I normally would.
2478	7/12/2012	BUT shoud work VOLONTIR - from welfer !!! We do not wont pay TAX and work for lazy people . All welfer peapl shoud work ! Tough to say - you should have provided at least several examples of what 'other local public services' are. [] Swimming pools? portland doesn't have any, but I would rank them more important[] Parks? about the same, but probably cheaper than libraries so less of an issue[] Saturday Market / Food Pods - definitely more important than those[] [] Most (all?) other public services provide no educational benefit across the spectrum.
2480	7/12/2012	The library has always been a vital resource to me. Reading, research, job hunting, internet access, a reference librarian available for help, a quiet place to relax and read and expand the mind. I also think it's vital that people are able to educate themselves if college is not affordable and the library has resources to get some college level education. The library makes resources available to all, not just the elite or wealthy. Who can afford to have their own personal library at home? Only the wealthy. Funding goes to harmful things in this country like subsidizing aviation fuel and tax-free aviation fuel which contributes a lot of fossil fuels toward global warming. The library is an important resource for finding out about what's really going on, where our tax dollars go, and what we can do to fight it, so the government works for the people, not against them.
2481	7/12/2012	Well, my family and I love to read and wouldn't be able to read nearly as many books as we do now w/o our local library.
2482	7/12/2012	It is very important the everyone has access to books and information no matter what their economic status is or where they live! Not having local public library's would be a way of censoring information from underprivileged individuals.
2483	7/12/2012	My son goes to the library nearly every day, especially in the summer. It is a great way for him to get exposed to many great authors and books, and he loves it.
2484	7/12/2012	Because I am afraid that if libraries start closing future generations won't appreciate reading at all and tangible novels will be a frivolous thing for the rich. Feeling the physical pages of a book is one of my favorite parts of reading and if I didn't have access to real books any more I probably wouldn't read, and that would break my heart.

2485	7/12/2012	Communities need good libraries. All local public services are important, though. This is a terrible question to have to ask.
2486	7/12/2012	Education is the best way to serve our youth. We need to educate and help our youth function in life and the library has the facilities for most programs and ways to benefit. For those that can't afford to buy, the library is the only option.
2487	7/12/2012	Literacy and the ability to locate information is critical to our society. Reading is very important to our family. We are also trying to teach our children not to over consume. Sharing books a the library addresses both of these areas.
2488	7/12/2012	We could go to a bookstore and buy, but we enjoy our trips to the library as a family even more. My older son is also learning patience by putting books on hold rather than the instant gratification of buying.
2489	7/12/2012	Because they are services I use on a regular basis, they make literature and other resources accessible for everyone in the community, and they are a cornerstone of a free and democratic nation.
2490	7/12/2012	I won't rank library services on the same level as police, fire and other basic infrastructure. However, I consider libraries a standard of community-provided services. If communities stop supporting their libraries, whether they realize it or not they are saying "no" to local education, social services, and community engagement.
2491	7/12/2012	So vital to our community Because we use it. Our kids love getting kid DVDs and we like to check our CDs. (rather than [] pay for the music on itunes.)[]
2492	7/12/2012	However I do see how libraries may slowly become more irrelavent in our society as all these same kids movies can be found on streaming Netflix or somewhere else online. No one buys CDs anymore as music can be bought online. However again, since it is free, we still check out music from the library for our iphone/ipods. The e-reader trend is growing, so hard copy books are becoming old-fashioned and not environmental. The cool thing is that the library is staying up with the times by offering digital media/ebooks/etc.
2493	7/12/2012	I am at the library almost daily no matter where I am living. In my purse there are 4 library cards. Local library services are important to DEMOCRACY!!!! Public education and libraries, public transportation, parks, and sidewalks are the cornerstones of my life. I have lived in New York City and in Portland.
2494	7/12/2012	Because anyone can use your services, other (public0 services require you to be a part of some kind of program
2495	7/12/2012	I grew up going to the library so I know it's a great resource, and I still use it regularly even though I have a kindle.
2496	7/12/2012	it's ridiculous to ask us to choose between services--change the system to prioritize all social services.

2497	7/12/2012	They're one of the more common services I use, but other services would be much harder to do without (water, sewer, garbage, police, fire, etc.)
2498	7/12/2012	I value reading.
2499	7/12/2012	I cannot imagine my life without the local libraries that have sustained me throughout all the stages of my life, from childhood on up to my current adult existence. It is a place where I can check out new books, CD's, and movies, join a community group based on a shared interest, and it is a place where I know dedicated people work to educate and support their fellow humans. A world without libraries is a world not worth living in (or on).
2500	7/12/2012	I believe it is important for the community to have free access to reading materials, multimedia, and publications such as magazines and newspapers. It is also important to have affordable access to printers, copiers and the internet. Most people cannot afford to have these things in their own homes. We are maintaining an educated and literate community by keeping the libraries open. Not too mention is great to share materials. There is no need to own all the books and media documents we use in a lifetime. We can reduce material usage by sharing materials at our local libraries.
2501	7/12/2012	The library provides many free services that are accesible to all citizens. Having several branches in town assures access by all.
2502	7/12/2012	"Knowledge is power" Need a legitimate authorized source of information.
2503	7/12/2012	Existence and use reflect the values of a civilized society.
2504	7/12/2012	Great resources and networking gathering for social and cultural lectures on up to date information.
2505	7/12/2012	Libraries are the foundation of an informed and education community.
2506	7/12/2012	It's important to have access to books and reading, most people can't afford bookstores and libraries are so beneficial in so many ways as well as for access to computers for those who don't have one.
2507	7/12/2012	Because literacy is critical to personal and professional success, and libraries are spring boards for programs that help the young, differently abled, unemployed/underemployed, immigrants, non-native speakers access skills and resources they desperately need. Libraries also represent a communal gathering place or "third place" desperately needed in modern society.
2508	7/12/2012	Education is key to a healthful community. Libraries provide easy access for all demographics.
2509	7/12/2012	Because they draw on resources you don't have. I want a library - one that has all the newest releases, is open 6 days a week with evening/weekend hours and has a good website (yours is fantastic). Everything else is fluff and can be obtained elsewhere. let those who use things like story time pay for them.
2510	7/12/2012	education

2511	7/12/2012	Learning to read and having a place to get books is important for development, regardless of age. Reading teaches kids, specifically those at a young age just learning about books, many things - creativity, self-control to actually sit for an extended period and get immersed in a story, empathy, and the obvious phonics and vocabulary skills.
2512	7/12/2012	I cannot afford to purchase most of the material I like to use. As a senior, I need help and services to keep me in my home. []
2513	7/12/2012	Library services allow me to have access to books, DVD's, newspapers and computers that I wouldn't have if the library was not there.[] Not having the library, would limit my access to the world around me.
2514	7/12/2012	because that is wear i learn and find good books in a nice library and, because at the library kids can learn the value of a good book.
2515	7/12/2012	Library services are very important but the wording of the question implies I should rank the library among other services and health care, snap benefits, and the like are more important because they provide food and medicine to people who can't afford it. Otherwise, go library! Yay!
2516	7/12/2012	I have used library services for over 50 years; holding a book in one's hands out-entertains tv and computer screens for the growing population of seniors, and children must have the opportunity to learn the same appreciation for real books.
2517	7/12/2012	because education is the only way to get ahead, and I don't mean just schooling. I think that knowledge is what the library is all about. It helps level the playing field. I may not need the library for say, internet or computer skills to get a job, but my neighbor does. A way to get ahead should be available to all members of the community.
2518	7/12/2012	It is a place one can come to research, relax, and have a self-paced learning environment. That is important to all citizens. It is also important to child for an outlet to grow and stay off the streets!
2519	7/12/2012	Education is key to our society. The library is key to education, particularly pre-school age reading--which is critical and not addressed by the public school system.
2520	7/12/2012	The range of services, the affordability (which is pretty much "free"), the audience (everyone) and the quality are unmatched by any other public service.
2521	7/12/2012	Reading is essential to a free and democratic populace.
2522	7/12/2012	reading is important to us all I feel that reading and its attendant power are keys to a fuller, richer life. Books unlock doors into the world in ways beyond description. On a more basic level, reading skills are crucial to finding and keeping employment and to helping families understand their environment and feel empowered to participate in society and its privileges and responsibilities.
2523	7/12/2012	
2524	7/12/2012	It's where I got most of my information and entertainment.
2525	7/12/2012	Reading is one of my favorite hobbies, yet I have no need/wish to accumulate and store books through purchase.

2526	7/12/2012	Library services cross all cultural and socio-economic boundaries. They allow everyone access to information and entertainment to improve their lives. They are able to strengthen communities, and connect people and ideas. They support the lifelong learning needed for people to be able to function in a technologically complex world. They are one of the few places where diverse members of the community can interact in positive and meaningful ways. And I like to read.
2527	7/12/2012	I don't have the budget to buy books and I read a lot. ALL of my books come from the library. Disappointed on how difficult it is to access e-books.
2528	7/12/2012	Very important - I love books, learning, and movies!
2529	7/12/2012	They are the key to an equitably engaged and intelligent citizenry.
2530	7/12/2012	computer access
2531	7/12/2012	Libraries are central to an informed citizenry, which is critical to democracy's success.
2532	7/12/2012	The public needs a place for children to read and to socialize. The public library needs to meet these too needs by being opened LONGER during the summer.
2533	7/12/2012	Libraries, along with public schools, are the life blood of democracy. They give everyone the opportunity to educate themselves, enrich and enhance their lives, and feel part of a local (or larger) community. Libraries are one of the greatest contributors to keeping the level of discourse elevated, enabling society to operate in a fair and just manner.[] [] I LOVE libraries! ...and I am especially proud of Multnomah County Libraries! The libraries and the library system have been and remain a "Central" (get it?! ;) element in the positive development of Portland and the County. Yay!
2534	7/12/2012	Libraries are a great source of food for the mind; an intellectual supermarket.
2535	7/12/2012	Library services are very important to us as a family.
2536	7/12/2012	Access to information
2537	7/12/2012	Obviously not life and death but very important to quality of life
2538	7/12/2012	Just because it is the public service I use the most.
2539	7/12/2012	Libraries keep our culture educated. We don't want to become a bunch of dummies.
2540	7/12/2012	The central branch is the closest to me so I'm lucky! Everyone should be able to use the library so local libraries are important for those who need them.
2541	7/12/2012	Very good value for tax dollar spent. System is one of best in nation.
2542	7/12/2012	Reading is important. A public library provides access to all regardless of age, class or anything else.
2543	7/12/2012	I use them for books and movies and television
2544	7/12/2012	Local libraries are extremely important to keep educational material, internet, and intellectual stimulation available to everyone not just those with the most money. Without libraries the quality of life here would greatly be inhibited.
2545	7/12/2012	If you are comparing it to Fire Dept and Police Dept. then it is at the somewhat important level.

2546	7/12/2012	I borrow books quite often
2547	7/12/2012	libraries are a source of information. we all need more information to make decisions, to be informed (duh), to see other members of our community that we might not otherwise, to learn new things, etc.
2548	7/12/2012	The library is the educator to all. It promotes knowledge and truth without which our civilization devolves into barbarism.
2549	7/12/2012	Because, as I am now newly retired, I read a lot of library books.
2550	7/12/2012	I spend a lot of time there
2551	7/12/2012	love of reading and social interaction
2552	7/12/2012	Because a library offers unlimited resources
2553	7/12/2012	While they are not vital to my day- to -day life, I certainly use them and appreciate them.
2554	7/12/2012	the labraries help those who don't have the resorces to learn or gain knowlage.
2555	7/12/2012	While the library is very important for many reasons, I feel that fire and human services are more important.
2556	7/12/2012	They help kids and adults to read. They are current with modern technology to keep citizens[] informed. They offer services for people with little means to keep up and improve themselves.
2557	7/12/2012	I use the library a lot and it has been a tremendous resource for my family
2558	7/12/2012	They are not more important than fire and ambulance services or police but i feel they are right up their with service to the public: they support education, they offer education not always available to people and they are a tremendous informational source for all inspite of computers! They offer entertainment to people who might not otherwise have available such enriching and enjoyable opportunities. They are a tremendous support source for Mental Health and Human Development...and they are a safe haven for many.
2559	7/12/2012	Reading is knowledge and power. It's important that everyone has access to the libraries and that they all are given tools to read.
2560	7/12/2012	Besides the fact that I worked mostly in public libraries before I was diagnosed with MS, I remember being taken to early readers book clubs at a young age at the libraries. The library has always been an integral part of my life, and I believe it needs to be for the youth of today's and tomorrow's experience because learning will always be a vital to life.

2561	7/12/2012	I went to college in Boston, and frequented the public library there. It was an elaborate, massive building in the heart of the city. Engraved on its front facade were these words: "erected for the diffusion of knowledge and the benefit of the people." It had been built in the 1880's, spurred by the wealthy elite of the city that still believed in those words and the power to transform civic society in a positive way. However, the building now is neglected and disorganized. I was surprised that my own local library in Portland was in much better condition and management. It shows that even in the bastion of American literacy and progress the library was not immune from the pitfalls of a society in decline. Libraries are not only places of wisdom and knowledge, they are symbols to a societies values and future. They must be fought for to the last.
2562	7/12/2012	There are lots of other sources of information. Libraries full of books are an anachronism.
2563	7/12/2012	It offers access to information that may otherwise be difficult to obtain. It further serves to reinforce the community because it acts as a common ground for all different types of ethnicities, ages and life experiences. It supports the idea of raising the bar from mediocrity.
2564	7/12/2012	I used internet resources and I have a kindle but I also enjoy reading books and prefer checking them out over buying them. Also the easy access to resources for jobseekers, seniors and children.
2565	7/12/2012	Because the library can be and many times is the source to find out about and contact "Other public services.
2566	7/12/2012	I read a lot.
2567	7/12/2012	access to information is important to a free society.
2568	7/12/2012	I read every day, a book a day if I can, no matter what else goes on in my life. This is how I learn about the world.
2569	7/12/2012	I am a (computer) consultant and see the library as a critical work location when I am not actively employed.
2570	7/12/2012	Because I use the library in Gresham all the time. Usually several days each week for books, videos, and the computer. I'm on SSD, and it's a source of entertainment for me that is free, and educational. I don't know what I would do without access to it.
2571	7/12/2012	free resource and public space
2572	7/12/2012	I didn't make it very important only compared to police and fire services. But local public library services are very important!
2573	7/12/2012	Libraries are important resources for the community.
2574	7/12/2012	Access to the knowledge is access to a better life.
2575	7/12/2012	Somewhat important, becoming moreso. Especially good online and mobile services for account access, interlibrary loan, and branch hours/access.

2576	7/12/2012	I prefer not to buy books, or have internet or a computer at home. I would much rather use these things at the library and share this resource with others. I want a clean, safe, quiet and comfortable place to spend time. Libraries are one of our greatest public resources and I use libraries extensively. Please keep the hours open longer and keep buying books, movies, magazines and such for public use.
2577	7/12/2012	Libraries have been an important part of my life since I first printed my name on that paper card with the little metal plate. Free access to knowledge (and thats really what a library is - a house for knowledge) is vital to any community.
2578	7/12/2012	Because I have been a reader all my life, and now that I am a retired senior, I especially appreciate access to a library that I can walk to.
2579	7/12/2012	Computer access for job seekers
2580	7/12/2012	Research is an important part of my profession, and I frequently use the library for background studies.
2581	7/12/2012	I'm 33, grew up in Portland, and I've benefited so much from our libraries' wealth of resources. It's AWESOME. I hope everyone can access these resources, and all the enrichment that comes from them.
2582	7/12/2012	(The form's button isn't working - I wanted to select very important) <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries are a source of hope, education, dreams, and assistance. They are also great venues for public meeting spaces and classes.
2583	7/12/2012	Nothing is more important than education, learning, developing understanding of the world, stimulating one's mind, developing one's potential through reading, research, community, and respect for those with whom we live in our local and global communities. These skills and qualities come through books and information found in libraries.
2584	7/12/2012	They provide education, access to information and computers which are all essential for modern life and can be difficult for low-income families to access otherwise
2585	7/12/2012	they help equalize the community
2586	7/12/2012	The library is important to the public and their children. It gives our children a safe haven to go to while parents work and to learn from the books about our history, culture and others culture.
2587	7/12/2012	Schools are suffering just as much if not more.
2588	7/12/2012	I am a mother of young children and having a good, public neighborhood library is important to their education and healthy development as kids -- it's especially important for the neighborhoods in the summertime when kids are not in school and need something GOOD to keep them busy (rather than getting into trouble).
2589	7/12/2012	Because in this economy, food, housing and health care are of greater importance to greater numbers of people.
2590	7/12/2012	I use the library and the online download system very often. This is without a doubt the public service that I use most and am most grateful for.

2591	7/12/2012	The library gives me access to a wealth of information, media, and materials I would not be able to afford to pay for. It employees people who are willing to help me navigate difficult electronic sources. It is a place where I can connect with my community. It is a place I can browse in (a rarity in these days of shopping online). It offers me materials in any format I prefer (print, recorded, electronic, etc.). It has an awesome zine collection that is probably one of the best in the country and is something that is of value to our community. I can connect with librarians in any way I want (in person, email, phone, chat). I could go on....
2592	7/12/2012	The staff has been very helpful to me.
2593	7/12/2012	It is an important way that we have access to information that is of benifit to a variety of people. Whether it be looking for ways to improve in skills, hobbies, education, or even just the practical day to day 'how to' information, it can all be found at the public library. The library also provides reference material for recreation and entertainment. These are all made available at no cost, which is so necessary especially in times of economical difficulties. In addition to this, the public library is a great place to introduce children to the joys and excitement of reading and learning.
2594	7/12/2012	You do not state examples of "other local public services." If you mean police and fire, obviously they are more important, though I have never personally needed to use the for an incident. I personally use and see others use the Central Library every week, and I feel my tax dollars are well spent here in the same way that I believe that they are well-spent when I see hundreds of people using Forest Park or the Waterfront Esplanade. The libraries and parks are places where people can enrich their lives in a healthy way, and they are enjoyed by a wide variety of people from all walks of life....truly "public."
2595	7/12/2012	It seems everyone should have access to books for free. How horrible it would be to have to pay to enter a library or not to have them at all! Or even to have the hours so limited that anyone could not visit with their schedule.
2596	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power! The library is a great gathering place for the community year round, and its primary function is centered around one of my favorite things--BOOKS!
2597	7/12/2012	We depend on the library as a safe place for my daughter to have regular interaction with her dad (visitation). by coming to the library weekly, we have a great place to be regardless of his ability to show up. cutting back on hours is limiting our options for meeting with him. we also rely on the library for internet access, computer access (including printing, etc...) I enjoy the large selections of books on a wide variety of topics.
2598	7/12/2012	Not necessarily for me, but for all who use the library. It is one of the few public services we have in times of well being or in need.
2599	7/12/2012	I am a life-long learner and big reader. I could not imagine life without the facility.
2600	7/12/2012	Our family loves to read books.

2601	7/12/2012	Libraries provide a responsible source of information for the community. The institution is (and should continue to be) one of the key contributors to the mental, educational and cultural health of the community. A strong public library system says a lot about the people who are willing to support it.
2602	7/12/2012	i use the library instead of buying most books!
2603	7/12/2012	Its not just about the reading materials and media, it's a meeting place and neighborhood connection for community building.
2604	7/12/2012	I love reading! The library is the main way I get books. Also, libraries provide a free education for everyone through access to books and electronic resources.
2605	7/12/2012	I need a quiet place to go to study at. Where I can use the computer, copy machine and other resources.
2606	7/12/2012	I love to read & now that I am retired I can't buy as many books. So access to the library is essential to me. I would be very unhappy without my library books!
2607	7/12/2012	Knowledge and learning are the key to all other accomplishment; without them, nothing else that we desire for our society is possible. Libraries are a key element in making sure that knowledge and learning are available to all members of our society, no matter what their life circumstances may be.
2608	7/12/2012	Because I like to read but don't feel the need to buy books unless for collection. I like browsing and when I was young I liked having access to the internet and job searching at the library.
2609	7/12/2012	Selfish reason -- I am a ardent reader -- a bookworm. However, I believe libraries build community, democracy, provide all sorts of intangibles that are immeasurable (for example, place to be with others where you don't have to buy anything on a rainy day, a feeling of comfort and security, a place of quiet). One of the last (only???) non-commercial interior space where people can enter freely for a useful, pleasurable experience.
2610	7/12/2012	I feel like the library allows access to technology that not all residents are able to access w/o public support. I rated as "somewhat important" b/c I group police and fire and public safety into the category of public services and feel that safety comes first. Libraries would grouped with recreation for me.
2611	7/12/2012	A library is a prime source of our culture, promotes literacy (which is decreasing with the increased usage of electronics), and provides a haven of normality and quietness for everyone.
2612	7/12/2012	libraies provide a place of solitude, pleasure, adventure, help, respite, understanding and community.
2613	7/12/2012	Everyone should have access to books and literacy support.
2614	7/12/2012	Libraries are very important. We have a two year old daughter that loves to read, so we pick up 20 books or so a week. It's an important trip for her, and she loves going to the library.
2615	7/12/2012	Access to books, computers, & dvds

2616	7/12/2012	It is an important connection for me to the community and the world. I cannot afford to buy books or magazines, so all of my reading material comes from the library.
2617	7/12/2012	Because libraries represent the value of learning and advancement and growth as a necessary and vital component to a civilized society. The society values these elements to the point that they provide them free of charge as a way of showing that critical thinking and growth are cornerstones to a healthy community.
2618	7/12/2012	I have my studio in Hillsdale.[] I use the library for research.[] The library adds greatly to the quality of life here.
2619	7/12/2012	People like myself--those who are low-income--depend on their libraries for access to books and other media they could not otherwise afford.
2620	7/12/2012	I am continuing my education and beginning to read a variety of books so I appreciate the services our libraries provide.
2621	7/12/2012	we could never afford to buy a the books we borrow, and we also learn from the Lecture series we find. These are available to everyone, not just people who can pay to go to school.
2622	7/12/2012	I rely on local library services a lot.
2623	7/12/2012	Libraries and schools are the most important services a local government can provide for the citizenry.
2624	7/12/2012	Available to all [] I am a retired librarian
2625	7/12/2012	the access to information and self-education is invaluable and the best resource for enriching your mind
2626	7/12/2012	The quality of our libraries mark the quality of life in our city. Libraries are the storehouse of our community's knowledge. A very important part of our county.
2627	7/12/2012	Because other more necessary services must also be funded(e.g. emergency services)
2628	7/12/2012	Reflects my values in terms of a informed, literate community.
2629	7/12/2012	Key community resource
2630	7/12/2012	Because I love libraries - I distinctly remember going to the main library downtown (central branch) as a child with my dad and spending HOURS there. It is such a huge, beautiful building. I have such fond memories of those times... Now I try to take my son at least once a week to our local branch for storytime or just for checking out books. (He thinks he is "buying" the books - hasn't quite caught on yet to the idea that we are just borrowing them :)
2631	7/12/2012	They tie the community together as a central gathering place, they provide access to information for those who perhaps do not have access and they educate people.
2632	7/12/2012	I guess the library isn't terribly important to me.
2633	7/12/2012	We really value it, I homeschool 2 kids and it is a huge resource to us. We check out 5-15 books a week.

2634	7/12/2012	The public library system is an American institution that's core to the health of our nation. It's all about learning and little about aditude.
2635	7/12/2012	The library provides independence to its many patrons. People can get books to enjoy or educate, take classes for self-improvement, or use the computers for internet access. Also, many young children will suffer from lack of access to library services.
2636	7/12/2012	I believe education is knowledge and having a free local resource to use for computers, internet, printing, reading, listening to music, and watching videos is an important part of learning.
2637	7/12/2012	I think primary services like housing, food, and health care for low-income families are more important, but libraries are right after that!
2638	7/12/2012	minor, but i see a greater good for limited income and seniors. need to get back to the basics
2639	7/12/2012	love to read: love having the resources available, see value for the entire community
2640	7/12/2012	Although I would rank fire, police, and schools above library the library offers not only reading, viewing, and listening entertainment it also offers programs to aid education and gives children a great place to spend time, especially in the summer when school is out, and helps adults who cannot afford computers to do resumes, job search, and learn. For those of us who cannot afford to go to or rent movies, buy books, buy CD's, etc. it provides us with a much needed service. I've always considered reading skills to be crucial to learning and education.
2641	7/12/2012	A physical library is an archaic system. Looking for subject matter usually results in one of the following: only general books covering a subject, book checked out and already on waiting list hold for someone else, book must be special ordered in and then can only be read in library.
2642	7/12/2012	Because I use them and i see that many other people use them as well. Especially poor people who are unable to afford to purchase books or who don't have computer access at home need the public library. Also, I love the Spanish Tertulia led by Alan Gabriel at the Midland library, where both Spanish and English speakers come together to read and discuss Spanish books. What a great cultural exchange that is! I hope you can afford to continue it!
2643	7/12/2012	I am an avid reader and listen to a lot of audio books during my 45 minute commute. Since the economy downturn, I have used the library heavily instead of purchasing books. I personally don't use the computers or job search, and have never attended any activites, but I recognise these services are important to many people. I wouldn't put library services above water, heat, and electricity, but it's right up there close!
2644	7/12/2012	Because a well read mind is a happy and informed mind. I was lucky to grow up in a home that valued books ... we had books all around, but I also know that there are those who don't have books as easily available. Access to books allows ones to delve into creativity and to empower and understand the world around.
2645	7/12/2012	They are important but not as essential as transportation, water/sewer, public safety.

2646	7/12/2012	When I want a book, I always check the library first, often on-line. If it's not readily available, which sometimes happens with recent fiction, I try to buy used, then new. Also, I think a flourishing library is an important resource needed for any community that wishes so support and well-educated society.
2647	7/12/2012	1. Equal access. [] 2. Knowledge is power - our libraries provide access to knowledge = empowerment for all.
2648	7/12/2012	I've been going to the Multnomah County Library since I started reading. My father took me weekly because both my parents were big readers. I think it's the most democractic institution we have. I'm now 64 and cannot imagine a world without this wonderful access to libraries.
2649	7/12/2012	I use the library almost every day. I use it as a source of information on any subject I am interested in and for entertainment, borrowing many movies, audio books and print materials. It is the only place possible to pursue all one's interests for free, and stimulate new ones.
2650	7/12/2012	Free access to books and reference material for everyone. Exposing children at an early age to books and story time.
2651	7/12/2012	Maintenance and availability of historic books and records not readily available in any other way.[] Resources for reseach.[] An aid to education.[] As a community center available to all.
2652	7/12/2012	Education, education, education.
2653	7/12/2012	Because literacy, and universal access to books/internet/community/resources is important to me and my family.
2654	7/12/2012	It is a fountain of education - and an educated public is paramount to a thriving, safe world.
2655	7/12/2012	fire department, clean drinking water, maintained roads and bridges are more important to me.
2656	7/12/2012	The library is very important for several reasons, the main reason for me is, our community needs to educate our children and lower income people need access that the library provides. True equality means education and access to tools for all, not just those with money. Libraries enrich my life and that of my family. I'm always saying to people that I love my tax dollars at work for the libraries.[]
2657	7/12/2012	Services such as police/firefighters, etc. are essential, as are the maintenance of roads, electricity, gas, etc., for our communities physical well being[] [] Libraries and "The Arts" sustain our communities soul/spirit well being. With no Libraries or Art programs there is no growth, no future.
2658	7/12/2012	I have three children. I cannot afford to buy all the books they read. There school library is limited and does not Offer enough services. They can only check out one book at a time[]
2659	7/12/2012	It would be great to increase services and outreach through ebooks They are our community resource centers, cold weather shelter, place of learning

2660	7/12/2012	I use the library frequently and could not afford the books I need for my education and work.
2661	7/12/2012	To find in depth materials that are not available at book stores.
2662	7/12/2012	education/books/knowledge- gotta have it
2663	7/12/2012	Educational and cultural institutions are a high priority to me.
2664	7/12/2012	To me personally? Because I can read many more books than I can afford to buy. To me professionally? Because I'm a librarian by schooling, and I know the value of a strong public library. (See previous page)
2665	7/12/2012	It is a place where children can learn to love to read and continue to educate themselves throughout their lives so that they can be contributing members of the society. It provides programs for all ages that are free so all can participate. Nothing is more important to the children than learning to read and think and have experiences through reading that enlarge their imaginations and base of knowledge. It is an opportunity for parents to learn good parenting and thereby improve the atmosphere of the home and raise competent children.
2666	7/12/2012	Societies are judged upon the access of free information and education
2667	7/12/2012	People would get along fine without libraries. Taxing homeowners to death seems to be more of a problem at this point.
2668	7/12/2012	Public libraries provide essential educational services and materials. In a time when schools have cut back, workers are laid off, and people are tightening their belts, the library has more demand than ever. [] Libraries are critical for civilized society and social mobility.
2669	7/12/2012	Books and other available library materials have always been important to me. Going to the library has been a lifelong activity for me and my now adult children.
2670	7/12/2012	Libraries encourage learning, and our city needs learning when the economy is good and when it is not.
2671	7/12/2012	Cause I use it.
2672	7/12/2012	we get all our books and cd's from the library. the main importance of the library is that it for everyone..rich or poor. everyone should have access to books and library services
2673	7/12/2012	I use the Internet exclusively for my news and information gathering. The only reason I come to the library is to check out current books. I read it and then decide if I want to buy it. As far as library services: I would like to pay as I go. I would like to see the taxpayer unburdened of the library system. I know it won't happen, but it should!
2674	7/12/2012	We consider libraries a "quality of life" issue. This is the best library system we have ever used and hope it continues to provide wonderful books to ALL!
2675	7/12/2012	I love to read and appreciate the fact that I can borrow new titles without having to wait for the paperback version.
2676	7/12/2012	Because books and information should be accessible to all people.

2677	7/12/2012	Important resources from staff and materials because they can help to find what is needs for users.
2678	7/12/2012	
2679	7/12/2012	
2680	7/12/2012	It's important to have resources and study space available that are free to the public. Even though we do not have kids (yet), I feel the library is most valuable to providing an avenue for children to become engaged in reading. Would love to see more outreach to children of minority and low economic families by either the library coming out to their places of gathering (i.e. shelters and the like), or spending more money on advertising for events/services in public schools.
2681	7/12/2012	It is a foundation of democracy and needs to be supported so that everyone has access to the services provided.
2682	7/12/2012	Libraries are a community center of knowledge that gives everyone an equal opportunity at learning.
2683	7/12/2012	Libraries provide so much more than books. My dad, a single father, used to take us to the library all the time. He's an avid reader and he passed that along to my brother and me. Money was always tight and visiting the library was a great way to spend time. When I moved to Portland 2 years ago, I had no job or internet service at home. I went to the library at almost every day for the first month until I found a job using the computer resources in the downtown branch. After that, I was still going twice a week to use the internet to email friends and family for almost a year. It's important for people to have a place to go when they need help be it information, a job, an escape or just time to unwind. Libraries provide hope.
2684	7/12/2012	Libraries offer people a safe place to learn and educate themselves. It is a place to share and access information, a place to better yourself. Plus, I just love books and would consider it a tragedy if libraries were shut down.
2685	7/12/2012	Though I have a job, I still live with a pretty tight budget. I love to read but wouldn't be able to purchase new books if I didn't have the ability to borrow from the library. Not to mention I also believe it's so hugely important for our youth to have access to books like this. As a kid, I loved going to the library! Lastly, when I was unemployed, I accessed the computer for job seeking. So many benefits!!
2686	7/12/2012	For practical reasons, police, firefighters, sanitation workers and ODOT employees are of more importance to keeping the city functional. But library systems are extremely important in keeping our society educated and upwardly mobile. It is an educational space available to those who may not otherwise have access to resources like computers and class room instruction.
2687	7/12/2012	I am at the library at least once a week for my knitting group and to take out books.
2688	7/12/2012	Libraries are our community held reservoir of knowledge, information and entertainment and they are a place where people can engage with each other on a face to face personal basis. It allows those without the resources to buy books the opportunity to continue reading; again and again ad infinitum.

2689	7/12/2012	I rely on the library to obtain materials needed for the work I do (I teach English and film). I suppose I could get those materials elsewhere, but it's nice to have the library.
2690	7/12/2012	The level of importance to me is very high, as I have young children and libraries promote reading for young children.
2691	7/12/2012	Books and information are essential to my growth as a human and participation as a citizen. If libraries, well-stocked with current titles, did not provide books to me free of charge, I would certainly not be willing and able to purchase even a fraction of the books that I do read and benefit from.
2692	7/12/2012	Since I am reading a lot getting books is easy and convenient it gets expensive buying books all the time
2693	7/12/2012	Though obviously things like public safety, utilities, transportation etc. may rank higher that is not to say a functioning library system isn't vital to a society.
2694	7/12/2012	Libraries are essential for communities - providing free reading materials, both entertaining and educational. They encourage reading, especially for those who cannot afford to buy books. They also are excellent resources for young children, elderly, and job seekers through the programs provided. I have gone to the library about weekly since I was a toddler and it has been an important part of my life.
2695	7/12/2012	Literacy is important. Americans are getting dumber. It's important to have media on hand at no charge for those who are motivated enough to try and educate themselves.
2696	7/12/2012	I use them frequently, in this economy I can no longer afford to purchase books
2697	7/12/2012	The basis for a functional democracy is the ready access to information and ideas. This is the foundation of a functioning democracy. Free public libraries are essential for this.
2698	7/12/2012	I use library services more regularly than nearly all other public services. It would help others taking this survey to have a partial or full list to compare what are the other local public services that vie for funding.
2699	7/12/2012	Because they are places I can escape from reality and into a new novel.
2700	7/12/2012	I love books and having them available to me for free is a nice option should I feel the need to browse for something different. And having that available to the general public is also admirable, so that anyone who seeks knowledge, entertainment, or just a place to relax can do so.
2701	7/12/2012	When our kids were young there were cuts to the library hours, etc. I was unhappy at first but I readjusted my schedule and it worked out just fine. We are in a severe recession and many of us are trying to hold onto our homes. I already pay \$400/year for the library. We've cut our budget so should the library system. Soon I'll be paying an extra \$500/yea for the Portland Public Schools bond coming up. Increasing the rate is too much of a burden for home owners.
2702	7/12/2012	I utilize the library multiple times a week. It greatly enhances my quality of life and saves me a lot of money.
2703	7/12/2012	Access to materials not otherwise available

2704	7/12/2012	Emergency, safety, health and basic infrastructure come first. However, libraries are vital community builders as well as vital resources for people across the economic spectrum.
2705	7/12/2012	Because they provided me with new books to read and help with school subjects. It's a way to enjoy my reading hobby or a low income budget. It also gives me something to do with my god daughters.
2706	7/12/2012	To me because it's one of the most basic rights as a human...to learn and better oneself. You don't need any paperwork at all to walk into a public library and sit down to read, or try and /or learn to do so with help from staff sometimes. Homeless, illegal, poor; whatever the story it's a needed thing in our country and one of the things I believe make this country great.
2707	7/12/2012	Even though I don't use the library I realize the importance of it to other people and that is why I have always supported library funding.
2708	7/12/2012	The more educated our children are the better their and our future become. It all starts with reading.
2709	7/12/2012	Libraries are one of the cornerstones of American culture and values; one of the few achievements of democracy; one of the few places where people of all classes, races, ethnicities and languages mingle. It's extremely important to preserve a robust library system in order to maintain a vibrant city.
2710	7/12/2012	We need all citizens of any age to have the opportunity to become better educated in all ways the library provides. The more knowledgeable we are as a nation the better we can improve our lives.
2711	7/12/2012	Literacy, education and access to knowledge is essential to a democratic society. The library is a safe-haven of knowledge and a place where people are inspired to learn new things and connect to community. There are few public services that offer these benefits to the individual, society and community.
2712	7/12/2012	Libraries are a critical source of printed material which is increasingly difficult to find. Free access to borrowing books, computers and literacy programs are crucial to having a literate and informed populace.
2713	7/12/2012	Libraries equal education, education is essential to a civilized community.
2714	7/12/2012	To me, the library represents one of the true democratic resources for the community. I work for a social services agency here in downtown Portland. Many of the clients our clinic serves are homeless, mentally ill and have limited education. The library is a wonderful resource for our clients and I am constantly impressed by how important the library is to these folks. The library really touches everyone in our community and really is a kind of town square where people come together for socializing, education, resources. It is just a fantastic place!!!

2715	7/12/2012	Extremely important. It is an amazing resource for the community. Our family can afford to buy books but the library gives us the opportunity to read a diverse array of books that we could never experience if we were just buying our own books. For families that cannot afford books, it is indispensable. Also the services such as computer access and just a quiet place to study are fantastic. Although we don't use the library in this way, we see so many people who do. I also think it is an important community space. We love to go the Northwest Library not only to discover new books but also to run into friends and share books with them. It really contributes to our sense of community.
2716	7/12/2012	Library services are a cheap, wonderful place people of all ages can enjoy. I took my kids when they were young and let them check out 10 books each. We spend a lot of time with these books until the next library trip.
2717	7/12/2012	Very important. Most of my childhood I spent summers at the library participating in summer reading programs and enjoying hot days wandering around the library reading books. I think that computer access for people who can not afford it is invaluable. Having access to books for young people is extremely important.
2718	7/12/2012	The library systems serves a wide array of people across the metro area, including children, seniors, the unemployed, and non-native English speaking people, providing access to current and historic media, internet and computer services, and life skills development and entertainment. The library staff is very knowledgeable and supportive, offering help whenever needed.
2719	7/12/2012	Libraries not only represent the value of learning, they pragmatically supply the tools.
2720	7/12/2012	There are many services for people in need, emergencies, abuse victims, etc. that are more urgent and lacking funding also.
2721	7/12/2012	I actually use the library and we pay quite a bit for them, so I like to make full use of the resources I am paying for.
2722	7/12/2012	Obviously police, fire protection, and other emergency services are the most vital. After that, services that help the motivated solve their problems are the most important. Libraries are more important than stand-alone centers that do the myriad things the library does--helping job seekers, senior citizens and children, for example.
2723	7/12/2012	I use them more frequently than any other public service, and the substitution cost to me would be astronomical (if I were to buy all of the materials that I check out from the library, I would go broke!) Luckily, I don't need police, fire, or social services on a regular basis, whereas I'm utilizing library services nearly every day.
2724	7/12/2012	Mentioned in previous question

2725	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power. The only thing that gives equal access (particularly thinking of those with low/no income) to knowledge is the public library system. If you take the library away, you take power from the poor and middle class and give the wealthy (with their top notch private and very expensive schools) even more control. Public schools are limited, college is often a joke. The library offers the information without the games and bologna.
2726	7/12/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of children's education and literacy and mental development. In the techno/digital age, where kids learn to race from one thing to another, spending split seconds on computer/TV/iphone screens, super-multi-tasking, and learning impatience, a quiet library is haven for the better minds. Children (and adults too) need quiet time to explore and learn, in a relaxed atmosphere without distractions. Each school can't hold all the resources for children - it makes more sense for many schools to share a community library.[] [] Also, the availability of books to borrow at no cost is an important tradition that holds fast to the good old value of trust and sharing and community. Not everyone has a computer at home, not everyone likes to read books on kindle, not everyone can afford every book he/she might want to read or skim.
2727	7/12/2012	Because they provide access to literacy, which is a building block for a successful/functional society.
2728	7/12/2012	A literate society enables us to do a better job in delivering all other public services!
2729	7/12/2012	reading is huge
2730	7/12/2012	continued education and the only source of information and education for many people
2731	7/12/2012	"There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the Earth as the Free Public Library -- this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration." --Andrew Carnegie[] "America's greatness is not only recorded in books, but it is also dependent upon each and every citizen being able to utilize public libraries." – Terence COOKE[] "At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better." -- Barack Obama[] "If you cut funding to libraries, you cut the lifeblood of our communities." -- Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley
2732	7/12/2012	Very important
2733	7/12/2012	library is about community
2734	7/12/2012	The library serves the whole community just as fire, police and health services. The library helps people grow, connect, stay current, save money and be part of their community.
2735	7/12/2012	they would full after police and fire
2736	7/12/2012	None of the other services can be created or maintained without access to knowledge. Also, the Library is a central information dissemination point for those seeking other services.

2737	7/12/2012	As I age, the library and it's materials will continue to be one of the main ways I spend my time. Until I did this survey I did not know you delivered to the home bound. I do not need that now, but I hope it is available when I do. [] The library is crucial to families with children of all ages and to the teachers that get books for their class rooms.
2738	7/12/2012	I use the library to get reading materials. And that is very, very important to me. However, I'm good at using the online catalog system and putting items on hold if need be. So, I don't know the library open as much as someone else does. However, I recognize the value to others if those programs are available to others, and I realize there are other places that offer the service programs of the library, but not the checkout facilities of the library.[] [] As a side note, I'd prefer that there was 1-2 days of the week when the library was open later into the evening. That's the best time I have available to do research with LIB ONLY materials.
2739	7/12/2012	I am a participant in the Portland culture of reading. I value this culture highly. i believe it is unique in the country. it is precious.
2740	7/12/2012	I use it all the time. I feel it needs to be available for everyone especially people who don't get to have a computer at home.
2741	7/12/2012	Local libraries provide free access to a variety of services that otherwise many in our community would be unable to use. They also encourage young adults and children to make reading a part of their life and greatly assist students by allowing use of services and materials that they might otherwise be denied due to their income level
2742	7/12/2012	Libraries have always been a special oasis to me. The wellspring of information on tap plus the calmness, an oasis if you like, where I can absorb the information and learn.
2743	7/12/2012	It not only gives us an opportunity to keep up with current books and magazines but also brings us in contact with other citizens of all ages and nationalities.
2744	7/12/2012	Libraries are the repository of knowledge and have been for centuries. If it were not for the library of Alexandria, Egypt, for example, many great pieces of history and literature would have been lost
2745	7/12/2012	I consider libraries very important for my entertainment, education and access to information.
2746	7/12/2012	I believe funding for police, fire, and public schools are more important. I also am fortunate to have computers with Internet at home to search for information that I might otherwise need the library for.
2747	7/12/2012	Police, fire, roads, all are more important. After that comes things like Libraries.
2748	7/12/2012	The library allows me to continue my education and peek my interests on my low budget. It brings people together at ar intellectual source. The sharing of resources is important to our survival and the library is an amazing example of this; we do not all need to own everything.
2749	7/12/2012	A library is a luxury - a luxury I can no longer afford. Cut back the days, cut back the hours and MAKE DO - just like I have to make do. Well maintained streets, funding for education, police and fire protection - these are important! Libraries are a luxury!!

2750	7/12/2012	Without public access to information the general public falls apart. education and community building are the pillars of society
2751	7/12/2012	As a low-income individual, it's so important to have affordable internet access (for job-searching, school support, etc.) and printing, plus books! Plus, libraries support community connection and interaction.
2752	7/12/2012	Because it is a resource that all citizens (especially children and the disadvantaged) can find easily and use to improve their lives...
2753	7/12/2012	A well-read person is a more beneficial member of society. Everyone should know the joy and power reading allows
2754	7/12/2012	It's education and using the mind that are important to me. The library allows us to educate ourselves. And its a good place to socialize with others in the community.
2755	7/12/2012	Everyone, regardless or finance should have ready access to books, especially young children.
2756	7/12/2012	the library is one of the only public services I really use!
2757	7/12/2012	i feel they are very important but have to consider social services as well.
2758	7/12/2012	essential for all the categories of people served
2759	7/12/2012	for many it is the only information and recreation resource they have
2760	7/12/2012	Because they offer services and attention to the widest portion of disenfranchised people within our city.
2761	7/12/2012	Every citizen should have free access to information resources in a democracy
2762	7/12/2012	I love to read and can read 4-6 books a week.
2763	7/12/2012	Libraries create community.
2764	7/12/2012	I believe that people need safety to get their basic needs met before they need a library. Since the County is responsible for funding services for low-income people, I would not put library funding, at the expensive of other needec services, at the top of my list of funding.
2765	7/12/2012	i use them more frequently than any other local public service
2766	7/12/2012	fabulous resource; people of all ages, social groups come together (community), culture available to all with no entrance fees
2767	7/12/2012	We need to educate our population. The library needs to provide a free resource to do that.
2768	7/12/2012	depend upon library for extensive literary information including books, periodicals, newspapers
2769	7/12/2012	I have always checked out books (fiction) rather than purchasing, as much as I love Powell's. I now have a Nook, and love being about to check out books on that.....hope the library continues to add titles here.
2770	7/12/2012	they are of very high importance to me
2771	7/12/2012	They are best and most reliable souce of information and available to anyone -rich or poor
2772	7/12/2012	Libraries are a huge source of information and help to those who cannot access information from other places (i.e., no computer at home, etc.).

2773	7/12/2012	They are important to the community. People who do not have access to computers and other media can use the libraries resources. As it becomes more difficult for people without computer access to manage their daily lives, the library will be a vital link to survival for economically challenged citizens.
2774	7/12/2012	It's part of what makes Portland Portland. People know the Library is good in Multnomah county, so it's a factor in moving here, and in staying here.
2775	7/12/2012	I love libraries, they house information that is hard to find and allow for efficient research.
2776	7/12/2012	For a civilized society to exist, the public must have access to a variety of information and media without cost.
2777	7/12/2012	They are my number one favorite public service!
2778	7/12/2012	We must have an educated lower and middle class.
2779	7/12/2012	They provide constructive and educational activities for my teen age son.
2780	7/12/2012	With the increased use of electronic modes to access information, hard copies are still required in classrooms and desired in the necessity to share information whether historical or current.
2781	7/12/2012	My kids can't live without library books and I'm constantly finding something good to read as well.
2782	7/12/2012	Access to a wide variety of reading materials in a variety of formats that are lent out to a wide variety of people.
2783	7/12/2012	Libraries are a wonderful resource and sustainable in that books and media are shared over a large number of people. It's a important resource for people who don't have the income to afford buying books, cds, movies, internet access, classes, etc.
2784	7/12/2012	For me, the library is about community. Yes, the MAX and garbage service and police services are vital, but the library holds and anchors a neighborhood. It's a gathering place, an information/resource center and a hub for people of all ages and types. Libraries know no age, race, social, economic differences--people are there as equals. Without a library, a community has no life.
2785	7/12/2012	Without a solid educational system all other aspects of society suffer. Funding the Police over education puts us in more of a militaristic state, not advancing us as a society.
2786	7/12/2012	We don't have cable, so the library is our source for literature, books, music, video. Very important.
2787	7/12/2012	It is one of the best examples of the power of my tax money. My funds go to provide services for my entire community--no one is left out unless they want to be. This service is available for anyone--even those without library cards. People can use library facilities as long as they behave according to community standards--even without a library card.[] [] The concept of public libraries has been a cornerstone of our nation since the 18th century. Some of our libraries offer excellent examples of certain types of architecture--all free for the public!

2788	7/12/2012	Libraries provide individuals with free resources to empower themselves with knowledge. ¶ ¶ Plus it is all relative. If you don't use a majority of local public services, the ones you do use have the most importance.
2789	7/12/2012	I am an educator and I see the difference it makes when families use these services or fail to take advantage of them. Public libraries are a fundamental source of information that protects democracy.
2790	7/12/2012	Resouce of empowerment for bottom 2/3 of society.
2791	7/12/2012	It's a great resource for people of all income levels. Show's neighborhood pride.
2792	7/12/2012	because it is access to free info for everyone
2793	7/12/2012	As a senior I have the time to find other resources/computer to complete my task and used the book exchange and e-book for my reading needs. I think the library is critical to the health of our community. Police and fire services keep us safe, health services promote community health, and libraries provide the community with resources to learn and grow. Many individuals could not acces books, computers, and reading programs without the library. Valuing the library demonstrates that we as citizens value intellectual curiosity and literacy--critical, in my opinion--to maximizing our potential as a civilized society.
2794	7/12/2012	
2795	7/12/2012	Both for personal use and for the educational and other services necessary for a good community. For the reasons I stated above: I believe libraries provide egalitarian access to knowledge (power) that is vital to a healthy democracy. I would argue on equal footing with the "fourth estate" of media. A somewhat related point: it seems that the library is a public health service as well -- I'll simply note that the homeless population appears to depend on the library as a place to get access to information and communication that more ordinary citizens take for granted -- and as a safe place to be without fear of harassment.
2796	7/12/2012	
2797	7/12/2012	Community building, children's literacy programs, educational resource for adults too!
2798	7/12/2012	because i am neither a senior nor a child. i value the benefit of books and having almost any reading material at my disposal
2799	7/12/2012	Because if I did not have my library to go to I would not have many books to read or a place to take my clients.
2800	7/12/2012	The library makes it possible for everyone to have access to books, periodicals and other materials for pleasure, for helpful information, for educational purposes and more.
2801	7/12/2012	Important
2802	7/12/2012	I believe that reading is a fundamental element needed to increase knowledge and understanding.
2803	7/12/2012	As a family with young children, having access to reading material that we may not be able to afford is important to us.
2804	7/12/2012	the libraries are a resource I use regulary
2805	7/12/2012	Well, Police and fire are more important, along with quite a few others

2806	7/12/2012	I am able to live and function without a library. I have done so many times in my life. Having a wonderful library is a benefit but not an absolute need.
2807	7/12/2012	A self-educated populace is a community that can co-exist with success. The North Portland Library (and others like Central) are the real living rooms of our city. As a low income family, we have access to way more reading material than we could afford. It is also a pleasant free outing. We love the library!
2808	7/12/2012	without a good library, democracy is threatened.
2809	7/12/2012	Because of that trite old saying, "Knowledge is power." Libraries do so much to educate people, and at the very least, just being in the midst of all those books must have some positive impact on people. My branch serves a fairly low socio-economic neighborhood, and I know that resource is good for those kids (and their families) who might otherwise be limited.[] []
2810	7/12/2012	I love the St. Johns branch. Our libraries are the center of knowledge, information, and exploration for people!
2811	7/12/2012	Without knowing WHICH other local services you mean, I can't compare. Just in general, I love to check out and read a wide variety of books and do some research at the Central Library just a block from where I work.
2812	7/12/2012	I believe there are other services that may be a little more important. Other than having books/media, computers, and some classes, I'm not aware of any other offerings. Are there study programs/tutoring programs for underprivileged families? That would be an offering that would increase the importance of the libraries, in my book.
2813	7/12/2012	Libraries are a free treasure of knowledge available to everybody. Having free resources, classes and online access levels the playing field for all. Libraries are not only for the wealthy or poor- they are there for the entire community.
2814	7/12/2012	I'm an avid reader. I use both written, audio and now, online materials for entertainment and the how-to sections to prepare for and to complete personal projects. I read about 5 books a week.
2815	7/12/2012	Libraries help communities to thrive.
2816	7/12/2012	Besides the societal function of free access to information, we still read books, watch DVD's and listen to CD's. Our library has been top-notch in providing all of those services. Also, access to Consumer Reports is fantastic. Although we serve ourselves 98% of the time, we appreciate the librarians and reference librarians.
2817	7/12/2012	Knowledge is the key to solving any problem.

		<p>Although I use the library all the time and it is very important to me, I think many of the County's other services for health and various social services are a more important use of the County's money. It is extremely disappointing to me that so many people have a knee-jerk reaction to supporting the library - just support whatever proposal is made without thought to all the other programs that lose when the library puts out a levy.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I find it disturbing to read over and over that we are tops or near tops in circulation in the nation - to me this means we are overspending. I don't think we should be aiming for number one.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I question whether buying a gazillion copies of the bestselling authors is the best use of money; I think the library has cut back on this practice so this may not be a fair criticism. I don't know what the buying strategy should be, but there are so many books out there and so many other choices on the shelves for people.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I volunteered for the library for a number of years and will do so again. I admire many of the new initiatives of the library director. But we paid too much to get her and we spend too much on the library. The county has other priorities. They're just not as easy to market as the library is.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Discussion of a library district never spells out the effect it has on funding to other entities - from what I understand that calculation is so complicated it is near impossible to explain BUT I wish it would be explained. In general, my</p>
2818	7/12/2012	<p>As a teacher, I know how vital a library system is to the development of young readers and the continuing education of the public as a whole. However, I have to say that as a voter who supported the recent levy, it was a slap in the face to approve the levy only to have service and hours cut. It really felt like a betrayal to all of us who showed our support financially. If the amount was not sufficient to maintain current levels of service, that should have been made clear at election time and an opportunity should have been given to voters to support a larger levy that would have been sufficient.</p>
2819	7/12/2012	<p>I would love to rank it higher, given my belief that education and reading improve all of society, but the fact is that we can get the information in many ways - on line, internet, bookstores... I can't justify it being higher than public services of firemen, police, local utilities. It is a vital part of the community and one that should be at least as high as the local community center.</p>
2820	7/12/2012	<p>Libraries rank very highly, yet public safety (fire and police); road maintenance; sewer and water improvements and public school upgrades rank higher</p>
2821	7/12/2012	<p>Learning is a lifelong process.....enough said.</p>
2822	7/12/2012	<p>My entire family reads a lot -- for pleasure, education, and intellectual stimulation. Without getting what we want from the library, we would either spend substantially larger sums at bookstores (we patronize local bookstores extent anyway) or we would do without, because of budget constraints. So the library is probably the most direct and tangible benefit that we get from our local government.</p>

2824	7/12/2012	Libraries are a free source of knowledge and promote reading. I think that is extremely important.
2825	7/12/2012	Our family is in at least once a week to check out books and media. We could not afford it otherwise.
2826	7/12/2012	It is important, but I understand it is not the top priority where the tax should go.
2827	7/12/2012	It's very important to have books available for those who can't afford to but them. Also, libraries are a place that serve the whole community of learners.
2828	7/12/2012	Because I dont go as much as I use to but I still like to know it is available
2829	7/12/2012	Because Police & Fire have really strong unions that always lobby for funding and use the threat of chaos to scare people into supporting their budget. These two services along with schools, parks, etc all have very opaque budgets that citizens don't see or understand. I don't know how gang prevention dollars are being spent because I don't live in a neighborhood with gang trouble. ¶ Libraries are different, I see lots of different branches and know what it means when I can't get materials, access online materials, etc. Libraries also don't have a major union lobbying for them and need more public support.
2830	7/12/2012	Libraries are a beacon of light and hope in the increasingly coarse and despondent American culture.
2831	7/12/2012	I have not used the library in a while but when I was a preschool teacher I went every week for new stories for the kids. They are a great resource for children of all ages and adults.
2832	7/12/2012	Educated people need less public services.
2833	7/12/2012	It's necessary to have a safe place where children/teens can hang out, where people can have access to computers and get assistance for job searches.
2834	7/12/2012	I dont have to spend a lot of money on books
2835	7/12/2012	our family visits the library often for books & media & programs for kids & language " mango" are also important to us
2836	7/12/2012	Free access to information and literacy resources make our community stronger by helping adults gain job skills and find work, and giving children the skills they need to be productive community members as they grow into adults. Libraries also help to educate people about world events and local government, making them more educated voters.
2837	7/12/2012	Because information is power. People need the best information to make informed decisions in their lives and participate as effective citizens in communities.
2838	7/12/2012	I would prioritize services that help provide food, shelter, and medical care. After that, I think the library is very important, as a point of access to education, information, and self-improvement.
2839	7/12/2012	I believe they support a stable community, which is a primary reason why our family loves living in Portland and Sellwood in particular
2840	7/12/2012	Libraries promote learning! Because I'm old fashioned and want to hold a book in my hand when I'm reading!
2841	7/12/2012	I normally buy from Powell's used books.

		After basic services like sewer, water, police, garbage/recycling come public libraries.[] []
2842	7/12/2012	An educated and intellectually curious electorate is essential to the functionality of a democratic society.[] [] Libraries allow access to information, materials, tools and resources for everyone, regardless of income -- VERY IMPORTANT!!!!
2843	7/12/2012	Libraries are a place for anyone, any age and ability to go, feel comfortable pursuing their own education or pleasure-- and in the Northwest--stay dry![] Libraries are a values statement that a community values an educated and civic minded population.[] Libraries are a proactive community builder.
2844	7/12/2012	They are not a matter of life or death, but I think that it is important that everyone have access to books, videos and computers. Other services, like teaching parents and helping with homework are not that vital and should not necessary be supported by tax dollars.
2845	7/12/2012	I just think that a repository of information and learning and a center of resources dedicated to the same is a hallmark of greatness. Even though Alexander the Great is remembered as a powerful military leader, Alexandria is remembered for the library.
2846	7/12/2012	My family uses library services. It is very important that my children have libraries to enhance their learning and love of reading. We need information and libraries are full of important information. The services are well used.
2847	7/12/2012	They are my family's principal source of entertainment and an indispensable element in my children's education and upbringing.
2848	7/12/2012	Our libraries provide sources of education and entertainment that many people cannot afford to obtain elsewhere.
2849	7/12/2012	citizen's access to all material
2850	7/12/2012	I'm a teacher, and could never afford to sustain my own reading habit, much less rotate my entire classroom library on a bi-weekly basis, without library services. Part of the reason I came to Portland was that it seemed like a city that really valued books and reading. I see library books out on every bus I board, and feel like part of a very lucky community each time I do.
2851	7/12/2012	The future of this country depends on citizens being informed thinkers.
2852	7/12/2012	Knowledge is the key that opens all doors. The libraries are the keys
2853	7/12/2012	I am in that "elder person" category. My local library is about six blocks from my home. In my "growing up years," I loved going to the library. Now, I have the time to spend time there again. I've recently retired, and one of the things that I most look forward to is - spending time at both the local library and the central library. It's important to me that the libraries remain vibrant - and... open!
2854	7/12/2012	I am an avid reader.

2855	7/12/2012	The library is our primary source of books and other media and an indispensable element in the education of our children.
2856	7/12/2012	I grew up going to the library -- it was our Sunday afternoon thing as a family. I want to make sure that all kids have access to the amazing worlds that live inside books. It will help them personally and it helps us as a community. Reading makes good citizens.
2857	7/12/2012	Books should be available to anyone, regardless of income level
2858	7/12/2012	I love to read, but don't always have time nor do I have money to buy books. I am very, very bad about returning books on time as well. I have found that ebooks, and audiobooks will "return themselves" for me. This has worked great for me. I read (listened) more now in the last 2 years than I have in the prior 20 years. I tend to listen to books while driving rather than the radio too.
2859	7/12/2012	Reading, opportunities to read for free, are extremely important to our society. I believe helping our children read functionally is of great importance, as well as the capacities that go beyond that - developing the intellect. Media is rapidly changing and keeping and promoting access to traditional learning materials is vastly important.
2860	7/12/2012	Libraries are critical for kids as a place to explore and follow their curiosity, especially those kids whose parents do not encourage curiosity and learning at home. Libraries give kids something they can't get anywhere else: time to be alone with discovery.
2861	7/12/2012	Access to materials and convenience to me personally. Libraries help educate people of all ages, which contributes to building stronger and more productive communities.
2862	7/12/2012	other than schools and transportation, it's the main public service we use
2863	7/12/2012	The library is important to me as I use it to check out books, music, and movies.
2864	7/12/2012	Libraries offer a place for people of all income levels and ages to meet and learn.
2865	7/12/2012	I think that libraries are an amazing resource that are often underappreciated. They give everyone in the community access to information and learning opportunities.
2866	7/12/2012	Because when people don't have access to knowledge about their history, traditions, science, etc... It will cease to exist. I think of all the ridiculous things that Americans spend money, we could try to maintain the foundation of all learning in our society.
2867	7/12/2012	We read most of our books through Ebooks through the library.
2868	7/12/2012	This is a service that is used by all residents. It also is the only online resource that is available to the public-we live in a digital age, but a significant percentage of the population doesn't own a computer-this access is critical. Reading is a life-long skill that is so critical to one's quality of life!
2869	7/12/2012	Maybe schools are more important but I am a senior citizen and depend on the library for a number of services.
2870	7/12/2012	"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man" □ — T.S. Eliot
2871	7/12/2012	After community health & safety, libraries are of the highest civic importance.

2872	7/12/2012	The librarian can be friends with you and they are more helpful than other people who work at local business.
2873	7/12/2012	I think it is necessary for a healthy society to focus on things like education, literacy, critical thinking, freedom of information, exchange of ideas, and churning out well-rounded and intelligent people. The library is critical in meeting these goals.
2874	7/12/2012	I actually use them. I am very poor. I could not possibly afford access to these materials without the library. I live a much more enriched life due to the library. It is the most important free public service as far as its potential for empowering the poor.
2875	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power. [] I can't tell you the excitement I get when a book I've particularly wanted to read shows up on the hold shelf waiting for me.
2876	7/12/2012	Libraries promote equality and education. All people have the same opportunity to check out books and resources for pleasure and learning. Libraries are essential to a civilized society.
2877	7/12/2012	I strongly believe in knowledge, education, and equal opportunity and access
2878	7/12/2012	a well read population is an educated one!
2879	7/12/2012	I read non-stop. And I "listen" to books. I have a disability which makes reading slow for me and audiobooks are really valuable to me. So reading and listening to books is by far the biggest reason the library is so important to me. I also babysit and check out books and music for the children I care for, and also check out music for myself. [] And I just love being in a library, where all those books line the walls. I love the library and our library system. If I were stranded on an island, one thing I'd want to be sure to have is Central Library on my island!
2880	7/12/2012	Information access is critical. Knowledge overcomes ignorance. [] In this technical & digital world there must be some sort of public access especially for the many with no other access. [] Libraries model sharing & cooperation along with other needed aspects of community.
2881	7/12/2012	They help me educate my children and make them excited to learn. My four year old daughter describes the library as one of her favorite places and asks to visit other libraries when we travel.
2882	7/12/2012	I wish to live in a community of civically engaged, curious and educated people. Libraries represent a tangible good that; they are fundamental to a vibrant democracy. They are part of the mortar that connects and secures us in civil society, a reliable source of light that helps cut through the fog of unknowing, a welcoming refuge from the everpresent noise and chaos of life.
2883	7/12/2012	Good for kids and students of all ages.
2884	7/12/2012	When I think of libraries, I think of community. They are a gravitational center for people in the community to meet and work together to plan events. The library is important as much for what it does as what it represents.

2885	7/12/2012	Because we use our local library a lot. We don't make a lot of money, so having that resource for books, movies, and CDs helps us tremendously. In hard economic times, people like to have something they can escape harsh reality with for awhile. That's how we use books, movies, and music.
2886	7/12/2012	People of all income levels and education levels need access to quality books, internet, magazines, and research tools. Libraries increase equality in our communities and help bridge class barriers.
2887	7/12/2012	The connections to information and resources as well as the wide variety of people gathered there make libraries essential.
2888	7/12/2012	I can't imagine life without reading, music, and research, and I can't possibly afford to buy all the materials I rent from the library.
2889	7/12/2012	Because without libraries critical learning would not happen and these services need to be around for all ages.
2890	7/12/2012	we have to teach kids to read, to be educated, to learn, to be interested in the world -- so that they can grow up to be life long learners and educators -- libraries should be a critical piece of every childhood -- they more hours they are open and the more programs they offer, the more possible it is to bring the children in!
2891	7/12/2012	there are more important issues in these hard times, like the unemployed, health care, child care, senior care, etc
2892	7/12/2012	Because libraries speak to the ability of a society or community to educate and be educated, to have access to basic and advanced information without which no person or group of people can hope to be informed or make informed choices. The standard of any modern culture is participation in the culture and basic skills like literacy and communication are built upon free access to learning resources, represented and provided first and foremost by libraries. Even schools cannot be seen as the first providers of education when there are age and citizenship restrictions placed upon access to both primary and higher education. Libraries are the primary source and outlet to any and all people of a community for literacy, education and learning assistance.
2893	7/12/2012	My current interest in books and reading was fostered by my local libraries when I was a child.
2894	7/12/2012	I LOVE books and have been reading since age 3. I now have a daughter (almost 10 months) who I would love to have follow in my footsteps. I grew up at the library, checking out tons of books, participating in programs and events through the library, doing homework and research there in a quiet space, and just hanging out there reading. We are a book oriented family and I'm so excited to take my daughter to Book Babies (among other things) and to keep having her excited for reading (she already is and LOVES books)!
2895	7/12/2012	THEY PROVIDE LOW COST EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE AND PROMOTE LITERACY.

2896	7/12/2012	People need a place that is quiet to go and do research, or look for a job, do homework, or just read and relax. Keeping the brain and imagination active is very important to me for myself and my children.
2897	7/12/2012	Ongoing education/lifelong learning for myself, family, and friends.
2898	7/12/2012	Readers have the opportunity to change the world, change our communities.[] Motivated people with gathered knowledge can build and improve what's broken.[] Also, such a HUGE resource for EVERYONE, not just the rich or the poor or the private schooled or whatever.[] I LOVE the Multnomah County Library system.
2899	7/12/2012	Lack of access to self education contributes to lack of skilled labor contributing to reduced community ability to attract business and jobs.
2900	7/12/2012	I have a 2 year old daughter. We don't have a lot of money, but I want to give her access to every book, class, activity I can. The library has so many resources to offer us: storytimes, book readings, amazing children's books, summer reading programs, etc. Without the public library, my daughter would not be as bright and well-rounded.
2901	7/12/2012	The library is probably the most widely used public service that i use. It provides a great public resources for everyone in our society.
2902	7/12/2012	Libraries have shaped my life, they have given me the opportunity to learn what I otherwise could not have. I grew up going to the library, and I love the Portland public libraries (though they should add more movies, more indie and niche ones to the collection) even though I didn't grow up with it, I find most books I want to read and the environment is awesome. I can't get the same materials through my college library, so when I want to read for fun, I head to the Woodstock one. It's great!
2903	7/12/2012	Libraries are the leveling place for our society--A place for exploring books and other media, having computer access, a place to do research and finish homework, a place for classes--for all groups of people, English and non-English learners alike. It doesn't matter how much money you have, where you live, where you go to school, if you're young or old or aren't from this country, or English isn't your first language...you can go to the library and explore all of its resources..
2904	7/12/2012	Because they're an important part of a healthy society.
2905	7/12/2012	We use the libraries often and rely on them. They are a crucial resource for our community.
2906	7/12/2012	Properly managed, a library system is critical to educating the public at a low cost. It should provide basic educational services to assist all people in meeting their civic obligations.
2907	7/12/2012	They allow all of the citizens of the county equal access to information, to resources, to knowledge, to entertainment.

2908	7/12/2012	Because I am a teacher and I am always checking out scads of non-fiction books for my 5th graders.[] [] Because I'm a teacher I have a very modest salary that doesn't allow me to constantly buy books and dvds. I count on the library for my entertainment. The MCL system rocks and I am very proud of it.
2909	7/12/2012	knowledge for the students, seniors, & children also I notice the children enjoy being with their parents. They look forward to going there to show their abilities in reading.
2910	7/12/2012	Access to informatikon and literature is essential to success
2911	7/12/2012	My family uses library services several times a week--far more than any other public service.
2912	7/12/2012	It is very important for me to go to a library with friendly staff that makes me feel comfortable to ask for the location of a book, a program, concerns in my account. If I compare the service provided for any multnomah county library with the DMV for example, the Multnomah county libraries have the best service with friendly staff available to help you.[] If I go to any DMV office they have the worst service ever! Meanest and rude staff, not saying the waiting time.
2913	7/12/2012	n/a
2914	7/12/2012	I can't afford to buy books or subscribe to many informational services -- the library provides those for me and others, and is a glue to our community. I'm lucky now to be employed, but if I were not I'd be relying heavily on the library for both job-related research and a healthy way to spend my time while waiting to find employment.
2915	7/12/2012	I read a lot and value self education, yet can't afford to purchase as many books as I read, or have access to the Internet. The library provides these services, as well as all of the databases I belong to as a member of the library.
2916	7/12/2012	As a poor college student, when Financial Aid has been held up, I order textbooks through interlibrary loan so I can keep up in my classes. Additionally, it provides literacy and media to people who may not be able to afford it. Libraries are one of our greatest resources. Being able to go open a book and get the information you need instead of wading through websites and links and pay sites for magazines is important for students...and in this life, aren't we all students (whether we're still in school or not)?
2917	7/12/2012	Access to books at the library has allowed me to expand my knowledge on numerous topics that would not have happened if I were required to purchase all the books. As a person who reads predominantly non-fiction works, the library has been a source of informal adult education.
2918	7/12/2012	Reading and access to knowledge are crucial to development and opportunities for people in the community. This has an overall impact on conditions of the community.
2919	7/12/2012	Education should be free.

2920	7/12/2012	The library provides all the services already mentioned to ANYONE who can get to any one of the multiple locations.
2921	7/12/2012	Mostly on an economic level, it's important to me to not have to purchase books or movies I am interested in.
2922	7/12/2012	Not all people have means to enrich their knowledge and to have their researches done with much materials. Books are my first friends, they gave me wide imaginations and took me to far different places. I came from a third world country where good well-maintained books, and education are limited to well-off people. People here especially the children are so lucky to be able to enjoy books and computers that they can read free. They are blessed that they have the privilege of enjoying their rights. I hope this rights may not be taken from them.
2923	7/12/2012	As a parent, I rely on the library for services for my toddler. As an educator, the library is a key resource. I check out approximately 70 books every 2 months to correspond with my content units. It is not feasible for my school to purchase all those books, so the library's resources bring a plethora of books to my students that they wouldn't have access to otherwise.
2924	7/12/2012	Libraries for me are a source of enrichment and entertainment. Since I am poor, books, lecture series, and music titles provide a great deal of entertainment for me free of charge (apart from the taxes I gladly pay to support the system) as well as a way to educate myself since I cannot afford higher education. I also love walking into the Central library because I feel like I'm walking into a kind of palace, a palace built for the people. It's the nicest building by far that I ever am allowed to enter. Maybe that isn't very important, but it means something to me. None of the other Multnomah libraries I've been to feel quite like that.
2925	7/12/2012	I grew up with the summer reading program. My brother and I were always excited to go to the library, get a new book, and get our passport filled out for the cheap little prizes. I credit that program with providing motivation for children, including myself, to read. As I continued with my education, the public library became a great meeting place for study groups during highschool and college.
2926	7/12/2012	How can you compare? The library system is VERY important. So are other services. If you want me to rank them, give me some examples to compare against.
2927	7/12/2012	I value an educated populace, and having access to books and information is key.
2928	7/12/2012	Because libraries are gateways for learning, exploring, and growing as human beings and they serve to equalize society by not discriminating financially on who and who can not access their services- all are able to utilize their resources.

2929	7/12/2012	For me the library held all the knowledge when I was a kid. We didn't have much and my step- father was an alcoholic and my mom tried her best. When I was introduced to the Holgate library in 1988, it became my second home I was able to escape and go anywhere all I had to do was open a book, and start reading. .and it was all free, so my parents couldn't say no. and it was just down the street from my house. I felt safe because my step-father wouldn't find me there. growing up I was teased alot and again I turned to the Multnomah County Library system to find the answers to my daily tears. I came to soon realize that books gave me the freedom to be who I wanted, and now as a 37 year old mother I believe that the greatest gift for a child when he or she can write their own name is a library card.
2930	7/12/2012	Not as critical as water, but very important.
2931	7/12/2012	A literate community is the surest defense of democracy. The library is more than a place to get books. It should be a central part of every community, offering resources, respite information, community services and more.[] []
2932	7/12/2012	Given the importance, I think it was shortsighted of library management to close one day a week when they could have staggered closing days and limited hours of less-used facilities.[] [] Make staffing more effective and functional. This would reduce costs without penalizing taxpaying library patrons.
2933	7/12/2012	Cost savings through borrow books over buying every book that strikes my interest. I'm in grad school, so books are essential to my studies and success.
2934	7/12/2012	It is the working class who pay for the things they never seem to have time to use. The undeserving hoards of "each according to his needs" are the beneficiaries of unearned rewards and achievements.
2935	7/12/2012	In a democracy, citizens must have access to information in all forms, including fiction, films, music.
2936	7/12/2012	They aren't so directly important to me but as a mother and grandmother I know what a library means to children and seniors.
2937	7/12/2012	Reading and watching old movies are a big part of our lives(ages 63 and 86). We can't afford to buy many books, so it's very nice to be able to put our names on the wait list for new books and not have to pay for them.
2938	7/12/2012	Given the competing demands of issues like public education, transportation needs, and public safety, library services falls to somewhat important.
2939	7/12/2012	The library is a place where the intrinsically motivated can find the information they believe that they need in order to be successful.
2940	7/12/2012	I believe schools, police, and fire departments are more important, but libraries are next on my list!

2941	7/12/2012	Though not essential, like police and fire, it greatly enhances the lives of those in the community. Allowing access to information and technology helps the individual better themselves and the whole community benefits.
2942	7/12/2012	If I do not have home internet access, I rely on the library's computers. I also use their meeting rooms, attend meetings there, meet people there, and access reference materials.
2943	7/12/2012	I think police, fire, and medical emergency services are far more important. I rank libraries in the next tier.
2944	7/12/2012	To maintain access to quality of life and self improvement features that we're better off if all have access.
2945	7/12/2012	Schools are number 1 for me. Now that so many of our schools don't have a librarian, our local library becomes even more vital.
2946	7/12/2012	wide access to books fuels my children's love of learning, opens their worldview
2947	7/12/2012	Libraries provide equal access to information, culture, and stories, which gives everyone the opportunity to create their own life.
2948	7/12/2012	It's hard to rank this, when I consider that police and fire services are also public services that are vital, as are services providing protection and care for the vulnerable members of our society. A good library system that is easily available is essential because of its role in educating people, providing entertainment, and other services through print and online sources.
2949	7/12/2012	As more and more people have limited income, borrowing books a greater service to all. Also libraries are community centers. Prioritizing Libraries prioritizes learning. I have very fond memories of taking my children to libraries and watching them joyfully hang out and discover books. Also, a great place for homeless people and those without internet access to access these necessary and positive experiences.
2950	7/12/2012	The ability of all of our community members (youth and elders) to learn is critical to our healthy human existence; libraries play an absolutely imperative role in this.
2951	7/12/2012	Because schools are losing their librarians and kids need the access for books and library help with research.
2952	7/12/2012	Libraries are foundations of communities, especially for individuals with limited funding who may not have another means to access the internet and reading materials.
2953	7/12/2012	Libraries are a unique and irreplaceable resource to me
2954	7/12/2012	Libraries represent education, the ability to better oneself, and the freedom this country is founded upon. Libraries provide everyone with equal access and offer opportunities to those who would otherwise be without.
2955	7/12/2012	Critical for families with children. They need a variety of books to learn without spending a bunch of money.

2956	7/12/2012	I and my family use the library for research, study and entertainment, and appreciate the recent music and DVDs as well as books, along with the huge archive of older materials that are available.
2957	7/12/2012	Kids need to enjoy reading. Books are expensive to buy and once you have read them its nice to keep them in circulation for others to enjoy. An educated population leads to a bright future.
2958	7/12/2012	I think that public libraries are an essential resource for supporting early literacy for children, particularly low income families that cannot afford to purchase new books. Access to literature and services through public libraries helps support our public schools and education.
2959	7/12/2012	It is more likely I will use it than fire and police protection
2960	7/12/2012	Without the library I would be much less informed about literature music and film
2961	7/12/2012	I think that the library is very important, but could not place its importance over police and fire.
2962	7/12/2012	The freedom to access new, interesting and vital information is essential to staying informed and educated. We need to provide free library services to those who do not have ready access to the Internet, books and other sources of information. Knowledge is power and the library is a great source for knowledge!
2963	7/12/2012	Literacy is the key to our democracy and the library is a place where literacy services are free - Libraries are a place of enfranchisement. It is a place where all people of all socio-economic backgrounds come together. It is a meeting place. It is an amazing equalizer among those who thirst for knowledge, adventure, information, and fun.
2964	7/12/2012	Since age seven, I've felt the library is the single most valuable thing society has created.
2965	7/12/2012	It's knowledge, history and learning just sitting there, waiting for someone to dip into it, and it's just about free. What else could be more important, other than schools? Nothing!
2966	7/12/2012	I think education is invaluable. It is the most important thing for our society. It is what will keep us alive and thriving as a people. Libraries give this. They give information and human contact. They are about learning and community and staying connected.
2967	7/12/2012	Not everything is available on the net and it saves me from buying so many books.
2968	7/12/2012	not used
2969	7/12/2012	My local library is very important to me because I've always found it to be a great resource. The librarians and employees are always friendly and it's a wonderful place to study/read/work.
2970	7/12/2012	As they say at Faber College "Knowledge is Good"
2971	7/12/2012	The deplorable state of the public education system, as well as the protracted economic recovery, suggest more families and individuals will depend on libraries for a range of potentially life-altering services, but minimally their funding should evidence governmental commitment to fostering intelligent public discourse, and knowledge creation and development.
2972	7/12/2012	I think Public safety Police, Fire and Ambulance service to be higher priority. I would then place education k-12 and then colleges. I think Libraries are important.
2973	7/12/2012	Dear Multnomah County and state of Oregon- - -Let's keep making our world a better place!

2974	7/12/2012	Because I use our library regularly. I am there 3X a week, picking up and dropping off material.
2975	7/12/2012	The outreach services have been a great program for Seniors who otherwise might not get to the library.
2976	7/12/2012	Children, in particular those without computer access, need libraries to research items for school and for their general education. Additionally, free access to books is very important for a child's intellectual growth and to develop strong reading skills.
2977	7/12/2012	I use library services fairly frequently. I also have sentimental attachment to libraries - I was a bookworm and spent a great deal of my childhood in libraries. I think libraries have a civilizing influence on people.
2978	7/12/2012	I use the library more now than I did 2 yrs ago...
2979	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power; every citizen deserves the right to learn, to explore, to find their place in the world by accessing knowledge.
2980	7/12/2012	The library is a place that nurtures scholarly self-enrichment and literary pursuit, which is in short supply in everywhere else in our media-saturated environment.
2981	7/12/2012	They are important to us and we are heavy users, along with our children. Our family does have other options than using the library (borrowing from friends, computer use at home, download books on readers, etc.) . For me, public schools are more important. And I am not sure how library funding and school funding interplay.
2982	7/12/2012	Many reasons. The library is a great resource for people who might not otherwise know where to turn for services. It is a refuge for both children and adults on rainy and hot days. When my home computer has stopped working, I know I can go to the library and have access to anything I might need. As money grows tighter, I no longer purchase books and movies, since I know I can get almost anything I might want through the library system. Also, it is very nice to go in, for whatever reason, and know that I'll be greeted by staff members who know me and are glad to see me.
2983	7/12/2012	Education, literacy, and an interest in knowledge! Access to this in all socioeconomic levels is vital to an educated and informed public
2984	7/12/2012	Libraries offer the most democratic, economically reasonable, and fair way to open culture, learning and information to a diverse public. It serves adults and children individually at whatever level is required. To me it is the most important social service any city or county can offer, short of keeping people from starving or being sick.
2985	7/12/2012	The library services: 1. Provide free access to books, media, electronic information, research to all individuals. 2. Promote preliteracy and literacy in children 3. Provide storytimes and educational opportunities for families so parents can help their children develop reading skills and an interest in language/music/learning 4. Provide community programs that support the interests of many ages 5. Provide a place for people to gather to read, learn, etc.

2986	7/12/2012	Access to knowledge. Knowledge is power.
2987	7/12/2012	Books are an amazing and powerful source of knowledge. What better way to educate and empower people than through a free and cultivated resource such as the libraries?
2988	7/12/2012	They represent knowledge, a place for people to gather, and a quality of information that may not be available in peoples' lives elsewhere.
2989	7/12/2012	Reading has been a basic hobby formover 50 years
2990	7/12/2012	For me it is more the feel of sitting down and reading a paper book rather than the knowledge gathered by reading.
2991	7/12/2012	Libraries are one of the founding pillars of our communities. Without libraries, access to knowledge and information becomes restricted, and every citizen should havethe right to this access.
2992	7/12/2012	access to the world! See my school comment. State and city mandates that they get ever more money, the burden on home owners continues to climb and will not ever stop, so the priority has to go to them. Push to shove, most people have internet access to get info they want or need, even on their smart phones - pc's are a dying technology, and books???
2993	7/12/2012	Fahrenheit 451 anyone? You can download thousands of books on readers now. Other than as significantly-downsized internet cafes, brick and mortar libraries are an anachronism, like large-scale LP and CD record stores and book stores. Time to change the Public Information Repository paradigm. You'd be much better off having x number of MuCo Internet Community Access sites (East, North, Central, West, South, all on Max/Streetcar lines) with just 100 reservation-only workstations with wi-fi'd cable-locked tablets, readers and check-out chips and flash drives, eliminating all the books, magazines, racks, chairs, etc. I don't like to lose the old ways but times have changed, and it's not the world I grew up in anymore. I don't like seeing people lose their jobs - that's the only reason I want funding for the brick and mortar libraries we have.
2994	7/12/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy and a well informed public - and I use ours a lot. It's one of the things that makes living in Portland wonderful - something we can be proud of.
2995	7/12/2012	I use the library for books, movies, music. It helps me reduce my consumption from companies that I'd rather not support and reduces my impact on the planet. And saves me money.
2996	7/12/2012	Borrowing books from the library in our depressed economy and culture fosters the best elements of our humanity: intelligence, values, and purpose. Being able to freely access library services nurtures dreams, abilities, and community.
2997	7/12/2012	Libraries are places people with few resources can go to better themselves. Many of my students are able to access reading material and computers, which they don't have at home. Access to reading over the summer, especially, is essential in building a strong workforce and educated in the future.
2998	7/12/2012	It is an important part of the social safety net. The poorer you are, the more you rely on the library.
2999	7/12/2012	Free books and CDs!

3000	7/12/2012	I use the library all the time! It is important to me that there is new materials being bought. Its also very important that those who want to read & learn may have that opportunity if they don't have money to buy books and to rent music & movies.
3001	7/12/2012	Low/no cost access to opportunities that provide an equilateral situation for all citizens.
3002	7/12/2012	<p>I love books and I love my library. I use it for videos and books. I place holds on line. I also enjoy the Lucky Day section....it is great. However, I am disappointed in the Lucky Day section at the Hollywood Library. Not many books, or maybe it is widely used??? The Belmont Lucky Day section is good and varied....the Central Library has the best! Great idea and stars to whomever thought of it.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I appreciate that the homeless and lower income have a place to come and sit and read, even if it is the comic book...al reading is good.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Upon purchasing a Kindle I went to the Central Library to get a clarification on the process for transferring electronic books.[]</p> <p>Staff wasn't well informed on the process. After going up that management ladder, it was finally clarified that books could no be donwnloaded from the library, the computer was blocked for security reasons.</p>
3003	7/12/2012	They preserve and protect knowledge and culture.
3004	7/12/2012	<p>I feel like it connects my family with the community. It makes me feel like we are part of the community. And while we are connecting, we are bringing a deep love for print into our home for our children. I fell madly in love with the library when my first son was born. I had no idea so many services were offered to families with children, even babies. The library has become a huge part of my son's life and I hope for the same with my baby. Library trips bring my family together like nothing else.</p>
3005	7/12/2012	<p>Well... water, sewer, electricity.. people die when you don't have those...[]</p> <p>people just get stupid with out libraries.. when I was in College I practically lived at Central branch.</p>
3006	7/12/2012	The resources at our local library enable EVERYONE to have access to educational materials, computer resources, and the tools necessary to succeed. Without these, we can't achieve other goals.
3007	7/12/2012	Libraries are truly the cornerstone of democracy, providing free and open access to information, technology, and literacy, and serving as key community places for all of our diverse populations to interact, convene, and learn. There are few public services that positively build communities and engage nearly all segments of residents in bettering themselves, their families, and their communities. The role of our libraries in supporting equity and communities are undervalued and often unrecognized.

3008	7/12/2012	<p>When I was growing up, my mother walked to the library at least three times a week. I went with her once a week. We were not in the practice of buying books because we didn't use our discretionary income for book purchases. Today, I am probably more likely to buy a book that I want than to be fourth in line with a "hold" on that book (recent experience when we went looking for a book on hiking the Central Oregon Cascades by William Sullivan. Note: please get a few extra copies! at least during the summer!). But I recognize that many people rely on libraries the way I used to. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>I am also saddened by the way people gain information these days - Internet sound bytes, sometimes quite inaccurate. For me, that underscores the importance of having trained people who love stories, words, and information and know how to find them, and love helping people access them, in buildings designed to protect the stories, words, and information and access to those things.</p>
3009	7/12/2012	Keeping a core of literacy in society is one of the threads that can hold a city, or a culture, together using intelligence rather than coercion or other unpleasant means.
3010	7/12/2012	Access to information is the foundation of society, democracy and civilization.
3011	7/12/2012	information equals freedom. self education is very important to stable character growth.
3012	7/12/2012	The library is very important to me, but so are fire and police services.
3013	7/12/2012	I am a school teacher. Access to library materials enhances my classroom teaching, as well as providing books for my students to read.
3014	7/12/2012	I love to read and I am a student so access to computer and free books are great!
3015	7/12/2012	information is power!
3016	7/12/2012	<p>Library services are very important and bring a wealth of knowledge to the public. It's difficult to compare that to other services without specifically stating which other services should be used in the comparison.</p> <p>The public needs access to programs for education, public computers, help with jobs, language learning and especially be able to check out materials for personal use whether it be an item to excersize the imagination or to learn something.¶</p> <p>Also, many school librarians and art programs have been cut from schools a the only access to those programs is thru the library.</p> <p>Having an affordable and local facility where folks of all means can gather and access information is extremely important. It allows those who might otherwise not have access to media to enjoy these luxuries for learning and entertainment.</p>
3017	7/12/2012	
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3019	7/12/2012	A community without a library is like a playground without swings
3020	7/12/2012	I value the use of the Library, especially the books, music, and film.
3021	7/12/2012	Hard to think of other local public services specifically. I guess I use public parks and roads but those aren't really services....
3022	7/12/2012	Very.

3023	7/12/2012	I think reading and having access to books is extremely important. I could not afford to buy books all the time and the library gives me a chance to enjoy one of my favorite past times, reading. It is also the center for community activity. Programs at the library touch young and old and are important in keeping people connected to what is going on in the world around them
3024	7/12/2012	Fire department, voter pamphlets and other voter mailers, county commisioners, mail.
3025	7/12/2012	A citizenry that doesnt read not informed...tv and radio cant give the whole story. The internet is good but sometimes its hard to tell what is real.Reading expands your world and makes you smarter
3026	7/12/2012	Library services are essential to a community. Library gives access to so many resources, materials, computers, public information, support for children, seniors, homeless, lonely. lifelong learning with dignity.
3027	7/12/2012	Our local libraries are like no others in the world. They support the life of the mind for everyone, wealthy and poor. Without their services --- books, media, educational programs, lectures, languages, exhibits, a community can become a sort of wasteland. I have seen this in other places in this country and abroad; it is a sad picture.
3028	7/12/2012	It directly affects the health of the community.
3029	7/12/2012	I believe that they support an educated, informed, and connected society and community.
3030	7/12/2012	They service many uses and one never knows WHICH SERVICE ONE MIGHT NEED, on a daily basis. Ex: if our Computer goes Zip, one can always go to a LIBRARY for their use.
3031	7/12/2012	They are a great resource for all community members. There is so much that can be accessed through libraries and it is the only place some people can access such services (job seeking resources, children's programs, reading material, computer access). I am a high school teacher and recognize the importance of reading in a child's life. Libraries are important to all communities.
3032	7/12/2012	Because reading is knowledge and education.
3033	7/12/2012	Knowledge in general and of the arts is the key to our existence!
3034	7/12/2012	library services are as critical as other other local public services
3035	7/12/2012	They are a resource for me while on a restricted budget for entertainment and free access to knowledge and new ideas to work on and things to do.
3036	7/12/2012	The library allows students to access research materials, promotes literacy by providing free books to loan out, allows people to see movies for free, and sample music before purchasing it. I have used the library on a regular basis throughtout my life. The library promoted my reading skills by offering summer reading programs that gave me incentives to continue reading all summer long. It has made a positive impact on many children and other members of our community.
3037	7/12/2012	I am a reader.
3038	7/12/2012	It's important to have affordable access to books and other resources in our community. I only put somewhat because if I had to choose, of course I would have to put police, fire, schools first.

3039	7/12/2012	The library is a gateway, and vital, I think, to a community and especially to those with less financial means.
3040	7/12/2012	Being able to "borrow" all the books we read is fabulous! We would never be able to purchase them all. We are now also enjoying e-books!
3041	7/12/2012	police and fire more important
3042	7/12/2012	I cannot afford to purchase a copy of every book or periodical I need to use. Access to these materials is very important to me. I am constantly looking for things either in the collections of the MCL or using their website as a gateway to online materials such as the Oregonian or WorldCat.
3043	7/12/2012	I do a lot of reading and I feel that libraries are a way to keep information and information exchange free, which is extremely important in this age of commercialized everything. I feel it is one of the very important services of state government, along with public schools, police, fire, and transportation.
3044	7/12/2012	I worked in social services. I provided direct service for children and mothers fleeing domestic violence in an emergency shelter. The library was a place people with few resources could access information, reading programs and support around language development as esl learners. The library accepts local submissions, which was a way we got teens involved submitting their own zines and limited edition books. At the library they teach computer skills to seniors for free. The grand stairway of the central library still inspires me. I m so proud of the library system as a truly public American institution founded on the belief that all questions deserve answers, a place where people are treated equally and respectfully. I volunteered in the summer reading programs and watched children latch onto books. They gained so much confidence, many improving grade levels in reading comprehension just over the summer. When I moved to Portland I didn t know a soul, but the library was a welcoming sanctuary. I didn t have to spend money to be there and the books were endless in supply and variety.
3045	7/12/2012	So important for neighborhoods to have places to access information, read, gather. So important for children and the elderly.
3046	7/12/2012	I have personal sentiment for libraries in general but also think they serve a positive general purpose for a very wide range of people and that many would refer to themselves as truly loving the library.
3047	7/12/2012	It is very important. Reading and summer reading is very important to my kids. They love going to the library as much as possible. We often have 10-20 books checked out. They love it! We love the librarians too!
3048	7/12/2012	Because I have learned so much from materials I have borrowed from the library. I'm not buying books unless I want them for reference or to give as gifts. The thoughts and concepts I have learned have enabled me to change and enrich my life many times over, in all of life's cycles.

3049	7/12/2012	All members of our family rely heavily on library books for most of our learning and most of our entertainment. We are a homeschool family and the library is very important to us. I also believe that beyond my children enjoying reading and learning, it is deeply symbolic of living in a culturally rich and connected community. It teaches us about living in a peaceful world where there is enough resources for everyone. That is much bigger than simply having a good reading selection at home.
3050	7/12/2012	Because we are elderly and spend evening hours reading.
3051	7/12/2012	It's a way that all people in the community can have access to information and education. Libraries are a meeting place for people to get resources to improve themselves and our community.
3052	7/12/2012	Promotes literacy, exposure to media & community building
3053	7/12/2012	Reading is the foundation of education. Libraries are essential to an educated populace, and provide important resources that are accessible regardless of socioeconomic status and financial ability to purchase materials for oneself.
3054	7/12/2012	They offer services to people of all ages and backgrounds. I see a greater diversity of humanity in the library than anywhere else I go in my day.
3055	7/12/2012	My kids are still quite young. My fear is losing the funding for our libraries and having them be non-existent by the time they are older. I also know that the library is a lifeline to those who don't have a home or a computer. What happens to those people when that lifeline is lost?
3056	7/12/2012	reading and access to information are vital to democracy.
3057	7/12/2012	impt to encourage reading for everybody
3058	7/12/2012	I am a passionate reader and devotee of books. I believe that having educated citizens is the most critical element to a functional democracy, and that libraries are key to creating a well-informed, literate public.
3059	7/12/2012	Reading is an essential and basic function that everyone should be able to do and enjoy. People should have free access to a variety of books and materials. My sisters & I grew up going to the library every week and I wouldn't have had access to that many books and variety without it. It opened my mind and provided an escape when I didn't have many friends. I love to read as an adult and rediscovered the library a few years ago. I also believe people need free & public access to computers since many people don't own one. I have gotten way more than my money's worth from the library and believe it's more worthy of my tax dollars than many other services.
3060	7/12/2012	Reading is self-improvement
3061	7/12/2012	The library provides a wide range of services.
3062	7/12/2012	I LOVE the library personally but, it is that level of importance because of the service and access it provides to all. Access to books and other learning materials is vital to having a well-informed, educated society.
3063	7/12/2012	The public must have access to information. This allows for continued or extended education regardless of an individual's financial situation.

3064	7/12/2012	I believe in education and always learning, and reading is a huge part of that.
3065	7/12/2012	It is a very public service, open and accessible to all with all kinds of resources, pleasure and business, for all ages.
3066	7/12/2012	They are part of the foundation for our society, particularly for the future, since they help educate the community.
3067	7/12/2012	Because I have used in the past and would like to continue to do so.
3068	7/12/2012	Culture is important and libraries are a space for everyone.
3069	7/12/2012	They level the playing field. Libraries offer books/tools/resources to all community members regardless of income. They provide learning environments. We need libraries in a democratic society
3070	7/12/2012	They provide so many services to so many people. The books, the videos, the computer access, the educational support, the access to literacy for all people. They are also an important meeting place for the community.
3071	7/12/2012	Crime health and safety are essential. That would include safe roads, drug free city, and homelessness. We are so far behind in taking care of these function of government. Then there are the schools. Money for schools hands down before libraries. Libraries are a great luxury. When we get the other essential services up to standard, maybe then we will have enough resources to fund libraries at the current level.
3072	7/12/2012	Local library services are of the highest level of importance because I don't see much that remains of public services. Are there any public services available that provide materials for reading, research, education, and solitude? The library. Maybe an outsourced nonprofit that has no oversight? I don't see much left in our community that can provide what the library does for our neighborhoods and schools. Sad that we have shifted/voted the task of public services to our local libraries. But it's true.
3073	7/12/2012	Because the library provides access to books that I would not be able to get
3074	7/12/2012	I love the library and it's services and it is very important to me that we fund and continue to keep this service thriving
3075	7/12/2012	They enrich our communities with knowledge and access to necessary services. They give a tremendous amount of opportunity to our communities children.
3076	7/12/2012	I am a student who works part time and I really depend on the library for resources. It's a great place to get novels, help from the librarians and a spot off campus to use the computer and read.
3077	7/12/2012	Education [] Current affairs[] Quality of life[] Enjoyment[] A place to gather

3078	7/12/2012	The library benefits all of us. The programs assist those who would not otherwise have access to educational and computer resources in the home. It also supplies current reading and electronic materials at little or no cost.
3079	7/12/2012	I check out books there sometimes. Very convenient. They provide resources to anyone and everyone - they are a very egalitarian service and those who want to get more out of them -- or need to get more out of them - can. It's a resource to those that need it and those that just want it.[] []
3080	7/12/2012	I thought that technology would put an end to libraries but it seems the opposite - library services seem to be better accessed thanks to technology such as being able to search for and request books to pick up. A lot of people are accessing the internet and other info from the library as well - great for those who can't or don't have computer access at home.
3081	7/12/2012	As an avid reader the security of the local library services are paramount. The availability of resources as well as their quality will help keep people coming to the library as well as attract new users.
3082	7/12/2012	This is an institution that should never have been given the shaft these past years. I believe it is a right for all citizens to have a public library. It is a disgrace that it has come to this.
3083	7/12/2012	Access to information is one of the most important things in a "free" society.
3084	7/12/2012	We use the library on a regular basis. Several of our neighbors do also and we compare notes.
3085	7/12/2012	THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE A "FIXTURE" NOT A SERVICE THAT EVERY FEW YEARS IT CAN BE RADICALLY CHANGED BY \$\$\$\$. I dont no how to rate that.
3086	7/12/2012	They foster more community than most other public services.
3087	7/12/2012	Everyone needs access to books, magazines, music, internet, etc.
3088	7/12/2012	very low
3089	7/12/2012	Because I use it every week and during the summer daily. I love taking my son to the library and getting to borrow new-to-him books. I love seeing my neighbors there and just having a cool place to go that doesn't cost me money.
3090	7/12/2012	for reasons listed previously, and generally that they are a mainstay of our society. it is important to have social centers, where people interact, get information, entertainment and enlightenment.
3091	7/12/2012	I love reading and can't afford to feed my addiction, and I am passing that love on to my children
3092	7/12/2012	Not everyone can go to powells every time they need reading material or reference materials. Not everyone has their own computer or Internet access. Libraries help to equalize that
3093	7/12/2012	I love to read!!!
3094	7/12/2012	Libraries assist those in seeking a job, they bring together the community with book readings/book groups, and the help educate children.
3095	7/12/2012	Libraries are not essential for survival (water, food, safety, sewers, garbage disposal, roads...) but are right in the next line together with education

3096	7/12/2012	De facto community center
3097	7/12/2012	The libraries are a critical component in building our community, providing educational materials for our children and inspiring reading and learning in our daily lives.
3098	7/12/2012	I read, I write, I think. Free, public libraries are the cornerstone of an intelligent populace, along with quality public education. Libraries foster literacy. Literacy helps people function in education, jobs, accessing health care, and many other facets of life. Free access to information is empowering. []
3099	7/12/2012	I have used public libraries since my earliest memories, reading far more books, articles, et cetera than I could ever afford to purchase. When I was 17 years old I used my local public library to find a job across the country. In college I was a library assistant, through a work-study job that helped me afford my education. Now my teen daughter has a book or two on hold for her at the library every few days. She is a voracious reader. I want all kids and adults to have access to the wonders in our libraries.
3100	7/12/2012	Nice but not nearly as important as public safety.
3101	7/12/2012	As a teacher, I use the libraries constantly to flesh out my classroom library. For a poetry unit that I did recently, I was able to check out a bunch of poetry books rather than having to purchase them. I love being able to go online and request books and then pick them up at my local NW library. I also utilize the printer at the library, since I don't have one in my apartment.
3102	7/12/2012	i think that self education is extremely vital to our community, and for people with low incomes, such as myself, buying a new book weekly simply is not possible. the library makes it possible, and also offers resources for people struggling in other ways.
3103	7/12/2012	It is a great resource for school age children to learn how to access research material. Preschool children can learn how books can take them on adventures. College students use the library for research for the many papers they write. The libraries I have gone to in Portland are not an inviting atmosphere where a person can go to read and relax. They are far to cramped.
3104	7/12/2012	This is the source of knowledge for everybody.
3105	7/12/2012	I use the library often
3106	7/12/2012	Because they are utilized by so many citizens for a variety of reasons. Literacy is important!!!!
3107	7/12/2012	They provide resources to everyone, not just one group. All walks of life can use the same facility. That isn't always the case with public service areas.
3108	7/12/2012	Everyone has the right to education for free weather that be libraries or school
3109	7/12/2012	access for everyone; convenient location; environmental and economical (don't have to purchase every book); resources for the neighborhood/ community
3110	7/12/2012	N/A
3111	7/12/2012	BEcause I read a great deal, my family members read a great deal, and we only borrow CDs and DVDs from the library as opposed to using Netflix, etc.

3112	7/12/2012	Books are very important to all learning. The use of a library must be available for all ages and needs. It is a social service and unfortunately underfunded because social services do not receive the respect and consideration that they should.
3113	7/12/2012	They provide access to resources and information that some people would not have access to otherwise. A healthy active library is a key part of a community.
3114	7/12/2012	They represent a community resource of a literate and informed public.
3115	7/12/2012	A library is something the whole family can use. And it is a repository of books and information that all types of people can use, for pleasure, for research, for learning, and for help. It would be a sad world to not have libraries.
3116	7/12/2012	I grew up going to the library, it is a place for kids to learn and since the Portland public schools are so bad we need libraries to be a safe clean place for kids.
3117	7/12/2012	Its not life or death (police and fire departments) but it has a huge influence on the quality of life in the community, now and in the future.
3118	7/12/2012	A place where people can seek knowledge and sometimes peace and quiet and of course reading and education
3119	7/12/2012	Because it is available to people of various incomes.
3120	7/12/2012	For many people who cannot afford to purchase books the library is their only option. This is especially true for elderly and homeless. Students need a place to study as well as access to research materials and those w/out a computer need free access to one and library is the only place that offers this.
3121	7/12/2012	b/c i use them weekly; they provide an opportunity for my child to engage in independent reading and research; they allow me and my family access to leisure which we might not be able to afford to pay for (books/dvds/cds/classes such as knitting); i have been going since i moved here and so it is like my favorite coffee shop: i run into people i know at the library, i am familiar with most of the staff - they are an extended family i don't have in portland.
3122	7/12/2012	Libraries are a fundamental community resource on so many levels. I'm taking this survey on my phone, and the last time o waxed eloquent about my love of the library, it became a 3000bigger word essay, which is not happening here :-)

<p>3123 7/12/2012</p>	<p>Libraries are places where Library people offer so much from classes and job search assistance to training people in technology and entrepreneurship or teaching a new cultural experience. Libraries are where people come together to learn a language in ESOL classes or get a degree to get ahead like GED classes. Libraries are where our cultural folktales, myths and histories are learned in storytelling classes and where millions of people have found solace, a voice and the strength to go just one more day because of something they read in a book. Libraries are our community anchors - active social hubs in our neighborhoods where all generations can come together, interact and pass on cultural information through a story read, a book suggested, a video offered, a new food tasted, a new music heard. The "glue" that holds all of this together are the Library people who care care about providing engaging learning that help the community they serve and hold so dear. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Libraries contain the books and materials are where people learn who they are and where they come from and where they can go. Without libraries, people become ignorant. Ignorance breeds misunderstanding and mistrust, which breeds fear which breeds contempt that leads to hatred - which ultimately triggers violence. ☐</p> <p>The public library in America will only be irrelevant when it is inaccessible</p>
<p>3124 7/12/2012</p>	<p>I am ethically more comited to funding the basic needs of hunger, shelter, and health care for Oregonians and those who live in my community. However, I love and respect the wonderful Multnomah County Library system in Oregon and appreciate the services that they provide for children, the elderly, and individuals who don't have the financial resources to afford books and technology that might make a library less necessary for their education, pleasure of reading, and access to resources for finding jobs.</p>
<p>3125 7/12/2012</p>	<p>Not something that your life depends on like food, clothing and shelter</p>
<p>3126 7/12/2012</p>	<p>someone needs to look out for literacy</p>
<p>3127 7/12/2012</p>	<p>I like to go to the library when it's convenient for me, Not you.</p>
<p>3128 7/12/2012</p>	<p>The library is a central part of the community. It ensures equal access to information, since not everyone can afford to subscribe to and purchase the publications they want to read. Classes and workshops are excellent and important for creating a sense of neighborhood cohesion.</p>
<p>3129 7/12/2012</p>	<p>Because I simply don't use the library any more. Books are available online, as are periodicals. I can search for back articles online. For what I pay in taxes to support the library system (close to \$700 a year), I could buy all the books I could possibly want to read in a year. The cost of the system is completely disproportionate to the percentage of the population it serves or the needs it presently addresses. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>And I am a reader! I love the idea of libraries, I spent much of my life studying in them. But they are no longer necessary for either book borrowing or reference. The system should look to going entirely online so that it could function at a much lower cost.</p>

3130	7/12/2012	Every time I go in to the library, I am amazed by the sheer volume of knowledge that is contained inside it's walls. I like to browse into new areas. My pattern of reading is to check out one or two non-fiction books for every fiction book to expand my knowledge and intelligence. The library is a very fun and pride building place to get to enjoy.
3131	7/12/2012	The library helps educate the populace and that is important if our democracy is to function properly.
3132	7/12/2012	I use the library frequently to be able to have an affordable way of continuing to access books and media. It reduces waste also to be able to have books read by many vs buy a book that is read by only 1.
3133	7/12/2012	Reading books is a great way to escape and to learn. Libraries serve an important role in our communities by having an array of reading material for people that want to learn, to escape, to broaden their horizons and for those that need to use the computers for job searches. It's especially important for those that are low income and cannot afford to go buy books.
3134	7/12/2012	I think communities need these resources
3135	7/12/2012	I put it up there with public transportation. Libraries provide broad-based opportunities through books that are not available for the average family.
3136	7/12/2012	We love our Mult co library!! We donate to the Foundation. Our children read several books per week. My husband and I use the ebooks. My husband constantly checks out business books that would be too expensive to buy for the single read. Without the convenience and accessibility of our library, our community would really suffer. We have one the best systems in the country (I have used library services in WI, IL, GA and KY).
3137	7/12/2012	Not as important as schools or public safety, but very important to keep the public literate which is critical to freedom.
3138	7/12/2012	Because it is an affordable source of information and entertainment for all ages.
3139	7/12/2012	Libraries are a vital part of the community.
3140	7/12/2012	I think public health services are more important. But the public service of providing knowledge and access to information is a close second.

3141	7/12/2012	<p>It is a quality of life issue. It is available to anyone with a card, free of charge. It is the best in the country because Portlanders value it so much. When I have out of town guests I take them downtown and show off our Central library and brag that We voted excess money so we could preserve and glorify our local monument rather than rebuilding a new one. I grew up in SE Portland. We were very poor but had a richness in my life because we have such a great library. My senior year of high school I spent more time in the library than at school... (it was '72 when PPS Dist#1 was only open 8 months... sound familiar?) The library served my education well. Education from any source is much needed in Oregon. ☐</p> <p>How many reasons do you need?</p>
3142	7/12/2012	<p>Public transit and libraries are the two most used services the city provides us.</p>
3143	7/12/2012	<p>I am a student a PSU. I rely on Mult. Co. Lib. for materials that I can't get otherwise. I also rely on them for my happiness. I am a book junkie and try to read 1=2 books every week. Without the library, due to my limited funds, I wouldn't be able to read what I want to.</p>
3144	7/12/2012	<p>Libraries rank high on a level of local [over-all] public services. They serve multiple functions. They're available to the poorest among us. Anyone can access a library, regardless of who they are. Libraries are an invaluable resource, in terms of knowledge, info-seeking, and media access.</p>
3145	7/12/2012	<p>Education and access to information is critical to modern society</p>
3146	7/12/2012	<p>I use the library frequently. It allows me access to books and other media that I don't have the money to purchase. I think the purpose of the library is important, but I don't think it's more important than health services.</p>
3147	7/12/2012	<p>All should have access to materials to create an educated society of informed citizens.</p>
3148	7/12/2012	<p>I am a frequent user and enjoy the convenience</p>
3149	7/12/2012	<p>Because access to learning should be available to all. Society is at risk when learning is limited to a few. A library strengthens democracy and an educated, engaged populace.</p>
3150	7/12/2012	<p>Provides community resource, technology, education. All necessary elements for a succesful community.</p>
3151	7/12/2012	<p>Great for my kids, an important tool for seniors and it's an integral part of the community.</p>
3152	7/12/2012	<p>information, education, entertainment</p>
3153	7/12/2012	<p>Because libraries provide a place to go use the computer, read, do your homework, stay out of trouble, volunteer and more.. libraries have so much knowledge within them</p>
3154	7/12/2012	<p>I moved to the greater portland area about 7 years ago, and the library system is one of my proudest bragging rights about living here.</p>
3155	7/12/2012	<p>See my earlier answer about education and the underserved and those who perceive themselves as powerless.</p>
3156	7/12/2012	<p>The library is my main source of books. I wouldn't be able to read nearly as much without the library. When doing research I need access to a large number of resources. I can't afford to buy every book I want to read.</p>

3157	7/12/2012	It's the one I use the most.
3158	7/12/2012	With limited income things are still available to me that otherwise would not be
3159	7/12/2012	Access to research & reading is a basic right of a society
3160	7/12/2012	I believe literacy is important to our community and having the opportunity available to everyone is beneficial to society in general.
3161	7/12/2012	They provide an important need in society
3162	7/12/2012	Education has been the way out of many things for our family. The local library has the means to educate youth to elder. It is a positive place to refer people to.
3163	7/12/2012	I am a teacher and an avid reader. I support literacy, learning, and access to a variety of reading materials. I will always support libraries.
3164	7/12/2012	they offer access to culture for EVERYbody and it's FREE
3165	7/12/2012	Libraries have been part of my life since I can remember. The weekly trip to the library was always something to look forward to. Bringing home new books, taking part in the summer reading programs and learning about how much the libraries have to offer is something I am looking forward to teaching my daughter.
3166	7/12/2012	Libraries have a great deal to do with the educational level and general proficiency of the citizenry. Besides being a source for learning, they are a tremendous source of good entertainment. ¶ ¶
3167	7/12/2012	This library is special and should remain so. Love of reading.
3168	7/12/2012	I believe in education and having access to a library is one of the biggest parts of this. We are a society that is increasingly becoming lower and lower on the social economic scale, and our children's test scores are becoming a joke. We need libraries for people to educate themselves. Also in these hard economic times people do not have the disposable cash they use to for bookstores, and for many entertainment options, libraries give free wonderful entertainment to the masses.
3169	7/12/2012	Because I love to read and have access to info on any subject - in BOOKS, not online
3170	7/12/2012	I feel it is essential for every member of a community to have free access to books, music, and a computer.
3171	7/12/2012	even with a bad economy, people still can have access to education means & enjoyable means of reading
3172	7/12/2012	I just feel that when I go in to use our Library, like other public services, I can never get a good answer.

3173	7/12/2012	We utilize the library frequently; it has become our sole source of books, music, and dvds. My husband lost his job two years ago and the strain on our finances dictates that we no longer purchase new books, or even used ones, and buying music or dvds is out of the question. A world without the exchange of ideas that these media provide us is not a world in which I want to live. There is nothing like the joy of feeling a book in your hands and the smell of the paper; electronic reading material just isn't the same. To have this continued access 7 days a week is worth the cost of paying for a library district, and will enrich the lives of everyone.
3174	7/12/2012	Literacy is important to me, I believe we should all read well in order to be competent citizens. Libraries help advocate for literacy and try to help those that don't have access to information, classes, books or computers.
3175	7/12/2012	Read a lot
3176	7/12/2012	I prefer to check books out rather than purchase books...and the library has been invaluable as I research career shifts. Further, I believe that strong libraries are important points of access to information for the public, and create opportunities that would not otherwise exist, especially for low-income folks.
3177	7/12/2012	connecting with staff who are always "there for you." and with resources beyond the scope of my little world
3178	7/12/2012	One of the few government services I use and feel I get value for my tax dollars.
3179	7/12/2012	The library is the source of my reading material. It is also one of my favorite places to go.
3180	7/12/2012	They are my source of research resources and a place of community.
3181	7/12/2012	The library services are important to me because I feel the library supports and encourages a cross-section of Multnomah County residents to read and develop life-skills in a low-cost environment.
3182	7/12/2012	If people and especially children do not learn to read they are unable to compete in quality good paying jobs. Eventually Americans will be come irrelevant to the global and local economy. A good education starts with the foundation of reading and becoming interested in learning at an early age is the best way to help them get started. The library also does not discriminate based on ethnicity or income, everyone has access to it.
3183	7/12/2012	I like the library personally and for my family, but I have seen in various ways how it impacts the community positively.
3184	7/12/2012	high
3185	7/12/2012	It's a healthy place to be a part of! Has there EVER been a day there has not been a line of people waiting for the doors to open, or when it was time to close the building was empty early?

3186	7/12/2012	<p>While police and fire fighters respond to threats, it was always the calm, welcoming library that truly made me feel safe. I can not remember when I met a policeman, but I practically lived at my library.[]</p> <p>Water and garbage service bring a level of health to my home, but it is the library that has the resources for me to understand my health and my history. While others applaud the internet, I need the reassurance that I can stop reading, go away, and come back to my book. How could I live without the fantasy, the science fiction, the history, and the indepth knowledge that I can only get from my library. ?</p>
3187	7/12/2012	Question not well defined. Not enough information to answer.
3188	7/12/2012	Expands the world across socio economic levels
3189	7/12/2012	Lifelong learner -- I need information on abandoned mines-- I am an independent contractor, it fufills a role for my career. They have a good collection at central that has been developed over hundred years. Don't let the mgmt bleed it away until it's just a playpen with popular comic books
3190	7/12/2012	although I don't use them very much they are an important resource for others
3191	7/12/2012	the library was my favorite place to go as a kid and cemented a lifelong love of reading. still a great resource and place to kill an hour or three.
3192	7/12/2012	I see the local library as a friendly, safe, free and extensive community resource. Other local public services that I've used are not as extensive or have not had as friendly/helpful staff.
3193	7/12/2012	there are very few public services left in the west hills and the library is a beacon for those still seeking to read a book, seek references, and find answers using the printed word. Librarys foster a sense of community.[] Librarys serve as a safe, non-commercial gathering place.[]
3194	7/12/2012	Education is a life-long process. Librarys enrich the lives of citizens.[] Free access to information is critical to democracy.[] Librarys make excellent economic sense when the rate of use is as high as it is in Portland.[] Librarys are eco-friendly: we should share resources whenever possible.
3195	7/12/2012	It's a free way to enrich my children's lives. It's a place to go when it's raining. It's a place to gain some social contact during story hours for kids and parents. I check out books at the library for myself all the time too.
3196	7/12/2012	My family uses the library in all aspects of our life, work, play... education and entertainment. I also see how libraries provide equal access to crucial resources.
3197	7/12/2012	It is important but not vital for our survival
3198	7/12/2012	Because they help me educate and entertain my children. They also give me access to the internet if my home internet is not working.
3199	7/12/2012	Because reading is fun and good learning.

3200	7/12/2012	Schools and Safety are of utmost importance in a community. Libraries support schools and offer other services needed to educate the public. Education is the most important factor in a happy, well-led life.
3201	7/12/2012	Public libraries provide key access to cultural and educational resources. Any significant curtailment of service chips away at the quality of life in our community.
3202	7/12/2012	A well informed, well read community can make wiser more thoughtful decisions about the future. It is a safer and sane environment.
3203	7/12/2012	I work in a neighboring library district. I understand the importance of libraries in the community bringing literacy opportunities for all ages in many formats. I wholeheartedly support libraries in all their capacities.
3204	7/12/2012	Because I can get so many books there, and other media too. I therefore have access to the world, in addition to the internet, which is great but not always enough. I always have liked going to the library, sitting with a pile of books and squirreling away the information in them. I love the whole idea of libraries and I love that idea that they have always helped people gain access to the greater world.
3205	7/12/2012	I have always gotten a library card before most anything else when I move to a new community
3206	7/12/2012	They create access for all and promote positive learning experiences.
3207	7/12/2012	Libraries contribute greatly to the development of our young ones. They promote lifelong learning, curiosity, self-improvement, and community.
3208	7/12/2012	I do not they think are essential but they are a great service to have
3209	7/12/2012	I use the library more than any other public service. Also, it's a great way to keep people informed about things and to help out those who don't have money.
3210	7/12/2012	Health and safety are most important. I can plan my visits to the library around the hours it is open.
3211	7/12/2012	Being able to get books and other educational media is very important to my education.
3212	7/12/2012	It is a truly democratic institution and represents, or should represent, these values. I have admired how the Multnomah County Library has stood firm on free speech issues. Also, librarians are smart, and if they don't have the answer to a question, they know where to find it, or a helpful staff or patron who does.
3213	7/12/2012	essential to democracy

3214	7/12/2012	The library is a free source of education and information available to all members of our society according to our needs, interest, and motivation. Because of the poor quality of underfunded public schools, the public library can help compensate for material neglected in schools (such as the humanities) and supplement educational resources available to children and teenagers. In the same way it serves working adults like myself who do not have time and money to pursue courses at colleges. Multnomah County Library is therefore directly involved in the sustenance and development of the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of our community. It has also been useful as a source of information to me as a founding member of an upstart local business.
3215	7/12/2012	Because libraries allow low income individuals to prosper in so many ways. Without libraries we would have more youth out on the street with little guidance or tools to help them direct their lives. Libraries provide an alternative place to study for kids who may not privacy or a peaceful environment. They provide individual guidance into almost any new project or goal they have set out for themselves.
3216	7/12/2012	Very high--right up there with school funding. I'd rather cut the police budget than the library budget.
3217	7/12/2012	They are an important resource for information, technology and computer access.
3218	7/12/2012	They are universal, high quality, and the source of human knowledge.
3219	7/12/2012	Libraries contribute to the economic well being of the community through its learning programs which in turn helps support other local public services
3220	7/12/2012	Where else would I be able to order and pick up Chinese language materials, especially books and academic papers?
3221	7/12/2012	It provides different reading material for my family. I like to learn from instructional books. I want my child to have positive entertainment instead of just TV or video games.
3222	7/12/2012	I use the library all the time. I check out fiction and non-fiction on a regular basis. I can't imagine how/what I would read without our awesome library system. I have also use the library computers to print resumes and do job-searching every time my employment changes. The libraries are an invaluable service, providing equal access to information and resources for all people.
3223	7/12/2012	I grew up frequenting the San Diego library, and it was a big part of my childhood. I think that people feel safe at the library, and are able to easily find services that benefit their community.
3224	7/12/2012	Because they are essentially the only public services I utilize.
3225	7/12/2012	I think there are important because we have access to books and materials that we can't afford.
3226	7/12/2012	The only thing keeping evolution going is open access to information and literacy. Everything else is a result of this simple foundation.
3227	7/12/2012	i supremely value libraries for their basic purpose of allowing people to try out books and other media for free. they're also useful community centers and just very pleasant places to spend time for me personally. also the fact that the library is one of few places where the homeless can spend some really worthwhile time out of the elements is very valuable.

3228	7/12/2012	I value education, access to materials and a safe place to learn for everyone - for little to no cost for those who have a low income.
3229	7/12/2012	I love the library. I would say that if I had to choose between public health and the library, public health would win.
3230	7/12/2012	use the facilities regularly
3231	7/12/2012	Because libraries are something that everyone or as close to everyone as we can get, can use in so many different ways to improve or enhance life and good will towards all.
3232	7/12/2012	The library helps keep people less stupid than they have to be, and to use internet when they have none
3233	7/12/2012	The public library is the soul of a society. Access to information and ongoing education available to citizens through the public library system is key to an aware population in a democratic society.
3234	7/12/2012	education and community services = good life
3235	7/12/2012	Because they open the door to other resources. Because they empower me with knowledge. Because they help each member of my family in various ways - job search; kid and senior programs; new books new knowledge. We also really appreciate the help that the librarians give us at Central Library - from the very first desk as we walk in the door (although the young lady tells me she is not a librarian - she is very knowledgeable and helpful) to the 3rd floor reference desks, we always get the help we need, and it is very much appreciated!
3236	7/12/2012	Beyond clean water and public safety I think it is the most vital public service/
3237	7/12/2012	Checking out materials is a very efficient and sustainable way of accessing books and other media.
3238	7/12/2012	six days a week is fine. we can't afford more. please be sensitive to the incomes of seniors and the disabled. now the schools want a new tax.
3239	7/12/2012	No matter how broke I am I can always go to the library and find a good book or movie for entertainment. I have spent many hour at the library with my children.
3240	7/12/2012	Nothing else compares with the gift of reading.
3241	7/12/2012	Literacy, knowledge, access and entertainment.
3242	7/12/2012	Library is our learning center, we get the material for our project, learning, most of all, keep reading with various books. It's even more important than school can provide, sometimes.
3243	7/12/2012	Library services are only somewhat important because they do not have a wide variety of the types of books and resources that I use most frequently (Christian religious books and resources).
3244	7/12/2012	To help further/aid my current education by providing resources for research, etc.
3245	7/12/2012	L:ibrary is a major educational and information resource for the community.
3246	7/12/2012	extremely-- I consider it one of the most valuable, accessible resources to the public -- which includes all age groups & ethnicities
3247	7/12/2012	I do research constantly, much in lieu of an "ordinary" social life. Autonomous access to the finest minds in print is as essential to me as food.

3248	7/12/2012	The library provides an essential resource for public education that not all people are able to maintain otherwise after high school.
3249	7/12/2012	Free access (even though we pay indirectly) to information & services.¶ I think it is important to have public libraries to encourage & sustain higher levels of engagement with the world, democracy, and creativity. (and community, although i do not connect with my neighborhood through the library).¶ I do not like the world I can imagine without public libraries.
3250	7/12/2012	Because I am a library user; I love the library, I love books and information.
3251	7/12/2012	allows people free resources they would not otherwise have available
3252	7/12/2012	I read
3253	7/12/2012	Fundamental to the fabric of a healthy, informed, educated community.
3254	7/12/2012	Libraries hold knowledge, knowledge holds power.
3255	7/12/2012	not a "basic necessity", but libraries are community places, education centers, and a whole variety of things other than just a place to borrow books and media. i love to go in to the St Johns library and see it being used well.
3256	7/12/2012	Well, let's be honest. We need policeman and roads more than we need libraries. However, libraries are a public service that benefits a wide variety of people, not just a small subset of one occasionally marginalized group (like.... bicyclists).
3257	7/12/2012	Education is essential in living, and having access to a library greatly increases the level of education and the opportunities for nontraditional learners. This is one of the most important services of Portland, it's up there with Trimet.
3258	7/12/2012	I find that I use the service a lot and it appears that others do to. Re-using versus purchasing is invaluable in all areas, I feel. So why purchase DVD's and books when they can be used and shared by many!
3259	7/12/2012	Access movies
3260	7/12/2012	Reading IS fundamental to almost every aspect of our lives. Access to current information about our world, country, community, etc. offers everyone the opportunity to make all of the above more livable. Everyone benefits from well-informed citizens, who can in turn encourage better solutions for the challenges we all face.
3261	7/12/2012	The opportunity for education and enrichment which a library card can provide for everyone from lower income families to high school students to the home-bound.
3262	7/12/2012	I don't know what other local public services you want me to compare with. I am a strong believer in public service, the commons, etc. and value the libraries as a source of information and learning for any and all in our community.

3263	7/12/2012	<p>I moved to downtown Portland to have access to cultural services. Part of that is easy and frequent access to the library. Central library has the GREATEST book club going. I believe if some effort was made to identify non-library related services and eliminate them from the library, great savings would be made. This is not an easy task as, like bueraracy [sp], over time, things have been added on and they seem like they belong at the library but they do not.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>This is a set up and typical of government thinking. . .the following three options are not the only options available!</p>
3264	7/12/2012	They provide people with knowledge which assists all other programs and reduces their costs.
3265	7/12/2012	Reading is freedom access is essential.
3266	7/12/2012	Nice to have if we can afford to continue paying for services.
3267	7/12/2012	<p>The Multnomah County Library System provides so many wonderful programs to the community -- reading programs for children, resources for conducting research, computer programs for seniors, computer access for job seekers, etc. It is very important for our community to have these resources available to all.</p> <p>I am a college counselor and some families do not own computers and public libraries make it possible for them to do homework. Also, libraries provide a learning culture for your community.[]</p>
3268	7/12/2012	<p>Access to great books you don't necessarily want to purchase.[]</p> <p>But most importantly encourage young minds to read and surround themselves with others who share the same passion.</p>
3269	7/12/2012	I check out books all the time, rather than buying them. I love access to so much material!
3270	7/12/2012	Police, fire, general public safety, and emergency management are #1. Schools next, then libraries.
3271	7/12/2012	<p>Our family uses the libraries frequently (not quite but almost daily), so it's a service more visible than other services. And this system is more excellent than libraries in other states, so we need to maintain that edge.</p> <p>Well, literacy and education are important to the general population and to individuals. More education means better opportunities to obtain work (short version). But there are other more important issues like homelessness, hunger, poverty, violence, lack of health care, domestic violence etc. So, I think the library is important but there are also other important issues at hand.</p>
3272	7/12/2012	VERY important. Until I got an e-reader I was at the library every week or so. I can't afford to buy all of the books I read, and reading is a mainstay of my lifestyle.
3273	7/12/2012	Libraries are a source of education and information that is available to all citizen. This institution is the one place where social and economic boundaries are removed.
3274	7/12/2012	somewhere between very important and somewhat important. In less affluent times and with the disappearance of local book stores the libraries become more important.
3275	7/12/2012	

3276	7/12/2012	I think that having access to a public library is an indication of how a city chooses to enrich itself, it's people; the existence of access to information for all brings greater equity to the community and builds on our collective ability to educate ourselves and be effective citizens.
3277	7/12/2012	Literacy is the most important thing in our society. It enables us to make educated decisions.
3278	7/12/2012	The libraries are very important to me because I love to read and listen to music and this is where I can explore different genres in books and music to help expand my world.
3279	7/12/2012	I see libraries as the first in a series of public services. Particularly for kids, I think libraries provide an opportunity to see a world outside of their own, and can help kids become adults who don't necessarily have to rely on other public services. Of course other programs are incredibly important, and if you're just trying to deal with one catastrophe after another, libraries may not seem that important, but I think that a fully funded library system is key to a successful, happy, healthy community.
3280	7/12/2012	This is one of the best library systems in the US - the best I've ever experienced. I'm proud to live in a city with so many people of all ages reading so avidly. I would hate to see that go by the wayside because of funding restrictions and the effects of changing hours of operation.[] [] I wish this question were at the end - I just had to come back to it. Even though you've had to reduce hours of operation PLEASE consider shifting the hours around a little more. Opening your doors a little later and making it so that patrons can come in more weekdays after 5 will make a big difference. Even if it's just until 5:30 or 6, there are a lot of working families and individuals who won't be able to keep using the system if it's just the 2 days...and that's a lot of kids who need new books to read that might not see them if parents are having trouble getting books. They'll get returned easily enough, but new check outs can be fewer and fewer as it's harder to come in for holds after work. :(
3281	7/12/2012	Books are the repository of knowledge. Technology is all well and good, very entertaining, but technology changes so fast that the best archive is on paper. Ask the people in charge of archives at any museum. Ask the archivists at the Oregon Historical Society.[] [] If we are prepared to transfer all files to the latest technological medium every time the medium changes, which seems to be at the speed of light, then books don't matter so much. Who can afford this?
3282	7/12/2012	Libraries are very important because they provide resources to everyone. They promote the spread of knowledge and prevent everyone from having to buy the books they want ready. They also promote a sense of community.
3283	7/12/2012	We utilize the library every week - to check out books and other media.
3284	7/12/2012	I value having free access to books and resources the library offers.

3285	7/12/2012	Lack of support for govt. in general means that all services - even the most basic - are threatened. Libraries, no matter how important they are, cannot make up for a lack of schools for example.
3286	7/12/2012	I use the library regularly but I have internet service at home. When I do buy a book I usually pass it on instead of collecting them. So the library suits me just fine.
3287	7/12/2012	access to information is a human right , a place where people can come together to share information publicly is a human need.
3288	7/12/2012	Reading is important
3289	7/12/2012	Public has the right to access knowledge.
3290	7/12/2012	all the community can come together and support reading/learning and create a culture to support higher literacy for all
3291	7/12/2012	They're important to me, but less so than emergency services.
3292	7/12/2012	Providing access to literacy to everyone is of utmost importance in a poor economy and when misinformation is abundant.
3293	7/12/2012	Very important. People who want to improve themselves can do so thanks to our libraries.
3294	7/12/2012	Information should readily available to all people. Knowledge is power... personally -for usage / utility / relevance; professionally -an option re: research / reference; culturally/socially -a touchstone for man being civilized
3295	7/12/2012	Because the library is for everyone, no one gets turned away. Because it is a source of knowledge, even if you can't afford to buy the book or movie or textbook, you can still learn. Because you can find help at a library. Because everyone is accepted and treated the same at the library, no matter what you look like. Because knowledge is power and you can educate yourself and improve your life.
3296	7/12/2012	
3297	7/12/2012	They provide free books, publications, movies, news material for the public.
3298	7/12/2012	I think libraries rank higher than some of other local public services but similar to parks.
3299	7/12/2012	As a disabled person living in poverty, the library allows me access to literature, the arts, culture, travel and music; all of which are fiscally unavailable to me otherwise.
3300	7/12/2012	I'm a teacher and I believe all kids need access to good books.
3301	7/12/2012	Because even though I don't go all the time, I'm glad it's there when I do. I love books and the experience of going to the library. The computers have been very helpful for job searches when my PC crashed. The printers were also helpful for printing shipping labels when my PC crashed.

3302	7/12/2012	Free or minimum payment education that the library offers is essential to a growing community. Children and adults need a friendly, cheap place to learn and grow. Libraries are a great tool for that. It is very important that children have a positive place to go if they are bored. If you take libraries away, that's one less positive influence we have to offer our children.[] Something else I want to mention is that a few years ago I was out of work. I had lost several jobs in one year. I didn't have the internet or a working printer at home. Both tools are essential for job searching. I can honestly say, if there was no library that provided me with these, I may not have gotten the opportunity to be as successful as I am today.
3303	7/12/2012	Lots of people can't afford to buy books or computers--classes for children--encourage love of learning
3304	7/12/2012	When I was younger nothing held as much magic as a trip to the library
3305	7/12/2012	All other fields and activities rely on knowledge! Leave the dark ages in the isles, not on the streets!
3306	7/12/2012	They represent the American ideal, that anyone can pull themselves up by the bootstraps and make it. Libraries provide access to information, education, and resources (e.g. internet access, a quiet place to work and concentrate without having to buy coffee or something) for less privileged people.
3307	7/12/2012	They give me resources to exceed and strive for a better future which at my age is highly needed.
3308	7/12/2012	It's easier to get to even on the weekend, the majority of them are walking distance in different areas of Portland, their all on a busline. Their services are free, people can go in them and not worry about quite a bit of noise. It's easier to find a staff person then anywhere else. They all are wheelchair accessible.
3309	7/12/2012	Moderate
3310	7/12/2012	Basics like police and fire are more important, but libraries are still very important.
3311	7/12/2012	Education and resources for success are vital for our economy and communities.
3312	7/12/2012	Because of the access to the resources provided
3313	7/12/2012	The library provides everyone with valuable resources.
3314	7/12/2012	They are a social force for joining together neighbors, especially those with young children, and they are a resource for accessing books and other information that we couldn't afford to buy on our own.
3315	7/12/2012	I do not use them, but I know other people that find them important.
3316	7/12/2012	I am a life-long learning and avid reader. I also enjoy the variety of CDs and DVDs available for use and the ability to go online daily to check email and stay connected to my community, since I am now retired and cannot afford these luxuries at home. I take online classes and continually learn about my community and the world through the wonders of the internet. In the current economy, the Library is more important than ever to those of us with limited resources.
3317	7/12/2012	Because I read a lot.

3318	7/12/2012	1) Access to books and free knowledge is a basic human right. □ 2) Not everyone can afford to spend money on books. □ 3) Reading is fun!
3319	7/12/2012	I frequently use online library resource materials in my work and having access to such a wide range of materials is a very valuable asset.
3320	7/12/2012	I like to read a lot of books and the library makes that economically possible. I also like to borrow new music and movies.
3321	7/12/2012	I don't know what other programs this is comparing the library to which makes it difficult to answer. If you are talking housing services, food services, mental health, and physical health services well then I'd rank it not too important compared to those things and I believe it is more important to meet people's basic physical and emotional needs. However, if you are comparing it to programs like movies in the park, concerts in the park, parades, festivals, that sort of thing, then I would say it is very important as it gives people of all socio-economic backgrounds access to resources and learning.
3322	7/12/2012	Reading is one of the main ways I learn and connect to the world. I have a low income and can't afford to buy numerous books and newspapers (which have fees for online use as well, by the way). As I grow older, transportation will become more difficult, internet service less affordable. Searching and reading online are not always as productive as being able to browse through actual books, because I see things I would not have thought to look for. Members of my extended family need the library for internet access and a place to do homework. It is the biggest knowledge and education equalizer I know of for people of lower income. A democracy is only as good as the education and access to information of its people. To limit or close public libraries is a direct blow to our democratic system because it denies the ability of low income people to participate.
3323	7/12/2012	Library's are where people go who may not have enough money to buy books for their children, or own a computer to seek work.
3324	7/12/2012	As a parent of a young child, we are living on a limited budget. Access to a wealth of books and media through our local library system enables us to raise not just a reader, but someone with exposure to a diverse array of subjects, formats, etc. We could never afford to purchase all of the books that our son has enjoyed (not to mention that we have) in the last few years.
3325	7/12/2012	The library offers me access to Literature and Media that I can not afford to purchase for my private use.
3326	7/12/2012	Libraries provide access to uncensored information, educational opportunities, promotion of literacy,
3327	7/12/2012	I believe that police should be unnecessary, but since everyone can't behave, police, fire people, libraries; public services are all important because people require different things.
3328	7/12/2012	Most public services are important. I view library services as part of the overall educational services provided to the community and education is an essential part of a prosperous society.

3329	7/12/2012	I am a grad student and use the library for all my research. I also take advantage of the large media selection available, instead of subscribing to online streaming/rental services.
3330	7/12/2012	Even though I don't use the library often, it's still vital for the community.
3331	7/12/2012	heart of the community, provide a variety of services, free people needs free access to information
3332	7/12/2012	Because access to internet has become essential for maintaining competitive in the job market. Access to materials like auto manuals are very helpful for people needing to maintain their own vehicles. Access to the librry for all raises the standard of living in the city I live in.
3333	7/12/2012	Libraries are some of the most beneficial things a community can provide. Knowledge and resources—and convenient, free access to those things—are paramount when it comes to a community's requirements.
3334	7/12/2012	I use the library all the time! I'm glad the police and fire fighters are there, too. Can't say their importance, but hopefully I'll never need the police and fire!!
3335	7/12/2012	I can't afford to buy books plus I don't need to have a stack growing at home. Also, I can check out books that I'm not sure about but look like they might be interesting without "gambling" and buying a dud. I also like that I can have books delivered to my community library. I talk about it often.
3336	7/12/2012	Education needs to be both free and accessible for us to continue to raise every generation prepared for the work force or advanced education.¶ Studies have shown that a good reader helps makes a good student. Our kids get off to a better start if the public library and reading are a regular part of their life. Then in the long we are aiding in molding our future leaders.
3337	7/12/2012	I like to find information using books and have an extremely large selection with the mult colb system.
3338	7/12/2012	The library is important to me not just because of the services and media materials provided, but because it is a place for community gathering. I also appreciate that the services provided by the library are available to everyone in the community.
3339	7/12/2012	Reading and access to information is essential to creating strong communities.
3340	7/12/2012	They add to quality of life beyond basic needs.
3341	7/12/2012	The libraries provide a place for safe, equal access for people to educate themselves and connect with the community.
3342	7/12/2012	I use the library often! I wouldn't have access to many books if I had to buy them. I am okay, however, with the library being open more limited hours.
3343	7/12/2012	I buy most of my books.
3344	7/12/2012	Vital information and educational resources are available to everyone at public libraries.
3345	7/12/2012	i feel knowledge and access to it make communities stronger...and on a personal level...i love to read
3346	7/12/2012	Without well operated libraries with a great variety of services, a city - community is dead.
3347	7/12/2012	It is a great resource to have for all ages.

3348	7/12/2012	I much prefer to borrow materials than to own them- I do not have the financial resources or space for the number of books that I would like to read. Beyond that, the library serves as a community resource and meeting space (both formal and informal) for all of the members of my family..
3349	7/12/2012	I think education is very important and I know that many people can't afford to buy books or buy a computer. The libraries offer these services. I can afford these, but still love the fact I can check out materials and not waste money on something I will read once or watch once. I feel schools and libraries are extremely important to keep up literacy rates. It is sad that we are lacking and have fallen behind other countries with education, graduation rates etc..but a strong library is a good foundation.
3350	7/12/2012	Helps me as a professional actor, low income resident, and perpetual student of the world. This is one of the few services that has ineffable importance to a thriving society.
3351	7/12/2012	Libraries are very cool in so many ways. They help young people get into reading and other healthy hobbies (staying out of trouble). They keep children entertained. They are environmentally friendly (sharing books, music, movies, etc rather than buying them for one use then leaving them to clutter up one's house). They give access to culture (through the aforementioned means, as well as through computer/Internet access) to people who might not be able to afford it (and make it easier even for people who can). They provide so many resources for such a variety of people. I could ramble on all day.
3352	7/12/2012	It opens up a world of learning and exploration for my kids...my daughter will read as many books as I'll feed her. The library provides that ongoing/endless supply.
3353	7/12/2012	Libraries offer a place for people to come together to share and gain knowledge. Libraries offer a safe place to better one's understanding of things without fear of persecution. Libraries offer a platform from which to share cultural identity through books and other media which may otherwise be inaccessible because of financial and legal restrictions.
3354	7/12/2012	Literacy is the most critical skill for society. Free access to information resources for all people, regardless of age or income is an invaluable public resource.
3355	7/12/2012	Books are too expensive to purchase. They're so much better than tv. I don't use public transportation and can't think of any other public service.
3356	7/12/2012	Libraries are where ideas are born. A good library fosters culture and education in my community. A thriving library provides resources to everyone, regardless of their income or status. Libraries are essential to a civil society. It's where you can learn about other lands and people. Libraries are so important to our nation's growth and health. They rock!
3357	7/12/2012	Internet provides much info that previously was pretty much available in libraries. Unfortunately, the computer age seems to be taking over. It will be very sad if one is no longer able to check out a good book----whether for research or just reading enjoyment.

3358	7/12/2012	Well, I value social justice and human services programs first and foremost when thinking about public dollars and where they should be spent. In terms of library services, I think those are important too, but not critical to the functioning of MultCo residents.
3359	7/12/2012	I read a lot! It's too expensive to buy books and I love that I can now check them out occasionally to my Nook. (I won my Nook through a library drawing a few summers back--thank you!)
3360	7/12/2012	I think things like health care, shelters and soup kitchens are more important than the library - although I may not use them - however, I do utilize the services the library provides and they are very important to me.
3361	7/12/2012	a public institution that provides non-commercial access to information, education, culture and entertainment. It is really part of civilization.
3362	7/12/2012	My wife & daughter make extensive use of our local libraries, both for programs and checking out books/media.
3363	7/12/2012	I like to have access to books and other media without the need to buy and own them. I also appreciate the access to internet and computers for when my own computer or internet are unavailable.
3364	7/12/2012	Libraries are fundamental for access to learning for those unable to get learning aid elsewhere.
3365	7/12/2012	The library provides access to avenues of learning that would be otherwise too expensive for my children.
3366	7/12/2012	Libraries hold the community together. They bring opportunity to those who otherwise would not have it. Libraries promote literacy and education which are extremely important for the future of our country.
3367	7/12/2012	Libraries foster a love of reading in young children, provide access to internet for those who cannot otherwise afford it, give students study space and help with their homework, and just generally assert the importance of books and literacy.
3368	7/12/2012	Knowledge is power.
3369	7/12/2012	Our libraries benefit everyone, promote reading and education, improving minds.
3370	7/12/2012	I check out a lot of books and I often stop on my way home when the library is open late to see what's new. I hope to buy a Kindle in the future and be able to download books.
3371	7/12/2012	Only public safety (excluding prosecution of victimless crime) and transport are of higher import.
3372	7/12/2012	Libraries serve many purposes in our community and are available to everyone. I lived in the library growing up and still read avidly. Libraries are also visible and non-threatening to most people. Most librarians are very helpful and welcoming.
3373	7/12/2012	I believe that fully functioning libraries are of central importance to any civilization.
3374	7/12/2012	People need to spend more time at the library less time at the video centers.
3375	7/12/2012	Essential to public life! We love our libraries and are very proud to live in a place with such a good library system. Quick access to millions of books and other publications. Awesome collection.
3376	7/12/2012	As.a.former.librarian,books.are.always.important.

3377	7/12/2012	I personally don't use many of the public services that the library has to offer. But I know those who do, and they would say that they are VERY important.
3378	7/12/2012	What "other local public services" are you comparing to? Emergency services - fire, police, ambulance? Street repair or street lighting? Bus service? What? This question was ambiguous.
3379	7/12/2012	Access to materials and opportunities-- such as internet and job seeking assistance for those who may not normally be able to use such resources.
3380	7/12/2012	Because libraries, their books, media and staff feed my intellectual curiosity. I want everyone to hold open that door to creativity so we can't become robots.
3381	7/12/2012	I've gone to the library to get books on subjects I need to learn. I found a great job due in part to the materials I've checked out from the library.
3382	7/12/2012	I read, I think I write and study
3383	7/12/2012	The only thing more important are emergency services.
3384	7/12/2012	I truly believe knowledge is power, and that the library serves an important function in that regard.
3385	7/12/2012	Public safety comes first, but then an educated populace is the next most important goal.
3386	7/12/2012	I am a teacher, and could not do my job as well were it not for the resources I obtain via the library for both myself and my students. Additionally, and of equal importance, is my need to borrow books for personal use. I cannot afford to buy everything I want to read. I feel like my personal and professional relationships to the library are very important in my life.
3387	7/12/2012	The library is an essential resource for information and entertainment for my family, and has been my whole life. We can't afford internet access at home, so we use the library computers often, for job-seeking and other pursuits. Every week we check out books, DVDs, and CDs that inform us and enrich our lives, which we could not afford to buy if not offered for free at the library.
3388	7/12/2012	Libraries provide reading and research materials as well as resources (trained librarians) for everyone, regardless of income.
3389	7/11/2012	Because education is important (stupid kids make stupid teachers make stupid kids make) and library facilities offer an opportunity to self-improve, even as a hobby, free and independent from the institutionalized school system, whose quality may vary on neighborhood.
3390	7/11/2012	Access to free books for myself and my children is very important to me.
3391	7/11/2012	They are a level of importance as they provide a resource for entertainment and learning that I can't get anywhere else. Especially as my age.
3392	7/11/2012	because i use the library on a regular basis- free access to learning and education for those who may not be able to access classes/schooling due to income constraints
3393	7/11/2012	they are very important, but not as important as basic needs such as water, schools, electricity etc...
3394	7/11/2012	One of the few places I pay tax for that I think gives something back. Also, children need to have libraries. It doesn't mean, however, that I will keep paying and paying.
3395	7/11/2012	They are one of the few public services I use.
3396	7/11/2012	Everyone should have free and easy access to information.

3397	7/11/2012	avenue to information, knowledge, escape, entertainment
3398	7/11/2012	Having the resources that libraries provide is invaluable. They cross all cultural, economic boundaries.[] Growing up in a poor family the only children's books I had were from the library. Even though I don't use it as often as an adult I still value the importance.
3399	7/11/2012	access to books We love the library. It provides us with wonderful resources, books, media, etc., and we know it serves as a great community gathering point. It helps those without resources of their own. It enriches everyone--educationally, in the arts, as a community. One of the foundations of Western Civilization is the library system--it's importance is vital and cannot be overstated.
3400	7/11/2012	
3401	7/11/2012	I use them frequently as do many others in the community. The library is not just a place to check out books but also strengthens community (unlike our roads which I also use daily).
3402	7/11/2012	They are fundamental, offering benefits to all ages and backgrounds. I have very fond memories of long hours spent in the local library, especially during the summer school vacation, but all through my learning years.
3403	7/11/2012	In addition to providing reading materials, I enhance my knowledge on a number of subjects, which I believe makes me a better informed citizen.
3404	7/11/2012	They give people who are low income or have lost jobs access to books and resources for them and their families. Libraries encourage literacy for young children and non-native English speakers.
3405	7/11/2012	Having access to books is power. All communities need to facilitate learning and knowledge for their citizens.
3406	7/11/2012	The library has been there for me to use for my entire life. When I was a student, it was there for my research. Now I know I can request almost any book that interests me, including best sellers. As a volunteer at a nursing home, I check out books and movies to take to the nursing home for the residents to enjoy.
3407	7/11/2012	job creation is more important
3408	7/11/2012	It is the poor person's information connection. If you can't afford to purchase books or other media and if you can not afford internet access, you can not be an informed citizen and fully participate in society without library access.
3409	7/11/2012	I think you learn more from books and teachers (and parents) than anything else.[] i think the library is inportent for school work and for good stories and i think it is helpful for people that dont have much mony and cant get their own books. I also think with tecnology becoming what it is books are becoming more and more inportant for children.
3410	7/11/2012	The library provides important services to me while I have limited financial opportunity. I am able to check out books while going to school which saves me much worry.
3411	7/11/2012	Because kids need somewhere to go, that is safe and will be good for them in the long run.

3412	7/11/2012	Because I believe a well read community is much less dangerous and far more fun than a community that does not have access to these resources.
3413	7/11/2012	Very important especially for my young children
3414	7/11/2012	They offer a quiet place of learning and personal reflection. Librarians tend to be amazing resources when it comes to searching for new topics of interest and are generally helpful. Access to free information is integral for an intelligent society and can promote self learning and discovery.
3415	7/11/2012	Libraries are very important to me, but public libraries are not common in many other countries that have higher standards of living than this one. I selected somewhat important because life-saving emergency services such as EMS and fire department I consider to be the most important local public services.
3416	7/11/2012	Our library is the best in thr country! It is very difficult to reinstate services once thr services are cut. Many people in the neighborhood walk to the local library
3417	7/11/2012	Going to the library is a nice place to hide by getting lost in reading and it can be wonderful entertainment.
3418	7/11/2012	An educated and engaged populace makes better citizens. The more we know, the more we can improve our own communities.
3419	7/11/2012	I feel the ability for equal access to books is really important.
3420	7/11/2012	It is a stress reliever for me. I need a good book to slow me down. The cost of books today makes buying them less realistic.
3421	7/11/2012	it is important to provide free access to information and literature to the public
3422	7/11/2012	Having libraries and library programs (such as story hour, and special events geared toward kids) was incredibly important to me as a child. I would not have become who I am without them.
3423	7/11/2012	I depend on the library for my entertainment and educational materials which I otherwise could not afford.
3424	7/11/2012	I couldn't decide as to whether they are very important or somewhat important. If I need to eat, food services are more important to me than books. The same for medical needs. If someone breaks into my house or my house catches fire, I want police and firefighters to be right there. But... after the most basic public needs are taken care of, for me and my family, being able to have the resources the library provides, is crucial to our well being. My quality of life would deteriorate dramatically if I weren't able to use the library's resources. I am retired and on a fixed income and I really can't afford to buy a lot of books or films but having the library to provide them for me allows me real mental stimulation and satisfaction. I feel the library is as important as our parks are to us!

3425	7/11/2012	After public sanitation (in which I include sewer and water service) power, and public transit, all of which are simply essential for the existence of large urban areas, public libraries and parks are the services which add most to the quality of life and are most accessible to residents who have little in the way of disposable income. I believe that a person cannot honestly claim to support the American ideal of the rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness without supporting equal access for all persons to libraries and parks: to do otherwise is to behave as though only those people with enough wealth to buy art or literature deserve to appreciate it, or that only those who are able to buy counsel deserve knowledge of or protection through the law, or that physical recreation should be reserved only for those with the money to pay fees for private clubs.
3426	7/11/2012	libraries are essential for our community. It gives our children the opportunity to learn & read.
3427	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to information and reading material, without regard to income, race, sex, age, etc. An educated population makes for better decisions and a better future for all.
3428	7/11/2012	I would rank police and fire the highest. Also, I think libraries are declining in usefulness. I have library cards for other systems and can access many of thier services remotely. In fact, it really doesn't matter where I download an e-book form.
3429	7/11/2012	Libraries provide many learning opportunities for the community, such as the story times, language development, and study help for kids who might not get it else where. They continually reinforce the importance of literacy in not only the youth, but adults who may not have had a chance to learn. Public libraries also aid people in personal and economic development, through their educational programs and the ability to access the internet to help people find work and other business tools.
3430	7/11/2012	Our family reads and want other family's to have a facility to encourage reading/learning. Story hours and access to books for children was valuable for us and would like to see it continue for my grandchildren.
3431	7/11/2012	Library provides important service of education to the community
3432	7/11/2012	Reading is one of the most important things in life and teaching our children to use the library as a resource. I love that I can get the books that interest me without buying them. I love the library system because those who live in poverty can easily access computers, books and other help that they wouldn't have other wise. The library system is for everyone not just for one particular segment of our society - it brings everyone together in love of reading and gaining knowledge.
3433	7/11/2012	I love books!
3434	7/11/2012	The library provides 90% of our entertainment (books, movies, music, magazines) and at least 50% of our research as citizens and professionals (online databases, books, etc.). Without the library, my husband and I would have to spend tons of money to buy books and entertainment, and we'd be completely cut off from research materials--because what individual has the money to subscribe to a database? PLUS...all of the materials from the library are reliable resources, not cluttered websites full of advertisements.
3435	7/11/2012	Nice but not necessary

3436	7/11/2012	Access to literature is very important to me and I love reading. As a social worker I am on a limited budget and would not be able to afford purchasing books at the rate I read them. I also enjoy getting to check out a cookbook or CD before I buy to see if I like it. I also believe that a library is a direct path to education, and feel that education can solve many of our bigger picture issues in this world. Finally, I work with individuals who are homeless and know what a valuable resource our libraries are to them, both as a safe refuge from the winter weather as well as a place to access free books, media, and internet.
3437	7/11/2012	Because there is no expense to checking out a book to read. Whereas the same book to buy it i the store is at least \$6.
3438	7/11/2012	Books and reading lead to library visits. However, I have my own collection of books to draw upon, as well.
3439	7/11/2012	I feel thT those who are most in need of help to seek employment, learn reading, use public computers and check out materials regarding training, prep for college or associated admissions tests, and those who need aid with basic English skills are those who are likely to have the smallest level of resources and desperately need the services the libraries provide.
3440	7/11/2012	Because it is one of the few services that returns and adds value to the community and me.
3441	7/11/2012	Because I love books and they are really important to the community, (for early literacy, etc.).
3442	7/11/2012	access to information and the enjoyment of reading is of the highest importance.
3443	7/11/2012	Other than critical or safety related services, I use the library services the most.
3444	7/11/2012	I use the library so frequently that I value it a lot.
3445	7/11/2012	I work in the media and have access to a lot of materials but think libraries are important to children, seniors, low income people
3446	7/11/2012	They allow for accessibility to continuing education
3447	7/11/2012	The library is the only place offering education related resources and affordable entertainment for families of all ages.
3448	7/11/2012	I have a life long love affair with reading and the fact that you can get Hollywood's latest movies on DVD for free. There isn't a single thing that I dislike about libraries. I love them!
3449	7/11/2012	1) Fire Fighters[] 2) Street/Infrastructure Maintainance[] 3) Education [] 4) Police
3450	7/11/2012	Because it's the one public service that I always use, and I think most people use it, over the other public services. How did we pass a bond measure that doesn't fully fund the library?
3451	7/11/2012	Without libraries nd the information they contain, we would not have the knowledge to support the other services

3452	7/11/2012	first 1,000 days of life critical developmentally. if babies/children aren't read to, they will start school behind and then will never catch up making all the other services less important as they will be on a pathway leading to less likelihood of reading by 3rd grade, school success, and later job success. increase and do not cut programs for early literacy!
3453	7/11/2012	libraries provide learning, understanding, harmony, community building, computer access, discussion space and so many of the building blocks of civilization. providing libraries to communities keeps people busy and out of trouble.
3454	7/11/2012	immediate personal and societal and economical needs
3455	7/11/2012	library is part of public services and should be one that duplicates existing services elsewhere
3456	7/11/2012	i use them as often or more than most services.
3457	7/11/2012	Because we value lifelong learning.
3458	7/11/2012	Because an educated populace is valuable.
3459	7/11/2012	For the reasons outlined above. We are retired, living on a somewhat limited income. Apart from our children and grandchildren, the library is one of our most dependable sources of pleasure and relaxation.
3460	7/11/2012	We rely on the library for reading, entertainment, and classes. Having the library nearby, with great classes for children helped my daughter learn to read.
3461	7/11/2012	Because I pay my taxes, and I'd like the library to have a vast collection of literature and media available or reasonably available to me as I need it. I think it's important to have access to books, film, music, and ways to get copies of older publications (magazines, newspapers, even just in electronic format). These services preserve our history and will inspire our future. Classes and programs are nice, but I view those things as secondary.
3462	7/11/2012	Libraries are important because they give everyone an opportunity to read, learn, etc. I imagine they give some people a safe place to go for a few hours. □ Ranking the importance of libraries depends on the other public services you are comparing them to. □ I am currently unemployed so I count on the library for affordable entertainment as well as research,.
3463	7/11/2012	The library is my source for literature.
3464	7/11/2012	Information is fundamental!
3465	7/11/2012	property taxes are so high it is absolutely necessary to make use of the Library to the max in order to not lose money or the property taxes paid out

3466	7/11/2012	<p>I LOVE the library and have been happily using it most of my life. As a mother of 2 toddlers getting library cards for my kids when they were weeks old instilled for us, a love of reading books. That love of books will open their minds to many possibilities and instill a sense of curiosity beyond anything they will get from watching TV. One of the most important things you can do for a child is to read to them. Just think if we did not have access to books. What would be the long term result? It makes me sad to think.</p>
3467	7/11/2012	<p>When we bought our house, we wanted to be close to a library branch. It was key in a huge life-decision making way. Literacy for our new baby is also a very big deal to us, and the library is beloved and has helped us get off to a flying start. Our one year old is obsessed with books, and without the songs and tips the Book Babies groups offered us, we would not know how to keep our baby calm in a car or even when he's upset. Book Babies has been invaluable to me as a new mom, more than pretty much anything else. It allows me very special time with my baby that clearly makes him happy. If we stay home all day together, he gets pretty bored, but on Book Babies days, he is actually calmer and happier all day. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Personally, I love books, learning, freedom, and access to information for all. Also, I love to learn about new and different music, crafts, languages, films and other new things. The library allows me to continue learning and growing as a person. This is an incredible opportunity.</p>
3468	7/11/2012	<p>They provide services to people who may not be able to afford things like computers, new books, community college classes, etc. They bring the community together, there is always a diverse group of people using the library. I grew up in Portland and my fondest childhood memory is walking to the old Hollywood branch with my mom so we could pick out summer reading material. I always entered the competition to see how many books I could read during summer break.</p>
3469	7/11/2012	<p>Source of information, entertainment. Encourages reading without having to spend a lot of money on books. Great family activity.</p>
3470	7/11/2012	<p>Because anyone can utilize the services!!!!</p>
3471	7/11/2012	<p>Two adults and 2 children in our family use the library all the time. Having an open library provides a good place for kids to go. So important with the current economy and the shrinking of the middle class. The library is as basic a public service to me as any of the others. Public library systems must be saved.</p>
3472	7/11/2012	<p>there are other services that are provided through private sources</p>
3473	7/11/2012	<p>Not to me but to others who don't have computer access and to people who need books!</p>
3474	7/11/2012	<p>It's a cost to benefit ratio. What am I paying for via my property taxes? The libraries do not provide a decent service - if I borrow a book, I have to renew it so frequently that it hardly is worth the effort. In addition, if I want to find a particular book at my branch I can pretty much count on it not being there and would require me to have it shipped in from some other library.</p>

3475	7/11/2012	I and most people who are low income need these resources. Rich people buy the books but the ones who need a better education need the resource.
3476	7/11/2012	The library meets the needs for such a large variety of people beginning with toddlers and ending with seniors. Both the rich and the poor benefit from wide variety of programs. Both individuals and businesses are served. I can't imagine Portland continuing to be such a vibrant city if our library is not properly supported by the citizens.
3477	7/11/2012	Libraries serve in material ways (e.g., providing literature, reference materials, skills of librarians, computer access, etc.), but are also representative of the cultural and intellectual content of the community. Closing a library sends a message as much as closing a firehouse, and the message is that the mind is not important. We can't afford to nickle & dime the libraries away, when the intellectual capital of our citizenry is what will fuel our future commerce.
3478	7/11/2012	We always have library books in the house. We save lots of money because we don't have to buy many books, movies, etc. □ We also enjoy the friendly people at the library. When my daughter was younger she loved storytime. She still stops and talks to Joan when she is in the library.
3479	7/11/2012	Because libraries are the rare institution that offers resources and education to everyone, regardless of socioeconomic background. They are a pillar of actual democracy in a society where ideals of equality exist more in hyperbole than in fact.
3480	7/11/2012	They are not integral to the way the city operates (IE Fire Dept, Police etc), but a good resource for the public.
3481	7/11/2012	Access to library materials promote freedom of speech, better education for adults and minors and promote the foundations of democracy.
3482	7/11/2012	Access to free knowledge is a civic duty. I know some people who don't have Internet/computers in their home. The library is the ONLY place thy can go to stay connected and find community resources.
3483	7/11/2012	i read alot
3484	7/11/2012	Because I use the library regularly. I especially appreciate that I can order a book from any library and have it delivered to the library closest to me. I wouldn't check out books nearly as often if this weren't the case.
3485	7/11/2012	The local library is my major source for media.
3486	7/11/2012	They are very important to me but fall behind the bridges and streets
3487	7/11/2012	Police, fire, and other safety matters come first, micro managing my life comes last. Library's are near the upper end of the middle.
3488	7/11/2012	Besides buses, it is the public service I use the most. As someone for whom books, films and other media are essential, I consider the library to be essential too. It is the only service comprehensive and cheap enough to sustain a healthy and affordable reading habit. It is one of the only sources of entertainment and information that everyone can freely access.

3489	7/11/2012	Libraries ensure FREE access to knowledge for EVERYONE
3490	7/11/2012	Libraries are a central meeting place for everyone in the community. It's where I go to orient myself to a new city, make new connections, peruse the latest magazines, get tax forms and check out books.
3491	7/11/2012	One must have access to information. Free information.
3492	7/11/2012	Libraries embody our freedom to learn at our own pace and in our own directions. Take that away, and we become either cookie cutter academics or fall by the wayside as a society.
3493	7/11/2012	Even tho Terwilliger Plaza has a small library, I look forward to the third Tuesday of the month when Jere and his group come here and bring me any book I ask for - it is a wonderful service for the elderly. Thank you so much. I had heard that Portland was a great place for senior citizens, and since I moved here three years ago, I have found this to be true. This library service is greatly appreciated by those of us who are readers.
3494	7/11/2012	As I explained in the earlier question - they are wonderful resources for all ages. My children love them and need them. My son (11 year old) lives for the day we go to the library (about once or twice a week) so he can get his next book. He loves reading and devours books. We couldn't afford to buy all the books he wants to read. If we didn't have libraries, he wouldn't read nearly as much. My daughter (age 4) loves books as well. She runs into the library eager to see what's new and pick out books for me to read to her. And seeing her brother read so much, helps her want to read also. I don't know what we'd do w/o our libraries.
3495	7/11/2012	look at the schools
3496	7/11/2012	Being on a very limited income, the books and services are very important
3497	7/11/2012	I am thakful for the library system that we have, but would much rather have necessary services like police, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency response systems available. That said, having a good library is more important to me than free concerts or art exhibits in parks, etc.
3498	7/11/2012	I only put public saftey above the importance of the library. The library is responsible for part of the education we all recieve. Those just starting school, those doing self improvement. More important they serve those people who can't afford to go spend money on books due to economic hardship. Without the library there are lots of people both adults and children who are in limited or fixed income that will not be able to pursue learning and reading which is vital to continuing to be growing, learning community
3499	7/11/2012	I like to have a library within walking distance, be able to check out books, the children's program are very important in that they teach them to like to read at an early age. It is also very nice to have community interaction with the library on all other services and programs they offer.
3500	7/11/2012	Reading is vital to our happiness and for our childrens' development.
3501	7/11/2012	Provide a source of information to all member of the community.
3502	7/11/2012	literacy

3503	7/11/2012	I use the library a lot for checking out books so I don't have to buy them. This question is tough - it would help to have a list of other services as we might not think of them on our own.
3504	7/11/2012	Neither my grand daughter or I have cable TV due to financial difficulties. Being able to receive DVD's at no charge is our only entertainment. Also, when she was job seeking, the library was filled with reading materials re: writing resumes, etc. Until I was able to have my computer hooked to the Internet, I used the library's at least once a week.
3505	7/11/2012	To me, libraries are as important as schools, fire departments and postal offices. They are a quintessential element of civilization, offering educational tools and access to knowledge for all members of the society regardless of their economic status. They provide a refuge for so many people in the community and are an invaluable resource to all of us. Whether you are checking out a book about the civil right movement or model airplanes, listening to a CD of Romanian folk music, writing your resume or taking your 2 year old to story time, there is no other space that provides so many tools for learning that is also free to the public. Libraries are truly a magical place, an enlightened place, and I cannot possibly over emphasize their the overall good the provide our community.
3506	7/11/2012	I never reread any books and I don't want them cluttering my room, so the library is important to me because it gives me the opportunity to read books and then just return them when I am finished.
3507	7/11/2012	The libraries provide a great wealth of information, programs and services to anyone who is interested.
3508	7/11/2012	Right now, our tax dollars are needed for police, fire, roads, bridges, etc. We have limited funds and need to pay for what is the most necessary.
3509	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what other local public services you are referring to but I use the library several times a week.
3510	7/11/2012	I use the library system more than any other public service.
3511	7/11/2012	The library is crucial for the cultural and educational health of a society. This is on par with (does not exceed) the need for basic plumbing, (public) health services, transportation services, electricity, and to an increasing extent in today's society, access to information such as the Internet.
3512	7/11/2012	Because we go the library multiple times a week to check out books and use services like Book Babies. I feel having a good library is key to make our kids and our community educated and competitive with other areas of the country.
3513	7/11/2012	It is a service I use, promotes education, and is important for kids

3514	7/11/2012	<p>I love to read, I'm a movie buff and the Mult Co. library system has a GREAT collection of foreign films on DVD. I cannot ever see as many movies on my limited budget, unless I borrow them from the library. I often tell others about the amazingly diverse collection of DVD's that we have access to here (in many languages, current & vintage). []</p> <p>And I'm self-employed- part-time (tho, not by choice) & the library is an essential resource for me. In fact, I'm sitting at a computer in a library at this very moment! []</p> <p>The resources provided by our County libraries touch all aspects of my life- work, recreation, social, and family. [I also have (at least) five other well-used library cards, including Shoen library (at Marylhurst Univ.), PCC, Concordia, Wash County & Clackamas County.]</p>
3515	7/11/2012	<p>With so many other service taken away, the library is one place that everyone can use. Children after school, Mothers and babies during the early hours and seniors throughout the day.</p>
3516	7/11/2012	<p>Because they serve the community and further the sense of community, whether it is the children, the seniors, the students, etc. The library is the heart of the community and important for much self-directed education and resources, especially for those with little funds. I love to read and books are so expensive now--plus it is more sustainable to keep re-circulating books. I donate my used ones all the time to the library.</p>
3517	7/11/2012	<p>Because of the spectrum of individuals that they serve is wider than many other public services.</p>
3518	7/11/2012	<p>Knowledge is power. []</p> <p>Literacy is critical to democracy, personal success, and having an informed public.[]</p> <p>Libraries serve EVERYONE--ALL THE TIME.</p>
3519	7/11/2012	<p>" Because it's a place where you can go and research for information", an excellent place for our children to learn more about reading and researching along with their parents on special projects. And don't forget checking out material for personal use, especially for people like me who do not buy a lot of books. I can also read out-of-town newspapers and magazines. I've lived in two large metropolitan cities back east, but Portland Oregon library's are the best.</p>
3520	7/11/2012	<p>Reading is very important to me and society, but there are other services that are even more important to society, such as safe roads, good schools, police, fire and courts.</p>
3521	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries serve all people. People have access to education through library books, use of computers, other resources. There are programs for children that are important. The most important is that there is equal access to all.</p>
3522	7/11/2012	<p>Because I depend on the library for books, DVDs, and other materials. Without the library, given my current economic situation, I'd have little access to those materials.</p>
3523	7/11/2012	<p>Free access to books, learning and information are of central importance to our society. These are basic, human rights.</p>
3524	7/11/2012	<p>They have the potential to serve the entire community whereas other public services may be useful to only a segment of our population.</p>
3525	7/11/2012	<p>books are expensive to buy</p>

3526	7/11/2012	I do a lot of reading and can't afford to buy books.
3527	7/11/2012	Supporting my own love of reading, building literacy in my family, connection to community.
3528	7/11/2012	reading and public information like books, reference materials etc are very important to me because I feel that everyone should has access to those resources. It's intrinsic and fundamental to the health of civic society and democracy that the public - everyone can read and have access to information. literature, information reference, research materials, entertainment magazines, dvd's etc all are contributors to the quality of life as well. having it available to everyone improves our lives, individually and to the whole.
3529	7/11/2012	Libraries are used for helping the public borrow material to enhance their knowledge. I have visited the library from a very young age and it's been so resourceful and helpful. If I need help on homework or research, I can use the library's computer, or search for books at the library relating to the topic. Also, I go to the library to enjoy reading. There are many book-lovers everywhere. Not everyone is able to buy their own copies of books. A library fixes the problem. That's why it's important to have local library services.
3530	7/11/2012	It's a social outing and educational. My children would not be able to read as much as they do without the library as we can not afford to buy all the books they want to read.
3531	7/11/2012	libraries offer free access to information
3532	7/11/2012	Not familiar with functions of local public services enough to make decisions. Fire Police Libraries & Schools Administration of city
3533	7/11/2012	
3534	7/11/2012	they are a shared public space dedicated to fostering self-education, entertainment and other resources etc.
3535	7/11/2012	A healthy library system is a sign of a healthy and thriving community. Important for community discourse, feeling connected to your neighbors, being a meeting place. Without libraries we are nothing.
3536	7/11/2012	Libraries offer a place to gain knowledge, check out books, do reseach ad stretch our boundaries. I know that for me persinaslly, I am a senior citizen with limited income, it provides reading material for free. I could not injoy this on my limited iincome without it.
3537	7/11/2012	I use them quite a bit. I do not buy books or other media and am willing to wait my turn to get the book I want.
3538	7/11/2012	They are just as important of an asset to a community as the post office, banks, and government offices. It's vital for infrastructure.
3539	7/11/2012	Because I really like to read and like having access to the specific books that I want to read, and also sometimes need the library to print things for work or money or bills or whatever.

3540	7/11/2012	<p>If they're being ranked with police, fire and public transportation (can't do without), they come below that.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>But libraries are about growing our minds, not protecting our safety. They represent part of the "health" of a community I believe libraries are still important to have.</p>
3541	7/11/2012	Libraries=democracy
3542	7/11/2012	Don't use them very often.
3543	7/11/2012	<p>I have a computer and get my "research" online.[]</p> <p>I buy or borrow books from friends. BUT I know they are invaluable to many people!</p>
3544	7/11/2012	I see how important the library is to not only myself, but others. It is a service to all people no matter income level or age.
3545	7/11/2012	free and easy access to culture, literacy and information for everybody close to everybody is just necessary in our society. it should not even be subject to discussion.
3546	7/11/2012	<p>Knowlege is power; and free knowledge is a power for everyone! Especially in these tough economic times, libraries help keep us educated and well-informed (so we might know more completed know why we are in such economic times...and do something smart about it...). Computer access is also important, especially for people who are out of work and can't afford internet. I am also a regular user of the periodical section, where I get some of my news (I also practice my foreign language reading using the non-English newspapers -- Spanish and French). Without public library services, either my mind or my wallet would wither--I prefer having a full mind and a full wallet.</p>
3547	7/11/2012	Libraries provide so much at no charge and people tend to take library services for granted, thinking that it will always be available.
3548	7/11/2012	We rely on the library system for home schooling resources, entertainment and personal enrichment.
3549	7/11/2012	They are an integral part of developing my children's mind and the offer various resources to building a well-rounded and diverse individual.
3550	7/11/2012	It's a great way to learn, entertain myself with books for FREE, and establish a community meeting place. I think it sends a great message to kids that books are important as opposed to sitting in front of a TV.
3551	7/11/2012	They provide access to information for all, regardless of income or personal resources.
3552	7/11/2012	I am CONSTANTLY checking things out from the library, especially language materials and music. I am also very concerned about the welfare of others who benefit from the library, be it seniors, children, etc.
3553	7/11/2012	Reading continues to allow self education, open the world and people's visions.
3554	7/11/2012	I use many library services, including Library2Go and Freegal. I am in to pick up books every week.

3555	7/11/2012	Not sure what other local public services...
3556	7/11/2012	Quality of life
3557	7/11/2012	because the access to books, publications and computer access is highly important for everyone and the library provides this regardless of income bracket or age demographic.
3558	7/11/2012	being able to educate and entertain oneself is mandatory! if you have nothing else, you can at least apply imagination!
3559	7/11/2012	I love the library and would rank it "very important" on most days but in this funding crisis the library cannot be more important than my childrens' schooling, fire and police. Having said that, the Multnomah County Library system provides a great support for our community serving needs of citizens of all ages. Without the library, other public services will struggle even more to serve the community.
3560	7/11/2012	Not everybody uses local public services, but everybody can use the library.
3561	7/11/2012	Books are great !
3562	7/11/2012	Multnomah County Library system and its high circulation and great services is one of the things which makes Portland attractive and livable.
3563	7/11/2012	I enjoy reading. I belong to a book club and being able to borrow instead of purchase a book is a big help.
3564	7/11/2012	Obviously, the lack of adequate police, fire and emergency services can often be immediately life threatening whereas the underfunding of a cultural/educational resource is only noticed after the harmful effects of any cut backs erode the quality of cultural life in the community. The later is a slower process, but it can be an equally harmful one.
3565	7/11/2012	I'm a voracious reader.
3566	7/11/2012	Not critical to public safety and welfare, but of higher importance than merely "nice-to-have" amenities
3567	7/11/2012	For me its continuing education. I could not afford to read all that I do if I had to find and purchase all the books that I currently read myself. [] If the economy continues to worsen the library may end up being the only source of educational materials for many.
3568	7/11/2012	I use the library regularly and so do practically everyone I know. The library is an excellent resource for people that don't have access to basic things like computers or just a place to go.

3569	7/11/2012	This new issue of decreasing libraries hours of availability and access will just prove the priorities of the state is not for educating it's constituents through Governor Kitzhaber's education agenda "40-40-20 plan" at all. Personally, if the 40-40-20 plan has any chance of succeeding in these coming years then the governor needs to encourage Salem Legislators to look elsewhere for budget cuts and support the libraries. How else will students get to higher education and beyond if their community resources for education as the library is being threatened every fiscal budgeting season. Plain and simple, libraries is the lifeblood for educating the public and a convenient way to ensure all people have access to new information, technology and full pursuit of opportunities the United States and the great state of Oregon has to offer.
3570	7/11/2012	I do use the Multnomah County Library on a regular basis. To me the libraries come in third in importance to police/fire protection and water/sewer service.
3571	7/11/2012	Obviously, emergency services take precedence. Beyond that, however, the library is one of the best sources for supplementary education and continuing education. Its great benefit is that it is free and caters to all ages. If education is valued by our society, and if education is a major factor in determining success, then it makes sense to support the library in the same way one would support schools.
3572	7/11/2012	The library is an extremely important resource in my life. I absolutely love books and yet I have very little money to buy them. I check out books for the kids I babysit, my stepson, and myself constantly. When I took a class this last semester I was completely reliant on the library for the books that were required reading in my class. I think our libraries are unique and excellent and I would like them to stay that way.
3573	7/11/2012	Libraries are absolutely necessary for a civilized community.
3574	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to materials and resources that not everyone has available in their own home.
3575	7/11/2012	We don't have enough money, we can borrow books, DVDs, and CDs for free. <input type="checkbox"/> It is very important for my family.
3576	7/11/2012	The local library is the ony resource available as to obtain literature, computer recources and other media (dvd's,cd's,etc)
3577	7/11/2012	I am a student. For me the library is indispensable. For the hungry, homeless, poverty stricken, ailing and disabled out there, there are hundreds of other things they need BEFORE books.
3578	7/11/2012	It is important to have a place to congregate and gain access to community resources.
3579	7/11/2012	I think having access to all the available resources at the libraries is of the utmost importance. Many people do not have the funds to buy books or don't have computers or access to publications and information that the library provides.....movies, music c.d.'s etc. To me having access to such a variety of books on a myriad of subjects is just heaven. And for young people books open up worlds for the imagination.

3580	7/11/2012	They provide a great resource and place for all people to visit and be able to have access to books, internet etc that they otherwise would not have.
3581	7/11/2012	i cant think of any other public services i use other than the library.
3582	7/11/2012	Books are a central and essential part of my life. They provide me with entertainment, (I read instead of watching TV or movies) and education (I am constantly researching and learning new things through books). But I would not be able to afford my book-centric lifestyle without access to such an excellent public library system.
3583	7/11/2012	The library is a community gathering place, never minding your gender, race, age, or socioeconomic standing. It's a safe place to be. Books open your mind to new worlds and help educate... for these reasons and so many others.
3584	7/11/2012	They keep me and other community residents informed
3585	7/11/2012	Though probably not the most important thing that the city provides. I think that the libraries provide a vital service of supplying information and resources to students and the the population in general on a range of topics. As a mom I would hate to see that go away for my kids. They look forward to coming in and picking up the items that we put on hold for them.
3586	7/11/2012	The are the cornerstone of my daughter's education, and a major form of our weekly entertainment. The library encourages her curiosity about the world because it rewards it. We'd be lost without it.
3587	7/11/2012	libraries are repositories of knowledge
3588	7/11/2012	Reading fosters education for our youth and maintains brain function in adults and elderly. Our future is in our children and they need to be educated!
3589	7/11/2012	The library is a public facility that people can use to read, use the computer, the internet, print, tutor, and more, for free. There are plenty of other programs out there, that are free, that provide the same services. What the library needs is to be a place where people can go to do work.
3590	7/11/2012	The library is a vital resource in our community. It serves a diverse population and provides invaluable support for families, students, teachers, the elderly, job seekers, and more. I would be lost without the public library.
3591	7/11/2012	Most of the library services seem frivolous in this economy.
3592	7/11/2012	All social services are important. They provide resources and build community. Budget cuts to social services should never be "on the table."
3593	7/11/2012	I read and research a lot
3594	7/11/2012	Because I don't have a computer at home or internet service on my phone
3595	7/11/2012	Libraries are only second to public schools and just ahead of Parks and Rec for keeping Portland a healthy, vibrant community for all of us.
3596	7/11/2012	Before the internet and downloading of e-books I might have rated library services higher. I still would if the cost justified the outcome.
3597	7/11/2012	libraries hold all knowledge and information for all people free and accessible. Libraries contain history. they are everything. very important to our society and community.

3598	7/11/2012	i love to read!
3599	7/11/2012	The library is a center for the community. Public libraries have proven invaluable to me over the years and have contributed greatly to the successes I've had. [] I could not have read for pleasure as a child if not for public libraries. I otherwise would not have been exposed to what was an enjoyable and enriching process. [] [] Language and intellectual development through reading is as obvious in its importance as it is in its decline. Libraries provide access to self-improvement through learning. [] I have also used public libraries for academic and personal research. A library provides excellent conditions for quiet activity that I am unable to duplicate at home. [] There were times when I didn't have a personal computer or internet access available to me, so I used the library to help me accomplish necessary activities (looking for a place to live, preparing a resume, searching for a job or a used car, etc).
3600	7/11/2012	They are available to low income people who probably wouldn't have access to these services provided by the Library without stable funding of services. They create a constructive, quiet environment to learn where you might not have it anywhere else. This was particularly important to me during college. Having access to knowledge is also of utmost importance. Everyone should be able to freely enjoy this knowledge and libraries are so wonderful for this very reason ; they don't discriminate!
3601	7/11/2012	Because Librarians continue to have resources and knowledge that others don't always know how to find. Also, the library was a great place to go with my kids and meet other moms and kids when they were small. The library is still my go to place when I want information on a specific topic, in a book, that I want to use at home but not buy.
3602	7/11/2012	Public safety must be #1.
3603	7/11/2012	I read library books all of the time, and usually have more than one book at a time checked out. Libraries provide access to literature, community resources, computers, and shelter to people who might not otherwise have it. They represent a "heart" in the community...they are a place where community (in the larger sense of people being together in a common space that nurtures them) happens. I never go to the library, or leave it, without smiling. Thank you for being there. And I'm willing to pay my share to keep it!
3604	7/11/2012	
3605	7/11/2012	
3606	7/11/2012	
3607	7/11/2012	Being able to have the world's knowledge at the "public's" fingertips is one of the best things the US has to offer.

3608	7/11/2012	Thousands and thousands of citizens use the library every day. It's an equalizer: you can access the same great services without money. Libraries are like our parks - a true community resource and treasure, appreciated by MANY.
3609	7/11/2012	Reading is VITAL to education, and a well-read community is a more involved community!
3610	7/11/2012	I use this service more than anything other public services, with the exception of public transport and maybe water fountains.
3611	7/11/2012	Its helpful
3612	7/11/2012	Much of the use of the library is for popular entertainment, as information can be found elsewhere relatively cheaply. The advent of the internet decreases the importance of the library overall. That said, the value we get from the library as a community far out weighs the cost. It is an outstanding value.
3613	7/11/2012	Libraries provide a service to the mind. Trash pick up is important, police are essential, re-cycling the right thing to do, but libraries enlarge our minds and our vision of the world. In my opinion, they are an essential service to the community.
3614	7/11/2012	Free access to knowledge and betterment of the mind is key to a better society (both free as in freedom, and free as in no cost). This is true when viewed from a high-level or abstract way, as well as the simple joy of watching a child read a new book, discover a new computer game, or taking in good music and movies which the library provides.
3615	7/11/2012	They are the building blocks for children to learn to read prior to entering the school system. IN addition, they are a resource for folks who do not have the funds to buy their materials to "rent" them at the library and enjoy a higher quality of life. Reading is life!
3616	7/11/2012	You asked in step 7 how important I feel local library services are compared to other local public services. What local public services are you talking about? The police? Firemen? Street cleaners? Custodial services? Teen entertainment centers? Homeless shelters? Oregon state job placement office? What "other" services do you mean? Your answer would depend on how I respond to step 7. I LOVE my local library and value its services highly. But I would not put it over the police or firemen services. I cannot answer step 7 without more information to make my choice.
3617	7/11/2012	It's the only one I use.
3618	7/11/2012	Like education, libraries are a way forward for people. Both are an absolute foundation for a thriving society.
3619	7/11/2012	I understand that many folks are taking advantage of e-books these days, but as the parent of young children, I think that libraries are vitally important. For babies, toddlers, preschoolers and early school-age children, the photos and illustrations contained in real, live actual books are integral to the reading experience. Books like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" would be far less exciting on a Kindle. And let's not forget library storytimes. They not only expose young children to books, but give them and their caregivers a chance to interact with other families. In that respect, libraries don't simply grow future readers, they grow community as well.

3620	7/11/2012	I use the library on a regular basis to check out books & other materials. Many individuals without access to a computer use library computers. Families bring in children to check out books and participate in other programs.
3621	7/11/2012	Our public leadership responsible for managing the assets of the county as a business are tax and spend oriented. The library is a very valuable service, but the waste of resources on other programs (e.g. bicycle initiatives) makes the decision easy at this point in our economic cycle.
3622	7/11/2012	I have used libraries all my life. As a child back in the 50's, my father took us to the library regularly. Free access to books is critical to our ability to learn and be on top of current events and contemporary culture (or old culture, for that matter). It is immensely useful for people who are seeking employment and do not have access to a computer anywhere else.
3623	7/11/2012	Because they offer many services. I like to check out books rather use an electronic device
3624	7/11/2012	We need access to information to be an informed citizenry.
3625	7/11/2012	without that information available to the public we become illiterate
3626	7/11/2012	I use the library as a resource for everything. It's costly to buy a resume guide if you're already out of work - and those resources are free for library patrons.
3627	7/11/2012	I think that there might be some other agencies that need the money more.
3628	7/11/2012	I am retired. I read daily. I walk to my local library as destination and social contact.
3629	7/11/2012	The attain the knowledge that I can access the library at any of the given times.
3630	7/11/2012	Highest level - it is where I research and write.
3631	7/11/2012	Who wrote this survey? How can a person possibly answer the question above...compared with WHAT other public services? Fire, police, and garbage type services? Um, a lot less important. Parks & Rec kinds of programs, bike lanes, and other non-critical services? Equally or more important. How are you possibly going to interpret the data from this question???
3632	7/11/2012	Libraries are critical. They provide amazing services to a wide range of citizens. I've had the experience of tutoring grade school students in reading - my MLC branch comes through with books on a weekly basis. I've also worked in a health sciences library and found that reference services there were supplemented by MCL in some cases.
3633	7/11/2012	I want access both to new and to older materials....generally, bookstores only offer the former.
3634	7/11/2012	Our world-class library system offers/promotes something that is so beneficial to our community; reading and social interaction. It is great that there is a place to go that does not cost money and is a positive influence on young people.
3635	7/11/2012	The library provides a safe environment for patrons to learn. Storytimes provide a place for children to appreciate what books can mean in their lives, as well as get a new mother out and about. The library staff are helpful resources.
3636	7/11/2012	Access to information in all its forms is vital to a democratic society.
3637	7/11/2012	I believe a strong library provides an equally accessible resource for education, career development, and quality of life for all members of the community.

3638	7/11/2012	They're one of the most valuable and affordable ways to educate and inform a wide range of individuals in our community. They support freedom of expression and honor accessibility.
3639	7/11/2012	I think I answered that earlier in the survey.
3640	7/11/2012	People who use the library put themselves in a position to make better decisions about everything.
3641	7/11/2012	I see how many people are using the library whenever I visit and I know that it's an important resource to many people in the community.
3642	7/11/2012	I depend on the library as a resource for books.
3643	7/11/2012	I love knowledge. The library provides a safe educational and productive place to spend time for all ages of people in the community. It is also a great gathering place for neighborhoods. My child is learning so much just because we spend time reading books borrowed from the library. We would not otherwise have access to so much great information without spending a fortune on books.
3644	7/11/2012	
3645	7/11/2012	Because they are supplementing the decline in education from our public education system, and helping our children become readers starting at birth.
3646	7/11/2012	I love libraries and think they are crucial to a healthy, safe, and viable community
3647	7/11/2012	Important, because I use the library on a weekly basis.
3648	7/11/2012	Kids need to learn to read and be exposed to lots of ideas in order to to become critical thinking adults.
3649	7/11/2012	equality in education, access to books, i am a student and i value the library for research and the pleasure of summer reading-- I'll read about 4-5 books per week and I can't afford to buy them! i grew up going to the library every week with my mom and sister so its of sentimental value too.
3650	7/11/2012	Even with the information highway on the internet, libraries provide important information and entertainment services along with a valuable resource base. Not all school aged children have access to computers in the home and the library provides needed resources and computers that are essential for those student's academic growth.
3651	7/11/2012	Check out of materials and some research. Access to printers. Computer access.
3652	7/11/2012	Because it's a free source of information, accessible to everyone. Besides that, I grew up going to the library once a week when I was a kid, and checking out loads of books. When I was a poor college student, I would use the internet at the library. There are plenty of services I don't use now (like child and young adult programming) that I hope to one day when I do have kids. I can't imagine losing those services. In addition, Multnomah County is one of the best library systems I've used (I have had memberships at at least 7 other public library systems in the past). When I move to a new apartment, a consideration is staying in Multnomah County so I don't have to switch to another library.
3653	7/11/2012	Books are important.
3654	7/11/2012	There are often very few other local public services that are free and accommodate all age groups.

3655	7/11/2012	Low-income but access to free services (books, media, job resources) helps a lot with expanding knowledge and improving my well being and mental state.
3656	7/11/2012	The public needs free access to quality information.
3657	7/11/2012	The last bastion of personal interaction and access to resources, research etc.
3658	7/11/2012	The library has always been a very important resource in my life. I use it for reading materials, video, music, reading the local news, internet access. If time allowed I would attend more activities such as reading groups and knitting groups. It is a place in the community for information.
3659	7/11/2012	I can access books etc. on tablet.
3660	7/11/2012	People need access to information I used the library constantly when living in Troutdale. I was new to Oregon and was able to look up all kinds of information for local and statewide. Children today do not know how to use a library and I feel the service you provide is truly invaluable.[]
3661	7/11/2012	Libraries need to be local for families who do not have the resources or knowledge of computers. The staff provides much needed information.
3662	7/11/2012	I am literate. FOR MY WORK with special needs children: I use the library to get books for the classroom, to encourage families to get books for their children and to have a community place to bring their children, especially including storytimes in different languages, and sensory storytimes. []
3663	7/11/2012	We also use Raise a REader and the bins of books that are brought to schools. [] PERSONALLY: I read books and since they are part of the library system, I am able to then share my use with other people in our community, instead of owning them myself. It gives me access to books and I would never be able to buy them. I use the library to get music that I wouldn't be able to afford to buy, and gives me an opportunity to find out if I like the music before I do purchase it.
3664	7/11/2012	To the extent that I use the library (for reading material), it isn't the highest of priorities. Obviously, leisurely reading comes second to other life fundamentals - such as food. But for others, it may be highly valued as it's the only way that they can access the internet or acquire certain skills.
3665	7/11/2012	libraries rank with firefighters and police, in my opinion. Children need access to programs that involve them on a community level, or they will get lost in mass media marketing.
3666	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the key components of a strong vital city. Access to books, publications, resource materials is critical to our citizens. Reading programs that encourage young people to read and learn are important for a well educated populace.
3667	7/11/2012	Public safety is more important.
3668	7/11/2012	Promote reading and a great sense of community!
3669	7/11/2012	there is easy and plenty access
3670	7/11/2012	It's a model of how public services benefit everyone.

3671	7/11/2012	<p>We are a family of readers, raising a child to be a reader. We read fiction, non-fiction. My child is learning another language and the library facilitates our ability to supplement school with audio-visual materials in Mandarin that, as a non-Mandarin speaking household, we cannot provide in the same way.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Our library is also part of our community -- we see our neighbors there. Book Babies was my life-saver when my daughter was an infant. Through Book Babies, I met other moms & kids who lived nearby. Years later, some of them remain my closest friends although we don't all live in the same place any longer.</p>
3672	7/11/2012	<p>i have such fond memories of reading and checking our masses of books as a kid. It is a memory i hope to re-create for my daughter. We are on a limited budget. What better way to expose her to new experiences, ideas, entertainment. I know the library will play such an important part in her life.</p> <p>I usually place holds on the internet site and pick them up when they are in. I take my kids to the library and read magazines when there. I thought that the "lucky day" program is a good idea to allow other people to get newer materials instead of going on line and ordering it. That makes sense and also brings more people in to the library. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The employees are very helpful at the library and I also enjoy the self checkout.</p>
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3674	7/11/2012	<p>I love to read.</p>
3675	7/11/2012	<p>The library is an extremely important resource but I think road maintenance, public transportation, waste management, etc might be a bit more important.</p>
3676	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are crucial sources for education and help foster a love of learning. Without the library I would have trouble accessing all of the information that enriches my life.</p>
3677	7/11/2012	<p>When I was an educator for PPS, I relied heavily upon the Library to provide films and books on current topics in the social sciences because my curriculum budget was less than \$1 per student per semester. On a personal level, I rely on the Library less than I used to because most of my research is now conducted on-line at home. However, I believe that Portland's libraries are an essential bridge in the digital divide.</p>
3678	7/11/2012	<p>Books are expensive, and education is a high priority.</p>
3679	7/11/2012	<p>I don't go to the library all the time, and parks/ recreation areas are more important to me.</p>
3680	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are an incalculable local resource. As safe locations for children to learn, a literary resource and a symbol of a vibrant culture, the public library represents one of the crowning achievements of our society.</p>
3681	7/11/2012	<p>I am on a budget and the library allows me to read at minimal cost. I read a lot of books about history that I otherwise could not afford. I also think that as a community, we need to emphasize the importance of reading.</p>

3682	7/11/2012	If you are talking police or fire, then they are very important. I walk or ride my bike, do not go downtown, do not ride max. I do not ride the tram. They may be important to others but I like to frequent my neighborhood.
3683	7/11/2012	Access to information is the great leveler in society
3684	7/11/2012	Libraries are, while somewhat dated institutions, still very valuable places to obtain information and items of cultural importance (literature, music, movies, etc;) and public resource centers for the elderly, children, and impoverished members of our society who may not otherwise have access to computers and the internet, which are increasingly important in day to day life and in job seeking. Libraries need to adapt with the times to remain relevant, but are nonetheless something I consider essential to a civil society that values equal opportunities for all.
3685	7/11/2012	I visit my local library every week to check out new books for my two children. I see this as one of the main ways I try to give them a love of reading and of good books. I, myself, also frequently check out digital audio books and books on CD. This makes my commute much more enjoyable. Thank you!
3686	7/11/2012	It is a free knowledge for people. Some books are too expensive to buy.
3687	7/11/2012	Access to continued education is vital...for kids and adults. New books are available without having to purchase them so we can read more!
3688	7/11/2012	They open the world to everyone via books, music, knowledge, resources, etc.....that makes it of the utmost importance.
3689	7/11/2012	We do not have the income to purchase a lot of reading materials and music.
3690	7/11/2012	I think literacy is vital and I think it is an indication of our health as a community. Free access to reading materials, etc. is of major importance.
3691	7/11/2012	Libraries provide uplift that stimulates the intellect and curiosity. Whithout these, what kind of community are we?
3692	7/11/2012	for many people it is the only place they can get access to resources, including books, articles, and computer access
3693	7/11/2012	Libraries provide materials and services that enrich people's lives. They are one of those rare resources that are available for the whole community to use.
3694	7/11/2012	Libraries provide much access to information and computers for people who wouldn't otherwise have that access
3695	7/11/2012	We mainly use the library to check out books for my children. When school is in session, my children can use their local school library to check out books weekly limiting the need for us to use the public library.
3696	7/11/2012	I can afford to buy some materials online from vendors and online sources, however, if I am able to check out materials first, I make wiser choices with my money.

3697	7/11/2012	Because I rely on the Multnomah County Library system for research materials for my work, as well as for all of my recreational reading material. I cannot afford to buy all of the books I read and count on the library for having an excellent selection of published books (and CDs and DVDs).
3698	7/11/2012	Access to information for EVERYONE is necessary for a well functioning democratic society.
3699	7/11/2012	I'd like an option between very and somewhat - because having fire fighters is maybe technically more important...but libraries are needed too, just on a less life or death scale.
3700	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the best sources of knowledge and are available to everyone
3701	7/11/2012	because i get what ever i need
3702	7/11/2012	The Public Library is where all of the people regardless of income, education or any other status, can seek and gain knowledge in almost any topic.
3703	7/11/2012	Libraries are open and free to all regardless of class. Some books are too expensive for me to buy, so I obtain use of them at the library.
3704	7/11/2012	I cannot afford to buy enough books. I listen to 5 or 6 books a week, while I work or relax, in addition to reading printed books and e-books. Not having more books readily at hand would be terrible for me.
3705	7/11/2012	I love to read and I like having access to information that I can hold in my hand. Reading online becomes tiring.
3706	7/11/2012	They reflect the degree of importance our society places on access to information, learning, exchange of ideas, etc.
3707	7/11/2012	One of the major sources of Portland pride I have come from our library system. The fact that rare books and resources which are found almost nowhere other than in major world cities can be found in our very small and "locally-minded" city allows us to actually be great. Without our library system we would ultimately be degraded to somewhere too provincial for real doers and thinkers to form a community. The Multnomah County Library allows us to connect with the rest of the world.
3708	7/11/2012	Libraries are were the poor and homeless can use technology and old fashion books to learn and enjoy. The young can discover the wonder of the wriiten word., and the old a place within the community .
3709	7/11/2012	I am unemployed and need access to literature and computers.
3710	7/11/2012	Library provide so many critical community functions from traditional information lending resource to services for less advantaged, etc.
3711	7/11/2012	Books and keeping people reading is important to the future.
3712	7/11/2012	All success comes from reading.
3713	7/11/2012	Because my family uses them regularly.
3714	7/11/2012	literacy, and education are so important to cultural awareness and participation.
3715	7/11/2012	As a history writer I use online library research resources nearly every day.
3716	7/11/2012	I can get just about any media I could ever want for the best price.

3717	7/11/2012	I don't have much money to buy new books and media, but public roads and fire/emergency care are somewhat more important.
3718	7/11/2012	They serve the local community where children can have easier access.
3719	7/11/2012	The library is the last bastion of privacy, free speech, and unfiltered information in our society.
3720	7/11/2012	yes
3721	7/11/2012	overall the libraey is a great boost to learning and literacy, which is critical to success in earning a living and having a satisfyiny life
3722	7/11/2012	I love to read.
3723	7/11/2012	It is accessible to all people, many (like me) with little money, out of work, no computer access or able to otherwise get books or media. I grew up going to the library, used to do summer reading, which helps children love reading and keep up with skills. The library is a free, open, haven for many people who would not otherwise have opportunities that only library gives. It opens the world up! I got at least 3-4 times a week.
3724	7/11/2012	They are a major means of 'pulling up with your bootstraps'. An informed society is a better society, the library is key to give information, and knowledge to all of our citizens.
3725	7/11/2012	Not having access to library materials and services on any level is equal to validating a new American caste-system.
3726	7/11/2012	I am retired with a fixed income. My purchasing power has been adversely affected by the economy. I count on the library being there to allow me to keep in touch with the world, and to entertain me with books and media.
3727	7/11/2012	an illiterate society cannot function well or thrive.
3728	7/11/2012	Libraries are the foundation of a free and equitable society.
3729	7/11/2012	As a community we did it to continue our literacy level. History has taught us we need an educated community.
3730	7/11/2012	The library is a community hub. There are resources that are unavailable anywhere else for free. At a time (many years ago) when I was homeless I was able to use the internet at libraries to claim unemployment, look for jobs, find resources, etc. I would hate to see these services not be available to others in the future. Libraries are such an educational resource for everyone in the community.
3731	7/11/2012	Libraries are a part of education (general education - not just the amount required to pass a standardized test) and education gives children a chance to learn to become productive members of society. If we don't fund education and libraries now, we'll need to fund prisons and unemployment schemes later.
3732	7/11/2012	As I stated before, people from any kind of economic background / status can utilize the library system to enrich themselves and gain knowledge.

3733	7/11/2012	Libraries represent knowledge and learning; they provide services to those who cannot otherwise afford them.
3734	7/11/2012	I view the resource as critical and think it is a very important sort of community glue to hold neighborhoods together
3735	7/11/2012	High - I don't use other public services other than police and fire protection, paid utilities and riding Tri-Met buses
3736	7/11/2012	Important to have a civilized, quiet place to read and the opportunity to check out books, media, etc from the library's enormous catalog. [] It's a sane place with no expectations of me buying anything to enter.
3737	7/11/2012	I personally use the library for reading for entertainment. I think services for school children, seniors, job seekers etc[] Are invaluable. Libraries are the center of a community. Easy access to information is vital for the education of the whole community. With better education comes better jobs, better health, lower crime and a better community. The computer access at the library is often the only internet access for low income adults. The access to both the programs and the internet can assist in a job to help get a person or family out of poverty. The library is also often the first place kids discover the concept of reading for pleasure which can set them on a path of becoming curious and well-read adults. [] []
3738	7/11/2012	All of this is only part of why local libraries are important to me. The heart of it all is that my strongest childhood memories are of spending hours after school in my tiny local library. I was a latch-key kid by 7 years old and the library was the place I would often go when on my own. If I was lonely or scared at home I could bike to the library. I would wander the aisles finding new book that looked interesting and just enjoying the environment. (This was before there were computers in the libraries.) I want any child in need of that kind of safe place to have it available to them 7 days a week like it was for me.
3739	7/11/2012	My family reads a lot. We would not read nearly as much without the library.
3740	7/11/2012	I really value the ability to reserve books from other branches & have them brought to my local library. Before I could afford a printer I would use the local library's -- not possible w/o a local branch.
3741	7/11/2012	The libraries supliment peoples ability to learn.
3742	7/11/2012	Some things are crucial, like maintaining infrastructure and programs for those who have been hurt the most in the recession. While libraries may not fall in this group, they are still a key component in an educated and engaged community.
3743	7/11/2012	i believe having access to a diverse assortment of learning materials is critical to my own and to society's growth. without a library system, access to objective information is difficult and expensive to obtain.
3744	7/11/2012	Access to good books, audiobooks, music and othe media.

3745	7/11/2012	I still enjoy holding and reading books. To me it is the access to books. I particularly like the large print books and the access to reference materials and magazines like consumer reports. It is a part of our community, it pulls people together and offers a wonderful service.
3746	7/11/2012	The mark of a civilized society is how much the citizens support their library system.
3747	7/11/2012	Information resources are essential to economic development, an educated work force, competitiveness, AND well-being. Almost as essential as life and safety services and good public schools.
3748	7/11/2012	Education is important to me. The library is a huge resource for knowledge.
3749	7/11/2012	The library provides all kinds of knowledge-based services to people of all income levels. It helps level the playing field for people who could otherwise not afford access to books, media, programs, etc that the library provides for free.
3750	7/11/2012	internet and job seeking access - programs for kids and seniors - general education.....
3751	7/11/2012	Knowledge is key in understanding our society and pursuing a better life and the library is the cornerstone for all of that.
3752	7/11/2012	People of all income levels need access to educational materials.
3753	7/11/2012	Community! We are losing so much of our community every day. The more 'SMART' items filling up our lives, the less 'human' we are becoming! Knowing your local librarian and listening to him/her and their wisdom and wealth of information about all kinds of books, stories, etc... Why they are simply irreplaceable!!!
3754	7/11/2012	Libraries don't directly affect humans basic needs, but they do help to make those basic needs sustainable.
3755	7/11/2012	reading is my most fundamental pastime
3756	7/11/2012	I mostly use the library to do research and find specific information. There isn't a ready alternative to the library for me, so I find it very important to be able to use the library. I know it also serves as a community center for people with young children and senior citizens.
3757	7/11/2012	I read a lot of "non-serious fiction" as entertainment, and don't want to buy anything I don't plan to keep. (I buy art books.) I don't mind waiting a few months if necessary to get a popular novel.) (For what it's worth, in the city we used to live in, best sellers could only be taken out for 7 days. You could reduce the wait time a lot by not letting people hold onto popular books for 3 weeks.) I like the computerized search and "hold" service a lot.
3758	7/11/2012	Fire, police and medical are utmost. Libraries are secondary to life/death services.
3759	7/11/2012	Typically services from the library aren't vital to survival, like power and water

3760	7/11/2012	Libraries are for the people, by the people and of the people. Very few institutions are as noble and useful. They open up information, resources and a respect for knowledge to ALL Americans regardless of their age, race, income, etc. Without libraries we lose one of the last good social institutions left in this country. I'd rather ride my bike across broken sidewalks and potholed streets to my Library than arrive on pristine pavement only to find my library closed!!! Plus - It's our youth and elderly who seem to use my library the most. What would these people do? Where would they go? I see kids doing more than games - they are WORKING and they are on task. My library makes my community BETTER in ways perhaps certain idiot legislators and political hacks refuse to acknowledge. It's stupid not to support a library. It says a lot about a person who balks at chump change out of their pocket to keep the library going. Even if they never use it. It should be a no brainer. I support ANYTHING Library.
3761	7/11/2012	I love to read, and borrowing books is a wonderful way to do this. I also have a low income, so with the library I borrow books and movies, so can still have those pleasures, vs. not being able to buy books, or pay for movies.[] I pay plenty in property taxes, and am glad they are (partially) used for the library.
3762	7/11/2012	Because they are there to help everybody regardless of class or income, and few things are as important as free access to information. Knowledge and learning changes attitudes and can easily change a persons life!
3763	7/11/2012	This is my second school !
3764	7/11/2012	A great resource for literacy and free access thereto
3765	7/11/2012	It's important for my kids to learn how to use the library, it fosters their love of reading.
3766	7/11/2012	It is the only place you can find knowledge for free. the US lacks Culture and it will be worse with school budget cuts, the library is a vital place if we want to keep this country "civilized"
3767	7/11/2012	Because they give access to all the members of the community to important resources that very few of us could access on our own. They are not life and death important, but very important to the intellectual, social, and cultural life of our community and they serve all citizens, regardless of income.[] []
3768	7/11/2012	However, right now there is a shortage of revenue and a lot of unmet needs in our communities. I REALLY think that it is hard to justify a tax increase at this time for libraries when our schools have had to make such huge sacrifices--I would rather give money to PPS right now and increase tax for the libraries when the economy gets a little better. Hard choices.
3769	7/11/2012	America is in a rut, no matter which way you look at it, and if our citizens were more well rounded that would help ease the problem. Hopefully we aren't too far gone.
3770	7/11/2012	Because we need to live in a literate society.
3771	7/11/2012	The library gives me freedom to pursue new interests on a whim. I don't have to worry that I'll spend \$20 on a book that I won't like.

3772	7/11/2012	n/a
3773	7/11/2012	The library provides so much for so many on a daily basis. Fire and police protection are important, as is infrastructure like roads and other civic projects, but libraries help lift us above the survival line and in to culture.
3774	7/11/2012	I use the library for a wide variety of services, including WiFi internet access and an economical alternative to pay video rental options such as NetFlix and Blockbuster.
3775	7/11/2012	Obviously the library isn't as important as public education, fresh and clean water, etc. but in the big picture providing access to free reading materials among the other services libraries offer is integral to a developed society.
3776	7/11/2012	I believe the library develops a sense of community in cities like Portland, It allows people access to information/research, and to broaden their horizons and take in new points of view. []
3777	7/11/2012	This is something I find important to the betterment of societies as a whole. It is of equal importance.
3778	7/11/2012	Educational, neighborhood building, (bringing people in from the neighborhood)[]
3779	7/11/2012	accessible, used on a daily basis, would personally rate as very important but would need a list of other local public services [] to give realistic rating
3780	7/11/2012	Libraries are very versatile in their uses. They provide entertainment and education in many forms: reading materials (fiction and non-fiction, classic and current), Internet access, music, movies, and events. Not only that, but they have people who give face-to-face conversations to assure that their visitors find the help they need.
3781	7/11/2012	Libraries are extremely important as a part of keeping communities educated and for giving resources to the people in the community that need them. Libraries raise the quality of life for children, adults, and elders who utilize them.
3782	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader.
3783	7/11/2012	i believe that libraries and integral part of a thriving community. the services they provide are filled by no other service int he community and in his poor economy are more necessary than ever.
3784	7/11/2012	Because I am a teacher and I use the library all the time. It's a great value if you use it!!
3785	7/11/2012	See my above remark regarding knowledge and education.
3786	7/11/2012	It keeps my old mind more alert with the different books available.
3787	7/11/2012	Because I depend on the library for research and education. I also read several books a week and would not be able to afford them if I had to buy them. The library should be someplace for everyone to visit on any day of the week. I remember when I was in school the libraries were open until 9 PM every evening, we could go there and get our homework done, closing the libraries deny's many children, young people and adults an invaluable resource.
3788	7/11/2012	They are not life and death but they add to the enjoyment of life.

3789	7/11/2012	Having a strong library influences the culture of a city, which is important to me. I think it helps keep crime down, encourages community involvement, and raises the awareness/education level of the citizens.
3790	7/11/2012	Literacy and education is the most important thing citizens need to truly understand how to communicate and understand the world around them
3791	7/11/2012	I love to read books and learn. there is no way I could afford to purchase and shelve the amount of books I go through. when I lived downtown, I spent hours there every week. sadly there is very little reason for me to go to the smaller community libraries as there is very little there to read.
3792	7/11/2012	Human needs: shelter, food, water, heat, clothing. Books are not a need...they are nice. Libraries are not Top priority.
3793	7/11/2012	I believe Libraries offer so much more now. When I was young it was just a place to check out a book. Don't get me wrong, having books available to read to all, is very important..but I think Libraries play an even bigger part in our societies now. They offer so much more information and resources to the public.
3794	7/11/2012	I enjoy my library, but when I need the police or fire department, I really need them! With that said, I can't imagine my life without a library that's close to where I live.
3795	7/11/2012	I have been able to educate myself about so many subjects throughout my life by using the public library's resources. Many books on medical issues or other subjects of interest to me have been wonderful.
3796	7/11/2012	For us, the library is like water or garbage service - we visit it every week (usually multiple times), it is an important part of raising our family, enriching ourselves, and living in our neighborhood. Without it we would not be as well off in a variety of ways.
3797	7/11/2012	public safety is important. the rest is an optional service.
3798	7/11/2012	The library is one of my joys. I constantly have books to read, and I wouldn't be able to do that without the library.
3799	7/11/2012	As a culture, we are what we know and what we remember. Libraries act as civilization's memory banks, cultural archives, and keepers of knowledge -- and by extension, librarians are the people who enable us to find the specific information we need and often can help us apply it against our specific needs. If we *are* crippled by an earthquake, invaded by aliens, or some other disaster acts to throw our culture into chaos, any chance we have to rebuild will depend on recovering and making use of the knowledge stored in libraries. And even in "normal" times, libraries allow and enable anyone, regardless of social or economic status, to study, learn, and acquire the means to improve their lives and the world around them.
3800	7/11/2012	I love knowledge and Multicolib is like the Internet to me, it is a "Must Have!"
3801	7/11/2012	A nation cannot survive unless its populace is educated. Libraries offer all people the opportunity to expand their minds, not just those with money.

3802	7/11/2012	A great library means educated children, educated adults, and with help for those who need help finding a job, learning how to use computers, and generally a more literate population.
3803	7/11/2012	no internet at home.
3804	7/11/2012	it is a resource that my family all uses on a regular basis
3805	7/11/2012	Because my taxes provide me with access to books and other media I could not afford to buy. Because everyone's taxes provide a way to use the internet for those who cannot afford a home internet service. Because a community library is a gathering place for citizens offering all types of information and entertainment of the mind. Libraries should be well stocked, accessible and conveniently located for all the county.
3806	7/11/2012	Because Library helps us learn what we dont know, and It important kids and young adult to take the changes to go to the library and read some new or books.
3807	7/11/2012	Keeping our children and community intelligent and educated through books, etc. We're dumbed down too much already by TV, other media.
3808	7/11/2012	Access to data and resource materials
3809	7/11/2012	Library is a good resource, after education at school.
3810	7/11/2012	Libraries open the door to the big wide world for those who may not be able to have a direct opportunity to learn what is beyond their neighborhood . It evens the playing field for people with differing levels of economic and educational status.
3811	7/11/2012	Because everyone should have the right to free access of books and other information if we are to evolve as human beings. Our Constitution stipulates legislation for the greater good and the welfare of all. Reading and learning are vital to human beings everywhere. The current political and economic climate are threatening to take those rights from us. We must not allow that happen.
3812	7/11/2012	I have always loved to read. At 86 years of age, reading is something I do lot and enjoy for pleasure and to learn. A reading group meets at my apartment once a month that is a real joy. Several in our group drive to Midland to check out books we are reading and share with those who do not drive. For my other reading, I really appreciate the Bookmobile that comes to CherryWood Village once a month. The librarians, Liz and a very nice man, are exceptionally helpful and kind to us. I also appreciate being able to use the databases, such as Heritage Quest, you make possible for me to access on my home computer--very valuable! Also on the computer I can put a hold on material I want to check out which my children or friends check out for me at the Midland Branch. Thank you for providing all of that and more. I love libraries!!!
3813	7/11/2012	In order for our society to function people need access to books!
3814	7/11/2012	Libraries are a place to gather as a community, as well as centers of information and knowledge. The better informed and/or educated a community is, the better the community will be. The more cohesive a community is, the more likely we'll be to want to provide aid in difficult times. That's pretty simply stated, but it's the gist of why my library matters to me.

3815	7/11/2012	The library has so many different resources. Even though Wilson has a pool and there are nice parks around, the library is great no matter the weather and the summer reading program in the summer brings fond memories of the excitement of reading in the summer, In the winter, it's a quiet, dry, cozy place to study. It is relevant to every person.
3816	7/11/2012	It's a part of my life. I borrow lots of items from the library, from non-fiction books to learn something to fiction to comedy DVDs for entertainment to foreign DVDs to learn about other cultures to e-books to databases.
3817	7/11/2012	I make extensive use of the library for books and reference. I recall what the library meant to me as a child growing up in rural South Carolina in the 1960s.
3818	7/11/2012	Other public resources, such as pregnancy resource centers and such, are also important, but the library helps the community learn to research and think to make educated decisions on their own.
3819	7/11/2012	Libraries are not only a source of information, they also function as a community center. Attending library events and classes connects community members with shared interests. As a new mom with a new baby, the Book Babies program at the Gresham library helped me foster an entire support base with other new mothers. We still call ourselves 'The Library Group' even though our activities are not always centered around library activities. Similarly, activities such as the Big Trucks coming up this Saturday are quickly becoming family events that we look forward to each year, and can hopefully continue to look forward to for many years to come.
3820	7/11/2012	The local library is one of my girls' favorite places to go to because they love to read and play the games on the computers for children. I, especially, love the programs and summer reading program that they hold there because my girls get even more excited about keeping up with their reading and learning.
3821	7/11/2012	I rely on the library for research, books, and music.
3822	7/11/2012	It's critical for people to be able to have access to FREE publications and print resources that cost significant amounts of money to purchase.
3823	7/11/2012	Schools, Firefighters, Police, Roads are more important to me, but Libraries comes next.
3824	7/11/2012	Tools
3825	7/11/2012	I am proud of the Multnomah Library System. It is well-run; lots of people use it; it has a great collection. I think it is a real asset to our community.
3826	7/11/2012	there are some services for the sick and needy that are more important. This is a support to the community in this time of financial strain.
3827	7/11/2012	Libraries provide accessibility to information which is crucial to the empowerment of marginalized people.
3828	7/11/2012	Libraries should be moving from physical to online services. The bond will reduce money available to support other public services...public safety, parks, transportation projects. As long as the library exists in cyberspace, I am happy.
3829	7/11/2012	I don't use it that often, but am glad these services are available.

3830	7/11/2012	Access to information and other library materials is a core function of government, most other local public services are politically driven and of value to often very small constituencies
3831	7/11/2012	Because we don't get very many public services at all to begin with. We need to keep the ones we got before they disappear.
3832	7/11/2012	This is poor question. What kind of information can be gleaned from a blanket comparison to unspecified "other" services? [] This survey is beginning to look like it's designed as a promotional, rather than an information gathering effort.
3833	7/11/2012	my daughter is employed there
3834	7/11/2012	Because they serve everyone...not just those old enough to vote, work, drive, etc. Making kids aware of books and printed media from early days is key to a more informed, involved population. We all benefit when our neighbors are informed and see the importance of continuing education.
3835	7/11/2012	Equal access for all to employment, educational resources.
3836	7/11/2012	Use the library often
3837	7/11/2012	It gives everyone more of an equal chance for resource of knowlege.
3838	7/11/2012	Anyone can use the library, but other services have eligibility requirements or aren't relevant to all community members.
3839	7/11/2012	preventative for our youth, assistance with those trying to make changes, and reading helps educate our communities.
3840	7/11/2012	Because literature, the arts, education - as manifested in libraries - are all great and important, but not as important as combating poverty, improving he school system, etc. There are higher municipal priorities than libraries in my view (but not so many that we can't fund them all).
3841	7/11/2012	I visit once a week and get four books for myself and 4 -8 for my grandson. I need to read. It is funn relaxing, enlightning and good for me mentaly
3842	7/11/2012	Free public access to human knowledge is critical for all citizens to participate in society.
3843	7/11/2012	encouraged knowledge and traditional public service. Independent of the internet
3844	7/11/2012	Resources for education and communication are a foundation of any city
3845	7/11/2012	only safety net services and education are higher in my opinion for a democratic society
3846	7/11/2012	Libraries are necessary for an educated populace, and they help even the playing field of rich vs. poor.
3847	7/11/2012	Part of the week to week fabric in my life
3848	7/11/2012	The availability of books to everyone, especially children and those who can't afford to buy books.
3849	7/11/2012	Education/reading/information all extremely important to be/make good citizens.

3850	7/11/2012	Public access to knowledge is necessary for a strong, functioning society. I also love that I can borrow books and return them for someone else, rather than purchasing books. I like the public space for going in to read - our libraries are very nice to be in. They are great for my children, who are both teenagers, to do research.
3851	7/11/2012	Because I can do research if I wanted too and check out books if I wanted to do a book review.
3852	7/11/2012	Cost people want the service let me pay..Why is is acceptable for people with no interest in paying into the cost of society to demand that others pay for them.
3853	7/11/2012	Free public access to books and other media through library services is a wonderful resource for people in any city, and in my opinion goes a long way in the quality of life to be had for city residents. Not everyone uses the library, but A LOT of people do, and anyone should be able to.
3854	7/11/2012	I use them the most
3855	7/11/2012	Very helpful people
3856	7/11/2012	Education is vital to society. The only way a community can remain educated is to have a current resources available to them for personal enrichment. Libraries provide a place for the community to gather, share ideas and learn.
3857	7/11/2012	My child loves to go the library and pick out his books for the week. We have been going since he was one year old and now he is almost four. We read the books together and often he will incorporate parts of the story into a song he makes up, or compare himself to the characters in the book, or role play the characters in the book and say the character's lines. The books validate his childhood experiences and help him grow a sense of empathy and awareness. And Mom and Dad, the books can offer a bit of sanity when we need some "quiet time" and our child sits in his room and "reads" his books.
3858	7/11/2012	libraries should be open to everyone, 7 days a week
3859	7/11/2012	I see my library as a community center. I know that there are people in my neighborhood who rely on it for their computer and internet access and as a place for students study. For myself, I value the books (paper and electronic) that I'm able to get from the library. I can't imagine the money I save just by checking out materials. Plus, when I have the time to visit the library it is like a holiday. Capitol Hill is a relaxing branch, with a great community feel and the staff is always friendly and welcoming.
3860	7/11/2012	Offers access to literacy and information, opportunities for low income individuals and families, community space
3861	7/11/2012	Equal / equitable access for each citizen to learn. Authentic choices in following ones' curiosities / interests in learning , learning about the other public services available to oneself. Unequaled resources for parents to empower and become partners in their children's learning that is self motivated. The current services provided within the libraries encourages and nurtures democratic thought and practices / collaboration between private sector and public services and/or domains.

3862	7/11/2012	Library services are very important to our family because we use the lending of materials to a very high level. Our family also realizes that police, fire, justice, corrections, education, roads, parks and many other services play a vital part in our society.
3863	7/11/2012	Because libraries educate the citizens of an area. It makes the whole community a smarter, better, kinder place.
3864	7/11/2012	Everyone has access to them regardless of personal circumstances and abilities
3865	7/11/2012	Our community is faced with a troubled education system. I believe the library can and does help play a key role in ensuring young children begin school with skills to succeed. The library is also a major component of helping the smaller communities within Portland remain connected. We are all lifelong learners and the library helps support that.
3866	7/11/2012	The local library where I grew up was extremely important to me, and fueled education and reading that took me well beyond what my school offered. It helped me a great deal in my formative years, and I think good public libraries are still of critical importance for helping youth, and the community in general, to be more literate, educated, and informed. Also, since moving to Portland I've found the library system here to be the best public one I've used. It's been a valuable resource to me, and I'd hate to see its quality reduced.
3867	7/11/2012	Not really sure, partially I believe it is because I am a huge reader and believe that reading a large variety of books leads to a more rounded and informed adult. I also believe that it is a solid background to raise your children with and to ensure a breadth of knowledge for them. Beyond that I really cannot put it into words.
3868	7/11/2012	I depend on the library to not open provide me with entertainment but also to have what I need for homework research and job searches.
3869	7/11/2012	We like the access to use books and computers as well as other materials. But Police, Fire, and other such services are surely more important.
3870	7/11/2012	It's an amazing resource that everyone in my family uses. School is obviously important and roads and courts etc etc, but I use the library more than any other service.
3871	7/11/2012	I don't know how to answer question 7 without a better idea of whether you and I agree about what "public services" includes! Library services are important, but not as important as public transportation (which TriMet has made inaccessible to the poor) so people can get to jobs, schools so that they can read books and get a job, or basic services provided by public health and unemployment offices.
3872	7/11/2012	Because lifelong learners thrive on libraries. Libraries have something positive to offer everyone, whereas many public services are only for those with specific needs.

3873	7/11/2012	The library for me is a portal to our cultural resources. I appreciate the non-commercial aspect of it. I rate its importance just below basic services like roads, utilities, fire and police protection.
3874	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and I cannot afford to buy every book I want to read. Also, we need children to be reading alot as they are the future generation and I hope will be informed about important things in life, both current and historical.
3875	7/11/2012	everyone should have access to a quiet place to read.
3876	7/11/2012	Free access to information and self education is the building block of all other services in a community.
3877	7/11/2012	See my previous explanation. Every essential service is looking at surviving with less money-- firefighters, police force, schools, libraries. It's time to look at the tax structures for large, international corporations to anti-up their ACTUAL fair share to fund the services of the state in which they operate.
3878	7/11/2012	I enjoy using the library
3879	7/11/2012	I read a lot and they are my primary source of material. I can walk there!!
3880	7/11/2012	Without the library available our statewide reading and educational level will be diminished. We must maintain a high standard with our libraries if we want our community's achievements and living standards are to rise.
3881	7/11/2012	Libraries are important for school age people. I remember going to the library in NYC frequently as an elementary school kid to read and check out the story books, and going to the Midtown library in Manhattan to do research for high school work. [] I can see libraries being important for job seekers, and when we don't have access to funds to buy our own books - online or hardcopy.[] I support local libraries and their services, even though I currently don't use the library on a regular basis.
3882	7/11/2012	police, fire and health come before library
3883	7/11/2012	They are essential to developing a well rounded family, connecting with our community, and encouraging reading/education.
3884	7/11/2012	- grandchildren education[] - books for seniors leisure reading
3885	7/11/2012	Experience with literature and the other arts makes for a more aware and involved citizenry. Private means are not enough to generate an adequate quantity and broad distribution of such experience.
3886	7/11/2012	i believe the library is far more important due to the personal face to face assitance in a world of automated and outsourced programs

3887	7/11/2012	To reiterate what I have already stated in previous fields, I feel libraries are a crucial element to modern society. The internet does not always provide the sort of knowledge or satisfaction you get from sitting and reading a book. We learn better in the solitude inside the walls of a library. Learning is the number one path to understanding the world and our place in it. Understanding is the key to making wise decisions about our necessary paths for the future. (Paths that do not include shutting down our invaluable resources such as libraries.) In libraries we can wander and browse and find that we have interests we never knew we had. Children find themselves through reading and identifying topics that light up their minds. Asking why libraries are important is like asking why the human brain is important. Without knowledge, the brain is just a lump of grey flesh. We need books to sharpen our wits and continue to build our knowledge base as a species. We learn of past mistakes and failures and learn not to repeat those mistakes. We learn of the cutting edge of knowledge which drives us to hunger for more. Libraries are part the foundation of our endeavors as a species to continue to achieve new levels of understanding of nature and our place in it. Libraries aren't just a great idea. Libraries are the birth place of great ideas.
3888	7/11/2012	Not as important as police and fire. But I do "use" it more. Libraries are critical to a community's education, culture, and quality.
3889	7/11/2012	popular fiction books are my primary personal entertainment
3890	7/11/2012	I have kids that are starting reading and it is very helpful to have such a wide variety of books for them to learn to read.
3891	7/11/2012	Because libraries are the cradle of democracy and they were key to bringing me out of poverty and a culture of ignorance. After justice they are the most important thing a city can provide. I rank it even higher than public education.
3892	7/11/2012	I think they are very important in general, even though i may not be among the populations who uses them the most frequently.
3893	7/11/2012	Cannot answer this question. Schools need the most support. But the tax base is limited to homeowners, which is unfair and inadequate. Same holds true of library services.
3894	7/11/2012	Because literacy is the cornerstone of any civilized society, and the library offers resources those who might not otherwise have access to information and various learning opportunities.
3895	7/11/2012	Library services are important to us all but perhaps other public services (fire, police, child services, etc.) are more important to the general population.
3896	7/11/2012	because i use it a lot
3897	7/11/2012	This is not a fair question. Having some library support is important. Having 24 carrot gold library is not. It is not more important than having 911. But is more important than sending our officers to India at tax payer expense. It is not more important than having my garbage picked up, but it is more important than separating out my food waste.
3898	7/11/2012	Because unfortunately, access is not equal for everyone. The library is one of the only equalizers. School systems are not, they are wildly disproportionate in their services even within the same school district.
3899	7/11/2012	I use the library every week and rely on the library to access and discover new media, in all forms.

3900	7/11/2012	Because a library system is a crucial facet of a large urban community. Think of all the resources available at the library: free books, cd's, dvd's, audio books, children's programs, adult lectures, resources for job seekers, all FREE!!
3901	7/11/2012	Because illiterate people can't learn good decision-making skills, can't relate as well to different kinds of people, can't understand how far-reaching their decisions are, and can't understand their own personal power to improve their world. I believe that literacy is the key to self-improvement and mutual understanding.
3902	7/11/2012	I am a senior (71 yrs old this year), an avid reader, and most highly value the ease and access to reading materials which I could not afford, were I needing to purchase the quantity of books I seek for learning and entertainment (love Powell's but can't afford to purchase all my books). I value the ease of on-line renewals and such (read several or more books, up to 5 or so/week plus reference other needed info, particularly regarding my interests in artists and travel and mysteries. I also value the "reduce/reuse/recyle mantra and the library is a perfect example of that belief and the various branch locations, which allow me to turn in or check out books on my daily walking sprees.
3903	7/11/2012	I respect libraries as a source to access knowledge, and view this as fundamental for forwarding society along less bestial directions.
3904	7/11/2012	I can afford to buy books and home computer and internet access, but some can't. The library is their only option, and i needs to be there for them.
3905	7/11/2012	I am retired and I enjoy the services the library provides.
3906	7/11/2012	Cause I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way! [] [] Access to a wealth of collective knowledge for all classes, is the most important civic service.
3907	7/11/2012	It's a place of learning for many of us. And gathering place where ideas are exchanged. I would hate for it to disappear slowly.
3908	7/11/2012	I have a child so, it's very important to me and for thier education. Having new books to read to my children enhances our quality of life. My 4-year-old is very curious. We love the begining-reader nonfiction shelves.[]
3909	7/11/2012	I marked "somewhate important" rather than "very important" because I assume you're asking me to compare library services with other life-saving services such as the fire and police departments.
3910	7/11/2012	Literacy and learning is important for everyone
3911	7/11/2012	As stated earlier, I see the community essence reflected in the actions and support issued by our local branch and its staff. I can only assume that this public service shines in other branches as well.
3912	7/11/2012	Education, pleasure, ability to read without having to buy books!
3913	7/11/2012	a place for research, as well as meeting with others to discuss books
3914	7/11/2012	I grew up visiting the library and am an avid reader.
3915	7/11/2012	They are important for all ages.

3916	7/11/2012	We access the library several times a week either online or at our local branch. It helps my son with early literacy because we are able to get him a variety of books that spark his imagination. We also lean in the library for books and media that we could not afford otherwise. They also offer great programs for kids and people with English as a second language and kids who might not otherwise have much exposure to books. By unending in this opportunity for kids to learn and grow we are avoiding higher costs in the future for rehabilitation, illiteracy, joblessness, etc.
3917	7/11/2012	Access to information is power. Libraries are empowering for me, my family, and my community.
3918	7/11/2012	knowledge is power and information makes one strong
3919	7/11/2012	Because I use the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District.
3920	7/11/2012	provides learning for children, resources for people job seeking, research for students in school and college, resources for seniors and talking books
3921	7/11/2012	It's a community gathering place with services that affect literacy, help those with lower incomes, assist new immigrants; these are all hugely important.
3922	7/11/2012	Education is one of the most important resources in our society.
3923	7/11/2012	I value access to information for every one.
3924	7/11/2012	I use the library almost every days and find the value to be excellent and more direct than many other public services.
3925	7/11/2012	Very important, I can't afford books for my daughter, focus more on the quality of books for young people please. I think the staff choosing where to put grant money and tax money is wrong. The excessive access to computer technology in every library, especially for kids is not how I want my money being spent and I will not vote to increase taxes until I see higher quality books for my daughter in the children's section of the Belmont library and less computer access for children minimally....
3926	7/11/2012	Because we use them so much. Frankly, I'm prepared to support WHATEVER measures our county leadership decides to implement to restore our libraries to seven days a week AND to increase resources.
3927	7/11/2012	Education for our public
3928	7/11/2012	Books are expensive and at the library low income children and families have access to them.
3929	7/11/2012	I use Maslow's Heirachry of Needs to determine how important library services are to our community relative to other public,tax funded services. And while I personally feel that library services are paramount to my well being, if Ouse Maslow, I must come to the conclusion that they are not absolutely essential to meeting the most basic needs,like food,safe shelter & clothing. But, once those needs are addressed & met, library services come next.
3930	7/11/2012	All essential. I use this resource often during school year.

3931	7/11/2012	As a librarian, I not only value what libraries provide, but understand their importance to the community as a whole. Libraries are an equalizer, providing computer access and other needed materials to those who cannot otherwise afford it. Libraries also serve as important gathering places.
3932	7/11/2012	public access to information is key -- support of public institutions that seek good for the community
3933	7/11/2012	The library is used by a broad spectrum of the community: homeless and housed, rich and poor, all ages, many races. It is a place for many community members to learn, absorb knowledge, and find new resource materials. Outside of the essential public services (trash, sewer, electricity, etc), Multnomah County Library enriches our city by being there for all our citizenry.
3934	7/11/2012	I believe it is very important for the public to have libraries as a source of books and other services. Police and fire are more important so I ranked libraries as somewhat important.
3935	7/11/2012	It's convenient for those who don't have access to computer equipments and reading materials.
3936	7/11/2012	Education, Education, Education, and, of course, accessibility to information.
3937	7/11/2012	There are other services needing higher priorities, health, schools, etc.
3938	7/11/2012	Now that I'm retired having books and videos and opportunities to meet in the library for groups is very important to me. I know that schools will also be asking for a Levy and I think that is of critical importance.
3939	7/11/2012	It's a way for everyone to have the same access to books, movies and learning materials.
3940	7/11/2012	Making books and other resources available to everyone
3941	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of few institutions that offer free opportunities for enrichment to populations who need them most (low-income people, kids, seniors, English language learners). This is some of the best anti-classist organizing we have. In "bad" neighborhoods (although that concept is based on rich peoples' opinions of "good"), libraries are a safe community space.
3942	7/11/2012	They are more than just a house with free media. They remind the community of it's own strength and unity.
3943	7/11/2012	levels the socioeconomic playing field, great way to educate w/o purchasing/wasting resources. i both buy & check out books/dvd's but am inclined to check things out via the library 1st.
3944	7/11/2012	It is my primary resource for books and other materials.
3945	7/11/2012	because they had to our quality of life
3946	7/11/2012	The library system has been a wonderful source books for my children as well as fun baby and toddler programs. The library system allows my children to be exposed to a large variety and ever changing array of books.
3947	7/11/2012	Affordable reading and access to computers and the internet are critical to all members of society. A safe place for young people and seniors is also important.
3948	7/11/2012	They are not important, I don't like paying for things that I do not use... NO MORE TAXES...
3949	7/11/2012	Encouraging reading at all ages is essential to a healthy community.
3950	7/11/2012	Because learning has one of the greatest impacts on your life.

3951	7/11/2012	I use this public service weekly, as opposed to other services which I have never used
3952	7/11/2012	Library services promote knowledge for all that seek it.
3953	7/11/2012	just knowing they strive to keep humankind knowledge in one place is comforting.
3954	7/11/2012	The range of services provided by the library is very broad. When I could not afford internet access at my home, I relied on the library on an almost daily basis. I am looking forward to bringing my niece who is 3 in to browse books to read, to hopefully foster a love in reading in her.
3955	7/11/2012	Easy and free access to books is a necessity for an intelligent, open, truth-seeking public.
3956	7/11/2012	Library provides a great resource to literature (for me) but I also believe public health services are more important.
3957	7/11/2012	we use the library for most of our reading materials and some of are dvd watching
3958	7/11/2012	Provide a safe and positive community space. Access to reading materials/knowledge that those with limited means would not have access to otherwise.
3959	7/11/2012	A public library allows low income individuals to have access literature and nonfiction materials which will help them learn and grow so that they can improve their lives. I am one of those individuals, too, and wouldn't be where I am with my career and life without public libraries.
3960	7/11/2012	Police[] Fire Protection[] Roads[] Enforcement of safe and prudent construction standards[] Reading[] [] That is my priority list
3961	7/11/2012	That what Ben. Franklin would have wanted.
3962	7/11/2012	we have been unemployed for over 2 years. the library is a source for cd/movies, job searches and research both on the Internet and in books. but, even when we were employed, , the library was always a great source for information and entertainment.
3963	7/11/2012	Libraries are the backbone of the community They mean many things to many people, including a safe place to spend time after school for teens, an important source of early literacy education for children, the best source of information and entertainment for all ages. They enrich everyone's lives.
3964	7/11/2012	They create community and awareness around neighbors and provide learning opportunities. Still, their importance falls below services such as police, jails, healthcare, and social services.
3965	7/11/2012	I believe access to information is important in a community. Education and entertainment can sometimes be pushed to the wayside when looking at community policy and needs, but I think they are very important and need advocates.

3966	7/11/2012	This community service is about freedom of information, freedom and real ability to educate one's self. It is one of the truly democratic and egalitarian aspects of our society. It is a gathering place, where people meet in person in a wholesome supportive environment. It is great for the community, it preserves basic rights to better ones self as a person!
3967	7/11/2012	We use the library for checking out books.
3968	7/11/2012	They're necessary but not life-and-death. I'd actually rank them between Somewhat and Very Important.
3969	7/11/2012	A literate and informed society is a better place to live
3970	7/11/2012	I regularly use and depend on them as due my children
3971	7/11/2012	Because they provide information and tools to use that information to people who might otherwise not have access to those things. If we are not an educated community, we are a weak community.
3972	7/11/2012	I would like to say most important but there are other things that must take precedence for so many at this limited resources time. Because my family is very low income and yet my 2 small kids have a ton of books laying around for us to read to them each day. This free resource is critical to giving low income children the same kind of head-start as kids from wealthy homes. We rely on our public library all the time for free entertainment, activities and getting our kids excited about reading and learning.
3973	7/11/2012	I personally rarely visit the library. I buy books and have Internet access. Yet the role of libraries seems vitally important to just society and democracy. Not sure what form it will take in the future. Seems like Google is somewhat the modern version of a library. I wish a public library or a non profit coop was my a portal to the internet.
3974	7/11/2012	Making knowledge and information available to all parts of our society is essential to democracy. The libraries are one of the primary vehicles by which that can occur.
3975	7/11/2012	I don't frequent the library regularly,
3976	7/11/2012	I'd say its about an 8 or 9. Libraries offer so many things to so many different people. The programs for young children are really important to me because I grew up enjoying the summer reading program. I have very fond memories of going to the library, and I want anyone and everyone to love books as much as I do.
3977	7/11/2012	The library gives my family a way to invest in a very important asset -- their minds and wellbeing! We can use the library to learn new skills, research information that helps us make good choices, meet community members, build ties and connections to others, and use the computers.
3978	7/11/2012	An educated population is one of the highest goals for American society and it is not going to be achieved by having a more pervasive culture of television. Libraries and their budgets must be considered sacrosanct when budget and tax options are considered. No citizen left behind should be the ideal and the source of the funding must come from the military budgets and increased taxes on the wealthy and corporations.
3979	7/11/2012	libraries provide continuing education for all ages which positively affect other public services
3980	7/11/2012	

3981	7/11/2012	It's important for people to have access to information and also to have a central place to go to find the information, assess services they may not otherwise have access to and it also provides a sense of community
3982	7/11/2012	schools aren't necessarily educating people, so they should be allowed to educate themselves at the library.
3983	7/11/2012	Access to information is priceless.
3984	7/11/2012	among all public services available, they are the one i think that i use most & subjectively appreciate most
3985	7/11/2012	it is one of the few county services that i use. i like to read and from time to time watch videos/
3986	7/11/2012	I have to compare them against emergency services, e.g. life or death services. A city with an inadequate library however would be a sad city.
3987	7/11/2012	this is the one public service I actively seek out
3988	7/11/2012	I am a school teacher and use the library to bring books and movies into my classroom that relate to topics I teach. As well, living on a tight budget, I use the library to help keep my expenses down. I do so by checking out books and movies (rather than buying and renting) and using the printers (rather than owning my own). As a future parent (due in December!) I look forward to one day attending the wonderful children and family readings and events.
3989	7/11/2012	Because people NEED to read and be exposed to books, not just thru the media. Books convey culture and we seem to be losing that and the value of that to our society. Reading encourages thinking which builds conversation, hopefully NOT just on electronic machines. Let's not lose our humanity, for God's sake.
3990	7/11/2012	I love to read, and the library has most of the books that I'm interested in. Besides that, I like having the ability to volunteer for Summer Reading and be a part of Teen Council.
3991	7/11/2012	This is one of the few public services that my family takes advantage of in our everyday lives. I have young children who love to read we have limited space to store purchased books in our home so being able to checkout and return books to the library is a great way to keep them engaged in books. Our family also struggled with unemployment for three years recently. While we were able to maintain our housing and have something to eat from our savings we had no extra income for entertainment. Taking the children to the library and story time was a real blessing and greatly increased our quality of life. We have lots of fun memories of the library and the staff during an otherwise very dismal period of our lives. Even now that our income has been restored the library is a great rainy day activity for our kids when they are feeling cooped up in our tiny condo.
3992	7/11/2012	I read 3 books a week.
3993	7/11/2012	Because there are certain things (e.g., water) that are absolutely necessary for survival.

		What else does, or should, the County do? What services do/could others provide?[] [] The basic thing is that libraries are one of the most basic county services, and that's meant with a small letter "c." [] [] Elections, jails, many human resource services (that aren't primarily provided, or funded, by the State) and public safety services outside cities. Aren't those the primary public services which, along with libraries, aren't provided by any other units of government?[] []
3994	7/11/2012	Out of those, the libraries -- especially in troubled, distressed economic times like the past 8 years or so -- not only provide tools and resources and programs which actually serve to advance the accumulation of skills and education of children and adults, help the many unemployed find work, etc., but also allow thousands to afford to remain involved in books after they've had to forgo Powells and Amazon and the like because of economic hardships.[] [] If we live in a region concerned with supporting education, we have to remember that education is more than just kids a school. Many adults would not have the opportunity to remain part of an educated populace without libraries.[] [] And if the County believes it's a priority to support funding for schools as an important component of broader education goals, it's equally important to continue library funding as a priority. And while the State, the City of Portland, and others, all share in funding schools, it's up to the County, exclusively, to keep the equally important library system fully I have pre-school aged children. Having a free activity I can do with my kids is of paramount importance. We go to the library more than once a week to do story times, check out books, and participate in summer reading. I have met many great friends at the library though the children's programs. I have even become a successful small business owner through a partnership with a lady I met at book babies when our first born children were infants. It is not an overstatement to say that Multnomah County's libraries have changed my life.
3995	7/11/2012	
3996	7/11/2012	yes
3997	7/11/2012	I use the library every week, wether is reading journals or browsing for books and videos. It helps me save money.
3998	7/11/2012	Because I use the library quite a lot to check out books that interest me. I have rarely been interested in a book that is not available from the library, which I appreciate
3999	7/11/2012	Because literacy is the foundation for a better economy, a more informed population, and a smarter work force. In my opinion libraries are right up there with police and firefighters in terms of importance to our community.
4000	7/11/2012	It is all about education, and social gatherings and it is a still a free service. There are lots of opportunities for many nationalities to learn so much in our libraries, share skills in classes, attend meetings, attend reading programs for children, too much to list. It is about continuing education... to me that is the bottom line. Our libraries are here to help educate and provide materials to do so.

4001	7/11/2012	The best way I know to describe it is to say that when I moved here the first official thing I did was get my OR drivers license. Either that day or the next day I went and got my library card.
4002	7/11/2012	educational services open to all
4003	7/11/2012	I'm a young, stay-at-home mom. I use my library almost every day, to connect with other parents in the community, to encourage literacy for my child, and of course to check out books and CDs I would not be able to afford otherwise.
4004	7/11/2012	I'm 55 and have a BA and a MA, so when I write that I don't use the Library much anymore it is because I find what I need on Google. I'm aware that many, many information sources on the Internet are not credible, but many are credible.[] [] I don't check out fiction so much anymore because I can download it to my i-pad.[] [] Good luck.
4005	7/11/2012	I work as an independent artist and freelancer, and depend a great deal on access to Multco and Worldcat materials that the library provides. From books on grant and proposal writing, to research on urban and transportation studies for the content of my work, to view other media and books that address the issues my work is concerned with (movies, photography monographs), to access reference materials such as publications by the Foundation Center. All of these things combined would be cost-prohibitive to me as an individual consumer. Not to mention, I value the experience of being able to enter a public space like the library where I can see and interact with a diverse mix of community members.
4006	7/11/2012	because i feel the public library is an invaluable resource for everyone in the community
4007	7/11/2012	As a single parent, this allows me to check out and read books my son and I want to read for FREE! This is a great cost savings for us.
4008	7/11/2012	Library services are are for everyone, not just one particular part of the population. They are free. They are important for literacy, for school support (which with continued cuts need all the help they can get), for job searching, for entertainment.
4009	7/11/2012	With not much money for "buying" books or other materials this is every important to have this service.
4010	7/11/2012	I don't need the library that often, but when I do, I'm really glad it's there.
4011	7/11/2012	I have a reading addiction that I can't afford, I read anywhere from 3 to 7 books a week. The library is also my source of computer access, and periodicals.
4012	7/11/2012	I have children and think it's vital to teach them the importance of libraries as we watch funding for the ones in schools diminish each year

4013	7/11/2012	Ignorance will destroy my democracy. People who don't need a public library for source of information - scare me - search for answers, knowledge, information is essential to a dynamic society, government, business and personal health and growth - absolutely necessary for a voter to participate in a democratic country. Immigrants children develop and become self-sufficient and reliable employees in the economy - due to the public library efforts. The reduced income of the elderly - the library services enhances their lives - I can no longer afford to buy a book or subscribe to The Nation, Atlantic Monthly, the New York Times, Bloomberg Business News (please put this on in the library - it's excellent) and now, the Oregonian - also The Asian Reporter and I can get them at my library.
4014	7/11/2012	I see libraries as one of the few social levelers for those who choose to use their resources and services. As an English teacher, I also believe strongly in the good of reading, particularly for very young children, and am appalled by how expensive books are--particularly picture books for kids! I think libraries offer families an alternative to cutting out books as an unnecessary expense during difficult financial times.
4015	7/11/2012	They are very important but that is because that is the only local public service i use. I dont know of other local services or if they might seem valuable to me. But i mostly use the library to check out books and movies, and i think of this as the role of a library.
4016	7/11/2012	freedom and access to information is a cornerstone of our society
4017	7/11/2012	Tri-met is the only public service I make use of anywhere near the same extent as the library.
4018	7/11/2012	Vital source of research materials and general (current) reading selections
4019	7/11/2012	Libraries service all levels of society. The percentage of people impacted by libraries is much higher than those of any other public service. Some people are affected by crime, some people are affected by fires, some people are affected by medical emergencies but everyone can be positively affected by strong library systems and programs.
4020	7/11/2012	They aren't necessarily of that level of importance to me, but to the community and the people who rely on them for daily use.
4021	7/11/2012	Education is how people get to become who they really are.
4022	7/11/2012	Reading, education and the freedom to learn should be the foundation of our society. Instead, people are spending more and more time passively soaking up entertainment that threatens critical-thinking skills -- which is detrimental to a democratic society.
4023	7/11/2012	In this day and age, you can retrieve a lot of information / books on the internet. The library doesn't have to be open everyday. Once people know what the hours of the library are, they will make time to go then. The library was not open on Mondays when I was growing up.
4024	7/11/2012	I took my kids to the library all the time when they were little - to get books, or books on tape, or listen to storytellers - all kinds of things. I think exposure to the resources of a library is crucial to sparking interest in the wider world and helping kids become lifelong learners and generally better people.

4025	7/11/2012	A strong library system is essential to an informed citizenry in a participatory democracy. It is a reminder that our community values educational access for all people regardless of their income level.
4026	7/11/2012	They provide the information/education/resource/media services to the entire community that are virtually inaccessible to the vast majority of people otherwise. The kinds of resources available through the library system have no comparable alternative, in breadth, depth, or geographical/physical accessibility.
4027	7/11/2012	I am unemployed & disabled, I no longer have the luxury of purchasing the books I want to read, also I know people who benefit from the outreach program. Also it is important to have resources available for research.
4028	7/11/2012	Ranks below services like police, fire, street maintenance, schools, etc. library would come right after
4029	7/11/2012	Accessible libraries help make a healthy informed community.
4030	7/11/2012	the free access to information and resources that they make available
4031	7/11/2012	Because while I believe everyone should be using libraries, there are still alternatives.
4032	7/11/2012	A literate and caring community is essential to the health of our world. Libraries provide so much towards that end. Not just the materials, but physical places that bring people from all walks of life together.
4033	7/11/2012	Because libraries are places of refuge, and places of growth and learning for all of us...but especially for children. My son grew up spending a lot of time in libraries, and I credit those experiences for helping to make him the curious and well-informed person that he is today.
4034	7/11/2012	Public libraries are Civilization agents, teachers of 1st Amendment values, preservers of culture and liberty, promoters of learning over idleness and hooliganism for youth, havens of community in a religiously diverse city. □ "Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people." John Adams
4035	7/11/2012	Libraries are the single most important resource for the dissemination of information and access to the knowledge required to build and keep a civilized society. Even in these days of ipods, iphones, Kindles and more, libraries are needed.
4036	7/11/2012	they provide equity of access / services, regardless of SES status. Also, as public school libraries and services are cut, public libraries play a bigger role in supporting a literate society.
4037	7/11/2012	I believe that an information and art literate population is the only hope for solving the problems that we face at all levels from local, to national to international issues. Library materials and services are a key.
4038	7/11/2012	Because they help with other important services like education, community enrichment, family support, job search, and providing a strong learning model for our young children.
4039	7/11/2012	I can purchase my books and periodicals myself. I have my own internet service. Therefore, I really don't need the library.

4040	7/11/2012	I use it and don't other services.
4041	7/11/2012	Without a strong education system, which libraries play a vital role, we will have a weakened, unskilled labor pool from which our "other local public services" would receive their staff. I find the above #7 hard to answer in that broad a context. e.g.: Police & fire are more important than libraries as are quality of water and sewer services----they directly impact health and well-being. Safe parks and park & rec programs are at about the same level of importance with libraries I think. But informed decision-making, knowledge, an appreciation of and access to cultural experiences and resources are vital to a population of citizens seeking to live peacefully and improve their quality of life no matter their income or age. The library provides access to many people that would otherwise have none. I always have a nummy feeling just being in the presence of all that a library embodies; it offers so much potential mind expansion and mental exploration. There is also a feel of belonging to your community; a social value that single individuals may not otherwise experience; just being around other people. It is true I personally do not avail myself of that regularly; I use the library as a "go to" resource for something specific I need for whatever I am interested in or working on at that point in time. My husband, however, considers a trip to the library to return his last batch of mystery & suspense thrillers and pick out a new batch for the next 2 weeks a "God-given right" and ultimately a chance to get out of the house (he's retired) and enjoy himself. He just purchased a Kindle and free access for all to use
4042	7/11/2012	the availability of information and technology is critical for those living in today's world who would otherwise not have access.
4043	7/11/2012	I really enjoy reading and think library are important to the literacy of all.
4044	7/11/2012	As a senior, reading is very important to me but it would be too expensive to purchase books. I borrow on average 2 or 3 books a month from the library and they are a big part of my life.
4045	7/11/2012	The reason I cannot answer this question is because you do not identify the other services. Seriously, are you asking people to compare with life saving services? In my opinion libraries help make life richer they cannot be compared with services that allow people to survive.
4046	7/11/2012	Knowledge = power!
4047	7/11/2012	Libraries are open to everyone, they are meeting places for many aspects of the community, and they provide resources that help people maintain or improve their situations. For example, a job seeker can use library computers to search for work while his child maintains his grades by using library resources for homework. Useful places with full public access are becoming fewer and fewer. We can't all afford high-speed internet service or expensive tutoring services.
4048	7/11/2012	Expensive - Fire - Police - Emergency much more important
4049	7/11/2012	With the economy in the shape it's in and bookstores closing everywhere, access to books and media is crucial...not just for me but, for the entire community.
4050	7/11/2012	They are important because libraries provide a self educational service to all people of all ages.
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4053	7/11/2012	We live in the age of information and technology. All of our community members deserve access to both of these, and the services the library includes (use of computers and the internet, access to newspapers and other publications, programs to support parents, seniors, English language learners) are all critical.
4054	7/11/2012	They provide me resources to satisfy my constant love of learning, my needs to watch good films and TV, it provides me with how to projects and new recipes in books, provides me with new types of music to listen to, provides me with access to downloading music from freegal.com, and it satisfies me with a constant supply of books to read for pleasure!
4055	7/11/2012	Reading is very important to me and i greatly appreciate being able to visit the library all the time.
4056	7/11/2012	Retail books are very expense. I'm recently retired, can no longer afford to buy books. The library is a wonderful resource that I've would really miss if it were not available to me.
4057	7/11/2012	Library services are able to help all people across all spectrum of society if the appropriate emphasis is applied
4058	7/11/2012	I think they provide a service that no one else does, between computer access for job searches, serving low-income areas, teaching kids how to read, giving a place for senior citizens to go during the day and read, etc.
4059	7/11/2012	Extremely important. From the time I was very little until I die of old age
4060	7/11/2012	The library is a major function of any communiity, for all the reasons you've addressed and more. If there is anything I can do to help keep it open please feel free to let me know. I may not have much money, but I have a good voice and I'll talk to anyone necessary to keep our libraries open.
4061	7/11/2012	I regularly check out books from the library.
4062	7/11/2012	I don't use many other public services.
4063	7/11/2012	We homeschool and could never afford the amount of books my kids and I read. The library is our public school.
4064	7/11/2012	Libraries create equal access to information, which is one of the most important tools for social transformation. Access to knowledge, education, and resources such as computers for job-seeking promote social justice. They also provide crucial community space.
4065	7/11/2012	Because education and information dissemination is important for every individual. The young adult can benefit from it by learning more or learning new things. There are many of variety of books to choose from, and it is very helpful, may it be spiritually, psychologically and mentally. Reading books are good for everyone.
4066	7/11/2012	Convenience factor is important. The resources are available in one location, which is also lovely.
4067	7/11/2012	Because they provide access to information and keep alive the culture of books. Also, they are a way that people with fewer resources can go to level the playing field.

4068	7/11/2012	Until I retired I taught at the university level. I still audit courses at PSU. I do not have access to a computer at home. I use the Central Library for reading journals and such on-line, obtaining DVDs, and reading leisure books , academic books, and the New York Times. I'm there about five days a week. It's an excellent resource for me.
4069	7/11/2012	We are constantly using the resources our library offers. Many people are unaware of what's available. Those of us who use the library all feel it's very important. From books, cds, research materials, reference materials, interlibrary loans, worldcat, help for small businesses, seniors and computer access for those of us who don't have computers. It's the starting point for children to get interested in reading and have a love of books throughout their lives.
4070	7/11/2012	Just other public services benefiting the community for a better quality of life, the library provides many resources to benefit every age group.
4071	7/11/2012	I use them more than other public services
4072	7/11/2012	I avail myself of music, books, and movies through the library on a constant basis. I love that in this virtual world we are more and more inhabiting with the internet that there are still community places like the library, where you can go and feed your mind and soul and have a conversation with a kind and informed individual, where people can come together (even if separately) to educate themselves in various ways, or to find healthy forms of entertainment.
4073	7/11/2012	Question 7 would not let me choose an option so I Somewhat important because issues of health and Safety, transportation, economics and the like often supersede our need for self improvement news and diversions. However it is still somewhat important because it supports children's education and cares for seniors.
4074	7/11/2012	Because books open up new worlds. It is importance to be able to get information and to find entertainment with books.
4075	7/11/2012	Information and media access are of crucial importance to an informed populace.
4076	7/11/2012	because library services provide education and entertainment for the less advantaged and/or lower income public.
4077	7/11/2012	I think social services, police and fire are more important.
4078	7/11/2012	i was raised with going to the library to get books, which is why i take my kids there now. It does not need to be open as often as it once was. It is probably an important resource to those with less who may use other features of the library.
4079	7/11/2012	books are expensive, not all can afford to buy them. Library is a great way to access books and we need reading to keep going on.

4080	7/11/2012	I think the Multnomah (and Clackamas) library systems are pretty amazing. During a recession like our country has been in, I think libraries are important places to keep people informed. I have implemented regular library use as part of my way to save money right now while times are tight, but honestly can't see why I would not continue to use libraries even if times were better. The local library in this and in other communities I've lived in has been a resource I valued for entertainment, escape, a connection to community, conducting research and educating myself.
4081	7/11/2012	Our democracy and economy depend on an educated populace. Library services enable anyone/everyone to access to materials for enjoyment, enrichment, enhancement, education.
4082	7/11/2012	I use the library often for audio books, comic books, and new music. I would say it is the most important public service that I use, if not the only public service I use.
4083	7/11/2012	The library is a place where anyone can take refuge- for free- and be comfortable and treated equally. It offers tools for people to help themselves be better people and improve their situations. The library gives kids a place to go to hang out --especially Midland and Rockwood where I have taught craft workshops to teens. The kids who live in the suburbs don't have any fun places to go but the library.
4084	7/11/2012	Fire and Police are more important. Schools next which allows for students to access their library.[] With Web competing with library wonder how long public library will be around. Most books I read are purchased and CD's being purchased less even DVD's purchase is less due to Netflix and RedBox.
4085	7/11/2012	"When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you."[] - Keith Richards
4086	7/11/2012	Libraries provide services that no other agency or institution offers the community.
4087	7/11/2012	It is a resource that I use on a weekly bases. It fills a need that some of the other services do not provide and more then anything it helps with strengthening our community.
4088	7/11/2012	Education & Information
4089	7/11/2012	I think because the library serves such a wide range of people and their needs. It fills in gaps for other services that get cut as well. It is so accessable and useful to so many people. It is also a very valuable resource for students of all ages as school resources and libraries get cut back. This in turn helps us all as a population in the long run. As a side benefit, I feel like it also keeps people feeling connected to their community, which is very important to keeping Portland so friendly and livable.
4090	7/11/2012	Portland has a big history of being book friendly (Powell's), I think that's a unique and important aspect of our city that needs to be supported
4091	7/11/2012	Libraries help create a sense of belonging to the city that doesn't require money to participate, so it is fairly accessible to everyone. It seems like we are loosing more and more accessible community resources every year. Libraries also helps share knowledge for us to better ourselves.

4092	7/11/2012	I probably use the library more than any other public service. The books, magazines, dvds, etc keep me connected and engaged to current events and my community. It is equal opportunity - all can access.
4093	7/11/2012	Access to important materials for the poor and students. I like to see how every kind of different people have quality access-
4094	7/11/2012	As a lifelong learner with eclectic tastes, libraries provide access to a healthy variety of materials to satisfy and stimulate.
4095	7/11/2012	I don't currently use the library much but in the past I have used it for research, job searching, keeping informed of news and socializing with others.
4096	7/11/2012	Libraries have been important to me all my life, and to my children. When I was in college and later in graduate school, I spent many hours in libraries doing various kind of research. I've always enjoyed reading and now, at age 87, it's even more important than when i could still do a lot of other things like hiking, going to concerts, etc. My hearing is not as good as it once was but my eyes are still strong. I buy fewer books now and will be relying more on the library's collectins.
4097	7/11/2012	The library is resourceful to me in many ways, helps me research and learn about valued artists and authors, get directions to where I need to be, and stay up to date on current events.
4098	7/11/2012	I have always heavily used the library for my own reading and research, and now I am there constantly finding books, audio books and movies with my 4 year old son. We also attend some of the young child programs. Probably more importantly, libraries are at the heart of our community's effort to offer disempowered people equal access to the materials that record, analyze, innovate and archive every aspect of our culture.
4099	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to printed media, computers, educational programs, as well as a clean, safe place to enjoy them.
4100	7/11/2012	Because I read a lot, as does my husband. A lot.
4101	7/11/2012	my library has many more books and videos than I can ever afford to purchase. But police, fire and emergency services rand above library services
4102	7/11/2012	I'm attending college and some information I seek may be found conveniently at the local library.
4103	7/11/2012	Our local library improves our quality of life and contributes to what we love about living in Portland. We take our kids there weekly to participate in story hours with other kids, and to explore new books. When our household budget got tighter a few years ago, we started relying on the library more and more as a source for books, movies, and music that expand our knowledge and experience of the world.
4104	7/11/2012	I like getting books at the Library
4105	7/11/2012	We go to the library almost every day and I don't know what I would do if that resource wasn't as easily accessible.
4106	7/11/2012	I use the library system fairly often for books and other media - it helps reduce the cost of buying everything.

4107	7/11/2012	Research, resources, community service opportunities, accessibility to information (yes, things that are and are not available on the internet!). There is nothing like reading a good book!
4108	7/11/2012	The library helps me save money on books, dvd rentals, and keeps me connected to the community by getting me involved in the activities they put on like Intercambio last summer.
4109	7/11/2012	I love having the ability to catch up on the latest books and media and interests with out having to sacrifice a lot of money if it doesn't work out in the end. I also love the atmosphere of most of the libraries I visit.
4110	7/11/2012	Because I use the library so much. I am there at least once per week and am always checking things out online.
4111	7/11/2012	As a lifelong learner, I cannot imagine trying to use the library's resources from other places, such as Powell's, and have to pay for everything I read. Very, very important.
4112	7/11/2012	I don't have the \$ to buy books and they're hard to move and take up a lot of space.. It is my main source of entertainment. I also don't have the \$ to get internet at home and must either go to the Lib. for free or go to a coffee shop and there I'm more tempted to spend..
4113	7/11/2012	I think that the library is something that is easily accessible to everyone. Often, there are local public services available, but people might not know about them, aren't comfortable stepping out and using them, or are limited to a certain people group (e.g., low socioeconomic status). But I think that the library is a place that everyone feels comfortable stepping into whether it is to use a reading program for kids, getting helping looking for a job, or just getting a chance to use the computers.
4114	7/11/2012	I love the library.
4115	7/11/2012	A library is a community center, a heart. It brings people together in a creative environment.
4116	7/11/2012	libraries ensure free access to knowledge for all americans and i believe that is at the very core of what we as americans believe makes our democracy unique and powerful and free. also, libraries provide a secular community meeting ground for learning, sharing, exploring in a way that no other institution can provide.
4117	7/11/2012	i use them
4118	7/11/2012	I have always loved to read and going to the library to peruse the shelves has always delighted me. I have a computer at home, but I see so many people using the computers at the library, so I would think that is an invaluable community service. Children open a new book and their imagination takes off!
4119	7/11/2012	libraries are very important for many groups but essential services are more important
4120	7/11/2012	see previous response
4121	7/11/2012	Access to information, education, and community is the foundation for a responsible, empowered citizenry: "Knowledge is Power"
4122	7/11/2012	Booskaq

4123	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to information, and a library's collection should remain relevant to the population around them.
4124	7/11/2012	Available resources to the public that support education are extremely important for the growth of our society. Being able to access books is a key part of this.
4125	7/11/2012	I believe the public library is an essential service just like public schools. All towns and cities should have them.
4126	7/11/2012	Police, fire, water, sewage treatment, schools, highway maintenance, library, bicycles.
4127	7/11/2012	One of my happiest aspects of life is that I can read most any book I desire for free. The same goes for listening to music and watching films. I anticipate the emails from the library that let me know my materials are "ready for pick-up". Since I am a very low income person I would otherwise not be able to have the literary and entertainment immersion if the library was not functioning. For me, the weekly library trips are as important as going to the grocery store!
4128	7/11/2012	Libraries are important resources for those without the means to procure library services for themselves.
4129	7/11/2012	Libraries contribute to the education and knowledge of citizenry.
4130	7/11/2012	Because they offer free knowledge and entertainment, can build community, and offer opportunities for people who may not otherwise have them. They also prevent the waste of buying books I would only read once or want for a temporary resource, and they provide access to resources I probably wouldn't be able to otherwise afford.
4131	7/11/2012	Libraries are an important resource for anyone...I went back to school at age 45 and I used the library everyday. It's huge to have the services it offers available to the public. Books have been my joy, my refuge, my educators, and even my livelihood all my life (I am an author). As a teacher years ago of American literature, journalism, etc. I found opening books to others of great value to them and a joy to me. Today libraries also offer films, music, etc. which can expand our hearts, minds, and souls - or, as is true of books, sully them. We are a free country, thank God, and I am willing to risk readers have contact with books that point them toward unwise political decisions, racial and/or religious bigotry, moral laxity, etc. to keep our libraries places that offer a broad view. But I also rejoice when the library pushes books that aim at the highest ideals of humanity by personal appearances for readings or in the perhaps now defunct (haven't seen it lately) librarian newsletter. I WENT TO THE NEXT QUESTION ABOUT WHAT SOURCE OF FUNDING. I THINK DUE TO THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING ESPECIALLY ELDERLY AND DISABLED WHO USED TO BE HELPED BUT NOW ARE BEING VICTIMIZED (i'M NOT AMONG THEM) THROUGH THE PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM, WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE LOWERED SERVICES FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. AT THE TIME WHEN THE ECONOMY BEGINS TO RECOVER, I THINK A LIBRARY DISTRICT OR A HIGHER RATE SHOULD BE PUT TO THE VOTERS AS EACH IS A GOOD ALTERNATIVE. SINCE I CAN'T SAY THIS ON THE NEXT PAGE, I WILL LEAVE THAT
4132	7/11/2012	i think they have a great value to society but I don't personally use them
4133	7/11/2012	
4134	7/11/2012	The library educates and opens doors! I would not have done well in school/gone to college without the library.

4135	7/11/2012	I believe public libraries are a cornerstone of an educated, egalitarian democracy. Without them, our country would be even more polarized.
4136	7/11/2012	access to knowledge empowers
4137	7/11/2012	I appreciate and use the library more than other public services, but have to rank fire, police, schools, health, etc. higher, because they are more fundamental.
4138	7/11/2012	They provide a free service that offers countless hours of entertainment and education that is easily accessible to all classes.
4139	7/11/2012	Teaching children to read and enjoy books is crucial
4140	7/11/2012	Libraries are important to provide free access to books and resources, but in this economy, other priority services such as getting people back to work, support to strengthen businesses, and fixing our roads is more important.
4141	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge.
4142	7/11/2012	It's a very important resource-especially for our children.
4143	7/11/2012	Living in a democracy it is essential that the people are literate, informed, and involved. A free, open library system is the most fundamentally vital service our government can provide.
4144	7/11/2012	From childhood till the present, the love of reading has enriched my life more than any other factor.
4145	7/11/2012	Because I believe libraries are important to the Portland community. The availability of information (be it books or media or community events) is essential to our culture. There are many of us out there that don't have the funds to access these things without the library.
4146	7/11/2012	They are places where the community can gather, but most importantly, they provide access to the outside world that is a necessity for people to manage their lives. Information and access to information, especially for those in need, is critical to help keep citizens engaged in our community.
4147	7/11/2012	Public computers, dvd,cd ect.
4148	7/11/2012	read a lot and have been going to the Belmont Library since childhood.
4149	7/11/2012	Our income does not allow for buying books. We only purchase books that are of great importance to us. We have no desire to obtain books electronically. However, we do not feel that the library has to be open every day of the week. We feel that the story hours for younger children are important. One should also read to children at home and encourage reading as they grow older. Books need to be available to people of all ages especially to those who have limited access to books from another source. At the same time schools also have a responsibility to provide libraries and quiet places of study for their students.
4150	7/11/2012	I use the library services much more frequently than other services except water. The library increases my quality of life. Libraries are essential to keep our children reading instead of being gobbled up by electronic devices.

4151	7/11/2012	I believe the Library is equally important to the Portland Children's Levy, and for that reason, I will not vote for increase funding for the Library, because I want to see the Portland Children's Levy programs survive too. The libraries in Portland are great, but not more important than other city-funded youth programs.
4152	7/11/2012	I have access to a lot of the resources the library provides, but many others don't. It provides them with resources it would be almost impossible for them to acquire on their own.
4153	7/11/2012	I recently rediscovered how great the library is. When I was a child, it was a huge highlight to go to the library & I became a reader & broadened my language as a result.
4154	7/11/2012	An educated and informed society is key to a well functioning democracy. We live in an information age and the libraries help ensure that everyone has access to information.
4155	7/11/2012	tops necessary free resource making it possible to learn, research, and plan for jobs, work, education, and recreation
4156	7/11/2012	Because I can access necessary information for my life.
4157	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to reading materials that low and middle income families could not otherwise provide for their children. Early and continued education for children who want to learn are extremely important to our family. Supporting children who seek higher education is woefully underscored in our public service system.
4158	7/11/2012	Because its essential to our children's future.
4159	7/11/2012	I have a lifelong passion for reading and learning new things. With the library I can continue to indulge my love of reading as much as want without spending a fortune or only reading the books I can afford to purchase.
4160	7/11/2012	Many public services are more important but the library is proactive instead of reactive. For now the library is not the most necessary of resources for those in greatest need, but it is a service that is vital to the community. It is a gathering place at times, an enrichment for young and old alike, a source for those looking for work or life improvement, a port in the storm so to speak.
4161	7/11/2012	The future of the community depends on citizens who can read, research, absorb, and analyze information.
4162	7/11/2012	They make learning and literature accessible to everyone, which is the cornerstone of a functioning society.
4163	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge is important to all citizens
4164	7/11/2012	Libraries are what provides education, culture, entertainment, socializing, assistance, job training / finding, and so on. They help provide equal access to all of us, even the handicapped, rich, homeless, and the average citizen. Many of us have learned to love reading by going to libraries. We get tax help, learn how to access ebooks, acquire job hunting skills, find a warm place to read the newspaper.
4165	7/11/2012	Well-informed population, center for the community, access to information/literature

4166	7/11/2012	They help combat ignorance.
4167	7/11/2012	Because having a learned population that reads and is engaged in the community is what makes Portland such a great city.
4168	7/11/2012	It is a means to get out and learn about new things, to be exposed to news of the world through Internet, magazines, etc., to choose reading without having to buy it.
4169	7/11/2012	Generations have benefited from free libraries, in ways that can't be measured. Educationally, politically, emotionally, -- worlds opening to young people through literature, the humanities, arts and sciences, They are as important as free public schools.
4170	7/11/2012	Some things are more important, like emergency services. But the library is more than just a place to get books. It is a community center, an education hub, a resource for job seekers, a place where all ages can intermingle and interact ... ditto for ethnic groups. Gregory Heights is a great cross-section of all these. I would actually weep if we were to lose this important service to our community.
4171	7/11/2012	I am an educator and student so I believe that the library serves a very important role in the development and maintenance of a strong community.
4172	7/11/2012	Books and printed matter are necessary. Libraries are used for research by students and scholars and everybody who needs to use them for such.
4173	7/11/2012	I use the library frequently. I think public transportation, parks, and other services are very important to our communities but I do not use them very often. So, libraries are important to me personally, but don't overshadow other services that are essential for the whole community.
4174	7/11/2012	We (as a community) need many public services (libraries, public transit, garbage service, etc.). Libraries are near the top for importance, because above all else, they provide the opportunity for increased education. *Learning* is the key. Keeping libraries open for people playing games (even socially) on PCs is not a priority for me, but just about every other use of the library is.
4175	7/11/2012	I use the library more than any other public service. I love reading. I also love interacting with the people that also come to the library.
4176	7/11/2012	It provides me and my children access to a variety of reading materials we couldn't otherwise afford.
4177	7/11/2012	I think they are an important resource that everyone has access to.
4178	7/11/2012	Due to the education value that they bring to the community.
4179	7/11/2012	Other public services include the fire department and police station and other services that are extremely necessary. Aside from emergency services, having a local library available is very important and a wonderful thing to have. I wish more people, of all ages really, would realize how much it is possible to enjoy browsing or taking advantage of the library.
4180	7/11/2012	We use the library a lot not only for pleasure but research for information. There will always be a need for libraries.
4181	7/11/2012	Our family uses and enjoys the services, but beyond that, I feel strongly that they are services that should remain accessible to all.

4182	7/11/2012	services everyone, regardless of income. Provides a place and programs for the community. A gathering place for communities.
4183	7/11/2012	After the public parks, the library is the second most important local service for my family.
4184	7/11/2012	Hub of community
4185	7/11/2012	I love the library, its very handy for college. I actually wished they would stay open later at least once or twice a week; like until 10pm.
4186	7/11/2012	I have used libraries and valued them since I was old enough to ride a bike to my local library on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle.
4187	7/11/2012	They help to educate, employ, and improve the lives of every member of our community, without discrimination. Whether you have very little money or more than you know what to do with, the library offers you worlds to explore and a multitude of ways to enrich your life.
4188	7/11/2012	I say "somewhat important" only because public safety & infrastructure must be there for the libraries to even be used. However, libraries are a critical foundational block to create desirable communities with good housing, jobs & public amenities that reduce the need for public safety spending.
4189	7/11/2012	They are important at different levels to different groups in society. At this stage in my life I don't use it as much but I can see it becoming very important to me in the future.
4190	7/11/2012	I think it is important for people to be educated and the library offers opportunity for folks to educate themselves.
4191	7/11/2012	life is useless without books
4192	7/11/2012	It gives me, and many many others access to resources which we otherwise wouldn't have access to due to cost.
4193	7/11/2012	Reading and access to books and internet is empowering ,knowledge and a necessity to our community. Many who can barely survive after taxes and utilities. Many voted for the library tax even though it is hard to make ends meet because we need the library.
4194	7/11/2012	The library serves all patron information needs. For some people, this is the only computer or internet access they have. Through the programs, services and resources it provides, the library is an essential to the educational, social and civic life of our community and metro area.
4195	7/11/2012	All social services are important. □ Everyone should have access to books.
4196	7/11/2012	Free access to books and other materials.
4197	7/11/2012	They're a fundamental civic good, and important to folks who don't have internet access or money to buy books/newspapers.
4198	7/11/2012	Without public libraries knowledge becomes a privilege of the wealthy rather than a basic human right and that is un-American
4199	7/11/2012	I am on fixed income and the library provides books, DVD's and other resources to me at no cost. I would personally vote to support any measure that comes up regarding the library.

4200	7/11/2012	I don't want to write an essay, but in short, I think libraries are a pillar of democratic society, a civilizing influence, an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to gather and interact in a free and open space, an important educational resource in a society where education is getting more expensive and where access is divided by class and affluence more and more every year. I really can't say enough about how important libraries are.
4201	7/11/2012	We use and see the benefit of library in our community.
4202	7/11/2012	I'm an MLIS student! But seriously, libraries provide services that are essential to virtually every group of people in communities - seniors, children, adults, job seekers, teenagers, etc. We're really moving into the Information Age now, and providing free access to information and alternatives to Google-style search engines is very important.
4203	7/11/2012	I need books. I need Trimet more, but a library can take over the functions of job counseling, further education, recreation, and community.
4204	7/11/2012	It's vital that the library services be available for free to the public. With corporations taking over the economy, there needs to be a place ALL citizens can get the intellectual support they need. Research, art, storytelling, job search, and just plain pleasure reading should be easily accessible to anyone who wants it.
4205	7/11/2012	It is the most vital library I have ever used. It serves the widest of social, ethnic and cultural diversity I have ever seen. It is amazing.
4206	7/11/2012	It is the only resource of free knowledge that you can take home to study. It is how I learned much of what I know today.
4207	7/11/2012	Because reading and learning are important. Because community is important. Because building community around learning is one of the most important things of all.
4208	7/11/2012	I always encourage people to use their local library. Printed texts avoid many of the shortcomings of virtual media in terms of accuracy, consistent perspective, authority, and it also encourages extended, attentive thought.
4209	7/11/2012	maximum
4210	7/11/2012	Libraries provide services and opportunities that can't be found anywhere else and that improve communities.
4211	7/11/2012	I use them at least once a week (but I'm online at multiple times per week). I feel they're important to the public since there's no stigma associated with them (compared to food stamps or WIC or other public services for low-income families). Anyone can access services at the library.
4212	7/11/2012	They provide the opportunity for education and bettering of self!!
4213	7/11/2012	I think that they offer me an opportunity to read and learn more about the world around me.
4214	7/11/2012	I really enjoy the services that the library offers and I have a 1 year old and am looking forward to taking him to the library when he's a little older.
4215	7/11/2012	The library provides places to read, grow and learn, It is very important to maintain these services,

4216	7/11/2012	Books and media are an important part of our cultural lives, as is a central location to gather information. Purchasing books is expensive. Libraries make media services, information and literature available to all. A great way to educate a community, which humanizes us all - contributes to less crime, more empathy.
4217	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge, technology, entertainment regardless of income or ability is vital. I learned to love to read because of my local library; I can't imagine my life without it.
4218	7/11/2012	Access to a wide variety of media across all income levels is important for the development of fully rounded citizens.
4219	7/11/2012	Because they offer a wide range of services not found through other organizations. And play an important role in education.
4220	7/11/2012	In this economy, I have chosen to check out books from the library instead of purchasing new books. It saves me money and I love the library system here in Portland.
4221	7/11/2012	more important is public healthcare, public school, social services, mental services, food assistance, housing assistance. gas, water, and electricity are important too but we wont be able to do much with those resources if people do not continue to learn and the library is the most basic resource to educate oneself - especially for those who may not have home internet access. It is very important to me to improve the education and literacy of ANY person in our community. The library is accessible to those in marginalized populations that we need to be sure we address the needs of and improve their social & economic status- one way to do that is with education and the library is an incredible service free to residents.
4222	7/11/2012	Libraries can and should provide a hub of education and community activities. Without libraries, we make it difficult to pick up the destitute, entertain the educated, or help parents engage in the education and development of their young. My fondest memories as a child were at the library (which is probably why I still go to the library to work on occasion).
4223	7/11/2012	Libraries are not in the same level of importance as police, fire, utilities and roads but libraries are a major contributor to the the quality of life in any city or town.
4224	7/11/2012	I read a great deal and the library gives me access to materials in all forms that I could not afford to purchase on my own.
4225	7/11/2012	Reading is mid-expanding and everyone deserves access to books
4226	7/11/2012	public access to literature is undervalued
4227	7/11/2012	Public libraries are an American tradition and incredible resource for all regardless of age, race, income. In a time when our youth are becoming less well educated, it is vital for there to be other resources for learning to read, to research and become informed outside of the school systems which are also failing unless one can afford an expensive private school. Education should not be based on income.
4228	7/11/2012	they are good for the community

4229	7/11/2012	The library and it's services testify to the health of the entire community, especially to those who may be economically disadvantaged.
4230	7/11/2012	I use them as a vehicle to conduct research and to provide me with readding materials, so they are very important.
4231	7/11/2012	Especially in Portland, having access to books and other materials keeps the city vibrant.
4232	7/11/2012	I would not be where I am today without the resources available at the library, nor would the rest of my family. We have researched everything from agriculture, appliance repair, legal strategies for bad landlords...the library is a vital resource which (if only for copyright reasons) the internet will never replace.
4233	7/11/2012	I utilize the resources and materials frequently.
4234	7/11/2012	For me, being able to put holds on books that I want to read and pick them up at my convenience is very important to me
4235	7/11/2012	Libraries give access to all people regardless of how much money they have. At the very least, if someone can have access to a library, even if they can afford nothing else, they can check out a book for entertainment and company, or education.
4236	7/11/2012	Access to reading materials is essential to healthy cognitive development for children.
4237	7/11/2012	the Hilsdale Library is my only access to the web and my school requires me to have that access. i also can't just go out and buy every book that i want so i borrow them and it gives me a chance to still experience that author's work. I'm also very fond of libraries and would hate to see any go down.
4238	7/11/2012	The public library is one of the only public resources available to me on a daily basis. It is a source of information, entertainment, and a place to be around my fellow citizens. I do not know what I would do if I did not have the library as a resource. It would be a devastataing loss to me.
4239	7/11/2012	I believe the library is a vital component of our local communities. Books are the basis for learning, developing, understanding, sharing, exploring, fantasizing...
4240	7/11/2012	Libraries are repositories of a wide variety of publicly accessible information. A democracy cannot function if its citizens do not have access to a complete spectrum of accurate information.
4241	7/11/2012	The library provides resources that people might not otherwise have access to; it levels the playing field so that lower income people have the same access to information and learning as high income. It is also a vibrant and positive example of community, a place where all people are welcome and belong. It supports literacy, knowledge, and culture, which are the basis of a happy society.
4242	7/11/2012	An educated public is the best hope for the future.
4243	7/11/2012	I use them on a frequent basis. My family used them when raising kids to foster a love of reading. Libraries are invaluable.
4244	7/11/2012	I love my library, it is very important to me and my grandson

4245	7/11/2012	Most of my entertainment is gained through the library, be it books, videos, magazines, etc. Having a free resource for current media is important as many other staples in life there is no free or even inexpensive options and entertainment often is first on the chopping block.
4246	7/11/2012	Libraries keep information, knowledge, and education free and verifiable for ever stratum of society.
4247	7/11/2012	The library provides direct services. As long as my faucet works and my toilet flushes and my library is open--what else matters?
4248	7/11/2012	I use the library most every day. I am a prolific reader and with the books on tape and large print volumes I can continue to read even though I am getting older. When my children were young we went to story time etc and they love books as much as I do though they are grown.
4249	7/11/2012	An informed citizenry is essential. The library helps inform those with fewer resources to pay for these materials for their family home. It's also a modeling situation for children and teens when they see all these many and diverse people reading, etc. at the library. This is very important for encouraging life-long learning in our students.
4250	7/11/2012	A strong democracy depends upon an educated and engaged electorate. Libraries provide access to information at no immediate direct cost, a service that is vital to democracy. [] Both of my parents were teachers, and my husband and I were also teachers for part of our working lives. We are both "life long learners" and believe that libraries are what make this life style available to all.
4251	7/11/2012	Libraries are available for everyone which is important if someone doesn't have the money to buy books or a computer to access knowledge. Libraries promote learning which people need to be well informed citizens and human beings.
4252	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and without the library my access to the books I want to read would be much more of a challenge.
4253	7/11/2012	I use the library for learning new things and honing existing ones, which would have been impossible without the resources at the library as books can be expensive.
4254	7/11/2012	I know that the public library meets the needs of people at all levels of socio-economic status, but is often the most accessible and well-known resource for vulnerable members of our communities.
4255	7/11/2012	As a senior I plan to utilize some of the training that is offered on the computer & I download books for my Nook without having to purchase an expensive book.
4256	7/11/2012	Free activities for my kids that are both fun for them and educational. I have been able to make both personal and property/material improvements through research utilizing the Library's vast resources. The Library provides stress-relief & leisure through available music, literature and cinema.
4257	7/11/2012	It is a necessary resource for many folks that do not have access to computer or job search opportunities. Also it gives free activities for kids.

4258	7/11/2012	Libraries enhance the knowledge base of the community. They provide social services to needy people (such as: children with homework help, adults with internet access). They build community through their busy storytimes and the amazing summer reading program for kids, Everybody Reads for adults.
4259	7/11/2012	I love to read, and I gain so much enjoyment & knowledge from reading that I want everyone to have that available to them.
4260	7/11/2012	I enjoy the library, but think it is an invaluable resource to families who cannot afford books, computers, etc. to aid the development and learning of children and adults.
4261	7/11/2012	Because the trend over the last twenty years has been away from reading; Americans are poorly informed, saturated in t.v. propaganda. I have loved to read since I was a grade school. Now that I am older I read about 1 book a day. I love going to the library and finding books. I also use it as a resource.[]
4262	7/11/2012	I take my grand daughter there for stories and it is a good neighborhood place to go, feel's like a "safe" place to engage with young children. [] It is the only local resource that I use on such a consistent basis.
4263	7/11/2012	Not absolutely essential, but close.
4264	7/11/2012	They are a good, neutral place for people to come.
4265	7/11/2012	They are somewhat important to support my reading and media interest and to provide access to current databases.
4266	7/11/2012	The majority of the books I read come from the library. If the library system didn't exist, I would have a much harder time getting books to read. Without the library system, I wouldn't be nearly as well-read as I am.
4267	7/11/2012	Literacy is of the utmost importance. Not everyone can afford books. When I was a child I rode my bike to the library 3 times a week to get books and read. As a parent-educator the library outreach and young kid programs were essential to my clients learning how to read with and encourage their kids. As a high schooler, all of my research was done at central and the cultural offerings at n Portland reminded my peers that black ppl are an integral part of oregon's history. I am starting a reading group for low income students to learn key texts in their cultural histories and the library is essential to that group's success. If we lock up the books and only make them available to the rich we rob people of their right to knowledge, imagination, and ultimately equal access to academic success.
4268	7/11/2012	
4269	7/11/2012	A literate informed public can make rational decisions.
4270	7/11/2012	Books are important for anyone who wishes to know anything. they are a way to experience diversity without huge expense for travelling.
4271	7/11/2012	A strong library system increases access for everyone to literature, educational information and community support. I remember when any question I had could be answered by our library either by having the information on hand or by research.

4272	7/11/2012	Because all of the services at the library are to there to help the community as a whole, and not just a few minorities.
4273	7/11/2012	I would say very important, but Schools are really hurting, so they must be our first priority. However libraries are even more important now, as many kids don't have access to good school libraries staffed by persons with degrees in library science.
4274	7/11/2012	Our library system is a big part of our community!
4275	7/11/2012	Democracy needs the free access to information
4276	7/11/2012	BOOKS! That is what the libray is all about...not a bunch of other junk. [] People need to read to use thier minds.
4277	7/11/2012	variety and options
4278	7/11/2012	It gives everybody equal access to a variety of resources. It is also provides a strong sense of community.
4279	7/11/2012	knowledge
4280	7/11/2012	Because they provide opportunities for education and personal improvement and fun!
4281	7/11/2012	I love having information available for free, to all citizens. Also, it helps reduce usage of resources when things can be borrowed, rather than bought. I am able to order books from other libraries and have them to delivered to the Belmont branch, my local library branch. [] Also I think the more people read, the more they are informed to pick their government based on their needs.[]
4282	7/11/2012	The physical book is more viable today than it ever was with the onset of electronic materials. We need an alternative to electronics.[] Portland is a reading town and because of that it is better informed in all aspects of education.[] Please keep our libraries open 7 days a week- Night libraries would be wonderful too. [] Also- Libraries are the most democratic of institutions.
4283	7/11/2012	I have been a user of libraries since first learning to read as a child. I am a huge reader and I reserve and check out books regularly. I think literacy is of huge importance. Also, access to books and periodicals.
4284	7/11/2012	Libraries provided ways for people to get a leg up, whether its for research for school (elementary and college level), job seeking or computer and online access. It also builds a bond within the community with programs and acts as a social hub. Reading is an inexpensive recreation that in these tough financial times is much appreciated.
4285	7/11/2012	Because it means EDUCATION!
4286	7/11/2012	Personally, the library enriches my life in a way I could not afford otherwise.[] Library services are vital to a strong community, and that is the type of community in which I would like to live.

4287	7/11/2012	Libraries are truly important resources. They provide access to information, community, and learning. They are indispensable.
4288	7/11/2012	People need the resources that libraries offer: books, periodicals, and computers. They are important to those looking for work, those who are young and learning to read, and elderly. EVERYONE benefits from the services that libraries offer.
4289	7/11/2012	yes
4290	7/11/2012	Free access to media and information is essential, especially for young people and seniors. Libraries are safe community spaces that nurture a love of reading and a healthy, curious, informed mind.
4291	7/11/2012	Because I am a huge reader; however, I cannot afford to buy all of the books and media that I'm interested in. This is a simple way that I can continue to be an active reader.
4292	7/11/2012	police and fire are more important. then libraries. i might have forgotten other critical services though.
4293	7/11/2012	Our family-life centers around books, including reading stories to our daughter (4 years old), teaching her basic concepts in math and science, helping her learn about her culture (Canadian, Mexican, and American), and exposing her to music. Without at the library, we wouldn't be able to afford all of the resources that are available with a library card. [] Similarly, my wife and I use the library as the first place to explore interests and find books to read for pleasure. I would rank the library as of similar importance to public safety and providing clean water to the community. Though culture and the life of the mind often seem less urgent, they ultimate sustain us as human beings and as a community.
4294	7/11/2012	I started reading and going to libraries at about 4 - don't need to buy many books but want to stay current.
4295	7/11/2012	i understand all of the benefits of a local library system beyond just lending the newest best sellers.
4296	7/11/2012	I grew up visiting the library and reading lots of books - it's important to me that kids have that venue available, particularly as parents do not want to buy a lot of books for their kids on a regular basis. In addition, it is a great equalizer - everyone should be able to read, and have reading materials available to them, not based on ability to pay.
4297	7/11/2012	Early literacy in children is the most important thing for our future as a whole. The library makes books available to local childcare places as well as all of the services for children at the library. In order to thrive we NEED local libraries.
4298	7/11/2012	Reading is so important for everyone! And the resources that are available through the library are often not available elsewhere - at least not for people of limited means.
4299	7/11/2012	because i think that having access to all those books, media, computers, and having a safe place to educate and entertain yourself is very important. i think that knowledge keeps us free, and freedom is priceless

4300	7/11/2012	I use the library all the time, I would have as much exposure to literary works if I couldn't check out books from the library.
4301	7/11/2012	I see it as a resource for others who may need it more than I.
4302	7/11/2012	literacy
4303	7/11/2012	Resources allow us to find information ourselves, be prepared, and succeed.
4304	7/11/2012	Because I use the library often for personal enrichment through reading (print and e-books) and exploring new-to-me music by borrowing CD's.
4305	7/11/2012	because, more people are reading and my family just likes going to relax and read and look for new books to read and movies to watch its just a fun time for us!
4306	7/11/2012	Library services are beneficial to everyone, unlike some programs that might cater to special groups. Libraries historically have provided resources not available anywhere else on a face-to-face basis. Even though the internet has totally changed research capabilities, the ability to access physical books and have a place to come to relax and read is an important facet of urban life.
4307	7/11/2012	a solid education is needed for improvement in all other areas of life. library is a place of comfort for many people.
4308	7/11/2012	#1
4309	7/11/2012	It is that important because of my child and wife's need for reading and knowledge.
4310	7/11/2012	They are not vital to public safety or basic necessities, but they provide a valuable resource accessible to all socio-economic levels.
4311	7/11/2012	They serve such a range of people in the community : children, seniors, homeless, job seekers, and people who want to gather information without getting it on a tiny phone or computer all the time.
4312	7/11/2012	Literacy and access to information and are the key to a free society.
4313	7/11/2012	Because I love reading and love being able to loan books instead of buy them and lose out on the space.
4314	7/11/2012	all citizens need to be able to access all ideas even if they have no extra money
4315	7/11/2012	Basic city and county services (police, fire, etc.) are of more importance.
4316	7/11/2012	It's important for people to have options to expand their learning, creative, social and intellectual worlds. I work with students who don't have computers at home. It is absolutely vital that they have access to not only computers but the collective materials offered through our libraries.
4317	7/11/2012	There are many services more important, such as police, fire bureau, public transportation, etc. But having free access to the world of books, research help, DVDs of movies and TV programs enormously enhances the quality of my life.
4318	7/11/2012	Because I'm a bookworm and Portland is a city of readers.
4319	7/11/2012	Libraries serve a wide range of citizens.
4320	7/11/2012	As a person on a fixed income, it is easier to check out materials I want to read or see than to buy them.

4321	7/11/2012	The community library is a critical resource for our neighborhoods.
4322	7/11/2012	Like schools, police, fire fighting and parks, libraries are resources needed by all and not available to individuals except through the agency of community government.
4323	7/11/2012	This is like our dictionary in our neighborhood and there is no way any one can live without it. Especially our children.
4324	7/11/2012	Libraries are important, but they can never rank higher than public safety, mental health services, health care, and other essential county services directly related to life & death issues. For that reason, I stated previously that weak economy & lack of jobs are the biggest threats to our libraries. We need to EXPAND the economic pie so our libraries can get a fairer share of RISING INCOMES. Sadly, in today's economy, funding libraries at a higher level fall into the "wish we could do it but we can't afford it" category.
4325	7/11/2012	I don't use most public services, but I use the local library at least once a week.
4326	7/11/2012	Libraries help grow and sustain communities through learning and self improvement.
4327	7/11/2012	They serve a great variety of people, they are public so available to all residents, no matter how much money they have. There is access to knowledge, in many forms, that can enrich everyone's lives.
4328	7/11/2012	The library is a free resource for people who can't afford to subscribe to cable TV and newspapers or go to private schools. It gives everyone an equal chance to get information and be successful.
4329	7/11/2012	I like to learn. the internet just isn't good enough.
4330	7/11/2012	Free access to knowledge is one of the only things that can help the poor bridge the gap to the middle class. I use my internet for all of my research so don't need my library for that resource. I only use the library as a resource to get books to read.
4331	7/11/2012	If public schools/teachers made more use of local libraries, i.e., referred students to libraries for their research, AND if local libraries would be housed in other public buildings such as schools, libraries would be more integral/easier access to general public use.
4332	7/11/2012	Internet replaces the need for libraries
4333	7/11/2012	The library serves so many purposes. It is not just a place to get or read materials, but also a source of information, a place to vote, a place for people to access resources and enrichment. The library is key to our community. Also, the library is across the street from our elementary school and near our high school. These young people in our community need to be able to utilize what the library offers, day after day.
4334	7/11/2012	Very important
4335	7/11/2012	Conceptually, libraries are a reservoir of knowledge and culture that all citizens regardless of wealth and social status can access and use to enrich and improve their lives. I think maintaining this reservoir is an important priority.

4336	7/11/2012	I don't make a lot of money, but I like to read. I would not be able to buy all of the books I'm able to check out of the library. Having access to all of those books, movies, and other materials is a blessing for those with low incomes and a love of reading.
4337	7/11/2012	Libraries are the community's main source of education, inspiration, and joy to all people of all ages.
4338	7/11/2012	access to freedom of speech
4339	7/11/2012	I read a lot.
4340	7/11/2012	Public libraries provide access to current, relevant, and scholarly materials to help improve individuals' educational situation. They are a (mostly) free option for kids whose parents are unable to afford day-care, or relevant educational material.
4341	7/11/2012	need more helping with reading
4342	7/11/2012	Police fire and road maintenance are immediate needs. Library is more of a long term need.
4343	7/11/2012	They bring a source of education, community building, and inclusion to all with no concern about income level, political affiliation, background, etc. in a present day environment that does not hold these values in high esteem.
4344	7/11/2012	Books are a primary source of entertainment, enjoyment and enrichment to me and the members of my extended family. It would be prohibitively expensive to purchase individually the books we read each year. It would also be a waste of the knowledge and enjoyment they contain if no public source existed and books only sat on private bookshelves after being read once or twice. It is also a macro-economically inefficient use of the resource, e.g. compare uses per dollar spent on library books versus a book owned by an individual. Finally, having a library of knowledge available allows for low or no-cost exploration of new ideas and knowledge that it might be difficult to afford (or impossible to justify) if one had to purchase every book that you think you might be interested in reading without knowing for certain that it would be worth it.
4345	7/11/2012	The library is extremely important. It is the one service that serves all class levels equally.
4346	7/11/2012	Access to uncensored information is the most vital aspect to a strong democracy.
4347	7/11/2012	outstanding educational resources, the stimulation of our curiosity that can't be achieved elsewhere
4348	7/11/2012	easy to get to and saves me time
4349	7/11/2012	Without them the community will suffer tremendously. Our kids need programs like summer reading and access to an essential part of life. Without reading we are a lesser society. We need our libraries to compensate for our lack of education in other areas.

		I love to read[] I love to give the gift of reading and knowledge to others[] I am learning Spanish though library's Russian - Spanish club[] I volunteered and help people to find jobs and complete home work assignments for their college career at Rockwood library computer center. I decided not to travel to Dagestan, my birth place,by checking out awesome book written by inspiring young author about the present day Dagestan, where the writer lives.[] It is place to meet ,to network and help people while helping yourself in the process. My son is motivated to read at the age of 7 through a summer due to library's summer reading program! I love the library. It caters to my every need as a life long learner!
4350	7/11/2012	
4351	7/11/2012	I think the promotion of literacy is a key goal for the city.
4352	7/11/2012	there are books, internet, and movie access that is vital to a lot of ppl I live right across the street from the fire dept. and next door to the Library. I can tell you, I use the Library way more than the fire dept....thankfully :)
4353	7/11/2012	This library is also used as a back up for our neighborhood high school as well. I am troubled that it will be closed on Mondays. It's vital that we provide access to books, media, computers to those who cannot afford to buy their own. It's vital that we encourage literacy and sharing in our community. It's vital that we provide a place for people to go to read, learn, engage.
4354	7/11/2012	
4355	7/11/2012	Very, very important. I save money using the library instead buying books and magazines. I read a lot, really a lot.
4356	7/11/2012	My children and I visit once a week and check out books. It is a public service we use more often then any other.
4357	7/11/2012	The library and the parks are the only 2 public services (leaving aside roads and public transportation, which I'll count as infrastructure rather than service) that I make use of on a regular basis, so they're both very important to me personally. I also believe that libraries, like public education, are a foundation of a healthy civilization.
4358	7/11/2012	Because education fuels everything else.
4359	7/11/2012	Well, Fire and police come first. Safe roads for cars and bikes are second. But library's rank high on my list because I'm a lifetime user and I love to read. I can't afford all the books I want to read.
4360	7/11/2012	Reading is one of my favorite past times. It's the great escape, a luxury, leisurely, relaxing, and stimulating, all at the same time. It's important to be able to expose that treat to others through the library services.
4361	7/11/2012	Books, Movies and Music make my brain bigger.
4362	7/11/2012	They are essential for the building of neighborhood esprit d corps, but I'm not sure I would put them "above" fire and police.

4363	7/11/2012	<p>I have been to other countries who do not have our library system. It is a wealth of information that is a gift to all of us.</p> <p>□</p> <p>□</p> <p>I have had free access to such wonderful movies, music, and books that I would - otherwise - never be able to afford. I have been greatly enriched by our public library system - personally and professionally.</p>
4364	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries give people who otherwise wouldnt equal opportunity to use tools. Be it, books, computer access, magazines, and educating themselves in science, launguage, math, writing. With our population having its current umemployment rate, public tools like these are more important than ever.</p>
4365	7/11/2012	<p>I have been a patron for 65 years and have contributed to levies and fund drives many times. In general libraries are a godsend especially to people who are not in school, perhaps for years, but who want what the library can offer: facts, background, context, entertainment. From what I read, Multnomah County Library is one of the best in the country. I hope we can keep it that way. And□</p> <p>I have never voted against a school or library ballot measure/levy. You can count on me in September.</p>
4366	7/11/2012	<p>Because it lets you get a chance to find useful resources you need and to research artifacts that you want to know. Also, it's a very safe environment to go into and to spend time reading.</p>
4367	7/11/2012	<p>this library offers my only access to much material of particular interest □</p> <p>this library is one of the best systems of its nature that I have encountered□</p> <p>maintaining current level of service (material and hours) is essential to me □</p> <p>and, I think, to the entire community</p>
4368	7/11/2012	<p>dumb question</p>
4369	7/11/2012	<p>it is the only public service that really delivers consistently</p>
4370	7/11/2012	<p>Free access to information is the cornerstone of democracy. Period.</p>
4371	7/11/2012	<p>use library all the time for books, DVDs of movies, old TV series□</p> <p>big source of home entertainment</p>
4372	7/11/2012	<p>I feel that the Library system is necessary but ranks low in importance of Public Servcies such as Emergency services</p>
4373	7/11/2012	<p>I am a reading addict and it is one way to keep a well-informed citizenry.</p>
4374	7/11/2012	<p>Because you don't have to buy a book just to read it once and you can check out up to 3 books at a time so if you have a family that likes to read then that is good.</p>
4375	7/11/2012	<p>Good access to informed wisdom provides a bright ray of hope in a rapidly dimming landscape.</p>
4376	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries have always been a resource for the general public to access information that is otherwise not available to them.</p>
4377	7/11/2012	<p>the library system is very important, but compared to emergency services, fire, police, roads, etc, i had to say somewhat</p>

4378	7/11/2012	Not much now.
4379	7/11/2012	They offer so many resources for so many people. I am an avid reader and could not be such without the library. It would cost me a LOT of money to buy all the books I am able to get as well as the movies and cds. I don't want to buy things that I am truly going to read once and let go of - or that I may not actually like at all after I get them home - so the library is a great option for me. I also enjoy picking up books for my daughter who is almost 3.
4380	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power!
4381	7/11/2012	I use the internet at home for most of my research these days, but there are still things that can't be found online, especially without online databases such as the ones provided and paid for by the libraries.
4382	7/11/2012	Since I am retired now and have the time to do a lot of reading, they give me access to books I would not normally buy.
4383	7/11/2012	I think health services, fire, police, public safety, etc. are of higher importance to me. So many folks have access to the internet these days that most things can be researched via that medium. (I realize not everyone has a computer.) I think having the library open six full days a week should be more than enough for folks who use the library regularly. I'm not exactly sure what the library hours are, but if it isn't already being done, it might be good to have the library open later some mornings and stay open later to accommodate folks who work and can't get to the library during their work hours. For example, open some days at noon or 1pm and stay open until 9 pm or 10pm.
4384	7/11/2012	Access to information via books, internet, etc. at the library has been vital to me in the past when a tight budget made it the only option, and made looking for housing and jobs possible.
4385	7/11/2012	Libraries help to educate the public. Without this resource millions of people in the United States would not have the opportunity to educate themselves.
4386	7/11/2012	On the personal level because I am an avid reader and the fantastic online system for researching and ordering books (in contrast to the library system in SoCalifornia where I lived before). In a broader sense for the outreach and provision of community programs and services for all age and skill levels
4387	7/11/2012	Not a necessity
4388	7/11/2012	A literate citizenry is required for a democratic society to function well.
4389	7/11/2012	they are the first resource of 'source of info' I use;
4390	7/11/2012	Perhaps not as critical as water, utilities and emergency services, but they help maintain cultural parity, is an important component of a successful society.
4391	7/11/2012	My Mother is 94 blind and deaf, and the library has an excellent program for the Homebound which supplies her with hours of entertainment books on tape.
4392	7/11/2012	I could not afford to buy as many books a year as I currently read through the library, and it smells so good.

4393	7/11/2012	I feel that I get my money's worth which is not true of road repair, police, water bureau, or garbage pickup.
4394	7/11/2012	Libraries can be the heart of the community - a place where everyone is equal.
4395	7/11/2012	The staff are so polite and helpful. I have taken 2 major trips in the last 4 months and was able to find materials on the history, culture, geography etc of these countries. Just wonderful. Also being able to renew easily is a plus.[] [] The library is useful to all segments of our community.
4396	7/11/2012	Libraries are central to the overall well being of our community and society as a whole.
4397	7/11/2012	Important for the young to encourage reading, and activities...
4398	7/11/2012	I believe reading and education at all age levels are valuable and necessary for a healthy community.
4399	7/11/2012	With the economy in this depression state the use of FREE resources is what we have for help.
4400	7/11/2012	libraries help ALL people of the community: reading, job seeking, learning
4401	7/11/2012	I love the convenience of the system ... that I can find and reserve library materials from home. I rely on the library to provide books for my students that the school does not have. We do not have a school library, I have a classroom library, and I supplement using books from the library. [] Also, I do a lot of research for my job and would not be able to afford to buy all of the books I read. As an educator I know what a difference reading makes for kids and want them to value that skill. I know that with all the programs offered its such an important community center and I truly believe in the power of a united community. I think the library offers a perfect place to start that.
4402	7/11/2012	I grew up spending hours at the local library. Having that access to countless books was a very formative part of my childhood. That can't go away.
4403	7/11/2012	Libraries have saved my life. They continue to give me a life of growth and expectation. They are a place of social connection. I feel the librarians are my family. Libraries are my heart.
4404	7/11/2012	I need access to books for research, pleasure, reading to my daughter, and personal enrichment.
4405	7/11/2012	My family loves to read
4406	7/11/2012	Libraries keep people up to date, and allow them to have contact with materials they would otherwise not have.
4407	7/11/2012	
4408	7/11/2012	it is a resource for info, pleasure, community gathering, & computer availability that is not available elsewhere. our system has kept up with the latest technology to make it a premier system in the usa.
4409	7/11/2012	Very inportant
4410	7/11/2012	the jobs they provide and the book lending services
4411	7/11/2012	I am a senior citizen and I do not have any of the info devices except a computer.
4412	7/11/2012	

4413	7/11/2012	I lived for several years in a place where I did not have access to a library at all, and really missed the opportunity to access quality reading materials easily. I was recently unemployed, and so appreciated the ease and ability that the local library provided as I needed access to current resource materials. The library is also a place that helped (and still does!) relieve stress in a difficult time-- providing books and other materials that are fun to read/watch. I would not have been able to relax with a book at the end of a long day with my limited income if not for the library, and that is something that has been helpful in my life.
4414	7/11/2012	access to reading materials is important to me, but I think libraries are absolutely essential to more vulnerable populations- struggling parents, those with less access to computers, english language learners, and all the folks not able to fill out this questionnaire from a laptop in their home as I am doing right now.
4415	7/11/2012	<p>I think local governments focused on public safety, human services, and education are the highest priority. I love the library system and it does contribute to human services and education but, if cuts are needed, I think it would fall below these other categories. I don't think there are life/death decisions made by the library but I do believe it adds considerably to the quality of our citizenry and lifestyle.</p> <p>Access to a well thought out sample of the human knowledge base thus far. And Arts. And everything else we have done and are doing...[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>What do you even weigh it against? Filling potholes? Too simplistic - not fair. []</p> <p>[]</p>
4416	7/11/2012	<p>Social services? Yes, fair question, but in the end the only road for a great city/nation/civilization is to learn how to provide these things. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>If the United States, if Portland, hopes to consider itself an example to others, then they find a way (as Portland has so far) to provide a world class library. Without it, we fall below mediocre in the annals of history. It has to be considered a basic human right.</p>
4417	7/11/2012	The access to such a broad media base of knowledge is priceless.
4418	7/11/2012	Police, fire, public health, etc. come above library services in terms of importance because they are vital to the functioning of the city. Library is in some senses a "luxury" in that it isn't crucial for the city to continue functioning, but it is a very important service that I cherish and feel fortunate to have access to.
4419	7/11/2012	I read approximately one book a week. I could never afford to purchase all the books I obtain from the library. The library is very valuable to me.

		Now that I am retired, I can no longer afford to go out and purchase books, even at Goodwill. I depend on the library for my reading material (4 to 5 books a week) and for my reference material. I do have a computer at home, but still utilize the resources offered by the library.[]
4420	7/11/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>In addition, I love the fact that my grandchildren have access to such a wide variety of material and programs through the library.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I have not had reason to need the training programs for the unemployed or the computer services offered, but am aware that a lot people do depend on them.</p>
4421	7/11/2012	Whenever I need to know something about a certain subject, I know where to go to find it. I have a computer (from my family) but I rarely find what I am looking for. It is so complicated and the Library[] has people there to help me when I can't find it myself. I just can't imagine a city without Libraries
4422	7/11/2012	We utilize the library often
4423	7/11/2012	For the younger generation
4424	7/11/2012	they are a vital lifeline
4425	7/11/2012	I grew up using the Multnomah library and I would like that to continue into the future.
4426	7/11/2012	I go to the library at least once a week to get books, and sometimes more. It's a very important resource to me and I use it most out of all public services.
4427	7/11/2012	Libraries rank below fire stations, trash pickup, water & sewer, and parks, about equal with DHHS, but above road maintenance, police force, dead animal pickup, building & zoning permits, fancy GIS services, and government tourism campaigns for me.
4428	7/11/2012	The library is an important resource for those who are socially economically disadvantaged, in need of these public programs and resource and an invaluable outlet for many population demographics. Education should be accessible and available to all, and what better place than the library!
4429	7/11/2012	It's available to anyone, even if they don't live in Portland
4430	7/11/2012	In addition to providing an endless supply of reading material, libraries are doorways to information, knowledge and resources for members of the community who may not have internet access.
4431	7/11/2012	It's an amazing resource! All the books in the world at your fingertips. I love it.
4432	7/11/2012	Libraries are an essential resource for citizens to be able to exercise their responsibilities and have access to opportunities in a democracy.
4433	7/11/2012	They provide services that help people find jobs, thus increasing the tax rate and lowering the number of people on public assistance. They provide programs that engage children, keeping them "off the streets" during non school hours and also provide services that help children and adults learn to read, helping the overall community. I could go on....

4434	7/11/2012	I don't think that it ranks above police, fire, or other public safety services, but the libraries offer many great services to the community.
4435	7/11/2012	Literacy and knowledge are so important to our society that allowing access for all individuals in our community is one of the best services we can provide.
4436	7/11/2012	I believe in the power of books.
4437	7/11/2012	I would put Library Services in forth place behind Fire, Police, Schools, then Library, Transportation...
4438	7/11/2012	Actually, I think that there are many local public services that are important, and one don't necessarily override the other. We need mental health care, we need assistance for battered women, we need ALL of that. But reading and reference resources are so very important to a community, it is the essence of learning.
4439	7/11/2012	An educated and informed society makes our community a better place to live.
4440	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge through literature and the internet, especially for those in low-income brackets and those for whom English is not the first language, is essential to moving our overall community forward.
4441	7/11/2012	They are important because literacy is key to a thriving community and democracy. And we are in a time when librarians are fast disappearing (or already have) from our schools.
4442	7/11/2012	The importance of an informed public is the essential to the longterm health of the county and the country. Libraries provide information access to the public that is both comprehensive and unfiltered; no other source can match this service.
4443	7/11/2012	I cannot afford to purchase books very often. My library is nearby, convenient, and if I'm willing to wait I can read almost any new book. Also, I enjoy checking out CDs to see if I like them before I buy them.
4444	7/11/2012	The lack of funding and the negative impact that has had on not only the reduced hours and staff but how that severely impacts the community. I have many clients that are unemployed and underemployed that using the internet at the library and other library resources is a crucial part of their job search, without it I do not know how people will be able to access the basic necessities in life. Many clients use the library's internet to look up shelters, food banks, apply and search for employment positions, this goes way beyond people not having equal access to literature and knowledge the library's resources are extremely vital to the livelihoods of many people. [] [] For being a developed nation we have a high rate of illiteracy and children who are performing at a grade level way below where they should be at. Without libraries resources and access, inequities and disparities between the have anc have nots will only increase. This is a serious threat to future generations to not be able to supplement their education after school or when they are on break.
4445	7/11/2012	For those that need other services (Family Services,all federal programs & state programs) libraries would come in here in order of importance.

4446	7/11/2012	I used them more frequently and they impact my daily life, they enhance my daily life even, but I also know emergency/law enforcement services make a big difference in my life in ways I don't even know.
4447	7/11/2012	Access to information is the great equalizer. I've found the library's resources to be invaluable both to my personal education and my professional needs.
4448	7/11/2012	Counties provide other important services such as public health.
4449	7/11/2012	It provides free access of information to everyone and I use it every day
4450	7/11/2012	They rank 1 level below basic needs like water, electricity, heating. They are a part of what makes multnomah county a great place to live.
4451	7/11/2012	They provide a community gathering place, demonstrate that reading is an important priority for the community, and provide access to books and other reading materials to everyone.
4452	7/11/2012	I use the library for work related research every day. Everyone deserves access to learning and literature - the library provides that regardless of age, culture, or socio-economic status.
4453	7/11/2012	Out of all the public servies (ie Parks, Rec Centers, ect.) offered for Portland families, the library continues to be the most enjoyed and beneficial resource for my children and family. In a city where is rains nine months of the year, the library becomes invaluable.
4454	7/11/2012	I am retired; I can't afford to purchase the latest and greatest best-sellers, and I don't have expanded cable television, so the library provides me with the opportunity to access the top cable TV series and good reading material.
4455	7/11/2012	If it came down to a choice between libraries and, say, mental health services, the answer is obvious - mental health services are acutely important. To balance the acutely needed services with those that define our quality of life is a tough call, but we rely on libraries to keep ourselves aware and educated - something of critical importance to our overall well-being.
4456	7/11/2012	The library, for me, is a resource for information, socialization, and exploration. I have used resources for personal and professional research and development. The online research tools I have access to have broadened my knowledge base on several occasions (generally not work related topics).
4457	7/11/2012	I read a lot and dont want to buy books. I like browsing the shelves and trying new authors. I dont want to be dependent on the internet or tv for my entertainment.
4458	7/11/2012	other local public services' is a very broad term and I'm not sure what is included. Therefore, I cannot make an accurate assessment.
4459	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and rely on the library as a main source of material. I am also researching literature for a book I am writing and the library is a major source.
4460	7/11/2012	I like to read
4461	7/11/2012	Public services are vital to our community. I don't like the option to have to choose between one or the other. They are all important.
4462	7/11/2012	I love my library but other critical services take priority

4463	7/11/2012	Free access to all kinds of materials for research and homework and free programs for entertainment for the kids. . . especially in the summer. In this economy, we can't afford to attend museums, plays, or other programs, so free programs are most welcome!
4464	7/11/2012	Access to current information increases the education level which is crucial to the progress of modern society.
4465	7/11/2012	As an educator and an avid reader, I could not afford to find books for my students or my own personal interests. The library allows me to bring a large number of books and videos into my classroom to help with learning.
4466	7/11/2012	The provide much needed intellectual stimuli.
4467	7/11/2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My family and I use them frequently.[] 2. It is very important for students to have access to library resources.[] 3. It is important for the community as a whole to have access to (and to utilize) library resources.
4468	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and use the library a lot
4469	7/11/2012	I'm a teacher and a single mother who uses the library religiously.
4470	7/11/2012	I use the library services far more than other local public services.
4471	7/11/2012	education and knowledge result in a more positive community. Also, great to have a wide range of people all gathering to gain knowledge and improve their lives
4472	7/11/2012	not dependent on income access for those who really need it
4473	7/11/2012	An educated populace is essential to the welfare of society as a whole. Libraries provide the opportunity for individuals educate themselves or supplement more formal education. They also provide ways for the community to come together through meetings, book clubs, and childrens programs that inspire a love of reading at an early age. Our community has a large number of immigrant populations and low income families for whom the library system can provide wonderful resources they could not afford to access otherwise. Libraries and our City Parks and Recreation programs are two of the best services in our community.
4474	7/11/2012	Without access to knowledge and educational resources we are on a backwards path.
4475	7/11/2012	Reading is something that not only educates a person but helps us attain a higher lever of lexicon usage. Books can help with therapy for children, teach diversity and help learners build a culture of historical knowledge.
4476	7/11/2012	Access to books mainly.

4477	7/11/2012	It is an important part of an infrastructure for citizens. It's on a basic level of what any city should offer it's citizens and it's community. Most people living in urban areas pay dearly to governmental agencies for basic services, a lot of which we derive little or no benefit nor have any control or input about the quality of services. We suffer rules and ordinances that business is exempt or pay at lower rates. Only resource we have for ourselves are our libraries and parks and yet bureaucrats are constantly holding citizens and voters hostage to the few things they know we enjoy and continuously badger us to qualify why we should want anything for ourselves or that we really enjoy using.
4478	7/11/2012	Access to information is key for a functioning and equitable society!
4479	7/11/2012	I read constantly and can't afford to buy new books and media. I have to teach myself how to cook, work on cars and sports marketing because no one else in my life has the time to do so. These books not only give me something to do but something to look forward to. I use the library as an opportunity to become more self-efficient as someplace to go so i'm not home alone.
4480	7/11/2012	everyone should have access to books and a place to find new information for whatever they need it for.
4481	7/11/2012	Not everybody has or can afford internet access to find jobs.[] Buying new books is expensive.[] Students need a place for research.[] Children need to learn the importance of reading/learning.
4482	7/11/2012	Libraries are part of our educational function in society, which is the MOST important function government can perform- our citizenry must have the means to be educated as citizens and individuals for the sake of any society.
4483	7/11/2012	Everyone needs access to education and knowledge. If we do not have free access our society will suffer. Our people will not thrive at their fullest.
4484	7/11/2012	The public school system is in crisis. The health care system is in need of a complete overhaul. Unemployment continues to plague the economy. Libraries are important, but the country, state, and city governments are also in crisis and all systems must restructure how they do business in this new environment.
4485	7/11/2012	I believe a strong library system is the great equalizer in any community. Multnomah County's system is the best I've ever seen - and I thought when I lived in the Bay Area that Santa Clara County's was the best until I moved to Portland. An effective library system has the strongest potential to facilitate a community's well-being and growth in so many different ways: Information Resources; Entertainment; Education; Positive Social Interaction; Career Building Tools; Small Business Resources and Networking; etc. More than any other public service, a great library system can touch the community it serves in so many effective, positive, life-changing ways.
4486	7/11/2012	Reading is the base of education. Don't have to buy books.
4487	7/11/2012	I love books. They are the doorway to the world.

4488	7/11/2012	I see the library as a vital part of our community's intellectual, social and economic health, going hand-in-hand with the other institutions of learning. From encouraging young readers, to helping job seekers, to enlightening voters, to satisfying avid readers, to deepening research progress in all fields, to fulfilling the entertainment needs of the poor and the elderly, the library is many things to many people. And our library system is awesome!
4489	7/11/2012	I can think of some more critical pressing needs but I still feel like this is an important service to the community.
4490	7/11/2012	everyone needs access to information that is free of cost in order to educate and improve the overall community
4491	7/11/2012	Resources, books, research materials, etc. are available via the internet if not available at the library.
4492	7/11/2012	I love to read and can not afford to buy books.
4493	7/11/2012	convenience and accessibility
4494	7/11/2012	Good local schools, libraries, and other community gathering places build better neighborhoods and help keep neighbors connected.
4495	7/11/2012	Not sure--you should have given examples of other local public services so I knew exactly what kinds of things I should be comparing it to.
4496	7/11/2012	confusing question -[] libraries are equal opportunity services, available to all citizens, and need to be kept that way[] keeping libraries in all areas of the city provides the power of books to all who may not have access to books at home
4497	7/11/2012	Affordable Quality Family Time. Availaility to information and technology. Books provide access to the world outside that would otherwise not be there.
4498	7/11/2012	I constantly use the library to research topics of interest, to learn new things in my day to day life. To read novels, fiction, etc. Reading is an integral part of my life. I learn everyday from it. I am so grateful to be able to pick up a book for free and glean from it. Thank you.
4499	7/11/2012	Health, food, and transportation are bigger problems for many people (if we have to choose).
4500	7/11/2012	It's important that all people be able to access books and computers in order to function in our society. So many can't afford to just go to Powell's and buy a book. Our libraries are important links in our communities. They offer opportunities for education, job search and civic responsibility.
4501	7/11/2012	My husband is from Morocco. We moved there for a short time in 2010. I really missed Portland. The main things missing were parks and libraries!
4502	7/11/2012	They provide support to the community that wouldn't happen in any other way. This includes the children programs, access to resources for people who have english as a second language, internet access, as well as the fundamental access to books and knowledge generally.
4503	7/11/2012	Without an informed and engaged community, there's no hope for us. The library is both symbol and catalyst of that engagement.

4504	7/11/2012	As a kid, as soon as I learned to read, I practically lived in the library. Though I don't physically visit often now, I like knowing I can if I want or need to, and after the basic necessities - water, food, etc. -- free public libraries are extremely important and valuable. Over the past few years, library taxes are the only increases I voted for.
4505	7/11/2012	The library is almost my sole source of reading and other entertainment materials such as CDs, videos, and books on tape. I use it more than any other local public service, including Trimet, which I use because I don't own a car. I can walk to my library, and when the heat is not working, or the day is very hot, the library is a comfortable place to study or read.
4506	7/11/2012	Because I use the library all the time!
4507	7/11/2012	Education and literacy are a necessity for all stages of life. All other public services depend on these two principal foundations.
4508	7/11/2012	I
4509	7/11/2012	I use the library on a weekly basis. The wealth of books and materials available have a measurable and significant positive impact on my life.
4510	7/11/2012	I think the library is a great resource for keeping both myself and the community literate. It supports many facets of society that need assistance and if the community does not have places like the library as a resource then the divide between rich and both the middle and lower classes will continue to broaden.
4511	7/11/2012	Of all the services provided by property taxes, library service is the by far the most used and definately the most enjoyed. Parks comes in at close 2nd.
4512	7/11/2012	Please see my previous answer.

<p>4513 7/11/2012</p>	<p>Sacred public service. Like the police, the military, fire protection services - the library system is NEEDED in order to keep a free society FREELY informed and FREELY literate. []</p> <p>While I agree that a public library needs to be publicly funded it is not the entitled right of library administrators or county officials to abuse their power over the public in abusing that public library system. []</p> <p>No way do I trust current county officials, city leaders, or the library administrators and public union thugs who negotiate personnel costs - colluding behind the scenes and dumping excess public costs on the people. []</p> <p>No way should any of us believe a sacred service like a PUBLIC LIBRARY should have ever been allowed to morph into the unethical immoral shell game of excess and ever expanding TAXATION EMBARRASSEMENTS that the Multnomah County Library system has been turned into. []</p> <p>It is paramountly IMPORTANT to me that the people take back all of Multnomah County library's from any and all public and/or private entities colluding to mismanage and corrupt each and every one of them. []</p> <p>Multnomah County has completely thrust me in a distrusting relationship with how they justify they taxation overages, their taxation forecasts, their taxation justifications. Multnomah County needs to be shamed into acknowledging how they are responsible for defaming and degrading the concept of public library services. Holding our current county library services hostage and locking the doors of OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM is beyond contemptible.</p>
<p>4514 7/11/2012</p>	<p>I guess fire and police are important but fortunately I haven't used/needed them.[]</p> <p>Then there are the public parks which I really appreciate but fortunately I'm a homeowner with a yard.[]</p>
<p>4515 7/11/2012</p>	<p>I rarely go out to eat, don't go to the movies or other entertainment. I don't take advantage of many the amenities of living in a city...but I DO use the library. I and my 3 (now adult) children all feel this is something we could not live without.</p>
<p>4516 7/11/2012</p>	<p>We live paycheck to paycheck. Without access to the superior resources in our libraries our lives would be sadly narrow and uninformed.</p>
<p>4517 7/11/2012</p>	<p>Provides info and enjoyment to all users regardless of how much money they have. The sign of a caring community.</p>
<p>4517 7/11/2012</p>	<p>Access to print and online reading materials is essential to the well-being of our community.</p>

4518	7/11/2012	Libraries continue to serve as an informal gathering place for the neighborhoods they serve. They help build community feeling. They are a place that one can go and feel welcome. Libraries serve an important educational and community service, much like the public schools in our neighborhoods, but expanded to include more of the people living in our various neighborhoods.
4519	7/11/2012	I think the library is not that important to me because I am fortunate enough to have the ability to have other means of getting books, media, and information. I will gladly pay more taxes so that those that are less fortunate can seek out a job if they don't have internet access, books and media if they don't have the ability to buy them on there own, and for children to learn the importance of reading books from an early age. The library is very important as a public institution.
4520	7/11/2012	The local library branches support values that need to be reinforced in our society, not only a love of reading (which encourages intellectual inquisitiveness and openmindedness) but also a sense of community. The library also provides free access to resources that give equal opportunities for learning and personal betterment.
4521	7/11/2012	I am always so grateful for my library and the abundance of resources there. The inventory of books and DVDs is amazing and one of the top reasons I cite when people ask me what I love about Portland. The library here is tops and everyone I know relies on these resources for computer use, job hunting, pleasure reading, keeping up with tv and movies, learning new things. I've learned to play 3 different instruments because of the instruction books available at the library. love it!!!!
4522	7/11/2012	A Clean, Safe place to learn, and spend time.....A place for those who don't have computers/homes to gain access for job-seekers etc.
4523	7/11/2012	When competing with other service limitations such as schools and public safety, libraries do drop on the importance scale. However, they bring such a benefit for access that I will not dismiss them. My children have always enjoyed going to the library and book stores as well. They both have cards and use them when needed. We know that resources are tight so if 6 days is the limit we will accept that.
4524	7/11/2012	Reading keeps the mind sharp, and self-education is the only way people who don't have much money are able to get an education.
4525	7/11/2012	A local library system is an absolutely vital part of a city/town - it gives its citizens resources to improve themselves and the community.
4526	7/11/2012	I would rank library services lower than emergency services, but they are still very important, especially in relating to continued education for young and old alike.
4527	7/11/2012	Added value to the community as a whole; they increase our overall quality of life by bringing knowledge and culture to the neighborhoods as well as valuable free services for all.
4528	7/11/2012	Reading and music are very, very important to me and always have been. Add to that the library is one of the last free things on this earth to enjoy, and I frankly find it hard to believe there would be someone out there who thinks it is NOT important.

4529	7/11/2012	Libraries are cornerstone to my learning, growth, and community involvement.
4530	7/11/2012	We check out books and movies all the time. I would never read what I do without the library.
4531	7/11/2012	without a library, I wouldn't have access to books, information and other media since I'm on a limited income.
4532	7/11/2012	It's hard to really say how important libraries are compared to other local public services without specific examples of what those other services are.
4533	7/11/2012	Education and learning is a lifelong process that should be available to everyone. Not everyone can afford higher education, attend conferences, or even to buy books, but everyone can afford to go to the library.
4534	7/11/2012	Police and fire are more important.
4535	7/11/2012	Because I love to read and read every day.
4536	7/11/2012	The public service that I use the most is the library system. It has a triple benefit in that it supports a sense of community, serves disadvantaged portions of the population, and is a critical part of a working democracy.
4537	7/11/2012	Public libraries are one of the foundations of life in America.
4538	7/11/2012	opens avenues for research for those without computer access. People use the library to research health issues as well as other issues. it's an important service.
4539	7/11/2012	Libraries offer an opportunity for ANYONE to educate themselves regardless of their bank account balance. FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ALL!!!!
4540	7/11/2012	I'm a freelance writer, and I often use the multcolib.org site for research. Every issue of the Oregonian -- ever -- searchable and readable on my desktop is priceless.
4541	7/11/2012	I can't afford to purchase my own (computer, books, etc), and at times these are absolutely necessary (for example, I spent a lot of time a Hillsdale Library when I lived there, looking for work online). Libraries help people better themselves! And in many other ways, too.
4542	7/11/2012	I think that access to libraries and the materials they offer are critical to a community. Also, I always notice many people using the internet. So it is a safe, comfortable community location for people who do not have access at home. I've been going to libraries since I was a small child. There's nothing like being able to pick out a book, any book, and as many as you like, for free! ☺
4543	7/11/2012	☺ Before I had a computer of my own, I also used my library for internet access during a job search. If you can't get online from home, the library is the best place to do it for free.
4544	7/11/2012	Police and fire services are primary. I think the library may be more important to people with less resources than ourselves.
4545	7/11/2012	because as a student I use the library almost every day. I can get things there that school libraries do not provide
4546	7/11/2012	An educated public is vital to a democracy.

4547	7/11/2012	I'm retired, so need the stimulation that comes from books. Just can't buy them all. The library has been a godsend. Streets and crime and everything else is also important, but if I can read, I can cope.
4548	7/11/2012	Public libraries allow residents access to books that would otherwise be costly. Literacy is the building block for success in our education system. It also allows computer access to those who might not have that at home.
4549	7/11/2012	Libraries help create an educated and cultured society. They also are available & useful for all income levels. I would say they are the most valuable non-emergency public service offered.
4550	7/11/2012	bring richness to personal and community life
4551	7/11/2012	good access to knowledge for everyone!
4552	7/11/2012	I love literature
4553	7/11/2012	Literature is something that confirms our human experience and connects us with others and libraries celebrate democracy and equality
4554	7/11/2012	BECAUSE THEY ARE A CORNERSTONE OF EDUCATION AND AWARENESS. PORTLAND PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATE MAYBE HALF OF ALL STUDENTS. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.
4555	7/11/2012	I remember growing up that the library was a place of solace for me. I could go and disappear within the stacks, learn whatever I wanted to learn, escape in whatever stories I wanted to. Literacy and education should be a primary focus, but libraries are a part of that.
4556	7/11/2012	I can't imagine my life without library access. The library serves a large portion of the public who use it's free resources. I know nothing is actually free so we need to support the library thru our tax dollars. I compare the library with public transportation. There is a need for these services.
4557	7/11/2012	I have been a reader all my life and can't afford to buy all the books and DVD's that I go through. More generally, good, accessible libraries are extremely important to the proper functioning of a democracy!
4558	7/11/2012	They are an integral part of Portland (Multnomah County).
4559	7/11/2012	Libraries provide basic information and education resources and provide a connection to one's community. Libraries help to minimize the digital divide and offer a community meeting place for everyone.
4560	7/11/2012	information is power
4561	7/11/2012	Libraries and schools are the only "free" places of learning we have in this country. Since public schools are having such issues with attempting to foster imagination and instilling a desire to learn, the library is really the only place where one can trust one's children to be able to learn more about what they're interested in without anyone getting in the way.

4562	7/11/2012	<p>The local library is extremely important, because it is part of the fabric of the education in the community. Without the library, fully staffed and full of the necessary services, there will be a decline in education which in turn lowers the community's income level which leads to increased poverty which then leads to increased crime . When it comes to money, we can spend it in the beginning, educating the public, or we can spend it in the end on incarceration.</p>
		<p>Yes, we have the internet to find things in, but that can be as efficient as swimming through mud. Books that are published and categorized in certain places are assured to be true to that genre. Finding what you need is the next step after identifying what you need, no?[]</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>The services of a library are priceless (but obviously not fundless).Getting someone to learn English, teaching youngin's to read, giving people and opportunity to build relationships of all varieties and societal advancement are core services that a community should provide - and libraries do that.[]</p>
4563	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries have gone from a sacred location of a wealth of knowledge and power to a Bank of Knowledge+. We have a sophisticated way to route and transport media between libraries and cities, even nations. Keeping our knowledge and resources and community-building activities are something that we as a nation need if we're going to keep our sanity and hope to advance. []</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>I don't believe I need to get into the importance of keeping jobs.[]</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>Two generations from now, are the citizens of this area going to wonder what having a library, a center of resources and community, would be like? Will they be left to wander around on the internet for information that has no guarantee of being accurate? Will they know how great it feels to finish that epic tome, set it down, and feel enriched for taking a</p>
4564	7/11/2012	<p>I wouldn't be able to afford the resources I use at library. But people's general health is more important.</p>
4565	7/11/2012	<p>Because I like to read and the library is am important source of reading materials and also entertainment in the form of DVD's and music CD's. Also for information on the computers at the library where[]</p> <p>I can copy what I need.</p>
4566	7/11/2012	<p>I use library services all the time.</p> <p>Because not all people can afford to buy books.[]</p>
4567	7/11/2012	<p>Because not all people can afford computers[]</p> <p>People use the library for programs that are available for children and senior citizens.[]</p> <p>People use it for research and many more....</p>
4568	7/11/2012	<p>Reading and education are the fundamental value that leads to advancement in life for individuals, which in turn leads to a better overall society.</p>

4569	7/11/2012	libraries are crucial to every city! We wouldn't be able to read all the books we want to read if it weren't for a library in the neighborhood.
4570	7/11/2012	Because libraries are the only public service I utilize.
4571	7/11/2012	Other options available
4572	7/11/2012	Libraries provide an invaluable form of education, especially for those who cannot afford the high costs of books and educational media. I highly value the summer reading program for students and children so that they are encouraged to continue their reading progress outside of school. Libraries provide another level of community for people that I feel is necessary and important for keeping neighborhoods and families strong and connected. For schools, libraries are a fantastic partner in helping students to research, read, and learn, even when the school cannot afford new books.
4573	7/11/2012	Access to books, movies and online resources, the opportunity to use and reuse, sharing the materials
4574	7/11/2012	If we don't give access to educational and reading material to everyone (kids, seniors, disadvantaged) we are failing our community.
4575	7/11/2012	I can not only checkout books at no cost (other than my tax dollars) but I also have access to a skilled librarian who can assist me in finding the information I am seeking.
4576	7/11/2012	free learning empowers people
4577	7/11/2012	A wide variety of needs are met and a wide variety of people served. A last resort for education and entertainment for citizens.
4578	7/11/2012	I have a young son and want him to know, use, and appreciate the library for the wonderful resource it is. I want my community to be livable, and a strong library system certainly contributes to Portland's livability. I appreciate the Library's summer reading program and everybody reads campaigns and believe offerings like those definitely contribute to a sense of community.
4579	7/11/2012	Because while I count on access to the commons (streets, fire protection, sewers, etc.) as part of the package of living in a developed nation, I don't take libraries for granted. Access to information is about more than sitting at my computer. It's about the presence of a public site devoted to that knowledge, and the maintenance of that site as part of the commons, as an important idea shared by all. The library is a concept as well as a building -- and without a physical plant to maintain, and physical materials to collect and process (and pass on, vis a vis the Title Wave), ideas will go from being shared and localized to being individualized and atomized. We have few enough town halls and citizenry processes as it is; removing libraries would isolate us even further. Libraries are an important part of social cohesion as well as information access.
4580	7/11/2012	It is the only service that anyone can use regardless of income levels

4581	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of our most important services -- literacy and literacy programs leads to increased participation in school and lessened chances of crime. Services for seniors and job seekers are immeasurable. A library is the nexus point of curiosity and necessity for the public. While, say, a courthouse is incredibly important for public good, no one goes there unless they need to. A library serves as one a positive place to go -- a positive place supported by and for the public.
4582	7/11/2012	I order some books via WorldCat and I noticed that the process via the local library takes around 4-6 weeks to even send the request to the lending library. It really seems long and they usually can't borrow the items.
4583	7/11/2012	I use the library more than I use any other public service.
4584	7/11/2012	The value of information increases regularly. While I recognize that emergency service and health services may hold more value, access to information of all types is crucial to our community, our city, state, nation, and world.
4585	7/11/2012	Libraries are more than warehouses of information. They're also community centers, places to learn and grow, where those without computers can access the Internet, places where children can find the world of knowledge and imagination through books and other materials. Librarians are the tour guides to this world.
4586	7/11/2012	well, if my house was on fire or I was being robbed, I'd rather the library was closed than the police or fire dept..
4587	7/11/2012	The library is the only way we can afford to entertain and educate ourselves and our children on a weekly basis.
4588	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to books, computers, job resources, etc., to enhance their lives.
4589	7/11/2012	Next to police and fire.
4590	7/11/2012	I use the library to enrich my ongoing education and to have access to books and resources that I might not otherwise be able to afford. My job involves working with under-served populations, and I can report that most of them view the library as a valuable resource for learning, entertainment, access to internet and other resources, and family friendly activities and events. I believe the library is such an important part of a healthy neighborhood and community.
4591	7/11/2012	Water, Sewer, Power, Schools and Library. Scxhools and Library should be co funded. Can't have one with out the other.
4592	7/11/2012	It's a want, not a need PUBlic safety is a need
4593	7/11/2012	The library is a public space where knowledge and information is democratized.
4594	7/11/2012	Schools have taken huge hit over past years. Youth and job seekers seem like would be better served through programs at schools and community colleges. (Summer school for youth.) And libraries checking out physical books seems a relic. Tend to think physical libraries should be totally phased out within 10 years.

4595	7/11/2012	Knowledge And education are the best way to empower all citizens, for some the library is the most available route. It is imperative that this service remains available. access to educational and readding materials for every member of community
4596	7/11/2012	literacy matters. beyond tv and internet.
4597	7/11/2012	I believe that everyone in our community should have access to books and that everyone should be encouraged to read. Libraries are also a great way to foster a sense of community.
4598	7/11/2012	Because I do not own a tv and I prefer reading and quiet places where I can have access to a lot of reading material for research.
4599	7/11/2012	They provide important educational materials for people of all ages, races and income levels. They are one true way of leveling the playing field for people who chose to take advantage of them. Plus, in an electronic age, it is nice to be surrounded by books and people who love them.
4600	7/11/2012	Because I use the library so much for personal and educational use.
4601	7/11/2012	I am a frequent reader, and I don't have a lot of money to buy new books. I really value the fact that I can easily check out or place a hold on a new book without having to spend money. I also value the other resources that libraries offer that I use on a regular basis - computer and printer access, a place to work when it gets too hot at home, and training programs.
4602	7/11/2012	police and safety have to come first, only because of budget priorities though. Libraries are just as important, but with limited funding safety and health have to come first.
4603	7/11/2012	A library is a source of knowledge and learning, which is vitally important. It also gives access to many, many books and it is proven that reading is quite important. However, I wouldn't say that it is AS important as trash pick up, electric power, transportation systems, and so on. I've used the library consistently for the last 25 years for reading and research materials. I'm a market farmer and have used the library to find books and other materials on the subject. I've also studied foreign languages and love to cook so there are always loads of cookbooks to try out.
4604	7/11/2012	Probably the most important thing is researching a health problem that has developed and wasn't getting any help from the doctors that were treating me, by the way I was able to help myself more with information for the dozens of books checked out from the library than from the doctors.
4605	7/11/2012	I love the library, and I see libraries as of foundational importance in any functional community. In a society in which only those with expendable income can read, literacy and enrichment are then inaccessible to those experiencing poverty. I do not live in poverty, but if I had to spend \$5-\$30 on every book I wanted to read- I would rarely read books- and certainly never get to read new releases! As a teacher, I am also aware that without library access and library programs young children whose parents do not have the time or resources to prioritize literacy at home would be at and even greater disadvantage than they already are.
4606	7/11/2012	very high

4607	7/11/2012	I enjoy the utility they offer me, but they are not a critical/life-safety service like sewer, public transit, police, or school system.
4608	7/11/2012	It should be a fundamental part of our society: the ability to find and read almost any book you can think of. Our library system is the envy of the country. We need to keep it.
4609	7/11/2012	reading is the best that we can do
4610	7/11/2012	The local library was my lifeline as a child. We didn't have money to buy books, but I always had a huge variety of things to read from the library. Reading opened up a whole new world to me and gave me hope for a better life. I think that every child deserves the same opportunity. [] Libraries also provide computer and Internet access to homeless and low income families. It nearly impossible these days to find and apply for jobs without going online.
4611	7/11/2012	Necessary for an educated society which leads to better decision making in all other areas including support for the community.
4612	7/11/2012	The Internet And other resources have made libraries less critical than in the past. Schools and parks are a higher priority
4613	7/11/2012	Education is the number 1 tool to help people beat the cycle of poverty. The library offers the resources necessary for people to continue/better their education.
4614	7/11/2012	The "pure" library service is very important but the "luxury" system that they're creating is just that, a "luxure" system. Our other necessary public services services need to take priority!
4615	7/11/2012	Local libraries are sources of information at no direct cost to the user and not sponsored. They are, therefore, "independent" resources and most valuable to a free society.
4616	7/11/2012	Midland Library is not only a place to check out a good book but also a community gathering place. The services offered to preschoolers (story time) and fostering a love of books, through senior activities is much needed in our area. Midland is VERY important to the health of our community.
4617	7/11/2012	Water, sewer, fire, police, libraries, roads, in that order with "demonstration energy house" very near the bottom of a list of these important items.
4618	7/11/2012	Firstly, I'm not sure to which "other local public services" the question is referring. But libraries are important! They provide resources like books, knowledge, help, computers, internet access, etc. to those who may not have resources elsewhere. Libraries are not just essential for poor people. Everyone uses them when the library provides things like the Summer Reading Program and kid/family events. Libraries are necessary to a community.
4619	7/11/2012	An educated and informed society has always been recognized as a fundamental element for a viable republican democarcy
4620	7/11/2012	My journey from poverty and ignorance to professional success and a good retirement started in the Central Library.
4621	7/11/2012	VERY important.

4622	7/11/2012	Literacy and education is central to the success of any community. Libraries provide access to those resources that might not otherwise be available to many groups in any community.
4623	7/11/2012	Other public services are more important, but the Library is important.
4624	7/11/2012	I can not afford to buy new books or even used ones. i am able to get the new releaases and read alot of my favorite authors over and over again
4625	7/11/2012	They are a cornerstone of community. Even if you don't use them, they affect our community.
4626	7/11/2012	I only say "somewhat" instead of "very" because the EMS and governmental bodies are essential to public functioning. However, I feel that the library is an important public service because it provides a source of information that many of us could not otherwise afford. The breadth of information that is available would simply not fit in the space available in my apartment, on a very practical level. For those who are disadvantaged, it is important to have the ability to gain the information to try to improve their lot in life, or at least to expand their viewpoint on the world. The library provides the resources for this.
4627	7/11/2012	I would read a book by candlelight if I had to.
4628	7/11/2012	It's a free service giving people access to materials and media and maybe a warm or cool place to go. It provides opportunities to learn and broaden oneself.
4629	7/11/2012	I use the library all the time. I'm a huge reader and I can't afford to purchase all the books I read so it's vital to the quality of my life to have free access to those books. I also spend time in the library with my family, choosing books to check out and also just reading in the building. It's an important part of our family's life. And finally as an educator, the library provides invaluable assistance and enrichment for my classroom.
4630	7/11/2012	As a teacher for Portland Public Schools, I not only rely on my local branch for personal-use materials, but I access the library for books for classroom use as well. My educator's card and the six-week check-out period is an important support for teaching middle school social studies. Because the service the library serves is beyond the basics of checking out a book to read. Just to name a few of the services it provides might be; [] []
4631	7/11/2012	1) The availability of the computers serve a larger purpose in allowing individuals without access to the internet the ability to do research and potentially find employment.[] [] 2) It is a safe place to go and find a sense of community.[] [] 3) The librarian are an amazing source of information and very willing to share it all with everyone.[] [] 4) For some it is even a warm place to come into for a brief respite.[] [] 5) It reaches the young and old at all levels and meets their needs in different ways.

4632	7/11/2012	This is a hopelessly vague question, All other servcies covers too much territory.
4633	7/11/2012	We need access to all functions of the libraries. We are a community and need community based services...
4634	7/11/2012	Living a fixed retirement income and living alone I take advantage of the library as much as possible
4635	7/11/2012	Education is essential in order to be successful. Literacy is a must to keep the community educated.
4636	7/11/2012	They are that important because I love reading and couldn't go without it.
4637	7/11/2012	The library provides free access to knowledge which is important due to the rise in education costs Library= poor mans college
4638	7/11/2012	Transportation, head start, senior services etc very important
4639	7/11/2012	access to information.
4640	7/11/2012	Reading is one of the greatest joys and sources of entertainment in my life
4641	7/11/2012	Libraries provide education, information, internet access and community building. I have been going to libraries since I was 8 years old and always find them comforting. It is a very low cost way for millions of people to have access to information and entertainment.
4642	7/11/2012	I love to read and learn, but it would be impossible to afford to read and learn everything I want to know if I had to go to the bookstore and buy the books myself. To limit the access to knowledge to only those who can afford it would be an idescribable tragedy. Also, limiting the hours or days open means that only those with "flexible" schedules can actually use the library.
4643	7/11/2012	Many people canot afford to buy books, so therefore they will not be readers. Also, it is a great source of information.
4644	7/11/2012	Libraries serve the community in so many ways and actually provide many public services. A library anchors the community with access to information, literacy, family time, education, and a place to be.
4645	7/11/2012	It is related to education, and education for our children is important to me.
4646	7/11/2012	The more public services we have, and the better their quality, the better the quality of life is for everyone.
4647	7/11/2012	We can't function, get ahead, get a job without strong reading and research skilla
4648	7/11/2012	Because K-12 is even more important
4649	7/11/2012	I remember as a kid spending a lot of my time at the library. It was somewhere I grew up. I not only learned how to read but i learned how to enjoy reading. I want other children to experience that. I also think it's a great resource for school purposes and it's just a great part of our community in general.

4650	7/11/2012	High level. We access all the books and media services the library has to offer. In addition to books, we use the music and movie resources constantly. Many people don't realize the treasure trove of media the library has to offer. Whenever people say....Did you rent that from netflix? We say: No, the library! The same conversation happens with music, etc. I am also in education....the library's children's dept. has helped me on countless occasions.
4651	7/11/2012	I could not afford to buy the books I get to read from the library.
4652	7/11/2012	some people do not have computers to send their job applications/resumes, kids can study or hang out after school/during the summer without getting into trouble, you can meet great people there, if you cannot find the book you are searching for, you can get the info on line, I would be devastated if the libraries were closed!!!
4653	7/11/2012	The library is my second home! I am always using it and taking books and music out. I will support it any way I can!
4654	7/11/2012	Police and Fire of course, safety must be first, then education
4655	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly. It's wonderful to have the ability to search for things, put them on hold and easily pick them up. I would never be able to buy a steady stream of books to read (or listen to - I have books on CD for my daily commute).
4656	7/11/2012	Very. They facilitate cultural literacy in young and old.
4657	7/11/2012	It is a free resource center open to all who live here. Encourages learning. Important use of our tax dollars.
4658	7/11/2012	I think the library is a resource to other public services. For someone new to the community. library is a good place to find out about those things.
4659	7/11/2012	Because they are such a valuable and valued resource for every member of the community, particularly the less well-off. When I visit the library, the computers are always in full use, mostly by people who look as though they cannot afford their own. The extremely high turnover of books also demonstrates the importance of the libraries to the community. [] A literate and reading community is essential to a well-functioning democracy. We need our libraries.
4660	7/11/2012	Very imp
4661	7/11/2012	Libraries and the time and interest to use them are markers of a thriving and vibrant community.
4662	7/11/2012	I would have ranked them the highest but knowing that police, fire and public schools are also public services I couldn't. I realize that, for me, the libraries are providing a recreation and not a necessity for my safety or well being. However those considerations aside, the libraries are extremely important to me.
4663	7/11/2012	I use the library frequently.

4664	7/11/2012	because of the range of services offered, especially for people who are out of work, and the materials they make available for people who can't pay for them. Libraries improve education, help people better themselves and find work, help parents teach their children, and provide entertainment and enlightenment freely to everyone in the community.
4665	7/11/2012	Primary source of information, enjoyment
4666	7/11/2012	Libraries are important to a free society. Access to information is necessary for an informed population.
4667	7/11/2012	The library is the hub of a community, meeting social and intellectual needs. Plus, I feel safe in a library.
4668	7/11/2012	Police and fire protection would take precedent.
4669	7/11/2012	free flow of information is central to democracy
4670	7/11/2012	Easy access to knowledge and leisure reading.
4671	7/11/2012	I use the library much more often than TriMet due to a change in living conditions.
4672	7/11/2012	There are people who do not have home access to technology. I see public libraries stepping in where public schools leave off: early childhood, summer vacations, after school.
4673	7/11/2012	Although I don't use the library very much right now due to an incredibly busy work schedule and less need, it is extremely important to me. I grew up in a poor family in a economically depressed rural area and the library was extremely important to me. From kindergarten on, my family went every week and brought home a stack of books that we would read and read. I learned to love reading and this opened up the world to me. My grandmother volunteered at the library and in high school I led the summer reading program. I excelled in school, went on to college (many did not in my community), and am now a manager at a large corporation in downtown Portland. Having access to the library changed my world as a child and on through my young adult years. The library helps bridge the divide between those with fewer access to resources and those who have resources at their fingertips. Having a public library represents the best of a democratic society. I place tremendous value on the services provided by the library and want them to continue to be available to all. Having access to a library doesn't just help one survive, it helps one to thrive.
4674	7/11/2012	because libraries keep people literate. without libraries illiteracy would be even worse than it is now and our society would fall even deeper into ignorance. that is a step backwards.
4675	7/11/2012	It is a community resource, a cultural heritage, an aid in continuing literacy and development of our society
4676	7/11/2012	Nowhere else are there free services available to enrich the lives of the community as there are in a library. I grew up near the Midland branch and do not remember a time when I did not have a library card, or my mom didn't take me there to find books with my brothers. Reading and being read to were an integral part of growing up and shaped the person I am today.

4677	7/11/2012	Personally, these days, i buy a lot of e-books soni don't use the library as much as i used to. My partner always has many books on hold and many books checked out; it's a huge resource for her. But primarily i think it is important as a resource for the community...for kids to learn to read, for folks who can't afford to by books & computers, etc.
4678	7/11/2012	I suffer from heart problems. Reading and DVDs are my only source of education and entertainment. I do not have cable and do not watch commercial TV at all because it causes serious stress. I am semi housebound. I have no car and travel on the bus is a hardship, or I would be at the library more often than once a month. I read an average of 40 books per month (often running out) and watch the same number of movies. I have not taken advantage of the delivery service offered by the library, but due to my heart it will not be long before I will need it and I am very happy it is there. I think library hours are problematic. The library could be more proactive about downloading and other electronic solutions and not require so many hours of open time.
4679	7/11/2012	I love Books.
4680	7/11/2012	it is important to encourage people to read especially in this day of internet. having a space in the community that encourages that is really special and helps create the community.
4681	7/11/2012	Less important than sanitation, more important than school funding.
4682	7/11/2012	Education and access to knowledge is important to me. Whether or not that is more important than, say, police services, I don't think the two can be compared on an even level.
4683	7/11/2012	To much money wasted on other projects, such as Light Rail trains
4684	7/11/2012	All local public servoces are important
4685	7/11/2012	Because it a great place for kid to go and learn and read
4686	7/11/2012	Education is very important to a communitie's well being and reading is central to education and learning new ideas. In this way a library is necessary as a public service, however, it is also a luxury when compared with safety (police and fire) and other basic needs like food water and shelter. (maslows hierarchy of needs anyone?)
4687	7/11/2012	Local libraries were much more important to me when I was young. They helped me pursue my love of reading and learning. When my child was very young they served a similar purpose. Even though the Internet tends to be my principal library now, local libraries are important to me because I want to continue to live in a society re-generated by young people who value knowledge and who can always get what they need, in that regard, no matter their socioeconomics.
4688	7/11/2012	very important
4689	7/11/2012	libraries are essential to the well being of lower income individuals who do not have access to key resources (computers, internet, places of learning, education help, etc...)
4690	7/11/2012	A smart republic is a strong one.
4691	7/11/2012	The library had so many services that we need on a daily basis.
4692	7/11/2012	Equal access to info & ideas

4693	7/11/2012	It's an excellent way for my family to read about new things without having to buy the book. Our house is full of books that we may not read again, so the concept of borrowing books is completely genius.
4694	7/11/2012	Libraries are a source of information available to all and help create a literate populace.
4695	7/11/2012	I heavily rely on my library
4696	7/11/2012	Continues sense of community and offers everyone a chance to learn
4697	7/11/2012	The library is my favorite place in the world. I could not buy the number of books I read.
4698	7/11/2012	very important
4699	7/11/2012	Access to information is everywhere. The library is simply a self-contained mechanism.
4700	7/11/2012	Reading is freedom.
4701	7/11/2012	It has always been a resource for me since being a small child. When the library system is being threatened its the decline of America!!! I am an avid reader. Libraries give me the opportunity to read books that I could not necessarily afford to buy or have the room to store them. Libraries also give me access to reference material that would be difficult to obtain on my own. Large atlases for example are quite expensive.
4702	7/11/2012	the only thing more important is infrastructure and health
4703	7/11/2012	When my computer was down, it was helpful to be able to come use the computers. Also, I enjoy reading books and do not have the money to buy the electronic items.
4704	7/11/2012	bringing the opportunity for reading and exposure to books to the neighborhood level. [] there are children and others who may not have this opportunity otherwise[] When I was growing up, we all looked forward to the day each week when the bookmobile came - reading is everything!
4705	7/11/2012	Librery is my main source of information and entertainment.
4706	7/11/2012	Police, Fire and social services for those in need come first.
4707	7/11/2012	Growing up is I was always involved in the reading program the library puts on in the summer. Not only did it increase my love for reading, but also allowed me valuable volunteer opportunities and experience. My childhood would not have been the same without the library.
4708	7/11/2012	although i am not the avid reader that many people are that frequent the library, i like that i can access a lot of craft related books, maybe even photocopy a technique instead of having to go to the store and buy books. that is not in my budget at all. [] i also have used the computers and copy machine for job related tasks, not only in portland but a few times during the eleven years i lived in seattle. [] i think the library has a lot of things to offer and is a great resource that we need to maintain in our community.
4709	7/11/2012	Not only do we enjoy renting books and media from the library, but we really appreciate having a place to interact as a community that is not framed within a commercial context. It is one of the few places we can go that is not driven by consumerism.
4710	7/11/2012	

4711	7/11/2012	Provides information/education/entertainment to ALL, regardless of income. Is important source of education for folks who can't afford to buy books or take classes. Encourages kids to read and learn.
4712	7/11/2012	Definitely important, perhaps not as much as healthcare, food, and shelter?
4713	7/11/2012	free access to books, computers, etc. is a key to our democracy
4714	7/11/2012	Lower frequency of use.
4715	7/11/2012	I use the library to assist me in my job: research assistant for a local art gallery.
4716	7/11/2012	Hard to rank without seeing other services you are asking me to compare to, but assuming police, fire would be more important,.
4717	7/11/2012	Although police, fire and schools are very important, I USE the library more than any other service.
4718	7/11/2012	Libraries are the most democratic form of knowledge. Everyone has access to and the potential to acquire knowledge a no cost. Libraries act as community centers and help to hold neighborhoods together.
4719	7/11/2012	My local library keeps me connected to my community, and is a resource that I rely on.
4720	7/11/2012	I think we all need information, weather it be for jobs, local events, or research.
4721	7/11/2012	Public safety and jobs are more important.
4722	7/11/2012	Availability of information, research,
4723	7/11/2012	Important to our family for a five year old who is learning to read.
4724	7/11/2012	Our county libraries are our town square. I become informed, I have quiet time that is not alone, I get to meet my community, I get to feel pride about a something that I help support. I know we need public assistance to help families in need and that should take priority because if Safety and hunger for families isn't met they cannot utilize the other services but these services need to be present. We should be a community who understands that libraries offer more than free books. I for one feel it goes hand in hand with the other public services in our community.
4725	7/11/2012	
4726	7/11/2012	Important because it concerns the total community
4727	7/11/2012	i use them all the time--irreplacable
4728	7/11/2012	Libraries, schools, parks. Need I say more? These are the elements of community that weave us all together.
4729	7/11/2012	They represent the community's approach to a healthy lifestyle with education first.
4730	7/11/2012	Free public access to information.
4731	7/11/2012	Because it is one of the few institutions/services available to everyone, it provides a positive source of literature, media, music, etc. and it's free of charge.
4732	7/11/2012	a readily available resource
4733	7/11/2012	It is a place where you can get free internet access, read books without buying, get help with school work, they have programs and resuorces for all ages.
4734	7/11/2012	Books are integral to my life, and having this kind of system has made me discover more, read more and use more

4735	7/11/2012	Knowledge!
4736	7/11/2012	Libraries, next to schools, are the most important community tool to keep and improve literacy.[] Democracy depends on a literate public.
4737	7/11/2012	In my mind, the Library is the bastion of literacy - literally and culturally. It provides us with the riches of our human culture. Access to these riches is necessary for a continued understanding of who we are as humans. And understanding leads to interest, which can inspire us to evolve.
4738	7/11/2012	Because I'm a great reader and a writer myself. Libraries and books are essential to my life.
4739	7/11/2012	Because I'm an avid reader, my children are too...and we don't own a tv.
4740	7/11/2012	have access to the internet at home I'm a preschool teacher. I go to the library at least once a week and take out between 50 and 100 books. And I read them ALL, all week. Reading is a priority. []
4741	7/11/2012	[] The police however we could do without. And some other stuff, but I won't get into that.
4742	7/11/2012	
4743	7/11/2012	1. Because an educated citizenry is vital to a democracy.[] 2. In times of dwindling economic resources, I depend on the library to have access to books and CD's that I need.
4744	7/11/2012	The library is the last meeting place in the community that brings together people of all backgrounds. It provides a free education to those who need it most, as well as offering the power of reading. Libraries continue to be a vibrant community gathering place, providing real connections with their range of resources, programs and services. It's great to have computers, events for kids and families, programs for seniors etc and in a setting that is beautiful, clean and welcoming. []
4745	7/11/2012	Whether you are a wealthy person or a homeless person, a toddler or an elder the library is your place. In Portland where sense of community has always been a key to our quality of life the libraries are an integral and essential piece of each neighborhood. It brings a smile to my face every time I walk in the door and feel that sense of connection.
4746	7/11/2012	computers have the library and a lot more... tough to compete. The buildings are expensive and probably upside down in today's market. better scan those books and have access from schools and home computers. Focus on scanning.
4747	7/11/2012	I rely on the library to provide books I would love to read at a low cost. I would rather not buy books when I could borrow them, which I find to be more financially as well as ecologically friendly.
4748	7/11/2012	I think library services are important to the health (especially in the long-term) of our society, but I'm not sure where, in terms of priority, they would land when compared with other more urgent needs.
4749	7/11/2012	police, fire, water, sewer, roads, schools are more important
4750	7/11/2012	Without public libraries, and the services and access to information they provide, the public is doomed to ignorance, and the voice of Fox News.

4751	7/11/2012	Book/reading access and information resource for school age kids
4752	7/11/2012	we enjoy the assortment of books
4753	7/11/2012	They provide knowledge and education, learning and reading to the public that can never be taken away and is priceless.
4754	7/11/2012	I use the library.
4755	7/11/2012	I both read for entertainment and education, and also use research services for my small business. All are extremely important to me.
4756	7/11/2012	An well-educated society forms the basis for a thriving community, including employment.
4757	7/11/2012	avoids use of vehicles to travel far, saving on pollution; convenient location of facilities is what makes a neighborhood and why i love portland.
4758	7/11/2012	libraries (librarians!) are central to accessing opportunities and to being a part of the community esp for people with limited resources.
4759	7/11/2012	I read a LOT, and love having the access to so many books. I also feel like as services go, I get the most bang for not that many bucks out of my pocket. I understand that public services need money and I'm OK paying it, but our library system is excellent and from a consumer's perspective it's a ridiculous bargain.
4760	7/11/2012	We don't rely on the library much but know others depend on it's services. Schools, public safety, roads and bridge repair are higher priorities.
4761	7/11/2012	People turn to library as a resource in times of economic strain. A literate, engaged population is important for the health of the community.
4762	7/11/2012	Libraries anchor communities and neighborhoods. Improved literacy and access to art, culture, and lifelong learning improve everyone's quality of life. As a culture, our literacy is decreasing as we become more dependent on "virtual" communities via computers and smartphones. Teens can text 60 words per minute but can't write an understandable sentence or complete a job application. Libraries and schools are hopefully anecdotes against the demise of American literacy.
4763	7/11/2012	The library is a place where you can actually go to use internet, check out books, and research.
4764	7/11/2012	free access to reading materials and computers for those who don't have the money to buy these items.
4765	7/11/2012	Libraries are fundamental to health of the community and to a rich family life, right up there with access to good education, health care, having a diversity of people and jobs, homes and businesses, culture and recreation, caring for the environment...
4766	7/11/2012	The library is a safe place for me to enjoy books which is a very high priority
4767	7/11/2012	Although I don't use the library often as an adult it had a huge impact on my love of reading and I hope libraries continue to have the same effect on children today.
4768	7/11/2012	Because I look to them for information, the ability to provide tools for research, and getting books, or movies, to read, and watch, for pleasure.

4769	7/11/2012	The library is home to all people, all ages, all social classes, the library is a sanctuary for a community. I am a school teacher and nanny; my dad is a school teacher and my parents are local residents. We grew up taking weekly visits to check out Ramona videos and Shel Silverstein poems at the Central Library. Our libraries offer a place for people to feel welcome and explore.
4770	7/11/2012	I love library
4771	7/11/2012	I have many other options that provide the same services as the library.
4772	7/11/2012	I would rank them very important but I do beleive basic services such as school funding, health benefits etc to be one step higher.
4773	7/11/2012	Libraries are free and available to all, they serve democracy at a fundamental level. An erosion of library services (even if I am not an overly frequent user), erodes true community values and democracy.
4774	7/11/2012	They are a place where all levels of society come together for cultural and educational enrichment
4775	7/11/2012	Already answered. The next section did not allow me to choose, it automatically entered the numbers!!!!!!
4776	7/11/2012	Reading is an amazing tool, and all communities deserve the right to have free access to books and other learning materials!
4777	7/11/2012	Libraries provide equal access to knowledge and the American Dream (what is left of it ;-<). I think library services are a critical part of the cultural infrastructure of the U.S. . Their existence represents the key values of a democratic government, related to providing free educational and literacy services designed to benefit everyone regardless of educational level, ethnicity or wealth.
4778	7/11/2012	
4779	7/11/2012	we use them often for ourselves and our kids for reading materials
4780	7/11/2012	It is that important to me, because I use the library more than I use other local public services.
4781	7/11/2012	The library is important but not as much as the police and fire departments.
4782	7/11/2012	They showcase literature history-they breed community and represent infinite knowledge every time you open the doors.
4783	7/11/2012	Allow people to better themselves and save money.
4784	7/11/2012	I think they fill the need to view ourselves as humane.
4785	7/11/2012	We utilize the library often as a free place to entertain the kids. My oldest daughter reads a lot and gets all her books from the library. My youngest gets books for bed time stories there once a week. It is a huge part of our lives. The employees at our local branch have watched my kids grow. We love it there
4786	7/11/2012	Libraries spread literacy and they are an important resource for a life of learning.
4787	7/11/2012	Think it is very good thing for community.

4788	7/11/2012	<p>Buying books to read is expensive. On a limited budget, the availability of books to read - to enjoy and learn from - is very valuable to me.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Generally speaking, I think libraries are instrumental in helping the lower-income public learn and keep informed.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>A dictator would certainly want to shut down the libraries.</p>
4789	7/11/2012	<p>Every time I travel and people ask me what I like about Portland, I say our libraries! This is because feel like I can get anything that I need at the library. Librarians often go the extra mile for me. As a child, I remember going to the Belmont library for story time, something that I know fostered the love of reading I have today. Libraries are a community center and provide a welcome environment for so many who feel disconnected or on the fray of society. I'm proud of our library system, and want to see it grow!</p>
4790	7/11/2012	<p>While they do not top safety and health concerns, they absolutely contribute to quality of life, especially for those living on limited incomes</p>
4791	7/11/2012	<p>The materials and services they offer are invaluable to the public. They also help to foster neighborhood community.</p>
4792	7/11/2012	<p>I am a realist, education, police fire, transportation health all rank higher than libraries, but the library in turn is much more important than swales, columbia river crossing, diversity programs etc.</p>
4793	7/11/2012	<p>A community that doesn't care about its libraries is a place that promotes ignorance, a threat worse than any other. Also. books and other available materials are expensive and having them available at the library is such a blessing for those of us on a limited income.</p>
4794	7/11/2012	<p>They elevate the level of knowledge of the community - especially those with less education, opportunity, training, wealth, etc.</p>
4795	7/11/2012	<p>So much a part of my life, it is hard to imagine what I would do without their services. I also use the priceless services like InterLibrary Loan, search their subscription databases, find the newest stuff with "Your Lucky Day" books, read magazines, check out music CDs, listen to audiobooks on the long trips to Eastern Oregon to visit the grandkids, buy from TitleWave used bookstore, ask children's librarian for suggestion for my granddaughter, volunteer on the weeding crew. My brother, the unemployed one, uses the library computers to write books which is selling on Amazon Kindle (and maybe I won't have to pay his rent anymore!). All in all, a treasure for this community.</p>
4796	7/11/2012	<p>because of being next to my home</p>
4797	7/11/2012	<p>The library is the only government organ that succeeds in delivering "quality-of-life" enhancement.</p>
4798	7/11/2012	<p>To me personally, they are important, but that doesn't mean I'm willing to sacrifice other services such as public safety, parks, etc.</p>
4799	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are more than depositories of books. Like a free press, they maintain awareness of our own society and our constitution.</p>

4800	7/11/2012	The library gives value to education and literacy. It gets kids excited about reading. Education and literacy are the foundations for a productive community.
4801	7/11/2012	The library is an oasis. We desperately need the cool waters and serene shade for shelter in a world gone mad from powerful forces wielding ledgers and balance sheets to smash humanity's compassion into antiquity. The library holds our history and the key to our future. Many would ignore our haven without realizing the peril they place upon us all. Don't retreat. En avant!
4802	7/11/2012	access to information
4803	7/11/2012	Libraries serve everyone directly, they offer positive services to everyon. Other programs often serve limited people for special reasons.
4804	7/11/2012	Over the last few years my income has been reduced significantly and without access to the wonderful library content we enjoy my "entertainment" would have been nonexistent. I still consider the library a primary information resource. When I was house shopping, the books I had to choose from to help educate me through the process was daunting. I found 80% of them in the library system. This allowed me to review the books in more detail, without incurring the cost of the book that I would most likely not need in the future. [] []
4805	7/11/2012	And now and then I like to take a book when traveling for work. I don't have to shut down while on the tarmac like the guy with the Kindle does. [] [] Libraries are a place for continued education for those that want it.
4806	7/11/2012	don't read that much
4807	7/11/2012	As an academic, I have trouble divorcing the availability of the Mult. library with those of Willamette / L&C, etc. Therefore, they are not too important as they are merely a crude substitute.
4808	7/11/2012	I'm a home owner and the libraries are just one of those guarantees with my freedom, in my opinion. It's right up there with fire/rescue and police. It's just one of those things that I wouldn't live in a city without.
4809	7/11/2012	I think a library is important to society, but with the internet it is losing much of its importance
4810	7/11/2012	because I use the library lots
4811	7/11/2012	Libraries are an important part of how I identify with my community. I also would not be able to read as many books or see movies and tv without libraries. Databases and ill also helped me greatly while i was in graduate school.
4812	7/11/2012	A public space for community, knowledge, and resources is the very definition of evolved civilization!
4813	7/11/2012	they are key to a city as so many people are dependent on them.
4814	7/11/2012	because I love to read and cant afford to own books or computers.
4815	7/11/2012	I am quasi-retired. I read a lot. I live within walking distance of the Central Branch

4816	7/11/2012	The resources a library can offer for a community are extremely valuable. There are many, many people who rely on the availability of the internet, networking, language classes to find jobs and better integrate them into our society as responsible citizens.
4817	7/11/2012	Libraries are a source of knowledge and entertainment, as well as communication. Everyone needs access to these areas in order for our society to flourish.
4818	7/11/2012	The library is a resource for the whole community which is available regardless of age, race, class, religious or political beliefs, or mental or physical capabilities. All are welcome.
4819	7/11/2012	I've been a great reader all my life - more than a hundred books a year. My husband is as well. The Multnomah County Library has a wonderful selection and great staff, and needs to be recognized and supported. I think reading makes good citizens and helps us continue to learn throughout our lives.
4820	7/11/2012	Because for me as a college student I like to be able to access more information than the things provided at the community college I attend. Also my little cousins are able to read during the summer and learn new things due to the library services provided.
4821	7/11/2012	I love to read and I think life long learning is important for individual growth and society as a whole. Libraries are one of the best examples of a civilized society.
4822	7/11/2012	Digital media
4823	7/11/2012	It's a community center that brings people together of all ages, and is free. Promotes learning, community.
4824	7/11/2012	I feel reading is the key to success in everything you do.
4825	7/11/2012	I use them constantly in ways that nothing else can substitute for
4826	7/11/2012	Access to information; access for those without internet to research, look for jobs, have entertainment. Social space.
4827	7/11/2012	It evens the playing field socioeconomically. Libraries help people grow and stretch themselves in new ways.
4828	7/11/2012	Less important than safety-related services, but up there with parks as important for quality of life
4829	7/11/2012	The library is an important service because it can be used by all people. You can be rich or poor. You can be a single person or a family. The library is a resource for everybody.
4830	7/11/2012	The library is often the first place people go to access or find out about other govt programs. The library is the gateway.
4831	7/11/2012	The library seems to be a safe haven for many different folks to go: families who need something to do during the day, teens exercising their independence, and all people thirsty for a book, a piece of music, a DVD or record.

4832	7/11/2012	As previously stated, for the poor, the library services are needed more than ever in these economic times. Jobs and education are the 2 most cut areas in company and government budgets. The need is greater than ever to help people get jobs or attain education and the services at the libraries are essential for those who have lost their jobs and children who are trying to stay in school. It is the biggest bang for the governmental buck for it helps people to get back to work. Library services are essential even more so in these tough economic times.
4833	7/11/2012	Hard to rank when compared to paying a city water bill, and now the schools want/need money to upgrade facilities.
4834	7/11/2012	I really enjoy the library. The library is great.
4835	7/11/2012	I can't afford to buy the books I like to read. Without the library I wouldn't read as much and I would feel intellectually and spiritually bereft without it.
4836	7/11/2012	With a very busy schedule I need access to a close location to be able to take my daughter to get a book, assist my special needs sister with services the library offers, or my aging mother that doesn't have internet access at home. Three very different needs but all equally as important.
4837	7/11/2012	Without libraries as a source of continuing education for adults and a place where children can explore books and other materials outside of the classroom we as a society risk losing our intellectual edge. As important as public safety is and it is very important, our schools and libraries need to be fully funded.
4838	7/11/2012	not so much for me personally, but for people in my community who rely on all the services that the library's provide.
4839	7/11/2012	Libraries are tremendously important to the cultural and intellectual well being of society. They provide information that might otherwise be unavailable to those in need. They supplement the educational needs of the children of our community. Libraries give us access to information, via various avenues of research, that helps us to better understand the machinations of government and increasing our self awareness as citizens and arming us with the tools to more fully and effectively participate in the civic ventures.
4840	7/11/2012	Having a good library system that is up to date and accessible is a necessity for all citizens to be able to grow, expand horizons, and contribute to society on a meaningful level.
4841	7/11/2012	Convenient, saves me money and time. I still prefer an actual book and don't enjoy ebooks. As far as resource materials, I now do that primarily online. If I kept every book I ever read my home would become overwhelmed!
4842	7/11/2012	It's a resource center for everyone.
4843	7/11/2012	Reading is fundamental. Not all can afford books. In this economy we need free options.

4844	7/11/2012	When I was very young, I hated to read. Hated it. But one day I was handed "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling and my young mind made it all the way from the Bronx in NYC to the jungles of India...quite a trip, and ever since my book travels have taken everywhere. Public libraries are so very important, giving, free of charge, an opportunity to everyone to experience an enlarged view and understanding of the world that we might otherwise never have.
4845	7/11/2012	Free access to reading material provides all sorts of advantages.
4846	7/11/2012	I love to read and learn, but if I step foot in Powell's I won't be able to leave without spending at least \$60. I love having access to all that information for free. Also, it is a source of pride and identity for our city, in my opinion, that we value this service, and all that it stands for, so highly. I wish we had that level of support for public schools. I respect the library's mission, and it's commitment to education and privacy. Since I frequent the Central Library the most, I also value it as a warm, safe, dry place for some of the county's neediest people.
4847	7/11/2012	I'm a teacher and the library is a great resource
4848	7/11/2012	Because I love to read and being able to access books or other information is very important to me and being able to do so for little to no cost is incredible. Books have played a big role in my life and as a child, without the library, I would have never been able to have so many to read as my family was a bit poor (monetarily). It was a way for me to escape the circumstances of my life at the time.[]
4849	7/11/2012	There is something very magical walking into a library, having a library card was one of the most important cards in my possession when I was a child and still is. [] I don't know if this is helpful but lovely to remember and to realize how the library and people who worked there helped me in my life.
4850	7/11/2012	Because we need literate people and in this age of recession and job loss people need access to all library services
4851	7/11/2012	Libraries support education, literacy, culture
4852	7/11/2012	I like to read and take advantage of the music there. I understand I am at an age where it may be more important to young children and high school kids for the services provided. I just like to check out books.
4853	7/11/2012	Public libraries, along with public schools and a free press, are the foundations of our democracy.
4854	7/11/2012	We have pleasantly found the library books and media well-stocked. And with the option to place a hold and pick up the item at our local branch, it makes more sense to use the library rather than spend money on purchasing new books.

		wherever I live, practically the first thing I do is get a library card. [] []
4855	7/11/2012	When I first moved to Portland in 2001, and left my wallet in a store at the Lloyd Center, my Multnomah County library card was a big help in finding it. Even though I still had an out of state drivers license and the security guard thought I was probably a tourist . . . when she saw my library card they knew I actually lived in Portland and held the wallet until I came to claim it . . . a big relief.[] []
4856	7/11/2012	Oh, and of course I use the library at least once or twice a month for books on tape, books, and dvd's. very important
4857	7/11/2012	police and fire first of course. but libraries are next - we need them as a society to read and be informed.
4858	7/11/2012	My husband and I rely on the library for various sorts of personal research and are heavy recreational readers.
4859	7/11/2012	To me, everything else in local government is just background. The library is the number one resource I and my family use a few times a week. I use it for my job, including Books 2 You and library tables at family reading nights, for books and on-line services for my students, for my professional reading and my own pleasure reading. My high school aged children use it for research, but also continuing pleasure reading--several books out at a time! I could not do my job without the public library. My children would not be as happy and well-rounded, and, as a teacher, I know thousands and thousands of students in this city, (45,000+ in Portland Public Schools), many English language learners, would not be as literate.
4860	7/11/2012	I use them so frequently and I cannot afford to buy books and magazines a lot (although I do buy some)
4861	7/11/2012	great for research
4862	7/11/2012	They are based on constitutional ideals that are surprisingly socialistic. I use them a lot and enjoy their services.
4863	7/11/2012	Personally- learning and social opportunities for my young children. On the community level- Access to free reading and computer materials for low-income families.
4864	7/11/2012	Free information available to the public is why I chose to select local library services as important. Although it is easier and more accessible having written records is very important for historical and record keeping purposes, as well as research.
4865	7/11/2012	Setting for the enrichment of the public.
4866	7/11/2012	Education and access to literature, supportive programs, and the joy of reading and[] intelligence is central to democracy and quality of life of a community.

4867	7/11/2012	I've been out of work for a couple of years and I don't know what I would have done without the library. I no longer have money to buy books or rent movies but although I might have to wait a bit, I can always get it at the library. The staff has helped me in my job searches and I have had a couple of research projects and of course the library is my main resource. The library helps me stay in touch with my community, even though I no longer have a job to go to.
4868	7/11/2012	Because they make life richer. Using the library feels like a huge part of being in a community and that's what Portland is all about.
4869	7/11/2012	I love taking my children to the library and they love going there. It ranks right up there with other activities in town such as OMSI or the zoo and they have often chosen to go to the library over these other types of activities. I grew up in a family that attended our library every two weeks at which time we returned our books and excitedly gathered up a new stack to take home and I like passing that tradition on to my children. I believe the library is vital to encouraging a love of reading in our children.
4870	7/11/2012	I wouldn't rate this higher than public safety like police & fire fighters, but it falls in pretty high, certainly higher than social services for example that only benefit a certain segment of the population. The libraries can & should serve everyone but primarily as a source of books & info (educational). The more we can access online, the better including the wonderful ILL services that open up a world of info. The library system is a very important service but it also needs to be affordable, not another big burden on the tax payers to fund, especially just those paying property taxes. People using the services should be the primary ones paying for them.
4871	7/11/2012	I love to read and I can't afford to buy books. The library allows me to have my favorite past time without going in to debt.
4872	7/11/2012	In my opinion, the services of the Multnomah County Library system are on par with that of Portland Parks and Recreation, in terms of importance to my young family. Both have been two of the biggest reasons that I continually thank my luck stars that we live in a region where people care as much about improving life for its residents as myself and my family.
4873	7/11/2012	mental health
4874	7/11/2012	My family is on a very limited budget and having the library open to check out books and educational dvds is very important to our family. Plus, having the story time session's for my son is extremely important to us. Having him get out and socialize with others in a structured setting is so vital for our daily routine!
4875	7/11/2012	Education is the most important and if people can't get a college education, then they have to have a place to come.
4876	7/11/2012	The Commonwealth of Knowledge was a central impetus for the Renaissance, the Enlightenment and the rise of democracy and democratic capitalism. Libraries are the repository of knowledge for "the common man," and must be preserved if democracy is to survive the coming hard times!
4877	7/11/2012	Literacy and knowledge is power.

4878	7/11/2012	To have access to books, magazines, research, activities, is invaluable to me. I can almost always find what I need, with out buying it. Also, for the youth in community, who may need this for school work. I can not imagine my life with out a library!
4879	7/11/2012	depends on what you mean by local public services. Fire and police? Well, sure they are more important than the library. but having good stuff to read is so important to me, and as i get older, and will be able to do less, reading will only get more important. if i had to buy all my books it would make a real dent in my budget.
4880	7/11/2012	They aren't as important as mental health services for example, but they provide important links to our community and serve our poor, under served populations for free.
4881	7/11/2012	I rely on it for resources for teaching children on sundays and my own reading
4882	7/11/2012	<p>I have become a "library person" since moving to Oregon about twenty years ago. As a child, my family didn't go to the library much, especially not with children. I thought of it as an adult place. When I moved to Oregon, I was supriised at how many people talk about the library in their day to day lives. I began to use my computer at home to reserve books, and couldn't believe just how fantastic that was. ☐</p> <p>When my daughter was born, we got the library card application in the mail, and I thought, "they want to give a baby a library card!?" But we brought her and now she is my bookworm. As an emerging reader, she reads at least a book a day and even she often says how thankful she is for the library because she wouldn't be able to buy all these books. We have also utilized the library staff in helping my daughter find more good fit books. And the summer reading program is FANTASTIC!!!!</p>
4883	7/11/2012	<p>Because they are free. Because no matter how poor you are, you can still read. Because education and betterment of self should be available TO ALL. They are our last bulwark for social justice. I am disabled and on a limited income, and I volunteer in the public schools, tutoring reading and writing. The Multnomah County Library is what enables me to bring 25 books to my volunteer job at Alder Elementary, the poorest school in the state. I switch out books every two weeks, and I gather books for individual students based on their interests. Reading is such a basic need and right. Wha can you do in this life if you can't read, or if you don't have access to information? No way could I afford to buy the books I use in my tutoring. I ordered a book on sale from National Geographic, and all of my students were thrilled, because it was a book that had been given to them by Books To U, the program the library has, that volunteers come into elementary schools and talk up books. Just by coincidence, I had ordered that same book, and every single one of my students wanted to read it. The person who came and did the presentation must have done a FANTASTIC job!!! A strong library system, that has new and current books and other materials is a social justice issue. I'd like to think that Portlanders would want such a basic right to continue to be a highest priority.</p>
4884	7/11/2012	its where i go to read new books and manga since i can't afford to buy them
4885	7/11/2012	a curious and educated population is essential to maintaining a functioning society
4886	7/11/2012	Not important enough to pay higher taxes for them.

4887	7/11/2012	They are accessible to all, offering education and resources that people may not be able to get elsewhere. Libraries are a great community center for all people and are essential for a thriving community.
4888	7/11/2012	other services include police, fire, etc. which have higher level of importance to lives and property
4889	7/11/2012	Provides access to a multitude of services to everyone in the community. Particularly important to low income or fixed income people, including seniors, unemployed and families living at or below the poverty level.
4890	7/11/2012	They are not so important to me but they are extremely important to a large number of the local population and should be at the top of the list for funding. Regarding public services libraries should be at the top of the list and rank along side water, sewer and sanitation.
4891	7/11/2012	Below maintaining infrastructure, utilities and public safety.
4892	7/11/2012	Public safety should always come first.
4893	7/11/2012	society depends on it's community library to progress
4894	7/11/2012	Reading and information is key to life. The library brings the community together in place to learn, read, and share. Everyone benefits both directly and indirectly from the library. EVERYONE.
4895	7/11/2012	reading is fundamental
4896	7/11/2012	i personally love the library. i also believe that access to information (via a variety of media) should be available to people to have an active and informed community.
4897	7/11/2012	They are definitely at the top!
4898	7/11/2012	Almost as essential as public safety - and in the long run, AS essential.
4899	7/11/2012	Because the libraries are for everyone, free and accessible, and are the foundation of our society and culture.
4900	7/11/2012	It's a service that I use on a regular basis. It's very important to have education available for everyone. I see the library serving that function.
4901	7/11/2012	I use them as a quiet place to work away from the kids.
4902	7/11/2012	The library provides me with materials that keep me involved, well, connected. The library allows me to 'afford' media that I would not otherwise have access to.
4903	7/11/2012	I use the library all the time for my family and my work in education.
4904	7/11/2012	to be able to read all of the books that interest me with no cost
4905	7/11/2012	I have friends who are next to homeless and need access to job resources. They build community
4906	7/11/2012	access to affordable and quality health care should be your priority.
4907	7/11/2012	I love to read, I appreciate being able to read, and it's a great public service to make reading materials available for ALL.

4908	7/11/2012	I think it is important to encourage reading and make a variety of literature readily available to the community. However, I do think public services involving safety (police and fire for example) are more important.
4909	7/11/2012	Libraries are an essential part of our continuing education. The library provides an important resource not only for children who don't have access to computers, books, and other media, but to us all. To remain competitive in this world our library system is absolutely one of the single most important tools for communities, especially as a supplement to schools.
4910	7/11/2012	A literate educated citizen is of the utmost importance.
4911	7/11/2012	Without a good library system, a community declines. We need to support access for all to reading and resource materials. We need to stimulate our children, help job seekers, encourage the preservation of our intellectual capacity.
4912	7/11/2012	Our country is based on a free education for everyone, the library is an important part of that educational process, starting early and continuing on into retirement. The library is an active gathering place for diverse segments of our population, a safe coming together of ages, races, education levels unlike any other. I can't imagine not having a library and have told so many friends outside Oregon about our fantastic system, how up to date, easy to use and well stocked it is.
4913	7/11/2012	Even though we live in a different communication age than I grew up in I believe the library still provides the greatest access to the largest source of information freely available. For many it is a great social outlet also. For some seniors it is a wonderful learning tool
4914	7/11/2012	An educated public responds better to major societal issues than an uneducated public.
4915	7/11/2012	Because we have a small child and read to him all the time. I love being a part of the community and getting our books through the library. It has made a huge impact on me as a mother and how our child relates to books and learning. I also loved the baby and toddler classes. The library is very important to our family.
4916	7/11/2012	I can check out almost limitless books and read without expense
4917	7/11/2012	Libraries provide knowledge to the people. Knowledge is power. Knowledge and an informed populace are the foundation of a strong democracy. That foundation is being undermined and needs to be protected.
4918	7/11/2012	Free access to books for all community
4919	7/11/2012	principally because the media, especially TV, is so powerful. Libraries enable a grater scope of synthetic thought and a greater liklihood of novel or original thought. The also provide a natural check on political discourse.
4920	7/11/2012	library provides access to information for all. the library is invaluable to me and others
4921	7/11/2012	Current level of services (6 days per week) is fine. 1 hour could probably be cut per day. I would support a library district, but the levy I really want to see is for parks and rec.
4922	7/11/2012	It provides a sense of community..something larger than our personal/private selves

4923	7/11/2012	They're not a necessity like water and sewage, but they're a public service that's irreplaceable for many.
4924	7/11/2012	it is a service that we actually use, and is convenient, and saves us from having to buy books. People can take special ownership of their neighborhood library.
4925	7/11/2012	Libraries provide a source of continuing education that most of us are being priced out of due to the high cost of college education.
4926	7/11/2012	Because I use library more than other services.
4927	7/11/2012	reliable and knowledgeable resource.
4928	7/11/2012	Library services are very important because, as I stated earlier, I believe it is a great community hub, as well as being a great resource for so many different people. Education, reading, sharing, and learning are things I value greatly, and I've been watching so much of that be stripped from schools and the public sector over the years.
4929	7/11/2012	Libraries are the backbone of equal opportunities for public education
4930	7/11/2012	It's the service I use most.
4931	7/11/2012	As a foster parent taking my children in foster care to the library & teaching them how to use it is very important! It gives them a resource they can use even if they have to move to ten different places while in care.
4932	7/11/2012	The level of importance to my library is very important in my life. I find that having this resource now in this difficult time has alleviate some other stresses in my everyday. I am currently applying to jobs and needing the use of the wonderful computers provided. I also am looking for new residency and at my current place non is provided. The local libraries are of utmost important in my life due to convenient locations and all the resources. I would hope there would be NO MORE Cutbacks in this truly needed resource for many. I am a proud supporter of my libraries! They do so much for everyone.
4933	7/11/2012	I think that we never know enough in this lifetime; the more we learn the more interesting life is in general.
4934	7/11/2012	Libraries encourage literacy in our society. That is the foundation of a literate society.
4935	7/11/2012	Reading is something that I cherish, being able to access information is as well.
4936	7/11/2012	This service represents the best form of free education to all Americans.
4937	7/11/2012	Because a library is an essential component of a culture
4938	7/11/2012	Libraries are a great resource for families for reading and study material for children and adults. Exposure to new ideas and sources of information.
4939	7/11/2012	very important because costs of things have skyrocketed. i cant be a reader unless i borrow the books from the library. children won't learn without reading.
4940	7/11/2012	I get ALL my media (movies & music) & many of my books from library -- I love our libraries!!

4941	7/11/2012	The Library is an amazing resource for the public that outstrips most other services far and wide. [] 5A place to find information is invaluable in a community.
4942	7/11/2012	Well clearly, public services that help save/sustain - lives is of most importance! But beyond those, I feel Librairies are clearly in the next category of - while not required for the above mentioned, are still very important to the lives saved/sustained, to be therefore enriched by Libraries.
4943	7/11/2012	I believe in an informed an literate society where all have access. I want young children and families to know the joys of being literate. Libraries are part of being a strong community.
4944	7/11/2012	Local public services include garbage pickup, police and fire, mental health facilities, etc. The library could withstand reduced services if it meant keeping the above public services. I also feel that libraries are more important than some public services, depending on the demographics of who uses what the most.
4945	7/11/2012	While public libraries were once very important to me their relevance now has been largely diminished by personal computer/other electronic media. Obviously it is faster, more convenient, more efficient to use a PC/ than to go to a library.[] Secondly, other public services now have more importance to me than libraries. Therefore In the increasing competitor for tax dollars & with the increasing obligation to entitlements funding public libraries does not seem as important as it once was; and I would not rank high public libraries as an essential service.
4946	7/11/2012	Libraries -- along with schools and parks -- are what makes us a community, rather than just a group of people. So important for leveling the economic playing field and for providing the tools for change and mobility for people.
4947	7/11/2012	Public safety is most important and to get the Gresham Police to respond to any non-life threatening is near impossible.
4948	7/11/2012	The benefits are very real and very hard to quantify. They fall under responsibility to our community at large. Keeping an educated society cures a lot of social problems.
4949	7/11/2012	A community is enriched when citizens have access to a well run library.
4950	7/11/2012	Because I cannot often afford to buy the books I read, and being able to check them out for free, whether they are for leisure or academic purposes, is important. I have also checked out music and DVDs as well, and enjoy being able to do that.
4951	7/11/2012	I think that they're very important to me, personally, but I feel like, to the community as a whole, there are social services that hold more value to the community. I find libraries to be a very valuable resource, and I use them frequently when I'm in Portland, and I use the electronic version when I'm out of town.
4952	7/11/2012	because i go to a college that has a library w/ alot of materials as it is.
4953	7/11/2012	Of all the services provided by the county the library is the only one that is wanted by most of the people
4954	7/11/2012	Less than major government functions

4955	7/11/2012	This is one service that almost everyone uses and needs. Personally, I am unemployed and have needed to use the computer there sometimes to do research, etc.
4956	7/11/2012	Police, fire, road maintenance are key as is education and library funding is only slightly lower as an important piece of education for our community!
4957	7/11/2012	I have to put public protections services (police, fire, health) above libraries, but that's about it.
4958	7/11/2012	I used them all the time. It is important to educate the populace in a democracy
4959	7/11/2012	Libraries expand the world of every person who visits. Countless opportunities for enjoyment, improvement, and mental enhancement are there for anyone to explore. I learn something every day I visit and the experience improves my feelings of self-worth and my relationship with the world and every other person I meet.
4960	7/11/2012	Because they are a very important resource for the community at large. Our libraries are one of the great equalizers of society
4961	7/11/2012	Libraries allow citizens to better themselves during all economic times. To take away access to[] programs during an economic down-turn is counter productive to the community.
4962	7/11/2012	Clearly, police, fire, water, garbage, judicial system are very important. After those, I'd place the library, parks, and environmental initiatives at about the same level.
4963	7/11/2012	For a lot of low income families the library is one of the few places that they can find free entertainment. Also, when libraries offer other affordable services that promote childhood literacy and education, the whole community benefits. Few other local public services are as readily accessible and as familiar as the Library.
4964	7/11/2012	Book and media prices are going up.
4965	7/11/2012	Because information, and knowledge is imperative for evolving.
4966	7/11/2012	For some people on limited incomes, they are a great low-cost (as long as you return the materials on time!) resource for recreational reading materials, including talking books and other visual media. Valuable resource for children and those attending school.
4967	7/11/2012	Ongoing learning for all ages is vital to the economy, social fabric of community and health of our democracy. Access to books, other forms of media, resources and a place to connect with others and learn is an investment that provides a magnified, regenerative return.
4968	7/11/2012	I think all human beings should have access to reading materials. Libraries keep you involved, current,[] and educated regardless of your ability to pay. This is especially true of young children. I don't[] personally have children but I can still remember the importance the library played in my young[] life.

4969	7/11/2012	They are extremely important to me because I believe that they are a great resource for a variety of materials. Reading is a very important skill to have. People shouldn't be kept from reading or having access to the internet (the internet is so huge, important, and significant these days) just because they don't have money to afford it, so receiving these services for free is a great privilege. To have all these resources at hand is a wonderful and empowering thing.
4970	7/11/2012	The library is a very important place within the community for self-education, for meeting other people in your community, and for finding hard copy resources for furthering your education or for other objectives.
4971	7/11/2012	Because they provide reading/listening/watching materiel for free, and a place to use the internet.
4972	7/11/2012	I probably use the local library services more than any other local public service disregarding the school system.
4973	7/11/2012	If we lose the libraries, we lose knowledge. This isn't only important to public service, it's important to humanity and our culture. This is more of a threat to society and our morals. It would be a colossal mistake to neglect the importance of our libraries!!! Especially with the impending fate of physical books as they will become eclipsed by digitally-accessed and purchased lit. I think these issues should be more at issue than what has been.
4974	7/11/2012	Access to books! see note on previous question. [] []
4975	7/11/2012	I understand that libraries are important to those who need their services.[] [] No one dies if the library is closed on Mondays, but if all fire houses close on Mondays, big problem.
4976	7/11/2012	I use the library more than any service- never call police or fire and the library impacts me on a daily basis.
4977	7/11/2012	As a community member I feel that local library service is beneficial to everyone regardless of age, ethnicity, language, etc.
4978	7/11/2012	I don't use it that often.
4979	7/11/2012	They are with school the most important tool for lowering the social differences between porest and richest people.
4980	7/11/2012	I read a wide variety of material, and constantly purchasing new books, or other media, is not a financially viable for me. Additionally, libraries provide an essential access point for information and community resources / gathering that simply are not available at other public service destinations.
4981	7/11/2012	Libraries serve as a community space for people of all ages and from all backgrounds. They are an amazing resource for all people, regardless of their socio-economic status.
4982	7/11/2012	Free access to a lot of resourses

4983	7/11/2012	I am a bibliophile. I consume literature voraciously and appreciate the opportunity afforded by being able to seek out new works easily and at little/no cost.
4984	7/11/2012	I think very important after safety ...
4985	7/11/2012	Local library services, whether it is a quiet room that allows me to tutor, the invaluable assistance from reference librarians locating materials, or checking out the most current written work by a favorite author, provide GUIDES TO KNOWLDEGE and without that knowledge our society suffers as a whole.
4986	7/11/2012	What other public services are you talking about?...sewage and water are probably the top of the list. Be more specific.
4987	7/11/2012	Offers free services to families who can not afford reading programs for their kids.
4988	7/11/2012	It is one of the few places remaining in our culture where mixed ages, mixed cultures come together. It is a place where people can explore the world in their own neighborhood. Libraries allow all economic levels to access information.
4989	7/11/2012	I am not sure what you mean by local public services. I feel the public library is the most important service besides schools and universities. By other public services if you mean government and state agencies I would have to say that those agencies are a disgrace and one will never find an iota of truth or something to be passionate about in the other public services-that is unless one is a crook!
4990	7/11/2012	its a place where i can go and feel safe. Its nice to sit and browse books. Its warm in winter. its nice and quiet.[] I could not afford to buy the books I read, or the DVD's I watch.
4991	7/11/2012	Education is the key to success.
4992	7/11/2012	For the reasons described in answer number 6.
4993	7/11/2012	Expanding knowledge and experience by access to multi dimensional resources.
4994	7/11/2012	Libraries are a safe, public, free environment that allows people from all walks of life to learn and to explore the world. Libraries have been foundational in my exploration of knowledge for as long as I can remember and into adulthood.
4995	7/11/2012	See previous comments.
4996	7/11/2012	See my previous response.
4997	7/11/2012	Because it is important for the library to be open as much as possible and to have a lot of materials for my family.
4998	7/11/2012	Because the services they provide can be accessed by anyone who can get to a physical library, or via their own computer. Anyone meaning, no discrimination ... the services are there. But the computers at Gresham, naaah, they're "owned" by rambunctious adult-free kids!!!

4999	7/11/2012	Although not as critical as police, fire, sanitation, or public education, I believe that public library services (including internet access terminals) are one of the keystones of a free and democratic society. Without access to proper information, how can responsible citizens remain informed about important information crucial to the continuation of our civilization?
5000	7/11/2012	I personally love the library. There's a lot of government waste and far too many taxes as it that needs to go away BUT the library is not one of those.
5001	7/11/2012	Because they're free and available to everyone which is what people need.
5002	7/11/2012	They provide a free (or very cheap) service to a huge population that may not otherwise be able to afford getting new books to read.
5003	7/11/2012	I'm an educator. I'm also educated and well informed politically and know that without libraries the future of our nation is at stake. Break libraries and we surrender ALL our liberties, may as well give 'up the fight to keep our nation for "WE THE PEOPLE." Libraries are essential to the general welfare of our citizenry.
5004	7/11/2012	First off, I love to read. Reading is an enriching and stress relieving pass time that can be healthy for children as well as adults which is the main reason why I believe our libraries are so important. Also many students dont have access to a computer at home so they rely on the libraries to complete assignments. As well as the language and computer classes that are offered. When I was younger and couldnt afford to buy books my safety blanket was my library card. Libraries are a source of continuing community education---even our public schools would be challenged to educate youth who had not benefited from books at the library, from seeing their parents reading at home (with books from the library), from hearing their parents read to them (perhaps with stronger skills from library reading programs), or who had not learned that education continues well outside of the compulsory classroom setting. ¶ ¶
5005	7/11/2012	If you had asked me to rank library services with actual other services by name (something I only think you should do because I've read about survey results---something a library helped me out with once), I might have to admit that I really really value having emergency services, healthcare options, access to clean water and air, mobility services like sidewalks and transit support, parks, safe and affordable housing programs, and regular old public education. I can say that I rank library service among these other big services, and am constantly frustrated in a world that insists we have to choose.
5006	7/11/2012	N/A
5007	7/11/2012	They aren't. Question seven did not specify that the answer be a personally related one.
5008	7/11/2012	I feel like libraries are a hub of a community. In addition, access to books is essential to a country who hopes for everyone to be literate and who tells its poorest that they have hope to fill the American Dream.
5009	7/11/2012	Probably because I don't lean heavily on library resources.

5010	7/11/2012	I believe reading and an education are essential to a well-informed citizenry. Literature in particular teaches us to think creatively and to question norms and governmental decrees. Literature allows people to experience other lives, reflect on their own and see how others have addressed their problems.
5011	7/11/2012	As a resource for information, internet access for people without internet access, and public meeting place, our libraries are unmatched. Our libraries are easily one of our most important public resources for the community.
5012	7/11/2012	Community gathering place open to all / Fosters a love for books, reading, literary exploration and imagination in children / Provides adults and older students with access to solid research materials outside of Wikipedia and Google
5013	7/11/2012	knowledge is power and the library provides that to every single person
5014	7/11/2012	I don't make a lot of money so being able to check out books, DVDs, music, etc. adds value to my life. I feel like I can have exposure to the things I love (film, literature) even though I may not have the extra funds to own these things. My life is much better.
5015	7/11/2012	Library services are worthless without the basic like fire, police, sewer, water... After those services, people need welfare programs like medical and food... Of course if the general population is ignorant it leads to lower quality of all the above mentioned programs...
5016	7/11/2012	Cost benefit analysis-SPECIAL INTEREST limited group usage mostly..... Literacy is extremely important, and the access to information for the general public is crucial. Historically speaking, the masses haven't always had the resources available to gain knowledge and make better informed decisions. Removal of libraries and reduction of library resources and hours of availability greatly increases the ability for the general public to access information in a centralized location. It also reduces the ability for them to gain information by communicating with knowledgeable staff.
5017	7/11/2012	My preference would be for all libraries to be open from at least 7 AM to 11 PM to provide ample opportunity for everyone, regardless of their work schedule, to have the opportunity to make use of such a wonderful resource. The reduction in hours disturbs me since it seems like a trend to reduce the availability to knowledge that is harder to manipulate than the internet. There is always the possibility the internet may end up being inaccessible or shut down which will leave the general populous cut off from knowledge. I personally am willing to pay more in taxes to keep the libraries open longer.
5018	7/11/2012	It provides access to education and culture for everyone despite their income.
5019	7/11/2012	With internet access, the library is of little value to our family.

5020	7/11/2012	Without the library, we lose a community gathering place, a free place to go and check out things that are useful and entertaining. We lose programs that teach and engage. We lose a concept of getting something that is important as human beings for no charge. Today, almost everywhere one is at where one can "get" something one has to pay for that. The library offers everyone with a card the option of learning.
5021	7/11/2012	I rely on Mult. Co. Libraries to provide me with resources for my business.
5022	7/11/2012	Books are what make us human. Knowledge and information are the keys to self improvement and a higher quality of life, the community has access to get current information , find employment or just relax in a positive environment that our local libraries provide. Books are a link to our past and future and foster creativity we must not lose this precious gift, for me the library is the most important city service as it gives so much to its patrons, who would be devastated if they didn't have a library to go to.....
5023	7/11/2012	
5024	7/11/2012	The library has always played a role in my community and has been a safe and relaxing place to feel welcome
5025	7/11/2012	Libraries and the education system go hand in hand, both are very important and vital to our society for the growth of students and of a person, which in turn means the growth of our society...
5026	7/11/2012	I love to read. Libraries are so important to a civilized society.[]
5027	7/11/2012	Our young people need access to all the services of a library. education is everything and reading is fun too
5028	7/11/2012	Information is important for a free society. Libraries allow reading for everyone (very democratic). They are an important aspect of hope-learning what is possible and bringing people together.
5029	7/11/2012	I can't afford cable, I can't afford to go to the movies, I can't afford to buy books - the library is my savior so I can check out materials and not feel so downtrodden! It's very important!
5030	7/11/2012	Great resource for research, learning and entertainment.
5031	7/11/2012	Public safety, public works, employment, water, cost of living (affordable housing), essentially items for daily survival are most important. Those who have access to the internet or mobile devices can access E-books and other news, information, video, etc. which can be found in a local library. I tend to see many patrons in the library for the purpose of using the internet (computers). While I understand that the tangible experience of holding and reading a book, I also think the public library could save costs by focusing on E-books for adults. Technology has changed the playing field.
5032	7/11/2012	With so many people on limited incomes the library is able to provide such a wide variety of valuable services that most people can use. It provides job seeking services to entertainment and everything in between. What other public services offer so many different services to so many different people?
5033	7/11/2012	very valuable education and information resources to entire community

5034	7/11/2012	Most other public services are of no benefit to me or people I know. Libraries are used very often everyday.
5035	7/11/2012	A good resource but not as critical with internet access more and more available.
5036	7/11/2012	I'm not going to say I'd rather cut the schools or firefighter budgets; but I firmly believe that children who have access to a wide array of books growing up and who have adults who read to them are so much more likely to become outstanding, valued members of our society.
5037	7/11/2012	Reading is an essential skill to cultivate
5038	7/11/2012	Literacy is extremely important. A library is very under utilized in this time.
5039	7/11/2012	When my daughter was very young we took advantage of the childrens programs and I believe it helped her so much in school. As our family changed and we all grew up we had differant needs like internet access and help with homework. And the season we are in now we have family in all the differant stages of growth. We have seniors, adults , teens and children. We all highly value the library and the wonderful people who work there.
5040	7/11/2012	Somewhat important.
5041	7/11/2012	I read voraciously, and I try not to buy too many books. Accessing and borrowing from the library is an essential part of my life.
5042	7/11/2012	It is a public resource available to so many people and for so many different reasons.
5043	7/11/2012	The access to reading and other materials seems outstanding to anyone who makes the effort to find out what is available (inter-library loan, etc).
5044	7/11/2012	Libraries keep our communities educated and culturally savvy.
5045	7/11/2012	Literacy is fundamental. Libraries provide access and resources to individuals regardless of circumstance. For my family, storytimes have of course been a fun and enriching literacy activity, but they also have given us a way to feel connected rather than isolated, and allowed us to meet families who became lasting friends. That was a tremendous support to us when we moved to Portland as new parents.
5046	7/11/2012	The library is at least partially responsible for my literacy!
5047	7/11/2012	They are part of our lives. Finding what we need and what we want are there.
5048	7/11/2012	I like how updated the books are and how helpful the staff are
5049	7/11/2012	I could never afford the books, magazines, or dvd's provided by my local library!
5050	7/11/2012	Educated citizens are the lifeblood of a successful democracy.
5051	7/11/2012	The library reaches all poor and rich. I think helping with the job market and living wages is number 1 for me. However that may not be looked at as a publoc service.
5052	7/11/2012	I used the library many years before information was provided via computer. But nothing can replace the library experience, including ambience (especially Central), sharing space with humanity and experiencing the comforting feel of a real book in one's hands.

5053	7/11/2012	<p>They are of importance to me because I grew up with libraries. I think it's important that everyone has access to information. Young children need to become hungry for books through story hour or picking out 10 books for spring break. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>On a selfish level: I am a very fast reader. I like highbrow and lowbrow books. I love that I can check out a best seller and return it the next day. I'd be happy to rent a best seller (libraries in the twin cities do this) for a small fee and return it within a week.</p>
5054	7/11/2012	<p>The library puts an entire world of culture at my fingertips - at everyone's fingertips. The greatest stores of knowledge and art and edification on the earth are within the grasp of every citizen in the county, and this library system's exhaustiveness and efficiency have few equals. I moved to Portland from the suburbs of Chicago and thought I knew what really good libraries were like from the few that I frequented there, but Multnomah is on a different level entirely. Talk of "budgets" is almost absurd in the face of such seemingly invaluable service.</p>
5055	7/11/2012	<p>Library is an important place for me to grow and learn, which is a big part of my life. The library, and most particularly Multnomah County, is an excellent resource for:☐</p>
5056	7/11/2012	<p>1) discovering and learning more about new cultures through text, music, video☐</p> <p>2) research related papers for school and work☐</p> <p>3) meeting place for small (quiet) study groups☐</p> <p>4) keeping Portland educated☐</p> <p>5) learning about green roofs☐</p> <p>6) and so many more reasons...</p>
5057	7/11/2012	<p>I'm student. I've been going to the library before I couldn't even read. Reading and learning are very important to a community. This form of education will improve the quality of life in communities. The libraries provide many positive services. People are able to learn seconds languages, do research, read for pleasure, teach their children how to read, finds jobs etc. at libraries. Libraries are a cornerstone to a civilized community. They are must be preserved.</p>
5058	7/11/2012	<p>The library allows people of any socioeconomic status access to materials that they may not otherwise have access to. In particular, teaching young children to value reading is very important to me and my family.</p>
5059	7/11/2012	<p>No comparisons come to mind</p> <p>Reading books gives younger generation Hope☐</p>
5060	7/11/2012	<p>Senior to still dream about life☐</p> <p>Place to meet people. Community</p>
5061	7/11/2012	<p>literacy is of utmost importance, and should be encouraged at all times and ages. Also, I couldn't afford to buy the 50 or more books I read each year, not to mention the waste of resources used to print all of those millions of copies of best-sellers everyone rushes out to buy as soon as they are published.</p>

5062	7/11/2012	I use library services more than any other local public services.
5063	7/11/2012	I believe that the resources from a library are needed for all people. The information is universal so should the availability .
5064	7/11/2012	where else am I gonna go to experience such a huge treasure chest of culture, knowledge, and entertainment? I sometimes go to the library just to get out of the rain. I don't use the children's or senior citizen programs but I see that others do. I can tell it is a good thing too because they are connecting with their neighbors and learning life skills. Humans are mostly social creatures and the library is one of the few public services that supports this positive aspect of our behavior.
5065	7/11/2012	I think that libraries provide Information and resources to all people. It helps those that can't afford to buy reading material and provides computer services and research capabilities for all who can't have their own resources in Their home.
5066	7/11/2012	A well-used library is the nest of good citizenship. Democracy requires literacy.
5067	7/11/2012	I'm an avid reader and an educator...of course the library is important.
5068	7/11/2012	I am proud of the library system in Multnomah County and the standards maintained. The are an invaluable resource to the entire community and very accessible. I would hate to see this taken for granted or slip under the radar of community support and involvement. Let us know what we can do to support you.
5069	7/11/2012	I use the library as my main source of entertainment and information. I am on the library website almost every day. I believe books and reading are important in a civil society
5070	7/11/2012	Because i actually use it, and it is a huge public service not having to buy every single book you wish to read. thanks!
5071	7/11/2012	Information access is vital to our community's well-being and growth..
5072	7/11/2012	It is a way for my children to explore their interests and increase their literacy, which would otherwise be unavailable to them due to lack of money.
5073	7/11/2012	I needed to use the library when I was searching for my first job out of college.
5074	7/11/2012	I think libraries are an important community resource. They offer not only exposure to many genres of book, movies and music, they also offer community programs and events.
5075	7/11/2012	Because we use it so often. We really want our kids to become avid readers.
5076	7/11/2012	It's free and therefore keeps learning and knowledge available for EVERYONE who might not have access to schools or media at home. It keeps the social playing field more level,
5077	7/11/2012	Very important - free literature available to the public
5078	7/11/2012	Reading is the key to knowledge and progress.
5079	7/11/2012	The library still has the ability to bring a wide variety of people together just like with books. To have access to knowledge is the purpose of the library even if it is only a sitcom video. Libraries must become the brick and mortar aspects of the information age.

		When I think of what I'm grateful that my tax money goes to, I think of libraries. [] []
		1) It's important to have a resource for (especially young) people to educate themselves about anything they want, regardless of their economic standing.[] []
		2) It's so efficient to have books that many people read. Just mathematically, buying a book and then never reading it again doesn't make sense!![] []
5080	7/11/2012	3) It's a good way to foster community.[] []
		4) It's a great way to help kids foster a lifelong love of reading, learning, and consequent happiness and economic productivity - which makes other people happy.[] []
		5) It's fantastic for kids, and adults alike to have a comforting place to read, learn, relax, that isn't their home. Often, people's homes are stressful, dirty, angry, loud, tv-filled, etc., and libraries can provide refuge from that.
5081	7/11/2012	I work with kids. Seeing them be able to learn, investigate, be curious and innovate is critical to their formation.
5082	7/11/2012	The library is one of the few places where age, economic status, race, and culture do not present a potential barrier for participation.
5083	7/11/2012	Regular access to neighborhood librarys has the potential to keep crime down. The library is an educational tool that builds strong families and strong independent thinking individuals.
5084	7/11/2012	I work with disadvantaged individuals (low income/ disabled / seniors) and for those with little, the library opens up a whole world that they would not have. I grew up in a low income house, and spent as much time as I could reading borrowed books from the Holgate Library. Libraries are essential to the intellectual development of disadvantaged children.
5085	7/11/2012	We alternative
5086	7/11/2012	Because they are the ones I use the most.
5087	7/11/2012	The library is not as important as vital services such as Police, Fire and Utilities or garbage disposal.
5088	7/11/2012	Free access to accurate information is a cornerstone of freedom and democracy in this country. Many people cannot afford to purchase the information that libraries provide, nor can they access the Internet; and libraries provide access to all.
5089	7/11/2012	Question 7 - compared to what local public service? Libraries are very important, but some other services are too!
5090	7/11/2012	Compared to fire and police not as important but next to that literacy is the key to school success and the future.

5091	7/11/2012	The library is a part of my everyday life. I use the library for personal research, education, and entertainment, as well as teaching my children to read and find what they are interested in learning about. When we choose where to live, proximity to a library is a very important consideration. I have used the library from a young age, and I think it has benefitted me through my entire life. I cannot imagine what I would do without my local library.
5092	7/11/2012	No opin
5093	7/11/2012	A major source of information, educational materials and entertainment for our family.
5094	7/11/2012	They are somewhat important because it had never been an issue for me
5095	7/11/2012	It's nice to be able to check out books and not have to buy them.
5096	7/11/2012	Literacy allows one to experience real and fictitious culture, world events, love stories, fables, epics, art, philosophy. Without open book shelves, there are no open minds. Without someone or something informing you of the text, a work may pass by unnoticed. Words are immortal, just dormant until picked up. This is even more important a concept in a city such as Portland. I love my library and all it symbolizes and all the potential it has.
5097	7/11/2012	Community, education, roots...
5098	7/11/2012	Public utilities, fire, and police outweigh library services.
5099	7/11/2012	They provide a vital resource
5100	7/11/2012	It is a community resource that I depend on for reading materials, either for pleasure or for work. It is also nice to be able to get music and DVDs there.
5101	7/11/2012	I really appreciate the library for my personal use- in terms of access to information. More broadly, I think it is assess to the larger community for information, gathering space and potential for educational empowerment. Do I think it is as critical as maintaining roads, well no, but it is an important part of a well served community.
5102	7/11/2012	I am highly literate, and use the library for reading, research, media, special events, and so on. However, the American and worldwide economies are in decline, and have been for years, and will continue to be for years to come, and the Portland area has been in greater decline than much of the nation. This seems to have escaped the library board. When revenues decline, that is the time to conserve resources by elimination of non-essential programs, and not to shut down 14% across the board, and not to try to guarantee income at tax-payer expense. The library system is of less importance than public health, infrastructure, and crime deterence.
5103	7/11/2012	The services provided by the library bind the community together. They provide crucial resources for families that can't afford new books, interesting magazines, research tools, job-seeking tools, fast internet access, discussion groups, meeting places.and expert advice.
5104	7/11/2012	Utmost
5105	7/11/2012	I enjoy reading and find that our library has almost all the books I want. I also like to check out DVDs. I also get materials for my ESL students.

5106	7/11/2012	I have a 2 1/2 year old daughter who loves story time and reading- we live 1 block from Gregory Heights and visit often. Exposing her to reading early is so important. We have another daughter on the way and want to be able to continue frequenting the library. It is such an amazing neighborhood resource. My husband and I get books and DVDs all the time as well.
5107	7/11/2012	Libraries expand my world; how many local public services can make that claim; not having them is not life-threatening like some local services, but I really need my library and have been using it since I was in grade school.
5108	7/11/2012	Not a vital asset, but enjoyable and an important tool for kids and adults
5109	7/11/2012	Since the library is free, it really helps since I have very little income, plus the overall environment is great. I love the library and everything they offer.
5110	7/11/2012	The library is about education, community, and continued learning. It affects my family more on a day-to-day basis than most services. We read for hours in my home. Without access to the library, that continued learning time would be lost. My daughter is 3 and loves reading. Her vocabulary and understanding of the world around her is increased constantly. That would have been compromised without books from the library.
5111	7/11/2012	because it is near my house, I and my son can look for something that we needeasily and quickly.
5112	7/11/2012	reading and literacy and access is extremely important to me personally and to the community as a whole.
5113	7/11/2012	People having access to a variety of written ideas and authoritative sources regardless of ability to pay is Important!
5114	7/11/2012	It is one of the only public services i use.
5115	7/11/2012	It is a base level access point to art and culture to the entire community. Show me a thriving community without a thriving library - doesn't exist.
5116	7/11/2012	Having libraries in our community provides opportunities for all. Rich or poor.
5117	7/11/2012	Because my wife gets her books there that she couldn't afford. It's a place for me (and other home office people) to work- and for my son to learn
5118	7/11/2012	Access to books and media for my children and even more so for those in the community with the fewest resources who need public library access even more as they may have few books, magazines, newspapers in the home for their kids.
5119	7/11/2012	I personally love the access to books, CDs, and DVDs. I also believe in libraries as a community resource and as a wonderful sliver of socialism in a capitalistic world.
5120	7/11/2012	High as I use them for my job as well (I'm a teacher)
5121	7/11/2012	It's an opportunity for everyone in the city to explore and learn. Our library helps our communities keep their spirit. In these economic times, it's very valuable for people with short budgets, especially families.

5122	7/11/2012	In addition to providing access to actual books for anyone that has signed up for a card, the library provides access to movies and TV shows, e-books, manuals and study material - a place to go that is safe that one can read or do some research. Access to a computer and the internet for searching for jobs, and doing research. Skilled employees that can help one find information about anything and everything. We are lucky enough to have an excellent library system and because of that we have a more intelligent and well rounded community.
5123	7/11/2012	Absolutely critical.
5124	7/11/2012	The library provides affordable (free!) means to keep myself educated and entertained!
5125	7/11/2012	The library is one of the first places I check so that I can conduct any research that I have. If I did not have a library that is easily accessible with current materials (both print and online access) then I would not be able to do my work. In addition to that, the library provides me with a place to discover new material pertaining to hobbies and interests that I have. The library feeds my mind like no other, and fuels my passion for learning.
5126	7/11/2012	I am a teacher and I have seen how rich we are in the USA. Many people do not have access to literacy nor to reading materials. This is a cornerstone in our freedom.
5127	7/11/2012	It's a public space where people enjoy learning, get help, explore, and feel a part of the community - all ages, gender, races. It's a socioeconomic equalizer in that you don't have to have money to buy books or movies or audiobooks or magazines - you can borrow them. The community shares in this way, and it reinforces for children and adults that it's good to share - that you don't need to own everything yourself - borrowing and lending are lovely parts of being human.
5128	7/11/2012	I love to read but don't want to keep books around my house. Libraries allow me to anything that I want whenever I want!
5129	7/11/2012	Libraries are an enormous part of children's education and adults' continuing education. Additionally, they act as a de-facto community center, and provide all-but-necessary computer and information resources to those who would not be able to afford them otherwise. (Job hunting without a computer, for instance, is fairly difficult!)
5130	7/11/2012	because public safety is more important
5131	7/11/2012	First of all, it would be helpful to provide a list of "other local public services". I do not know what services we are comparing to. However, I do feel that the library is very important. Reading is destined to become a lost art in this computer era. We check out lots of books on a monthly basis. My children are great readers!
5132	7/11/2012	I can hardly think of a public service that I use more frequently that is more important to me. The public library system is one of my favorite things about being an American.
5133	7/11/2012	Library services are at least as important as any service as people need to have access to material for research job info medical info internet use. searching for jobs and education purposes. and also reading material.

5134	7/11/2012	Free, for-the-public portals of human learning and knowledge like libraries are crucial to the continued positive evolution of society.
5135	7/11/2012	It's an educational tool, a safe place to hang out, and a place to learn something new.
5136	7/11/2012	When I first moved to Portland, I supported myself by working as a math tutor, and the library provided many of the books I needed, and a place to meet students. I use the library to print documents I need, especially on the weekends when I can't use my office print. And of course, I use it to access books I don't want to buy. Other than public transportation, it is the public service I use most actively. (Of course I rely on police, utilities, etc., but those services are provided in the background of my daily life.)
5137	7/11/2012	They help people learn, which is always highly important. It also provides a place and resources for certain types of recreation, which is also important.
5138	7/11/2012	Libraries provide services to everyone, without discrimination. Everyone can use the library.
5139	7/11/2012	I like to read a lot, and can't justify buying all the books I'm interested in. If I'm looking for a resource and having trouble, the reference librarians are always extremely helpful.
5140	7/11/2012	We need resources to make informed decisions.
5141	7/11/2012	Because they are truly free to the general public and provide for civic goals and provide the weakest in our communities the opportunity to access to the world of reading and thought without restriction or censorship. An uneducated population will never be democratic.
5142	7/11/2012	Reading and books are crucial for our children's education. They are only allowed one book/week at school.
5143	7/11/2012	Libraries are for everyone. Their access cuts across all ages, education levels, socio-economic levels.
5144	7/11/2012	Because anyone can go there and have access to books and computers. They help keep a literate and productive society.
5145	7/11/2012	I think safety comes first, but the library helps create an environment of reading and reading educates. Education leads to a better life and better community.
5146	7/11/2012	I am unclear what "other local public services" is or would be. [] I think the library is an important feature of our neighborhood and should be open and available.
5147	7/11/2012	Library services are important in their own right, but not important compared to police/fire services, etc.
5148	7/11/2012	I READ A LOT AND OFTEN GO TO THE LIBRARY
5149	7/11/2012	Because books and technology enrich our lives and local libraries are a resource for everybody.
5150	7/11/2012	It's important for kids to have access to free resources as well as our senior population and disadvantaged.

5151	7/11/2012	I think public library accessibility is more important for others than me at this point in my life. I have a pc, and have benefitted enormously from the senior classes and personal help offered by librarians at both my branch library and the Central Library in years past, before I had a pc.
5152	7/11/2012	being able to resurch and look for meterial 's help and teaches my child also how to enjoy the libuary and child acctivie's give's me and my child somthing to do it would be nice if there where more activite's , crafts on weekend's for kid's not toddler's but kid's
5153	7/11/2012	for my children
5154	7/11/2012	The public library opens up the world to its patrons, providing materials and services not necessarily affordable or available in every home. I didn't own books when I was young but access to neighborhood branch libraries kept me in reading material throughout my childhood. Some books I checked out so often that I really thought of them as my own. I now live in Washington County and use my local library more frequently than the Multnomah County libraries although I still have a Multnomah County library card and visit the central library from time ot time.
5155	7/11/2012	The library helped me tremendously when i was homeless!
5156	7/11/2012	Not exactly sure what "other local public services" would be. Would be nice to list some examples. I'm guessing helping homeless? If this type of services are what you mean, I think it's more important to provide a safety net to those in need than have reading material available to all.
5157	7/11/2012	Helps to bring and keep a community together.
5158	7/11/2012	Access to reading material
5159	7/11/2012	Because libraries keep a community connected. They are very personal and get people to know each other. It is also a great place to encourage others to read, and share your favorite kinds of literature. It even helps kids trying to learn English, which is amazing.
5160	7/11/2012	It keeps the community involved, which has a lot of attached benefits.
5161	7/11/2012	Police, fire and other public safety are No. 1 concern for citizens.
5162	7/11/2012	they provide access to education for everyone
5163	7/11/2012	I use the libraries on a daily basis, for books, ill, and kids classes.
5164	7/11/2012	I rely on the local libraries as a place to study and learn.
5165	7/11/2012	it is symbolic of the failure of government to stand up to corporate interests
5166	7/11/2012	the utmost.
5167	7/11/2012	Access to the collected knowledge of humanity is vital to the functioning of democracy.
5168	7/11/2012	The availability to access information, history, entertainment. No need to teach us anything at school, but how to read and how to research. The world truly becomes an open book.
5169	7/11/2012	Promoting literacy and the love of literature is vital for everyone.
5170	7/11/2012	libraries are one of the few public services that offer something for everyone from infants to seniors and libraries are used daily by these various groups. in this depressed economic environment, this is one of few places where you can get free computer use & instruction; entertainment, educational events and a place to relax. The educational opportunities alone are incredible.

5171	7/11/2012	Knowledge is everything. Sometimes I say the opposite, regretting knowing the truth about financial shortfalls and occasionally indulging ignorance of my world to let me enjoy my world. However, I think there is a brighter light at the end of the tunnel when guided with understanding.
5172	7/11/2012	what can't you find in the library?
5173	7/11/2012	The library is available for everyone. Love that no matter who you are, you can't get any more or less out of the library than anyone else. Besides, I love to read. I don't use the computers at all, sometimes a DVD and books on cd for a road trip. Kind of frustrates with the electronic books as nothing is ever available and overdrive media is a pain to use.
5174	7/11/2012	Knowledge is the pinnacle of importance in my world and work as a doctor. I feel very strongly that everyone should have equal access to knowledge, and the free library system provides that access.
5175	7/11/2012	Again, this is one of the few free places that people can go for information, computer use, education, entertainment, or just a chair in a dry, safe place.
5176	7/11/2012	I use them frequently for checking out books, book on CD's, DVD's, etc. They have great access and resources and provide education and opportunity for thousands of people.
5177	7/11/2012	Because knowledge is power.
5178	7/11/2012	very important. Love the resource and accessibly.
5179	7/11/2012	Libraries represent education and opportunity at low or no cost. This is a service for the most under-served in the community.
5180	7/11/2012	Extremely important
5181	7/11/2012	Libraries mean free access to information, something I believe to be vital in a good society.
5182	7/11/2012	Libraries serve everyone.
5183	7/11/2012	I use the library for most of my media.
5184	7/11/2012	Many people have no other options for opportunities that are free at the library.
5185	7/11/2012	I love reading books and will always use libraries to check out books to read.
5186	7/11/2012	with well functioning libraries ALL people have access to the whole world of information and literature
5187	7/11/2012	I don't use them as much as I use other services, like public transit, but I appreciate having them available.
5188	7/11/2012	Education is the foundation of the countries success. The public library is essential to the public's education.
5189	7/11/2012	A well-informed, literate citizenry is a big key to the success of any society. Without it everything else is in jeopardy.
5190	7/11/2012	One of the very few services provided by government that I regularly use, and provides access to many materials that I could not access otherwise (not even over the web). [] []
5191	7/11/2012	(Roads is a runner-up, but government doesn't do road repair well). They represent equal access to information across social/income lines

5192	7/11/2012	<p>We only get free education through 12th grade. After that? You're on your own.[]</p> <p>Libraries are free. That means free education via books and other media. []</p> <p>And free entertainment.</p>
5193	7/11/2012	<p>Because of reasons previously stated as well as during various points in my life when I was unemployed and/or underemployed, having access to the free resources at the library allowed me to use the computers to research jobs, fill out applications, find a job. I enjoy the feel of my local library (Kenton). I have gotten to know the librarians, who are always helpful. In my professional life there are often resources that I can not afford but can access them from the library, receive articles ILL, attend lectures/events on topics of interest. I have been researching my genealogy and without access to the library edition of the Ancestry.com, my search would be very limited and would not have progressed. I was mystified when I saw the sign on the library about the reduced hours after I and many of my friends/family had voted for the measure. The librarian explained the funding issue. In my opinion, public libraries are one of the few places in society without racism, classism, heterosexism and the other isms. Everyone is respected and resources are available regardless of who you are, there are even supports for folks who can't read. I only wish our public school system could learn from the public library system.</p>
5194	7/11/2012	<p>education and inspiration from books is critical to a civilized society and creating a space we all want to live in.</p>
5195	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries offer full access to information/instruction/speculation and fantasy. These are the building blocks of our future.</p>
5196	7/11/2012	<p>They are an incredible resource, but police, fire, water, etc seem a little more vital, if we're having to rate them.</p>
5197	7/11/2012	<p>Important source of community support</p>
5198	7/11/2012	<p>If library services were better utilized, we would need less police enforcement. Literacy must be a top priority.</p>
5199	7/11/2012	<p>Having been a teacher for over 20 years, I am concerned with literacy. And access to information. It is very important to me because it is a place where you can just sit down and read a book, but it is a little bit more than that. To me it is a magical place full of wonderful stories and all you have to do is reach out and grab your next adventure. []</p>
5200	7/11/2012	<p>Its like a candy store with an array of many colors that speak through the pages. []</p> <p>when you tern a page, you can feel the paper carefully slide through your fingers and here it crinkle in the silence. That is a very different experience than swiping your finger across a screen.</p>
5201	7/11/2012	<p>That's a very vague question. Police and fire department services are very important. How can one put a book on the same level as human life?</p>

		I love to read and have loved spending time in libraries since I was a girl. Books were magical worlds where I could often escape my own less than magical one. My love of reading and writing has given me a leg up in both of my career paths and has been integral to success in so many areas of my life. ☐
5202	7/11/2012	☐ Education and literacy are very important to me personally, and I know that these are key factors that improve our communities. The library can be a haven and a help to us from childhood through old age---we need to have access to these services. I'd like to see the open sign in the window everyday, but if something has to give then a one day a week closure is a better option than the loss of programs.
5203	7/11/2012	Education, access to information and books
5204	7/11/2012	Ignorant people never maintain their liberty. Access to information is the first line of defense against tyranny.
5205	7/11/2012	They represent the best aspect of a democratic republic. An institution that is accessible by all the people and whose purpose to make knowledge accessible to all the people. And it is free.
5206	7/11/2012	I would hate to lose the library system, but if forced to choose I would prioritize other public services like transportation, health care, and waste management.
5207	7/11/2012	So many reasons, however library's provide a safe place where one can develop intellectually, something our schools fail to provide.
5208	7/11/2012	Internet access of information means the library shouldn't have as much impact in the community.
5209	7/11/2012	Has to do with society valuing literacy. Ray Bradbury said it well, 'you don't have to burn books to destroy a culture, you just have to get people to stop reading them.'
5210	7/11/2012	I'm an avid reader, and have been since my childhood. I believe libraries provide a universal service to the public--a conduit to attain a well-read and educated worldview as well as support for other educational services. I love that they are available to all without a linear cost based on usage.
5211	7/11/2012	Literacy provides a key to untold freedoms.
5212	7/11/2012	Being able to borrow the material for free free access to information☐
5213	7/11/2012	☐ an informed public
5214	7/11/2012	They are more oriented towards the public than most other supposed public services.
5215	7/11/2012	My kids learned to read through events at the library for kids, reading to dogs at the library, and having access to so many books to read. We love the library.
5216	7/11/2012	Schools are often ignored because most households in Portland do not have children. Only 20% of households in Portland have children. While libraries are important, public schools are far more important. Hunger services are very important too. I don't want to see one more dog park!

5217	7/11/2012	Because these are ones I fear would be taken away because of the impression that we could technically live without them. They add so much to our lives and community, though. I will fully support the efforts to save the libraries.
5218	7/11/2012	Libraries really go hand in hand with schools. We need educated people in our community. Libraries play a big role in complimenting our schools (at all levels), especially for people who are not in school. I also see a lot of people using the library for computer access, job searches, email, etc. Don't make it harder on those people who depend on those types of service at the library by cutting services/hours so they no longer have access when they need it.
5219	7/11/2012	It basis public service
5220	7/11/2012	If we do not supply reading and research resources to all the population, we are selling ourselves short for building a better community.
5221	7/11/2012	For me personally, the library is very important to my personal happiness. I get almost all my reading material from the library. I get much of my children's reading material from the library, and we go to many children's events. As a teacher, I regularly use the library to enhance the curriculum, and to get reading materials for my students. No other public service compares!
5222	7/11/2012	Knowledge
5223	7/11/2012	In a tough economic environment, they provide a place to lose a couple of hours finding great books. They are also a great way for my son (5 years old) to develop a lifelong love of reading.
5224	7/11/2012	Reading is so essential. Libraries are the only source for many people. The programs are very needed for young kids.
5225	7/11/2012	I make more use of library services than I do almost any other public service
5226	7/11/2012	I use the library all the time and it is important for building community. It is at the top of my list with schools.
5227	7/11/2012	Promotion of literacy is important. Also, as there are fewer and fewer book stores, library becomes even more important just for access to books. Very useful reference resource for work reasons. And it's a great community space, bringing people together. Plus, librarians are so helpful in identifying resources for all ages!
5228	7/11/2012	I believe that everyone should have access to library materials and books, at the same time, it seems the library is used more for surfing the web.
5229	7/11/2012	Libraries offer tools for success.
5230	7/11/2012	By bringing neighbors together community is built. Also helps with sustainability and promotes simplicity if we are able to share resources. Offers resoruces for students/ children & their families gorwth/ development & success in school. Ensures that finacines are not nesscary for entertainment and that low income families have aces to books/ other written materials.
5231	7/11/2012	an educated populace is the cornerstone of democracy
5232	7/11/2012	N/A

5233	7/11/2012	The library is the most tangible public service we use. Because we have a good library system; we know that other public services are operating such as fire and rescue, police, public utilities.
5234	7/11/2012	A well educated populace is essential to a stable democracy and the library system is as important as the availability of public education. I don't think it's imperative to have a library available in every neighborhood, but it is important to have one available to children and on a bus line for those who are not able to drive.
5235	7/11/2012	I believe that investing our children in the library as a resource offers our children a consistency throughout learning. I think that access to the library is the key to unlocking the resource. The current materials are the resource.
5236	7/11/2012	The public library plays such an important role in our society, especially for children. Without the library, countless children would have little to no access to books, since not everyone can afford to buy them. But even as an adult, I utilize our library system more than any other public service, and I feel so grateful to have this provided to me.
5237	7/11/2012	Though I'd categorize public services like fire and police at the top of the list of importance, I really do think that public libraries stand alone as a kind of symbol that represents any local community. A library can and should be the place that joins us all together. Be it as an afterschool destination for students in need of a quiet place to study, for someone without internet access looking for the opportunity to browse the Web, or for a person like myself that simply wants to check out a book or music CD... the public library is that friendly place full of information that's available to us all.
5238	7/11/2012	Everything is very important in keeping up a good community that it's next to impossible to say something is more important than another. But if people can't read then they will get nowhere in life.
5239	7/11/2012	Libraries help equalize opportunity for all members of our society/community. []
5240	7/11/2012	Also, I enjoy having access to so many materials at a very reasonable cost. Libraries serve as a place to educate oneself. I think this is very important for everyone to have access to books, computers, programs and services that the library offers.
5241	7/11/2012	I have elementary school aged children. We have been frequent library users since they were toddlers. Books are central to our family time together. There is no way to personally purchase the variety and sheer number of books that we have gone through.
5242	7/11/2012	I believe in education for all, which the library helps provide in the form of free-access to books, media, computer-usage, classes, and community programs.
5243	7/11/2012	good resources but don't need constant access
5244	7/11/2012	They represent an important part of our American culture.
5245	7/11/2012	A democracy cannot thrive without a literate and informed public.
5246	7/11/2012	They are not as important as infrastructure such as sewer, water and roads, but I believe the quality of a library system directly correlates to the knowledge of that system's young populace.

5247	7/11/2012	Literacy is a necessity for all people across all walks of life and everyone in the community should be able to access books and media. It is also highly important as a safe meeting place within a community.
5248	7/11/2012	It is an equity based access issue, but I would say that some of the other needs like healthcare and homelessness are more important.
5249	7/11/2012	continuing education
5250	7/11/2012	they are essential to a well educated and informed populace
5251	7/11/2012	Because reading is very important for all ages. I love the library because it opens up opportunity to read. making sure there are new book options would be most important to me.
5252	7/11/2012	They are important because they are places for people to get books, especially those who can't afford to buy them themselves. If we don't think that's important as a society, what DO we think is important? It's also a place for people to come and learn how to use technology and other useful life skills. They need to be FULLY funded, funded especially by the rich who are killing our society.
5253	7/11/2012	The library is my source for books, and beyond just pleasure reading, it gives me easy access to books and resources I need for school. It is an easy and free way to listen to music by checking out CDs, something that aside from music purchase is not available through any other service. It is a space for me to work on things or just sit during any form of interim period between my school day and when I have transportation. The library is a true ally.
5254	7/11/2012	I am able to seek the information I want and need at no cost at all. Also the sense of community participation I experience when using the library builds and reinforces pride for my city.
5255	7/11/2012	It's important for the whole community to have access to reading materials. They are an important community anchor.
5256	7/11/2012	NONE of the "public" services are important. The use of force and the threat of force to extort money from citizens to pay for services is stupid and a waste of money AND a violation of liberty and individual rights. So, on a grand scale of things, NONE of them are important. Read Murray Rothbard and Stephan Molyneaux and other libertarians.
5257	7/11/2012	Libraries are important to communities, but can't compare it to anything unless I know exactly what these 'other local public services' are? I have a quote on my fridge that I love since it embodies why I love libraries so much. Here goes:[] []
5258	7/11/2012	"My two favorite things in life are libraries and bicycles. They both move people forward without wasting anything. My perfect day; riding my bike to the library."[] [] I believe that if the public sector only funds safety net and basic municipal services and doesn't balance those with services that provide hope and move people forward. we will become a less hopeful community and government will lose the support of a sector of folks who's major intersection with a cross-section of the community may occur in libraries.

5259	7/11/2012	Libraries serve a great purpose and allow many that don't have resources to get access to them.
5260	7/11/2012	it's an integral service in our lives...the library fosters learning, curiosity, laughter, community for me and my son
5261	7/11/2012	Give access
5262	7/11/2012	The ability to read and access information defines who has the power to control our lives. If that access is restricted through lack of funding we are all diminished.
5263	7/11/2012	Libraries provide free, unlimited access to books--as an obsessive reader, I can't think of anything more awesome than that. I think having access to this service is really important in getting kids excited to read and learn, providing programs for kids and teens, providing free entertainment for those who can't afford purchasing books or movie tickets, enabling people who are out-of-work to utilize online career services, and providing services and programs for senior citizens--libraries serve the public at all stages in life.
5264	7/11/2012	there is no price on the availability of knowledge and the ability to read
5265	7/11/2012	Schools are most important Parks and libraries are secondary
5266	7/11/2012	They represent one of the most tangible, street-level provisions by a working civil society
5267	7/11/2012	Because it is a service I regularly take advantage of and use.
5268	7/11/2012	The only thing that makes me smile when paying my property tax is knowing that I am supporting the library. The library democratizes knowledge and is an essential place for community gathering and sharing.
5269	7/11/2012	I have 2 very young children. I would go crazy if we didn't have our weekly library excursion and weren't able to continually change out our supply of children's books.
5270	7/11/2012	Because our family use libraries and parks more than any other service...I guess roads too.
5271	7/11/2012	It's part of what makes a community.
5272	7/11/2012	They provide our children with valuable teaching experiences such as story time among many other programs. The summer-reading programs are a great way to encourage children to read and foster a love for reading which will result in becoming better students.
5273	7/11/2012	There's a lot of thing at the library and tons of things someone could get a resource such as meeting possible new friends at baby books, or any other service at the library.
5274	7/11/2012	I feel libraries are important because they give access to books and information to all levels of the community. Local library branches also really anchor a neighborhood, providing a community space and identity to an area.
5275	7/11/2012	As mentioned before, I believe libraries serve as a community hub. They are a meeting place for citizens to engage with their community (at the more local/neighborhood level to the larger city/county level), whether that engagement involves simply attending meetings/community involvement activities in the physical space, participating in library programming, or accessing resources provided in the library.

5276	7/11/2012	Libraries provide--or should provide--unfettered access to information individuals need to assess their position in society rationally, They provide a concrete example of democratic ideals by sharing resources with all who respect them, poor and rich alike. And--if used--they will help instill in the young a lifelong love of learning. They allow us to see what other people are thinking about. They foster intellectual serendipity; browsing shelves lets us find items of interest in a way that browsing the Internet can only approximate. They amortize the cost of experimentation with new ideas-- I've read innumerable things that I would not have brought home had I been required to pay for them individually. And local libraries are neighborly--they provide opportunities for face-to-face interaction which are becoming rarer and more tenuous as more and more contacts shift online.
5277	7/11/2012	I love books and teaching my kids to read and to love books
5278	7/11/2012	It's a quality of life issue. For example, downtown Kenton went from sketchy to pretty okay once the library branch opened there.
5279	7/11/2012	Geez! You get a continuance of the current property tax assessment and you still reduce hours. My income was reduced by 25% in 2008 and continues to drop while my bills go up. You are asking for blood.
5280	7/11/2012	I can print things out, since I don't have a printer. I also feel like I read more than I would if I didn't have a library close to me. It saves me from having to buy books.
5281	7/11/2012	I receive most of my video and music materials from the library. And the research function, which allows me to access a wide array of periodicals, is critical to my work as a freelancer.
5282	7/11/2012	They are a necessary resource for job seekers, a vital public space for community building, an essential tool for education, and it improves the quality of life of everyone who uses it. The library is valuable for the whole community, but it is of particular value to the underserved and I have trouble imagining that inequality can be reduced without services like the local library.
5283	7/11/2012	I really like the ability to get Books and Media without having to buy them or pay rental fees.
5284	7/11/2012	We love the library and do not take it for granted for a second. It is a gateway to information new and old, and the tipping point towards knowledge.
5285	7/11/2012	Because literacy is the most important skill a person can have. Without access to books, materials, and programs that advocate for higher levels of literacy we will never conquer the illiteracy problem. MCL's local branches are the most influential force in their communities. The higher the literacy rates, the higher the graduation rates, which ultimately leads to lower unemployment. Oregon may have one of the highest literacy rates in the nation and this is mostly due to the presence of the library system. Public school funding is dwindling and what are considered to be "non-essential" programs are the ones that get cut. Local libraries fill in the gaps and provide invaluable community resources.
5286	7/11/2012	Police, emergency services more important than libraries
5287	7/11/2012	Libraries provide a huge resource. Research is important for so many things, and libraries provide it. Because they are free to use, they're accessible to everyone, and that's important too.

5288	7/11/2012	I think it's important for a healthy community.
5289	7/11/2012	Access to information enables a person to seek resources effectively and make the most of them.
5290	7/11/2012	Useful resource for students and children especially.
5291	7/11/2012	expand our exposure to literature, videos and music
5292	7/11/2012	Because life and death services have to take precedence.
5293	7/11/2012	A library should always be there as a resource of information and books, available for all people.
5294	7/11/2012	They are important, but rank slightly below schools, police, and maintained parks for me. Not as important as things like streets, housing, emergency (fire, police) but still needed for those people with no access to the internet or money to buy books, etc. Also, needed as a quiet place to sit (I don't usually get peace and quiet at home these days).
5295	7/11/2012	
5296	7/11/2012	My family of five uses the library at least 3 times/week.
5297	7/11/2012	Access to books and reading material is critical for me personally and for an educated society
5298	7/11/2012	We use the library as a family to find materials to teach our children and help them in school as well.
5299	7/11/2012	There is no other more important resource available to all than a free, well-stocked, open all days public library.
5300	7/11/2012	I can no longer afford to buy books so it is wonderful to have the library.
5301	7/11/2012	i use a lot of materials for further education and resources in my vocation (teaching music) and the free tax program held there was really helpful for me this year. also, i hugely benefited from having library access as a child and teen and think all kids should have that resource, especially in a poorer neighborhood like north portland. also computer access is important for people who don't have them.
5302	7/11/2012	Libraries are multifaceted; they offer not only information and diversion, but help maintain community in an age when that feels threatened.
5303	7/11/2012	It is an affordable way for people of all backgrounds to access knowledge and art. Before a public library system access to these vast resources were only in the hand of the wealthiest individuals who could afford private libraries and collections.
5304	7/11/2012	Because they provide an access to a great variety of important resources, which otherwise wouldn't be that easily accessible.
5305	7/11/2012	I love going to the library with my kids to get books for them. They love
5306	7/11/2012	I feel that the library serves all factions of the public, from young children to seniors. Through exposure to all kinds of reading material, it instills a love of books and reading, which is essential to a good education. It provides resources to people learning English and provides materials in varying languages; it serves lower income individuals and families by providing media in all forms.
5307	7/11/2012	To expensive for what you get.

5308	7/11/2012	It is necessary to have police and utility services most of all but I believe that libraries are needed as a safe place for youth to hang out as well as a place for people to find the resources they need whether it be books on testing for SATs, building a house, refinancing, or job searching. It also provides free internet which can be helpful for job searching when you can't afford your own internet at home.
5309	7/11/2012	critical to what makes us love and enjoy portland. access to reading and entertainment, intellectual discourse. husband is frequent user of libraries. kids use it too. me when i can or hub gets me books. not as critical as social services, but still very important.
5310	7/11/2012	If you get people interested in reading, being smart Is the beginning to building and maintaining a population of productive citizens that can think of creative solutions to all crisis facing the state. Reading keeps kids off the street and out of trouble. Developing minds of our young people will make society better.
5311	7/11/2012	Books, magazines, DVD's. However why are there so many services? Why not spend less on social services and more on library materials and staff? [] I realize MCL is very interested in awards and their ratings--that's okay to a point, and we are way past that point! When Central Library (and others) is filled with disruption, stressed staffs and patrons, and the MCL Administration is more concerned with national attention, award winning programs for social services--things that look good on paper, or impressive at conferences--they are in danger of "inappropriate guilt" in giving so much attention to the Portland's poor, and not enough to getting their own house in order.
5312	7/11/2012	Schools are more important
5313	7/11/2012	free education and access to books for all social backgrounds
5314	7/11/2012	educating our children, supporting our seniors, awesome book collection, superb interlibrary loan and hold systems
5315	7/11/2012	As mentioned, our NW library is important as a key element in the community. It is a place where EVERYONE can come to together and enjoy one of the most important parts of education...reading.[] Also, it is a fun place to bring the kids for activities. We love the library!
5316	7/11/2012	If you have a book, you're never poor.
5317	7/11/2012	Although I do not use the library a lot, when I need it, I need it.
5318	7/11/2012	offer access to important educational resources at no cost to the public. Help a wide range of people.
5319	7/11/2012	Everyone needs to read. Kids need a safe fun place to go
5320	7/11/2012	They serve as a critical source of knowledge in a community setting.
5321	7/11/2012	As a society, we will fail without knowledge. Reading is a main method as obtaining knowledge.

5322	7/11/2012	Even though we have computer access at home, there are just so many things that we can accomplish better, easier and more effectively at the actual library. There are so many resources in one place. This includes the personnel knowledge resources, which my family finds invaluable.
5323	7/11/2012	because the question is difficult to answer as compared to what?
5324	7/11/2012	EDUCATION
5325	7/11/2012	It's one service that every member of our family actively chooses to use. We all enjoy and benefit from it and would miss it greatly if it weren't there. It has a positive impact on our community, especially for young people and those with limited resources.
5326	7/11/2012	I am a public sector worker
5327	7/11/2012	Provide access to information and literacy opportunities for ALL residents. Space to build community.
5328	7/11/2012	Because it serves a valuable place in connecting all members of the community to learning.
5329	7/11/2012	I personally utilize the library on a daily basis. I am a firm believer in the power of knowledge, it terrifies me to learn that I am part of a society that places so little value on such an immense resource.
5330	7/11/2012	used to be important, not so much anymore as stated earlier
5331	7/11/2012	Water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure are fundamental. Library services are wonderful and essential to a free-thinking society, but not critical to public health and economic prosperity.
5332	7/11/2012	without libraries many people are as stuck as most of us would be without roads. I grew up poor and unable to buy new books but I read voraciously and travelled the world inside the pages of a book. everyone should have the same opportunity.
5333	7/11/2012	Think about what the community would be like without the library! To me, it would be scary in a way--not having the benefit of all those resources (books, information, computers, classes, research, etc), so needing to somehow find similar resources each on his/her own or simply do without. The library serves EVERYONE--all ages, geographic locations, races, genders--no discrimination. Everyone has equal and abundant access. That feels so important to the growth, education and cohesion of our communities.
5334	7/11/2012	I really don't like being around people so it being a public place of course challenges that. But my income level demands that I visit libraries if I want to maintain my quantity level of reading. I do think they are important places for kids to have access to. Books are highly important to me as is the desire that everyone know how to read and read often.
5335	7/11/2012	I just love books! I also see libraries as an important part of public education and promoting excitement in learning. The library very much had that effect on me when I was a child and still does.
5336	7/11/2012	i really don't understand the questions!
5337	7/11/2012	I read a lot . I get inspiration for books that I would otherwise not read . I love the educational music programs at the Central Library .

5338	7/11/2012	If you lose the libraries and local arts and culture all hope for civilization is likely lost along with it. Plus its a nice place for all the homeless to hang out during the day to stay out of the rain. :-)
5339	7/11/2012	Need to obtain knowledge about certain things
5340	7/11/2012	Libraries are so necessary for cultivating the civic mind.
5341	7/11/2012	I enjoy the books, CD's and periodicals that are available for use at the library or checking out.
5342	7/11/2012	Libraries are educational, cultural, and community gathering spots. They add a sense of community to every neighborhood.
5343	7/11/2012	not critical but highly important
5344	7/11/2012	A resource that must be freely available to all in a democracy
5345	7/11/2012	Because they are the foundation of education, one of the most critical aspects of today's society.
5346	7/11/2012	Reputable knowledge is still vetted through publication.
5347	7/11/2012	It's a very important community center. Because I visit the library more than once a week. It's a place to get hard copy research and get help from librarians with a number of different things. It a place of resource and opportunity that ALL people can use, regardless of how much money you make or where you're from.
5348	7/11/2012	
5349	7/11/2012	because I rank safe bridges, sewers, disaster recovery, traffic control, safety rather highly. Not that books rank lower, but on a daily basis am grateful to live in a place with clean water right out of the tap, toilets that flush, regular power and heat, roads that are only moderately unsafe, basic infrastructure that we tend to overlook and take for granted.
5350	7/11/2012	Importance fading fast in internet era, I lived through this. My own usage of library is a shadow of what it was in 1980s.
5351	7/11/2012	Libraries are extremely important to people from all walks of life. It is also provides an important sense of community.
5352	7/11/2012	The library was one of my favorite places to go when I was young. I have very fond memories of the library, the librarians - who knew me from the frequency of my visits -- and they let me bring my dog and give him water. (I can't say I would appreciate having to deal with other people's dogs in the library - but as a kid, this really left an impact on me.) A love of reading has served me well. I love the resources that the library offers me. I LOVE being able to find my books via the website, put them on hold and being notified when they are ready. No often, I appreciate calling the reference line for some obscure grammar or reference question. Also love that I get emails when my books are nearing the due date. This makes using the library very convenient. I can just pick up what I need, or if I have time to browse around (I look at the new books) I enjoy just leisurely looking at the shelves for whatever is of interest to me that day.

5353	7/11/2012	Libraries provide services to many people that are truly needed and valued besides simply books and education, such as shelter, restrooms, drinking fountains, warmth or escape from the heat, a place to sit, a tranquil environment, helpful and kind employees, etc. Of course, access to books and information absolutely should always be provided to the public. As well, I believe classes such as language acquisition or computer skills to assist under-supported populations are extremely important and should be available.
5354	7/11/2012	See #6.
5355	7/11/2012	Public health, mental health, safety and public education all outrank the library.
5356	7/11/2012	I credit my love of reading to my grade school librarian & our local public library (in Tillamook). They're necessary for people of all ages & backgrounds who rely on them for knowledge & bettering themselves. The libraries in Multnomah County are priceless to my family, my friends, & myself.
5357	7/11/2012	The library is one of the last places that promotes finding things oneself. In this time we are increasingly heading towards a society where free thinking and problem solving are replaced by advertising and propaganda.
5358	7/11/2012	OK, so the library is not as important as water and sewers, or Tri-Met, But I got my present job through the library (thanks to its computer network), and found my present home the same way. I listen to audio books at work and on the bus, most of which I get from the library. And most of the books I read come from the library (I can no longer afford to buy many books). So it has a major impact on my life.
5359	7/11/2012	Libraries are here to interest people in reading and to teach our youth the importance of reading and learning.
5360	7/11/2012	I read most of my books from the library and I read a lot.
5361	7/11/2012	i guess i read more than most and enjoy my library
5362	7/11/2012	I think that libraries benefit everyone, from educating children and adults to helping job seekers. They are a sanctuary for quiet study or relaxation, that often provide a necessary escape. Libraries are a service to which everyone should have access.
5363	7/11/2012	Clearly safety is first, as are maintaining and building city infrastructure, and more. Libraries are important but so are parks, community service programs, and more. Could more volunteers be used in libraries?
5364	7/11/2012	Reading has been a gateway to acquiring knowledge and gaining a good education which in turn has improved my self-awareness, career and interests.
5365	7/11/2012	It is important for everyone to have access to educational tools. Ignorance is dangerous.
5366	7/11/2012	They provide an opportunity for citizens to educate themselves, in a way that is accessible to anyone, regardless of income.
5367	7/11/2012	We use the facilities a lot
5368	7/11/2012	Allows people of all income levels access to a wide selection of books and other resources.

5369	7/11/2012	Of all the local public services I utilize on a regular basis, the library is the one I derive most enjoyment from and would miss greatly.
5370	7/11/2012	They are somewhere you can always go to read, study, browse. They are a gateway to knowledge, creativity, and community. It is difficult to find words for, but libraries are important beyond belief. They provide FREE access to so many resources for anyone who is interested. That is particularly important given the current situation of the national with high unemployment rates and education on the chop block. Keeping libraries open can help supplement our struggling education system. Furthermore, it's a space that accepts everyone. I think it's highly important we, as society, maintain spaces such as these.
5371	7/11/2012	It's one of the greatest accomplishments of civilized society: a place to learn, to get information and cultural enrichment, at any age, while connecting with your neighbors, supplied as a basic right. I used to work for the library and I have great respect for it as an institution (though I think there's room for improvement).
5372	7/11/2012	I use the library in all aspects of my life! From personal hobbies to professional development, I use the library to access books and research tools I could not otherwise afford.
5373	7/11/2012	I like to stay abreast on the latest news & political events locally.[]
5374	7/11/2012	And of history & culture.
5375	7/11/2012	Right behind SAFETY (ie fire, police, prosecution) issues. The library is second to those issues.
5376	7/11/2012	To have an informed electorate and society, we must have access to information and libraries provide access for all. Libraries are less important than the fundamental services; i.e. garbage, safe and clean roads, city drinking water and sewage, city police, housing assistance, supplemental nutrition assistance. But without a library, a city does not have a focal point of culture and knowledge, nor does it have an assumed gathering place where any citizen can improve himself.
5377	7/11/2012	I mean- police and fire are probably more important, but I don't "use" them daily. I read books from the library very often though, and really love the programming they provide.
5378	7/11/2012	They level the playing field. The libraries offer resources for all who are willing to make an effort to better themselves. I often think of the Matt Damon scene in "Good Will Hunting". I don't remember the exact quote, but basically he was taking a jab at those who spent thousands of dollars at Harvard to read the same books he read at the library for free.
5379	7/11/2012	I'm an antisocial compulsive reader.
5380	7/11/2012	In my experience, I found my education had a strong base in using the library to learn and find resources. I believe that education is the cornerstone of our society.
5381	7/11/2012	I like to be able to check out books, DVDs, and CDs instead of having to buy them.
5382	7/11/2012	I feel that education and literacy are of great importance to a functioning society, I love being around books, and I like having a public gathering place that is oriented around books and information resources.

		Question 7 is not a reasonable question.[] Public libraries are very important. So are other public services.[]
5383	7/11/2012	Do not allow the forces that are squeezing public services to set one service against others. That is a classic divide-and-conquer device. Any one who believes that some services must be sacrificed for others has no business being involved in public policy making.
5384	7/11/2012	my parents encouraged my reading when I was a child by taking me to the library every weekend, where I had access to so many books and ideas that I otherwise wouldn't have at home. Culturally, it set an expectation of reading regularly.
5385	7/11/2012	Books provide my main source of information and entertainment.
5386	7/11/2012	I am a living breathing example of the power of public libraries. Access to the incredible Chicago Public Library as a very young child launched a life-long love of learning. I studied in public libraries during every stage of my education, from grade school to college.
5387	7/11/2012	Cause when i need something, a closed library can help me about information and something that i cannot remember but it so important to me :)
5388	7/11/2012	Fire and police are more important than you. You cannot keep acting socialist in a beuracracy. You must relieve the property tax on homeowners, and find some other way...even libraries can fall.....
5389	7/11/2012	Library is very important, but schools and some other public services are more important
5390	7/11/2012	Too many people, young and old require assistance; children learning to read, whose families cannot afford reading materials. Job seekers who cannot possibly afford the luxury of internet find the library a usefull tool for accomplishing employment searches. People learning our language struggle enough for acceptance in our society. The elderly, who enjoy reading but have little exposure, or the inability to drive, or who are shut-ins, welcome a good book over television. The library is an invaluable resource for many people of all walks of life.
5391	7/11/2012	Libraries provide all citizens with information, which is vital in this information age. They also provide a safe place to be during the day that doesn't cost anything.
5392	7/11/2012	All library's and school are important....
5393	7/11/2012	For the good of the people.
5394	7/11/2012	Because education is important to the future of a society.
5395	7/11/2012	A great community resource - where we vote, get our books. The library helps us stay connected to our community and the world.
5396	7/11/2012	Because I feel that the library allows people to seek knowledge for free. This knowledge allows them to bring themselves up, explore the world, and understand the events happening around them.
5397	7/11/2012	We, humans, operate in a very crisis based way of reacting to our problems. I'd prefer that, instead, we continue to grow curious and intelligent problem solvers who may learn to think ahead to prevent, rather than wait to react. Libraries offer the resources for just that.

5398	7/11/2012	Again, it acts to equalize the availability of knowledge between the have and the have nots. I work & volunteer with low income populations and there are still many people, for instance, that do not have home computers. There are people that need help learning english and passing the citizenship test that wouldn't have another resource like the ones the library provides. Not everyone can afford a \$60 history book but they CAN check it out from the library.
5399	7/11/2012	We dont have enough money to obtain all of the services we require. Multnomah county and its taxpayers simply cannot afford to do everything we wish to do. Stop taxing us more and start cutting services. We can't afford it.
5400	7/11/2012	I love the library. I utilize the library for so many things: storytime and summer reading programs with my children, books for my own personal interests and hobbies, books to use in my classroom as a teacher, as a place to spark the love of learning and reading with myself and my family.
5401	7/11/2012	I am a Summer Reading volunteer and I see the positive impact the library has on the people who walk in every week. A place to learn, study, and have fun is crucial for children and adults alike. I adore my library, and I'm deeply worried whenever I hear of staff and funding cuts.
5402	7/11/2012	Because if our citizen become any more stupid and uneducated then they already are we are all doomed.
5403	7/11/2012	because my family uses our library for so many different uses.
5404	7/11/2012	Because knowledge is key to democracy.
5405	7/11/2012	Access to information. They allow people who can't afford to buy new books, magazines, etc. often (like my family) to read books, listen to music, learn a new skill.
5406	7/11/2012	Libraries provide the necessary connective points to maintain an informed, literate society.
5407	7/11/2012	Libraries serve everyone, and provide access to information for everyone.
5408	7/11/2012	Library services are extremely helpful. I would not read nearly as much as I do if I had to buy books because I can not afford them. The library is very important to myself and all of my family and friends!
5409	7/11/2012	Libraries are wonderful sources of new books, dvd's and information.
5410	7/11/2012	Very important.
5411	7/11/2012	I think it give a healthy alternative forum of entertainment, learning, and environment that does not exist anywhere else in our community.
5412	7/11/2012	Some services related to health and survival trump the library. However, the library is still supremely important.
5413	7/11/2012	They provide everyone with the same service. The libraey is a staple in our community and is a necessity to better ourswlves and hlep others.
5414	7/11/2012	I love borrowing books and other materials without having to buy them.
5415	7/11/2012	To be an informed and educated society everyone, no matter income, needs access to books and other informational materials.
5416	7/11/2012	important for kids to have access to books

5417	7/11/2012	Reading is the key to learning
5418	7/11/2012	I use the library personally and professionally. It provides lots of services both to my family and to the children I work with daily
5419	7/11/2012	Because libraries are my first source of books when I'm looking for something to read. Reading is simply a big part of my life.
5420	7/11/2012	Equal access to learning and information to people of all education and income levels.
5421	7/11/2012	first: I LOVE books. libraries allow people who might otherwise not be able to access reading materials and learn. internet access, research subscriptions, job/small business resources, community meeting place... so many reasons!
5422	7/11/2012	i can use computer programs that i don't have at home like microsoft office and also printer+copy machine which i use frequently during school.[] mostly i check out books and music cd s.i can not afford to buy all the time.
5423	7/11/2012	It's not just an affordable resource for my family but something I recommend to low-income clients I see who need activities and literacy for their children
5424	7/11/2012	I'd rather have pot holes
5425	7/11/2012	The library represents an important way I can conserve funds. I can borrow books instead of buying them. Same for CDs, comics, all the other wonderful media the library offers. I deeply, deeply value how the library makes so many things accessible to myself and my neighbors, who otherwise may not be able to afford it. I am happy to chip in my yearly portion to keep this going for all of us.
5426	7/11/2012	Education is my #1 issue. A well read public is a well informed public. And a well informed public usually make wiser decisions>
5427	7/11/2012	bridging the digital divide by leveling the playing field for many that don't have online access.
5428	7/11/2012	I go to the library to check out stuff and maybe their programs. I do not go to use the internet or other services they offer.
5429	7/11/2012	Libraries are essential to an educated and involved citizenry. I'm betting that crime rates are lower in neighborhoods with libraries, especially those with programs for young adults and at-risk youth. Good libraries are a quality of life issue, and while I appreciate public safety and other infrastructure issues, I think there are efficiencies to be found there in order to restore library services.
5430	7/11/2012	Short of access to a community college library much traditional and contemporary learning materials are at hand in printed form for checkout. You can put a place-marker between the pages of a book and go back for a quick reference. The words in a book are inked-in, marking an event at date of publication and remain unchangable as long as the book is available. In this mercurial age of electronics, it is far too easy to provide interpretations of the author's original intent in dwon-loadable books.

5431	7/11/2012	I use the library on a regular basis. Although I use mainly for recreation purposes, but also for research. And I know others strongly rely on the service for basic needs. It is very important.
5432	7/11/2012	Libraries serve people in several ways whereas other resources are narrow. Cutting libraries actually cuts several resources. Also, the internet is crucial to many aspects of daily living now and most job applications are online. If someone cannot afford internet at home and cannot get access through libraries, that increases thier chances even further of maintaining unemployment status.
5433	7/11/2012	They are not as important as police or fire departments, but they are important because they add to the community activity--people can use computers for free and attend talks (esp at the central library they are wonderful). I could not afford to read all the books that I want to read without the library. I love books and I love being able to put things on hold. ☐
5434	7/11/2012	☐ As a member of the community, the library is extremely important for children, students, seniors, job seekers, everyone really. I wish libraries could be open all the time.
5435	7/11/2012	With the internet and access to books online more people may be moving away from needing real books.
5436	7/11/2012	Libraries are essential to the betterment and enrichment of our community
5437	7/11/2012	We feel it is important to have educational community resources especially with the decline of the portland public schools.
5438	7/11/2012	I really like the atmosphere and how it helps everyone, but I just don't use it as much anymore, but I still think it is important.
5439	7/11/2012	libraries have far too many contributing factors to list here in detail. it is an indispensable resource for the communities and overall society for that matter.
5440	7/11/2012	Books! Anyone can come and read books (assuming they're able to read). I am a teacher and a mother and I love to see my students' and children's eyes light up when they see the shelves and shelves of treasure and it's all theirs. On a field trip to the central library I once had a Kindergartener say to me (as he was using paper and a black crayon to make a rubbing of the staircase), "This is better than recess!" ☐ ☐ I never feel richer than when I walk out of the library carrying an overflowing armload of books.
5441	7/11/2012	Library materials mean a sense of freedom to me. The ability to get educated, get electronic media, and computer access...not to mention children reading time..jst fantastic!
5442	7/11/2012	Public libraries are as important as educational instututions. They provide unparalled services (specifically, access to educational materials) to people of all walks of life.
5443	7/11/2012	Very important
5444	7/11/2012	The library is the most important public service i use, other than sidewalks/roads.

5445	7/11/2012	I grew up in New York City and owe my enthusiasm for learning and for music to their wonderful libraries. Now, as a senior citizen, why would I want to live in a city without excellent libraries?
5446	7/11/2012	Explained previously. Also, libraries are an important haven for youth - a place where they can feel safe and explore higher ideals. In the same way that after school programs can prevent children from turning to at risk activities, libraries provide a place where children can not only imagine doing better, but can find information to help them do better.
5447	7/11/2012	Because they are an important as a reference source on matters on which I conduct research.
5448	7/11/2012	There isn't another place in the world that has the ability to offer what the library has to offer. The wealth of information that is available, for free!, to ALL, still amazes me. Inside those great walls is where my love of learning and reading began - I hope all children are given the same opportunity.
5449	7/11/2012	Givesd all citizens equal access to technology and information and community interactions that are not commercial
5450	7/11/2012	The St. Johns library branch is very important to the neighborhood. Equally important is the St. Johns Community Center.
5451	7/11/2012	I work in a factory and am able to make it through the day by downloading audio books onto my ipod. I read 4-5 books per week this way and don't know how I'd mentally survive otherwise.
5452	7/11/2012	I went to the Hillsdale library in the 60's with my mom and sisters. We got books every two weeks, and drove home along Humphrey Blvd, carsick like crazy reading our new books. I took my three kids there all through the 80's, and some of the same employees are still there. I am embarasses that I have spent so much time listening to books in my commuting life' but it completely works for me.
5453	7/11/2012	-I love books.[] -Important tools for literacy[] -community gathering Because libraries are second only to schools in their value to the community and with schools cutting back education in favor of test teaching, libraries are even more important in offering an opportunity for inquisitive minds, young and old, to learn more about the world.[] []
5454	7/11/2012	I have a friend who moved to Chicago recently. She regularly complains about the library there. I've lived in Chicago. The libraries there are okay. She's just been spoiled by the amazing Multnomah County library system. I don't want it despoiled by lack of funding. [] []
5455	7/11/2012	Personally, I'm now finding it difficult to read print books (because of injuries to my hands that make it painful to hold paper books). Having the ability to read e-books is wonderful. and I wish there were more books available as e-books through the library. I use my library all the time. It's essential to me. Other local public services are too, but I'm very aware of how much I use the library.

5456	7/11/2012	It provides access to a variety of media for the general public.
5457	7/11/2012	Libraries provide the culture of many of our neighborhoods. They are replacing the schools as neighborhood cultural centers.
5458	7/11/2012	Growing up, I went to the library weekly, if not more often. I want other people to not take for granted what a great library system Multnomah County has
5459	7/11/2012	Because the majority of people are not rich...we are the 99% and most of us rely heavily on these services.
5460	7/11/2012	Because I love to read
5461	7/11/2012	The library provides numerous services for a wide group of people for free. Information may be accessed via a computer.
5462	7/11/2012	I was raised by a single mom, and summer programs at the library were a lifesaver for both of us. I don't know how I could ever live without books, and I think it's seriously important to try to open the eyes of the video-game generations.
5463	7/11/2012	Because I value knowledge, learning, and literature, I suppose. Also, because a democratic system of government requires some sort of mechanism to ensmarten the participants.
5464	7/11/2012	They give you the chance to read as many books as you want (well, unless you're taking them home, then there's that limit), and that is fantastic when you're a book-lover. You could stay at the library for hours and read. Or take books home with you. Even renting out movies is really cool because often times it's more expensive at movie rentals. And I haven't found a place yet that rents out CDs. Libraries are just a fantastic place. Especially when you don't have the money to go and buy a book. And sometimes when you DO buy one, and then after reading it you don't like it very much and regret paying that money for it. It's a great place to study, and to just read. JUST READ. Especially if it's hectic at home and you need a getaway, the library is the place to be. Especially for a reader.
5465	7/11/2012	What is the alternative to a good public library? Ignorance is not bliss. Education needs all the help it can get.
5466	7/11/2012	I get 99% of my books and movies from the library system. I would rather use my money to support the library and make books available to all, rather than use my money to purchase every book I want to read or movie I want to see and use them for myself only. It is more economical and ecological to share these materials within the community. Having computers available for people looking for work is essential.
5467	7/11/2012	they provide access to books and other media, create community

5468	7/11/2012	They are my mental health escape from the stressors of work and urban life. They are the place where I can be civilized. They level the playing field in the sense of giving all of us access to information. I don't make a lot of money so I can't buy new hardback books all the time. The library carries me away for just awhile. I love Everybody Reads. You can join conversations about these books with strangers on buses, in coffee shops, at the grocery store. That program really builds community.
5469	7/11/2012	I think the library provides an educational resource that has no rival. Including the Internet. Books have a psychological importance that the Internet will never achieve.
5470	7/11/2012	Libraries are somewhere you can go, to read, to be, to find materials--all for free and as part of a community. It makes you connect with community. It is a resource and place for learning, and gives people access to books and computers when they might not otherwise have it. It educates our mind. It is an investment in the well-being and education of our local community, and what opportunities and materials exist inside and outside of our library's community. It is so fundamental--growing up, this is where I could go to get books. It was striking in an unsettling way, on a Monday several weeks ago, when I went to stop by Central Library with a 7-year-old to pick out a book and get him his first library card, only to find the building closed. It was sad, and...inspired me to take this survey. I have always loved books and libraries, wherever I am. They are the marker of a place. Keep them! And keep them well.
5471	7/11/2012	Reading is the great equalizer. Knowledge is power.
5472	7/11/2012	I use the resource a lot, but would not place it above social welfare services.
5473	7/11/2012	The quality of the library system is one of the first indicators I look at when assessing the health of a community. I value the library system and hope that it can continue to enrich the community.
5474	7/11/2012	Libraries are emblematic to education. Education is emblematic to freedom. Freedom is emblematic to a happy and healthy life.
5475	7/11/2012	I think libraries are very important and they provide a safe friendly place for people to do educational things and stuff.
5476	7/11/2012	open to all in the community I grew up in and around libraries and librarians, and worked in libraries while in high school, college and grad school.
5477	7/11/2012	While libraries are important to me, they are even more important to people who have limited access to other resources, including English-language learners, senior citizens, families (especially those on limited incomes), and students.
5478	7/11/2012	For so many people it is their only access for internet, books, and materials.
5479	7/11/2012	We are casual library users with preference of children's activities, that makes it a valuable resource, but I could not say that it is vital.
5480	7/11/2012	Libraries are access to knowledge, which is vital to success in life.
5481	7/11/2012	access to everything

5482	7/11/2012	helps everyone in community[] helps improve knowledge[] allows sharing resources
5483	7/11/2012	They help educate our neighborhood
5484	7/11/2012	knowledge is power
5485	7/11/2012	It's a personal instant outcome having libraries available to the public. I don't know how they will evolve now that so much can be accessed online, especially by kids. It's possible, then, that library services for seniors may be the most important thing to offer. These people may be the least likely to be on line.
5486	7/11/2012	I love to read and I could not afford to buy all the books I read. I think it's so important to give people access to library materials, both for fun and education. It's especially important for children to have access to all the books they want to read so they can learn to love books, but as an adult it's very personally important to me. I think that the internet access is also a valuable public service.
5487	7/11/2012	Libraries play a role in creating community and they help a lot of people that may not know how else to access information.
5488	7/11/2012	Most people have internet access nowadays in their homes or elsewhere. They can download books for a reasonable fee onto Kindles and iPads. They can do research and communicate adequately from home. Physical books are going the way of the dinosaur and will be much less important in the future. (Save the trees!) It is nice to be able to check out movies, documentaries, etc., for free however, especially for low-income citizens, and as a place for parents with small children to go for learning opportunities, or for homeschoolers to congregate. I like the services for seniors.
5489	7/11/2012	Libraries represent the free exchange of ideas and serve as an introduction to the wonderful world of books and reading for children who may not have books at home. Libraries serve as focal points for community education and activities. Just the pleasure of browsing in a library can never be replaced by electronic media.
5490	7/11/2012	Not as imp. as health services for citizens.[] For me, the library is my book source because I don't usually purchase books.[] For people w/o the internet, the library is absolutely crucial! The haves and the have nots will experience a bigger gap if everyone doesn't have access to a computer.

5491	7/11/2012	<p>Reading is very important for our society. □</p> <p>It is poor management to close all branches on the same day. If we have to cut hours then why can't each branch be closed on a different day. For example, the Gresham branch could close on Mondays and Rockwood branch be open on Mondays but close on Tuesdays. This way people will always have a library to go to. Or is this your way of making it more difficult for people in hopes of coercing people to vote in a budget that most of the community can ill afford at this time. I know that I can't afford more than .89 per 1,000.00 And, why is it that only homeowners are assessed this tax? Why not tax all people by doing an income tax?</p>
5492	7/11/2012	<p>It is more important to have the police, fire department, emergency services, well-maintained infrastructure (roads, signs, etc), legal system, and quality basic public education (my feeling is that tons of electives here is also a discretionary spend). Libraries rank after those things right along with outdoor parks as the next most important thing to me that tax dollars should pay for - you *could* live without them (whereas the others you could not), but they are definitely used for the public good and economies of scale make them much better for all if tax payer money supports quality parks and libraries for everyone. They rank VERY HIGHLY above total discretionary spend like native plant gurus for your backyard, free bike racks for businesses, and other things that so few people take advantage of, I can't believe our taxpayer dollars support them at all.</p>
5493	7/11/2012	<p>The Library is where I get almost all of the books I read. The Librarians have helped me hunt down information and books I would never have known about without them. I would never be able to afford to buy the amount books I've read.</p>
5494	7/11/2012	<p>Top! We homeschool and could not do it without our library.</p>
5495	7/11/2012	<p>Very important, we are there often and learn much about being a good community member.</p>
5496	7/11/2012	<p>That question is vague and was not very well thought out. What other services? Police? or Public Restrooms in Public Parks? Obviously we need police, fire, schools, well, maybe not schools. I mean, most schools these days battle attendance and vanity rather than challenged minds. So, lets take more money from the schools budget and support the library.</p>
5497	7/11/2012	<p>I love books. I love that Portland loves books. I recognize that police and fire fighters are actually more important but I do not see them as being threatened. My children all believe that access to Multnomah County libraries was more influential to their education than what was offered to them in the public schools.</p>
5498	7/11/2012	<p>Free is a good price, especially when you don't have any other ways to educate yourself.</p>
5499	7/11/2012	<p>Equal access for all. □</p> <p>Materials available to those who are unable to purchase them.</p>

5500	7/11/2012	We use the library a lot and it's an important resource for all kinds of people in the community. It's a place our community comes together, e.g. we often see people we know there and it makes our community feel more friendly and cohesive. The library offers lots of great programs for all ages and all kinds of people. I think the programs for young children and families are important to help families start reading and to impart that value to their children.
5501	7/11/2012	The only public service I use is the library. I count on it for validating information, looking up authors and books, widening my scope on old and new topics. I can't think of any other public facility I use that comes close to it. [] [] #9 is broken. A district sounds great!
5502	7/11/2012	Because they provide public access to all types of information.
5503	7/11/2012	Access to information and education is something everyone can use.
5504	7/11/2012	I utilize my library resources frequently. Other social service resources are critical also but I do not use them at the moment. The library is something that I will ALWAYS use.
5505	7/11/2012	Library is a great resource to have, but not a primary resource for job seekers, social services, etc
5506	7/11/2012	Fire, police, jails, and 911 are more important to the safety of our community
5507	7/11/2012	some people do not have any other resource for the kind of services the library provides. This is it for them. The programs for kids is very enriching.
5508	7/11/2012	Safety (police and fire) and schools have to be first.
5509	7/11/2012	The health of the community relies on the people being well informed and well educated. The library is a great tool for those with limited means to educate themselves and better their position in the community.
5510	7/11/2012	Again library offers much more than books for pleasure or information. It is a good resource center for the community. Place for children to grow, families to bond and individuals to explore the world around them. Libraries are a place of wonder and discovery. They provide community. They provide a place of quiet and refuge for reading, researching, and reflection. They promote the idea that we don't have to own everything that comes into our lives. Presumably, they help the environment as not everyone is buying their own copy of the books they read.
5511	7/11/2012	
5512	7/11/2012	I oftgen buy books that I want to read. The library is important, but close to being secondary.
5513	7/11/2012	I love to read and love to go to the library to just browse.
5514	7/11/2012	It is important to me that we have high quality literature available for all ages and all income brackets. Many families living in poverty do not live in a print rich environment. Libraries offer them the opportunities with books and other media.

5515	7/11/2012	<p>The library is something our family uses on a regular basis and we greatly value access to print books, audio books, and dvds. It feels like a cornerstone of the community that we take for granted to always be there, but would be sorely missed if it were not. Equal access to information/knowledge and technology for all is essential for the strength of our communities. People of all income levels and all walks of life need libraries--books and access to knowledge should not be accessible only to the privileged, so our libraries play an important role. We and our children read more because of the library and what we have access to. Our children are voracious readers and we could not afford to pay for the number of books they go through on a regular basis. □</p> <p>We value many local public services, but I am not exactly sure which other services this question is referring too (it would be helpful to have some examples in the question).</p>
5516	7/11/2012	<p>access to library services supports the education of all our citizens and contributes to the most basic foundations of our democracy.</p>
5517	7/11/2012	<p>It is a free medium that anyone can access. To cut libraries would cause the public (especially lower socioeconomic groups) to loose the possibility for growth, education, and all around betterment.</p>
5518	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are part of the heart and core of a community. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Also a lending library, the shared resource, that is paid for by everybody and can be used by everybody is a scarce "business model" these days. It's vitally important that this shared resource model is maintained not only because libraries, learning and community intellect are important, but because a lot of the rest of the world is hyper-focused on making a profit and all the ancilliaries that come with that. Libraries are a potent symbol that we're all in this together. The community and people lose in the long-run when laissez faire, survival of the fittest is the only model there is. Libraries provide a powerful antidote.</p>
5519	7/11/2012	<p>As I said before, we need to have this resource available so that our children can explore the world of books.</p>
5520	7/11/2012	<p>I use the library more than I use the fire or police department. I am discouraged when it is not open after my walk up there. I LOVE the way I can request a book, and pick it up later.</p>
5521	7/11/2012	<p>What are "other local public services"? Music festivals paid for by our taxes or, say police protection? Cutting off dangerous limbs on trees or sending out brochures and newsletters? Safety and health should come first. After that everyone and everything should be as lean and at the hardship level of the rest of the citizens. PERS: is that gone yet? That is an insult to everyone who is saving every penny that they can for a barely livable retirement. Question #7 is not informative enough to generate valid responses.</p>
5522	7/11/2012	<p>This is where students go to study and sometimes the only place they CAN go without noise and to use a computer to do work either school of job related.</p>

5523	7/11/2012	People who read and having access to information is the very cornerstone of freedom.
5524	7/11/2012	equal access to free learning and entertainment is a great socio-economic equalizer.
5525	7/11/2012	Even though I don't use the library that often, I feel the libraries should be kept available to those that need it and use it frequently. It is an invaluable community resource and a vital part of our cultural fabric.
5526	7/11/2012	reading skills = improved education skills = school readiness for young children = value of higher education = improved community support with local educated population = reduced crime, improved family relationships, educated population.
5527	7/11/2012	The certainly come behind emedrgencuy services, buit they shoud be way ahead of stuff for bicycles, symphony, opera -
5528	7/11/2012	I get most of my reading material from the library. I cannot afford to buy all of the books my daughter and I like to read. Reading is important to our society. I believe other public services are important, too.
5529	7/11/2012	Most important to our family.
5530	7/11/2012	I love reading, and libraries are where I find my books. I've had great experiences with the staff as a customer and as a library volunteer. Reading is such an important skill and love to have in life, and I believe libraries are essential - especially to young children.
5531	7/11/2012	I use the library at least once a month, as in check things out or put something on hold. I also browse the library probably just as often. I really enjoy having libraries.
5532	7/11/2012	I think they are a critical foundation of a community - a place for people to learn and feel safe. The library in my hometown played an important role for my childhood
5533	7/11/2012	NOW Come on folks.....Libraries the World over are a center for learning for all AGES.....Without them knowledge is withheld from the population.
5534	7/11/2012	I believe library is the source of all knowledge The variety of services for all types of citizens....not available elsewhere. ☐
5535	7/11/2012	☐ I rediscovered the library after retirement; when I cannot afford books I want to read, and I have time to wait, I get on the wait list. So far, that approach has worked well.
5536	7/11/2012	because in the library people meet each other, they have access to the culture and news of the world and our community, and nowadays the library is more of the center for our people than any other thing.
5537	7/11/2012	Regardless of the tech world, the value of holding, smelling, and reading an actual book can not be replaced.
5538	7/11/2012	I consider libraries extremely important, but the County has other extremely important functions including the Sheriff, Elections, courthouses, jails, probation supervision, mental health services, medical services and on and on. Libraries are critical to this county's citizens but so are other county services.

5539	7/11/2012	They are a bright spot in our week--expansive resources and helpful staff available often. i rate police and firefighting ahead of the library as well as anything to do with public safety
5540	7/11/2012	we would "exist" without the library, however, it would be a big loss to the community as a whole and the the quality of life in portland reading and encouraging reading are extremely important both as art and as information
5541	7/11/2012	Libraries are necessary for public education and the strength of our democracy. Libraries provide access to all.
5542	7/11/2012	The online ability to check things out is very important to me! Not sure about how many actually go into their local library.
5543	7/11/2012	Very high on the list, along with services for people in need, and police. decreased availability of library staff in my childrens' schools. continued large portion of community without computer access.
5544	7/11/2012	increasing data that supports need for early education programs for infants, toddlers, and their parents. my strong belief that my children need to feel that they are a part of a community, not just my family. The library provides children with a place to explore and learn new things as well as a place to research and do schoolwork for those who do not have a computer or internet at home. The library provides me personally with resources I can use in the classroom as a history teacher. Not only can I check out books to expand my knowledge of what I am teaching, but also to bring books into the classroom to provide students with more resources.
5545	7/11/2012	Libraries provide something that really doesn't exist elsewhere! I love being able to borrow books and other media rather than buy it. I also love that it is a community gathering point and a place for my children to learn about and fall in love with books. I love my local library.
5546	7/11/2012	Our visits to the library offer us new ways to explore our world. Not just through what we read, watch, and listen to, but also who we meet while we are there. My children can't imagine having a week pass without a visit to the library, particularly during the summer when our visits are nearly daily.
5547	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly. I am an educated woman who does not have the money to buy a lot of books. My life would not be the same without the library!
5548	7/11/2012	I also rely on the library for DVD's of movies and documentaries. Access to libraries serves as an equalizer that is immeasurable in its impact on a democratic society.

5549	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to knowledge which I consider a hallmark of democracy and freedom. Not many other resources are provided to the end user for free and at such a low cost relatively. Plus all the entertaining books and other media at our fingertips. Your programs provide resources and opportunity which are also invaluable.
5550	7/11/2012	Books and knowledge is valuable. The library makes book available to everyone.
5551	7/11/2012	Libraries exist to supplement and improve their community around them - as long as they keep to the core of their reason for existing - promoting the written word.
5552	7/11/2012	public safety and security are more important
5553	7/11/2012	i love it!! love books, love the resources, love the people, love the access
5554	7/11/2012	They empower all people to access resources that allow them to be educated, informed, literate members of society.
5555	7/11/2012	Literacy is very important. Access to books, free internet, and services like homework help, etc. are very good for the community.
5556	7/11/2012	Having a library makes me feel like I am part of a community. I know there is always a safe friendly place I can go that is free. It is such a joy to be able to read a good book, and to have access to such a wealth of free information :)
5557	7/11/2012	We use the library a lot. We have a large family and we all like to read and try new things so the library is very important to us.
5558	7/11/2012	If I can't find a book or if the book is in horrible condition, I know that I can walk to Powells and just buy a book.
5559	7/11/2012	I LOVE the library. i commute 60 miles a day 5 days a week and i depend on the library for books on tape.
5560	7/11/2012	Libraries offer an opportunity to feel part of a community. They provide access to reading materials and resources for people of all incomes. They provide a safe, dry place for people who are homeless to be during the day.
5561	7/11/2012	Funding for roads, higher education - funding for colleges is usually neglected, safe water, libraries - all important. Plus, more should be spent on local animal shelters to lower euthanasia (sp?) rates.
5562	7/11/2012	The library is the epitome of the concept that knowledge gained by one does not take away from knowledge gained by others. Unlike most other things in our lives, knowledge cannot be consumed. I can't borrow bread from you - once I consume it you can't have it. But I can "borrow" knowledge from you - consuming that knowledge does not take it away. Without the library we would lose the most important application of this principle in our every day lives, making it harder and less efficient to learn and gain that knowledge.
5563	7/11/2012	Access to resources, knowledge that might not be available to some if we didn't have libraries.
5564	7/11/2012	Open service for all to access. More should utilize it.

5565	7/11/2012	In this electronic age, it is calming to enter a place where books live.[] It is important that young people are exposed to libraries.[] Older people need a place to get out and be among other people.[] Libraries are awesome places.
5566	7/11/2012	They represent opportunity, enlightenment, recreation, and education.
5567	7/11/2012	Universal access, wtihout regard to age, race, class, or income[] A portal to the world
5568	7/11/2012	My library is a better window into the world than the internet: it's copious, it's curated, it's organized, and it's always there when I need it. I simply don't want to live in a county with a poor library system.
5569	7/11/2012	Reading is a healthy, enjoyable, educational, entertaining past-time. Libraries provide books and classes for people from all walks of life and of all ages.....FOR FREE!
5570	7/11/2012	The library provides an opportunity for everyone to utilize for growth and enjoyment. It is not just maintenance of our infrastructure of police and fire protection and street quality that we hopefully have few encounters with.
5571	7/11/2012	For myself, I use the library for current books and materials, and I love the variety. [] However, I also work as a therapist with many lower-income clients, and the programs at the library are essential to maintain literacy, provide reading programs for children, and free computer access.
5572	7/11/2012	I am in education and I know what a resource they are for low income kids. They give opportunities for kids to access knowledge and literature that they wouldn't be able to get at home. It also impacts all kids/people. In our economy it isn't just about low income kids and people. More and more people are using the library resources.
5573	7/11/2012	They are important to me because i can not afford to buy books to read and i love to read , however because of technology , so many people can now get books on their Kindle and can do research on the internet.
5574	7/11/2012	I value them and use the libraries on occasion, but I know that they are a lifeline for a number of people in my community. They provide resources that are much needed (i.e., computer use, trainings, story hours, positive environment, etc.)
5575	7/11/2012	Well, libraries are important, but public safety and social services are probably more essential.

5576	7/11/2012	<p>I'd put police, fire, emergency services and water first and term those essential but the library is very important because this is where people can come to learn what they can't get someplace else. There's no way you could have a library like this at home, access to these materials is priceless to me. I couldn't afford my math classes at PCC so I've been studying the lower level course material at the library and I'm hoping I can challenge a higher-level math class and be able to afford at least one. I teach my kids at the library and help them with subjects they need help with that they don't get help with at school so they do well and don't get left behind. I homeschooled my children at the library before I started them in public school and taught them to read, to do basic arithmetic, the start of their history and science and geography education with library materials. I see many kinds of people at the library: families with children teaching their kids to read or just finding them books, people who have no where else to go can come to the library and be warm and safe and enjoy a book they wouldn't otherwise be able to get. Kids doing homework, people doing research, job seekers and entrepreneurs learning new businesses. I can't possibly say all the wonderful things the library gives the community and never mind that I'm a total bibliophile and that it's stuff with fiction enough to satisfy even me.</p>
5577	7/11/2012	<p>The libraries provide a safe place for children to do homework after school. They offer all kinds of wonderful programs to broaden our lives. They give people, who could otherwise not afford it, the opportunity to read periodicals, classic literature, best sellers, non-fiction, work on computers, listen to music, watch movies, research areas of interest, learn to do home improvement projects or manage their budgets, the list is endless. It gives us all opportunities, not just those who can afford to purchase books.</p>
5578	7/11/2012	<p>The core library services of lending a wide and deep selection of books and media, and providing computer/internet access are very important to me because they represent a democratizing influence in society. They help people to educate themselves, stay informed and connected. And importantly, these services being available to all the public at no additional cost beyond taxpayer support means that basic and essential opportunities for a healthy society are not restricted based on income.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>*My ranking on question 9 is due to my view that the preferred option would be to first revise the menu of library services down to what are really the core services, prior to cutting hours or seeking additional funding. I believe that many of the services offered, while great services, are not "core services."</p>
5579	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are a part of the community and create an epic center for people to gather.</p>
5580	7/11/2012	<p>People who don't have access to information in cyberspace or don't have sufficient literature for information purposes, and for sharing of cultural experiences, won't have anywhere to turn to without libraries. Libraries help those who want to learn and to be informed.</p>
5581	7/11/2012	<p>People need to have their basic needs for food, shelter, and healthcare met. But without access to culture, without the ability to engage with and create literature and art, we aren't able to be fully human. The library helps students, but it also helps everyone learn and grow, no matter their stage of life. And, the library is open to all in a way that no other institution can match.</p>

5582	7/11/2012	Without access to read, learn, share ideas, and interact, a community or society falls into disarray and disconnection. Those with the least, depend on this access the most, and without this opportunity, are the most likely to look at less productive activities.
5583	7/11/2012	By having a library system it keeps my own money in my pocket and enables me to read current books without having to buy them.
5584	7/11/2012	It is an open community area that offers resources to the public for free.
5585	7/11/2012	Libraries are an important public service.
5586	7/11/2012	A library provides a safe home for our knowledge. It represents the community's value on history, preservation, learning, sharing, and pride. I use the library from researching what I want to learn to the enjoyment in getting lost in a great book. I can buy a book but borrowing a book read by many others reminds me of commonality with others.
5587	7/11/2012	Community building, encouraging reading.
5588	7/11/2012	A high-functioning society needs access to books, resources and information.
5589	7/11/2012	They are an important civic institution. They show that our society cares about everyone and is willing to invest in our culture and education. It would be a sad day if all our government did was fund jails and shelters. Those things are important, of course, but the library touches a broader segment of our citizens.
5590	7/11/2012	i am an avid reader!!!! i read at LEAST 12 or more books a month, unless im reading romeo and juliet or similarly super long!!!!
5591	7/11/2012	Libraries help the community and people get the resources they need for many different things. Research for schooling and job seekers find work. People are using the computers at the libraries. This has helped me and my family in need of printing and faxing for free. The resources that are offered are free and that is great because everywhere else wants to charge you for these services. My child benefits greatly from the books, audios, the music we check out and the learning movies. I love the Library.
5592	7/11/2012	Libraries are a valuable resource for all kinds of people, especially folks who have less money and are trying to raise a family or who are older and have limited incomes.
5593	7/11/2012	The access given to books for the cost paid is financial in my families best interest given the number of books read. There is no way I would be able to afford the number of books read or looked at by my family particularly the children.
5594	7/11/2012	i grew up using libraries a lot, we moved from state to state frequently and libraries filled my life with other peoples ideas, gave me someplace to go to learn about other cultures.
5595	7/11/2012	They meet so many needs for so many. It's free (not including taxes, ect.), which helps serves people from all economic levels. It's historic and connects us through that history.
5596	7/11/2012	Reduced cost for all, a sense of community
5597	7/11/2012	Our country was founded on good education. That was (and should be) one of our strenghts
5598	7/11/2012	I love books.

5599	7/11/2012	Libraries are free access to unlimited information. If you want to learn and better yourself, one of the very first places to turn will be your library. You can't take that away, or limit that for people.
5600	7/11/2012	Literature is extremely important for many reasons, particularly to increase the imagination, grow neurons within the brain, and allow all to 'self-educate'
5601	7/11/2012	The library advocates literacy, which benefits individuals and is essential to a working democracy. Anyone can benefit from the library services. Some patrons access resources that are not available to them anywhere else.
5602	7/11/2012	I rely on the library a lot, for entertainment, education, activities for my kids. When I was going through very tough times financially, and I had two small children, library programs were literally the only entertainment that I could provide them with outside the home. They never knew how tight things were, because of that, and I will always be grateful.
5603	7/11/2012	Libraries are useful, but should be funded ONLY by the actual consumers of the product, through an annual fee. Bus riders have to buy a pass, campers have to pay a fee, and you can't visit Oxbow park or Chinook landing without paying \$5. Better yet, libraries should be privatized. They could be customized for the cliental they serve, i.e. "liberal", "conservative", "business" libraries, etc.
5604	7/11/2012	My family uses them every week. They are virtually our only source of books. I believe they are a fundamental source of books for many people and perhaps the only source for some.
5605	7/11/2012	They are the public service that I use the most by a long shot. I think that free access to information is one of the most important parts of freedom and the library is a cornerstone of that access. Plus I love books but do not want to buy or own most of them for financial and environmental reasons.
5606	7/11/2012	One of the most profound community services that local government & citizens provide for the well being of all!
5607	7/11/2012	Libraries are important public service.
5608	7/11/2012	Libraries serve so many people with so many different needs. Ours is like the heart of our community.
5609	7/11/2012	Because it helps a lot of people who can't afford computers and books for their needs to get them at affordable way from the library. It provides a conducive place for studying and research work. It provides a lot of resources materials. All these make the library an important public place for the society. Children start their learning from here.
5610	7/11/2012	The library is important because it's a vast resource for knowledge
5611	7/11/2012	I would rather have police and fire protection before library services.
5612	7/11/2012	Because it offers an affordable way of exposing my children to literature and other educational programs. It offers myself an affordable way of reading.
5613	7/11/2012	I am a teacher for an after school program so being able to check out lots of books for my classes is how I save money.

5614	7/11/2012	Access to good information is absolutely necessary in order to have a free, healthy and safe community
5615	7/11/2012	The service a library offers is important and serves to all levels of the social economic system regardless of how much money each member makes. Everyone should have a chance and opportunity to further their education and learn to read!
5616	7/11/2012	Because the library is full of important resources for EVERYONE - and gives us the tools to help us educate ourselves, and enrich daily life.
5617	7/11/2012	monetary savings
5618	7/11/2012	I love accessing the library and feel very privileged to access such a wide array of reading material without cost. Being able to access the library has allowed me to increase my reading over the past several years whereas if I had to pay for all the books I've read, I would not have read nearly as much.
5619	7/11/2012	I feel that some services are non-negotiable (water, police, fire, etc.), but the library is very close to that distinction in my mind.
5620	7/11/2012	Access to resources is important for so many community members. The libraries resources are critical to a society
5621	7/11/2012	Free and easy access to knowledge, arts, and the Internet is important and should be provided in every community.
5622	7/11/2012	The government should provide services that help people. It is an efficient way to people in society to read more books for less money. A lot of people do not have computer access at home or work. This is a great service for low income people. Adults have a choice of whether to buy internet service or not. Kids do not have a choice.
5623	7/11/2012	Because citizens can only be effective if they are enlightened and educated.... And the library has always been a great leveler between the rich and the "unwashed." Any one can learn. Any one can access books, newspapers, computers. All of us can be better citizens and make better decisions because we are only limited to the choices defined by our literate minds.
5624	7/11/2012	I am a reader and check out 3-4 books at a time. I cannot afford to buy very many books at retail stores.
5625	7/11/2012	Extremely important for young families to have a physical library space to go to. A well-run public library is a natural community center and the values it promotes are the key values of education and critical thought. As Thomas Jefferson said, democracy without literacy is impossible. The young families that value reading and teach their children about libraries are raising the next generation of thoughtful, literate citizens. The elderly who seek a comfortable, pleasant library space are staying connected to their community. Low-wage adults like myself often cannot afford to purchase access and learn to use databases, books, and DVD's . How great to access those in the center of the community, the library.
5626	7/11/2012	Reading is a vital precursor to academic and life success.

5627	7/11/2012	For those that like to read and stay informed it is a major resource
5628	7/11/2012	I can not afford to buy many if any books. If I did not have a library system to utilize, I would have fewer opportunities to read. In addition, libraries were very important to me in my teen years as a place to study away from home, hang out and read in a safe location, and volunteer in the community.
5629	7/11/2012	I love going to the library. It's a great way to be connect to community and the services offered are important for
5630	7/11/2012	There is no other place to obtain the kind of services available in a library. It's a safe, essential space in every community.
5631	7/11/2012	Libraries are a source of freedom. They allow people to dream, to learn, to socialize without constriction. And most importantly, the libraries are free for patrons!
5632	7/11/2012	I read a lot, and I read a wide variety of types of books. I could not begin to afford to purchase books that I use for a month and then am done with. I feel strongly that a strong library is important to democracy. At anytime people of all levels of society a can just about whatever they desire through the library. Priceless.
5633	7/11/2012	I prefer to live within walking distance of a library for ease of use. The library saves me tons of money in books that I don't end up buying. It's a source for my own continuing education, and it makes me happy to see so many types of people able to receive the assistance and resources needed in today's world. Also, I like librarians. They are helpful and kind, as a rule. And frequently funny.
5634	7/11/2012	Reading has been my favorite pastime throughout my life. I remember all the librarians that read to me and helped me as a child, the summer reading programs I participated in, all the activities that were available to me throughout my life. As an adult I belong to a book club and depend on the library assist me in accessing the newest books for free. I plan to return to graduate school this fall and look forward to studying at the library and accessing books to further my education. Libraries further our educations and prepare children for their futures. My local library is just as important to me as any other public service.
5635	7/11/2012	They create a common, accessible source of information for the community. Assuming everyone has internet access and therefor does not need access to printed or other materials is doubly incorrect. I went for many years unable to afford internet access at home and used my local library (KCLS at the time) for both traditional and online research and access.
5636	7/11/2012	An educated America will be more successful and the access to information the library provides helps all not just those that have money.

5637	7/11/2012	I can't be entirely impartial, as I worked as a medical librarian for 30 years, but I have been a library user since I was a child. My parents had very little money to spare, but they paid the annual fee for library membership for us. I introduced my children to the library as soon as they were able to read (and both of them worked in their college libraries to help pay the tuition). We may purchase more books now than we did in the past, but we still depend on the public library for the majority of our reading materials, and the online resources are an added plus.
5638	7/11/2012	Libraries educate, an uneducated populace can be easily controlled.
5639	7/11/2012	A library is a vital part of a community.[] I have access to materials that I would never be able to find on my own.
5640	7/11/2012	I don't even know what you mean by "public services." Who drafted this survey? First premise of a good service is to define exactly what you're asking. To me, "public services" are police, fire, food stamps. I haven't needed any of those things. I know that I consider a "public service" maintenance of roads, but that's not being funded so ... Again, I need to know what you think "public services" are.
5641	7/11/2012	They provide community access, support, and resources. It is the best and most cost effective way to be educated, entertained and teach others. Every civilized society since time began had a library.....
5642	7/11/2012	Libraries can equalize to a large degree the impact that economic advantage or disadvantage has on a person's learning, life, and success. This fact, I believe, is the real reason that the wealthy anti-tax advocates pose such a threat to libraries; they do not want to give up their perceived economic advantages. Regardless of what they may give as reasons for wanting to cut taxes, I think that underlying it all is fear that if they had no advantage because of their wealth they would not be able to succeed.

		I used to like to read; can't seem to find much fiction I like now. A lot of reading material offered is dumbed-down romances, unappealingly homosexual books, boring fantasy (Harry Potter, etc.) books, or a bunch of murder mysteries-B-O-O-R-R-R-I-I-I-I-N-N-N-N-G-G-G. The shelves are filled with that crap. The "everybody reads" selections haven't been very good, either.[]
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		Hate to say it, but the videos are appealing. Timewasters, though. []
		I used the job seeker computer room a lot when I was job seeking and didn't have a computer; now I don't go because I bought a lap-top. []
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5643	7/11/2012	I really dislike how the library is no longer a quiet place. Screaming babies do not belong in a library. I wish the librarians would just escort them out. I don't like the little kids acting wild and loud; when I was young, the parents would make their children behave quietly and people would rarely bring pre-schoolers in. []
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		I think the library should cater to the people who check out the materials. Kids under 5 don't check out materials so their misbehavior should get them quickly escorted out, along with their parents. The real problem is stupid parents who bring in their children when they are too young (they don't HAVE to bring in toddlers in order to check out books for them!) and then are too clueless to keep them quiet. They think their squalling brats have "rights" to squall, for cryin' out loud! The Central library doesn't have this problem so much because the children's' library is separate.[]
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5644	7/11/2012	I don't mind reduced hours or days. I still haven't found a job, so will not support any increase in funding for the library It is important due to community outreach and what is happening in the neighborhood. There are very little free quality entertainment for children, but the library, or classes for all.
5645	7/11/2012	Our libraries help develop my children's literacy skills.
5646	7/11/2012	Basic health and welfare trump libraries
5647	7/11/2012	Because libraries offer free opportunities to learn and gather
5648	7/11/2012	I feel the library gives the opportunity for learning, self-improvement and the pursuit of individual interests that might not otherwise be available. There is no way I could ever afford to buy, nor I could I store or get the use out of all of the materials I have access to from the library.
5649	7/11/2012	I think people need to have things available to them. Some people need to educate them selves and they have no other way, elderly need to have more at their hands.
5650	7/11/2012	We are a homeschooling family and use the library ALL the time. For us the reduced hours are a real pain. There's a community that's inherent in any gathering place and the library is no different. We love our library and are sad to see the continued struggle.
5651	7/11/2012	It helps alot of people.
5652	7/11/2012	Even in a digital age with so much information available for free online libraries provide a critical service to the public by serving as a community resource that promotes literacy and continuing interest in the printed word.

5653	7/11/2012	Aside from food and shelter, books sustain me like nothing else does. Discovering the ease of using the public library to check out books that I've been longing to read has meant the world to me over the past six years, as my economic circumstances have declined to the point where I often cannot justify the luxury of buying even a used book. When I have a book with me, I do not feel alone. Books nourish my soul and my dreams and help me through the hard times of my life and inspire me to imagine different worlds and different possibilities. When I haven't had money for movies or dinners out with friends or concerts or travel or Netflix or any other little luxuries, library books have continued to enrich my world.
5654	7/11/2012	It is the only affordable way to have access to current materials at the rate I read. [] [] As a social worker I also know how important these resources are to my clients.
5655	7/11/2012	not as important as police and fire or other necessities such as maintenance, but close, because they are a great resource.
5656	7/11/2012	Brings resources and info to the people
5657	7/11/2012	I use the library almost every day, from home and at my branch, Hollywood. I use it for educational research for my work, for media, and fiction/nonfiction reading. I don't attend programs but I see the value of them when I visit the library. Mult. Co. Library is the local public service I use the most and I value it highly.
5658	7/11/2012	Libraries and what they represent--free and equal access to information--are one of the most fundamentally important safeguards of democracy. They serve and meet the needs of a diverse number of people. When my grandparents were my age, church was the place where a community would gather. In Portland, libraries have taken up that role. Don't get me wrong though, food stamps, road building, and public schools are all equally important. I see them as having a symbiotic relationship, not a competitive one.
5659	7/11/2012	Schools, social services, fire, police are all more important.
5660	7/11/2012	Libraries promote literacy, self-education and free access to information. They provide internet access to those in need.
5661	7/11/2012	In addition to providing the public with a wealth of knowledge, the local library provides me with a way to help inspire our youngest members of society to love reading and learning.
5662	7/11/2012	Without books and access to books, I think the community breaks down. If we can't have community libraries, we must bring back bookmobiles because library services should be available and important to everyone.
5663	7/11/2012	Reading, computer access, access to job search materials, and senior opportunities all keep our society healthy and smart.
5664	7/11/2012	being homebound, the delivery is critical
5665	7/11/2012	

5666	7/11/2012	The library has served me throughout my lifetime. For pleasure, research, intellectual growth, help with job resources when I was unemployed, and even occasionally as a nice, quiet meeting spot for friends. I highly value all of those ways the library has served me.
5667	7/11/2012	Nothing is more important to me than an educated populace with full access to information and resources that stimulate thought, creativity and inquiry. Everything else follows.
5668	7/11/2012	They are very important, but less important than the Police and Fire Departments. Because I'm fairly well off, I can pay for equivalent services to a library (e.g., at Powell's). I can't personally afford to pay for a Police or Fire department. But I'm not the only person who matters. Providing library services for those who are less well off than I am is quite important.
5669	7/11/2012	I have depended upon my local library where ever I have lived throughout my life. I have done research, developed my lesson plans for classes I taught, read numerous books, taken computer classes, browsed magazines and newspapers kept abreast of community activities, checked out movies and classical music and just spent quiet time. I love libraries and they have been an important part of my life. I cannot imagine not having access to libraries. They are the life blood of a healthy, productive society.
5670	7/11/2012	I use it all the time
5671	7/11/2012	Without literacy and free access to books and media, we are less informed and less in charge of our freedom.
5672	7/11/2012	When I had trouble walking (have since had hip operation) I depended on the library for books to read. I am an avaricious reader, mostly of history and biography, an occasional murder mystery.
5673	7/11/2012	The library provides a place to encourage people of all ages to interact with books. It is a place that I use frequently to meet class mates to study with, and I think the library provides a great service by getting young children interested in books early on.
5674	7/11/2012	Because they provide a foundation of cultural and social development for a range of ages, backgrounds, and income levels that is not duplicated, nor even approximated, elsewhere.
5675	7/11/2012	They are community gathering places where people of all income levels can get a variety of things they need without any cash outlay. More and more, the library offers services you can't find anywhere else. I love going to the library, browsing amongst thousands of books, checking them out and reading them, and knowing that in a few weeks someone else will use the same book and get pleasure out of it just like I did. I do buy books on occasion (if I read something from the library that I absolutely HAVE to own) but mostly I am trying not to acquire more possessions. The library lets me do that and still be an avid reader, plus I get to try out a lot of interesting-sounding books that I might decide after a few chapters not to finish reading.
5676	7/11/2012	I go so often that it seems weird when I don't go. I also don't have all the money in the world to buy books I want or dvd's so the library is essential in my life with that especially if they have the next book in my thrilling series. WITHOUT MY LIBRARY I WOULD LITERALLY DIE.
5677	7/11/2012	Libraries are an incredible resource, improving the quality of living for all.

5678	7/11/2012	because books and library services should be available for the entire county.
5679	7/11/2012	Because I love the library; I use it often and appreciate that I don't have to buy every book I want to read. They did a great job with the new e-reader service and I love using that also. [] [] I think that the library fills great gaps in the community for access to information.
5680	7/11/2012	I would make that very important if you do not count police, fire and schools as public services.[] All citizens regardless of anything should have access to books for reading, research and enjoyment.
5681	7/11/2012	Libraries represent an equal opportunity for everyone to learn and better themselves regardless of social or economic status. To me, there is nothing more important that society can provide.
5682	7/11/2012	Because knowledge leads to a strong democracy.
5683	7/11/2012	I'm a student, access to information through books and media, as well as public internet access, are vital to me. Also I work with children and to be able to bring them to the library for activities is important to me.
5684	7/11/2012	Access to information.
5685	7/11/2012	I use the library frequently and think it provides very important services to the community (though I don't use many of them). The Multnomah County libraries are well known throughout the country and should continue to serve as an example of a well-run, community supported and vital aspect of our community.
5686	7/11/2012	They are important for people who cannot travel easily to the Central Library.
5687	7/11/2012	I take pride in the fact that are libraries are so well-run, modern, full of current materials, and well-utilized. The library system is well-loved by Portlanders and reflects well on our city.
5688	7/11/2012	Safety and wellness services are most important. But education is also important and I consider libraries as belonging in this category along with schools.
5689	7/11/2012	Very important. It's one of the only environments I can focus fully on my school work.
5690	7/11/2012	The library allows people to experience the joy of reading and expand their knowledge of many subjects. If our local libraries are not around, many of our current and future students will suffer.
5691	7/11/2012	People need to read.
5692	7/11/2012	I depend on it for free information and entertainment -- which is very important to me since we are a single income family. It ranks behind police, fire, and EMT's, but it is still important to me.
5693	7/11/2012	Provides an avenue to a wide variety of education which can be totally self selected.
5694	7/11/2012	No replacement org exists in our society. Replacement pieces yes, but not all.
5695	7/11/2012	They are so valuable to everyone, regardless of socio-economics.
5696	7/11/2012	Love to read. Buying books are too expensive.
5697	7/11/2012	free access to information and education for EVERYONE. a place for communities to come together. a safe place for children and teens to "hang out"

5698	7/11/2012	I want a source of information, a place to sit and think, and study, and feel surrounded by the thoughts of all the people who have published them for consideration by others. And I want that for everyone.
5699	7/11/2012	It's very important culturally and educationally to the neighborhood and city. It is a place that is safe, has research materials and where you can work in peace and quiet. It's an important hub for internet access and, thereby to the whole global information system. You can stay as long as you need to, to accomplish what brought you to the library.
5700	7/11/2012	Library services foster reading, literacy and lifelong learning. Especially with the current economy it is even more important that libraries are available as a resource.
5701	7/11/2012	I lived in place with an outdated communist library in an Eastern European country so people traded more modern books and had literary cafes. It worked well for the circumstances, but now as a parent I wonder if I would have been satisfied.
5702	7/11/2012	They teach the world out there.
5703	7/11/2012	I regularly check out and read current books and appreciate these books being available to myself and others. Reading is important and changes lives.
5704	7/11/2012	The variety of things available for your mind
5705	7/11/2012	I have the resources to buy or rent books from other sources, but recognize not all citizens have those same resources.
5706	7/11/2012	We use the library frequently and more than any other public service.
5707	7/11/2012	Libraries are part of the ideal American lifestyle, providing community, and exhibiting a societal value in education
5708	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and depend on the library to have new and current materials along with a good selection of large print books and audio books.
5709	7/11/2012	It's convenient, easy to use, nice to be able to order books to check out.
5710	7/11/2012	Books are expensive. Community needs access. I think you have forgotten about books too much.
5711	7/11/2012	Libraries are free and open to all, and provide the opportunities to satisfy curiosity, spark imagination, nurture a sense of wonder, further the quest for knowledge and need for information. I loooooove my library.
5712	7/11/2012	I only use the library to avoid spending money on a book I need temporarily for a school project
5713	7/11/2012	They are a valuable way to get access to information that would otherwise be difficult to obtain.
5714	7/11/2012	Access to current literature and music and movies that would have to be purchased otherwise.
5715	7/11/2012	beneficial to all citizens
5716	7/11/2012	Sense of community and allows books and services for free that people can't otherwise receive
5717	7/11/2012	I don't use the library as often as other public services like public transportation, but I think local libraries and educational programs are important to the overall health of a community.

5718	7/11/2012	We can make progress as a community by informing ourselves. The library is especially important for under-served populations because they have fewer resources. I remember moving and not being able to set up our household because we didn't have internet access. The only place we could connect and begin to establish services and community was at the library.
5719	7/11/2012	I would survive without the library, but a large enough section of our population is more dependent on outside help and expertise than I. If more people use the libraries rather than depending on T V and advertising to educate themselves we might just get better informed voters, leading to a better government.
5720	7/11/2012	I love our libraries and use them frequently. When I go to the Albina library, it is crowded with users of all ages and ethnic groups.¶ A community that values libraries and access to information, books, programs and other materials is a strong community and one that I want to support
5721	7/11/2012	I read all the time and couldn't possibly purchase all the books. My granddaughter is a constant reader and the same applies. She has learned to read by checking books out from the library.
5722	7/11/2012	While the library is incredibly important, there are other local public services that are more essential, such as food banks and health clinics.
5723	7/11/2012	Libraries support schools, community, businesses and the individual. A well-read, literate population contributes to a strong nation.
5724	7/11/2012	I believe that medical and other public services like that are important I would put liberties right below that.
5725	7/11/2012	We need police, fire man, human service in our community. Library seems not so important.
5726	7/11/2012	Reading and community activities are very important.
5727	7/11/2012	There are some other local public services such as police officers and firefighters that need to be supported before libraries.
5728	7/11/2012	Although they are not "life-saving" like fire & police, they are critical to improving the education of the population, protecting equality in that all people have the same access to materials, and widening Portlanders' understanding of the world.
5729	7/11/2012	Safe, comfortable spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn and grow--for free--Libraries have the potential to reshape lives for the better in countless ways. This is as important as the police responding to trouble; it hopefully prevents trouble from happening in the first place.
5730	7/11/2012	Police, fire, emergency medical, judicial, sewer and road maintenance are very important to me. Good schools are very important to the community. The library services would come after these. I can find sources of books elsewhere if I had to. It would be costly to me in terms of time, personal energy and convenience, but I could do it. The other services I can't find by going elsewhere.
5731	7/11/2012	Literacy and access to knowledge is important for our democracy.
5732	7/11/2012	Access to an amazing volume of literature and video and audio materials - a very life enriching resource.

5733	7/11/2012	The public library system is one of the cornerstones of democracy in our country, and is a vital resource for information and education for everyone; it should therefore be, along with public education, placed in a sacrosanct status, even in the most difficult economic climate
5734	7/11/2012	A learned society is a healthy society.
5735	7/11/2012	It gives all people access to knowledge.
5736	7/11/2012	Because we all make use of them on such a frequent basis all year long.
5737	7/11/2012	I think libraries are important but so is public safety, health and housing programs for the poor, and replacement infrastructure--roads, water, sewer
5738	7/11/2012	Literacy is critical. Having free access to books was the only way I got to read as a child.
5739	7/11/2012	I think reading is very important for all and not everyone can afford to go out and buy books for their children and themselves all the time. Being able to go to the library and check out new and older books and being able to take your children to story time with other children to teach them the importance of books and reading is priceless.
5740	7/11/2012	I enjoy the access to books that I would not otherwise be able to buy. I don't have kids yet but when I do, I want to be able to take them to the library to get them excited about books. Libraries also help maintain a sense of community. I feel more connected to my fellow Portland citizens when in a library than I do in most other parts of my Portland day-to-day life.
5741	7/11/2012	I use the library regularly. It is a short walk and a real asset to our neighborhood.
5742	7/11/2012	Our local library is a resource for those in our community who cannot afford to purchase books, magazines, computers, and media. It is of utmost importance to me that everyone have the opportunity for learning and education and a place to do homework and research without a long bus ride or commute.
5743	7/11/2012	My mom was a librarian. Libraries encourage reading and hold public knowledge available to everyone. Libraries offer anyone the whole world!
5744	7/11/2012	I don't use them that much
5745	7/11/2012	I like to check out books so that I am not wasting paper and money by buying them.
5746	7/11/2012	because libraries gives not jus a cuallity time besides, give a hole world to discover.
5747	7/11/2012	the range of services and materials offered for all age and interest groups
5748	7/11/2012	Impact everyone and quality of life, especially for those with limited resources.
5749	7/11/2012	Access to information by ALL citizens is essential to a vibrant and fully functioning democracy.
5750	7/11/2012	Police, fire and safety issues are, of course very important. The libraries shouldn't compete for those funds. But they should be high in the running for other fund competition.
5751	7/11/2012	They are a place that serve all community members regardless of social or economic background. It is the absolute only place someone can go without spending a substantial amount of money to learn and discover new skills that will benefit them for their entire life. Libraries truly are the heart of the community and are vitally important to so many regardless of class.

5752	7/11/2012	They serve more people, level the playing field and help people help themselves. They are our best example of sustainability.
5753	7/11/2012	Both research and entertainment can be conducted at no cost except for time. This is a valuable and important capability!
5754	7/11/2012	It is where I get my reading material and I want Literacy available to all~
5755	7/11/2012	I cherish the library and access to it.
5756	7/11/2012	Libraries are vital to strong communities. They are where people meet, get information and share ideas. They are an important part of childhood and essential to developing good reading habits while young. They equalize socioeconomic factors that cause information gaps. Not everyone can afford to buy a computer or a book, but they can use them at the library.
5757	7/11/2012	My livelihood and life are dependent upon being well-informed/educated. Also, the local library helps improve my quality of life tremendously. The library is probably in the top three of cultural institutions in terms of its importance to me.
5758	7/11/2012	The library gives me and my family access to the great world of learning and information. It gives me the ability to raise my children with lively minds and strong imaginations.
5759	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and regular user of the library, I often refer to it as the last great free thing in the world! It would be such a tragedy for this service that promotes education and knowledge for every one to no longer be available or be curtailed to the point of ineffectiveness.
5760	7/11/2012	They are part of the core of the community and provide invaluable free resources.
5761	7/11/2012	to be able to get information and books that I cannot afford to buy
5762	7/11/2012	Education should be free and reading can provide knowledge.
5763	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power - access to knowledge for all is extremely important
5764	7/11/2012	A healthy community has healthy libraries.
5765	7/11/2012	1. universal computer access is vital to job-seekers and thus to our economy. 2. The next generation of leaders is discovering books and other materials at the library.
5766	7/11/2012	Library services are impotent to me for information research and access to readin material. My ereader - a kindle - has meant that I use library services that much more now.
5767	7/11/2012	Our democracy and various cultures are dependent on the availability and exchange of ideas.[] On-going use of libraries also reinforces public school education in adult citizens.....
5768	7/11/2012	If people can know how to use the library, then they will use it to learn, to enhance their productivity, their relaxation, their imagination, their spirit, and they will become more aware of other city institutions, their thoughts on these are likely to become more practical, maybe even inspired. I'm talking about other people. To me, books have always been important, and to be able to access some of what I read from a lending library has been a great saving. But being in this particular library system has helped me to have more civic awareness generally. That could be expanded upon...
5769	7/11/2012	good resources

5770	7/11/2012	Everyone deserves access to books, internet, other resources.
5771	7/11/2012	It is a resource for children to go and is a community staple.
5772	7/11/2012	Libraries are a very important part of my childrens' education, but libraries are less important than having good public schools for them to attend.
5773	7/11/2012	It is a main source of entertainment with books andmusic.
5774	7/11/2012	<p>Most important is that the library is a social connection; a human connection that can't be found over the internet. A place where people of all ages can meet and understand and participate in the importance of community.</p> <p>They are extremely important. All kinds of people - homeless, working class (I hope), and middle class use the library services - whether for internet access, finding books and other materials, or seeking help teaching their children how to read. Maybe the extremely wealthy do not need the library system, but everyone else can benefit from it whether they are aware of it or not.[]</p> <p>[]</p>
5775	7/11/2012	<p>I am 20 and I have had a library card since I was a young girl; my parents made teaching my siblings and I how to read a priority and I have been an enthusiastic reader since. I've been walking to my neighborhood library on my own since I was 11. Before then, my mom, brother and I went at least every two weeks. At 12, I realized I was queer and having the ability to find LGBT resources at the library was invaluable. I can hardly express how important it was to me. I was able to read LGBT fiction and feel less alone and more comfortable with my identity. I read nearly every book on the LGBT youth booklist I found at Belmont Library. I wasn't yet comfortable to discuss my sexuality with my family or friends. Without the library, I wouldn't have been able to read as many books whose characters I identified with. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Schooling is essential, as is the fire department. Police are important too. Libraries educate and empower everyone. They have the power to improve students' reading and critical thinking skills, and keep youth off the streets where they</p>
5776	7/11/2012	<p>Police and Fire, safety is most important. Library services are quality of life that I value. apples to oranges comparison.</p> <p>I have always used libraries. My parents checked out books to read to me starting at my birth. As soon as I could read, I checked out books and kept myself busy. I was at the library every week - I was an avid reader and my parents could not afford to buy very many books (especially as many as I could read in a given week). Reading (and the love of reading) is extremely important. Libraries provide books and other media which is important but they also provide a sense of community.</p>
5777	7/11/2012	
5778	7/11/2012	<p>a service that we frequently use</p> <p>Knowledge is incredibly important. August Willson (noted playwright) was shafted and thus educated himself. That is of utmost importance.[]</p>
5779	7/11/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>However, top importance is being able to turn the lights on to read. (And water, sewer, etc)</p>

5780	7/11/2012	Let's admit, lives are not being saved at the local library. However, they are being enriched which should not be discounted.
5781	7/11/2012	Libraries are a true foundational institution in a democratic society. The access to information from diverse sources, especially reputable and authoritative ones, is crucial to a citizenry that can keep the powers-that-be from abusing their power. Of course, that particular function is rarely necessary so the key to having a library system that will be alive and well when it is needed depends on having citizens who have established histories of library usage for other reasons between the times when it needs to serve it's democratic function. Thus, while I do not have children and am not yet a senior I place those human services higher in my prioritization than full hours because those services are a crucial to being integral to the community.
5782	7/11/2012	Young people especially need access to educational services beyond our school system. All citizens need to stay informed and educated. The library is especially important for those with lower incomes who can't afford to buy books or pay for special classes. It provides opportunities for education in a society where education is losing the high priority it deserves.[] Portland's best civic program is its library system.[] Personally, I get exposed to books, music, periodicals, I don't get elsewhere. I also value the ability to do some scholarly medical research when the need arises.
5783	7/11/2012	A great social equalizer giving access to information and literature for everyone. Key to democracy, freedom of speech and liberty
5784	7/11/2012	Police and fire protection have the highest priority to me. Library access allows people of all socioeconomic groups to access the same material. People in lower economic groups may not have computer access at home and need a safe place to learn.
5785	7/11/2012	Reading is one of life's greatest pleasures.
5786	7/11/2012	As Francis Bacon said, "Knowledge is power." Making knowledge accessible to everyone-- not just to those who can afford it-- is one of the greatest assets our state can offer to the community. Further, libraries play an important role in helping support children's education.
5787	7/11/2012	It is a place where there is accessibility for our community! There are other more important services like fire and safety, but the Library is high on my list because it is such a hub to equalize our community.
5788	7/11/2012	I'm a big reader, and I get most of my books and books on cd from the library. I also think it creates community, bringing people together. I've lived in cities with mediocre library systems; Portland has such an excellent library system -- it would be a shame to lose such a valuable community resource.
5789	7/11/2012	Reading and education are so critical, plus many folks need the access to the internet and only get it at the library.
5790	7/11/2012	Libraries are very important, but so are other public services- parks, emergency, fire, police; etc.

5791	7/11/2012	i grew up going to my local library regularly. it provides great memories, opportunities, and an outlet for kids and adults in need of a space to learn and grow.
5792	7/11/2012	Selfishly, I use them most.
5793	7/11/2012	Since you didn't specify what other services (needle exchange, fire department, trash collection?) it was impossible to rank.
5794	7/11/2012	My children love to read, and to expose them to beautiful and inspiring art and stories is a very high value to me. I would never be able to buy all the books they enjoy. When I can find new information and ideas in the library resources, it makes my life much richer in ways that is beyond any monetary value I could assign to it.
5795	7/11/2012	Well gosh, it's not roads or public safety, but they're an essential part of a democracy because they make knowledge freely available. Probably public internet access is a big part of that.
5796	7/11/2012	Knowledge is what being human is all about and I can't think of a more encompassing repository of knowledge than a library system.
5797	7/11/2012	Access to parks and activities are important too. Also, besides Multnomah library system, there is the Washington county library system, college libraries, Internet, and stores that provide access to books and information. So without all the services provided by Multnomah county libraries, there is still other resources.
5798	7/11/2012	I personally do not use the library very often, but when I do I am incredibly thankful for the ability to use library services (such as fax, print, check out books, etc). I value the library because it allows citizens to learn things about philosophy, culture, cooking, crafts, language, health, gardening, sustainability, finance ,parenting, job hunting and all other things WITHOUT paying a fortune at a university. The library also serves as an access point to learn about community service and involvement opportunities, engage with other people within the community and to promote a sense of community within diverse neighborhoods. Its a positive, safe place for people who want to better themselves, learn a new trade or skill or just explore hobbies of interest. I love libraries!
5799	7/11/2012	i cannot afford to purchase the amount of media my family and i consume.
5800	7/11/2012	I feel reading is such a high priority for people. It opens doors for so many other things. Also for those on limited income being able to use the library computers is so helpful or even just come in to read the paper. Teaching a child to read and have a love for books to me is very important. If children are exposed to libraries early on they learn to use the library and have a love for the library so when they are adults they will want to help support the libraries, this way we will continue to have some of the best libraries in the nation.
5801	7/11/2012	I'm trying to cut down on the # of books I buy (due to space and finances
5802	7/11/2012	I'm a librarian. I passionately believe in and advocate for the absolute necessity of public libraries in communities. It is imperative that society maintain an institution that promotes reading and knowledge, exposure to diverse ideas and personal lifelong learning - an institution that is freely accessible to anyone who desires to take advantage of it.

5803	7/11/2012	I love reading books.
5804	7/11/2012	Libraries grant access to information and learning to everyone.
5805	7/11/2012	Education is the key to solving community/global issues. Public libraries are extremely important. I have used the library to find many life-changing ideas.
5806	7/11/2012	I wish I had room to post the letter my best friend sent to the Jackson County Library about she and her six children, poor, the children's reading times in the library turning the otherwise streetbound kids into readers. I'll always want to hold a book in my hand. I can buy my own today, but that was not the case for most of my life.
5807	7/11/2012	Libraries intersect various people's needs at various levels. People rely on libraries for knowledge, entertainment, education, self betterment, and as a means of changing their circumstances.
5808	7/11/2012	Libraries hold within all that we have been and are a source of ideas, creative thinking, current events, and explanations for what we don't but may need to understand. Reference desk is valuable -- a human contact offering information one may not ferret out alone. And the rare book room (Wilson Room) is a treasure but too underused.
5809	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what you mean. The library is very important to me, but less than the police, fire department, water bureau criminal justice system.
5810	7/11/2012	So we can teach our children how to read out of a "real" book.
5811	7/11/2012	As a kid, I used to hang out in the library in the summers, my parents took me to story hour etc. It's something that stuck with me and that all kids should have access to.
5812	7/11/2012	teachers, parents, school kids, and others use the library resources; books and the computers to complete important work, homework, etc
5813	7/11/2012	Knowledge and community are important
5814	7/11/2012	I am not sure which public services you are referring to? Police? Fire? I think it is extremely important to the health and vitality of our citizens but if it is a matter of library or safety...
5815	7/11/2012	Education is very important to me and to communities in general. I have always felt that libraries allow people to take control of their own education, both while they are enrolled in school and afterwards.
5816	7/11/2012	Books and education most important thing

		Professionally, I'm a working teacher and writer, and I'm not currently faculty at a university with a major library. I rely on Portland's wonderful public library system for so much, including keeping me up-to-date professionally. The library helps me stay employed and give my students the best possible education.[]
5817	7/11/2012	[] Personally, the library is a lifeline. I live alone, and like so many of us I've had many losses in the past few years. The public library is my social service resource, and my community center. It serves so many of us who both need help and are responsible for helping others--in an atmosphere of community, dignity, and respect. Nothing else even comes close.
5818	7/11/2012	because they are utilized so frequently
5819	7/11/2012	I use the local library more than most other county services
5820	7/11/2012	Libraries (should) help to maintain a certain level of awareness of local and global events, civic commitment, and general curiosity. These should help build a more intelligent community (ideally lower in crime, too!).
5821	7/11/2012	Books and other educational should be available to all the citizens who seek for info at no additional costs.
5822	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly, both for my personal use, and also to check out materials I need use as a teacher.
5823	7/11/2012	Police, fire, public transit, and utilities are all in support of primary and secondary needs. A public library can't put out the fires, arrest the drunks, fill my bathtub, or maintain the roads and sewers.
5824	7/11/2012	It is difficult to place more value on one public service compared to another. The library is important to foster knowledge to all instead a a select few. It helps get kids reading, and provides things as simple as a computer for those who do not have the luxury of a personal computer.
5825	7/11/2012	Having resources such as water and power are most important. Having access to free information via books, journals, newspapers, computers and ebooks is next in my book.
5826	7/11/2012	Libraries provide free information to all. They provide a physical community space that we cannot afford to lose. THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I FIND THEM A PLACE TO LEARN, TO RELAX, TO RECREATE--ALL FOR FREE SINCE I PAY FOR THEM IN MY TAXES.[]
5827	7/11/2012	[] ANYONE CAN GET A LIBRARY CARD AND, NO MATTER HOW POOR THEY ARE, CAN HAVE ACCESS TO WISDOM, EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE AS IF THEY WERE THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.WHAT A BLESSING!
5828	7/11/2012	Local library services are somewhat important to me because my utilities and telephone are most important.

5829	7/11/2012	<p>I love the access to the variety of subjects for entertainment and educational uses. Having access to the library catalog at home on the computer is a very helpful and a much used capability. I look up books, place many on hold, and appreciate the reminders of books coming due. I use the renewal system a lot also. We appreciate the paperbacks that can be used without deadlines, too. It is very handy to obtain material available in the metroplex instead of just one local library. From time to time, we have enjoyed DVDs from the library. I have friends who have troubles keeping a usable computer at home and they depend on the internet at the library for email.</p>
5830	7/11/2012	<p>Books and media are a central part of my life. I am a naturally curious person, and library materials provide an important source of information and entertainment (along with the Internet). I am 56 years old, and books are still my preferred method of reading. Also, I like to see a book first before ordering it online; I peruse Amazon for interesting titles and then check Multcolib.org to see if they are available. I love libraries; therefore, I always vote for library funding (I am a Multnomah County homeowner).</p>
5831	7/11/2012	<p>Safety issues</p>
5832	7/11/2012	<p>Equal access to all for information, education and community involvement is the heart of a democracy.</p>
5833	7/11/2012	<p>To provide access to reading materials for those who can least afford them. As a community-building focal point for neighborhoods.</p>
5834	7/11/2012	<p>It seems critically important to our community that access to knowledge, literature, information, and all the resources libraries provide are available to everyone. Not everyone can afford to purchase books or their own computer and internet access, that doesn't mean they don't deserve access to those resources.</p>
5835	7/11/2012	<p>It's a shared resource, not something we have to buy new and has an environmental impact. It's a gathering place and a safe and happy place to bring kids. Children's programming and a large selection of children's books provides a place for parents to take kids and for families who can't afford it to access lots of literature. I can't even imagine what would change without a library.</p>
5836	7/11/2012	<p>The Internet is not a substitute for the wealth of information at our libraries.. When all books, newspapers and periodicals (going back in time) are freely available on the internet, they will be less important. Otherwise we'd be buying books from Powell's, amazon, or on Ebay. \$\$\$\$. Librarians' services are invaluable. Thank you.</p> <p>libraries are a free source of information. information leads to knowledge. knowledge is power.[] []</p>
5837	7/11/2012	<p>whenever i move to a new apartment (or when something goes wrong) and i lack internet for a few weeks, it's nice to have a library that is open, so i can stay connected.[] []</p> <p>when i want to preview a book before buying it, it's nice to have a library around where i can check out a book for free. it's occasionally even nice to view movie without buying or renting it.</p>

5838	7/11/2012	I go to the library for various reason and most importantly it is for my education and also to get access to books for free. My family also rely on the public library for access to books because we don't such electronic devices like ebooks. It is also a great place to meet up with your friend and see what's going on. The library is a place that allows many doors to be open to you.
5839	7/11/2012	Inexpensive access to books and DVD's.
5840	7/11/2012	Education for all.
5841	7/11/2012	read read read...young people reading
5842	7/11/2012	I use it a lot and don't use some of the other services.
5843	7/11/2012	Good accessible resource to all.
5844	7/11/2012	They rank below water/sewer but above other things that are too unimportant for me to remember right now.
5845	7/11/2012	I love anything that allows me to expand my mind. Reading, music. art.
5846	7/11/2012	I want the next generations to be able to keep on schooling so that they don't have to rely on others. At least it will give them a chance to succeed.
5847	7/11/2012	I go to library almost daily to find out information. When my computer was down I used their computers until it was fixed. i do research there. I check out books both electronically and otherwise. I use the children's book for volunteer work, reading to children. Without a good library I would probably leave Portland !!!!!
5848	7/11/2012	I would place police and public safety services first, but literacy including public schools and libraries come a close second.
5849	7/11/2012	A resource for those without personal wealth to enrich lives and provide needed assistance.
5850	7/11/2012	Education in what ever form it takes. We all need that.
5851	7/11/2012	They offer children a place to learn and contonue to grow. Especially in the summer.
5852	7/11/2012	The library makes an education available to ALL, regardless of their financial or living status. It gives everyone access to books and all sorts of other media; use of computers; support for learning to read, etc, etc. It is an incredible community commons and resource that we deeply appreciate! Though we often vote against new tax increases, we always vote to support the library system here. It's that important to us. We probably have between 4 and 15 books checked out on a constant basis between us, sometimes even more. WE LOVE OUR LIBRARIES!!!!
5853	7/11/2012	Availability of the library gives me a way to access job search resources.
5854	7/11/2012	I would say very important except that I know there are so many public services that we all rely on. Without an exact example I could not in good faith make it any more important.

5855	7/11/2012	Because we have a young son and access to all manner of educational material is critical for his development. We must have access to research materials for his school work, as well as access to literature and non-fiction. Without the local branch, we would have difficulty carrying out what is required for his educational development. We have made visiting the library a common occurrence in our household, ever since he was a baby, first attending story time, and checking out board books. My background is education, and see the library as a cornerstone for intellectual development. Without it, we would not have access to the vast amount of knowledge that exists. It's simply not accessible any other way.....My husband and I use the library for all manner of information, books, music, movies, interlibrary loans, periodicals. We ADORE our local library in St. Johns!!!
5856	7/11/2012	I use the library for most, if not all, of my literary, musical, and theatrical needs. I would personally be severely deprived if the library curtailed its services. I also have incredibly fond and profound memories of the library as a child, both in terms of what we checked out, read, movies we saw, performances (puppet shows, etc.) we attended, responsibility learned. We had a table at our house where we kept our library books, so we learned to keep track of things and when they were due. And I've not often felt the competence of being able to tell a 7th grade social studies teacher, "I've seen this movie before. We saw it at the library when I was 8." I think the next generation needs and deserves those same opportunities. And that's not even touching the services provided to the elderly. I know my mom utilized the large print books for her father when his eyesight was failing, and now she checks out materials for her 80-something husband. And she belongs to 2 book clubs, and she gets all of the books for them from the library. I know it helps her feel connected, feel like she's still learning, growing, being part of an on-going culture. She could probably afford to buy some of these books, but I don't think she would, because she's concerned about being on a fixed income. Same as I'm concerned about not having enough money to feed the learning jones and pay my bills (and, I admit, I have a knitting habit - but it helps a lot to be able to check out technique and pattern books from the library, so that I can afford yarn). And I haven't even yet touched on my sister's use of the library to learn about her boyfriend's diabetes and how diet can
5857	7/11/2012	This is a place where everyone, no matter what age or level of income, can utilize various kinds of resources for free.
5858	7/11/2012	Books are the key to the future for everyone.
5859	7/11/2012	I see them as essential, second only to fire and police. My children have become readers due to frequent library trips. Our local library is part of many week nights and weekends for our family.
5860	7/11/2012	They offer so many opportunities to the entire community: a safe place for children to be after school, a vital literacy resource, free access to technology, etc. They are a pillar of democratic society.
5861	7/11/2012	Extremely important to my quality of life in Portland. I use this resource each and every day that it is open.
5862	7/11/2012	Without books and the love of reading and learning, our society will cease to exist as we know it. The dumbing of America is becoming more and more the norm.
5863	7/11/2012	Free books and computer access promotes knowledge to the masses.

5864	7/11/2012	Safety, education, transportation, power...are all essentials, therefore critical priorities.[] Libraries are another way to make information and knowledge available to all people regardless of status or class. I good library is the sign of a healthy community, but it's not food on the table, or law and order. It is a secondary priority.
5865	7/11/2012	Public Library services are an important part of citizen's information gathering and synthesis, helping us to make good decisions on the topics of public interest and discussion. I'd rank them below police, fire & roads.[] Food bank is more important & homeless shelters.[]
5866	7/11/2012	Those are needs. Next I'd say a transit system.[] The library is very important to me. I always have a book checked out for myself and child. Usually about 10. I'd pay to check out books if need be.[] I don't think we need Free t-shirts for the summer reading program. How about \$5 t-shirts? Maybe that'd help fund the program.
5867	7/11/2012	I frequent at libraries very often, to check out books that I can use to teach, teach classes and attend classes. I believe all citizens can benefit from libraries.
5868	7/11/2012	My primary use is to take my kids in to get books to keep them excited about reading. I also pick a book up for myself once in a while. Books are cheap and I am lucky to have the money to buy them. My support of libraries is primarily for the less fortunate.
5869	7/11/2012	The city and Hollywood district has a set of problems affecting quality and safety of the citizens. Poverty, crime and drugs, that spiral that drags down and destroys cities is present in all districts of Portland. I don't want to discount the value of library but...
5870	7/11/2012	The library is an important resource and makes books and other materials available to people that might not otherwise be available.
5871	7/11/2012	It is an important educational tool
5872	7/11/2012	I do everything electronically
5873	7/11/2012	The internet is a valuable resource, but having a book with specific content is still better sometimes than anything the internet can provide. The library is also a great way to try a book before purchasing it. The library is the main place for education, aside from public schools, that serves the community members equally regardless of income or ethnicity.[]
5874	7/11/2012	The library has enriched my children's early childhood learning, in arts, language ,math, history etc. They became good readers because of the summer reading program.[] Librarians are so knowledgeable, I've never asked a question they couldn't help me with.
5875	7/11/2012	I am an old fashioned book reader.

5876	7/11/2012	a free and well functioning nation/world must have free and functioning citizens who are informed and have access to all kinds of information - whether they use libraries fully or slightly, libraries are essential to any kind of democratic, thinking citizenry. to deny this is to open the door to all kinds of repression - of ideas, of communication, of learnings, of growing, of becoming more ...
5877	7/11/2012	I think our neighborhood library is an important component of our community. It is an anchor, a part of what makes our neighborhood a distinct place. There is no resource like it that I can reach easily by bike or foot. My dog loves going to the library, because he knows a dogpark visit is a part of the loop home. I take also pride in our outstanding county library - how smart and effective the systems are, how easily I can manage my account and access media and books I want to read, and the range of services they provide. I have accessed interlibrary loan services to find academic books obscure beautiful books about places I want to travel, and difficult-to-find books for work purposes. I think it's important to keep the institution financially strong, because ultimately it will take many more funds to rebuild what we let go today. It is also an institution that is important to less advantaged folks, and we especially need to preserve their services in tougher economic times.
5878	7/11/2012	The library is one of the only public services that EVERYONE and anyone has access to all the time. It helps keep our community educated, entertained, engaged, and stoked on reading, learning, and experiencing art and life. It provides jobs for people who also care about these things.
5879	7/11/2012	We rely on the library a lot for reading materials in multiple languages.
5880	7/11/2012	Frequency of use; breadth of offerings; resources that help the public when private programs are cut....
5881	7/11/2012	Physicaaly we need police, firemen, water services, etc. Mentally we need the stimulation of the written word and the other media offered by MCL.
5882	7/11/2012	In relation to the Portland police, fire department, Portland Public Schools, portland parks and recreation, community services, planned parenthood, and welfare, I rank the library service very highly. I am a democrat and I support all of these services for American citizens who pay taxes to be able to use.
5883	7/11/2012	i use them all of the time. they provide resources for those who can't afford them and they greatly reduce waste and consumption. I love the library!!
5884	7/11/2012	Other local services like police, fire and bus transportation more important.
5885	7/11/2012	Because the young and the old are dependent on the wisdom and sage wonder of the media that Library's hold for them.

5886	7/11/2012	American youth are not achieving their academic goals. Access to libraries is critical for all of our children especially the young. It teaches them what fun books are and shows them how easy it is to go to The Library and spend a day exploring the adventures of a multitude of authors. It sparks their imagination and creativity and encourages them to learn. Parents and their children should have special times during the day and early evening to enjoy the Library together. Make this a community time.
5887	7/11/2012	that's a hard one! I would probably rate water, sewer, fire, police, traffic control like street lights first. Still, to me library services are very important, and also that the entire community has access to these resources and the access to knowledge and information. I enjoy reading so much and I want everyone to have that opportunity.
5888	7/11/2012	I love new ideas and my library seems to share this value.
5889	7/11/2012	Because they provide so many important services in our community
5890	7/11/2012	because I believe every citizen should have access to literature
5891	7/11/2012	I use it frequently. It is a necessary resource for a well informed public.
5892	7/11/2012	We use the library all the time.
5893	7/11/2012	It's where people are always welcome and it sort of has a homey atmosphere.
5894	7/11/2012	Not familiar with other services but this one is important for multitudes of information and education.
5895	7/11/2012	Because reading is education and because libraries make resources and skill-building programs available to the community. A community is strongest when members from various socio-economic and personal backgrounds can interact together and know one another, and libraries are a perfect place for this to manifest naturally.
5896	7/11/2012	Books (especially audiobooks) are very expensive. For people like me who read a book per week, this adds up really quickly. Plus, for teachers, like myself, the library provides an affordable option to supplement our classroom libraries. Many school libraries are very small and limited, and teachers pay for classroom libraries out of their own pockets. I have a couple hundred books that I have purchased in my classroom library, but for a class full of 30 kids who are constantly reading, you need to be able to rotate in some other books consistently or to supplement units of study. I consistently use the library for this.
5897	7/11/2012	Because it seems we use the library for all our movies and books these days.
5898	7/11/2012	Knowledge and access to knowledge are keys to success for our community
5899	7/11/2012	It is one of the best resources within the community for young and old alike.
5900	7/11/2012	I use them constantly and more than any other public service. (Police and fire/rescue are more important generally but thankfully I haven't had to use them.)
5901	7/11/2012	I love the library, and we use it a lot, but I'd rather have it closed one day a week than pay over \$400 a year for extra hours (1.22 per thousand is a LOT, considering the value of most houses in our neighborhood), and we need to support schools first.

5902	7/11/2012	The services provided by the library elevate the individuals who use those services and the community as a whole. There is no more valuable asset than reading and education.
5903	7/11/2012	cannot imagine a town without library. Libraries are the soul of the community, especially our children.
5904	7/11/2012	WE NEED ALL THE LIBRARY OFFERS. THE LIBRARY IS THE ONE PLACE THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED TO NEW IDEAS THAT STREACH THEIR MINDS. I LOVE THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF PORTLAND BELIEVE THAT FUNDING THE LIBRARY IS WORTH PAYING A LITTLE MORE IN TAXES. THE MULTNOAH COUNTY LIBRARY MAKES PORTLAND A VERY SPECIAL PLACE TO LIVE. I USED TO LIVE IN SALEM AND AND WORKED TWO DAYS A WEEK IN PORTLAND, I PAID 70.00 SO THAT I COULD USE THE LIBRARY SERVICES,
5905	7/11/2012	They provide access to information that would otherwise require additional expenditure. Also provide a way of finding something new when browsing the stacks or reading magazines I'd never buy.
5906	7/11/2012	I read a lot
5907	7/11/2012	EVERYTHING depends on reading. It is a vital life skill. Too many people are functionally illiterate and thus incapable of controlling their own lives. And for me, reading is like breathing. I HAVE TO READ! Or life's not worth living.
5908	7/11/2012	We can visit the library on the days it is open. 5, 6 or 7 days. We would adjust.
5909	7/11/2012	Level 5 with 5 is the most important
5910	7/11/2012	I use it more than other local public services
5911	7/11/2012	They offer so many things if people seek it out. There are things for people of all ages and it is free of charge. I know when I needed computers and a place to study, it was my first choice. It is a very community welcoming/building service that cannot compare to other things.
5912	7/11/2012	Police and fire are higher.
5913	7/11/2012	Libraries are a place where anyone in the community can go. It is understood that the library provides these services for the community for free or a low cost. If these services get cut a lot of people and families are affected by it.
5914	7/11/2012	Community based access to information is vital to a healthy neighborhood and city
5915	7/11/2012	Libraries are the central hub for education. recreation and community. They provide some of the most important community services that enhance our quality of life.
5916	7/11/2012	Competition/comparisons and balance, expert advice with educating/honng skills giving explanations while offering 'know-how' experience and practical plans with local resources.
5917	7/11/2012	Access to information is central to a well functioning democracy
5918	7/11/2012	We're educated, community-oriented people who consider libraries an essential part of a vibrant community.
5919	7/11/2012	maintained highways, police protection, schools rank higher than libraries

5920	7/11/2012	Reading is absolutely essential to my enjoyment of life and having access to a local source of books is of major importance.
5921	7/11/2012	We could not otherwise afford to buy or rent the fantastic childrens books/media resources provided. Educational materials for all ages are unparalleled in the MCLS. Plus, its a free place to spend time with your kids outside of the home.
5922	7/11/2012	Public libraries are a resource that can not only be used by everyone, but they may be the only place where some citizens can go to use a computer, read a new book (if they're income limited), take their children to valuable learning opportunities, provide the elderly w/ options for obtaining media materials, etc. Frankly, libraries are something a community should not have to do without.
5923	7/11/2012	I don't have the money to buy every book I'd like to read, nor do I have the money to buy the reference books I need for work. The library allows me to continue to learn and read, while providing a great space for building a sense of community. Providing equal access to computers and books means that everyone can access the information they need, regardless of their economic status. The library also provides great groups that meet to support the needs of people in the community.
5924	7/11/2012	For me, safety is always of greater importance (Fire, police depts.) and also Food and housing security. Those are the only things of greater importance than access to education and literacy.
5925	7/11/2012	Education and free public access to learning material of all types is very important to a healthy society.
5926	7/11/2012	Democracy is based on literacy and education. Libraries give a base to this.
5927	7/11/2012	I and many other citizens rely on the resources there.
5928	7/11/2012	I can't afford to purchase all the books I read so having a source where I can borrow them is huge!
5929	7/11/2012	Because so much comes from the library. We have one of the best library systems in the world and it's vital to our community, our culture, our families, that we maintain it!
5930	7/11/2012	It's information. Information is a powerful tool for many people who may not be able to afford and access it any other way.
5931	7/11/2012	I could not afford to buy books myself but the library makes it possible to keep up with my interests and to still learn at 52
5932	7/11/2012	Access to books and research databases are important to my family.
5933	7/11/2012	Being able to get books on travel, books on CDs, having a place to browse and see what's new, what's recommended...it's part of neighborhood life. It is part of the culture. It is a comfort, a friendly place, an essential place for community. It's a place where people who don't have the money can still access information, entertainment, education, a place to bring your kids and introduce them to reading in a supportive atmosphere.
5934	7/11/2012	Education, information and resources that are accessible and available for free to everyone helps to increase the opportunities for all citizens and make our community stronger.

5935	7/11/2012	Reading, educational support and social service functions are the foundation for our community. Low literacy is at the heart of many challenges from unemployment to health care and the library plays an important role in addressing literacy.
5936	7/11/2012	Knowledge is important and can never be taken away
5937	7/11/2012	Libraries represent and unite communities. They expose us all to new ideas and places. When we travel (which is a lot), we always visit the local library to get a feel for a new place.
5938	7/11/2012	I love to read and I love to learn. The library makes it easy for me and others to keep doing these things on a regular basis. Our neighborhood library is a community center that is useful to people of all ages and economic backgrounds. It's free and it's for everyone!
5939	7/11/2012	It help
5940	7/11/2012	Education and availability of resources to all.
5941	7/11/2012	Because they give all citizens access to resources that I believe are important.
5942	7/11/2012	They are a great FREE resource to so many who can't afford the books, a computer, access to the Internet, music and other media too.
5943	7/11/2012	Books and other library materials are a source of pleasure, research into any subjects, and are essential for an educated people.
5944	7/11/2012	Health and safety of the community come before "free" books.
5945	7/11/2012	Needs are easily met by other services online or the private market. Would prioritize public funding in other areas related to health and welfare.
5946	7/11/2012	I have used the library my whole life. I read for enjoyment, enrichment, and knowledge. I would never be able to afford to purchase the books I read, plus, I would never know about new releases or new (to me) authors if I didn't have books at the library to peruse. [] [] I also see the importance of the library for inspiring the young to read, a haven for those needing to use the computers, a place where people can learn new skills, and simply a place for the community to connect.
5947	7/11/2012	They are open, community based, egalitarian, provide early exposure for children to the joy of reading and knowledge exploration (nothing else comes close), a more reflective resource for research than internet searching, frequently a default community center
5948	7/11/2012	I have been a library user all my life and it has been my primary source of books and research materials all my life. When growing up we didn't have much money and I owned very few books or records, but I had the wealth of the library's collection to choose from. It was where I studied after school, the librarian in the teen section knew me. I see how the library fulfills this need for others around me when I visit the library.
5949	7/11/2012	Social networking sites, hub of healthy communities
5950	7/11/2012	I feel libraries contribute a great deal to having an informed public.

5951	7/11/2012	Gotta say that public safety (Police/Fire/Emergency responders) are first Roads next Library next They provide access to books and media to all, leveling the playing field for those who don't have the means to purchase books and computers for home. They help instill a love of books and reading in children, which will serve them well for life. They are a resource for the community-English language learners, seniors, and school aged children who need access to computers and research materials that they're unable to access at schools because of BUDGET CUTS.
5952	7/11/2012	
5953	7/11/2012	I get current materials there to borrow that I couldn't afford to buy
5954	7/11/2012	Libraries promote community, reduce individual spending (on new books), make efficient use of resources, promote reading and learning. Libraries connect people to information.
5955	7/11/2012	I LOVE the library. It is for everyone, rich and poor, young and old. You get all of this stuff for FREE. There is no better place in a city or town than their library.
5956	7/11/2012	I think social services that work to meet basic human needs are most important. Feed the body and then the mind.
5957	7/11/2012	Libraries cannot trump police and fire support; just ask Aristotle or the last librarians at Alexandria. I guess that I would rate them as "Very Important" if police and fire were rated "Fundamental" or some such.
5958	7/11/2012	I go to the library almost every day. It is the most important resource available to me to continue my education and pursuit of personal interests.
5959	7/11/2012	Literacy is important for a strong community and future
5960	7/11/2012	Compared to water service and garbage collection, it is hard to say they are on the same level of necessity, but the library provides an important resource for low-income children to have access to a wide range of materials that can facilitate a lifetime habit of inquiry and lead to a more productive citizenry.
5961	7/11/2012	The library provides my only means of recreation. I love to read books and don't often search on the internet for information. My granddaughters love to visit the library and check out books and I think this helps them enjoy reading. I know lots of local people who depend on the library for all sorts of things: reading, internet, socializing, and classes. The libraries themselves are just wonderful architectural, peaceful, safe and lovely places to be.
5962	7/11/2012	
5963	7/11/2012	We use it for classes, Dvds, and books to homeschool our son. I love my local libraries, and I always have. Sure, we need police and fire departments but a library is a warm, welcoming place that serves as the heart of a community. Anyone can go to a library and find a book to read, or the information they need to pursue a personal interest, their studies, or to help them find a job. Public libraries serve as an adjunct to public education. One could say that libraries are one of the foundations of a healthy democracy which requires a well-educated populace. Regardless of income, everyone has access to the millions of books and other media.
5964	7/11/2012	

5965	7/11/2012	I'm an avid reader with wide interests and the library system makes it possible to have affordable access to an excellent collection of materials. Our libraries provide tools for creating a better informed and educated community. The library system is one of Portland's finest gems. Many communities of similar size don't have libraries that are as responsive to community needs or wants and as a result, the quality of life is poorer.
5966	7/11/2012	It is a venue that helps satisfy many aspects of life...self-guided learning, social interaction, resource sharing, access to technology, free of charge, a community gathering place.[] Libraries are so important to me.
5967	7/11/2012	I value the opportunity to access a wide variety of materials through inter-library loan. Libraries have been a central part of my life growing up--going to the library was a reward or a treat at our home. In school, it was a huge asset to have Internet access and the option to utilize a multitude of resources such as periodicals, textbooks, or just plain fun reads. continue to use the library as an adult.
5968	7/11/2012	The K - 12 school system will always be No. 1 priority. [] [] I love our libraries, but I don't think having 7 days/week service is a necessity. I also don't think every neighborhood needs it's own library. With such a convenient public transportation system, people can take a bus. [] [] Unfortunately, there is just not enough tax dollars to fund every service at 100%. I believe the library system needs to shrink in the # of branches and/or days of service, to maintain the school system.
5969	7/11/2012	Access to reading is something wvery person should have.
5970	7/11/2012	It provides an opportunity for my children to try out so many different types of books. The love of reading will carry throughout their lives and make them better citizens and contributors to society.
5971	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge is an equalizer among all citizens.
5972	7/11/2012	Libraries are about communities sharing resources.
5973	7/11/2012	Libraries are the most important to communities as they provide so much service and give kids a safe place to go to learn and read as well as having computers accessible for those who need to find a job. Also they provide homework help and kids programs.
5974	7/11/2012	I think that there is something for everyone there.
5975	7/11/2012	I have young kids who love going to the library. They get excited just driving by it every day and even more excited when they can actually go inside and pick a new book to read. It is better than watching TV for them which makes it a valuable place for our family
5976	7/11/2012	They enrich our community greatly; help create a better educated and more knowledgeable community, give access to tremendous resources to people of all ages, backgrounds, and incomes, thus helping to level the playing field for all and help us become a more fair and humane community

5977	7/11/2012	The library is probably one of the most important public services to us.
5978	7/11/2012	I buy more books than I rent.
5979	7/11/2012	important to community intelligence
5980	7/11/2012	Because it's an academic resource and promotes reading in a country desperately needing literacy
5981	7/11/2012	I love having the option to "rent" books, movies, music, and children's resources but I recognize that many people wish to own these individually or digitally. Personally, the library is the single most useful public service in my everyday life.
5982	7/11/2012	Because an informed citizenry is essential to a democracy. Literacy of the entire population is a worthwhile goal for any community.
5983	7/11/2012	Having something that is mostly free and easily accessible is a great boon to our local community.
5984	7/11/2012	The library doesn't missuse the money they get. I can't say that for other services. We can't continue to fund services that are broken. The library system is not one of them.
5985	7/11/2012	<p>If I had not had access to a library as a child and young adult, I'm quite sure I would have been in a lot more trouble in my early 20's and 30's. Having access to books, computers, and information about the world beyond my troubled childhood made a huge difference in my outlook.¶</p> <p>I continue to discover wonderful things to read, watch and listen to every time I go to the library. It's the first place I go when I'm on vacation, and I'm always sad if they don't have a temporary card for visitors. The library is where I go to learn about new places I visit, and where I go to feel at home, at home!</p>
5986	7/11/2012	I have small kids, and it is of paramount importance that my kids learn to be resourceful. They are early & pre-readers. I find that exposure to libraries connect children to books and resource materials. My hope is to instill life-long skills in my children who will always love and support their local libraries. At every state in life: early readers, high school, college students, job seekers, senior programs, are valuable to my community. Libraries super important to me.
5987	7/11/2012	They serve the community as a whole no matter who you are, your income level or abilities.
5988	7/11/2012	I really enjoy having access to a library that has good materials that I want to read and checkout on the shelves and tha I can get high demand items in a reasonable amount of time. I also like how easy it is to peruse the catalog via the internet and place a hold on materials I am interested in from home.

		<p>The libraries offer services to all age ranges---young to very old. It is not only a place to read for fun or research but it is also a 'place' for people to go and be with other people. For people who are alone it may be their only outreach. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>These books offer a wonderful way to live vicariously---from travel to being the detective. 'How to...' books help us cook, clean, do sewing projects, build, write, garden.....☐</p> <p>☐</p>
5989	7/11/2012	<p>For some of us the Books on Tape entertain us, relax us, help us focus, help us drive home in traffic.....and give us an alternative to watching TV---testing our memories. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The Central library is great for high school students, college students, students learning English, and generally people furthering their education. It is a great resource and the librarians are great resources. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Most of all---the library gives me access to so many books that I cannot afford to buy. And I can recommend books to others friends who cannot afford to buy either.</p>
5990	7/11/2012	<p>Access to information is indispensable in a democracy; it enables us to deliver on our promise to make informed decisions about governance. This kind of access is easily eroded; we can't let that happen.</p>
5991	7/11/2012	<p>We get alot of use from our library.</p>
5992	7/11/2012	<p>Borrowing books is one of the most amazing gifts of an intelligent world. It's good for the planet, too.</p>
5993	7/11/2012	<p>Because it is the "public" service I use.</p>
5994	7/11/2012	<p>Number one</p>
5995	7/11/2012	<p>Important that community has access to print materials; importance of literacy in today's society</p>
5996	7/11/2012	<p>I want access to Reading material for my family. I do not like e readers. I like the feel of books. I want my children to experience real books.</p>
5997	7/11/2012	<p>Because libraries are a great leveler that provides opportunity rather than a handout, and because they are a source of community knowledge linked with in person connection.</p>
5998	7/11/2012	<p>It's very important, but without a comparison, I can't give a definitive response to this question. Many services are more important, such as food, healthcare, and education.</p>
5999	7/11/2012	<p>The library is the most used local public service for me. It is a great resource for learning, and other public services cannot attain the same degree of educational service.</p>
6000	7/11/2012	<p>Very important...as a researcher, history buff, the library (especially in Portland) has been very instrumental in furthering my research, knowledge base, etc. Also love reading books, checking out music CDs and movie DVDs</p>
6001	7/11/2012	<p>our family has always used it more than other services</p>

6002	7/11/2012	<p>1) The importance of libraries as resource for education and educators.[]</p> <p>2) The benefit of having free or low-cost books, movies, other media and computer access. I certainly enjoy free access to books and movies, and read and browse through many things I probably wouldn't otherwise. I'm also glad that these resources are available to people who wouldn't be able to afford them on their own.[]</p> <p>3) I'm a lifetime reader and I love libraries, librarians and those that support them!</p>
6003	7/11/2012	When I was a kid, I grew up in the library, being curious and giving me inspiration all the way to now days.
6004	7/11/2012	It provides a big portion of my entertainment and resources during times I couldn't afford it.
6005	7/11/2012	I think the quality of life in a community or city is greatly affected by the cultural and educational development of the citizens. Schools need the additional resource of a well maintained public library to support education and allow students and parents to strive for higher achievement.
6006	7/11/2012	I have little money and lots of interests. The library allows me to pursue my constantly changing interests by providing books, DVDs, and cool library events. I love that library events and materials are available to everyone.
6007	7/11/2012	We use the library ALL the time! It is our only source for getting books.
6008	7/11/2012	education and literacy are the basis of our type of government. without free,easy access to written materials and media, we weaken our social and political system
6009	7/11/2012	books
6010	7/11/2012	My library is the local public service I use the most and have used the most throughout my life, from the time my grandmother would take me to Belmont to pick out new picture books to read, to my unemployment days when visiting Central was the highlight of my day because it meant a moment to forget my daily stress to now – the library has always been a refuge and a place of wonder.
6011	7/11/2012	Libraries provide opportunities for all, regardless of income, education, or ability. They provide support services that would not be available as readily via other avenues for unemployed, English language learners, parents, and any student of any age.
6012	7/11/2012	The library has always been an important place for me, since childhood. I checked out the books who made me who I am today from the library. Now as a scraping by twenty something, I get most of my books/music/movies from the library. One of the 5 things I couldn't live without is my library card!
6013	7/11/2012	I would have rather said IMPORTANT, not very important. My children and grandchildren have learned so much from and at the library. They devoured the books and did research for their homework.
6014	7/11/2012	resources not unique to the library
6015	7/11/2012	It's something we can use every week to help our children succeed even when money is tight and we can't afford to purchase new books.

6016	7/11/2012	Libraries enrich our community by providing programs and access to information to the public which in turn makes us a more educated population. As an educated population we make better choices, we are able to earn more money, identify and gain access to the things we need, engage in meaningful debate, find creative solutions to the problems we face and broaden our horizons. As such, libraries are a cornerstone of our community.
6017	7/11/2012	They come right after police and fire protection. I use the library more than virtually any other service.
6018	7/11/2012	I believe that poor education is a threat to the fabric of our society.
6019	7/11/2012	Although I don't really use them enough that I should be checking "very important", I really get a sense of satisfaction from using the library. I just go on line, find what I want, reserve it and, soon I get an e-mail that what I reserved is at my local library. It works! Unlike so much else in "the city that (sometimes) works." And I never hear about library funding needing to be raised because some politician decided to spend library funds on their pet project.
6020	7/11/2012	As a Senior, I use the library continually for books and research.
6021	7/11/2012	Recently became unemployed and can not afford to buy books any more. The library is not only a source for pleasure reading but a help in searching for jobs. Also enjoy taking my grandchildren to the story times for small children. Terrific service!
6022	7/11/2012	They are the ones my family uses constantly. As a single-income family, we value the educational and entertainment materials available that we would otherwise have to do without.
6023	7/11/2012	See my comment #6.
6024	7/11/2012	We must keep our libraries open for all! Books are the most important part of our history and the future of our children!
6025	7/11/2012	I value the importance of library services the same level I value my family. I love my family very much...who doesn't??
6026	7/11/2012	Because I use it regularly, it provides me access to books and media without needing to pay up front. And I see the value of that to society as a whole.
6027	7/11/2012	Only reason I don't say very important is that they do not provide basic life sustaining services like fire, police, etc.
6028	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to good books. Reading is the key to success and happiness.
6029	7/11/2012	very high but safety is higher (police, fire, etc)
6030	7/11/2012	They are a leg up in a world that has few legs up anymore. the computer access for job seekers and others is critical and having books available to children whose parents can't simply buy them everything they want to read is equally important. Like schools, libraries are a bellweather of a community and its commitment to education, a well-informed citizenry and public service.
6031	7/11/2012	not as important as some vital services like police, fire; but the next most important thing because they are such a significant resource for so many people for a variety of reasons; they provide opportunities for betterment

6032	7/11/2012	Because the only other local public services we use are Portland Parks. Both PPR and the library system really make our neighborhood and our city more livable. When you have a little kid, a walk to the library is a great way to start building not just literacy but a sense of community.
6033	7/11/2012	They are close and free and that is just wonderful
6034	7/11/2012	They are important to foster a love of reading in my children and a sense of community and learning in classes for young children.
6035	7/11/2012	If churches are the spiritual lungs of our neighborhood, the libraries are the intellectual lungs. They are meeting places; they are safe, neutral territories in political, commercial, and social senses; they bring long-time citizens and new immigrants together; they preserve and extend the blessings of our multicultural community; they are fun places for our children.
6036	7/11/2012	I don't want to loose the opportunity to have access to a local library. Being unemployed I need books from the library to help me with updating resumes and writting cover letters.
6037	7/11/2012	It is important to our whole family of readers and the small children growing up, they love books. It not only teaches the love of reading but responsibility and respect for others and their possessions. For many in our community it is the only access to computers and job search materials.
6038	7/11/2012	It is a joy to be able to find such a wide variety of books. I don't have the money or the space to buy or shelve the many books that I read. It makes so much sense to have them held in common, so each person has the chance to read them, and then they become available to others. It is consumptive of paper (and hence forests) for eaveryone to buy their own copy.
6039	7/11/2012	I think fire, police, and schools are more important.
6040	7/11/2012	a good source of info besides the internet
6041	7/11/2012	I am able to educated my students through books
6042	7/11/2012	Free access to reading material/media is something I have grown up with and believe is vital in a wealthy community
6043	7/11/2012	I guess police and fire fighting are very important, but in terms of local services, library is otherwise pretty high.
6044	7/11/2012	Public access to knowledge and information is necessary to our society. It empowers the less fortunate and gives us alternatives to our choices of reading materials.
6045	7/11/2012	Enrichment of our children's minds makes them grow up to more productive, interesting, and interested in life, in general. Access to library services enriches everyone - native and immigrant - across the socio-economic spectrum of our community. If we want a fully-functioning community with intelligent and knowledgeable individuals supporting it (physically, financially, and psychologically), we must provide access to the knowledge available in our libraries!

6046	7/11/2012	I love to read and the library provides me with almost all of my reading material conveniently and at no expense (except for my regular donations to the Friends of the Library). I find the US public library system something of a miracle. When I visit my hometown in upstate NY I visit the library for computer access and find the same heavy usage and wonderful atmosphere there.
6047	7/11/2012	There wasn't an option for "important," but that's how they would rank for me.They are important because they serve to educate the community and connect people to resources.
6048	7/11/2012	The public gets free access to education.
6049	7/11/2012	Literacy in general is so important and it offers people services that might not get them elsewhere.
6050	7/11/2012	The library is very important to me, but fire/police - and even housing assistance/dhs services to the poor - rank above.
6051	7/11/2012	Most important is food, clothing, shelter, health and safety. After that comes education and the library.
6052	7/11/2012	I like the sense of a shared culture they provide. I like being able to browse, as well as the more focused search I can get online. I like the sense that the Central branch gives of an intellectual anchor to the community, and a visible reminder that this is valued by the community.
6053	7/11/2012	Libraries are a public good and a hallmark of an enlightened society. How do you expect the electorate to educate themselves without good access to high quality libraries? If you limit access of information to wealthy people democracy will fail.
6054	7/11/2012	I love the library. The library is a publicly supported lending source for information and entertainment that serves to equalize disparities in a community. I love the concept and the actuality of the library.
6055	7/11/2012	I rely a lot on the library for access to all sorts of media, primarily for entertainment but also for edification. I love the library and think it's incredibly important, but since I use it primarily for entertainment, I know there are other public services that are more important.
6056	7/11/2012	Provides me with enjoyment and information
6057	7/11/2012	Libraries are a great resource for learning and entertainment.
6058	7/11/2012	I frequently take my children to the library, especially on Mondays after school. I am very disappointed that the Hillsdale branch is closed now on Mondays. This gave us a place to focus on reading and obtaining reading material.
6059	7/11/2012	Libraries enhance our life, make us grow, make us better people, city, country. What other instutution takes you to new places, gives you support and makes your life better
6060	7/11/2012	Reaches across all socio-economic boundaries
6061	7/11/2012	The social and community aspect of learning and sharing information and ideas cannot fully be served by online tools. Actual physical libraries are needed to keep that local and personal connection and continue to build community conversation and action.

6062	7/11/2012	The library is a great place. I can find lots of new music there, and check out books from their huge selection. I like just walking through the library and looking at all the titles; I always find something new to read. I have some family members that aren't able to get out of the house very much, and the library's outreach programs are very important to them
6063	7/11/2012	Because reading is such a blessing & it opens up so many doors to new explorations for me and my kids. It's so affordable to check out books at the library before buying them or keeping a book that no one puts on hold for a long time so kids can read them over & over.
6064	7/11/2012	Because we all read a lot and, to lesser extent, rent movies.
6065	7/11/2012	providing an educational/recreational resource for the populace
6066	7/11/2012	An educated citizenry is essential to the strengthening of democracy.
6067	7/11/2012	I think reading is incredibly important. We have a generation of people who can't spell or use correct grammar, both of which are improved with reading education. Reading is vital to a literate, well-educated society that works to improve the world in which we live, a society which we are desperately lacking.
6068	7/11/2012	Because I like to read a lot
6069	7/11/2012	I have a 7 month old and a 4 year old and exposing them to reading books, storytimes, playtimes, music/art programs are essential. We 'hang out' at the library, it's a community center. We meet neighbors. We share resources. Personally as an adult individual, I could probably find my own books elsewhere...but as a parent, I could NOT raise children without the library!!
6070	7/11/2012	Police and Fire Safety are more important
6071	7/11/2012	Second to Tri-Met, it is the service I use the most.
6072	7/11/2012	Hard to say without ranking options - obviously secondary to safety and healthcare kinds of issues
6073	7/11/2012	Because they are free and easily accessible to anyone who wants to use them.
6074	7/11/2012	They provide a way for the community to empower themselves and make smart decisions for themselves through education.
6075	7/11/2012	The library is such a great resource. In particular, Multnomah County libraries are some of the best I've experienced. I love that they do such a good job of getting new materials.
6076	7/11/2012	I can buy books
6077	7/11/2012	Kids need books, books are expensive, not everyone can afford to own them.
6078	7/11/2012	I have a 6 and 7 yr old who r voracious readers. I couldn't afford to buy all those books at such rapidly changing levels. I check out books to expand my professional life at least once a month
6079	7/11/2012	Fundamental for access to free education. Builds community.
6080	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and love books and libraries. Reading is so essential to learning not only about other people, cultures, countries, worlds, but you also learn more about yourself in the process. Learning is part of life and what better way to explore who you are than in a library where there are so many options and programs. The possibilities are endless.

		See previous comments.¶
6081	7/11/2012	Also, libraries provide a free way for any citizen to educate, entertain and advance themselves. We meet our neighbors solve problems and participate in a peaceful, enriching environment.
6082	7/11/2012	It's a place where children can go and learn.
6083	7/11/2012	Research, however we use the computer more all of the time for research.
6084	7/11/2012	Because as I noted it is a space that serves our diverse community respectfully. The things that we talk about in plans is lived at the library. Staff are helpful and caring about the people they serve. People are smiling when they are in the library. And because it promotes, through all it services and resources, literacy and self-sufficiency.
6085	7/11/2012	a good service
6086	7/11/2012	Although I am a fan of all the public services I can think of, I am a reader, a teacher, and someone who believes that libraries make a difference in people's lives.
6087	7/11/2012	I don't know what you're asking me to compare it to... for example, I think garbage collection is more important than the library. Humane society is less important than the library, for some examples. The library is where using local resources, learning, reading, and community often begin.
6088	7/11/2012	behind fire, police, street maintenance, and schools.
6089	7/11/2012	They are a source of information, learning, opportunity, and community for ALL, regardless of income level. This makes knowledge and resources more equitably available in the whole metro area. It's also a way for kids to develop good skills, habits and inquiry at a young age. And it provides a gathering place for anyone who wishes to find a sense of community. These are all hugely important aspects of an improved quality of life.
6090	7/11/2012	Not considering health care services and emergency response services, libraries are one of the more important services because they can be a very useful tool for the general public to use for education.
6091	7/11/2012	One of the few non controversial public services
6092	7/11/2012	Education is key for everything. The library makes it available for everyone
6093	7/11/2012	I think books and access to books, for ALL people, is very important!
6094	7/11/2012	Library is important but not as essential as roads, mail, water, etc.
6095	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to literature, resource books, computers, and the other services that libraries offer. They're also safe, pleasant places for kids and seniors to go. I haven't used them, but I also appreciate that libraries offer classes on financial management and other life skills.
6096	7/11/2012	Convenience, although I use the Central Library most of the time, it is important to me to have the neighborhood libraries: Hillsdale and Capitol Hill.
6097	7/11/2012	i like access to reading materials, and when i need to do research, i like having the library available because online research is not my favorite thing. i do like access to free fiction as well.
6098	7/11/2012	it is a community resource for all ages

6099	7/11/2012	it isn't the most important public service but it is something that is convenient and saves us money by not having to buy books.
6100	7/11/2012	As a parent, teacher, and community member that lives in a democracy- I understand that without an informed citizenry we wouldn't be able to participate in the democratic process. Public libraries form an integral part of informing the electorate in an open and free (both monetary and philosophical) manner.
6101	7/11/2012	It levels the playing field. Everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow intellectually.
6102	7/11/2012	A good library system is one of the things that makes a city a great place to live. Even if I don't use it daily, it's good to know that the resources of library are there more or less whenever I desire.
6103	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what you mean by other public services. I need the road, police, fire. I pay for my own health insurance. We, at financial sacrifice, have opted out of public school system but receive no credit for taxes paid to school system for our children.
6104	7/11/2012	I think libraries provide a great service to families and vulnerable people who may not have access to resources elsewhere.
6105	7/11/2012	They provide a variety of services to people of all income levels and backgrounds. Libraries are not only a source of information, but of learning, personal empowerment, and community. We use the library at least weekly. □
6106	7/11/2012	My daughters always start with the library website first for homework help. □ We save hundreds of dollars per year by checking books out rather than buying them. □ The children's programs are awesome
6107	7/11/2012	Electricity□ Water□ Health Care□ Police□ Fire□ Library□ Roads & Bridges
6108	7/11/2012	Kids get involved from early age and learn to love and appreciate books.. Neighborhood comes together.
6109	7/11/2012	Helps with literacy, access for all without regard to income levels. Helps level the economic play field a little. Also, provides computer access for people without computers &/or the internet. As a retiree I have increased my usage of the library and seldom buy books anymore unless the hold list is hopelessly long and my book club meeting is impending.
6110	7/11/2012	Libraries are a source for wholesome entertainment and education for all generations.
6111	7/11/2012	Police and fire/rescue have to be rated higher. But Library is right up there with Schools as far as importance to the community goes.

6112	7/11/2012	I am a student and use the library for resources, I am a mother and use the library to teach my children the importance of literacy and a love of books, and I am a book lover that uses the library as a relaxing, peaceful place that introduces me to new authors and brings me back to old favorites. Our family goes to the library at least twice a week.
6113	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to printed and media material that would be prohibitively expensive to purchase in this economic climate. It not only feeds one's intellectual curiosity but provides resources to improve skills.
6114	7/11/2012	Fire, police, clean water are first priorities. Followed by good streets, basic social services and libraries.
6115	7/11/2012	Education is SOOOOOO expensive, I'm drowning in student debt. This is a free way to educate myself. Absent education we can't get jobs. (among other reasons jobs are hard to come by, limiting resources to education is a difficult idea).
6116	7/11/2012	The local library services are probably the local public service that I use most often, and I treasure my library so highly that I feel a positive association whenever I see a Multnomah County logo. So, for me personally, the local library services are Very Important. But I am aware that other local public services provide housing, food, and other critical needs to people who would otherwise struggle to survive, and thus I rate the local library services Somewhat Important all in all.
6117	7/11/2012	Because books/information and resources are very importance in reducing inequity in the community.
6118	7/11/2012	I use the library often, it is a peaceful place that help me grow
6119	7/11/2012	Libraries allow people to keep learning regardless of financial status.
6120	7/11/2012	they provide easily accessible information and support for our entire community, which is especially influential on the lives of those who might not have support elsewhere.
6121	7/11/2012	I don't fully understand the term "other local public services." If you are asking if the library is more important than Police or Firefighters I would say no. But I would agree libraries are more important than any City Council person's yearly income. I would also rate libraries as a much more valuable resource than half of the city parks. I would even go to say that the public could learn more from a library than any Portland Public School. WHEN these schools fail the people should have access to education.
6122	7/11/2012	Knowledge and information is the key to pursuing life, liberty and happiness even for stinky homeless people. There is no way most people can afford access to the wide range of materials and services provided by local library. Especially the MultCo system.

6123	7/11/2012	Because it makes information and literature available for all citizens regardless of their age, economic situation, etc. It makes a better education possible for all....especially the children who do not have reading material in their homes. It helps show children the enjoyment and learning available from reading and encourages them to learn to read so that they can enjoy it on their own. In a time of economic concerns, the library offers reading material without cost to the reader....purchasing a book is not necessary.
6124	7/11/2012	Children love books! This gives parents and children a place to learn.
6125	7/11/2012	It's a hard thing to put a description on--Libraries serve a unique place in the community because they are used by all ages and are a place where people from different parts of a community come together to learn about the world. They are the basis of a free society where information can be stored and shared.
6126	7/11/2012	Lower than fire and social services, sorry
6127	7/11/2012	Need people to stay informend!
6128	7/11/2012	I live within walking distance of Central Library and visit it several times a week to check out books CDs and DVDs. I love my library.
6129	7/11/2012	Its hard to compare different services because they are all necessary and relevant. Literacy and access to books is extremely important in my view. In the end I suppose it will come down to what is vital to the community. PERS benefits are going to create a stranglehold on local budgets which is clearly explained in BOOMERANG by Michael Lewis, I believe it's a book you carry. As the crisis deepens I would think library funding would be a casualty.
6130	7/11/2012	Because books are important in my life and it is good to be shared to better utilize materials. I do not want to buy all the books or some books are too expensive to buy.
6131	7/11/2012	I am a teacher and parent.
6132	7/11/2012	Free access to information resources.
6133	7/11/2012	We are avid readers for pleasure/recreation.
6134	7/11/2012	Because I am selfish and this is the one public service I use consciously, frequently and with much pleasure and never complain, therefore, about the tax I pay for it. Personally, as a writer, a good deal of my research is done through libraries.[]
6135	7/11/2012	It is also important to me that my children and grandchildren have the available resources that the libraries provide that are so valuable for a well rounded education. Culture is crucial in our society. [] Libraries are a wonderful social center for learning and for sharing information for all ages.
6136	7/11/2012	I'm a novelist, I need libraries to let people read my books as much as I need to be able to read other books for ideas and to see different writing styles.
6137	7/11/2012	The library gives my family access to education that we could not otherwise afford.
6138	7/11/2012	I am always going to the library and I would most likely see and use available resources
6139	7/11/2012	Public safety and access to well-maintained outdoor space is of greater importance to my me and my family.

6140	7/11/2012	Enjoy reading books and not having to buy them. very good place for family's to spend time. I think reading is very very important for all ages.
6141	7/11/2012	Just like to read.
6142	7/11/2012	Libraries provide educational services that help sustain communities and create committed citizens.
6143	7/11/2012	I find that even though we have access to media, it is still important that we teach kids that reading is important. With the Summer reading program we are enrolled in every Summer it teaches my daughter and her friends how to use a library and that it is an important service for many people.
6144	7/11/2012	I feel that the education I received through the public school system was inadequate. If I didn't have public libraries to supplement this education and provide what the public school system lacked, I would not have had a successful education.
6145	7/11/2012	While maybe not more important than fire fighters, I believe well maintained, well used libraries are vital to a healthy society.
6146	7/11/2012	My family uses it all the time and it is something that we can use without worrying about money.
6147	7/11/2012	Because to kill culture you don't burn books \, you have people to stop reading them.
6148	7/11/2012	bc i have small kids
6149	7/11/2012	There are other services that are more important
6150	7/11/2012	I need access to a wide variety of research materials.
6151	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the few visible and truly public resources we have in this country.
6152	7/11/2012	They are a big part of encouraging our kids to become good readers.
6153	7/11/2012	The services are so varied and they help all ages from children to seniors.
6154	7/11/2012	I'm a poor student
6155	7/11/2012	Libraries offer something important for everybody - the youngest tot to the oldest senior. A library is a place to learn. A library is a place to find assistance to solve problems. A library is a haven for those who have little (or no) space of their own. Best of all, the library has books, books, books!
6156	7/11/2012	Libraries provide education to the public. There are a great number of people who cannot afford to buy books, media and computers. We need to make sure everyone has access to books and media. We need educated people in this country.
6157	7/11/2012	Learning should be a lifelong process and libraries provide a place for everyone no matter how much money they have or don't have.
6158	7/11/2012	education and learning, job hunting and things for seniors
6159	7/11/2012	Police and fire personnel are number one on my list.
6160	7/11/2012	I read voraciously, but cannot afford to buy books
6161	7/11/2012	I have always depended on the library as a free source for books and movies. When I did not have Internet at home, the library provided an incredibly important resource for me so that I could apply for jobs. My daughter and I love going to family story time and I hope that she can grow up with the library as much a part of her childhood as it was of mine.

6162	7/11/2012	They are vital to the health of a community and they have something for everyone, regardless of ethnicity, religion, economic status, gender, ability, etc. Libraries cover so much ground. They're the biggest bang for the buck out of all public services. That's not to say that we don't need other public services; libraries just have a broader and more comprehensive reach.
6163	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly. I would lose access to personal and professional resources without access to the library.
6164	7/11/2012	They are a good source of research material, educational material, and entertainment. However, this can all be obtained either cheap or for free in other ways (online).
6165	7/11/2012	EDUCATION, MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
6166	7/11/2012	Not so important as police and fire, but they provide at least as much value (more some days) than Tri-Met.
6167	7/11/2012	People need to read and books have to be available to everyone regardless of economic status
6168	7/11/2012	It is the basis of a democratic form of government.
6169	7/11/2012	It is a place where everyone in the community can access resources. Great spot to to increase the literacy focus for young children and people of all ages
6170	7/11/2012	What do you mean by other public services? This is too hard a question to answer properly because of course other public services are extremely important too.
6171	7/11/2012	Libraries are essential to our 8-yr old daughter. She visits libraries at least 3-4 times per week. She has been an avid reader since age 5-1/2. At any one time we have at least 50-80 items checked out on each of our family members' cards. We frequent the Washington Co. libraries as well as Albina Branch. The Wash. Co. library system has a HUGE inventory of kids books, with seemingly dozens of copies of all popular titles.
6172	7/11/2012	They are very important to me.
6173	7/11/2012	There are a number of local public services which are critical for day-to-day civilized life. Libraries aren't quite up there in that group, but they're still fairly high on the important scale.
6174	7/11/2012	Frequent user with high expectations
6175	7/11/2012	Lending libraries make books, literature and media available to everyone in the community. Libraries are indispensable.
6176	7/11/2012	I would like to be able to read books without having to buy them, like I'm being forced to now because of availability.
6177	7/11/2012	It depends what other public services are be considered. When you think of police, schools, and fire departments , library's have to come after public safety and well-being.

6178	7/11/2012	Information, and a safe place to gather that information, is more essential to improving the lives of citizens than a strong economy. a strong economy benefits people in an unequal way, but a library, should, benefit all equally. i can create a job for someone at a factory, a factory that pollutes the environment that the worker lives in, but they do not know the danger that the factory produces. they have money, but still live in poor conditions. having a library with books and pictures and people who know about such topics, helps such people be informed and thus demand equality. they can improve their mind and heart through a library.
6179	7/11/2012	Obviously not as important as emergency services, but the access to information is definitely a high priority.
6180	7/11/2012	I'd pay a membership fee or more taxes.
6181	7/11/2012	It's one thing I use regularly, need often and enjoy having access to. It's good year round. Parks kinda suck when it's raining.
6182	7/11/2012	The library is the place where all have access to information,books,computers,etc.Not everyone can afford to buy,or pay for this services,I'd be lost without the services ofered at the library,and I know a lot of people who would be as well.
6183	7/11/2012	it depends on what you mean by "local public service." The police and fire stations are more important public services than the library!
6184	7/11/2012	More important are public health issues (clean water, effective sewage treatment, and universal health care). Equally important are effective schools. Potholes are much lower in priority.
6185	7/11/2012	We need libraries.
6186	7/11/2012	it is wonderful to have a library, but it also essential we have accessible/free health care for those who are sick, local jobs, etc.
6187	7/11/2012	I use it regularly and support it with my property taxes
6188	7/11/2012	I use them more than other public services. I'm not low income but I don't make a lot. I use the library as my main source of entertainment and learning.
6189	7/11/2012	Portland is a city that reads. Libraries help keep it that way, particularly when many home budgets are tight.
6190	7/11/2012	I value, use and need other county services, but the library is a service that I use often and it enriches my life.
6191	7/11/2012	See answers to previous question. Also, libraries can seve as an important gathering place - an important element in keeping a sense of community. Would be interesting to see the library promote this aspect by incorporating elements such as farmers markets or cafes to draw people to it. The electronic age is giving us too many reasons to isolate from one another.

6192	7/11/2012	I have been a reader all my life. Books are the core of my intellectual life. At the same time, new audio-visual materials are growing ever more effective at presenting vast quantities and qualities of knowledge that books could never begin to reveal so quickly and easily. The following video presents 180,000 years worth of human migrations out of Africa in about four minutes. Watch it several times and you really comprehend the vastness of prehistoric global time [] [] http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/journey/
6193	7/11/2012	I think it's a valuable public service but in a time of tight budgets I would prioritize education, community health, and food stamp programs
6194	7/11/2012	I rely on them for entertain to drop voter ballot for research on products to buy etc
6195	7/11/2012	Highly important. They offer a free service to the public with an intrinsic value that is difficult to measure.
6196	7/11/2012	The library is very important to me - it is a main source of leisure media and also an important secondary source of learning materials for me. I believe it's super important for all members of the community (all ages) to have access to library resources for a literate and free-thinking society.
6197	7/11/2012	Libraries disseminate knowledge. Libraries help kids do well in school. Libraries are community cultural resource. Libraries contribute to an informed electorate. Libraries make better citizens.
6198	7/11/2012	People who read are smart & thoughtful. Smart, thoughtful people are not so easily fooled or influenced by glib politicians and biased news reports. Libraries are a major gateway to Truth, Justice, and The American Way!
6199	7/11/2012	Libraries open up the world of books to those who can't afford to buy. Story hours provide models for parents of early literacy strategies that prepare children for school. Library staff provide homework help and reading programs that encourage students in school to develop a love for reading and to excel in school. Libraries are part of a continuum of very important public services that give low-income families opportunities that they otherwise wouldn't have, contributing to the well-being of children who will grow up wanting to reinvest in the community that served them so well in their formative years. I have been going to the library since I was old enough to write my name on a library card, and have loved every visit. I now enjoy sharing the books, media, story hours and summer reading program that libraries provide with my own children. Libraries have inspired me with hope, creativity, a love of words and a passion for my community. I can't imagine Portland without them.
6200	7/11/2012	My wife checks out about 2 books per week - it is her lifeline to entertainment and knowledge
6201	7/11/2012	Local library services are very important to our community. Without libraries, citizens of all ages will not have easy access to reading materials. Libraries are an important compliment to schools and community centers in providing educational opportunities to the community.
6202	7/11/2012	The libraries provide access to information, educational programs and the encouragement to read instead of watch TV are vital to keeping our population educated and competitive in the world.

6203	7/11/2012	I think it is important that all citizens and especially the young should have access to a reference and lending library for educational purposes. I do not think it is important to provide special reading programs for children (schools should be doing it), programs for seniors (I am one) or lending of DVDs or audio tapes.
6204	7/11/2012	I am the vice president of Pride NW, the organization that hosts the annual Gay Pride Parade and Festival on Father's Day weekend. The events we host bring in literally 1.5 to 2 million dollars to the local economy annually. I utilize the resources here often for research. Additionally, I am a freelance graphic designer, and also use the library for research for every project. In the last 12 months, the research I have utilized at the local library has benefited many local non-profits, including Pride NW, Cascade AIDS Project, Basic Rights Oregon, and In Other Words feminist bookstore, just to name a few. Without the materials and resources at the library, I literally could not afford to assist the local charities that assist those in great need in our community.
6205	7/11/2012	I grew up in a household where the library was one of our one resources, as we didn't have much money. At the same time, my father being an avid reader, it is where I first learned about how important books / knowledge is to a society. I also worked at my local library as a page for my first job. I now share the importance of libraries with my children via story times and weekly trips to provide our nightly reading as a family.
6206	7/11/2012	The avaricious have been eating away at the commons for decades. The parks, for lack of responsible adult presence, and the schools, due to entrenched bureaucracy and special interests, leave only the libraries as safe, commonly held gathering places.
6207	7/11/2012	Libraries mean access to information, recreation, ideas and community.
6208	7/11/2012	We use the library regularly in our family. It is a weekly ritual for us.
6209	7/11/2012	The Library is the one public service I use continually throughout the year.
6210	7/11/2012	An uneducated community cannot think for itself and we all need one another. It doesn't hurt to have had 31 yrs service (ret) perspective of cuts.
6211	7/11/2012	I love books! The library is a knowledge base, and the books, information, and computer access all need to be freely available to everyone.
6212	7/11/2012	I am a life long reader and love libraries, but fire, police, ambulance, street maintenance, etc. are all more important to basic survival than libraries. Once I am fed, clothed, warm and feel safe - then I can read.
6213	7/11/2012	Although I do not wish to downplay the importance of the library in my community, it falls after the basic social services of proper emergency services and schools in terms of importance
6214	7/11/2012	Public safety, schools, recreational area, roads, lights, utility delivery are more important. Library sources are helpful, but I can fulfill my use needs in other ways - slightly more costly, but very do-able.
6215	7/11/2012	Because they are education and community all rolled into one.
6216	7/11/2012	We love the library

6217	7/11/2012	We walk to our library at least 2 times a week and know everyone there. It is a vital link to our community
6218	7/11/2012	We need our community to have access to books/education/computers and programs that support these. We, also, need to make sure our children/young people have the resources to build their reading and research skills. The Library is the core of a community that reads and educates that community.
6219	7/11/2012	There are only so many dollars to go around -- so how do we meet the greater good of the whole? First, I think that is based on personal values. For example, if I have to choose between local public schools and the library, I would choose schools; If i had to choose between garbage service vs library I would have to choose garbage service due to the public health risk. If I had to choose between the library and funding marijuana for pain clinics I would vote the library.
6220	7/11/2012	Access to books and ideas are bedrock to a civilized society. Not everyone can afford to own things.
6221	7/11/2012	Because I don't use them
6222	7/11/2012	As an educated person, I often look to the library to offer new (to me) books to browse and videos to enjoy. Unfortunately I rarely find current materials on the shelves at Hillsdale.
6223	7/11/2012	access to all kinds of reading material is a democracy's right
6224	7/11/2012	As a stay at home mother to two children 3 and under, we visit the library for storytimes and for checking out books 3-4 times a week. We utilize library services far more often than any other public services
6225	7/11/2012	Libraries provides enrichment. I really enjoy books on tape, but libraries are not vital to community survival.
6226	7/11/2012	Reading is one of my favorite activities. It's so important to have these resources available for all ages.
6227	7/11/2012	Reading, communication, Internet access
6228	7/11/2012	They offer a variety of services needed by a large part of our population, particularly those who cannot afford to purchase the items offered free by the library.
6229	7/11/2012	Third in importance after police and fire services. I think the library services are more important than parks
6230	7/11/2012	I like the idea of libraries, and I'm sure they are lifelines to some people, but in a time of budgetary concerns we have more pressing issues.
6231	7/11/2012	fixed income senior who depends on library for books and films (a LOT of books and films)
6232	7/11/2012	Literacy and access to information is everything - in theory. In practice, the internet provides much if not all, of that knowledge.
6233	7/11/2012	only way for people other than wealthy to have ready access to information.
6234	7/11/2012	because they allow everybody access to media and books

6235	7/11/2012	Because I don't usually go to the library, but when i do i sometimes get movies and almost always get at least 3 books every time i go there.
6236	7/11/2012	Education should be accessible to all whenever needed.
6237	7/11/2012	There are greater needs in society (Mazlov's hierarchy) such as food, shelter, and feelings of security; however, a library can help build a sense of community that comes in after basic needs are met.
6238	7/11/2012	The library represents an equal opportunity to be literate to us all, and I feel like it is an indicator of the health of a community how the library is used. Libraries are meeting places and books are amazing-we should all have access to them.
6239	7/11/2012	I am a teacher and I am always looking for materials to use in the classroom. Also, I love to read, and I enjoy that the library is open everyday so I do not have problems to go and check reading materials after work.
6240	7/11/2012	Reading is a vital fundamental skill for life success. Access to free books supports that important lifeskill. Research materials are necessary as well.
6241	7/11/2012	I would have said "very important" except that police and fire service are vital, and without good schools nobody in furute generations will give a damn about "libraries" (what were they?)
6242	7/11/2012	It's very important to me personally, and to the strength of our community as a whole.
6243	7/11/2012	Because a library is a democratic institution that makes materials and learning available to everyone, and cuts through American class issues and offers opportunities for people to learn and grow.
6244	7/11/2012	People of all economic status' and that live all over the city can use the library's services. It does not require specific "qualifications" to use the library or any level of payment. It does not require a computer or other technology. Regardless of whether I have been flush with money or broke, I have always, always, always used (and often given to) the library.
6245	7/11/2012	Because there are books. And reading is the most important part of human development.
6246	7/11/2012	I feel that Portland libraries are part of the culture here. I enjoy living in an informed, educated, and curious community and I believe that the libraries foster that culture.
6247	7/11/2012	I have a two year old son and another on the way. This time in my life, I am using the library more than I ever have. We go to book babies at gregory heights and check out books monthly for my son.
6248	7/11/2012	The Rockwood Library and Central Library were a hugely important part of my childhood. I have many fond memories and don't want to see this important resource fade away.
6249	7/11/2012	Today, access to technology is required to be successful. For all that cannot afford access to technology, the Library is the gateway to success.
6250	7/11/2012	I like to read for pleasure, and for information. MCL offers plenty of material on both.

6251	7/11/2012	The library is a destination for our family. It keeps the kids excited about reading because we always have the opportunity to get new books to read. It also saves us money. My husband used to spend quite a bit of money buying books. Now he gets most of his reading from the library.
6252	7/11/2012	the library serves many people. When I had no computer, I went to the library. When I looked for a job--with no computer--I went to the library. Sometimes I need a resource and can't buy books, I go to the library to take books out. I love books and reading and it is a source to keep that alive, especially when children can access books and be read to. □ It keeps a community feeling serving ALL ages and many needs.
6253	7/11/2012	I feel that with all the funding cuts in schools, recreation programs and the arts people need a place like the library. It fills so many needs for all ages. Books benefit everyone, whatever their interests are.
6254	7/11/2012	It is important to be able to have a place I can go for resources that are not offered online or through school.
6255	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly for books, especially audio and Russian language audio books.
6256	7/11/2012	It is the ultimate level playing field. From homeless people to people in million dollar mansions, everyone has access to the same materials for the same length of time.
6257	7/11/2012	I plan on homeschooling my children when I have them. While the internet is a great place, I want my kids to understand the importance of finding the information in a book. Call me crazy, but if we are thrown into turmoil from a war and have no more internet, what are kids going to do?
6258	7/11/2012	Convenience. Until everything is 100% electronic and online, if its too far away, I won't go to use it.
6259	7/11/2012	The community is only as strong as its collective knowledge.
6260	7/11/2012	Without an educated populace, how are we to make important decisions. It is through being educated, that our republic has functioned over the last 200+ years. It seems like we, in the age where information is more easily accessible than ever, lack the knowledge and understanding of the complex nuanced world in which we live.
6261	7/11/2012	Looking at having a family, I feel the programs at our libraries are fundamental to raising a literate and well rounded child. Resources should be available in the community to give our children a good start, even if parents don't have the financial resources to purchase books or participate in costly programs for young children.
6262	7/11/2012	I use this resource more than most others
6263	7/11/2012	Because the library has many services it supplies to serve the vast majority of population. It serves the young readers to keep them interested in books and reading. It serves those who do not have a home computer or do not want one in the home but want access to one. It serves those who want to check out media without a charge with the economy the way it is this is a plus! It serves as a place for after school kids to find a place of resource and complete homework in a positive environment.

6264	7/11/2012	Libraries give access to individuals that might not otherwise have it, esp computer use. Story hours and other child oriented programs encourage kids to read and explore new things. It allows patrons to read the newest books keeping them informed.
6265	7/11/2012	Free access to knowledge is critical to a free society and a functioning democracy. However, as important as libraries are, a new library district under current Oregon tax law takes revenue away from cities, and Multnomah County that provide equally valuable services such as parks, housing, health clinics, and public safety.
6266	7/11/2012	they are a window on the world and a key part of teaching my children how to be life long learners
6267	7/11/2012	I like reading stuff :)
6268	7/11/2012	I don't buy books except for trail or bird books. I read several books a week and want them in my hands. I use the reference services on line.
6269	7/11/2012	Police, fire and medical services are necessary; libraries, although nice, are not life essential.
6270	7/11/2012	I put police, fire and other emergencies services at the highest level of importance. Libraries fall behind those services but I believe they are still of critical importance to allow computer access for job seekers and low income families and services for all, especially with regard to (early) Literacy.
6271	7/11/2012	They make a wide variety of resources available to all people--especially to those with limited incomes who cannot afford to access in other ways.
6272	7/11/2012	A literate, informed, culturally aware population is essential for sound governance. The library serves everyone, contributes to broad-based learning, interaction and fosters a sense of community as well as information and education Creativity and curiosity are vital for a healthy, viable future.
6273	7/11/2012	Not a basic need like food, shelter, emergency service
6274	7/11/2012	As mentioned, I'm an educator--a teacher for 30+ years. After police, fire and 911 services, libraries are absolutely vital for maintaining at least some level of public access to education and literacy services. Since we've already cut schools too far, libraries are our last line of defense.
6275	7/11/2012	I like to read. I also attend college and use both my University and local library to access books and information for my papers. Online access to search for books is very important to me because I work and attend school.
6276	7/11/2012	The library is the knowledge resource for the community.[] The ability to read and communicate the knowledge that one has acquired from reading is a basic communications functions.[] The library makes available its resources to all - including those who otherwise couldn't afford the books and the knowledge reading them brings.
6277	7/11/2012	While such public services as governance, fire, police, schools and public transportation are of greater importance to me, the library is an invaluable source of resource information for me, especially for things not available on the web.

6278	7/11/2012	We mainly use the library in the summer to check out books for our children (I can order all of my own books through the college for which I work). So why we are personally not all that dependent on public libraries, I still think they are very important!
6279	7/11/2012	Economics! I can't afford to buy books and dvds, but I can enjoy them at leisure from the library. []
6280	7/11/2012	I also enjoy participating in the Page Turners opening literary horizons I wouldn't normally select Never know when you might need the resource
6281	7/11/2012	A healthy vital library system reflects a community that is engaged and interested in learning--the sort of place I want to live!
6282	7/11/2012	I am a childcare provider. Reading spring boards children's interest in learning. When I don't get new books from the library, circle time gets stale and the kids become less interested. But when I read a new book to the kids, a whole new world opens up for them. We live in a screen rich society and I believe this is a horrible thing. The joy of books with children is not just the adventure of a new tale but a relational connection. As a mother of a young child and an business owner, I don't reserve much downtime for myself but the times when I pick out a book for myself, I find a new level of rest and relaxation that reading off a screen or watching tv cannot touch. Our nation is crumbling because we fail to really know our own history...public libraries leave every aspect of our history available to each one of us, if we would only take the time to slow down and care.
6283	7/11/2012	I don't know, but I think if I did not have water, electricity or the garbage picked up I probably would not be thinking about going to the library. On the other hand, I cannot imagine not having a library system at my disposal.
6284	7/11/2012	Police and fire are very important. People in Kenton neighborhood need resources available to them to learn.
6285	7/11/2012	I love to read. I cannot afford to buy used or new the number of books and magazines I like to read. The visible book shelves as well as the online catalog helps me discovers authors and books I would not otherwise have visibility too. The human intervention (library staff) is highly important as well. BEing an IT person I am not thrilled with virtual help and online chat.
6286	7/11/2012	There is a duplication of services with library resources going to support school reading functions. This is better diverted to the school systems themselves to improve their dwindling resources for the same purpose. Access for the entire community for a minimal tome of 6 days being open casts the widest net to reach the most people for the levy requested.
6287	7/11/2012	They provide cohesiveness to society in a way that police and fire can't. It's like school for those of us that haven't given up learning.
6288	7/11/2012	I grew up going to the library. They were an integral part of teaching me how to research, got me excited about reading, and an incredible haven of knowledge that is safe and so inspiring to explore. Also, at different points in my life it provided computer access when i had no other which was invaluabley helpful to me.

6289	7/11/2012	I use libraries. When I move to a new area the first thing I look for is the nearest branch library. I read...a lot. My budget is limited (it has always been limited) and the libraries everywhere I've lived have provided me with access to the written word--both new material and old.
6290	7/11/2012	we use the library a lot.
6291	7/11/2012	Computer and internet access to all economic and employment status groups is very important.
6292	7/11/2012	Libraries allow people of all incomes and backgrounds to access Internet, books, movies and music. Without libraries many folks simply wouldn't have access to these materials. It's especially important for kids to have access to these materials for free.
6293	7/11/2012	We are in the library several times weekly. Because we are very low income, we rely on the library for all our books and movies. My son has a special relationship with the youth librarian and is encouraged to LOVE reading. He learns about responsibility and the importance of citizenship through his involvement in the library.
6294	7/11/2012	Like education, access to information is essential for a community to thrive and grow. Community Resource and meeting place. ☐
6295	7/11/2012	☐ Access to books and movies and bks on tape or now ebook, (which I have yet to figure out), with out having to buy the material and then have to recycle or sell or donate the material later.
6296	7/11/2012	Our knowledge and culture are preserved, yet remain open, shared and alive at the library and should be kept available to all in the community, including (and especially) those populations with least access to a library.
6297	7/11/2012	I have children that greatly benefit from the library!
6298	7/11/2012	Because I could survive without the library, but I'd rather not.
6299	7/11/2012	we need to have libraries open for all. They are extremely important for students to access the computers, do homework. We need to encourage our children to read and the summer reading program is fantastic!! our children need to learn how to use the library to find books and utilize the resources other than the internet. Real books that people can actually touch and open and enjoy is far more beneficial than having everything electronic.
6300	7/11/2012	Because the library is a meeting place for the community. In addition, it is a safe space that children, teens, young adults, adults and the elderly can come together and be a part of. It offers programs and services (such as story time for infants and toddlers) that is free, giving ALL parents access to these services regardless of their financial situation, or socioeconomic status. It also promotes literacy and educational pursuits. The library is most certainly one of the most important public services the community and state can provide.
6301	7/11/2012	my family and i love to read. we are low income and need a place we can get books, internet access, a printer, classes and story time all for free or cheap. the library is one of my favorite places to be. i could spend

6302	7/11/2012	Access to public libraries benefits all in the community, it shows a commitment to education and literacy. the local library service is among the top public services that I use.
6303	7/11/2012	Police, fire, schools, garbage, power, water and parks are very important.
6304	7/11/2012	Because books and learning are important to me and my family. I want my son to grow up craving knowledge and stories the way I did, but not be addicted to the Internet as the only resource for information.
6305	7/11/2012	Basic service to have books available.
6306	7/11/2012	I consider sewer and water more important.
6307	7/11/2012	I am a kindergarten teacher and a parent. The library is our child's home away from home.
6308	7/11/2012	i love the library; i can't afford to purchase every book i read; reading and access to books is vital to one's existence; the library is more important than some of the people in office!
6309	7/11/2012	Education is the future. We need to keep people's minds stimulated.
6310	7/11/2012	They educate and lower drug use and crime
6311	7/11/2012	Our library is an invaluable resource, not just to my family, but to the community as a whole. As a homeowner, I am willing to pay more in taxes to have a library nearby.
6312	7/11/2012	Because roads and a police force strike me as being much more urgent. On the other hand, libraries serve an incredibly important function in passing on our culture's emphasis on literature to the next generation and giving adults access to the information they need to operate businesses or gain job skills.
6313	7/11/2012	Access/services for such a large population of people.
6314	7/11/2012	My local library is a great resource for finding history books, novels, and movies that would otherwise be either too expensive or too difficult to obtain.
6315	7/11/2012	It's a wonderful resource for the community .
6316	7/11/2012	The library is a community gathering place for people from all walls of life. It's where we organize, learn, socialize, share, and nurture each community member. The free activities for young children foster literacy and begin a life long love if reading.
6317	7/11/2012	The library is one of very few services provided in Multnomah County which is optional and which I use. (Obviously I'm using the roads, streetlighting etc like everyone else). But I'm not in education and have no children, my health is excellent and I'm young so I don't use health services often and I'm not interested in sports facilities. As an immigrant there are all sorts of services denied to me eg various forms of welfare. I love libraries and I always have done and I would be very disappointed if Multnomah County's library service were to suffer due to lack of funding.
6318	7/11/2012	It is access to information to everyone.
6319	7/11/2012	Maintaining the people "au courant" of new books, current ideas. Without a well organized lending system it would be impossible to keep abreast of new publication due to the price of books and magazines.
6320	7/11/2012	Please see previous comment box noted in line item #6.

6321	7/11/2012	The Multnomah county library system is a phenomenal resource for education outside of and beyond schools and colleges that is available to all. The quality of our libraries far surpasses that of any other city I have ever lived in. The libraries are well run, the staff is brilliant, the catalogue is excellent and they are always making efforts to find ways to serve the community better. The libraries are among the very best features of living in this area.
6322	7/11/2012	For college/studying purposes.
6323	7/11/2012	access to information for all is vital, esp. now that the economy is rough.
6324	7/11/2012	I do not purchase book often, preferring to get most of my reading material from the library.
6325	7/11/2012	Helpful alternative for accessing books and other reference materials without having to purchase
6326	7/11/2012	Free, accessible, and familiar to people of many backgrounds and generations: a place to get information on a variety of topics, not just books and other media, but also from brochures, posters, and human beings. Playing-field leveler.
6327	7/11/2012	For research, education and opportunity to enjoy literature. They are important culturally.
6328	7/11/2012	I use the library for reference materials on construction and gardening projects I have around my house. Also, I can check out books and videos at no cost, which is important to seniors on a fixed income. I also spend time reading magazines and newspapers I no longer subscribe to. The library helps me save money for other costs.
6329	7/11/2012	Without the arts life becomes less than "real". We are being robbed of the joy of thinking and appreciating the real meaning of life. It is more than science, math, and making money.
6330	7/11/2012	medium, not vital importance
6331	7/11/2012	Police and fire more important Library is important
6332	7/11/2012	Because we use the library so regularly to keep the family (including kids) supplied with books to read or story tapes/cd's to listen to; or non-fiction books for the adults.
6333	7/11/2012	My mom was a librarian for a period of time while i was growing up. I used to spend my Saturday's there reading. Ere are so many valuable resources from computers, books, reading programs for children, cd's, dvd's, etc. These are all paid for with taxpayer money and are FREE which is great for those that can't afford to buy papers or books. The Internet access is also great for research and job seekers without PC's.
6334	7/11/2012	Because it caters to a wide variety of age group, types of people, culture, etc.
6335	7/11/2012	We use it mainly for entertainment.
6336	7/11/2012	A library card gives access to so many things to the people of this county. It allows people of all economic access the gift of reading. Some may not afford the books that a library can offer. It offers a chance to have an adventurer, improve reading skills and vocabulary skills. The gift of reading is truly a gift that many tske for granted,as they do libraries.

6337	7/11/2012	Local libraris do provide a gathering place for access to mind expanding material. Even if the local library was only open for one hour of one day a week, it would be necessary and needed (very especially so if this were the case). I am not sure what you qualify as "other Local Public Services". If you are including Fire Depts, Police, and others of that type, than, of course these have a higher level of importance than the library.
6338	7/11/2012	Libraries offer critical access to information, knowledge, and opportunity for all. ---That is so fundamental. They are one of the most democratic institutions we offer, with open doors to everyone. [] Especially during this long economic downturn, when so many need access to quality community services. Libraries are a bedrock, allowing growth, exploration, and development.
6339	7/11/2012	I have better resources through my computer.
6340	7/11/2012	They provide access to a wealth of information to everyone, regardless of income.
6341	7/11/2012	They are key to increasing the literacy of our citizenry.
6342	7/11/2012	They offer an irreplaceable resource to children of all financial backgrounds, college students who need access to computers in order to pass their courses, job seekers who do not have access to internet resources, and all who do not have the money to buy a Kindle and order books, or who can't afford to buy every book they want or need to read. Libraries are also fantastic study spots, and great for intellectual social interaction.
6343	7/11/2012	It is the only public service that I use of my own volition.
6344	7/11/2012	It is accessible to all and provides so many more services than just book lending. It is the type of place that is the heart of a community. You can't say that about your pot hole repairs or dog catcher, necessary services, but not services that aid mind and soul.
6345	7/11/2012	Certainly police, fire and emergency medical take greater importance, however the public library affords everyone in the community and opportunity to further and freely educate themselves. That should always be a given for any nation that claims greatness. The freedom to educate oneself and ones family is essential.
6346	7/11/2012	Libraries are usually beautiful buildings with cultureal and historical significance. They are a place for me, and my community, to explore, question, challenge, interact, grow and imagine. The library is my university, a gathering place, a place that helps me be a better citizen, and a place where I can experience new ideas and new ways to live a meaningful life. The library is the cornerstone of my community.
6347	7/11/2012	dynamic resource for the community
6348	7/11/2012	Since I was a little girl, I was a complete bibliophile. My parents, at the time, struggled financially, and I believe being able to go to the library to satiate my literary needs was a vital part of my growing-up.
6349	7/11/2012	Because of the need for access to materials

6350	7/11/2012	Libraries provide "free" information, resource reading, pleasure reading, and help maintain an educated society.
6351	7/11/2012	I would rate them as one of the most important services we have, just not quite as important as say 911, safety net services like the health clinics, or the fire department.
6352	7/11/2012	Literacy and learning are the backbone of an enlightened society.
6353	7/11/2012	Almost at the top...all my life I have been a reader and books unlike other things in my life have never let me down or disappointed...they always deliver! Life without books would be unbearable.
6354	7/11/2012	It's a service adults as well as students, job seekers and children need. It allows people a public place in the community to go look up current resources to help them improve their lives.
6355	7/11/2012	I actually think the importance I place on the library falls between somewhat & very important. [] There are public services that provide many underprivileged members of the community with essential services such as food, clothing, housing, transportation, so they very need sufficient and stable funding.
6356	7/11/2012	We use the library as a lifeline to new material, to keep life fresh, to keep ourselves and now our child educated, to support learning in schools, to create community, to promote life-learning, to provide a gathering space...to simply allow people of all economic backgrounds to access what they need, when they need it.
6357	7/11/2012	They are important the libraries in our community are the center of cultural life. Our libraries are where we go to learn about great music when the symphony is in recess; they are where we go to learn about and experience great literature when school is in recess and no great writers are visiting on a paid circuit, which many could not afford anyway. Our libraries are where the children of our community go to begin their life-long love of learning, which strengthens us as a city, state, and nation. If we fail our libraries, we continue to fail ourselves.
6358	7/11/2012	everyone uses libraries, they are open to all neighborhoods, they support our declining public school system, they are FREE to use
6359	7/11/2012	I love my library and want to visit as often as I can - it is as important as my bank and grocery store!
6360	7/11/2012	Libraries are awesome and everyone should have access to them
6361	7/11/2012	Because it is the best way to get kids and teens to read and be involved in our community. It helps me get books I really want to read for free.
6362	7/11/2012	Explore books with kids, without having to buy and accumulate them.
6363	7/11/2012	Reading is the essence of learning and learning is what will bring great minds and inventors to create change hopefully for the better ad break down barriers of access
6364	7/11/2012	As mentioned before our family highly relies on many of its' services and support services too.
6365	7/11/2012	It provides a wealth of knowledge at all levels. It is a resource where people can get information on many subjects and is readily available to everyone.
6366	7/11/2012	Information, education & entertainment at a budget. I have a 13yr old that uses it for school.

6367	7/11/2012	All local public services are important.
6368	7/11/2012	Equal access of information to everyone regardless of means.
6369	7/11/2012	Access to information... free, I should say, because more and more, information is being limited to those who can afford to pay. Widening the gap between rich and poor.
6370	7/11/2012	I'm a reader and I'm never without a book, or two, or more. The library allows me to indulge that habit. I use the library more than I use the parks, schools, buses, so it's that important to me. [] As for the community as a whole, having the library to gather, explore, meet new friends (both books and people) is good for both body and soul.
6371	7/11/2012	The public library is one of the last institutions in this country that is genuinely concerned with serving communities and protecting democracy. More specifically, MCL is an amazingly impressive and progressive system that truly reaches out to members of its communities. This is more than "very" important to me. I would have went a level higher.
6372	7/11/2012	The library is a place for people to get information for free. Anyone can use the library, to get resources for a job, to read books if you can't afford them, to sing, to hang out. It is one of the public service I use the most. I use it for my teaching position. I teach in a place where kids don't have enough access to books and the public library helps me bring materials to them that they wouldn't otherwise have access to.
6373	7/11/2012	Free library access is a hallmark of democracy and libraries serve as our community gathering places.
6374	7/11/2012	The library is a public service that enables learning to the public. [] Law enforcement, and safety programs would be high priority.
6375	7/11/2012	I've always enjoyed libraries throughout my life and look forward to visiting them when I can. It is a great resource for getting into new topics.
6376	7/11/2012	libraries provide a nearly unlimited access to books, music, videos to EVERYONE. libraries can also act as a sort of community gathering space, they are important for literacy, children's appreciation of books/reading, for those who do not have computers/internet the libraries can be a window into job searches/preparation.
6377	7/11/2012	provides valuable resource - books, dvds to all community residents + age levels. Same as answer above. They are critical to teaching our kids, about words and literature and community. They are a great resource for adults to keep up as well. []
6378	7/11/2012	They are just below schools, fire and police force, water, safe roads for bikers and cars.

6379	7/11/2012	Equal access to knowledge and resources for all of our community members. Building well informed citizenry life long learning Community building and neighborhood cohesiveness
6380	7/11/2012	There are some people that do not have the resources to buy books to use the internet or do things with their children I have been there so I understand this problem.
6381	7/11/2012	I'm an avid reader & technology aside, I still love the smell of a good book. I want my children to appreciate the value of what a public library brings to its community: education/opportunity, etc.
6382	7/11/2012	I cannot get around like I used to and need the access to good books (in Large Print) so I can pass my hours at home comfortably while visiting other worlds and other times. They engage my imagination and pass the time happily. I seldom watch TV.
6383	7/11/2012	Libraries are a great resource for everyone, especially those who read more books than they can afford to buy.
6384	7/11/2012	I love reading and I love our library system. But I cannot say it is more important than other services such as school funding, public safety and health.
6385	7/11/2012	I try to make it to the library almost daily. When I was laid off from my job, it was a place I could go and use their wi-fi to look for work, take a special event/class to help me search for work, check out books and material that provided me with skill improvements I could use toward acquiring a new job. Plus, it's also a great resource for just having pamphlets and brochures around to learn about local activities and support groups. And since I am out of work and unemployment benefits were denied to me, it's been a great way to stay up on the latest music and movies, both with checking out at my local branch and downloading at Freegal. I can say without exaggeration that the library saved my mental health this past year. I was down and out, but the library was always a wonderful place to escape and have movies and books and cds and classes to enjoy even though I didn't have a cent to my name.
6386	7/11/2012	they are such a great community resource!!
6387	7/11/2012	Library opens the doors to so many new things. There are only two sources that person can learn from : people that we spend time with and Books that we read.

6388	7/11/2012	All my life I have been an avid reader. I don't own a TV, by choice, not financial circumstance. I believe that reading is one key to heightened intelligence and life opportunities. Although I do not have children, I believe that ALL children, regardless of social circumstance, should have access to the material a library provides free of cost. The world would benefit from free education for every child, but we do not currently have that. A library is an opportunity for people of all ages and from all walks of life to educate themselves, when other avenues are not open to them. As for myself, I enjoy recorded books, as well, which are quite expensive. I could never afford to have purchased all the recorded books I have enjoyed from the library over the years, which have served to entertain, educate and further enrich my life. Thank you, Library!
6389	7/11/2012	Because they make me feel like I'm part of a community. Also, books and reading are very important to me and I enjoy having a community place that fosters that and where I can share that with my family in a social way.
6390	7/11/2012	Because I love to read and because they make books and technology available to those who can't afford them otherwise.
6391	7/11/2012	I grew up with libraries; Using libraries is a very green way to live; less books to buy; services are "free" , Free activities; a gathering place for people.
6392	7/11/2012	Use the library but based on current pay, cannot afford the passed levy
6393	7/11/2012	They are wonderful resources for our communities. I work in st. Johns and live on Sauvie Island. I have dial-up internet service at home, and the library provides me a place that I can have high-speed internet for viewing stuff I can't get at home. I read a lot of books, and don't like to buy them and keep them at home. The library is great for that - usually what I want to read is there, and the waits aren't too long, usually.
6394	7/11/2012	Somewhat important
6395	7/11/2012	the library's are needed by everyone age groups
6396	7/11/2012	Because throughout my life (59 yrs), knowing where your library is has always seemed most important. But I wonder, is it doing too much (i.e., it should be a book repository, only?).
6397	7/11/2012	I am retired just recently. I can now enjoy the services the library has to offer. I just really enjoy the Central Library building; the architecture and ambiance of the place. All the librarians are so knowledgeable and helpful in assisting me with finding the correct resource materials, recommendations for books, etc.

6398	7/11/2012	As a teacher, schools do not have adequate resources for children learning to read. Our public libraries fill the void. Children's wide interests can be satisfied by the larger public library system. Augmentation of classroom material is also possible when teachers check out books in the larger public library system. When I want to research issues of political concern or do research for the books that I write, the library is the place I depend upon. It really isn't possible to have a well educated and politically informed populace without a strong public library system. The internet is great, but it doesn't always serve well for in-depth research and helping children become avid readers.
6399	7/11/2012	A literate, well-educated population is invaluable to a city.
6400	7/11/2012	It pulls the community together.
6401	7/11/2012	Because learning and knowledge are at the center of a democratic civilization. Public libraries are the only institution which disseminates information not under corporate control.
6402	7/11/2012	The ability to read, the ability to dream, to expand one's mind, all lead to a more productive and happy future.
6403	7/11/2012	free public indiscriminate information, education, and resources
6404	7/11/2012	They are essential to my work, they encouraged my children to read, they provide free services to anyone who needs them. Knowledge truly is power. Libraries give all readers the tools to control their own destinies.
6405	7/11/2012	because I think reading is the basis of all knowledge. How to move from a thought or idea to action requires knowledge and education....libraries are pivotal to the possession of that knowledge.[] [] ...and...damn...I don't have a tv, because most tv is mind-numbing crap...and I read for entertainment.
6406	7/11/2012	A great resource for my personnel education and an educated public is essential to the future of the city.
6407	7/11/2012	I am a regular library user. It's no surprise it would rank as 'very important.' This is a resource used by many people, of all ages and educational levels. The library provides free access to information. I think it is critical offer this access to all individuals.
6408	7/11/2012	I love the library system Portland has. It is very important to me.
6409	7/11/2012	They provide services that many disadvantaged groups would not otherwise receive. It is also a great community tool and resource for people who want to enjoy and education themselves but who do not want to spend money.
6410	7/11/2012	Free knowledge should be available to all.
6411	7/11/2012	Access for all due to taxes.
6412	7/11/2012	Education and the ability to read is the bases for being informed and more productive
6413	7/11/2012	Because the library is instrumental to increase the literacy level of the community, and allows the community to stay abreast of current media without having to buy books outright.

6414	7/11/2012	Because they offer opportunities for children to learn the joy of reading and traveling to places through books they may never have the opportunity to visit otherwise. Because the offer resources for our community that some of our most fragile might not have otherwise. For those who are home bound, they offer staying in touch with the community. For all of us, our library offers the opportunity to continue to learn and explore regardless of our age.
6415	7/11/2012	We are quickly becoming a multi-cultural mecca. The need to educate, communicate and share our cultures compassionately can all be realized at our libraries. They ARE where are stories are housed. When I request literature or other forms of media from my library that depict and represent other cultures I am sure I will obtain that material. I can learn, get a little comfortable, then seek out an organization from that culture to carry me forward into new learning and understanding. My library is most often my first step towards bridging gaps.
6416	7/11/2012	I use the library often and I enjoy it. New books are often too expensive at \$29.00 each. I figure a portion of my tax money is going toward the library system, so I should take advantage of it.
6417	7/11/2012	This is one of the public services that I utilize most frequently and most appreciate.
6418	7/11/2012	It's one of the only forms of government service that does anything good for anybody.
6419	7/11/2012	It's a huge part of our community.
6420	7/11/2012	a well informed public is essential to understand the need to support other public services
6421	7/11/2012	I use the local library very consistently because I do not always have the money to buy the books I want to read. Also, if I want to read a book, but do not know if I will like it or not, I can check it out at the library before buying it.
6422	7/11/2012	Libraries remain the greatest source of truly free information and education for all - an essential part of our American democracy.
6423	7/11/2012	I and my children are voracious readers. It would be too expensive to buy all the books we read, and many of the books are ones we only want to read once anyway. We also like to check out videos.
6424	7/11/2012	I appreciate having the library there. My kids are teenagers now and I used the library lots when they were younger and may use it again more when I am a senior, but for now, we only use it infrequently. Still, it is a valuable resource for the community overall and for each of us at different times along our life journey.
6425	7/11/2012	It allows me to not waste money on books I want to read but don't want to own.
6426	7/11/2012	See previous response.
6427	7/11/2012	Libraries are a vital public service because many people -- especially the poor -- would not have access to books at all if it weren't for the library. I grew up very poor in North Portland. I went to James John Elementary and the St. Johns library across from my school was vitally important to my education. It was often the only place I could find books. Without it, I would have been a very unhappy child and I'm not sure that I would have gone on to be the first person in my family to complete high school (and, later, college).

6428	7/11/2012	Somewhat important
6429	7/11/2012	Without the library there would be no literary resource for our family.
6430	7/11/2012	It gives kids and parents a resource to get books that they need and maybe could not afford to buy.
6431	7/11/2012	I like going to the library for an assured quiet place to study and read. It's a productive place for me after school and I can do my homework with less distraction. I also like real books to read.
6432	7/11/2012	among the highest. it's a foundation for education.
6433	7/11/2012	availability
6434	7/11/2012	I have been out of work and my computer died during that time - those resources were vital to me in my job search - and I never thought I'd be one to need these services. The library has also kept me reading when I wouldn't ordinarily have because of the books, as my income dropped dramatically during that time. With the number of kids in our library in North Portland and the lines of people waiting to get in each morning and access the computers, it's obvious our libraries are core to who we are as a community.
6435	7/11/2012	Even though I don't use the library much now, I may in the future. But I think they are very important to people who cannot afford the alternatives. I believe it is a very valuable community resource.
6436	7/11/2012	The pursuit of knowledge and sharing of information is a beautiful thing.
6437	7/11/2012	Libraries are a public value just as much as roads, public education, electric/gas utilities, public transit, public building and infrastructure maintenance, homeless shelters, water and sewer, police/jails/law enforcement, garbage/recycling collection, parks and greenspaces, health care/emergency response/hospitals/ER, firefighters, and other local public services are of public value. Libraries provide us with access to knowledge - a key thing especially for low and moderate income families who cannot afford to buy books or attend college. Libraries help address inequities in our society through providing programming and access to information to all. What kind of society would we be without public libraries? Access to, and sharing of, knowledge is a cornerstone to a prosperous society. Libraries are part of this.
6438	7/11/2012	I use the library a lot both for work and for personal reasons weekly.
6439	7/11/2012	Knowledge and education is everything!
6440	7/11/2012	Reading is my number one enjoyment. I read an average of 2-3 books per week, plus an additional book on my e-reader. When my e-reader is recharging, I read a library book and feel at loose ends if I don't have one to read. I worked and raised my children for 30+ years and now want to have the luxury of reading to my hearts content in my retirement years.
6441	7/11/2012	Because libraries allow everyone to access education and to be a part of the community (if one so chooses). I consider access to the materials and programming offered by the library one of the most basic and important public services.

6442	7/11/2012	As a senior I can not longer buy the books and dvds I want to see. It's a service for the lower incomes and the computers seem to be a big draw.
6443	7/11/2012	The access to information provided by public libraries supports the education of the community, and thus contributes to an educated and informed community, which is essential in sustaining a free society.
6444	7/11/2012	Libraries provide information to anyone, for free.
6445	7/11/2012	Because most people have their own computers
6446	7/11/2012	They provide services that other resources do not. They are the most important component of a literate and informed citizenry (maybe right after good public schools, which are losing their libraries).
6447	7/11/2012	A great way to be involved in the community. Real service. Place for learning and resources for those of all incomes.
6448	7/11/2012	because unlike all other public services, ANYONE can use the library
6449	7/11/2012	Safety such as firehouses would probably be first and I have th eresources to provide and get books on my own if need be.
6450	7/11/2012	because a doemocratic gov. depends on an educated people
6451	7/11/2012	Having free access to information (even if it is not as up to date as I would always like) is a critical component of a democratic society and should not be a luxury only accessible by the wealthy.
6452	7/11/2012	Community libraries help support the literacy of individuals in the community. Even if one is unable to afford buying books, one can borrow them from the library.
6453	7/11/2012	Without well educated citizens nothing else is possible. We need to encourage young people to be life long learners.
6454	7/11/2012	They provide people with a chance to educate themselves in the subject of their choosing. Or pass time in a valuable and productive way, time spent reading is (in my opinion) more valuable than time spent watching TV. It's important that these materials are available to the public regardless of income.
6455	7/11/2012	Because they teach and entertain
6456	7/11/2012	It's a great local resource, and it is expensive to have to buy books or tapes when I can borrow them from the library.
6457	7/11/2012	It's a great social equalizer. Everyone has access to the same amount of books and media. Our community is stronger if all it's citizens have equal access to materials.[] [] Selfishly - I benefit. I save hundreds of dollars a year by using the library, rather than purchasing books and media.
6458	7/11/2012	Access to education has a significant impact on the quality of life in our community; ranging from voter education, health information, literacy for children and adults, digital literacy, homework assistance, and recreation.

6459	7/11/2012	Because I have a computer and can get all the info I want... no need to go to the library..
6460	7/11/2012	It's a meeting place for people of all ages. It can be both a fun place to go to or a place where you can get help when things are not going so well in your life.
6461	7/11/2012	I feel it is very important to have a local library open for people to use any day of the week. Kids to have a safe place to gain knowledge after school or on the weekends. I think it's important for the library to be accessible for people who work 9-5 Mon-Fri. And it's nice to go to the library when someone is feeling down or lonely.
6462	7/11/2012	The library system is central to who we are as a society. I've seen small communities vote down funding and in some cases actually eliminate their libraries. When this happens, you know the community isn't going to last much longer. If you don't understand how central a good library system is to the health of that community, you just don't understand what a library is. It's not just books for little kids. For some, it's the only access to Internet/computers and the vital form of communication that is. The library is open to all. You don't need money. For the disabled and/or elderly, it may be the only way of remaining connected to the community they are a part of. The value we place on our libraries has a direct correlation to how evolved we are as a community. And we have to be evolved in order to even understand the importance other agencies also have.....fire, police, health dept., animal control, parks, EPA, water, transportation.....they're all important and in some cases necessary to even sustain life. The library makes the sustained life worth living.
6463	7/11/2012	In my opinion libraries aren't a scary place. They're welcoming. If you need local services, the library is a very good place to go.
6464	7/11/2012	Libraries are community hubs and a free place for information, the foundation of an equitable, democratic society.
6465	7/11/2012	Because it is important for the public to have access to information. Many of us can't afford to purchase books and other media but we can check them out from the library. I am on a very limited income and I love the MC libraries. I also consider it my responsibility to take good care of the materials. The public should realize that responsibility comes along with the rights.
6466	7/11/2012	It's PROUD , in the U.S.A.[] Best Library.
6467	7/11/2012	Because I read 2 or 3 books a week and do lots genealogy research. I am a crafter also and I am always looking for new ideas.Also an avid cook and love to try new recipes.
6468	7/11/2012	They can be very valuable in the long term, but they are not a day to day necessity like public transit. Also, their value depends greatly on how well they are managed.
6469	7/11/2012	They allow my family access to books and information we would otherwise not be able to afford
6470	7/11/2012	I love to read!!!!!!! I really love how a book in large print can be requested.
6471	7/11/2012	basic needs for public service support for housing, food, and mental health come before library needs from my point of view

6472	7/11/2012	Education
6473	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the things that make a city civilized. The library serves all people, whether they live in a condo in the Pearl District or are homeless. I can't imagine not having them around.
6474	7/11/2012	I love to read and enjoy taking my grand kids to the library.
6475	7/11/2012	It's a matter of tradition. We've always had libraries and the ability to read and learn and explore our imaginations using tax dollars that WE THE PEOPLE provide. If we want libraries to stay open, they'd better stay open.
6476	7/11/2012	We have used the library often during our lives and appreciate the resources available there. Great place to also be part of our local community.
6477	7/11/2012	limited personal resources
6478	7/11/2012	I suppose fire fighters and police are more important.
6479	7/11/2012	I am fortunate in that I can purchase or have other resources for what I use at the library if needed - but it's crucial that everyone has the opportunity to access these resources. I work with a lot of job seekers who depend on the library as a resource.
6480	7/11/2012	Libraries offer tools of information and imagination, two things that - in my view - are key to growth and survival.
6481	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the only public services that provides all citizens with equal access to a direct source of empowerment and self-improvement. Through libraries, people can be entertained, educated, they can apply for jobs, file taxes, research topics that become essential to their lives, they can improve educational outcomes for their children, they can learn about their communities. These are all vital functions in a democratic society. Without these, I believe we would quickly cease to be capable of democracy at all.
6482	7/11/2012	One is able to find all kinds of information, reading materiel for leisure/pleasure, a safe place to go to READ!
6483	7/11/2012	I appreciate them but not a high priority in difficult funding times
6484	7/11/2012	They are very important to me, but when compared to other services I can't say that. I can't afford my reading habit so I love the library.
6485	7/11/2012	adds to enrichment of community life on many levels
6486	7/11/2012	i read regularly and do an extensive amount of research in the library.
6487	7/11/2012	Seems like a very important asset for the community at large, especially the lower income segments, but obviously not as critical as public safety services.
6488	7/11/2012	I am a life long reader; it is my only real hobby and love. It's important for knowledge and I'm instilling into my children it's importance. I love having a community library within walking distance that we can enjoy.

6489	7/11/2012	They keep my kids interested in learning. The library is a safe community meeting place for families. I love to check out items instead of spending the money to buy them and then deal with the clutter. They offer free computer use to many people who wouldn't otherwise have access. The club meeting spaces build community and foster local political involvement through Townhall meetings. The ambiance of the downtown branch is breathtaking and all the branches foster a love for and respect of the written word for everyone in my family.
6490	7/11/2012	Libraries have seen me through many a hard time. It is the public service I use the most.
6491	7/11/2012	All the resources and community
6492	7/11/2012	We have small children (4 & 6) and burn through a lot of chapter books. There is NO WAY we could afford to pay for all of the books we read nor would I want a full set of Rainbow Magic Fairies in our permanent library.
6493	7/11/2012	Fundamental human survival is first
6494	7/11/2012	Because I truly enjoy them.
6495	7/11/2012	No kids, no elderly parents in town, don't like to wait long periods to get a book or the hassle of pickup/drop off.[] [] Really don't like the idea of an additional levy..until you look at the compensation of senior management.
6496	7/11/2012	See my answer above
6497	7/11/2012	Many local public services can be maintained by the people using them by lowering or enlarging their disired service. However the local library service is much needed for the many people (young[] and old) taking all kinds of educational courses...so from that standpoint the local library is needed much more.
6498	7/11/2012	Reading/literacy and socialisation and assistance are invaluable to our culture and to my neighbourhood, just as important as they are on the scale of my family. A city without a good library system seems like a city without hope or community.
6499	7/11/2012	They are a cornerstone of civilization.
6500	7/11/2012	Inadequate collection..criteria for what is offered and what isn't is not clear to me.
6501	7/11/2012	My children and I check out tons of books we wouldn't be able to enjoy otherwise. I cannot afford my reading habit so the library provides a way for me to read all the books I could want
6502	7/11/2012	The library, like schools, represents free access to knowledge AS A RIGHT. To deny that right is no less a concern to me than to deny access to safety, health, food, water and shelter.
6503	7/11/2012	Provide unlimited hours of reading for pleasure, plus enabling us to check out various "how to" books. We often test drive a technical computer or home repair book before buying it. It's very difficult to stand in an aisle at Powell's Technical and decide which software book will be most helpful.

6504	7/11/2012	As a homeschooler the library is a great recorcfull place for me to pick up educational and entertaining reading. The computers help me in research and asist me for haveing more fun at my library.
6505	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power, and access to knowledge should be a right, not a privilege.
6506	7/11/2012	Because I read and listen to library materials frequently
6507	7/11/2012	Save money by borrowing books instead of buying them. Multiple resources are available at the library for job seekers.
6508	7/11/2012	Libraries OFFER to all segments of the community. I think that if everyone did utilize their services they would be way over crowded. I see the job seekers, seniors, kids and teenagers each time I go to pick up books. A real sense of community.
6509	7/11/2012	Library is a place to get lots of help through out books, DVD, cassette, and in addition staffs are very essential needed to everyone so people would be able to ask for help.
6510	7/11/2012	Access to books, learning, etc, for all economic levels is very important to me.
6511	7/11/2012	Because I believe that a well read citizenry is a well educated citizenry which is essential for a strong, positive, caring community.
6512	7/11/2012	I use the library for all kinds of things, I have checked out books that helped me with work, with my personal health, with my child's health, with hobbies and interests, and I've used the computers when I haven't had access to the internet or a printer at home.
6513	7/11/2012	I rely on the library for my reading material and dvds. When my computer is down, I use the computers.
6514	7/11/2012	I want to live in an educated society that promotes life long learning, and libraries encourage this.
6515	7/11/2012	Books and reading are high on our family's list of values. We read for school assignments, for self-education, for hobbies and interests, and for enjoyment. There is no possible way I could buy all the books that I and our three kids want to read. The library literally opens up the world of reading for us with titles that we'd otherwise never have access to. The inter-library loan/hold program makes the entire resources of the MCL available to every resident, no matter where they are. I LOVE it.
6516	7/11/2012	I use the library a least 4 times a week. Due to my chronic pain, reading has kept me sane.
6517	7/11/2012	I guess I'm thinking about water and safety services so the library isn't quite as important but still quite important. It's a good thing for communities and stuff.
6518	7/11/2012	All of society benefits when the largest possible population is literate and informed.
6519	7/11/2012	Used by everyone
6520	7/11/2012	I've used the public library since I was old enough to have a card. I love being able to borrow books and don't mind being on waiting lists for new or popular books. I also enjoy reading magazines at the library.
6521	7/11/2012	Use books and video materials fro work

6522	7/11/2012	A community without a library, and a well-appointed one at that, is a sad commentary on that community.
6523	7/11/2012	I think the public library is an important supplement to in-school education.
6524	7/11/2012	Because my family and many other members of our community depend upon this public service as a vital resource for life-enriching education, entertainment, social interaction, community involvement, and assistance. It is a treasure to be shared equally by all, no matter their economic means.
6525	7/11/2012	This is the one place for information other than the internet. Not everyone has access to the internet, but the library is their first resource.
6526	7/11/2012	Ignorance and poverty can only be combatted with the ability to learn and gain knowledge and resources.
6527	7/11/2012	Because clean water and electicity are vital to human beings survival.
6528	7/11/2012	I use the library more often than most things my taxes pay for.
6529	7/11/2012	Because reading is one of the most important activities in learning overall.
6530	7/11/2012	I love to read and can't afford to buy the amount of books I read even second-hand. I get to read and listen to books I might not feel strongly enough to buy. I also come across books and cds I might not find out about on my own.
6531	7/11/2012	A library is a compendium of knowledge. You can learn to read. You can find out what you need to know. You can visit other worlds in books. A library is a quiet, well-lit place where you can sit, read and contemplate. It's the best place to do homework. It's the best place to do research. If it doesn't have a book you need, staff can get it for you, at a nominal fee. You can check out the most current fiction and nonfiction, and keep up with trends, even if you can't afford to buy the books. A library is a repository of exclusive knowledge, a place where you can read books that are so rare you wouldn't be able otherwise to access them. And when you're broke and out of luck, or just stuck out in the rain, a library is a haven to lift your spirits and supply you with new ideas. Carmen
6532	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to books to further education (formal or informal) and to be able to have internet access to seek for a job. If not for libraries reading becomes elitist, something not accessible to those who cannot afford to purchase books.
6533	7/11/2012	I like reading a lot.
6534	7/11/2012	I LOVE our library system because of the ease of ordering, picking up, and having access overall to a wide variety of books and media.
6535	7/11/2012	They are integral to community spirit and increasing education across the city. We love our libraries so very much and providing education is one of the most important factors in developing a strong community.
6536	7/11/2012	Because the computers and staff were helpful in me getting employment! Please stay open 7 days a week

6537	7/11/2012	Access to educational materials through the library system is extremely important. Sure, a lot of things are available online now but not everyone has access. The library is an indispensable public asset.
6538	7/11/2012	It's a service I use regularly and is very convenient. I like that I can select books online & receive an email when they are ready for pick up. The people who work there are always very helpful and friendly - something you rarely see anymore. I always feel good when I visit the Gresham library.
6539	7/11/2012	For many years I did not have a computer..When my son was little I would take him to the reading corner every week he would be with kids his own age, where some one would read books that he picked out, it helped him learn to love reading and gain social skills with kids his own age.. He looked forward to this every week.
6540	7/11/2012	They improve everyone's quality of life without regard to income.
6541	7/11/2012	not as important as public safety, but such a valuable resource for so many for education, entertainment & computer use
6542	7/11/2012	everybody can use all kind of informartion, regradless of their economic sutuarions.
6543	7/11/2012	read newspapers, magazines, etc., check out books, attend special programs, enjoy the library with my six-year-old grandson, nice environment, I've been using public libraries all my life
6544	7/11/2012	I patronize my library every week. I enjoy sharing media with others without having to purchase it and store it in my home. The Multco library system supports my work as a certified teacher tremendously! I am a more educated person because I expose myself to many community resources at the library. The Albina library is the most equitable diverse institution in my neighborhood, which has been flash gentrified in the past decades.
6545	7/11/2012	I may not utilize the library as much as I used to but I cannot imagine living without a local library.
6546	7/11/2012	Being a great resources of books & other media for all ages.[] Give people without internet access to use it.[] Great location to hold meetings.
6547	7/11/2012	because I and my family use the services a lot.
6548	7/11/2012	If I couldn't get books from the library, I would be poor given the rate at which I read books. I read more books than anyone I know and that's saying something since everyone in my group of friends read more than almost all kids our age.
6549	7/11/2012	1) Library's provide a way for people to learn and improve their lives.[] 2) There have been times when I could only get a book that was out of print from the library.[] 3) They do provide entertainment for low income people to be able to check out music and videos.[] 3a) Though I think with free wifi and cable resources most people have those available.
6550	7/11/2012	maintains culture, history, and community in Portland
6551	7/11/2012	I was there 4-5 days a week for almost a year during my unemployment to use the computers and find research materials.

6552	7/11/2012	People should always have access to books and materials that will strengthen knowledge and keep minds creative. Without these sources, education will continue to decline. Sadly, all the politicians state their priority with supporting education, but then they keep cutting the budgets. Seems rather hypocritical!
6553	7/11/2012	Library services are on par with schools, services to the elderly and other public services because they represent a safety net for many people.
6554	7/11/2012	Libraries are places where anyone of any age can go to make use of their services without charge. It is a quiet place where one can read, study, do research, find out about other services in the area etc.
6555	7/11/2012	Because without access to books, materials and programs provided by the library, especially during times of economic downturn, low income individuals and the unemployed are even less able to educate themselves, find employment, and improve their ability to contribute to society in general.
6556	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power
6557	7/11/2012	We read widely on many topics and appreciate being able to access books without buying each and every one of them. We don't have either enough money or space for all the books we would like to read.
6558	7/11/2012	Accessibility of information and a way to stay connected with other people.
6559	7/11/2012	The library services change who we are as people. The education and cultural value of the library allows access to important information, art, culture, language and all the other forms of communication. The community as a whole benefits from young people who acquire a love of learning and thirst for knowledge which continues throughout their lifetime. Elder citizens find stimulating and challenging activities which allow them to be involved and highly valued in their community. The library is a living breathing part of the community and we all need to nurture it as it nourishes us.
6560	7/11/2012	Even when you don't have anything else, you can count on the library - for a way to communicate through e-mail, to look for work, to research important issues, or, of course, to get something to read. It's easy to take Internet access, cable, and the funds to hit Powell's once a week for granted, but if you're missing some or all of that, the library makes the difference between isolation and connection.
6561	7/11/2012	The library provides access to books, music, and movies that I can't otherwise get.
6562	7/11/2012	I am a teacher and I regularly check out materials for my students that are not available to them otherwise.
6563	7/11/2012	my wife and I use the library extensively
6564	7/11/2012	This is a marvelous way to borrow books and new ideas. My world is much expanded when I can read a new book without investing in it.

6565	7/11/2012	Libraries build communities and are tools for empowerment because they allow access to resources, and help to educate the public.
6566	7/11/2012	as important as/in conjunction with free public schools
6567	7/11/2012	It is very important to keep information available to all without depending on internet for everything.
6568	7/11/2012	I spend a lot of my time reading and I read for an hour every night before bed.
6569	7/11/2012	Knowledge is useless if not shared.
6570	7/11/2012	It is all very important and each service should be treated equally. My husband and I use the library very frequently for both reading material and research. My children use this resource often for researching school assignments and for reading in general. It is one of the major resources that my family uses in our community
6571	7/11/2012	I don't have a car so it nice to be close
6572	7/11/2012	Reading is a lifelong adventure.
6573	7/11/2012	I can't think of any other local public services I personally use. But I'm not sure if I know what's included in "local public services".
6574	7/11/2012	Again, libraries are so important in fostering a literate culture, especially among the young. We really need to give students access to books and be as available as possible, so that kids see books as a healthy hobby!
6575	7/11/2012	Library services are incredibly important to those who are looking for work, don't have Internet access at home, need help with government forms, etc. These services allow people to take advantage of other local public services like food stamps or unemployment.
6576	7/11/2012	Libraries are a vital point of access to culture and education for those with limited resources. They are a safe, community-friendly meeting place, and they provide opportunity for computer access and computer literacy to those most in need.
6577	7/11/2012	I love the library. I love being able to browse the shelves and find books and movies that I never heard of and turn out to be gems. I love taking my son there and finding him books to look at. I like being able to check out books or movies that I haven't seen so I can decide if I like them well enough to purchase. ☐ With that being said, I do feel programs like public safety, fire and medical assistance are of vital importance.
6578	7/11/2012	Libraries aren't as important as police, fire, sewer, but more important than many other programs.
6579	7/11/2012	Free knowledge. Get yours here.
6580	7/11/2012	I fell in love with reading at an early age. My family would not have been able to afford enough books to keep my interest satisfied. I want all people to have the same access to books that my local library gave me growing up and that Multnomah County Library gives me now.
6581	7/11/2012	Libraries are a necessary for the literacy and education of a community. They are a gathering place and support the multicultural aspects of the community.
6582	7/11/2012	All income levels are able to use facility and material to further educate/advance themselves.
6583	7/11/2012	

6584	7/11/2012	Because they are free of cost, they benefit everybody, they are open to everybody, it's a true educational resource full of infinite value.
6585	7/11/2012	Police, fire, roads, safety and some of the administrative duties have to be ahead of library services. They are critical to the public order and survival and would cost lives if they were not maintained. Libraries provide an avenue to learning, information and art but so does the internet. I believe the day will come when every book, periodical, movie, TV program and event will be accessible through the internet. I wonder what that will eventually do to libraries and would be sad to see their demise but is technology going to force the issue.
6586	7/11/2012	Easy access to a great variety without needing to purchase them.
6587	7/11/2012	Reading is SO important. And access to trusted information is too. I spent a great deal of time at the library as a child, it helped my love of books and reading. Also, it is a place that is open to all and costs nothing to the user, nothing like that is available anywhere else. Why don't people realize how important the library is? Everyone uses the library!
6588	7/11/2012	Among top.
6589	7/11/2012	We view learning as a life long endeavor. The library facilitates this education process. As we continue to further our knowledge in a wide range of subjects, it prepares us to be better members of our local, national, and global communities.
6590	7/11/2012	They provide a service that gives children, seniors, adults a place to open their minds through the many levels of books provided, the ability to obtain those books at no cost, a safe environment to learn and help others learn, a place to congregate and meet other like-minded individuals. I believe tutoring and helping young children make better choices through education is a much better use of resources than the alternative - jail or police involvement.
6591	7/11/2012	Books are empowering, can open doors to anyone. Libraries provide free access to explore and learn.
6592	7/11/2012	Because as a social worker, I could never afford to buy the books and other media that I borrow. Also, the library is always an important, safe place for those who are struggling, like homeless youth.
6593	7/11/2012	It is very hard to rank them. I'm a public transportation user, so it is very important. I never called police or fire station but they are kind of bones in the community. I just can't say which is more or less important.
6594	7/11/2012	Water, trash, roads, schools are just a few of necessary services that are more important than libraries. I love to read and think our library system is great, but when compared to some other local public services I consider it an amenity not a critical service

6595	7/11/2012	Libraries provide a service to the community that is not available other places. The ability to borrow books and other materials is advantageous for people from all income categories and educational levels. Having access to computers is beneficial to individuals who either cannot afford a computer or have the ability to pay fees for internet access. Plus the library offers many programs that are beneficial to a variety of people. Other communities have figured out how to fund libraries; Multnomah County ought to be able to figure it out also. I served on a county library committee in Wisconsin many years ago that was searching for a way to fund and create a county library system. It has been in operation since the 1980s and quite successful with cooperation from many levels of government and the approval of the citizens to pay for it through a county-wide tax.
6596	7/11/2012	Our local libraries serve diverse functions and provide information, products & services to an amazingly diverse population -- diverse by age, education, ethnicity, social and economic backgrounds. They provide safe spaces for individuals and community to assemble, to advance their knowledge and broaden their horizons. They are a space that fosters personal, professional & social growth. I believe public libraries are possibly the only true democratic institutions in America. I guess that means would rather have a vibrant library in my neighborhood than have someone pick up my garbage every week.
6597	7/11/2012	I use them. I like to think I know their value.
6598	7/11/2012	Libraries provide amazing resources to the community. I never read books before I wandered in to the Central Library downtown about two years ago after moving to Portland. Now I go three times a week and check out cd's and books. It's what I look forward to.
6599	7/11/2012	Because libraries provide an array of services to a very wide range of people within the community, whereas with other public services, one has to qualify in specific ways. No one has to qualify to access the library & that makes it an essential component of a democratic/inclusive community.
6600	7/11/2012	My family primarily used the library for books. We may participate in the summer reading program, but that is about it.
6601	7/11/2012	Having a young child, it is very important to encourage and teach children about the value of the library and all of its many resources. It's important to establish that relationship early in the lives of our youth. Utilizing and visiting the library encourages reading.
6602	7/11/2012	Well, of course I want firemen and police available to help me in an emergency but I am an avid reader and value being able to get books from the library. As my granddaughter gets older I will take her to programs at the library.
6603	7/11/2012	I am an educator. Libraries level the playing field for all people in terms of access to current books and other media at an affordable price. Literacy is the beginning of all learning. If we cut our libraries we risk cutting out one of the biggest free supports for literacy ever put in to practice in our country.
6604	7/11/2012	I love the library!

6605	7/11/2012	Because I feel that emergency services should be top priority and then maybe services for homeless and displaced peoples. After those types of services I feel libraries are very important.
6606	7/11/2012	I do not use it as much as once did, also I do almost 100 percent of my library searches (and holds) online. Also I do not believe the library should be doing nearly so many extra (and costly) "services".
6607	7/11/2012	I can't put libraries above safety and transportation infrastructure, but whenever I move to a new place, one of the first things that I do is get a library card. During that time when I don't have internet or a computer (which is normal for many), the library is the only place that I can connect to the news, my family, and ways to find a job.
6608	7/11/2012	We get most of our reading materials there. My husband reads about 3 books a week.
6609	7/11/2012	It is very important to teach my children the importance of reading. Getting new books out of the library every 2 weeks is a ritual to us, and it is a valuable part of our lives. It means we are able to read many more books than we can afford to buy.
6610	7/11/2012	Because I love to read, but can't afford to buy all the books I want to read--and I like a chance to look through lots of books to see which I might like and which might be most useful. I also enjoy watching dvd's we borrow from the library. And I use the library for research for a book I am writing, as well as for major purchases we plan to make.
6611	7/11/2012	Because I like to read and there is no way that I am going to buy books all the time. I do purchase some books, but it can get very expensive and I also have no desire to collect a lot of books to just have them sitting on a bookshelf after I read them.[] [] Also, I think the library provides some very needed services for people. There are still many people who do not have computers or Internet access at home and it is important that they be able to use a computer and access the Internet.
6612	7/11/2012	I consider the library a very valuable resource and hope that it's funding continues at a high level it allows me to access databases for personal and business research that would otherwise be difficult to access given my current financial situation. The only reason I did not read it very important it is that there are other absolutely life-sustaining public services such as mental health services fire departments Police Department in emergency rooms which are somewhat more important to me than the local library given budgetary realities
6613	7/11/2012	Promote critical thinking, instill a love of learning and reading, offer opportunities to those who may not otherwise be able to afford them
6614	7/11/2012	I love seeing how many people are in the library. The St. Johns library is a gathering place in the neighborhood for residents to get library materials, access to the internet, information about local activities, and programs about "ethnic" members of our community. I love it when I go to the library and I see staff speaking in Spanish with residents, kids attending story time, or people checking out the bulletin board for local programs. Where else would we get this?

6615	7/11/2012	community needs educational outlets.
6616	7/11/2012	Knowledge=power.[] I cannot imagine a world without books.
6617	7/11/2012	Because I said so
6618	7/11/2012	Because borrowing books/etc. is loved by ME! Always has been no matter where I live.....
6619	7/11/2012	Helps keep educational materials (including technology) accessible by all.
6620	7/11/2012	I enjoy using the library services, but it would not be as important as public services such as fire and police protection.
6621	7/11/2012	It is access to information that those without resources can actually access, i.e., lower incomes. I use it for books on tape that I could not afford to buy.
6622	7/11/2012	It gets my kids reading, they check out new books every week
6623	7/11/2012	They give poorer people access to something that can be used to improve themselves and the worked. And I love checking put books at the library!
6624	7/11/2012	An educated society is a vibrant, healthy, resilient society. Free access to books is essential to foster curiosity, responsibility, and the active life of the mind supports a civic and civil society.
6625	7/11/2012	The libraries offer vital access to materials and resources that have been reduced in the public school. They also help to equalize access to the internet, job resources and other services to those who cann not afford them on their own.
6626	7/11/2012	Everyone in my family are avid readers. My children constantly use library for school research projects. Family members are employed by libraries, and we utilize programs from read to dogs to summer reading volunteering, teen council, etc.
6627	7/11/2012	Resource for everyone. Builds community. Emphasizes the pride Portlandians take in being smart, cultured, socially and community aware.
6628	7/11/2012	Libraries make us civilized. Libraries afford afford citizens of all ages with a wealth of resources for learning, finding employment, enrichment and entertainment in a safe and peaceful environment.
6629	7/11/2012	A sound library system is fundamental to freedom in a democracy.
6630	7/11/2012	I believe in education and the library gives that to everyone for free! We must have an educated society if we are to maintain our importance in the world.
6631	7/11/2012	Access to information & literature, outside of public safety and utilities, is the biggest contribution government can make that cannot be provided by the private sector.
6632	7/11/2012	Because it is a way for people of all income levels to access information, education and entertainment without spending money. it's a great way for parents to introduce love of learning to their children, and for adults to develop new skills, as well as a social outlet.
6633	7/11/2012	Public schools, police and fire service, parks and roads maintenance are the most important responsibilities of local government in my opinion. Libraries important too, but somewhat less than the above.

		They are because I can get any book that is available easily on loan instead of by purchase only. Somewhat less so for movies of which the pool needs to be enlarged.
6634	7/11/2012	Information should be free.
		Local public services need to be expanded .
6635	7/11/2012	Where is the public wifi or cel phone service or even public electric utility?
6636	7/11/2012	They are a source for information and services that can affect as little or as much of your life as you like. They are also the only way many people can get access to the internet or knowledgeable people who can direct them to the information they need.
6637	7/11/2012	Libraries do so much to foster community and create a livable place
6638	7/11/2012	We have young children and encourage reading. Our children are constantly checking out material.
6639	7/11/2012	I cannot afford to purchase the amount of books I like to share with my loved ones and students.
6640	7/11/2012	The library is a great way to access books and music that you don't want to buy.
6641	7/11/2012	The access to free information, technology and resources.
6642	7/11/2012	The library, probably more than any other public location, has the most diverse appeal, as a resource for education, or job seeking, or other research, social functions, community. You can do so much at the library, year round, in any kind of weather.
6643	7/11/2012	I am a retired school teacher, retired City of Portland employee , and a life-long learner. I was raised going to libraries and I believe all communities need them. This is especially important as people are being unable to afford internet and other entertainment activities. Books are a great way to learn, grow, and find out how to better your life.
6644	7/11/2012	Because access to library resources is essential to a healthy democracy.
6645	7/11/2012	They are very important but not as important as public assistance.
6646	7/11/2012	Having an educational facility is essential to bringing communities together & encouraging people (especially the young) to "unplug" & supplement their learning & recreational activities in positive ways.
6647	7/11/2012	Library services are very important because they provide free access to educational resources for everybody, and anybody can benefit from these resources. They also provide internet and job resources for those who need them.
6648	7/11/2012	We use the library for nearly all of our reading, research, and entertainment. We LOVE our library!
6649	7/11/2012	easy access to information is more important than ever and public resources like libraries help balance the degree of access across socio-economic and other division of our communities.
6650	7/11/2012	An educated citizenry makes a strong, wealthy, free nation.

6651	7/11/2012	Just supply information. not all the group programs. [] On the next question (9) you give three choices and demand I choose one, I will, but none are adequate because you are not cutting out the junk that increases the cost of operations. [] and #10 is a waste unless you cut out the programs that are wasting money
6652	7/11/2012	Libraries provide invaluable access to information. Any other equivalent source of information is far more expensive for the user. It is in our interest to support libraries communally so that services are available to everyone.
6653	7/11/2012	Because I rarely use the Library but I know that others do.
6654	7/11/2012	Because I am home schooled and it is a wonderful source of educational resources.
6655	7/11/2012	Community connection. [] Helping reduce disparities.
6656	7/11/2012	Libraries are not as useful as in years past due to the rise of the Internet and streaming media. Literature is available for free or at very low cost for the kindle as an example.
6657	7/11/2012	There's a great book out there on the subject. It's called Fahrenheit 451...
6658	7/11/2012	The library is extremely important because it is a bank of knowledge and resources that community members of all ages and social economic statuses can use.
6659	7/11/2012	Libraries have been central to my education and lifestyle for as long as I can remember. One of my earliest memories is of the bookmobile, a converted semi truck that toured the tiny towns in northern Wisconsin in the early 1970's. My family went to library several times a week when I was growing up, all year round. I knew the library as an institution before I knew school or church as an institution. Books, story time, having a space reserved for reading and calm. I use the library as my primary source of learning and entertainment. It is part of my week, just as much as the grocery is. I value it personally and as a solid cornerstone of the kind of free and educated society I want to live in.
6660	7/11/2012	Provides a quality of life for our community
6661	7/11/2012	Libraries serve as a place for senior citizens and job seekers to go in order to seek employment or other relevant information. I also believe that libraries encourage reading and education by ensuring that anyone can have the opportunity to learn if they are so inclined without incurring the high cost of purchasing books.
6662	7/11/2012	Books, culture, community, inquiry, imagination, discovery, oasis... when I walk into a public library, especially a beautiful, lively, well-maintained library like North Portland or the Central Library I believe that the world is a kind, just place, that someone somewhere cares about the little guy, the man in the street, the underdog. Once last year I was walking into the Central Library thinking about how beautiful it was, overcome with gratitude that the loveliest, liveliest building in Portland was actually the public library, and tears welled up in my eyes.

6663	7/11/2012	It's one if the few public services that creates a sense of community and brings people together. It seems to me that it's also one that is used by all socioeconomic classes, in good neighborhoods and bad.
6664	7/11/2012	I believe education and learning is the only cure for crime and war. Books broaden our minds, enhance our experience and reduces our ignorance. As a community resource, libraries are the foundation of society and those "other local public services"
6665	7/11/2012	Education and reading resources for all ages is important.
		Libraries create opportunities for people of all ages to better themselves. They are the most important place in any community. Not only do they hold a wealth of knowledge but also provide a safe place to acquire knowledge. [] []
6666	7/11/2012	Ray Bradbury said it best when interviewed by the New York Times in June of 2009: "Libraries raised me,I don't believe in colleges and universities. I believe in libraries because most students don't have any money. When I graduated from high school, it was during the Depression and we had no money. I couldn't go to college, so I went to the library three days a week for 10 years." I can say with confidence that Ray Bradbury is not a rogue example. [] [] http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/20/us/20ventura.html
6667	7/11/2012	Information/access vital to democracy.
6668	7/11/2012	Use a lot
6669	7/11/2012	Libraries provide and environmentally sensitive way of providing reading material to the public. In addition, libraries help communities with programs for every age group. Furthermore, portland public schools lack librarians to help students use he library for both individual and academic needs.
6670	7/11/2012	A free society has unrestricted access to information.
6671	7/11/2012	They continue to change my life and ensure my future as a first generation student.
6672	7/11/2012	a vital part of the community
6673	7/11/2012	I want to live with educated and informed people around me.
6674	7/11/2012	Because they educate people and now serve as a meeting place for different classes and groups also for people to read and use computers who do not have money.
6675	7/11/2012	As someone who works in the library field (past employee of MCL and currently employed at a private library), I have seen first hand how knowledge from a book and other resources in a library can have a positive effect on a person's life Libraries are an invaluable resource --people are able to find answers, access knowledge and make new connections through learning and reading through materials made available at the library.
6676	7/11/2012	A healthy library is the sign of a healthy community

6677	7/11/2012	important because research and entertainment are my daily functions. but if i didnt have a library, I still have the internet and powells books. internet has endless videos and articles and access to books across the globe were cheap
6678	7/11/2012	Twin two year olds!
6679	7/11/2012	Knowledge and intellectual life are great gifts that we should all enjoy and treasure. The library is a superb example of the commons, which we need to protect as the precious endowment that it is.
6680	7/11/2012	They are a critical equal opportunity resource for self-improvement, entertainment, community, and a vital part of Portland's identity.
6681	7/11/2012	Literacy and access to media and literature are the foundation of an informed democracy; they are also essential to social mobility
6682	7/11/2012	Access to books for free, with a place to enjoy them, should be one of the top priorities of any modern society.
6683	7/11/2012	Utilizing the library is a tremendous savings for people who choose to use it. It also gives everyone access to the computer which is so important to have in this day and age. The library is a great community builder as well, from parents with young children all the way through adult reading groups and senior classes. The variety of services available is outstanding, and all of us in Multnomah County are very fortunate to have such an efficient library system.
6684	7/11/2012	Because they make the difference between access and no access for working people.
6685	7/11/2012	I want to use the library as a resource for my work with seniors at a Convalescent Center.
6686	7/11/2012	We need a literate society to remain a Democracy.
6687	7/11/2012	Educate and provide resources to the community
6688	7/11/2012	Books are important. Quiet is important.
6689	7/11/2012	people today need books in order to learn and that is why I believe the library is dearly important because our future children need them
6690	7/11/2012	My children and I frequent the library weekly. We take advantage of the children's programs (magic shows, Bug Chicks, penny's puppets, etc.) We have found the programming to be very enjoyable and enriching. We love following up our experience with checking out related books. My kids love picking out new books for me to read to them. We read to our children at least 30 minutes per day and having new stories to explore encourages the process. My children also love the summer reading program. We actively use our local library (as well as surrounding libraries for their children's programs) and we thoroughly appreciate the educational value-- our children are definitely love going to the library and they are becoming life long readers.
6691	7/11/2012	The library is a form of entertainment for me. Emergency services is more important.
6692	7/11/2012	very important

6693	7/11/2012	Access to information for all people is a critical component of a strong society. Libraries go hand-in-hand with education, finding means of employment, learning new languages, and more. Also affordable entertainment is important (bored creatures go mad, after all) and the library provides that.
6694	7/11/2012	Access to books and music that I could not afford to buy
6695	7/11/2012	They provide critical services to all ages
6696	7/11/2012	Because knowledge/information is king
6697	7/11/2012	Education, and therefore libraries, are the foundation of an intelligent and open-minded society.
6698	7/11/2012	intellectual stimulation contributes to intellectual safety--not getting stuck on a particular viewpoint from an uninformed place but free, easy access to a variety of ideas, concepts, information, history, poetry, etc.
6699	7/11/2012	They are important and popular, but I would not put them in the select few top priorities
6700	7/11/2012	It is important for the general public to have access to the resources that libraries provide. An educated public has reduced levels of crime and their quality of life is greatly improved. Because I utilize libraries everyday and would not be where I am today if not for the support of my local librarians and the resources, books, and knowledge they provide me and my community. I am so disheartened that while there is money for the prison and military industrial complex and the rich continue to not pay their fair share of taxes these BUDGET CUTS reign on the very services I and my community depend on everyday for survival. This is such an outcry...
6701	7/11/2012	
6702	7/11/2012	Reading and access to similar materials are the cornerstone of a civilized society.
6703	7/11/2012	We go frequently and love the library, however public services such as police and fire are more important.
6704	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to reading materials. I believe too much emphasis is placed on sports or services that cater to the wealthier residents.
6705	7/11/2012	It's hard to pit the library against other hugely critical public services such as education, health, parks, police/fire, etc. I feel strongly about supporting all of those things. There is no question, however, in the midst of all the priorities - all of our family uses the library for 90% of the things we read, movies we watch, and things we need for our child's education. It's very important to us, and I'm incredibly grateful for the high level of service we find at our libraries.
6706	7/11/2012	It is my main source of information, fiction and non-fiction, adding immeasurably to my enjoyment of the world in general. If I couldn't read good literature, see good films and follow where my intellect leads me, then how else can a civilized society support me as an individual human being seeking to grow in understanding of my human condition?

6707	7/11/2012	<p>As a preschool teacher, I could never provide the vast richness and variety of books to the children without the library. As a mother, I can say the same. My son is five and our trips to the library are like little pilgrimages-- we can find wonderful oversize books and take them into the children's library to pore over any subject Kiddo is interested in. I love learning about my world, but do not have the budget to buy all the books I enjoy, nor the desire to house/store so many.</p> <p>□</p> <p>□</p> <p>When I was nine, I received a library card for my birthday. It is still one of the best gifts I've ever received.</p>
6708	7/11/2012	<p>BECAUSE WE USE IT FOR AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE OF CREATIVE FRESH EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHILDREN</p>
6709	7/11/2012	<p>Library services are definitely very nice, but our community can get by with less convenient library services better than we can get by with reductions in other parts of our social safety net, or with reductions in basic services like roadway maintenance or police and fire protection.</p>
6710	7/11/2012	<p>The library is my office, since I am homeless. It is of UTMOST IMPORTANCE. Also, an educated population is a smart population. Libraris are often where the first cuts are made and I wholeheartedly disagree with it. I stand with Ben Franklin on the importance of libraries.</p>
6711	7/11/2012	<p>I am just now getting back to using the library</p>
6712	7/11/2012	<p>They are a POSITIVE AND SAVE place in our environment. They encourage READING and literacy is of the utmost importance. There are people with very little or NO resources that NEED libraries. They need LOCAL, CLOSE BY libraries.</p>
6713	7/11/2012	<p>public safety and health services are more critical</p>
6714	7/11/2012	<p>When we have unpaved roads, schools in crisis and a high homeless and drug user population, the libraries are the least of our concerns.</p>
6715	7/11/2012	<p>Access to information is essential to maintain a well trained workforce and to facilitate democracy in action. The services to help children will assist in keeping us competitive with the world and it helps keep kids away from the idiot box--win, win.</p>
6716	7/11/2012	<p>Information and education in this increasingly technological age are survival skills and tools. That is SURVIVAL not luxury, not comfort level, but SURVIVAL.</p>
6717	7/11/2012	<p>I think I may be utilizing the library even more than I was when I was in school. And I used it often in school (I attended the Art Institute, not too far from the central library). I'm a freelance videographer and it's nice to know there are many "how-to" resources available for check out for free. The DVD collection, PBS variety in particular are very interesting to a documentary filmmaker as myself.</p>
6718	7/11/2012	<p>Library's provide a massive collection of resources that is available to anyone. On a personal level, I believe that when we enter a library, we all pay tribute to Ben Franklin and his incredible gift to every citizen.</p>
6719	7/11/2012	<p>Fire and police would go higher</p>

6720	7/11/2012	they are great, but also in some ways a luxury. Emergency services and programs for low-income community members are more important
6721	7/11/2012	education and reading are crucial to an informed populace.
6722	7/11/2012	The library is the public service I actively and knowingly use the most.
6723	7/11/2012	I enjoy reading - reading is a gateway to the world.
6724	7/11/2012	I am a reader. There is little to nothing on the television or other media that draws my attention or interest. I don't purchase books at bookstores as I gobble words up too quickly.
6725	7/11/2012	Number one.
6726	7/11/2012	
6727	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power! I am also a huge fan of the fact that libraries grant access to info. They are not political - completely neutral, just a source of info no matter what you want to do with it. I think that is important.
6728	7/11/2012	Teaching children to read and be resourceful, providing services to seniors and home bound, serving members of all races and wealth status enriches the lives of our entire community, directly and indirectly.
6729	7/11/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read. Having access to free books is something that has always been very important to me. I've loved visiting the library since I was very young; it's one of my favorite places. The fact that the library has also added other media like dvds and cds is a huge bonus, but the books are the most important thing for me.
6730	7/11/2012	Knowdlege is everything!! Having those resources available is equally important!!
6731	7/11/2012	I rate the library fairly high is there things that are more important of course, but the opportunity for the citizens of multnomah county the library providers many different services and it would sad to lose those services.
6732	7/11/2012	People of all ages benefit and I borrow books that are necessary for my writing. Books provide information and ideas fo many young people. Access to every book I hear about and want to read. [] Knowing they are available for any information I may want to research. (Both library materials and access to online research databases.[] Staff has generous and non-judgemental attitude - ready to help with any patron questions.[] Also enjoy the free music downloads.
6734	7/11/2012	Public libraries play a critical role in the education and civic participation of the public. They also help to ameliorate socioeconomic differences in access to education and information. Both are critical to a functioning democracy.
6735	7/11/2012	Of the highest importance. I am a bookseller by trade and a devout defender of both books and the free exchange of ideas. The library is the heart of a city, in my opinion. It is one of the few services that a citizen will return to during ALL seasons of life, in sickness and in health.

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6736	7/11/2012	"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." ---Anne Herbert (1950-) U.S. writer
6737	7/11/2012	Access for all.
6738	7/11/2012	I read constantly and love "books", and have been a SMART reader at an elementary school for ten years.
6739	7/11/2012	Access to new books.
6740	7/11/2012	public libraries are the university of the people, available to all regardless of their socioeconomic status. they serve everyone.
6741	7/11/2012	It's a place to find resources that I cannot otherwise find or afford.
6742	7/11/2012	I prefer to use the library versus buy books and DVDs. I have used the library since I was 4 yrs old - old enough to read. I LOVE the library.
6743	7/11/2012	Education
6744	7/11/2012	because my kids love reading.
6745	7/11/2012	Lifelong learning and quality entertainment
6746	7/11/2012	they are not a life sustaining service. i.e. food, shelter, heat.
6747	7/11/2012	Libraries support and reflect the intellectual curiosity of users. Although the Internet provides a wealth of knowledge, I believe library resources should be available to the local community: it encourages people to take the time to read/research something more comprehensively, and is also less distracting.
6748	7/11/2012	
6749	7/11/2012	many services are essential in a community, unfortunately, libraries are secondary to safety.
6750	7/11/2012	The library is my primary entertainment / learning source & I expect many residents are in the same boat considering the economy.
6751	7/11/2012	Because everyone in our community should have access to books. Not EVERYONE uses every other public service, but at some point in their lives, everyone uses the library. It's an important part of our communities.
6752	7/11/2012	Libraries are not as important as fire, police, EMS, or other needed services.
6753	7/11/2012	I've used public libraries my entire life. I love the library. Life would be impoverished without them. Borrowing books and movies is environmentally friendly. They are a service from which all benefit. It brings people in a community together of all ages, interests and socioeconomic groups. Some of my earliest pleasant childhood memories were trips to the library.
6754	7/11/2012	
6755	7/11/2012	Pursuing knowledge through books, videos, audiobooks and taped lectures is extremely important to me, and my income is modest enough that I couldn't possibly afford the range of literary and viewing experiences the library provides me. Plus, I now find myself raising my granddaughter, so the resources it makes available to her have become important to me. Finally, we have a poor and struggling relative who absolutely depends on the library for computer access and other types of assistance.

6756	7/11/2012	Everyone, at every income level, should have access to information and educational materials. Libraries provide a critical public service by making these materials available for free to all community members.
6757	7/11/2012	It's really important to me to be able to access books, news media, and electronic media that I otherwise would not be able to afford.
6758	7/11/2012	I think libraries are important to me because they provide a critical resource to allow people to gain knowledge, meet their fellow community members and help us to be better informed and active citizens.
6759	7/11/2012	I am a lifelong library user and library worker for all of my adult life. As a child, they provided the escape into books I craved; as a young parent, they provided a safe and stimulating environment for my children; as an adult, they have provided me with a most satisfactory career. I simply cannot imagine life with libraries and adequate library service.
6760	7/11/2012	I believe that books need to be kept alive. With all this new e-reader technology like the Nook and Kindle, less books are being produced, and I think books are very very very important. They keep people informed on their favorite subjects, encourage kids' imaginations, and provide help for everyone. Libraries allow all this to be done easily and free.
6761	7/11/2012	Education and access to information is the linchpin stratifying element in our culture. While it may not be of acute importance to every individual, a modern, dynamic, free, and completely accessible information system is *the* stuff of any democratic society.
6762	7/11/2012	Literacy is the foundation of our society, economy and culture. Libraries help provide this important skill and are an incredible community resource.
6763	7/11/2012	They offer a wealth of information for communities, and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.
6764	7/11/2012	Public libraries help people learn, enhancing their earning power. Libraries educate and entertain.
6765	7/11/2012	Police and Fire are more important
6766	7/11/2012	They aren't life-saving but they are life-changing.
6767	7/11/2012	As said earlier, the Library System is the last place in our social program structure that provides a wide range of services to all sectors of our community, including the poor, elderly and young. It is so incredibly important to keep this life line open, or where will these people go to have the tools needed to communicate with others?
6768	7/11/2012	Preschool age children
6769	7/11/2012	Although we have a lot of electronic media I still feel that having access ability to printed materials is critical for archives, usage, and sometimes I just WANT to hold a real book even though I have an iPhone. Also if wifi is ever shut down we still have access to printed content.
6770	7/11/2012	More for philosophical reasons than practical reasons. I believe in free access to materials, books, and information and libraries are a crucial safe haven for that access. I have the resources to access information from home, but not everyone does.

6771	7/11/2012	Because, by the accessibility of the broader world found in the wide variety of materials in most libraries encourages independent thought and a broader life view. People who read become more educated and knowledgeable, smarter and more savvy about life and its many philosophies. And while it's true that just because something finds its way into print doesn't automatically make it "true," I believe the quality of what is found in most libraries is vastly superior to most of the inaccurate and often completely false information found on the internet.
6772	7/11/2012	There are many public services that are needed for the health and wellbeing of the community, and a library is one of them. A library provides resources for students, English-language learners, little children, the homebound, high-level researchers and those just seeking answers.
6773	7/11/2012	They are a great service, not essential like fire and police but still highly valued
6774	7/11/2012	to get a wide variety of information and access to literature
6775	7/11/2012	An educated citizenry is the basis of our society.
6776	7/11/2012	water, sewage and electricity, police, fire protection are more important
6777	7/11/2012	The library is the one thing provided by the county that I use and receive immediate value from every day. Cuts in other services may indirectly affect me. Cuts in the library I notice and am affected by immediately.
6778	7/11/2012	Growing up in a small town with a small library, summer reading programs at my local library are a great part of my childhood memories! Though I don't have kids of my own right now, I would love to know other kids can grow up with lots of book adventures!
6779	7/11/2012	Everything can't rank at the top, but I also believe literacy should be given higher importance in our society.
6780	7/11/2012	reading and education are critical to an individual and their societies success
6781	7/11/2012	I'm a teacher and currently in graduate school. Books are crucially importance to my students, and I refer them to the local libraries often. I personally use the library both to access resources as educator and to conduct graduate-level research and professional development. In addition, the local library plays a key role in keeping elderly, home-bound family members connected to the community. The quality of life for both young and old in Portland would be significantly worse without access to books and library resources.
6782	7/11/2012	We are dumber than we think ,so give people a opportunity to learn .
6783	7/11/2012	I read.
6784	7/11/2012	I would be willing to pay more taxes to support them.
6785	7/11/2012	Libraries are the last place where everyone is welcome and information is free and available to all.
6786	7/11/2012	Because if we let them slide (lose funding), it will be difficult to regain any lost ground. Libraries are a big part of the community we live in.
6787	7/11/2012	Education, Reading and all the servLices Libraries provide are at the HEART of a people who live in a democratic society.[] We cannot exist as a democracy unless people are educated and informed.

6788	7/11/2012	It is our main source of entertainment and information.
6789	7/11/2012	Sense of community library provides and social services
6790	7/11/2012	They help educate people of all ages and provide low-cost ways of getting new books, movies, music, and computer access.
6791	7/11/2012	because the library provides a path to education and other self-improvement mechanisms; shows patrons possibilities they may never have envisioned.
6792	7/11/2012	Libraries are the heart of any community...especially the Multnomah county libraries. The sheer breadth and diversity of all the medias offered is astounding. But it is not only the selection of materials that makes MCL important it is the diversity of the patrons and the interactions and passing on of knowledge that takes place within (and outside too) the libraries. I don't want to forget to mention the importance of the staff...many of my book, dvd, music and community recommendations have come from MCL staff...and they never cease to amaze me!
6793	7/11/2012	I'm disheartened to hear the city be forced to make these kinds of decisions. Though I admit that there are many, many services that are more importance than libraries, such as public transit, public education, and welfare, libraries still serve an important purpose. Libraries facilitate the free exchange of culture and ideas, which are two important factors in the pursuit of personal and societal betterment. [] [] The reality is, the harder it is to get to these ideas, the likelier it will be for people to simply abandon the pursuit all together. Personally, I've used the library to discover Charles Simic's poetry. I've spent time in the library reading all of his books. His works have left an indelible mark on me; a mark of betterment and personal progress. If the library was too far away, or closed that day, I be a very different person than I am today.
6794	7/11/2012	Very high
6795	7/11/2012	Access to good information, with help from knowledgeable librarians, is vital to a good citizenship.
6796	7/11/2012	Our librарys are just as important as trash pick up. They are a resource that is used often.
6797	7/11/2012	A literate and well educated society is crucial for a democracy. Studies have shown that literacy rates are higher the closer to a library someone lives. This makes keeping libraries open and in all neighbourhoods an essential part of our society.
6798	7/11/2012	Access to library materials is access to knowledge for everyone who wants to learn. We must be an informed electorate or we are a doomed society.
6799	7/11/2012	The libraries are of the few all-community points remaining in our cities today. They reflect community sentiment and a viable community spirit.
6800	7/11/2012	Keeps the mind active.
6801	7/11/2012	Non-digital information is becoming a scarcer and scarcer commodity. Libraries are one of the few places where one can focus on what they are reading and have a wealth of material to chose from.
6802	7/11/2012	I would place them below utilities. I'm tired of rising property taxes.

6803	7/11/2012	When I moved to Portland in 2001, Central Library was nearly the equivalent in my field of the library at the Iowa university where I had taught. As I continued to do research and publish, Central Library's holdings, its interlibrary loan service, and its microfilm readers were essential to my work. I could not have accomplished what I did without Central Library. I'm only sorry that subscriptions to journals in my field have been discontinued.
6804	7/11/2012	Having still a middle school child at home she prefers to do homework and research at home on the computer. I almost feel that reference books will be a thing of the past
6805	7/11/2012	A place to gather, to use computers, books, movies etc.
6806	7/11/2012	Because the library has always been an important thread in everyone's lives in more ways than can be counted. From childhood it has been a joy to walk through the doors to enter other lives and worlds.
6807	7/11/2012	It is a community gathering and community building place providing access to all sorts of resources broadly to Portland area residents. A source of real help and refuge when you need it. It also supports other social services such as Medicare counseling and tax preparation assistance through partnerships with other county agencies and nonprofit, volunteer programs. A lot of return on the public investment.
6808	7/11/2012	They COULD provide exceptional educational opportunities but the resources are totally abused and mismanaged.
6809	7/11/2012	public safety and infrastructure is more important
6810	7/11/2012	Access to materials
6811	7/11/2012	Emergency services are ranked higher in my mind.
6812	7/11/2012	Libraries have such broad outreach and offer so many different services. They are (and should continue to be) an integral part of our community.
6813	7/11/2012	I don't use the library that often. I have most resources already available to me to use.
6814	7/11/2012	I enjoy being exposed to a wide variety of literature and media.
6815	7/11/2012	I no longer use the library because I now have e-reader and an iPod Touch for audio books.
6816	7/11/2012	We need a public place where people can meet and get any kind of information, regardless of how much money they have.
6817	7/11/2012	They're a resource to help ensure an informed and literate community, help encourage thinking, and independent learning; all of which are sorely needed in this era of videogames and short attention spans.
6818	7/11/2012	They affect my daily living, as I probably read more than 30 books from the library a year.
6819	7/11/2012	I recognize in this library found Spanish books and the most important to me is that give me the opportunity to learn English with some books and materials and contribute and help in my daily life.
6820	7/11/2012	Information and access to education free of charge is of paramount importance in a democracy.

6821	7/11/2012	Information is power, education is a must. Free, unconditional access to information in a clean, dry, protected space is one of the greatest assets we can provide to our citizenry.
6822	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to literature and other services that libraries provide, especially those who cannot afford those things on their own
6823	7/11/2012	This service is provided for people who are involved, interested, curious, want to learn, want to contribute. Many other services are provided, thankfully, in case of dire need (fire, police). Library service is provided for those who are trying to improve themselves in some way.
6824	7/11/2012	We use the library with our kids and for ourselves several times a week. I feel like the summer reading program provides great focus to continue some academics when school is out.
6825	7/11/2012	i am a voracious reader and have been since I discovered the joys of reading when i was 6 years old. i love browsing through the books to find what interests me. i love the feel, smell and substance of holding a real book - none of this electronic crap for me. i feel that without libraries our society will fall even further down the rabbit hole.
6826	7/11/2012	I come to the library for books, CDs, and DVDs on a weekly basis. It's also a community meeting spot. I've come to love seeing Gina and other librarians, as well as running into friends at the community. It definitely strengthens the feel of being in a neighborhood. It's also vital to have access to the internet. I've loved the additional activities, especially for kids (and wish there were craft times for adults!). It's one of the mainstays of my community--work, home, church, grocery store and the library.
6827	7/11/2012	They are of utmost importance to me because they keep me connected with my world and my community. I depend on the library for information, education, and assistance on a daily and weekly basis.
6828	7/11/2012	Libraries are an access to knowledge, an open door on culture, for everyone.
6829	7/11/2012	Reading is a wonderful form of education that should be accessible to everyone--not all can afford to buy new books whenever needed or an electronic reader. It's also an excellent system for returning and getting a new book, I certainly don't need to keep every book I've ever read and having some sort of exchange or check-out and return system is important.
6830	7/11/2012	Libraries are very important to me in access to resources and programs, both for academic and spiritual growth. They also important to me for friends (books for their children) and community (speaker events). A friend I admire highly judges a city first and foremost based on the quality of their public library. Seattle, by the way, is far superior to Portland in this regard in her opinion.
6831	7/11/2012	The Library is where you can learn, you can let your imagination explode, you can experience so much. The events available through the library is important to everyone. Maybe having more media exposure to your events will help increase attendance. I know that if you had more stories on the local news about what is going on then you also might have more people coming into the library to find out what else is going on.

6832	7/11/2012	<p>I love the library. I use it to check out books that I am interested in instead of having to buy them. I use the hold system regularly and I love getting my little golden nugget for free. I also check out lots and lots of kids books that I read to my six year old and have done so since he was a toddler. I went to baby book time with him as an infant and beyond and I go to kids activities with him now. I've been to two kids activities already this summer and both were great.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>My six year old doesn't read yet but I am sure that when he does, he will be a voracious reader and that is partly due to the benefits of the library. I feel like no printed material is out of our reach. My son loves to be read to.</p>
6833	7/11/2012	<p>I can't afford to purchase the books and dvds that I consume. It is a resource for education, entertainment and research for information. It is the basis for educated people to remain informed. It is the building block for teaching children to become a literate and productive citizen. Our society needs all it can get. Libraries are the hub for communities and neighborhoods.</p>
6834	7/11/2012	<p>If you can read you can gain any other knowlege that you need with the exception of things such as swimming which much be learned hands-on. In addition to all this learning, your mind can travel to places your physical body may never get to go; climb the highest mountains and explore the deep seas, for example.</p>
6835	7/11/2012	<p>Because I love using the library.</p>
6836	7/11/2012	<p>Love to browse and also use library resources. I am on a budget and the library is a wonderful place to find out about events around town that are free or at very reasonable cost. Also, the library has movies, books, music, audio books that one can check out for free.</p>
6837	7/11/2012	<p>I love to read. Since I have retired I read alot. I like the large print because it's easier on my eyes. I have difficulty reading at night or reduced light, so large print makes it easier. I like that I can order a book on line and pick it up at my branch.</p>
6838	7/11/2012	<p>It's an education and technological equalizer to build better communities.</p>
6839	7/11/2012	<p>I go several times weekly and always have. Free public libraries is part of what makes us an educated community. It's essential.</p>
6840	7/11/2012	<p>Schools are not important. They are just baby sitting facilities that teach obsolete and useless things to people who aren't interested in obsolete and useless things. When people really want to learn something, then they go to the library.</p>
6841	7/11/2012	<p>home technology is easier and quicker to use.</p>
6842	7/11/2012	<p>Well they are a resource for those without resources, they are apart of the safety net for those in need, they are access to knowledge and enjoyment, those are priceless.</p>
6843	7/11/2012	<p>They are an equal opportunity gateway to knowledge of all kinds and for all ages.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Schools focus on the young. Adult education attention outside of this is largely vocational, remedial, or expensive. Anyone can go to the library to learn.</p>

6844	7/11/2012	Access to research materials, current books I can't afford to buy, videos i can watch, information on services I can access through the computers. Programs that lets me interact with others which prevents me from being so isolated when I am at home.
6845	7/11/2012	Intellectual growth can't come from other services. However, I was at first delighted to see so many young people in library one time and then realized they were mostly playing games on the computers.
6846	7/11/2012	Helps kids become life long readers
6847	7/11/2012	Libraries are the repository of all learning. You can learn how to do anything or find anything at them and librarians will know where to find an answer in 1/5 of the time of the internet.
6848	7/11/2012	Information is power, and an educated community makes the.best decisions.
6849	7/11/2012	I believe a community that supports strong libraries values their citizens and encourages them to become better educated and connected to their community. My son loves the library and I believe his regular visits encourage him to learn and enjoy life. He now is able to say "let's put that one on hold!"
6850	7/11/2012	Because students need resources, seniors need the activity and it is the ONLY way some people can afford to read books, movies, use computers.
6851	7/11/2012	I believe they provide a safe and educational environment for all individuals to have access to. Library materials can mainly be used to expand knowledge and better a person's situation.
6852	7/11/2012	It is important to have a place for the community to go and have access to books and media for educational purposes.
6853	7/11/2012	Because we are so caught up in the typical day, that we dont have time to sit down and read a book, and especially a good one. The library helps students with homework, reports, projects, etc.[] And all off the programs the library does makes lots of people want to jump in and read!
		It is very important for ALL people of all ages if all incoes to have access to free books and library services. [] []
6854	7/11/2012	Sometimes I am not able tO find current books in a timely manner (for self and book club). I wish we could have works available more quickly. [] [] We LOve the Lucky Day book system![] [] We live our libraries. We use the Central library as well as Belmont. I wish there were a library closer to Ladd's Addition.
6855	7/11/2012	Reading is very important
6856	7/11/2012	This serves the less able community and less financially able society. Also, libraries are awesome!

6857	7/11/2012	Because I am a nanny and it is useful to me as a tool to educate children and be able to access reading material at all age/skill levels for the benefit of raising children. Also, it's a community, a place to see people in my neighborhood and to connect to others. Not to mention it saves a great deal of money for everyone because we can all share all the material with each other and everyone benefits.
6858	7/11/2012	Local library services are a part of the cornerstone of American democracy and culture. Library services contribute greatly to American education, civics, and moral and ethical values.
6859	7/11/2012	Our family loves books and I don't know what we'd do without the library. And the other services we don't use at this time are very important to the community. I think a library is an important part of a community and if we didn't have a local branch or its hours and services were further reduced, that would put less emphasis on reading, which is obviously very important to me. (And I think is important to a community.)
6860	7/11/2012	Compared to law enforcement, utilities, etc., it comes in second. Important for people who need information but don't have resources at home or elsewhere, plus I mostly use it for checking out books, putting new releases of favorites "on hold" until they're available; I like getting e-mail notices that the book(s) are ready for pick-up, and that they're due soon!! I just wish Midland and other branches had drive-up book drops like Central has.
6861	7/11/2012	Access to information for those who have no other means to gain that access is extremely important.
6862	7/11/2012	Keeps kids off the streets and provides free access for all who want to learn.
6863	7/11/2012	libraries are the most common of community resources. It is a place where all ethnicities are welcomed. All levels of intelligence and many diverse languages too. To offer references books, movies, audio books, games, and reading books and learning programs is one thing that I can proudly support.
6864	7/11/2012	I was raised in a library. I would go frequently as a kid and I fear the communities kids would miss out.
6865	7/11/2012	because they represent what the United States says it is about....for individuals and for the whole.
6866	7/11/2012	I still have access to the internet. The library is occasionally handy for research, online services, and computer access, but almost never necessary.
6867	7/11/2012	they serve the neighborhood and the community by providing a positive environment that fosters learning and neighborhood support
6868	7/11/2012	They are no longer needed, the internet has taken its place.
6869	7/11/2012	Access to information, books and other media is necessary in a free society.
6870	7/11/2012	Always the most friendly of all public services, the best kept (there is pride left in this service), and people of all ages really need resources libraries offer.

6871	7/11/2012	I read voluminously--omnivorously--and can't afford, and don't want, to buy all the books I want to read. I believe that libraries are the fundamental repository of our shared culture and the primary means to maintain a truly, liberally informed citizenry. My library allows me to continue to read (or listen to recordings) to learn about the things that interest me and find new things to pique my curiosity.
6872	7/11/2012	I love our libraries! They serve so many functions for so many people. They are free, accessible, serve many functions for a cross section of users.
6873	7/11/2012	The library service is for culture and knowledge what the Power Grid is to the electric lights in our house. Both have an antiquated infrastructure, but are necessary and have purpose. In this day and age where we "google" everything (myself included), I find comfort in being able to go to what is essentially a "free bookstore" and still find something I wouldn't get on the internet. Getting rid of libraries would be as stupid as what many public schools have done in getting rid of art/music and/or P.E. classes. The local public services such as water/electricity/fire dept and cops are necessary for survival, and hence and first, but without the library (historically known as the container of our history, education and culture), we lose what we survive for.
6874	7/11/2012	There is a huge difference. Each person varies in opinion but in my opinion a library has the same importance as a DSHS/FS or Clinic it is "very important" to me as I use it often and it's critically important to improving my lifestyle, what doesn't compare of the same importance would be services like WIC, headstart, summer school as I don't use those services often or in the same way as the following mentioned but to others the order differs this is how I would put the order of importance for me; not saying that the others are not important in general.
6875	7/11/2012	we're not often users of the library but we understand the need of other people in the community.
6876	7/11/2012	An educated populace makes for more well-rounded, informed citizens.
6877	7/11/2012	It's vital that people always have access to information and communication options as well as the resources like classes and gatherings that libraries offer. I think that libraries can serve as hubs of learning for people of all ages.
6878	7/11/2012	I use library resources for vital work-related research.
6879	7/11/2012	They provide services across all social groups, fostering community and providing opportunities for people to improve themselves regardless of their economic situation.
6880	7/11/2012	They are a neighborhood resource that provide a sense of community, resources for all ages and incomes. We need to promote reading, writing skills and the spirit of learning.
6881	7/11/2012	Not as important as fire or police, but a very important neighborhood resource.

6882	7/11/2012	<p>I'm a professional artist, and the public library is invaluable to me as a storehouse of inspiration as well as information. I make heavy use of online resources at home, but much of what's available for free online is superficial information. For deep research into a topic, you absolutely can't do better than books and research databases like JSTOR, both of which are made available to my through my library.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>In addition to media resources, the library offers me something that's almost worth every tax dollar by itself: an environment. Home can be a zoo sometimes, so having a quiet and orderly space like the library available to me when need to do some study is tremendously important to me.</p>
6883	7/11/2012	<p>Books are important, but I don't think that Multnomah County should have ever taken over the Library system. That puts it into competition with other more important governmental services like good roads, safe bridges, sheriff, search-and-rescue, etc. If it comes to parks (such as Oxbow and Blue Lake) vs libraries, then I think that it is pretty much a tie. It is nice to have these things, and we should take good care of what we have. But when the economy is tight, taxpayers have to make tough personal choices and do without some things. Gov't agencies need to grow up and exercise similar restraint.</p>
6884	7/11/2012	<p>the question doesn't make sense.</p>
6885	7/11/2012	<p>They provide an excellent resource for people to educate and inform themselves. However, some other services - e.g. public safety - are more important.</p>
6886	7/11/2012	<p>Best place to get information, check out books you can't afford to buy, use computers</p>
6887	7/11/2012	<p>Somewhat</p>
6888	7/11/2012	<p>The local library system provides equal access to resources and books to every community in Portland. It is important that people of all incomes have access to these resources. The library also supports students w/summer reading programs, educator cards, extremely useful homework sites for research, as well as classroom visitations on various topics. []</p> <p>When I retire one day, I also plan to attend some of the monthly book groups.[]</p> <p>Also, in the foyer of each library, there is really useful community information.</p>
6889	7/11/2012	<p>Because we use and enjoy materials from the library everyday. The Multnomah County Library adds to the livability of our city and positively effect housing values.</p>
6890	7/11/2012	<p>Literacy and learning are the cornerstone of an educated population.</p>
6891	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are very important to me because they provide many resources to help people, such as myself, expand their knowledge of many different topics in many different ways.</p>
6892	7/11/2012	<p>I love to read. Buying books gets really expensive, as pro-bookstore as I am. The library has a huge selection and really easy cataloguing. It's a great way to find reading material.</p>
6893	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries do a great job of leveling any number of playing fields, if well-stocked and easily available to everyone. Learning and dreaming shouldn't be limited by whether or not you can afford books.</p>

6894	7/11/2012	Their services are free
6895	7/11/2012	The library is a source of information, entertainment, and learning. What could be more important to a society?
6896	7/11/2012	Basic services(water, sewer, roads) and emergency services(Fire, Police) are more important. Schools are also more important. Parks are less than or equal to in importance. Bike lanes,expanding light rail, changing the garbage service are much less important.[] The water/sewer needs better oversight.
6897	7/11/2012	Libraries make knowledge, learning, resources, and entertainment accessible to all citizens. They are a cornerstone of our society.
6898	7/11/2012	I love reading. Books are my entertainment and information.
6899	7/11/2012	They are not only an excellent place to discover new things and have access to knowledge, but they are also a great space for community.
6900	7/11/2012	They allow me to read books, watch movies, and listen to new music at no cost to me.
6901	7/11/2012	Actual books and other reference materials are what is most important to me. With the internet, much of the information is not verified and generally unorganized. Anytime I need to really learn about something, the first place I go is to my local library. There is always a ton of reliable and up to date information, and it's free. Love to learn!
6902	7/11/2012	I use the Library as a resource more than other public resources combined. It is a vital part of our culture that needs to be respected and funded as such.
6903	7/11/2012	I'm a reader with a limited income.
6904	7/11/2012	Reading books is very important to me. Buying them new would be prohibitively expensive. It would be easier to reply to this query if the "other" local public services were listed.
6905	7/11/2012	i use the library frequently. I see it as an amazing resource for teens, families, elderly and anyone interested in learning by themselves who doesn't have a lot of money.
6906	7/11/2012	Because access to books and computers is one of the ineffable items that makes living in a place (city, county, wherever) special. I am so proud of our library and our family loves it.
6907	7/11/2012	everyone should have access to literacy opportunities and book lending, computer access, and research help.
6908	7/11/2012	Libraries are essential. Well-informed citizens are good citizens. For me, it's sort of a luxury service. I could go buy books at Powell's, but I'd rather just give them back when I'm done.
6909	7/11/2012	Despite the library being somewhat of a leisure service to myself personally, I know a lot of other people truly rely on the library for access to computers, internet, books, and learning materials. In light of that, I think the library offers an important service.
6910	7/11/2012	I believe everyone should have access to the resources that the library offers be it books, tapes, computer access, story time, etc.
6911	7/11/2012	Reading and learning are the foundations upon which societies exist and evolve. Without free public access to these, cultures crumble.

6912	7/11/2012	After buying a home and starting a family I realized my income could not continue to support my book purchases. I started using the library reserve system and now always have a book at my side I am also teaching my children the value of reading and respecting our library system. They love to go to the library and chose their books! My husband loves the movie and music selection that is offered.
6913	7/11/2012	As I child I lived in horrible foster home and my teachers were rigid Irish nuns. One day they played "The hall of the mountain king" suite by Grieg and that same week I was introduced to children's classic...Alice in Wonderland, The Arabian nights, black beauty, etc. I found a way out of my agony. My new world of music and reading opened worlds to me and I began to feel hope. [] I know many people who have had my experience and today, continue to read as much as possible to keep that sacred space open within. The majority of my reading is done using the library. While the Internet is great the library provides a whole different feel and the staff is more helpful. []
6914	7/11/2012	I have access to news content thru the Internet but it does not replace hard copies of the Economist or Christian Science Monitor. [] Also programs like those for children bring people together who might not otherwise meet. Something the Internet cannot provide.
6915	7/11/2012	I access them every day as opposed to other services that are important but I have little contact with them mostly.
6916	7/11/2012	I want to live in an educated society where people of all incomes have access to information.
6917	7/11/2012	because I feel that services that are available to ALL (ie not needs based) are the best for the whole community. AND because I feel that access to reading and computers and books and literacy is at the backbone of a well-functioning community. It's a preventative thing -- rather than something like police which deals with problems AFTER THE FACT. and prevention is always the best route to go whenever possible
6918	7/11/2012	We need to provide education, information & other resources to empower our citizens
6919	7/11/2012	Library services are important to me, but not vital to the larger populace like fire or rescue services.
6920	7/11/2012	Libraries give kids and people places to go to keep out of trouble or out of the weather.
6921	7/11/2012	Other than infrastructure which we are generally paying for directly then I think it is the most important. It is definitely the public service we use the most.
6922	7/11/2012	Shelter, food, family services, financial aid to those who are in need (basically the essentials for life and health) are much more important than having a full time library. If libraries were available only 4 times a week to accommodate more pressing essentials, that would be okay with me.
6923	7/11/2012	This question is pretty vague to me. Other services like the fire department would probably be higher on my list, but it's hard to compare the two.

6924	7/11/2012	I am not at a stage in my life where these services are of use. I have no children and can get information on my own.
6925	7/11/2012	This is all about someone paying for someone else to have free services. Why not charge 25 cents per day for books, etc. Why does everything used by the entitlement non paying freeloaders free?
6926	7/11/2012	Having access to free books (in the least) encourages reading which is never a bad thing and promotes learning at all ages and levels.
6927	7/11/2012	Library is a place where children reach out for the books from the earliest ages. It is important for every child to have access to books, especially in an environment of community. It creates stronger sense of community for children and adults.
6928	7/11/2012	If we don't make readers out of our citizens and provide ways for them to become informed, we will end up with a decline in literacy, in turn affecting quality of workers, and leading to the inability of citizens to serve each other both inside the library and in other public services. There are already too many people one encounters in service positions whose spoken and reading skills are inadequate for the work they're attempting to do (and I am not referring to those for whom English is a second language). The speaking and writing skills of our citizens are not what they once were, and if the libraries do not offer necessary services, the picture will become even dimmer. As a retired librarian, I hate to see the quality of library service declining. But I would feel just the same way had I not been a librarian for 31 years.
6929	7/11/2012	Libraries are critically important to a community but so are police protection, parks, emergency response, roads and schools.
6930	7/11/2012	Equal access to books, music, magazines and reference materials. I place where people can use computers that don't own one. Promote value of reading and learning.
6931	7/11/2012	The library provides access to services, materials and amenities I couldn't otherwise afford.
6932	7/11/2012	I have been a library user and reader my whole life. It's a community place where people are there to help you with all sorts of things, for free.
6933	7/11/2012	?
6934	7/11/2012	Really enjoy library and what it has to offer. Not vital to my well being, however. Would miss computers, magazines and books to check out.
6935	7/11/2012	The central library is historical in its structure which is of importance to me. I love books and having hard bound books rather than ebooks is something I enjoy. The library is still a great source of information even with the internet and the librarians are great resources to find information. Not everyone can afford to buy books and the library provides a needed public service.

6936	7/11/2012	Education and Safety are the most important. Safety includes Police but also safety from disease so clean water and working sewers are highly important for a livable city. Public schools provide the greatest educational resources. Libraries are a supplementary educational tool but an important one because it is place where people of all ages can go to learn and have access to information.
6937	7/11/2012	<p>I think that this is also a misleading question because this information may be used to match off library services with other equally important services, leading to an either-or situation that the voter will be forced into thinking to vote for one is to not consider the other important. The county should be very transparent and honest about the amount of funds it has and where it goes.[]</p> <p>I also do not agree with the way you designed question number 8 wherein there is no fourth choice allowing for an answer of "don't agree with all the choices" or "have no increase in levy and return original library schedules. The bulk of the work of library services I think fall on your volunteers, so it is hard to understand where all the money goes. I will choice an answer in number 8 but just to let you know it is under duress.</p>
6938	7/11/2012	To have access to information for my children and myself that would otherwise be harder to acquire. My family loves having the experience of going to the library, having a diverse amount of materials to study and be exposed to so many new ideas has been extremely valuable. Also spending time in a safe, calm community setting is relaxing for us.
6939	7/11/2012	Common access to knowledge, literacy, and our cultural foundations are all vital functions fulfilled by a community library for an engaged citizenry capable of critical thinking and important communication/artistic skills.
6940	7/11/2012	Books are a chance to attain knowledge and freedom which physical and economic restraints can't contain. If we all spent more time reading the world would be a much more educated and discussion focused space.
6941	7/11/2012	i'm on a budget
6942	7/11/2012	They are one small piece of cultural freedom we support publicly.
6943	7/11/2012	Books are one of the only sources of education beyond one's own experience. We need more readers, not less.
6944	7/11/2012	Repairing roads is an example of a local public service of short-term importance. Education (libraries) is an example of a local public service of long-term importance. We must balance both short-term and long-term services that are important - like fixing our roads and educating our populace.
6945	7/11/2012	Books are expensive -- the only way most of us can access literature, instruction, magazines etc etc etc. For many it is the only way to have regular computer access. It has become sadly rare for there to be a free place which is quiet and welcoming for all in the community. If one has a question about anything, one can always start at the library -- it is the modern day community soul.
6946	7/11/2012	everyone should have an opportunity to continue their self education throughout their lifetime.

6947	7/11/2012	The library is an important part of my continuing education. I read to learn as well as for entertainment. I am amazed at the quality of materials available for public use. Our family enjoys the films available and I will be soon needing the staff's knowledge to introduce me to e-books.
6948	7/11/2012	Fire, police, water, etc. are more important but library systems are just below that.
6949	7/11/2012	knowledge for the masses at a good price
6950	7/11/2012	Allows us to learn and research for free
6951	7/11/2012	ex libris
6952	7/11/2012	they are important because they provide opportunities for people who do not have access to computers or who do not have money to buy reading materials to access them. Libraries are an excellent resource center.
6953	7/11/2012	The library has literally saved my life more than once. When I was suicidal and isolated as an adolescent questioning my sexuality in a conservative community, I turned to the library as a source of information and connection to LGBT community. I have turned to the library to learn about how to live well with my disabilities, I have used the library to find information about my local community and the larger world, I have referred friends, loved ones, and community members to the library to improve their own lives, and I have used the library as a source of escape when living with depression and living in poverty get to be overwhelming. Libraries help us to imagine a better world, and make the world better.
6954	7/11/2012	Library helped me succeed in learning English.
6955	7/11/2012	Compared to basic fire, police, human services for poor, library not as important.
6956	7/11/2012	Because the library provides such wonderful access to materials to the public. The access allow poor and the middle class to materials that otherwise would only be available to those with enough money to purchase them or steal them.
6957	7/11/2012	because i use them and they are close by
6958	7/11/2012	Other basic services like health, fire, and safety are more important.
6959	7/11/2012	good resources for education, study, and access to culture.
6960	7/11/2012	My wife and I use them every day.
6961	7/11/2012	Because I use them weekly in person and every few days online. I would be poorer in thought and creativity without them. I wouldn't set them above police or fire services, but they are very important to me.
6962	7/11/2012	Books are one of my favorite sources of entertainment, but I don't have a lot of money. The library lets me do a lot more reading than I'd otherwise be able to. It was also a huge part of my childhood, and I like to hope that other kids are just as psyched about things like the summer reading program as I used to be.
6963	7/11/2012	I do a lot of reading and I don't have a TV. I don't always want to buy a book that I want to read; the library fairly up to date on books I'm interested in.

6964	7/11/2012	I am not sure what "other local public services" we are comparing libraries with.[] But it is VERY IMPORTANT in this day and age. We didn't have a library as such when growing up and I became very much aware how little I knew, compared to other students once beyond our community.
6965	7/11/2012	When compared to infrastructure, the library is #2.
6966	7/11/2012	Libraries provide information -- any sort of information -- to anyone who needs it. There is nothing else in our society that performs that service, and it is vital to having a well-informed citizenry.
6967	7/11/2012	access to resources
6968	7/11/2012	I love to read and I don't have the money to buy all the books I want and sometimes I don't want to read a book or magazine or watch a movie more than once so buying would be a waste.
6969	7/11/2012	Convenient, inexpensive, adapted for senior citizens, a wealth of information is available. We moved from Colorado and thought the Jefferson County libraries were great. Portland's are BETTER!
6970	7/11/2012	We all need to know how to read and the library provides this resource at no cost to its users. You cannot put a value on books and how they enrich our lives.
6971	7/11/2012	Being able to read a wide range of books helps me keep sane. It is important that everyone in my community has access to books to help promote literacy and knowledge.
6972	7/11/2012	Educational reading, entertainment reading. If the library closed I would just acquire reading material another way. If government can not efficiently run the library, needs more and more funds to keep it in service.....maybe it's time to no longer fund the library.
6973	7/11/2012	Like I said, open education to anyone. Education to our young ones, and people of all ages. I do not know what would happen to this great country if we had no libraries. It probably would not be so great any more.
6974	7/11/2012	Because if you can't find things any where else,the library most of the time as it.
6975	7/11/2012	Besides the schools it's the resource I use the most
6976	7/11/2012	The Multnomah Library is a primary source of information, education, professional resources, entertainment. It is absolutely invaluable to my life. A reduction in availability or resources would have a significant impact on my quality of life.
6977	7/11/2012	My husband and I visit the library about every other day. We are self-educators. The library is a huge resource for our education and cultural entertainment.
6978	7/11/2012	I intensively teach my child using library materials. The ability to access a broad spectrum of topics at her level is critical.[] []
6979	7/11/2012	I am passionate about books and education for all people.
6980	7/11/2012	Its not so much for me as it is for those who haven't any other means to access computers, books, and help that only the library can, and does, give us.
		Internet access is important, people who don't have it can get it at the library.

6981	7/11/2012	The Portland library offers such a resourceful service to so many folks in our city. I think this type of resource is uncommon and special. It's unique! I'd love to keep it that way.
6982	7/11/2012	Libraries are where kids learn love of books, where people can connect, and maintain love of books and access to knowledge throughout a lifetime. Very important to the health of a community.
6983	7/11/2012	Without education we are doomed
6984	7/11/2012	Libraries are the great levelers. Free and open to all.
6985	7/11/2012	Because literacy and research resources should be available for all who are seeking knowledge
6986	7/11/2012	Because I actually use them. And this is coming from someone who works in social services. The library is an amazing resource for the the less fortunate and provides tools for turning lives around. It is also a great resource for the general public.
6987	7/11/2012	Education is power. There are too many stupid people already, and libraries help educate and empower the masses.
6988	7/11/2012	Again, I use resources at the Library to find out more about everything from canning food to remodeling, to history and childcare. I do not learn well on the Internet and don't necessarily think that Internet resources are reliable or well-researched. Those resources are for comparing prices and maybe reading reviews on products. My husband and I use online reports, etc. often, but the Library is where we go when we really want to LEARN something. We both have advanced degrees and are not afraid of books that don't have pictures:) I think that's why I see it as so important.
6989	7/11/2012	Every community needs a library
6990	7/11/2012	A huge variety of tasks and activities delivered. It encourages reading and learning and community activities. Nothing else comes close
6991	7/11/2012	personally, between somewhat and very
6992	7/11/2012	I hold education high on my list--and feel that a healthy library system is important to enrich a community
6993	7/11/2012	I feel like libraries give everyone a place to further their education and share knowledge with their community.
6994	7/11/2012	Personally, I love libraries, but where push comes to shove hospitals and schools are at the top of my priority list.
6995	7/11/2012	Literacy is key to our life. Many different medias are important.
6996	7/11/2012	the Library is a neighborhood service for so many, encouraging literacy, providing a quiet place to go to read, look at magazines, etc. We need a well-read and literate public.
6997	7/11/2012	I use it the most.
6998	7/11/2012	An uninformed, uneducated populace does make for a health community. It is a cultural resource that from which all can benefit.

6999	7/11/2012	I mostly use the Lake Oswego library because the Capital Hill library doesn't have much on-hand. I like to browse however, I think about when I was in school how important it was to be able to go to the library in my neighborhood.
7000	7/11/2012	We read and use multimedia frequently. Portland libraries are progressive and easy to use which makes them more desirable to use then old system in Texas.
7001	7/11/2012	Higher levels of education and literacy lead to fairer, better societies.
7002	7/11/2012	I believe libraries are a resource for learning for the community.
7003	7/11/2012	They represent and they provide publicly owned knowledge and knowledge resources.
7004	7/11/2012	free books and movies
7005	7/11/2012	its our tax money being put back into the community.
7006	7/11/2012	Access o information, entertainment, museum passes--knowledge and culture are what civilization and taxes are all about.
7007	7/11/2012	There is something magical about the library. Our parents took us there when we were children and we were allowed to check out books. We, in turn, take our children there in much the same way. Add to that that there is more than just books to check out. I've been able to check out television series, movies, CDs--all for free. You can't beat that!
7008	7/11/2012	I enjoy getting my books from the library but the library is DEFINATELY not as important as a strong police force, strong fire department, reasonable water and sewer rates (unlike the current pricing structure), schools that educate its student body (and don't pander to the teachers' union) and roads in good repair.
7009	7/11/2012	I rely on many of the benefits that the library offers. Such as: internet usage, new books, music.
7010	7/11/2012	They are important, but not as important as basic services such as police, fire, good roads, etc.
7011	7/11/2012	I tend to buy the books I want to read, but many folks cannot afford to do so and libraries are one of those democratic institutions that make books, records, films, etc. available to everyone. What would replace it? If America won't keep its libraries open, then we are indeed on a downhill slope as a nation.
7012	7/11/2012	I cannot imagine living in a community without a library -- nor do I want to!
7013	7/11/2012	I love to read. There are a lot of books that I want to read, but don't want to own permanently. And the library is like a second home to me. I grew up in Portland and always loved to go to the library. Most of my favorite childhood books were checked out from the book mobile that came to our school.

7014	7/11/2012	I use the library often. I put books on hold and pick them up. I stay and work at the library. I use the photo copier. I use the internet. I didn't have a computer (couldn't afford one) for a year, and I used the internet/word processor on the computers at the library a few times a week. I had to wait in line *almost* every time I went to use a computer! How are people without computers and without jobs supposed to find jobs nowadays if the way they're supposed to find them is on the computer? That's crazy. I also think that societies and communities which do not have governments that support (by paying for) arts, music, books, etc. that allow the people of said communities to use these things to be freethinking and creative, will often be made up of people who do not think of themselves as freethinking and creative. That is a disservice to people.
7015	7/11/2012	The library is key to an educated and informed public.
7016	7/11/2012	Libraries are great resources to communities. They are spaces for people to share and experience learning and hopefully benefit from the programming offered.
7017	7/11/2012	reading feeds your brain. libraries give us access to materials to enrich our lives, souls and minds-- materials which many would not have access to otherwise. i also think the public access to computers/internet is extremely important for job seekers and others who many not have internet access at home.
7018	7/11/2012	low. L
7019	7/11/2012	Portland libraries have enriched our lives significantly - my kids and I always have "new" interesting, appropriate books to read, and the ability to find out much more about something we're interested in. The kids and I loved story time wher they were younger and the Read to the Dogs program was so important in helping my daughter learn to read. We love Portland Libraries!!!
7020	7/11/2012	It gives our children a place to read, research and learn. The schools have a shortage in books and some family canno afford to buy book. They closed Borders in Gresham and that is where my family would go when the Library is closed. We need a book store on the East side if we cannot depend upon our Libraries. Soon school will be starting and the Library is needed.
7021	7/11/2012	People need that resoufce in their lives...kids for school, families, etc.
7022	7/11/2012	I am a public school teacher so I count on the library resources to enhance my teaching. I also use the library for personal (not job-related) reading resources.
7023	7/11/2012	I use it all the time. It appears that most of NE Portland also uses the libraries a lot. They are always busy. Lots of people. It is a great service to our community. I am a homeowner. I always support the library with my vote. Happy to help. It is worth the cost. I love books!
7024	7/11/2012	I check out a lot of material. I would like the library to continue to get new material in a timely fashion. I would like the library to be open when I want to go. I do not like the new hours.
7025	7/11/2012	If you can read, you can learn how to do anything, I would venture that the Library services should be supported above the arts and above many social programs that essentially are vehicles for adminstrative costs and burdens to be placed upon the taxpayers.

7026	7/11/2012	Because they provide so many valuable services! They are (I believe) the best community resource we have. They provide classes, information on any subject, internet access, and are just fantastic places. I love my library.
7027	7/11/2012	They are an integral part of my daily life, for reading material and
7028	7/11/2012	Internet services Everyone, all ages and abilities, need and loves the library services!
7029	7/11/2012	I have recently graduated high school and am on my way to continue education at a university. Without my local library opened full hours, containing current materials, and great supportive staff, I would not have been as successful in completing my homework all throughout middle and high school. The library is my free shopping mall.
7030	7/11/2012	Because they offer knowledge, information, and resources to everyone and anyone willing
7031	7/11/2012	To me- the library shares equal importance with the Police and emergency services. It is the surest way to make knowledge available to all who seek it, regardless of income bracket. I am passionately in love with our library system. I have lived around the world, and I have never experienced a library system of this uniform excellence.
7032	7/11/2012	Extremely important. I could not survive without it. I check out books on a regular basis, and usually more than 5 at a time.
7033	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and watcher of movies and British mysteries. I often visit the library two to three times week. I enjoy brief conversations with some of the librarians and enjoy the atmosphere.
7034	7/11/2012	It's important for the community to have access to books for free and for a safe environment for children to read in.
7035	7/11/2012	On a 1 to 10 scale they are a solid 7 we could exist of course, but losing our library system would be horrendous
7036	7/11/2012	Reading is one of the most important things people can do.
7037	7/11/2012	Libraries are maybe the only thing that has endured in our society that only does good. The idea of a space for free information and materials, with the pursuit of knowledge at the backbone is a precious one and must be protected and encouraged.
7038	7/11/2012	Easy access to all sorts of information is important
7039	7/11/2012	Literacy and access to books is a cornerstone of a healthy society, and the library system is one of the few public services that the US actually does really well.
7040	7/11/2012	Books are my primary source of entertainment, and I wouldn't have access to many of the titles I enjoy without the library, as I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read. The library also provides a calm atmosphere and serves as an enjoyable place to spend an afternoon reading.

7041	7/11/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The public library is important to me as a "third space" for fostering community - The public library is important to me as a cornerstone of democracy providing the means for an informed citizenry - The public library is important to me as a means to provide early literacy support to parents and children, the importance of which is well documented in research on early childhood reading
7042	7/11/2012	They are very important to me because I use and enjoy them. The libraries offer so much and can serve so many people.
7043	7/11/2012	I love to read. It's a great community service. Promotes education, literacy = reduced crime
7044	7/11/2012	I value reading and education very highly, and I read more books than I could ever afford to buy!
7045	7/11/2012	The library is the local public service I use and value most.
7046	7/11/2012	I love to read. I could not afford to buy all the great books I read.
7047	7/11/2012	provide a service that helps children.
7048	7/11/2012	Very highly used service, promoting education and literacy
7049	7/11/2012	They are the most helpful and unbiased
7050	7/11/2012	Libraries teach the importance of reading and education and gets people interested in subjects they may not otherwise consider. The ability for poor people to have access to free books and media without having to buy books you only may read once.
7051	7/11/2012	They provide access to information and resources that would otherwise be unavailable to many people. Libraries also provide a safe and productive place for children and youth. Libraries have a large impact on children learning to love reading, which is essential for our community to prosper. Libraries also bring communities together.
7052	7/11/2012	senior woman limited financial resources, buying recently published books isn't an option, love to read and libraries provide a wide range of books, computer access, copying services and provides a community resource and a safe place to read, socialize, research and feel part of the community I live in - I moved here two weeks ago from Southern OR and the library was the first place I visited - very important to me
7053	7/11/2012	Libraries are one of the cornerstones of a well-rounded city, and to a greater extent, society. They are worth saving.
7054	7/11/2012	As a retired former professional/academic with no family in the area I spend most of my time reading. One cannot, and would not wish to, purchase the 4-5 books one reads each week.
7055	7/11/2012	increases education/learning opportunities for those that don't have other resources, bring a community together,
7056	7/11/2012	Public Access without the library I would not be able to read the diversity of books that interest me. The internet, while helpful, cannot replace a REAL library.
7057	7/11/2012	 Librarians are an incredible resource of information that are invaluable.

7058	7/11/2012	It is a really available resource via the internet for me
7059	7/11/2012	I am so proud of our library system and I do everything I can to support it--from voting to shopping at the Title Wave bookstore. As a teacher, libraries are an amazing resource for myself and for students and their families. As an individual in the community, my husband and I often use the library for books and other media. When we have children, we plan to take them to the story hours.
7060	7/11/2012	I need the professional journals.
7061	7/11/2012	My most frequented neighborhood service.
7062	7/11/2012	Libraries are for borrowing books. That should be the main mission. You have gone far from that main mission. You should get back to that. [] Everything else you gave me in your list to choose is secondary.
7063	7/11/2012	important but too expensive -- have a good system but don't pay these high wages, benefits etc.
7064	7/11/2012	i think everyone in the community should have the access to information that a library makes possible. it makes for more well-rounded people and more vibrant communities. i want to live in a community where if someone wants to know about the local birds, or how to start a garden, or how to compost, there are books about those things available to them. i'll happily help to fund the circulation of that knowledge in the community, because everyone benefits from it. knowledge that will benefit the community in such a way shouldn't have to be bought.
7065	7/11/2012	I use it constantly for education, current events, computer access
7066	7/11/2012	Gives people of all ages to access of information.
7067	7/11/2012	They represent our community needs and are safe to learn or access resources.
7068	7/11/2012	I like to be able to go and get a book and use the computer's when I need to that is the only way that I can e-mail my friends
7069	7/11/2012	Because I value the libraries services quite as much as any other.
7070	7/11/2012	Provide material that would otherwise be unavailable.
7071	7/11/2012	I cannot always afford to buy books that I am interested in, so having a place to borrow them is essential for being able to read as much as I want.
7072	7/11/2012	Without libraries our community is less rich and dynamic. The library is available equally to all and it is important that everyone have access to the information and services the library provides.
7073	7/11/2012	Many citizens have no access at home to Internet or research materials. Especially in the southeast.
7074	7/11/2012	While they are not as important as, say, water and sewage services, local library services provide a vital component to public education, which is necessary in maintaining the great services and rich culture we already have. I believe that a good local library system complements good local public services in general.
7075	7/11/2012	Equal to school funding - VERY IMPORTANT!

7076	7/11/2012	I don't have money to buy all the books I want to read and it's nice to have a resource that allows you to borrow them.
7077	7/11/2012	While libraries are very important and denote a healthy community (and civilization as a whole), emergency services (fire, police) and public education are of greater importance as necessities.
7078	7/11/2012	Communication is paramount in a society and libraries offer everything we need to learn.
7079	7/11/2012	Vert high
7080	7/11/2012	They are part of the fabric of our community and play a myriad of important roles to all ages etc
7081	7/11/2012	it is important can go any time thay i need it.
7082	7/11/2012	I believe libraries are foundational to an educated free society.
7083	7/11/2012	Believe it is very important for continuing education of the entire population, especially the young and those unable to afford books and computers.
7084	7/11/2012	I use it
7085	7/11/2012	Although I value libraries, fire & police are more important
7086	7/11/2012	The library provides a wonderful learning tool for the surrounding community. It gives so much and asks so little.
7087	7/11/2012	As an avid reader and researcher, I rely on the libraries resources. I also see many people from the community that rely on it as a safe, air-conditioned space in which to spend time accessing online resources and job searching.
7088	7/11/2012	Literacy is at the core of civilization.
7089	7/11/2012	I like to read and to research various topics.
7090	7/11/2012	
7091	7/11/2012	Because of their importance as a resource for my child.
7092	7/11/2012	connection to neighborhood & community
7093	7/11/2012	High
7094	7/11/2012	They provide books and other media that I use for enjoyment and education.
7095	7/11/2012	The Internet is out dating the current model if our libraries.
7096	7/11/2012	I believe the library provides a great and needed service - exchanging knowledge and information. Unfortunately people and families might be using it as a crutch to not do things at home thereby saving public money.
7097	7/11/2012	A great way for all of us to continue life long learning. A great place for homeless to go to get out of the weather. A great place for children to learn to love learning. I wish the library was open the same hours that Powell's is open.
7098	7/11/2012	Availability of public information to all keeps the community well-informed and strong.
7099	7/11/2012	Libraries are a community resource. Libraries create a more human aspect to society as people become more and more isolated from one another as they stay at home with computer access or ebooks. A library is a safe and honorable place for people to visit in order to access knowledge and information.

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7100	7/11/2012	Reading and education are paramount and libraries provide reading opportunities for people of all incomes. It is a great equalizer to access.
7101	7/11/2012	We use the library system all the time. I really enjoy the PageTurners book groups, also. It is important for all people to learn to read, and find the library an enjoyable place to visit regularly.
7102	7/11/2012	They serve EVERYONE, regardless of age, gender, situation. They are the resource that stands between us and illiteracy. They are the resource that opens doors for children to learn about the world, and to learn to READ...which is the whole key to everything. They support our democracy in the most fundamental and essential way, more than any other resource we have.
7103	7/11/2012	Access for everyone to book and other things.
7104	7/11/2012	The library has resources for everyone. Many people do not have computers and need access to find a job. Students need access to a wide variety of materials. For me, I love the access to books, music and movies. I could not ask for more, except maybe four weeks on books instead of three.
7105	7/11/2012	I am a low income person and cannot afford to buy books.
7106	7/11/2012	See the previous page. Without the knowledge we get from our library materials we would be much poorer.
7107	7/11/2012	Because the internet has provided a whole new continuity to learning and entertainment. I'll repeat here the response that I gave on the previous page:[]
7108	7/11/2012	Libraries (with current materials) are crucially important to school-aged kids so that they can touch and see the sources of information that will open their eyes to the world of knowledge. Browsing in a library is an important way to find out about new things. Sometimes you look on the shelf for a specific book, but on the way to find that book, you see other books that capture your interest about subjects that you hadn't thought of yet. This type of 'search' is not possible on the internet.
7109	7/11/2012	They are a wonderful place for everyone to engage in society and stay educated and build community.
7110	7/11/2012	I use my library all the time, for a variety of services. No other public service that I can think of is so large a part of my daily life and creates a community.
7111	7/11/2012	They allow access to services and information to everyone. They are a resource for the poor and rich alike. They give opportunity to all through information.
7112	7/11/2012	Having the libraries open for families and kids to access during the summer.
7113	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge and online access for all is very important.
7114	7/11/2012	Education is of utmost importance, especially for poorer people. Libraries represent the best way for people to educate themselves, and they need to remain highly accessible and free if we are to prosper as a region and a country.
7115	7/11/2012	Education is everything. Do we want uneducated police, fire, and emergency medical service personnel? I think not. With the enormous cuts to K-12 education more and more access to education falls to the local library system. An under-educated public is the greatest risk to democracy.

7116	7/11/2012	knowledge is the key to universal human connection and tolerance
7117	7/11/2012	They allow economical access to resources for everyone. Education is important and libraries are part of education.
7118	7/11/2012	Libraries serve all parts of the population, throughout the city, -- young and old, rich and poor, education and less-educated.
7119	7/11/2012	I think as electronic versions of books, music, videos, etc., become more accessible and widely used, including in my household, our level of "needing" to go to the library has decreased. That said, I still believe the library is important not only for access to books, but for all the other services it provides, especially access to internet and programs that encourage literacy in any form. I don't necessarily think the library needs to be open 7 days a week based on my own family's current usage.
7120	7/11/2012	The seat of civilization; I prize education; I remember loving books as a small child -- I would like others to have that experience and grow up loving to read and learn.
7121	7/11/2012	A democracy, a Federation , cannot function with an illiterate public, we the people are the Government. If we are stupid the government is stupid and will fail.
7122	7/11/2012	Because having access to a public library is like having access to your own personal library, but without all of the money that it takes to purchase materials and house them in a tasteful and welcoming atmosphere.
7123	7/11/2012	Safe streets and schools are of great importance. We should not be spending money on light rail, or bike projects that steal money from basic services. We should NOT be involved in ANY urban renewal schemes which take away tax dollars for basic services. PDC should be shut down!
7124	7/11/2012	i read all the time, and don't know what i would do without a library.
7125	7/11/2012	Most research I do is at home, but check out books often and like to look around the music sections as well.
7126	7/11/2012	The libraries serve such a variety of functions, no other services besides schools serve so many people in so many ways.
7127	7/11/2012	Some public services are more necessary (transportation, garbage removal, etc.), as there are other ways to enjoy the services provided by the library and their programs, but the library is such a wonderful place to be!
7128	7/11/2012	We are homeschoolers and we depend on being able to check out many kinds of books for our education. We always have a lot of books checked out. Other services, with the exception of healthcare, are just not as important to our lifestyle. We appreciate the library!
7129	7/11/2012	Education and reading is very important to me. And our county library has a great reputation, and I'd hate to see that negatively affected.

		The library provides access to knowledge and entertainment to everyone in the community if they take advantage of it. The library provides access to the Internet for people who can't afford it or who need it when their computer breaks down. □
7130	7/11/2012	□ Other public services like police and fire protection are important, but I think the library is right up there with them. I thought the last ballot measure passed, but closing the library on Monday seems like a good cost-cutting move as long as hours don't keep getting cut. I'm glad you cut Monday instead of the weekend.
7131	7/11/2012	Access to an immense variety of subjects for all ages and levels of education
7132	7/11/2012	Library services are important because they promote literacy and community involvement. Additionally they provide free/low-cost education opportunities to families with young children and other at-risk populations.
7133	7/11/2012	Libraries allow access to education for those who cannot afford it. Only through education can we create opportunities for people to live their best lives.
7134	7/11/2012	I think the not-too-distant future will bring the end of brick and mortar libraries. □ But we will always need police and firefighters.
7135	7/11/2012	Access to information of all kind is important to seniors and adults and the development of the love of reading is essential to the development of children.
7136	7/11/2012	Literacy requires us to provide schools and libraries for public use. If the public isn't literate then we have failed as a society.
7137	7/11/2012	I often need resource material for projects and studies.
7138	7/11/2012	Because access to information is fundamental. Supporting a public library is part of being a good citizen.
7139	7/11/2012	I'm an avid reader, who could not afford to buy all the books I read in a year. I have a young child who is on her way to being as much a bookworm as I am.
7140	7/11/2012	I can't imagine life without access to a public library. Libraries have been my sanctuary since I learned to read in the first grade in New Jersey. I've lived in many places before settling in Portland almost 31 years ago. Obtaining a library card has always been one of my first steps taken in making a new place feel like home.
7141	7/11/2012	They are my second home where I found help, guidance, answers to my questions and KNOWLEDGE TO LIVE AND ACT BETTER.
7142	7/11/2012	because it is used and useful
7143	7/11/2012	senior citizen
7144	7/11/2012	I love to read and books and information is very important.
7145	7/11/2012	Continued self education is the key to our future.
7146	7/11/2012	Because we are readers and supporting Library services is important to us.

7147	7/11/2012	I don't want to own books, I want to share them. Libraries are also great gathering spots. Finally, it's ludicrous in this Information Age to shortchange places staffed by experts in locating information!
7148	7/11/2012	i could not afford to buy all the materials that i can borrow as often as i want to. librarians have repeatedly helped me out with questions i could not otherwise find answers to.
7149	7/11/2012	part of our ethos.
7150	7/11/2012	Literacy is very important to our family and want our children to grow up using the local library for all resources that will help them develop skills and knowledge to become good citizens in our community.
7151	7/11/2012	I'm not exactly sure what we're comparing it to. BUT, the library is extremely important as it's a key tool in educating the public and keeping us up to date. It's also one of the best family friendly places in town. If we don't promote reading and education what kind of city will we be living in?
7152	7/11/2012	People rely on libraries in a way they don't appreciate until they're closed.
7153	7/11/2012	I like to check out books. The kids I work with love to go to the library,.
7154	7/11/2012	Without a list of what else is meant by "local public services", it's difficult to imagine that it wouldn't include things more important than libraries, which are also important.
7155	7/11/2012	because we can't afford to buy books and as a shut in books are important
7156	7/11/2012	Because I enjoy going to the library to check out my books. This is partially because of the savings & partially because it facilitates community connection.
7157	7/11/2012	An informed public is a free public.
7158	7/11/2012	Fire, police and some social services keep people alive, which is why they rank 1st. But I believe libraries are also very important.
7159	7/11/2012	The libraries are that important because they offer a vital service to the community in that they are free, safe, educational, and everyone friendly.
7160	7/11/2012	Libraries offer access to knowledge, they level the playing field, they provide guidance to future generations.
7161	7/11/2012	When we find ourselves living paycheck to paycheck, it's really nice to have a free place to go that brings us so much happiness.
7162	7/11/2012	As a tax payer I do not use many government subsidized services, however I do utilize the library frequently. I'm extremely appreciative of the services the library offers, and impressed by the efficient and effective way it is managed, particularly during a time of limited financial resources.
7163	7/11/2012	I greatly value education
7164	7/11/2012	This topic is not well-handled in 100 words. Libraries help our children explore the world of knowledge. They give our teenagers a safe place to be teenagers - and to better themselves at the same time. They are a valuable source for research, both academic and personal. They give everyone a sense of community. They are a hub for cultural events. Robust, PUBLIC libraries are absolutely central to the kind of culture and society to which I wish to belong.
7165	7/11/2012	Fire & safety come first. Maybe transportation & librarys tie for "somewhat"?

7166	7/11/2012	Libraries give everybody equal access to knowledge and technology that many people would otherwise not have at all. We Multnomah county residents are especially lucky to have such a expansive library system with multiple types of media available and online capabilities that make it easy to manage our materials and request new materials. The library is something that I love about living in Portland. Even if someone has nothing they can have a library card and that card can unlock hours of learning and entertainment.
7167	7/11/2012	They bring a broad range of knowledge, information, tools, and resources to all members of a community equally.
7168	7/11/2012	Key to a community
7169	7/11/2012	Actually useful.
7170	7/11/2012	It not only gives people jobs but a place to go to get resources and for me printing out information that I can't do at home. Lots of good reading.
7171	7/11/2012	A literate citizenry is essential to our democracy.
7172	7/11/2012	Compared to police and fire rescue services, they clearly take a second seat. Libraries don't have a immediate life or survival impact. However, long term education impacts are evident by the literacy research.
7173	7/11/2012	Education and access to education materials is very important to promote achievement and self-improvement - for children, adults, etc.
7174	7/11/2012	I have young daughter that has learned to love reading thanks to programs, books and services provided by the Hollywood library.
7175	7/11/2012	Access to knowledge and learning/instruction, as well as access to books/media in general, for everyone equally.
7176	7/11/2012	Libraries offer access to media and information to all, not just those who can afford it.
7177	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power.
7178	7/11/2012	I use the libraries a fair amount. Even during periods where I don't use them as much, it is good to always know that I have the option to use the libraries. Losing that option would be a big loss.
7179	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to books and other media regardless of income
7180	7/11/2012	They are free to all! A Vast source of knowledge and entertainment for everyone. In our tough economic times it is a resource for everyone to use free of charge. Those who cannot afford a computer, those seeking jobs, families bringing their children to our programs, those studying, many retirees enjoying reading, many enjoying the new technology of e readers etc... These are a few of the reasons our libraries are well used and loved by our citizens.
7181	7/11/2012	We enjoy libraries but hate continuous levies and extra taxes.
7182	7/11/2012	Many people depend on the libraries for computer access and job searches. Some people can't afford to buy the books they want to read. Children need to be able to check out books, as some have no other way to afford books, and some need the library to do their homework and research things.

7183	7/11/2012	I personally could get by without a library, but think it is important to have services for those who cannot. However, I think my property taxes are quite high, so if it came down to reduced hours versus a large increase in my property tax, I'd vote for the reduced hours.
7184	7/11/2012	Libraries do not provide a service that is necessary to life. However, they do provide valuable services. That being said, when money is tight, food, shelter, health, safety and education are the essentials. I acknowledge that the library provides "educational" services. But those services are not as essential as education for k-12. If schools have had to reduce days, they it is a given so should less essential services.[] [] Talk to the boards of your local school districts to find out the cuts that have been put into place over the last few years.
7185	7/11/2012	Resource for the entire community at all levels
7186	7/11/2012	I can't always get into other public services but I know the library is always there.
7187	7/11/2012	Libraries offer the greatest number of services that are available to everybody--as long as the doors stay open.
7188	7/11/2012	They are difficult to rank without knowing to which specific "other public services" are being compared, nor what the current needs are in those areas. Library services are _very_ important, but there are a few more important services (police, fire, transportation).
7189	7/11/2012	It's a one-stop-shop for many daily needs. I'm a writer and use the library for research. In addition, they promote literacy, which is critical to the well-being of the larger community, economic, civic, and social. [] []
7190	7/11/2012	I'm not sure it's been considered, but possibly branch closures could be staggered on different days of the week to accommodate different people's schedules. That way, if the only day someone can make it to the library is Monday, at least some branches of the library would be open Monday, even if their most convenient branch was closed.[] [] I'm sorry you are requiring my opinion on the next question, as I am not currently a resident of Multnomah County, although I hope to be one again soon.
7191	7/11/2012	Libraries enable people. Without libraries, people out of school will not have access to knowledge. As a college graduate, the Internet and Google are fabulous resources. However, they are severely lacking for anything considered scholarly. If people want to obtain higher level knowledge, the libraries, NOT the Internet, will need to be of the highest quality.

7192	7/11/2012	I home school my children and I need books for studying history, science, English, and for reading good literature. I cannot afford to purchase everything I would need for our home school. Our entire family reads a tremendous amount of books each year and it would be too expensive to have to purchase everything ourselves. My oldest daughter is studying music for college and checks out printed music and music CD's. As a family, we check out not only many books, but also CD's and DVD's. The use of the library gives us the opportunity to enrich our lives with books, CD's and DVD's which helps us learn new things and educates us. We are entertained with the DVD's and the CD's which saves us money by not having to rent videos to watch and gives us concert/symphony experiences in our own home when we listen to CD's
7193	7/11/2012	public transportation and health are a little more important
7194	7/11/2012	The library itself is very important to me but, if you are talking about social services, they are actually more important. While I have no personal need for same, there needs to be a good safety net.
7195	7/11/2012	It is a free way to disseminate culture and literature to our community.
7196	7/11/2012	As an immigrant child, I grew without in poverty. I used my local (Chicago) public library as an escape from a turbulent home life, Chicago humidity in an apartment without a/c and as a place for solitude and education. ¶ I continue to use the library on a weekly basis. I love browsing the aisles and seeing community members partaking in services provided by the library. I hope to bring my children to the library on a regular basis.
7197	7/11/2012	I'm a teacher, I believe libraries are some of the most important resources in a community! Many of my students would have no internet access or other ways to complete research and other essential skill-building if it weren't for local libraries. I feel blessed to be amongst avid users of one of the most functional, efficient and well supported library systems in the nation.
7198	7/11/2012	The library is THE community resource center where we can find info about anything.
7199	7/11/2012	Education and access to education are fundamental to a competent democracy.
7200	7/11/2012	A good library system helps maintain a literate population. It also helps a variety of people who need assistance not offered through established social services such as access to the internet.
7201	7/11/2012	I wouldn't be the person I am today without libraries. I hid out and read books when I felt too weird or emotionally raw for human interaction. I encountered so many great ideas, and so many ways to analyze and engage with the world around me. Libraries helped my family bond, because we'd take trips to the library together. My parents would help me find things I wanted them to read to me, and, later help me find things I wanted to read myself. Library books helped me understand and see myself as an LGBT person. Going up to the desk with a queer book was also quite a courage-builder. In short, libraries played a critical role in the course of my life, and I'm willing to pay what it takes to make sure future generations aren't deprived of similar experiences.

		Libraries are where our common heritage lies, and where our differences are highlighted. Libraries are where we expand our horizons, and learn about ourselves. Libraries are where we find people that have distinguished themselves, where they have embarrassed themselves, where they have exposed themselves, and where they have tried to hide themselves. Words, music and film.[]
7202	7/11/2012	[] Water, garbage, road construction, schools, police departments, fire departments, jails and prisons. Construction permits, sanitary sewer, stormwater protection, environmental protection, and health departments. Very important reasons local government. But access to knowledge, music, and art is the reason we have all those things. Other than national defence, feeding the hungry, maintaining strong vibrant libraries and operating world class schools are the most important functions our government can do.
7203	7/11/2012	Need access to books and range of magazines
7204	7/11/2012	Somewhat.
7205	7/11/2012	I see it as an educational benefit, keeping our minds sharp through reading and services.
7206	7/11/2012	not as important as public safety or public transportation more important than more bike paths
7207	7/11/2012	It is knowledge and power to the people and it is imperative to have an educated population.
7208	7/11/2012	One of the first things I always want to know when I move to a new location is where the library is. Everyone should have access to the materials that a library holds, regardless of income.
7209	7/11/2012	I love to read and use the library to save money on buying books. They are an important resource to our community.
7210	7/11/2012	Most often used resource. Although I would not use it anywhere as much if the number of books/media was reduced or hours were further reduced.
7211	7/11/2012	It is part of a vibrant community. I wouldn't put this service against mental health or police- it's important to have balance.
7212	7/11/2012	Because the library offers so much to so many different groups of people.
7213	7/11/2012	Schools, basic services (i.e. sewer & water), and public safety are more important than libraries due to their necessity. However, libraries are more important than parks and services for the homeless because the library system can be used to improve one's life through learning if one takes the initiative.
7214	7/11/2012	It's vital that books - current as well as old - are available for all people, not just those who can afford to buy books. Everyone needs to have uncensored information available to them for free. The library is the logical place to teach literacy, to encourage the exchange of ideas, and to prod people into questioning the credibility of their sources of information. [] Libraries can be a center for the neighborhood, thus helping to build and maintain community.
7215	7/11/2012	The libraries are often the only place for poor people to have access to Internet and printing services which help them to apply for jobs and keep in touch with family out of town. They also help to bring knowledge to people who can't afford college or other continuing education.

7216	7/11/2012	it's still is better to read off of paper than a computer
7217	7/11/2012	Books, music, film, and media/information are of critical importance to me.
7218	7/11/2012	Libraries make knowledge popular. Knowledge and education are the most important things for a nation to become powerful and healthy.
7219	7/11/2012	Explained in prior question.....
7220	7/11/2012	We need an educated citizenry to make intelligent decisions.
7221	7/11/2012	Police and fire services seem paramount. Maintenance of roads, bridges, public buildings, etc., second. Libraries a close third, ahead of schools, as I largely educated myself in libraries rather than in available public schools.
7222	7/11/2012	We used the materials a lot. We homeschool and use books (not electronic so much) and magazines, which makes our learning affordable. We would like to have more programs for homeschoolers.
7223	7/11/2012	I don't buy many books or rent or buy movies. The library is my only source for movies. They are a great resource for young children to learn the wonder of books and reading in general. A population that loves to read is an educated one.
7224	7/11/2012	It is one of my main resources for information and entertainment.
7225	7/11/2012	I work in the nonprofit sector and the public benefit of the resources for professional development, combined with the additional entertainment resources like novels, DVDs and music are so important to so many people.
7226	7/11/2012	They serve all and we are important.
7227	7/11/2012	Allow for free recreational and educational activities for individuals and families
7228	7/11/2012	I actually use the library as opposed to other services. I am an honest hard working tax paying responsible citizen who does not take advantage of too many "social services".
7229	7/11/2012	Because i am a senior citizen who loves 2 read!!
7230	7/11/2012	Libraries are the heart, mind and hope for the future in a community. Without them needy people have so many fewer options. Rich people have those options.....
7231	7/11/2012	I love the library. I think that it is really important that there be a safe, welcoming place for people to gather, learn and reflect. While many public services are focused on safety, or a specific demographic, the library is about sharing, learning and access to information for everyone regardless of background or wealth. And, the library is more than just free reading material - its also a physical place where you are always welcome. As a kid it was one of the only places that I could spend hours hanging out in and not be in the way.
7232	7/11/2012	Even if I tend to buy more books than I check out from the library, I believe a culture of literacy is important to the strength of any community.
7233	7/11/2012	It is probably the one public service I used consistently. I read a lot, and don't want to be buying personal copies of books. It isn't sustainable if everyone did that. I don't have children, so I don't 'use' the school system (although I am sure I pay plenty for it).

7234	7/11/2012	Libraries tie into a better educated public! Education is key to a better life for everyone!
7235	7/11/2012	I depend heavily on library reading materials for personal use, school and jobs. I often use the computers and printers and the library as a space to read or study. I very much enjoy the community programs like knitting, lunch time lectures and events the Portland libraries organize or host. Portland Public libraries are a huge resource to every member of the community and especially to me and my family.
7236	7/11/2012	Reading is essential, it educates & opens minds to new ideas, which in turn creates a healthier more sustainable society, & all of their services just help to further that goal. I would not like to live w/o libraries. Please help us make it work somehow.
7237	7/11/2012	see above
7238	7/11/2012	The public library is the single most critical institution to a stable, free society. Unfettered and free access to information is a basic right that needs to be protected alongside the right to an education and the right to gather. The Internet cannot be trusted to serve the public in the same manner.
7239	7/11/2012	I think that access to information, books and computers is critical to America's success as a nation.
7240	7/11/2012	Reading is fundamental. Libraries are an important part of communities.
7241	7/11/2012	knowledge is power
7242	7/11/2012	Because I am a writer, so am biased. Obviously, health and other services are vital as well.
7243	7/11/2012	My daughter reads a book a day and I cannot afford to spend \$15 a day.
7244	7/11/2012	Because they make things available that otherwise would not, for free. I love the library and find it invaluable as a service of information, no matter how you find it. In books, online, or person to person. A library is the center of the neighborhood. The foundation of knowledge for those who seek it, need it or stumble upon it.
7245	7/11/2012	Libraries provide a vital community service.[] Books for young readers.[] Books for everyone.[] Programs to get kids excited about reading.[] Alternative resources for research.[] Public forum.[] Public gathering place
7246	7/11/2012	I don't use the actual library buildings very often because the selection of new/current books is limited.
7247	7/11/2012	I am an avid reader and lifetime learner. I've been a library rat since I was a child. We need physical collections, not only for the beautiful monuments that they are, but as a home for the continued education of us all.
7248	7/11/2012	Very important
7249	7/11/2012	libraries = knowledge for all

7250	7/11/2012	Access to information and books I wouldn't be able to afford or justify to purchase. And, even more so, important for our community as a whole for disadvantaged, unemployed, etc families to have access to the resources. The Greater Good is served.
7251	7/11/2012	Libraries offer many services that people otherwise would not have access to. In every aspect of our lives we rely on information. The libraries help us get that information, thereby, helping us live better lives. We must support them and keep them open everyday.
7252	7/11/2012	Read no. 6
7253	7/11/2012	Reading is the cheapest education and vacation one can experience. Police, fire, roads, schools, etc. have to take a priority but a good library levels the playing field for all of those who take advantage of what a library has to offer
7254	7/11/2012	It ia good place for me. I love to read. I love the atmosphere. The Librarians are very friendly. They take the time to help you find what you need. It is the best. I'm enjoying the best of our Libray. I rely on the library for reading material. I go through books like water -- I can't afford to buy that many books. The library is a joy to have. For many years, I have lived in countries without libraries. It was such a joy to know I'd be moving back to Portland, with its wonderful library system!! When you don't have a library to go to, you quickly realize just how important they are!
7255	7/11/2012	
7256	7/11/2012	It is a resource I use all the time and I see many others using it as well. Especially, students needing library resources as well as computer access to do homework.
7257	7/11/2012	Libraries are central to the formation and maintaining of community. They serve as a hub for learning, pleasure, growth, contact, enrichment.
7258	7/11/2012	I am a voracious reader and do not have the means to purchase everything i want to read, or the movies I want to watch. The library provides these things. Most of the other local public services I take for granted.
7259	7/11/2012	I realize that the other county departments are equally as important even though I don't use them as much. These are hard decisions and appreciate what ever funding you can spare for the libraries.
7260	7/11/2012	vvvv
7261	7/11/2012	They are very important to me.
7262	7/11/2012	resource for all economic levels and ages of users
7263	7/11/2012	I enjoy reading and have always felt very at home in a library - it is a big part of my life.
7264	7/11/2012	They are a resource for all in the community. The library provides access to current and relevant books and media to those who might not be able to afford it otherwise. Also, I don't know about each branch, but the Hollywood Library seems to be a hub of the neighborhood. I always run into someone there from work or my child's school or a neighbor.
7265	7/11/2012	We are a one income family so the library resources provide us with expertise, entertainment & substantial cost-savings as we don't have to buy books to benefit from them.[] [] Also, we firmly believe libraries are a crucial element for a good community.

7266	7/11/2012	<p>I have lived in Portland a long time. During time I have utilized the main branch and been grateful to pass time there as well as study and read.[]</p> <p>Now I use the Belmont branch for books I want to read by reserving the books when there is something of interest I want to read. I have also rented DVD's which I have enjoyed a great deal and was glad to have access to.[]</p> <p>I will support funding. Libraries are one of the defining features of a community.</p>
7267	7/11/2012	<p>I am low income and hold reading and learning in high regard. I rarely buy books or other media like movies, so the library is my primary resource for this. I am also a college student and can often find course materials at the county library for longer loan time than school libraries. []</p> <p>Also, I do not have cable or other movie/TV subscriptions and so get most of my television or film entertainment from the library.[]</p> <p>In total, the library is a major source of both educational and entertainment material for me.</p>
7268	7/11/2012	<p>Local library services are essential to my daily life. I use the library as a constant source of knowledge and entertainment. I would be devastated to have reduced library hours, much less no library hours at all.</p>
7269	7/11/2012	<p>Libraries are the foundation of a democratic society. They are the great equalizer, offering access to ideas and information to all.</p>
7270	7/11/2012	<p>because I use it all the time</p>
7271	7/11/2012	<p>Services that assist hungry and poor people are more important.</p>
7272	7/11/2012	<p>Books and information are crucial resources for all types of human endeavor, and a egalitarian society should make them available to all citizens.</p>
7273	7/11/2012	<p>I use the library all the time, for many reasons. I don't use many other city services, unless there is an emergency.</p>
7274	7/11/2012	<p>A key function of government is public works, on a local level libraries are a worthwhile public work. They can enrich our communities, help coordinate information of other government services, provide refuge and opportunity to those who want to improve their lives, and is a statement about how we as a community value knowledge.</p>
7275	7/11/2012	<p>Beause police, fire departments etc. are absolutely essential services -- and while I am an avid reader I can certainly make do with diminished hours while early release of prisoners who prey upon little boys in restrooms (this week's horror story) can destroy people's lives.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Maybe the cutbacks in hours could be fine-tuned so that you could keep Sunday hours, but open later in the day a couple times a week.</p>
7276	7/11/2012	<p>I would say they are somewhat important, but not as important as Police, Fire, sewers, and water systems.</p>
7277	7/11/2012	<p>The library is like no other public service in that it is a source of knowledge and inspiration that is available to all members of the community.</p>

7278	7/11/2012	One of the very most.
7279	7/11/2012	I don't know that I can list that, but very important.
7280	7/11/2012	THE LIBRARY IS THE ONE REMAINING UNIVERSAL SOURCE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION THAT CAN PROVIDE FULL ACCESS TO ALL CITIZENS!!!
7281	7/11/2012	It's hard to group libraries with all other public services. I would say they should at least be of the same importance but it is hard to say without a list of those services.
7282	7/11/2012	Very affordable way to read current books. I enjoy fiction, etc.
7283	7/11/2012	Certainly, I would place law enforcement and fire fighting first, but I feel that a local neighborhood library is essential for me in that I enjoy the library, and I depend on it as a resource.
7284	7/11/2012	Libraries, as well as parks and community centers, are an incredible resource for our communities and neighborhoods. Offering written materials is one of many things they offer. They are a safe space for people to meet up, allow people without internet/computer access to stay connected, and are especially valuable for English language learners and newcomers to our country. Not to mention, a dry place to read, do homework, or spend some time (in a healthy manner) during the rainy winter months. Picking a book up off the shelf will never lose its lure for me!
7285	7/11/2012	Access to books is important. Reading is important
7286	7/11/2012	I am studying to become a teacher and I always need resources like the public library.
7287	7/11/2012	I love to read and could never afford all the books I read. Your selection of materials is outstanding -- there have been only very few times when you didn't have the book I was looking for. Also important is the library book discussion group I attend. I've been a member for 12 years, and it is an important part of my life.
7288	7/11/2012	Used often
7289	7/11/2012	Hollywood library feels like the core of the Hollywood neighborhood. It is our first resource for information and entertainment.
7290	7/11/2012	They help the disenfranchised.
7291	7/11/2012	Building blocks of the community
7292	7/11/2012	Access to literature and an ability to read allow people of all ages to reach their full potential. High schools drop outs rates are directly corelated to gang membership and delinquency and high schol drop outs are often illiterate or read well below grade average. By instiling an ability to read, and therefore a very possible love of knowledge, children can grow to be better adults, and then teach their children to follow in those footsteps. By limiting children, and adults, access to the library, the public at large is in trouble.
7293	7/11/2012	Perhaps libraries are the starting place. They are the place of information, books, etc. so maybe they should be promoted that way so people begin there no matter what they are looking for. Often people can't or don't utilize services that are available because they are not aware.

7294	7/11/2012	My family relies on the library as a place to expose our son to reading, as a place to learn, a destination on rainy days, a way to read many many books that we could not otherwise afford and as an information resource. In other words, the library improves our quality of life in a very basic ways that no other local public service does. Additionally, it is my opinion that the accessibility of public libraries and education provides a kind of litmus test for any society. If a society is strong and truly democratic, it invests in the education of its people.
7295	7/11/2012	I believe the libraries provide access to education that is important to early childhood development and life long learning....reading, learning and gaining knowledge is always fundamental (not just when we are young).
7296	7/11/2012	To me, the library is one of the most important of the public services, because it allows everyone access to knowledge and therefore the ability to better themselves. I also find it to be the cornerstone of the community-particularly as a meeting place and resource for all.
7297	7/11/2012	As an educator, I see our local library services as a crucial and necessary part of our community.
7298	7/11/2012	Libraries are a source of education and learning without which nothing else in life runs well.
7299	7/11/2012	<p>I believe in literature and information dissemination being available to the public. Due to infirmities I am less able to hold and manipulate the physical weight of books when I am reading. So I always prefer my electronic reader, a kindle. Because of this, the library has become more irrelevant to me than at any time in my past. I am 67, live in Irvington with a high tax assessed home, am a Portland native, have always relied on the library and am disappointed in the expansion of the library's perceived mission.[]</p> <p>Personally, I would prefer to see the library expand it's purchases of ebooks rather than expanding social services. Should it continue to become irrelevant to me I would be less likely to vote for levies. I did vote for the most recent tax measure to continue funding, but I do carefully consider whether to do so each time such measures come up. I feel as if the Multnomah County Library system believes it 's mission is to take up the slack for other underfunded agencies. I think this will eventually tip the balance against them if they are not careful. That would be very sad.</p>

7300	7/11/2012	My life has been immeasurably enriched by public library services, both growing up (in New York City), where I learned from early childhood to treasure the availability first of (what seemed like) an infinite number of incredible books (we bought our books at the used bookstores on 4th Avenue, when we did, but I remember always coming away from the local library with eight or ten books balanced in my arms); and then, as a student and later as a freelance editor, of the library's profound support for research (especially NYC's 42nd Street Library--in fact, I later compared libraries in other countries with the ones I loved at home). I felt that I grew up (and gradually gray!) with the reference librarians in the central branch. When I retired and moved to Portland two years ago, I thought that one of the few things I would profoundly miss would be the libraries, and I was delighted and gratified to find how excellent the Central Library and the branches are here. The public library continues to provide educational resources and intellectual pleasures that often amaze me in their foresight and scope.
7301	7/11/2012	Because I utilize them to a degree at about that level.
7302	7/11/2012	I and my family read a lot, love books, and so are major users of the library.
7303	7/11/2012	education is going down the toilet in this country - we need libraries so that children can learn
7304	7/11/2012	I read a great deal and many of the books are extremely expensive
7305	7/11/2012	They're not exactly primary needs like safety, food, and shelter, but do definitely improve quality of life once those needs are met.
7306	7/11/2012	to keep active as a senior on all the latest trends and activities etc
7307	7/11/2012	I love the library, but ultimately education, basic infrastructure (roads, water, sewer), and public protection services must have top priority.
7308	7/11/2012	I'm not sure what other "local public services" we're comparing to, but I know that our family visits the library at least three or four times a week--even during the summer months. All of my children enjoy reading and visiting the library (ages eleven, nine, five and two) and the resources there are valuable because there's nothing comparable. Recreation programs? Please. Which of those are even available when I am able to take my kids there? Which of those will help my kids develop the skills to get into college and get good jobs? While this question could be clarified, it's my opinion that the library is a singular good in any community, and there is nothing comparable to deliver even an approximate value for the same money. I'll go so far as to say that the only increase in taxes I voted in favor of was in support of the library system.
7309	7/11/2012	It provides me with access to all forms of culture and media, and provides common ground to everyone in the city.

7310	7/11/2012	It's a resource that I depend on to educate, entertain and connect myself with other community resources. It saves me money, time and energy. But most importantly, it provides educational resources to children and families which I believe leads to a more educated society. I think there is a direct correlation between the educational resources a community has and the crime rate of its youth. So, you could say that I think the library helps reduce crime which makes those library dollars even more important!
7311	7/11/2012	Libraries provide educational and cultural benefits to community members who couldn't afford the materials otherwise. Educated citizenry is a benefit to the entire community.
7312	7/11/2012	It is a resource that I know is always available even though I might not use it that often. I never know when I might need it's services.
7313	7/11/2012	The library is much more than a room with books. This is a fundamental cornerstone to modern learning. Access to free information is one of humanity's greatest virtues.
7314	7/11/2012	I read alot however I don't read most of the books I check out because they don't interest me once I've read several pages so I return them the next day. i could never afford to buy these books which I end up not reading. Also I travel regularly and I take out books on travel and take notes because I can't afford to buy all the books I read on foreign places . or on health or financial issues like taxes .
7315	7/11/2012	This is my access to the world beyond my yard, the big world and the local world. I choose not to be entertained by TV, don't listen to radio, so the information I glean via my contact with the library is my trip around the world and my way of keeping up with what's going on right here in Portland and the Pacific NW.[] Connection
7316	7/11/2012	It's near by home and I am a student so it's been very helpful to do research and do my homework
7317	7/11/2012	I feel like they like they go hand in hand with education, and are important all segments of the community in different ways.
7318	7/11/2012	education is a public utility.
7319	7/11/2012	The importance of libraries for me is the access to books for myself and more important my children. Reading is important for young minds to grow both in learning and reading for fun. With that said there are other resources for getting books such as school leftovers, thrift stores, local charities and trading with friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers. We are back to basic needs such as fire and police vs wants like libraries.
7320	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power.
7321	7/11/2012	They give me a spot to study outside of my hectic house
7322	7/11/2012	Our libraries are a resource for the entire community and nationally recognized. We have the highest circulation after NYC!
7323	7/11/2012	Everyone in my family reads a lot!
7324	7/11/2012	they enhance the public good by serving poor people, youth and encouraging self improvement.

7325	7/11/2012	I would hate to shortchange the fire department or police to have library hours. Likewise I think that social services are quite important. That said, I rank access to books right up there with shelter and food.
7326	7/11/2012	Because they are not vital for safety but very important part of the well being of the community.
7327	7/11/2012	I can get access to books, which i otherwise cannot afford buying
7328	7/11/2012	Libraries are essential to our society and its improvement. I utilize the library frequently, although this is in large part due to the fact that I can no longer afford to purchase books or media, and that, in turn, is due to a mortgage that increases every year due to property taxes, which are increased by the need for library funding.
7329	7/11/2012	Question cannot be answered without qualification. Ex: In case of a fire or a home invasion, how important is the library.
7330	7/11/2012	It's important for everyone to have access to books, a lot of families can't afford to buy new books often, so this is a very valuable resource.
7331	7/11/2012	There are other services that affect quality of life. iBut reading is something that enriches life at all ages.
7332	7/11/2012	A well run first class city has a well run first class library. My family and I has used the library for all sorts of research, from school homework to local history, for recreational to educational reading, occasionally for cultural programs (Woodstock/Chinese), for online resources and sometimes just to visit an interesting place.
7333	7/11/2012	I know many people of all ages and circumstances who depend on the library and its resources that it provides. I firmly believe that any civilization worthy of the name makes access to quality information, best embodied in the institution of public libraries, one of its highest civic priorities.
7334	7/11/2012	I would rather lose the library than water, sewer, garbage, etc. which is the only reason I bumped it down from very to somewhat.
7335	7/11/2012	Very high as they offer a great resource for the community.
7336	7/11/2012	I rely on finding professional resources in our library system.
7337	7/11/2012	It saves me space and money not to buy/own books
7338	7/11/2012	Beacouse I think reading is very good and fun
7339	7/11/2012	The library is "the poor man's university." Some people simply do not have the resources to access information, literature, internet, etc. themselves.
7340	7/11/2012	I use the library often for pleasure. I drive more than most people and I have been able to listen to hundreds of book that I otherwise would not have time to read.
7341	7/11/2012	Because they are open to all and they are free. And reading and learning support a thoughtful society .
7342	7/11/2012	Literacy, access to free culture and self-improvement are, and should continue to be, shared values of our society. And literacy includes the traditional written word, media literacy, digital literacy and any other skill necessary for the functioning of civil discourse.

7343	7/11/2012	There are so many important services that the library offers, not to mention the fact that it is a comfortable and safe place to escape and learn about nearly anything you could put your mind to. The value of the library to our teenagers and elementary school aged children is very high, especially in our current age where it seems that knowledge is less and less valuable and apathy reigns supreme.
7344	7/11/2012	A Good place to get material to read for little cost. Accesibility
7345	7/11/2012	My grand daughter and I visit the library every week. Between my daughter, grand daughter and myself we have about 30 items checked out. My grand daughter (age 5 1/2) loves to be read to and she looks forward to the summer reading every year.
7346	7/11/2012	i am not sure to what other services i am comparing. police, fire department, welfare? the library provides a positive experience that does not relate to an emergency. it is one of the few means we have of cultural exposure in this country. we aren't exactly the most supportive of the arts. when i lived in a small town in idaho the library was the only way i was exposed to beethoven's 9th, arvo part, harvard lectures, current science magazines, poetry and literature. being able to go to the library as a young adult was my only exposure to culture. these were very formative experiences. many of the books i am interested in now are art books and often cannot be checked out. this is a bit of a disappointment to me but i know the reasons why.
7347	7/11/2012	Literacy is very important to a community's health.
7348	7/11/2012	Because I like having materials I want to read or use available for personal and career growth. Also, I'm trying to cut way back on my book purchases.
7349	7/11/2012	The library allows for patrons to experience a wide selection of books, music and movies that they may not be able to afford otherwise. When you have children this can be priceless in an economy where prices just go up
7350	7/11/2012	As a senior citizen it is a place to meet other seniors. It is important to find a place where I can locate reading material, be it a book or USA Today.
7351	7/11/2012	They are a physical and intellectual resource and the ur ban area would be a poorer place without them
7352	7/11/2012	Access to information is of fundamental importance to a truly free society.
7353	7/11/2012	A great public library system's impact cannot be underestimated. Like the US Postal Service, America has the best public library system in the world. After living abroad I can say that we take the wide selection of books and services available from a local branch of our public library for granted.
7354	7/11/2012	We are active readers and the library allows us our reading addiction without having to spend lots of money. The library provides educational functions that we would otherwise not be exposed too.
7355	7/11/2012	I am a reader, have been a steady user of libraries since I received my first library card in the fourth grade in Hood River, Oregon. As cliché as it sounds, Libraries are a window to the world for so many people.

7356	7/11/2012	It's the resource I use most often.
7357	7/11/2012	I use it more often than other services.
7358	7/11/2012	I use ever part of the library for computers and books that I need to read for school and hangouts with friends.
7359	7/11/2012	8 out of 10.
7360	7/11/2012	They open the world and provide opportunity. They are a gathering place and a community builder.
7361	7/11/2012	As resources for education, art and community, local libraries are nearly invaluable in their importance to our well-being as residents. Clearly, some public services are more important in terms of survival, but I would rather see other services trimmed or non-survival services eliminated than see our libraries unable to provide resources to our communities. Because when people actually utilize this resource (which I feel our county is really good about). []
7362	7/11/2012	I also want to support transportation, Parks & Rec, etc., hence the "somewhat" vote, though I do think libraries are a vital part of a community
7363	7/11/2012	Love reading books and using on-line research services
7364	7/11/2012	It's an invaluable resource that can be utilized to obtain a wealth of information. Books and Reading are the fundamentals of life long learning.
7365	7/11/2012	Resource for reading and viewing material.
7366	7/11/2012	Recreation, enrichment, education.
7367	7/11/2012	Because access to information by all citizens is basic to our definition of society and government, and public libraries offer that access like no other vehicle or institution can.. I read from 3-4 books every weeeek,sometimes more, and also check out lots of movies. I am a low-income senior whose sole entertainment comes from the Central Library. Almost every other form of entertainment costs more than I can afford. Reading keeps me sane and entertained.
7368	7/11/2012	The library is a great thing for the community to have. I use 3 different libraries in addition to my college library. I love to read and read rather than watch TV. It is great to read to children every day and I could not afford to buy my kids new books. It is also good for the community to have internet access if they do not have it at home,
7370	7/11/2012	Safety and sanitation need to be of prime importance, but the library is one of the things that makes our society so rich. We love love love the library, one of the best things about Portland.
7371	7/11/2012	access to information on a wide variety of subjects[] enriches life
7372	7/11/2012	Some services are essential. Libraries are very important but not essential.
7373	7/11/2012	whenever I need a book for school, when i need to use a computer for hw, or when i just feel like reading, i know i can go to the library and i wouldnt be sorry.

7374	7/11/2012	In the wake of internet technology, we need to keep our libraries thriving~ providing opportunities to indiscriminately educate the public.
7375	7/11/2012	Other roads, crime schools, job training, also important
7376	7/11/2012	For me, perhaps not terribly important, although I greatly enjoy using them. However for the community, especially those who may not have the same access to resources that I do, I think libraries are extremely important.
7377	7/11/2012	I read widely for various purposes. It would be impossible to buy all the books that I need. Therefore, having access to the library is invaluable. Have occasionally found the library access to research materials, especially journals, etc. important.
7378	7/11/2012	Self education should be available to everyone. A person can learn as much as taking a college class on their own if they discipline themselves to it. Spend enough time in a library studying and eventually you can know as much as a PhD. An educated public makes for a better society overall. An educated public votes more wisely and is less likely to be unemployed. An educated society has less crime than an uneducated society.
7379	7/11/2012	Without access to the library, the community isn't able to seek the help it needs for job searching, for improving its reading and language skills, for teaching children how to appreciate knowledge and imagination and to aspire to continue learning.
7380	7/11/2012	Our libraries are at the heart of our community. They are the reason we can have a community conversation!!!!
7381	7/11/2012	Fire and police are more important.
7382	7/11/2012	Libraries are an extremely important resource that is not limited by class age sex race or gender or anything else. Knowledge should be free. It is also an important place that creates community.
7383	7/11/2012	I gain access to reading material, movies, magazines, newspaper and more I could never afford on my own. My life is enriched because of that. [] [] It is convenient - less than a mile from my house. At times, the library is a social outlet for me even if I just see one person I know and say "hi" to a librarian. I get a feeling of community being at the library. [] [] There's always something new, at least to me, at the library - another idea or another design or another recipe or another laugh.
7384	7/11/2012	Literacy, community, resources for all, as well for those who cannot afford private access/ownership of reading materials, computers, and other media! Services and programs to support a wide cross-section of all peoples for help, enrichment, learning/exchanging new ideas, and supporting reading in many ways to all ages! I cannot imagine living/surviving in a community without a viable library.
7385	7/11/2012	I use it every week

7386	7/11/2012	because i love books, i love to be able to borrow free books. also i work with people living in poverty and the libraries are essential for them and their families to access knowledge, entertainment, the internet, etc.
7387	7/11/2012	Reading is a great means of learning for all ages
7388	7/11/2012	Information, education and access for all people, regardless of income or status is available at all libraries. Don;t shut them down!
7389	7/11/2012	Reading enriches peoples lives in variety of ways but also our libraries are vital to students and other individuals who do not have home computer/ internet access as that is a staple of any education program today. We all need a place to go to gain knowledge through literature and I would hate to see our library system suffer any more budget cuts!! The public library system is a such an important resource for so many people!
7390	7/11/2012	libraries open the world to all of us.libraries connect us to each other and to communities beyond our own.
7391	7/11/2012	because I am getting my degree in library science and understand the importance and significance it can provide to its community.
7392	7/11/2012	English is my second language, therefore books are my primary material to teach my kids! English.
7393	7/11/2012	My family would not be able to afford the enrichment that comes from exploring new books without the library. Kids today are entering school with half the vocabulary they did twenty years ago. Reading or being read to is the foundation for all learning and with the education system already failing it would be horrible to see the libraries go
7394	7/11/2012	Libraries are the most affordable way for people to further their knowledge and education regardless of their personal income.
7395	7/11/2012	There are very few places that welcomes and embraces multiculturalism. It's fascinating to see the demographics of Midland Library. I constantly recommend families check out this library for their Spanish book collection. My son attends a Spanish Immersion program and parents are always asking about book titles and where to get them.
7396	7/11/2012	We use the library frequently to access a variety of reading material in English and Spanish. My sons are in an immersion program and learning to read is very important in both languages. The library is an affordable way for us to access a large variety of books.
7397	7/11/2012	I cannot in good faith rank library services is highly of those involving immediate public safety, however it is at least as important as any second tier public service and it makes a big difference in the quality of life for the entire community.
7398	7/11/2012	Freedom of self-education is the best feeling to indulge in. Plus those few children's books are simply treasure.
7399	7/11/2012	I think that it is very important, because we have access to a lot of information.

7400	7/11/2012	I think the infrastructure, the basic needs for a decent life are what are most important at the present time. Maybe in the future, when more people are back on their feet and the economy is in better shape it can be of more importance.
7401	7/11/2012	I don't use the physical library as often as some because I have access to internet and other resources at home and through school, but I do often log on to the library website to check availability of books and other media. Others, however, that cannot afford internet access or other resources, or are not enrolled in school, depend on public libraries to provide what is pretty much a crucial part of life these days. Many people work 5 or 6 days a week and having reduced library hours might be a hardship for them. So while I myself won't be terribly affected by the hour reduction, in an internet dependent society, others might be.
7402	7/11/2012	Libraries are great resources but the highest priority of public services are police, fire, water, etc.
7403	7/11/2012	We use the library so much - especially for children's books. I also think it's such an important place to build community and stress a value for reading and books.
7404	7/11/2012	There are more important services offered by other agencies
7405	7/11/2012	Life Long Education.
7406	7/11/2012	The library of Multnomah County is everything I wished for in a library. Usually libraries in schools are hard to get as quiet as the libraries in the county because it usually gets loud.
7407	7/11/2012	I depend on the library for reading material, DVDs, audiobooks. I couldn't possibly afford these materials on my own. They are, to me, as important as groceries or utilities.
7408	7/11/2012	Libraries provide informational and educational services vital to the population.
7409	7/11/2012	I use the library personally a lot. More than monthly but less than weekly, and I would like to get to know what programs the library offers more than I do right now. So there is immediate benefit directly to me. Also, I think libraries have a generally positive influence on the communities around them and are essential services, without which we would be worse off, so that is an indirect benefit.
7410	7/11/2012	Ignorance.
7411	7/11/2012	access
7412	7/11/2012	Libraries are below critical services such as public safety and public health.
7413	7/11/2012	important community resource,
7414	7/11/2012	I am a life long learner. I rely on the library for access to new materials, and old materials. I always check the library first for information. I use it for traditional books, audio books, music cds, dvds. I could not afford to buy all the info I want access to, so having it available at the library is great!
7415	7/11/2012	Education and knowledge are essential for anyone to grow. The library is a resource for schools, employment and even enjoyment.

7416	7/11/2012	Libraries have been institutions that not only permit public access to knowledge and entertainment, but also curate many varying and intersecting sources of information. Although there is an importance to local public services that seek to maintain our community's health, security, and safety needs; I believe that should not come at the expense of sustaining our community's history and education.
7417	7/11/2012	Because I can't really afford to buy books or movies anymore, but those things are luxuries and I could do without them if really necessary.
7418	7/11/2012	I appreciate having the library as a place to go and likely use it much more than the other governmental services I have access to.
7419	7/11/2012	I grew up in rural areas where the library gave me access to books that fueled my imagination and education outside of school and I would like to pass on that passion to my daughter.
7420	7/11/2012	A well read educated population is essential for the survival of our nation.
7421	7/11/2012	They are a different kind of public service than most others. Libraries help people connect with information, ideas, the world -- in ways that support intellectual growth as well as learning of practical skills. Libraries are the catalyst and means for learning for people of all socioeconomic levels, and not just for the lowest. You see a wonderful cross-section of the community when you use your local library. The library staff are absolutely terrific in being cordial and helpful to all who need assistance with their task. I believe that the public library is a crucial service for Multnomah County.
7422	7/11/2012	Because people can educate themselves for free, learn how to think freely and critically which is of vital importance to the quality of life in all communities.
7423	7/11/2012	Because they are a central point for so many people who would have no other access to these services were they to become unavailable. I believe the library system gives people a place for social connection and interaction, is an anchor for any neighborhood and books should be available to everyone regardless of their class or income.
7424	7/11/2012	Literacy is key to success
7425	7/11/2012	I dont know
7426	7/11/2012	Hundreds of people are out of work within this area. Libraries receive their funding from taxes. When taxes are down, it will reflect all services. Take a look at the shape of our public schools. They are in dire straits right now. Going down on library hours is less important than our schools
7427	7/11/2012	I love to read and cannot afford to buy as many books as I read. I learn a great deal by being able to borrow books from the library. It has greatly helped me save money and be a better person.
7428	7/11/2012	Because books nourish the brain. They keep us informed. Reading helps people to make education choices about life. Without free access to these resources, people would be even less encouraged to read.

7429	7/11/2012	Library services are important, but not as essential as public safety (fire department and police), clean drinking water (health), well maintained and safe roads (driving to work and safety for bicyclists), 911 services (emergencies), and bus services (transport for people with disabilities, youth, people without cars), etc. While I love my local library, it is not on the same level as other public services that address health, safety and mobility. It is something "very good" to have in a community - but not an essential life/death public service.
7430	7/11/2012	They are easily accessible and offer many programs free of charge for all in the community. We enjoy checking out books and videos that we otherwise would not see or purchase.
7431	7/11/2012	I use our library as an outing for my family. I am able to teach them respect for other people while we are there, I encourage their choices and expand, horizons and get them excited about books and learning. I don't believe that I could achieve that without our library.
7432	7/11/2012	Local public libraries are often the only access to free education, self-development and entertainment many individuals have. I passed an individual begging on a corner the other day and he was reading a book stamped "Multnomah County Library". It made me proud that public libraries offer equal access to all individuals whether or not they have an address and that most people are aware of this invaluable resource that enriches our lives and many utilize it despite our increasingly electronic and paperless culture..
7433	7/11/2012	emergency services and services that take care of people's more fundamental needs are more important, but then libraries I think are right up there with education.
7434	7/11/2012	This is where I obtain most information including the internet. Email is my main way of staying in contact with my adult children.
7435	7/11/2012	Many of my neighbors are big visitors to our local library.
7436	7/11/2012	I have loved the library every since I was a small child because I loved books and reading. I still love the library. But beyond that, the public library fosters literacy and provides other important services beyond simply providing books and other media. It scares me to think of losing access to libraries.
7437	7/11/2012	I'm a student at PSU. Some of the books I've needed for classes have been available to check out from county library even when they were not available at the PSU library.
7438	7/11/2012	I am not in need of public assistance, which might rate higher for someone who was out of work. I would rate the library as being as important as police and fire services because of its contribution to education and culture in the metro area.
7439	7/11/2012	Because they're too difficult to access (too many pain points: parking, homeless, etc) and not where I really want the library to be kicking butt: on my iDevices

7440	7/11/2012	I love the library. If there were a cover (or a donation box), I'd happily pay it. However, so many people in our communities are struggling with life-altering issues that desperately need resources as well. As much as I value the library, I wouldn't choose it over mental health services, clinics, low income/poverty services, etc. But I do rank it as a close second, since art and education and pleasure in learning are so essential to a thriving community.
7441	7/11/2012	Library services dramatically drop in importance after you get a full time job and internet access.
7442	7/11/2012	Because I am an avid reader and someone who loves books, but can't afford to buy all the books I want to read. Also, I feel they are a necessity for children and youth who can learn to love reading and learning, as I did as a child walking three blocks to get books every two weeks from my local library's bookmobile. If there had been no walking distance access, I would not have been able to read as much as I did.
7443	7/11/2012	THE LIBRARY HELPED ME ALL OF MY LIFE. AS A TEEN IT HELP ME DESIDE WHAT JOB I WANTED FOR LIFE. WHEN I WAS IN MY 20'S THE SELF HELP BOOKS CHANGED MY LIFE. I LOVE TO LEARN. THANK YOU
7444	7/11/2012	Public safety should always be foremost. After that public services, of which libraries are one of the most important. As for adding the costs to property taxes, I think that the property taxes are already too high and have become a financial burden to many home owners. I would be in favor of a tax on liquor and cigarettes for libraries.
7445	7/11/2012	It's important to have readers
7446	7/11/2012	Since I was a child, I've found education and refuge at the library.
7447	7/11/2012	Police and fireprotection have to be the most important services. After that access to information is at the heart of a democratic society.
7448	7/11/2012	This is free...education, research, history, media and it is a safe environment to learn and seek information and answers.
7449	7/11/2012	Intelligence and reading are interlinked. It is an important part of being human!
7450	7/11/2012	Serve all equally regardless of Ability to pay.
7451	7/11/2012	I've never seen such poor grammar in a world where it's so crucial to use reading and writing as a form of communication. If we don't have a library to improve our reading and writing skills, it will become much more difficult to obtain materials to learn.
7452	7/11/2012	It's really become an outdated system with the emergence of internet information and very expensive to fund for the few who use it.
7453	7/11/2012	I can no longer afford to buy books and audio books, thus access to them from the library has become a great asset.
7454	7/11/2012	it saves money not to buy materials to own, just to borrow
7455	7/11/2012	I think it is important as a resource for those who have limited access to books, educational materials, media and internet access to be able to rely on their local library for these.

7456	7/11/2012	Because it's FREE PUBLIC ACCESS TO UNCENSORED INFORMATION AND CREATIVITY. That's right up there after food, water, shelter and love in my book.
7457	7/11/2012	The library is an open forum for everyone within its community to educate and empower themselves, and thereby further serve the community they live in through such education and empowerment. Knowledge is a necessary institution to any community and access to information and voluntary self-enrichment is vital. My life revolves around learning in a variety of ways. I enjoy the quiet environment, access to daily newspapers, asking questions of employees.[]
7458	7/11/2012	I personally use the library to access current events, borrow DVD's, hold new books I want to read for pleasure or research, use the computer lab for tech support with job search or to answer a computer question for a career question involving the computer:for example as a writer, how to send my manuscript, or save on a flash drive etc. These volunteers are critical in helping with processes and I appreciate them immensely. All have been wonderfully kind and helpful. Because libraries provide equal educational access to all. []
7459	7/11/2012	Because the values instilled during my childhood (weekly visits to the library) have been highly influential throughout my life. [] I love books and libraries provide unequaled access.[] Every member of my family uses the library.
7460	7/11/2012	Because continuous learning is essential.
7461	7/11/2012	Literacy is second only to food, shelter, healthcare. In fact, health literacy is essential for health care.
7462	7/11/2012	WE and our neighbors use the library often--particularly putting books on reserve
7463	7/11/2012	It is a very good and important resource, the staff is friendly and professional. My grandchildren who live in the NW use it weekly and I theyr rally enjoy and appreciate its services.
7464	7/11/2012	A libaray won't get used of there's no food on the table or medical care. Obviously, police, fire schools roads parks etc etc are an integrated system along with libraries. It makes a community a community. People have more one on one with library workers, so I can't say one is more important than the other. The running of a community is complex.[] []
7465	7/11/2012	The following question does not work, my answer is invalid because I don't know enough. So please don't use my answers for your publicity.[] [] Again the question about a library district two questions down is unfair and limits choices
7466	7/11/2012	The importance of libraries to me is below that of the fire brigades, but above that of parking enforcement.
7467	7/11/2012	Police, fire, roads, schools, social health more important first.
7468	7/11/2012	Very important

7469	7/11/2012	I love to read and to watch movies. I also used the library to teach Masterpiece Art to elementary school students.
7470	7/11/2012	Several media options available
7471	7/11/2012	Haven't been to the library yet this summer but we need to go (just been too busy). In this age of video games and TV, I think the library is something fundamentally important this should not be taken away.
7472	7/11/2012	It is an invaluable resource for the community. I can't imagine a thriving city without good libraries.
7473	7/11/2012	Rarely useful.
7474	7/11/2012	Reading and learning are so important to society! But social services and the environment, transportation, education are all super important too. The library seems to be a core of activity that can really bring people together in a neighborhood that doesn't require an entrance fee or membership or purchase. It's nice to be at a place where a wide-variety of people gather for different reasons.
7475	7/11/2012	I always know that the library is there and available for me to use. For school or work it is an valuable resource I am able to access.
7476	7/11/2012	Because I think it's crucial to have a community gathering place that is open to all, promotes healthy and productive behavior and provides free access to books, other media and computers, and low-cost printers and copying machines. These are the building blocks of an engaged, enabled population.
7477	7/11/2012	I love libraries and believe that they are important, especially for the cultural development of any community, but I cannot pretend that they are more important than law enforcement, emergency services or sanitation.
7478	7/11/2012	it is one of the few public services that is actually free, helps educate & enrich our lives, and teaches sharing and reduces our environmental impact by allowing us not to buy everything individually
7479	7/11/2012	It's great to have easy access to a large selection of books, music and other media, especially on rainy days. I appreciate the convenience of the libraries nearest to me and the hours they are open. The library is a fantastic resource and I would love to say "very important", but I also understand the importance of roads/bike lanes, fire and police, and K-12 education.
7480	7/11/2012	nice service
7481	7/11/2012	We use it often.
7482	7/11/2012	I love books!
7483	7/11/2012	Because I believe in an educated citizenry and equal access to the blessings of liberty.
7484	7/11/2012	An educated, well read citizenry is essential to the health of our democracy.
7485	7/11/2012	I really like to browse the magazines. Being able to borrow, rather than buy books is great.....
7486	7/11/2012	I didn't mark very important because I have to put fire protection and law enforcement before libraries.

7487	7/11/2012	Libraries are a place where all are welcome and provide important services for all ages. When I first moved to Portland, the library was a place where I immediately felt at home and I was able to meet people in my community through various programs and volunteering.
7488	7/11/2012	Out of all the many, many important things libraries do, I think that the most important they offer is making reading and learning and researching easily accessible to every person in the community.
7489	7/11/2012	One of just a few community resources open to all. We need to strengthen those--they are part of the bond that makes us a community. Without a close sense of community, we fragment into selfishness and/or indifference
7490	7/11/2012	Because libraries provide materials and programs that educate, entertain, enrich, and provide opportunities for everyone in the community at a very low cost. This not only helpful and bebeficial to library patrons it is crucial in today's economy.
7491	7/11/2012	becuase it allows people access to resources there wise not available to them
7492	7/11/2012	I love to read but can't afford to buy books all the time (I read anywhere from 2 to 4 books per week).
7493	7/11/2012	The library often has the materials I'm looking for.
7494	7/11/2012	If I were rating just what I like and use personally, I would say "very important," but I understand the county must meet a wide variety of very pressing human needs.
7495	7/11/2012	Fundamentals of well rounded life, being able to have reading material, resource material and now media material.
7496	7/11/2012	My family and I use local library services far more regularly than any other local public service. Others are important, but our family ranks the library above many of them. We would be open to reconsidering this ranking if we had a clear list of other local public services. Based on our current awareness of them, however, we rank the library near the top.
7497	7/11/2012	Most important to me is being safe. After services that ensure safety, the library is most important because I love to read. I appreciate the variety of materials and services the library provides.
7498	7/11/2012	I am a reader and can not afford to buy books. Plus I like the idea of my tax dollars helping the very young and the elderly receive the full array of services available to us.
7499	7/11/2012	For the reasons I stated in number 6. Libraries are one of the only public service institutions where race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic class, religious orientation are (or can be) completely neutralized and everyone can access its services equitably!
7500	7/11/2012	The library gives me access to many things I could not afford. Everything I love about books I love about the library.
7501	7/11/2012	Being able to look up any books I want/need to read is a big financial help. I don't have to purchase every book I need for my son's education and for my personal/professional development.
7502	7/11/2012	Because I use it so frequently, and it has what I need most often.
7503	7/11/2012	i use them very frequently.

7504	7/11/2012	Free service available to all. Happy to support access to all through taxes, levy, or other measures.
7505	7/11/2012	Libraries improve our quality of life.
7506	7/11/2012	can't afford buying books
7507	7/11/2012	Provides a resource base with which I am familiar. an alternative to the internet!
7508	7/11/2012	I use them more than any other. All students need a great library and we have it.
7509	7/11/2012	Sign of an evolved society
7510	7/11/2012	An easily accessible public library provides equal opportunities to all for learning, internet access, access to job search and application tools, etc. Many have no other way of accessing these things.
7511	7/11/2012	A free society needs to have educated citizens which requires access to materials that libraries make available to all, especially to those who do not have the resources to purchase books, newspapers and magazines. Programs for children introduce them to the wonders of reading and the world that's available to them through books.
7512	7/11/2012	The library signifies civilization to me. At the library, every bit of human knowledge is available to everyone regardless of income or social caste. I went to college for my professional credentials, but I educated myself at the library.
7513	7/11/2012	Libraries are a service that everyone can enjoy, not just a select few.
7514	7/11/2012	I am a passionate reader of very wide tastes with neither the space nor the desire to own many books.
7515	7/11/2012	Libraries offer a great resource, community space and cultural opportunities. However, these services are somewhat redundant in the community. While cuts to service levels will likely have an impact, the impact is not as great as the related financial burden the proposed levy will place on other jurisdictions. I would not prioritize library services over common City services.
7516	7/11/2012	The public library is, in many ways, a shelter or haven of protection for the community. It is a place of peace and courteous help. It offers space where people can gather and search for great things.
7517	7/11/2012	Important enough to pay increased taxes.
7518	7/11/2012	Libraries provide free entertainment, a place to socialize, help for people seeking jobs and internet access for those who need it. Libraries also provide a place to support and build local community for free.
7519	7/11/2012	Having a library is as important to the community as having schools, a fire dept., police force, parks, etc...
7520	7/11/2012	Of all other public services, I use only the library. I am retired and reading is my favorite past time. Using a library conserves resources and provides me with material that I could not otherwise purchase.
7521	7/11/2012	can take or leave "it" .. wish my taxes were lower!
7522	7/11/2012	They are used by every age group.

7523	7/11/2012	Instead of purchasing books, I read them at the library. Great recycling!
7524	7/11/2012	Because i'm a Eartly Education Teacher ;I'm using a lot resources.
7525	7/11/2012	I love books. This is a very literate town, it should have a good library system, the same way a small town in Texas that values football would have a well-funded high school sports program.
7526	7/11/2012	Libraries help to hold communities together. Tthey provide information, resources and security for all levels and ages of our society.
7527	7/11/2012	learning defuses the need for violent or deliquent behavior. Library's are a safe place to go and a place for those that have few social or outside opportunities.
7528	7/11/2012	I am a writer, a book lover, a lover of music, and a lover of people. When I see libraries crowded with young people, old people, students, parents with babies, people of all races (and the libraries are almost always crowded) I am moved. To me, our strong library system is the richest treasure in the city, and in the generousness and availability of its services is the clearest sign that we are indeed a democracy and a civilized country.
7529	7/11/2012	The local library gives access to information for all citizens. An absolute necessary for a democracy.
7530	7/11/2012	Knowledge is power. They are a third space - meeting place, community resource. neutral, not politicized. place for discussion and learning. they are safe.
7531	7/11/2012	Promotes community, education, outreach
7532	7/11/2012	The soul of a city lies in its openness to idea, culture and fact-based information.
7533	7/11/2012	Superseded by police, fire, public transportation and public health
7534	7/11/2012	Reading is a very important part of life for my husband and me.
7535	7/11/2012	It depends on what type of library services and what public services you are comparing.
7536	7/11/2012	I love to read paper BOOKS! And I don't have the room to own all the ones I read.
7537	7/11/2012	Literacy is important at any age. Illiterate people are a drain on society.
7538	7/11/2012	Literacy is something that cannot have a price, per say. Access for ALL community members is essential in a democratic society. If we are to have an informed citizenry, then the citizens should have access to content, regardless of income level.
7539	7/11/2012	Because all income levels can access this resource. However, the city or county need to fund the libraries out of their budget.
7540	7/11/2012	They improve neighborhoods, teach kids, provide a social place for people to meet, the list goes on and on. Really the only thing that's wrong is that a few folks abuse the system.
7541	7/11/2012	I have loved to read since I was in grade school. I think books made growing up easier for me because i had a difficult childhood. Reading let me go places I never would have. I am indebted to reading for much of my education.
7542	7/11/2012	builds community[] shows our values[] supports a range of needs from a range of citizens

7543	7/11/2012	beautiful way for kids and young children to have resources that teach them and a community resource in connecting and learning for young and old and a way to save the resources in trees etc and to have sustainable living.
7544	7/11/2012	I live near the library, and it is a central part of my life. I go there to study or browse books.
7545	7/11/2012	To constantly stay in touch with reality, both past and present.
7546	7/11/2012	I use the library alot and my family does too.
7547	7/11/2012	I am thinking of the community as well as myself.
7548	7/11/2012	Fundamental to maintaining a functional democratic society ... and vital to the local community culture.
7549	7/11/2012	Our library is a community center, not just a place to check out books. For seniors, the unemployed, parents with young children - it's a place for education, involvement, entertainment. For me, it's a source of endless education and leisure activity. The fact that the library is 10 blocks from my house is a wonderful plus. They foster so many things that are beneficial to ALL members of the community, like: * A love of books and reading and learning in the young, something that will benefit them life-long * An educational and social resource for families, especially those with limited financial resources who can enjoy the reading programs, puppet shows, etc. without expending funds outside the family budget. * An outlet for stay-at-home parents to meet other parents * An opportunity for members of the community who may not otherwise meet to gather and exchange ideas on a common subject (book groups) * A place for seniors to learn computer skills to keep up with their families and the world around them. Again, a godsend for those who may not otherwise be able to afford such training, and a chance to meet others in similar circumstances. * Resources to support our local educational institutions in developing a work-force to meet the demands of the ever-changing workplace. * Many, many other reasons.....
7550	7/11/2012	
7551	7/11/2012	because i think i'm pretty representative of many of elders in this country now. i'm 65, "disabled",worked very hard all my life, did not make lots of money, counted on social security, medicare and public institutions like the libraries and a small pension for the comfort as i age (and, of course, enjoy grandchildren)no handouts! just what my peers and i built with our taxes and volunteering, etc my grandmother was an english professor, my mother an english teacher, all of us are readers...
7552	7/11/2012	because i cannot live without books!!!!!!!
7553	7/11/2012	Not as important as police, fire, community centers, etc. but an important part of our society
7554	7/11/2012	They nourish our family intellectually and provide a sense of community to at least some extent for all users.

7555	7/11/2012	The schools are having trouble getting funding, and there have been police cutbacks, so why not have cutbacks at the library?
7556	7/11/2012	If libertarians carried guns I would call them instead of a cop - but they would probably kill lots of people to, but the excuses would read better.
7557	7/11/2012	Because libraries provide information, literacy, and, these days, connectivity. Not to mention literature, music, and movies. Also, there is something I can't quite express - it is a place to go and poke around in the stacks, dreaming and exploring. I am both soothed and stimulated by libraries. Over the years I've learned that going to the library is a sure-fire way to cheer myself up. I feel like all these things are something everyone should have access to.
7558	7/11/2012	Library s may not be life saving like Fire and Ambulance, etc. but it saves minds and gives people the opportunity for larger more educated life regardless of age, race or creed.[] This opportunity makes the US. what it is.
7559	7/11/2012	I rely on the library almost totally for access to books that I would like to read. I also value the services for young and school age children. I also like the library as a central place to meet people and interact with them.
7560	7/11/2012	Public library services are central to one of the most important aspects of the infrastructure of our country: the education of our youth and, in general, continuous learning and the quest for knowledge.
7561	7/11/2012	There are few places that are low or no cost where someone can go and do quiet research, take part in community services, and enjoy the offerings of the city.
7562	7/11/2012	Free, easy, and convenient access to books and information is vital to maintaining a stable, healthy society.
7563	7/11/2012	Because reading is important at any age. The programs (from babies to seniors) are vital to our community.
7564	7/11/2012	Can access new knowledge and information at low cost or no cost
7565	7/11/2012	Because I can't afford to buy books and reading is of utmost importance to me.
7566	7/11/2012	library is essential resource my family which is a homeschooling family with 4 school aged children. Library is also a much used resource for my professional work as a musician
7567	7/11/2012	I am a mother to a young child, educator, active community member, small business owner...and find the resources offered by Mult Co Lib to be invaluable to me in regards to all the hats I wear. Being low-income, the resources allowed to us by the library are integral to supporting a high and happy quality of life for my family.
7568	7/11/2012	I use the library constantly--picking up or returning materials, ordering book online from my home. It is a vibrant and well-run service. I see my neighbors using it, small children with parents, students after school. It is such a valuable service for all of us.

		open and accessible to all, regardless of background, wealth, etc.[] []
7569	7/11/2012	HOWEVER, i am very concerned about the library putting a levy on the nov 2012, ballot because i fear it would compete with and undermine the likely PPS bond measure, which absolutely positively must pass! the schools are in much worse shape than our libraries. so please, please, please wait until 2014?!?!?
7570	7/11/2012	they offer services to a wide array of people, often those that have no access to research, computers, reading materials except through the library.
7571	7/11/2012	Great place for low income kids and seniors to go to.
7572	7/11/2012	Reading is very important to me. I use the library service heavily. Your on-line service for holding and freezing holds is WONDERFUL. I wish I could freeze holds on ebooks. Then my library experience would be basically perfect.
7573	7/11/2012	They rank just below police, fire service and public education. In other words, they are secondary only to basic safety and education.
7574	7/11/2012	They provide book for all. Children need access to books to learn how to read.
7575	7/11/2012	Libraries have always been a place for all citizens to be literate, educated, and get help during hard times. Libraries are an important part of democracy.
7576	7/11/2012	#7 is a poorly worded question. If you gave me examples of other public services to compare with, I could give a better answer. Libraries are important. So are fire departments and schools. I think schools are getting screwed the worst right now, and the underfunding of schools and libraries indicates a lot about how our community feels about the importance of all people having access to education and information.
7577	7/11/2012	...as a retired school teacher who taught reading and as an avid reader myself, I depend on the library to furnish me (in good time) the books I enjoy reading...I do read about 3 books a week...sometimes 3 at a time...I use reading as entertainment...
7578	7/11/2012	I use them
7579	7/11/2012	I use the library more than any other social service.
7580	7/11/2012	We read a great deal.
7581	7/11/2012	Because reading is FUNdamental!!!
7582	7/11/2012	I have been a life long user of public libraries. Libraries are an important resource for all socio economic groups. They provide computer access, educational programs for children as well as adults, and give rich and poor access to books and newspapers so they can be entertained, can learn, and can be better citizens. I cannot imagine a world without the public library.
7583	7/11/2012	I think they provide an important service and act as a hub within a community so that it can continue to learn and develop in productive ways.
7584	7/11/2012	Re-building infrastructure is by far the most important issue, in my opinion.
7585	7/11/2012	Especially in the current economy, FREE services and entertainment are essential.

7586	7/11/2012	I don't use the library all that much, but I value the programs it provides in the community. I also value having research resources available when I need them. Furthermore, living in a city with good libraries makes me feel like our society is functioning properly. Places with no libraries are scary.
7587	7/11/2012	I think they are a hub of resources and support that is vital to any neighborhood and community. If the libraries are taken care of, then the community can be better taken care of. The programs offered (and ones that have yet to be created) can provide a myriad of opportunities and avenues for folks to enhance and maintain their quality of life through the acquisition of knowledge. It sounds cheesy but knowledge is power and libraries provide that knowledge that is to be discovered.
7588	7/11/2012	Because I use the Library often, and I don't use many other public services.
7589	7/11/2012	Libraries provide information, entertainment, workspaces and helpful services to everyone who asks for them, and while most of us don't go there every day or even every week, I know that people would be very sad to see the libraries shut down. However I think a reduction in the weekly schedule would not be bad if it saved the city money and helped ensure the continuation of the library system.
7590	7/11/2012	I was brought up that way, and believe it still today
7591	7/11/2012	I seem use the library the most and it has the most direct impact on me.
7592	7/11/2012	access to resources as part of local tax community gathering place access to the web and other resources for the unemployment and poor
7593	7/11/2012	I prefer reading from books than from computer screens.
7594	7/11/2012	I am self educated and the library has provided me with all the materials necessary for that education.
7595	7/11/2012	Because I rank many local services to be very important, and because Mult Co Lib seems to want to do more and more which costs more and more money. For example, it's NICE to have the library open 7 days a week, but it's not NECESSARY.
7596	7/11/2012	It is important to me that low income and children have access to information, the ability to have unlimited learning capabilities. To have the ability to escape from certain situations by reading. I have learned to do many things in my life by reading. My son taught himself how to play the guitar and music by the use of books and is still an avid reader and utilizes books to self teach. He is also a writer now.
7597	7/11/2012	Use it, believe in it
7598	7/11/2012	Some other public services are more important for safety and health related reasons.
7599	7/11/2012	I learned to read by going to the library. For many people, libraries are the only place they are able to access books.
7600	7/11/2012	The library is part of our daily life. We could never afford access to these materials without the library.

7601	7/11/2012	Because they provide educational resources and opportunities available to everyone equally. It is of great service to the community and encourages learning and support for people in all walks of life.
7602	7/11/2012	They are very important to me because there is no other place to study quietly. The library at Reynolds High School is minuscule at best and I use the library to supplement resources.
7603	7/11/2012	I read voraciously, and I get all my books through the library. I am also a college professor and use the library to get materials I need for my courses. My husband and son are also library users.
7604	7/11/2012	Police and fire are definitely higher but the public library is important
7605	7/11/2012	Although not as critical as the security services (police, fire) provided by local govt., Libraries provide a needed resource for research and reference materials, educational resources, a gathering place for like minded individuals. The internet can't do it all.... 8^D
7606	7/11/2012	I love the convenience of the internet as much as anyone, but when it comes to REALLY reading, it's a much more personal and gratifying experience to hold an actual, physical, book in your hands.␣ Back in highschool, I was in classes with kids who seemed to not be able to read beyond very elementary levels, and that was depressing. Anything that the existence of a library can do for teaching kids to be more invested in reading is worth keeping around.
7607	7/11/2012	Everyone should have access to books and free information. Everything has a price these days. Books and the places they take us are some of the simplest joys in our lives and can be powerful transformative tools that connect us through meaning and experience.
7608	7/11/2012	Libraries, and I qualify that against my previous list of complaints and my definition of a core mission, are emblematic of and significant to a well-informed and civilized society.
7609	7/11/2012	I used them often and over long period of time for study and savings
7610	7/11/2012	Not sure
7611	7/11/2012	I feel it is that important because the library offers a much broader scope of services for people than other public programs
7612	7/11/2012	It gives all of the population a nice place to go to read , and get information for free that a low income family needs to have in this recession.it also gives lonely people a gathering place to feel the ambience of others around them without having to pay for a coffee.
7613	7/11/2012	Libraries provide knowledge at our fingertips -- most any research tool we could ask for.
7614	7/11/2012	The resources that are available at the library are not available anywhere else at such low cost. The services are available to everyone.
7615	7/11/2012	For me personally, they are not greatly important. I go to the library for fun, but I think they are a very important resource for people who wouldn't otherwise have access to books, internet, and the services that the library provides.

7616	7/11/2012	Libraries provide an open and public place for anyone to go and have needs met. It is our civic duty as citizens of a great city to rank local libraries at the top of a broad range of services that should stay public and accessible. Libraries are one of the only places left where one can go and not be a blatant consumer.
7617	7/11/2012	Our libraries are invaluable in that they give all people access to a world of reading, access to computer for those who need it, and programs for those who are in need of assistance.
7618	7/11/2012	Everybody needs the library, it is a great resource for children and young adults
7619	7/11/2012	They provide services to a wide spectrum of users. The library is useful for everyone, not just special populations.
7620	7/11/2012	Public Libraries are a fundamental part of an adequately educated population. They are an essential part of fostering participation in community programs and services.
7621	7/11/2012	It's the only place where some people can get access to quality and trustworthy information.
7622	7/11/2012	They offer free resources and entertainment for those who need both.
7623	7/11/2012	Because they give access to the larger world and the people in it. Libraries have saved so many lives--without them where do people who can't afford to buy books go?
7624	7/11/2012	An ignorant (and bored) populace is expensive to take care of. Put another way, people need good resources/knowledge to make good decisions, and libraries provide a good set of resources.
7625	7/11/2012	For reading business books to stay up to date in my career, and financial planning books to learn about investments. [] [] Also I enjoy reading novels.
7626	7/11/2012	college
7627	7/11/2012	Not everyone can afford a computer or to buy books or magazine subscriptions. Having access to that is for many the only way they can educate themselves and improve their situation. Librarians are some of the most helpful people in Portland, and they need to be well-staffed to make the system effective.
7628	7/11/2012	I've used libraries my entire life!
7629	7/11/2012	The libraries are only one way in which the community can stay informed on not only the local news and happenings, but world affairs as well.
7630	7/11/2012	I like libraries, but I have to rank them after utilities like water, power, phone, etc.
7631	7/11/2012	Library services, like arts in the schools, tend to have a limited hold on budget priorities. What do you want? Folks in the library or sitting around watching TV at home?
7632	7/11/2012	Free access to books, information, learning tools is invaluable to a community. Education is the great equalizer. Our public library provides free access to the world and its endless amount of information. To me it's a main block of a strong community.
7633	7/11/2012	I like to read and I like to be able to get desired books in a timely manner.

7634	7/11/2012	I love libraries, they are the only place I can find books and relax.
7635	7/11/2012	Resource to overcome isolation and for entertainment.
7636	7/11/2012	They are institutions of learning possibilities. Kids can attend after class and study. Mothers can hang out with their children. Libraries are great places for our community to come together.
7637	7/11/2012	Library is house of knowledge where all kind of information are available to you.
7638	7/11/2012	The library system contributes greatly to public learning and equity in learning. I believe that engaging in lifelong learning makes us better as people.
7639	7/11/2012	Partly for the reasons stated before, I think the library system is meant to analyze and categorize what's out there. This means that if I already have many book recommendations from friends, family, etc. then I don't really need the library, I can find these things for myself (with the proper know-how). This is a personal thing, I still believe that libraries are very important as far as other people are concerned, and for particular interests I would still use a library if I felt they were adequate at giving recommendations, but librarians knowledge tend to be restricted to what they have on the shelves, rather than what is out there in the world.
7640	7/11/2012	i hate spending money buying books
7641	7/11/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read or rent the movies I want to see so the library is the only way I can get that media.
7642	7/11/2012	The library is the last truly valuable thing the Republicans have not dismantled yet, but they are still trying.
7643	7/11/2012	We actually use the Beaverton Library system more than Multnomah. We check out books and other media every month.
7644	7/11/2012	Education- schools and safety/social services are the two more important than libraries
7645	7/11/2012	We rely on the Multnomah County library system for education, personal development, and entertainment. I'm not sure what we'd do without this wonderful resource.
7646	7/11/2012	Because it is one of the few public services that I use, and I use it a lot.
7647	7/11/2012	Libraries are an integral part of the community of all ages and abilities.
7648	7/11/2012	At times of economic need the library is a "free" resource, source of entertainment, and education
7649	7/11/2012	I use the library a lot. The one I use most, 1-2 times a week, is the Lake Oswego one in Clackamas county. I depend on the library for most of my reading material. I would use the one near my home only as a back up as the hours there do not work with my schedule.
7650	7/11/2012	Reading and access to knowledge and information are of crucial importance to the public. Also, libraries are a important places for the public to interact.
7651	7/11/2012	Few public services cultivate such free thinking and evolution as the local library.
7652	7/11/2012	Great value for my tax dollar; promote knowledge and nonpartisan communitarian values; literacy is a key indicator of civilization.

7653	7/11/2012	For those who do not have home computers, access to computers at work or research material, the library is a necessity and not a luxury. For job-seekers, libraries play an important part in the employment process.
7654	7/11/2012	Libraries provide access to information and are important centers around which communities are developed and maintained.
7655	7/11/2012	The most important.
7656	7/11/2012	Our family treats the library as a form of enrichment rather than a necessary tool. So issues like library availability are more of a convenience for us. Public services associated with Health and Safety are very important to us. Our favorite entertainment services are next on the list.
7657	7/11/2012	Access to educational material is vital to me and my family.
7658	7/11/2012	i love the library. very important
7659	7/11/2012	We need an literate, informed society. The library is the best tool for accomplishing that.
7660	7/11/2012	Libraries provide affordable opportunities for people to stay informed and access educational materials. Libraries serve as a social safety net.
7661	7/11/2012	I choose to live in a city and pay taxes so that I have convenient access to important amenities: library, parks, public transportation, and recycling.
7662	7/11/2012	One of the services I use most. We have the best library system I have encountered across two continents.
7663	7/11/2012	Free access to knowledge is always important to a healthy society.
7664	7/11/2012	The library is a very important community builder. A place to meet get books and learn new things.
7665	7/11/2012	The library is mine and my family's most used public service. It is how we expose ourselves to new and varried litature. It is how we broaden our minds and further our knowledge. It is a resource that we would never want to be without!
7666	7/11/2012	To me continuing education is not simply a night school class now and then. Education is a 24/7 effort to soak up the facts and wisdom around us. Since books and other media are so critical to this endeavor, with public libraries very few of us could get anywhere near a full lifetime education.
7667	7/11/2012	Don't use services very often. Difficult to get the central because no parking.
7668	7/11/2012	Very important!
7669	7/11/2012	Important for education, awareness, opening one's mind to the world--neighborhood libraries open us up to much beyond our neighborhoods.
7670	7/11/2012	Resources, books, media
7671	7/11/2012	It's a real service I'm willing to pay for with my taxes.
7672	7/11/2012	I constantly use my library. My whole lifestyle is built around using library materials
7673	7/11/2012	Because they are an invaluable resource every person can access.
7674	7/11/2012	Educational benefit
7675	7/11/2012	They give the public access to knowledge and understanding. They serve as a community builder by giving people a place to hang out together in a safe, quite place.

7676	7/11/2012	Reading is a vital part of my life, and I can't afford to buy books. At least not the number of books I need.[] And eventually I will not be driving so the service provided by the library of mailing/delivering the books will be necessary[] and will be greatly appreciated.
7677	7/11/2012	I check out books from the library on a weekly basis. The Multnomah library system has a fantastic large selection of books available. I place holds from my home computer and when they become available I come into the library to pick them up. Reading expands my world in ways that other local public services don't. I love this library system!
7678	7/11/2012	Because I love reading, but there is no way that I would have enough money to buy all the books that I've read.
7679	7/11/2012	Libraries provide easy and free access to all kinds of information and services. They are open to all who choose to use them. Libraries have supported my intellectual needs from early childhood to my current 70's. I hope to use the library for many more years.
7680	7/11/2012	I value education and information: to me, they can help and empower anyone, from any group. A library has the power to teach anyone who walks through its doors and is willing to learn. It is a source of wealth to the literate and enlightenment for the illiterate. Given the importance of democracy and equal opportunity in our country, libraries are one of the few unbiased resources available, and they should be considered as equally powerful and valuable as state-funded education.
7681	7/11/2012	the library is a place that all people can educate and better themselves
7682	7/11/2012	If you are comparing the library to fire and police services, then I'd have to rank it lower. I certainly use the library more than any other public service other than the bus though.
7683	7/10/2012	I'm tired of paying for so much irrelevant materials
7684	7/10/2012	The library is very important to me, however if I have to pick between the library and the fire department, I would fund the fire department.
7685	7/10/2012	I read
7686	7/10/2012	I like to be able to check out a wide variety of book for myself and my children.
7687	7/10/2012	Reading and education are what makes a strong, informed, active, socially-conscious citizenship
7688	7/10/2012	libraries are the window to the world, they provide resources that people may not be able to afford
7689	7/10/2012	I love reading
7690	7/10/2012	They help the community
7691	7/10/2012	It's a service we use all the time. Our family reads a lot and buys books very, very rarely.
7692	7/10/2012	I think libraries are as important as paved roads, and police & fire services. Although as an adult I appreciate the library I think they are crucial institutes for kids to learn to read & appreciate books.
7693	7/10/2012	libraries serve the community by providing free access to information for all.If not the library,then who?

7694	7/10/2012	I am a teacher and I cannot facilitate our reading program w/o MCL. Senior residents at our assisted living facility come into our Montessori classroom, which is located at Laurehurst Village, to read to our 3-6 yr. olds. Great program for intergenerational activity!!!
7695	7/10/2012	A library allows people of all economic levels to have access to information. It helps people to be aware of the world around them. A library is a place that people of all ages and cultures can utilize.
7696	7/10/2012	We turn to our library for all sorts of info. They are our number one source of knowledge.
7697	7/10/2012	Particularly now, when so many people are out of work, and some don't have access to digital info at home or work, a library is an important resource of news and information, accessible to all.
7698	7/10/2012	great for studying while in school, and pretty much the only way i get books
7699	7/10/2012	All Our children must have access to books. Only public libraries can do this
7700	7/10/2012	They provide an incredible resource to those without financial means, but with the will to learn and invest their time to do so.[] [] It is the single biggest offset to the current horrifying trend of "the rich get richer" ... and more access to more tools ...
7701	7/10/2012	Because my local library is where I get information and knowledge on subjects that I can't get else. I also check out books there for leisure reading, as well as taking her to the library for it's resources.
7702	7/10/2012	My two grandchildren are just beginning to read and enjoy books. The ability to search for and reserve books with such helpful librarian staff is a joy to them and to me. I also love the system which allows me to do the same for my desired books.
7703	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to ideas. Books, magazines, and other resources are increasingly expensive, yet ideas are hard to put a price on. I enjoy not having to buy every book I read, but to share in the public wealth of knowledge that libraries contain in their stacks.
7704	7/10/2012	I use the library in some way every day, whether it is using the catalog, databases, or checking out books, music, and dvds.
7705	7/10/2012	Well read, educated and literate citizens are vital to the health of our community and to the operation of democracy.

		Because reading is something everybody should have access to, no matter who they are. Where they live. How much money they make. []
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		The truth is, America's future depends on intellectual capital, especially if we plan to compete with China, India and other developing countries. []
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7706	7/10/2012	And where does intellectual capital begin?[]
		[]
		In school.[]
		[]
		And what do you need to do to acquire intellectual capital?[]
		[]
		Read... which is fostered in our libraries.
7707	7/10/2012	the library is a great way to get reading materials for class without having to constantly by new books
7708	7/10/2012	Being able to check out books and DVDs gives me much greater access than if I had to purchase them. I enjoy going to the library to browse for what I might find on the shelves.
7709	7/10/2012	People need access to books
7710	7/10/2012	I read and do a lot of research
7711	7/10/2012	Allow commOn people access to literature, computers, etc. babies introduced to the concept of public library
7712	7/10/2012	While not necessary for survival, libraries have provided much of my lifeblood. I thrive on books and without libraries I would not be able to nurture that part of me. In fact, I doubt I would have ended up a successfully employed Reed College graduate if I hadn't become so fond of the local library at such a young age.
7713	7/10/2012	We are huge users of library, be it to check out books, or download books or read books electronically. We also attend kid programs. It would be a tremendous loss for us not to have library services available.
7714	7/10/2012	I have been using to the Multnomah County libraries since I was a young child. My mother took us there weekly. As a retired senior citizen, I continue to make a weekly trek to the library for new reading material. I rely on the library, and think the service provided is essential to an educated involved public.
7715	7/10/2012	for the storehouse of knowledge that can be found there. And knowledge is its own reward.
7716	7/10/2012	Access to current information and reading materials is pertinent to individual[] s and community's ability to succeed.

7717	7/10/2012	Self education and continuing education are good for people and their overall sense of well being. It's good for society to have educated citizens who respect knowledge and the arts. I think that the ready access to information is what makes Portland one of the best cities in the world.
7718	7/10/2012	child approaching high school age, will need resources past school hours for research, etc. soon.
7719	7/10/2012	Libraries provide basic access to a wide variety of information, much of which would otherwise only be available to the wealthiest people.
7720	7/10/2012	Because I just retired, still need help with technology, am rather community bound because I still have a child in school, yet want to know much more about the world and have the time to gain the knowledge now.
7721	7/10/2012	An informed and educated public is best guarantee for democracy
7722	7/10/2012	Local libraries are an accessible source of free knowledge for all.
7723	7/10/2012	Streets are #1 for me. Especially when our loser mayor, head of the street dept. doesn't handle snow removal efficiently. I'm kinda not kidding. I'm handicapped, and I'll never forget what a disaster winter was 2 years ago...what a loser. I was housebound for 2 weeks. After that, Libraries. There you go.
7724	7/10/2012	Very important. I believe that learning to enjoy reading is a fundamental building block for children and libraries are a positive place for them to spend time during the summer months.
7725	7/10/2012	create sense of community and I frequently use it.
7726	7/10/2012	Public libraries are integral to the common good. All other public services are impacted by the success and support of a community's public library.
7727	7/10/2012	I have worked at several libraries and regularly use both the Multnomah (where I live) and Clackamas (where I work) library systems. Whenever I'm interested in a book, a movie, or a piece of music, I think of the library first, and that has been a constant in my life since I was a child.
7728	7/10/2012	I count on the computers to get my e-mails for work.
7729	7/10/2012	high
7730	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot!
7731	7/10/2012	Because sometimes people who want to educate themselves or use resources cannot afford to do it, so this is of great help, it also encourages literacy, if less books are available to the people, less people are going to read
7732	7/10/2012	safety is more important than library
7733	7/10/2012	I love the library! It is a fantastic resource and provides an amazing array of services. There are so few services that are as accessible to everyone. Literacy is so important to success and enjoyment in life.
7734	7/10/2012	Free current media for everyone. We all can have free access to all art and knowledge available.
7735	7/10/2012	Having water in my house it more important.
7736	7/10/2012	the best library is the internet
7737	7/10/2012	people must know how to read. without reading the rest of the world is closed to them

7738	7/10/2012	I don't want to buy all my books! I want access to a variety of books to try different things.
7739	7/10/2012	I'm retired and have time to avail myself of the library services that I did not use during my working years. I read extensively and make use of periodicals and music selections also.
7740	7/10/2012	Because I can't provide internet for job search for myself, I need the library to fill that nitch for me. I have been a big supporter of the library and love books....I will do what I can to advocate for you!
7741	7/10/2012	I use my branch, and (through online orders) the whole library system constantly and heavily. Access to library materials is extremely important to me for business and personal reasons. I would greatly prefer any cuts in public services to be made in the salaries of high-level public servants. Fat chance, I'm sure.
7742	7/10/2012	Because libraries are wonderful areas that can teach, provide entertaining, and even just a good place to take a break from the world. In a library everyone is equal, and in my opinion libraries should be held to a higher degree of reverence.
7743	7/10/2012	the library is an important resource for the elderly, and the needy, as well as for the general population. However, if I had to choose between the library and, for instance, police and firemen protection (both important public services), I would have to chose the latter.
7744	7/10/2012	Provides resources
7745	7/10/2012	the library is the only public service i use
7746	7/10/2012	Extremely important. I love to read and cannot afford to buy books (nor do I want to).
7747	7/10/2012	I read a lot and depend on my library as a source of reading material.
7748	7/10/2012	I teach in Hood River County. Their county library system was temporarily closed due to lack of funding. It was devastating to the community. I hated not being able to encourage students to use library resources or access Internet resources at the library. I guess I find all public services important, but access to information in the "Information Age" is essential to a well-functioning democracy.
7749	7/10/2012	I use the library to escape from my house, find new music, read new books and watch movies I haven't seen, I use the library for everything.
7750	7/10/2012	I am retired and prefer NOT to purchase more books. I am allll full up! I check out all books that I read from library. I also order many many movies from library which has an excellent collection; and i also use talking books.[] []
7751	7/10/2012	Some cuts in hours are acceptable although I think it is important not to cut hours that impact any one group of people disproportionately. For example, closing too often at 5 has disproportionate impact on students who use library to student and adults without computer access as home. Should be balanced with closures at other time, such as mornings.
7751	7/10/2012	I guess because it impacts my quality of life more that other public services. I realize the county is pinched and looking for ways to cut back expenses. Let the library continue to serve the many and various communities that they do now.

7752	7/10/2012	I use them much more often than any other local service.
7753	7/10/2012	Everyone should have easy access to reading, media and community based literacy services.
7754	7/10/2012	The Public Library and the Free Ride Zone are imperative to having a thriving downtown area which is imperative for a thriving Portland.
7755	7/10/2012	Libraries provide resources for people of all walks of life, but especially with low-incomes. In today's economy low-income families are increasing. Libraries provide services that create smarter young people and provide a safe haven for anyone looking for quiet and peace.
7756	7/10/2012	Libraries are the back bone of civilization. It is one of the few things, along with education, that I'm happy to spend my tax dollars on. In hard economic times it's the only place for some people to get internet access to apply for a job, and get access to other educational resources they couldn't afford.
7757	7/10/2012	I am a very frequent user and enjoy many aspects of the media that the library offers. In particular, I like and anticipate the sense of discovery that browsing awards. Juxtaposed are media that I would not either know about or seek out, and hence the discovery waiting to happen.
7758	7/10/2012	Information and entertainment should be shared and appreciated by all.
7759	7/10/2012	I see the library helping those in need, a community gathering place that crosses socio-economic boundaries, and a way to re-use rather than perpetuating consumerism.
7760	7/10/2012	Libraries are magical
7761	7/10/2012	I do not use any other local public service
7762	7/10/2012	Reading and education are not all that is important. But without them nothing else will be a success.
7763	7/10/2012	Because my kids always find help there with their homework, also we can find good materials to read in summer time.
7764	7/10/2012	I think all public services are of equal value. Time and energy needs to be spent cutting wasteful spending and excessive salaries. Streamline purchases in the county for all agencies and services so that you can take advantage or negotiate lower prices for large volume purchases. Including supplies for schools as well.
7765	7/10/2012	It's a huge resource of knowledge for all ages and ethnicities.
7766	7/10/2012	By using the library, I save money in the long run. I get to read an outrageous amount of books for the occasional late fee.
7767	7/10/2012	The library (and it's youth programs) was my lifeline in my early days of motherhood. I'm so very grateful for the library, the youth librarians, the materials, and the programs.
7768	7/10/2012	Helps me with curriculum development as a high school teacher and essential to all students.
7769	7/10/2012	Important, but not a necessity...when compared to other services.
7770	7/10/2012	Being broke, they give me access to books and media that I wouldn't be able to otherwise afford.
7771	7/10/2012	Because they are a luxury that was previously provided by charity, as opposed to a necessity like roads, law enforcement, the justice system, and first responders.

7772	7/10/2012	Libraries are like oxygen, without them the culture dies.
7773	7/10/2012	I believe that access to media is an important foundation for society. I know I use the library as a go to for many things (often printing and computers) but enjoy all the books, magazines and online subscriptions.
7774	7/10/2012	I could not begin to afford to buy all the books which I get from the library. These library books add a great deal of pleasure and interest to my life -- through books I experience much that would be outside my reach otherwise.
7775	7/10/2012	I grew up visiting my local library faithfully every three weeks, and I attribute much of my academic success and love of reading to these visits. I participated in my library's summer reading program every year, and volunteered at my library as a teenager. Now, I depend on the library for access to new reading material, and I think that everyone can benefit from using the many services provided by the Multnomah Country Library system.
7776	7/10/2012	Because they permit me to read books that I could not afford to buy. Provide additional help to children, seniors , job seekers, etc. A very pleasant place to wander and check out what's the latest.
7777	7/10/2012	I value the library up there with water, electricity, cell reception and internet access. It provides the cultural link for me; if I cease to have internet access in the future it will be an employment lifeline as well. Reading is essential for society and for someone to be able to make it in the world. []
7778	7/10/2012	I feel we were lied to at the last election and that by passing the measure the library would keep operating as it was. At no time did I see anything about having to cut hours BEFORE the election. I would be hard pressed to give you more money now.
7779	7/10/2012	next to streets (which are poorly maintained) I use the library as much as any other resource
7780	7/10/2012	We lose a lot without a viable library system. the amount of credible information at any library is of immense important to our democracy. It is a valuable way of disseminating information to everyone without special fees or extraordinary costs. Just think, you can walk into any library and pull a book off the shelf and read it. You then take that information out with you to disseminate to other people. Everyone benefits!
7781	7/10/2012	Personally, I use the library frequently. But more importantly, it is a resource that provides access to information, education, recreation and knowledge to everyone, particularly people who may not have access from their homes or who cannot afford to gain access by other means.
7782	7/10/2012	Basic services: water, sewer, police & fire protection are essential services. Computers and the Internet are available around the clock, but the library provides information for "free".
7783	7/10/2012	Literacy and education are extremely important to the well being of a community, especially impoverished community's. It is vitally important to public well being that public libraries flourish and grow.

7784	7/10/2012	To me, the public library is the great equalizer. Whether you are rich and especially if you are poor, the opportunity to educate yourself really depends on having public libraries. Literacy is important to a well-educated citizenry upon which a functioning democracy depends. [] In our family, reading is a joy beyond measure and the library shelves are stacked with treasures which enrich our lives. All people should have this opportunity.
7785	7/10/2012	Books and other media is really important to me but when dollars are short it may be necessary to reduce services.
7786	7/10/2012	Local libraries can provide and augment services to those who may not have access.
7787	7/10/2012	road, police, schools take priority
7788	7/10/2012	Books and learning are important to people at all ages.
7789	7/10/2012	I am a writer and researcher, and use the library system regularly as part of my job. I also use the libraries as a reader. Because I'm assuming safety services and services for those in need of immediate assistance are most important. But right after those things are libraries and education in my book.[]
7790	7/10/2012	[] Did you see what I did there?
7791	7/10/2012	Libraries benefit a large number of people from all economic levels.
7792	7/10/2012	Keeping an active mind is just as important as anything else.
7793	7/10/2012	I have used them for job search, computer use and checking out books. All have saved me money so I consider it the best use of my taxes.
7794	7/10/2012	Super important
7795	7/10/2012	Because I read a lot. Information is power.
7796	7/10/2012	I don't personally use the library alot. I don't have kids.
7797	7/10/2012	It's where good things happen. Rarely do I see any type of negative behavior.
7798	7/10/2012	The library saves me money. I have access to books, research, computers and media (in addition to the programs I don't typically use) without needing to purchase the books, etc. I am exposed to so much more than I could afford to otherwise. The main service the library should provide are books and other media that residents can check out and computers to use. The other programs are nice, but not essential because they target a small audience. Maintaining open days/hours is important.
7799	7/10/2012	
7800	7/10/2012	This is a democratic society and equal access to information is critical to our society. ALL people should have access!
7801	7/10/2012	The library helps so many people on many different levels, for many different reasons. It has so many options of service to fit many unique needs. Its a place that I trust to have a consistant level of services. I have had different needs at different times in my life and the library has given me the opportunity to use it always. From letting my children find special books to read from toddler to adult hood. The library is priceless.

7802	7/10/2012	An educated populace is cornerstone to any constitutional republic (or democracy), and I find libraries a key player in providing the ever-growing body of information to its constituents. It's a joy to enter a place with so much information, you'll doubtless find a happy surprise. -need an informed voters[] -occasionally need a somewhat quiet/private zone to process information and meet with others[] -love to visit Central, even if I don't check anything out[]
7803	7/10/2012	- " with grandchildren who live in a much smaller town[] -enjoy reading for entertainment as well as information[] -like to check out videos, cds, and so on for info and entertainment[] -like to place holds on material[] -we have a wonderful system
7804	7/10/2012	I believe that education and access to information is central to a free society
7805	7/10/2012	I think it's so important to keep people - especially young children and teenagers - reading. In our current technological age, such a small amount of people still actually read books, it's terrible. I think it makes people a bit more connected where technology causes a social disconnect.
7806	7/10/2012	excellent resource and wish I had known to better utilize it earlier
7807	7/10/2012	Resources that are provided are integral. Spent a lot of time at the library growing up and spend a lot of time there now. Gives everyone access to information and education.
7808	7/10/2012	Amazing source of information. Easy to get books. I love to read.
7809	7/10/2012	Libraries rank just below police & fire services. If the community is uneducated, there is no future.
7810	7/10/2012	1) Because I am a life-long library user[] 2) Access to information is important to all not just those who can afford to buy books[] 3) Libraries build community[] 4) I can't imagine a life without a library nearby and open
7811	7/10/2012	libraries are the center of the community, I think. Without literacy and resources, i believe our culture will decline further. People need easy, free access to the services and resources our libraries provide.
7812	7/10/2012	Because I take my son to the library on a weekly basis. If the library is not available it will make it hard for him to get reading material. I want my son to be able to find good and readily available books that are age appropriate which we can usually find at our local library.
7813	7/10/2012	We love the library. From checking out books to movie's and TV programs. This is such a great resource for a family to have. My son will come to use the computer. My daughter volunteers for the Summer Reading Program.
7814	7/10/2012	Not only do I love reading - I have three children which also love to read and I am a teacher in the Gresham Barlow School District and like to encourage my students to also use the library as a reading resource.

7815	7/10/2012	I see a library as a place that helps to bring communities together. Without people knowing how to read we have nothing as a society, literally. It's vital to have the library as a place of information and a safe place for people to go ask questions and get help.
7816	7/10/2012	The library is the public service that I use most frequently.
7817	7/10/2012	Access to free information is more important than most things I can think of if a municipality is to have much hope for anything like democracy.
7818	7/10/2012	I think government services, police, fire, welfare, etc, cannot be done without, whereas society could function without the library system. (sorry !!)
7819	7/10/2012	Yes
7820	7/10/2012	books are knowledge, knowledge is power, power is enabling, people need to be enabled.
7821	7/10/2012	I use the library every week and am passionate about reading.
7822	7/10/2012	Have increased my ability to expand and maintain my knowledge tenfold.
7823	7/10/2012	I am in a low income family. Reading is very important to me. At times the local library has given me hope and a place to spend time with my son at no cost.
7824	7/10/2012	They aren't quite as important as police or firemen, but they are one of the things that a real city needs to have to be vibrant
7825	7/10/2012	Right behind police, fire and teachers.
7826	7/10/2012	I value the fact that so many other people agree with me that libraries are a huge part of what makes Metro Portland unique. I also think libraries and access to information are an important equalizing force for public education and the literacy of our society. But hunger issues and education seem more pressing to me right now. Our rate of food insecurity is disgraceful. Some children who come to our libraries go to school in classes with almost 40 other kids. I'm a bit reluctant to put library service ahead of education right now, even though I recognize that some of the factors hamstringing public education have been detrimental to library budgeting.
7827	7/10/2012	I don't have to buy as many books or magazines or newspapers, or rent movies, as I would were they not available at the library. So it saves me money (probably at least equal to the taxes I pay). The staff is wonderful, and it's a nice place to hang out, especially on a rainy day.
7828	7/10/2012	Libraries makes a much richer life for everyone.
7829	7/10/2012	access to books are crucial for people living in today's society
7830	7/10/2012	If we're comparing it to fire & police, it's not as important. I'm not sure what other public services might be included.
7831	7/10/2012	Because I enjoy reading and who can afford to buy new books every week. we should be encouraging children to read as well.
7832	7/10/2012	on a scale from 1-10 I put the library at 9
7833	7/10/2012	I believe that reading opens up a world of learning opportunity to those who might not otherwise have it, and the library provides access that removes barriers to that opportunity.

7834	7/10/2012	The library service is amazing and allows everyone access to current materials to learn, follow a passion, or stay current. It is very important for the health of our community.
7835	7/10/2012	Because of the information they provide.
7836	7/10/2012	They are repositories of knowledge that need to be available to everyone from all walks of life. The fact that so many libraries are having to cut hours/days is a national disgrace.
7837	7/10/2012	Accessible and free to everyone. Some of our most important intellectuals educated themselves at libraries when other forms of education were not accessible to them because of class. Great community resource. Community literacy is of paramount importance. I am a college professor of Lit, and am a single mom by choice of 2 1/2 year old twins who I am raising to be readers and to love books. They LOVE going to the library, and we were constants at Book Babies and Tiny Tots story times.
7838	7/10/2012	We use it all the time. Many other services we never use.
7839	7/10/2012	I'd only put a few ahead if it: police, fire, roads, sewer/water/power.
7840	7/10/2012	I is my main access to current news and information.
7841	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and writer and I need access to the wide variety of resources that I could not otherwise afford access too. In addition, there are many small kids in my family and life who regularly depend on the library for new books to read. I think that the libraries are very important to the community and for encouraging awareness, empathy and enabling individuals to reach their full potential.[]
7842	7/10/2012	[] But on a personal level, we hardly use the library because we tend to rely on bookstores, our school and the internet to provide the amenities that are available at the library.
7843	7/10/2012	Not as important as having paved roads, working street lights, etc.
7844	7/10/2012	I read a lot and need research material I cannot always find on line. Plus browsing the shelves has taken me places I never would gone otherwise
7845	7/10/2012	Because I personally use them the most.
7846	7/10/2012	When we start closing down libraries 1 day a week it will make it easier to close them down more and more days until libraries will no longer exist, which will be an awful thing.
7847	7/10/2012	there are so many great benefits from the library for everyone in the communtiy.
7848	7/10/2012	Education is very important, access to current technology is very important and access to sheer entertainment is somewhat important.
7849	7/10/2012	I've been a reader for decades. I enjoy a variety of books and materials that might not be affordable for me to enjoy if I had to buy them--not even e-books! I like being able to "shop" for books that I've seen mentioned on C-Span or other sources and place them on hold. I don't mind the wait. Even though time restraints keep me from availing myself of the other services provided, i.e. job searches, downloads, resource data, I'm comforted to know they are there.
7850	7/10/2012	Reading and books are my passion.

7851	7/10/2012	very important to me. a basic common good institution that provides services no other institution does.
7852	7/10/2012	Access to reading material that I otherwise would not be able to use!
7853	7/10/2012	i love the library because it gives me access to all kinds of book for entertainment and for education
7854	7/10/2012	great service that provides many different things for many different people. Help instill a love for life long learning.
7855	7/10/2012	Libraries promote the literacy of our citizens. They provide access to books for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds.
7856	7/10/2012	I don't need the library, but it's important to have a quiet, public place to meet and read.
7857	7/10/2012	There are so many important services throughout the city and I believe that with proper staffing and fiscal management that everything should run consistently as it has been.
7858	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power
7859	7/10/2012	they seem all the same
7860	7/10/2012	I rank fire and police are "Very important".
7861	7/10/2012	Reading is such an important skill to learn early on, and such an important part of scholarship and active curiosity for people of all ages. Libraries make reading accessible to everyone, as well as offering other important public services, particularly for the homeless. I love reading so much, and the library lets me read a huge selection of material without having to buy it. It is also important for research.
7862	7/10/2012	education & entertainment&social environment all in one. free!
7863	7/10/2012	Access to information and technology for all, free of charge, equalizes society.
7864	7/10/2012	I read a lot of books
7865	7/10/2012	The reputation of the library and the fact that it is so well used was one of the reasons I moved to Portland. My family uses the library frequently - my husband goes every week and brings books home for our 8 year old.
7866	7/10/2012	Reference materials for research projects.
7867	7/10/2012	I frequent other public servies more often than the library. I use the library primarily for work, and occasionally for personal leisure. Other public services-parks, etc.- are used for personal leisure.
7868	7/10/2012	To promote reading and borrowing books.
7869	7/10/2012	Knowing how to read and a life-long love of reading, learning form the basis for our democracy (being an informed citizen)
7870	7/10/2012	Besides all of the everyday things, like checking out books, printing, using the computers and databases that only the library has access to, the library is a symbol of interconnected community. Without it, there is nowhere for people to go and meet free of charge on a rainy day. Literacy is increasingly important in our increasingly technological society, where cell phones and tvs threaten to snuff out people joining together.

7871	7/10/2012	I feel that a community that doesn't have a library, doesn't have an easy way for people to gain knowledge. Encouraging people in the community to read and learn leads to a healthier and more creative and educated community.
7872	7/10/2012	Teach people to read and write who do not have access to school. Improve reading skills for all walks of life.
7873	7/10/2012	Community building, education
7874	7/10/2012	Being able to access all the activities the library offers is important because it is a centralized location in our town.
7875	7/10/2012	I feel that it is part of our freedom to have access to learning throughout life at no cost.
7876	7/10/2012	I am one of the lucky people who can buy books and trade them around with my friends. I would wish the same for everyone, but in lieu of that, I would hope that all people who love to read, or who are learning to read, could have access to books and programs that help them.
7877	7/10/2012	I recognize the significant importance of the services to my baby's social and mental development. We are a one income family, so we rely heavily on these services as a way to enrich our baby's life.
7878	7/10/2012	Public safety more important. Resources such as medical care, food stamps, etc more important.
7879	7/10/2012	A Public resource to learn, equal acces for rich and poor.
7880	7/10/2012	because right now I cannot afford to have internet services and I do not own a laptop computer to be able to use with wifi. A way for me to get books to read for free.
7881	7/10/2012	More important to have good public schools, police services, good transportation choices (good roads & streets, buses), etc.
7882	7/10/2012	I can access material I cannot afford to purchase, or material I only need rarely
7883	7/10/2012	I'm on a fixed income and having the books and DVDs available is a valued community resource.
7884	7/10/2012	They're a vital public resource second only to public schools and safety net services
7885	7/10/2012	Because anyone can go in and get a library card and use there resources
7886	7/10/2012	The library provides access to literacy, books, computers and therefore quality of life among the members of our community.
7887	7/10/2012	As a jobseeker, it is important to have access to resources that can help to employ me. As a student, it is important to have resources to allow my education to flourish. As a low-income person, it is important to be able to check out books CDs, DVDs, etc to enhance my livability since buying most of what I check out is not an option.
7888	7/10/2012	Provide me with reading materials for free that are easy to access and let me read new release books shortly after they become available, summer reading makes me excited to read and provides an activity for the whole family.
7889	7/10/2012	Because they create a sense of community where all people can meet.

7890	7/10/2012	Access to books and knowledge is essential for culture. That public libraries make all their resources available to everyone is, I feel, at the core of what our democratic model is supposed to be.
7891	7/10/2012	The library represents everything vital to culture. It is a history of what has happened and a place of learning for our children, who are the future. Without the library humanity would have no past nor any hope of an educated, literate future. On that same optimistic vein, the library is the great equalizer. When any person walks through its doors, their possibilities for intellectual adventure and knowledge become infinite, irrespective of what social station they hold outside. The only thing in the way of their complete enlightenment when inside a library is their very own self, and without public libraries only those with access to private (and therefore more than likely biased and limited) collections would have the opportunity to fully explore their interests. I never want to see a world without libraries.
7892	7/10/2012	Other people buy books at bookstores, cds at stores or rent movies, but I consider the public library a place to get those things for "free".
7893	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a safe place for people to pursue a number of different activities, whether it's learning about a new subject, reading for pleasure, learning computer skills or encouraging and promoting literacy.
7894	7/10/2012	People can access their own lvel of educational resource for whatever their specific needs are in their current situation.
7895	7/10/2012	they've always been in my life, from when i was a kid until now at age 40 with my own children - i couldn't imagine a good world without libraries... they're the last "free resource" around and i believe that to be really really important to us all.
7896	7/10/2012	I have lived in SF where libraries were constantly cut in hours and days open and materials seemed dated. Portland libraries are amazing with great hours, fab programs such as Lucky Day books, good movies available, staff who seem interested and informed.
7897	7/10/2012	VERY IMPORTANT
7898	7/10/2012	Traveling by book is a low price vacation with no credit card hang over. oops- see previous comment. ☹
7899	7/10/2012	Core values of healthy societies, including that education/information/knowledge plus community breeds synergistic positive change/growth, creativity.
7900	7/10/2012	They offer a place to relax, read, use computers. Look things up and learn. What will the children do without a library. One can only imagine.
7901	7/10/2012	School, the fire department, and the police are all things I feel are more important.
7902	7/10/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of a literate and educated society. They're also essential to the democratization of information and technology (and the education to use it).
7903	7/10/2012	Because I love books, and I read A LOT. I also don't have enough money to buy my own books so I make do by getting them from the library

7904	7/10/2012	They provide a variety of services and is something I use constantly.
7905	7/10/2012	no more questions now that I know this is a set-up
7906	7/10/2012	the public library and fire department are 2 of the most valuable institutions our society has developed.
7907	7/10/2012	Food assistance programs and police/fire protection are examples of public services that are more important, but many people rely on the library for all their reading and learning materials. It is vital to keep these services within reach of those who do not have the means to acquire them elsewhere.
7908	7/10/2012	Libraries are the best place for people, regardless of age or income to get information, culture, and participate in the community. Second to public safety services like hospitals, police and schools, libraries are one of the most important public services.
7909	7/10/2012	Access to the materials and services the library offers is fundamental to intellectual life and citizenship in our community.
7910	7/10/2012	We use the library constantly to get information for school projects, to find books to read for pleasure, to supply our children with reading material that they will enjoy and will foster their growth, to gather information for trips or home improvement projects, to check out audiobooks for car trips, to access magazine and newspaper articles that would be otherwise unavailable to us, and to find the best web information utilizing the homework center and adult web-guides, among other things. Our kids grew up with library storytimes and programming, which has led to positive associations with reading and literacy. The people at the reference desk are a fantastic resource for both recreational reading and any informational question you can throw at them.
7911	7/10/2012	The more people read (rather than relying on cable talk programs) the better informed they are. Getting people used to reading and making decisions on what they have read will translate into a more educated and informed population. □ Another point: my mother is legally blind now but she listens to audiobooks voraciously. How small her world would be if she didn't have access to the wide variety and number of audiobooks!
7912	7/10/2012	The library provides a necessary service when it provides books to patrons (in paper, audio, or e-format). That is the traditional role of a library and one that is very important to Portland and any community. The rest of the "services" the library provides are unnecessary frills.
7913	7/10/2012	The library doesn't provide critical services (clean water, sewage treatment, health care services), but access to reading materials and knowledge is extremely important to me.
7914	7/10/2012	it is not just a source for information, but a place to build community
7915	7/10/2012	Libraries and schools support education. Education is the single most important endeavor that a community can invest in.
7916	7/10/2012	I look at the needs in our community rather than just my own. Relationships are formed with good staff, library guests etc. in our busy society people still want relationships interpersonal and with their community.

7917	7/10/2012	Although I do not use the library as much as I would like to, I appreciate knowing that it is there if I need it.
7918	7/10/2012	They provide the public with access to other public services such as cheap or free classes, help with taxes, and cultural activities. The library also provides the public with a free source of education through books, internet, and other written media. It is one of the most valuable resources available to the general public.
7919	7/10/2012	Access to information
7920	7/10/2012	Lively and engaged libraries are a boon to their communities in terms of ensuring free access to information and making the public aware of opportunities that otherwise do not get much fanfare.
7921	7/10/2012	I use the library to check out books for specific interests, but I have used the library in the past for job seeking, use of a pc when i haven't had one, and to have something fun to do while staying out of trouble while younger. i'd love for everyone to continue to be able to use the library for those things.
7922	7/10/2012	It is a service that can be replicated privately.
7923	7/10/2012	Without libraries, the general public would not have access to a plethora of information and resources. Having an educated public is crucial to democracy and without libraries I believe that the public would be less educated.
7924	7/10/2012	Free books are nice, but keeping the roads repaired the streets safe, schools open and the city functioning are more important.
7925	7/10/2012	The library allows people to become aware and educated without having to have extra income to do so.
7926	7/10/2012	It is not important to me personally, but it needs to be there for people who cannot afford to buy books or computer. It needs to be there, especially for students and older people. It is an important resource in our community. Since bookstores have closed all over town, we need a place where people can go to get books. The nearest new bookstore to me is at the Lloyd Center; and it takes me a half hour to get there, plus it costs money. The nearest used bookstore is about 15 minutes away. The library is less than five.
7927	7/10/2012	it seems to me that today with the Economy struggling and many people suffering shortage of funds that the library is more important than ever as a resource--for those without funds for computers; for anyone wanting to do research; for a source of entertainment through books and videos and music; Along with National Public Radio, it is one of our most vital resources.

7928	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time. The center of learning is part of what a library is all about -- it is a holding area of vast knowledge that helps every community better itself in so many ways. Students learn new ways of employing that knowledge learned from books borrowed from the library perhaps ... and win the Science Fair by finding a quicker way to help toward curing cancer, for example. I don't know if those boys used a library to figure out how to do this one step better or faster than the other methods, but it takes books and learning to do any of this. It takes putting together the "pieces" that are held in books to make the world a better place to live. We need our libraries like we need friends. They are there and are comforting like an old shoe. We will miss them dearly if they are ever not there! We NEED them to survive as a cultural center for great minds to coalesce toward ever greater expansions of thought ... to provide that spring board for ever greater endeavors, dreams, and actualities. -- J. Ann Roberts
7929	7/10/2012	I think it provides valuable informational and learning tools for all ages. But I also think it serves a very select clientele. I'm a fan of user fees to supplement budgets to make funding more fair. So I wouldn't be opposed to paying some sort of use fee so that those who use it the most pay a little more than those who don't use it at all. I feel the same way about the school systems. I pay over \$150/month to support other people's children's education instead of repairing my home or paying my own bills. I resent having to subsidize services to high users, but still we all need to chip in for a minimal baseline.
7930	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. Education is the future. Community is the backbone.
7931	7/10/2012	A very nebulous question - compared to which other local public services? Not very when compared to fire/police.
7932	7/10/2012	Very important when compared to the arts.
7933	7/10/2012	I think they're relatively more important to me than 'somewhat important'
7934	7/10/2012	Because I use them frequently; they help me with my education, and make me an informed member of my community; and because I see the resource they are to children and parents, new immigrants, people looking for jobs...
7935	7/10/2012	I'd curl up and die if there wasn't a library. You have such a wonderful selection of books and everyone who works there is so helpful. I love going to the library.
7936	7/10/2012	It is a bridge to entire world I read a lot, and I like to have the feeling of a book in my hands. I also don't have a printer, so I use the one at the library for everything I need to have printed out. The library also provides services not provided anywhere else; some are provided but cost too much, some aren't provided at all.
7937	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power, whether you are homeless, without a job, on the SNAP program, elderly, or someone without the means to buy books,etc.
7938	7/10/2012	because I love to read but can't afford to buy books

7939	7/10/2012	Productive, Interesting, Cooperative, Peaceful communities--Public libraries make our communities, from the smallest to the largest, civilized. Without free and ready access to education, information, and recreation, people are less able to improve their personal situations, are less able to resolve differences, are less able to exist within and contribute to a healthy community. If you want to reduce crime and to make our community safer, you need to strengthen the public library.
7940	7/10/2012	Reading is so crucial to a society's well-being. An educated and well-informed citizenry is very important to me. Being able to check out the latest blockbuster and top-40 music, may not be as necessary, but where does one draw the line. Thank you for not doing video games.
7941	7/10/2012	Information and education drive our economy. Without the many resources the library provides, the middle and working class are put at a disadvantage in society.
7942	7/10/2012	The two main public services that I use are the library and the MAX. The library is WAY more important to me than the Max.
7943	7/10/2012	To me the library is the heart of the community... It's one of the few "free" resources available to everyone.
7944	7/10/2012	Because knowledge base, and access to knowledge, are the foundations for the possibility for class mobility. With continued disparity in access to information, we will be perpetuating poverty in our community.
7945	7/10/2012	Because I hardly ever use the library. Too many creepy people in there.
7946	7/10/2012	The lending of books is vital. The other services are unnecessary
7947	7/10/2012	a wonderful resource for continuing education without the economic burden of buying books
7948	7/10/2012	Bus service and fire and police are more important. [] [] You should list the services so we know what is at stake.
7949	7/10/2012	As a youth, unrestricted year-round free access to my neighborhood library (especially during empty summer days) directly influenced my path as a Lifetime Learner.
7950	7/10/2012	Knowledge is an important component of our daily lives. Books, audio and visual media as provided by our libraries should be free and available at least 6 days a week to the public. I love reading and the library is the perfect place to find information on new subjects. My grandchildren love to read and use the library every week.[] It would be a sad day in Multnomah County to have diminished public library services.

7951	7/10/2012	Some years ago a high-school age Korean girl stayed with us. She had borrowed some books from the library, but left for a visit to Korea without thinking to take the books back. The first thing we heard about this was a demand for payment of late fees and cost of the books from an out-of-state collection service! I paid it, but never took the money back after she returned and found the books, which we returned to the library, as I regarded the library's actions as highly unethical. I just decided not to use the library or support it again. The library did several other things in the same vein at that time, such as a mailing claiming they needed money for reasons later shown by the press to be false. That chief librarian is long gone, however, and I suppose I should not remain angry at the system forever, as other members of my family find it important to them.
7952	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and the library helps me do that.
7953	7/10/2012	books inform and instruct while entertaining
7954	7/10/2012	Providing public access to information, history and art is an essential part of a functioning society.
7955	7/10/2012	Because I read 200 books a year myself and another 200+ to my children and would never be able to afford that many.
7956	7/10/2012	I use it all the time. After schools, I think it is important.
7957	7/10/2012	I love to read! It affects my life daily
7958	7/10/2012	Because there are other services MORE, as well as LESS, important to Portland, obviously.
7959	7/10/2012	Grew up respecting and valuing books for education and leisure.
7960	7/10/2012	Important b/c I use library materials everyday. I save a great a great deal of money by borrowing library materials as opposed to purchasing or renting materials. I also want library materials readily available to anyone struggling to pair their bills. Children in particular are entitled to the educational and enrichment benefits that public libraries have to offer.
7961	7/10/2012	This is a very good question. I should research this and write an essay, of why libraries are important. They are like a safety net: If you can't afford the internet, there are several reasons. I've always liked going to them. And you can talk to a librarian if you have a question.
7962	7/10/2012	The public library is one of the last places in our crumbling democracy where everyone has an equal chance to learn. Anyone - rich or poor, black or white - can walk into their local library and learn job skills, learn a foreign language, borrow music, and plug into the by-now-indispensable resources afforded to us by the internet. I have discovered new Jamaican music, begun learning French and Japanese, improved my eating habits, and read some of the finest American fiction available -- all thanks to the Multnomah County Library. All for free!!! I can't say enough about our libraries. I hope they continue to grow, and I wish that other counties had access to the resources we have. I thank you deeply for your work. Keep pushing mercilessly for funding!
7963	7/10/2012	This is a basic community need, like water. Poor library system = dehydrated brains!
7964	7/10/2012	A library is necessary for an educated populace
7965	7/10/2012	knowledge, connection, discovery, growth

7966	7/10/2012	Libraries have always been a big part of my life - the access to books, the social interaction, the research, as well as a learning and fun environment. Growing up, I worked in libraries during the summer.
7967	7/10/2012	Because I want a service in my area that is easy to access and don't want to have to travel to get to another library when I have one within walking distance.
7968	7/10/2012	I have learned so much from the books I've borrowed from my local library. Buying all of those books would have been a huge expense.
7969	7/10/2012	Because the people that utilize the library do so out of financial necessity and that covers a wide base of the public. I wouldn't have near the access to books, movies and music without the library. In these low economic times, it is the place I term 'vacation'.
7970	7/10/2012	To me, libraries represent and express the right to equal access to information!
7971	7/10/2012	It's important for people to have free and easy access to books, computers, and other materials that allow for self-education, self-improvement, entertainment, and the development of various necessary life skills. Without libraries, education will become further limited to those with the money, and that's wrong.
7972	7/10/2012	Because we are homeschooling a young child, I believe the libraries are crucial. There is simply no way we, as an individual family, could afford the resources available to us through our library.
7973	7/10/2012	I think reading and learning are very important to growing a healthy society.
7974	7/10/2012	When I think of other local services, like infrastructure and public safety, it doesn't seem as important
7975	7/10/2012	They are an irreplaceable access to free information. Vital to the health of a society.
7976	7/10/2012	Create a rich society. Needed to help all access information equally.
7977	7/10/2012	The library is for Everyone and not just those who meet a certain criteria to receive social services.
7978	7/10/2012	I get access to materials that matter to me and that I could not afford to purchase. It is important to me that others get this access as well.
7979	7/10/2012	It is important to have free access to information. Being a book reader, I do not want to buy each book I want to read. It saves me money and allows me to access books I might not otherwise consider if I had to buy them
7980	7/10/2012	To have access to learning and intellectual material free of charge for all citizens.
7981	7/10/2012	a flourishing democracy needs a good library system. we have one. yay! but we don't have the money to do all we want. so we do the best we can. i.e. somewhat
7982	7/10/2012	Access to information is critical for a democracy to thrive! [] Because you can check out a book instead of buying it and there is summer reading.

7983	7/10/2012	Why? Because I'm interested in the world in which I live. Because libraries are still a haven of imagination, information and peace of mind -- not necessarily in that order. Libraries aren't just about getting the easiest information as quickly as you can, libraries engender thoughtful consideration, empathy, compassion, resourcefulness and creativity. Even in today's world of get-bad-information-yesterday, libraries are one of the only institutions about everyone can agree makes the world a better place.
7984	7/10/2012	Beyond general welfare and safety, what could be more important than having educated people? Libraries play a great part in making that possible, across socio-economic boundaries.
7985	7/10/2012	without literacy there is no possibility of creating and/or reinstating a democratic civilization.
7986	7/10/2012	It is nice, by impractical, to have free libraries. I'm not sure it's the best use of funds.
7987	7/10/2012	They give everyone a safe, fun learning environment where they can read and use the internet for free. They are great resources for help in school and many other places! I love the library!!!
7988	7/10/2012	We really use the library, we are great readers and it saves us lots of money to be able to check books out as opposed to having to buy them. Reading is our major source of entertainment
7989	7/10/2012	I have a computer and a bookstore nearby.
7990	7/10/2012	They are the pathway to knowledge and learning. They support all ages.
7991	7/10/2012	In this economy people can't afford to buy all the books they want to read. Also, program for shut ins and children are very important.
7992	7/10/2012	We use the library frequently.
7993	7/10/2012	My family uses the library all the time. My wife and I have two school age children who are voracious readers. We literally could not afford to purchase all the books we read in our house. We also appreciate the large selection of DVD's, especially the children's section and documentaries or foreign films not easily available otherwise.
7994	7/10/2012	Everyone needs access to information. Internet is a necessity and should be available to all. This brings neighborhoods together and allows a sense of equality and dignity to all, even those who have few resources.
7995	7/10/2012	because they are a most valuable source of learning and understanding to our citizens
7996	7/10/2012	Libraries give me access to a level of resources I would not be able to afford on my own, and provide a great draw for a community.
7997	7/10/2012	Because I love the library. I grew up spending a lot of my free time as a child at the library (Central) and as an adult though I certainly don't spend as much time physically in the library I still use the materials often, and utilize the story times as part of my job (nanny) as well as the materials-on average I have anywhere from 5-30 childrens books, cds, movies checked out along with my own movies and cds. I can't imagine not having the great library system we currently have and feel very fortunate that Portland has a history of wonderful library service.
7998	7/10/2012	Its good for my kids to have that conection and its no cost as long as they take care of their items wich teaches them responsibility

7999	7/10/2012	Library importance is trumped by the importance of safety, fire protection, schools and parks.
8000	7/10/2012	There is nothing more important to an evolved society and to freedom itself than a well-informed and educated public. Libraries are second only to schools to this end (arguably, libraries could be even more important).
8001	7/10/2012	I am a widow, live alone but need books to read and [] [] DVD,s to watch and meeting people
8002	7/10/2012	For many years, I have used the library system to order books for school papers and projects and to enjoy tv shows, films, and music that I love. I admire local libraries for providing such free services to the community, as well as for the programs they offer children. It is my hope that one day my nephew and my nieces will have a chance to enjoy and appreciate all that the library system has to offer in the future.
8003	7/10/2012	Not to me, but to the general public with less resources
8004	7/10/2012	Libraries are my most-used visible public resource. I say 'visible' because I'm sure there are other municipal resources that I use without knowing about it. (e.g. Does the county subsidize TriMet at all? If so, that'd be of equal importance as libraries.)
8005	7/10/2012	Reading is the pathway to academic success.
8006	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot for books and music for school, as well as for personal interest. I home school my children and use the library to get books for them also.
8007	7/10/2012	Much of the information available at the public library is also available at other venues.
8008	7/10/2012	What other services are you taking about? Compared to emergency rooms, they're not that important. Compared to basket weaving classes, they're very important.
8009	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly even though I could afford to buy the books I need, but there are many people who cannot afford to buy books and others who cannot afford personal computers, for whom the library is absolutely essential. I remember so clearly how as a child I loved the library and spent time looking for books I didn't know about but might be fascinating. Every child should have that possibility.
8010	7/10/2012	I value public support for broad availability of information for all, regardless of economic means, and the library's support of education and literacy.
8011	7/10/2012	.A city without libraries to nourish minds is like a city where bodies are fed only from freeze-dried foods[] In the libraries children are able to explore the world
8012	7/10/2012	For some people it is the only source of reading material. For children of low income families it provides a way for them to be able to read without posting a burden on their families
8013	7/10/2012	I have always been a frequent user of library services. I love that our library system is big enough to offer so many materials, and on top of that, to offer resources, informational sessions, presentations, exhibits, etc. It's a wonderful way to keep our community learning.

8014	7/10/2012	Libraries are an integral part of our community. They provide educational materials for those who need it, and encourage literacy among the citizens of Portland.
8015	7/10/2012	This is how my children learn to read! They like the feel of actual books, not more time on the computer, this helps them to access many varieties of books they otherwise might not have access to or choose by being able to browse for them on the library shelves. This helps fuel their desire to learn about so many different things!
8016	7/10/2012	Access to books, computers, and other resources shouldn't just be for folks who can afford to buy these items. Especially as more and more of us find ourselves in the position of not being able to do so.
8017	7/10/2012	Literature and information must be available to everyone so that all have the opportunity to reach their full potential.
8018	7/10/2012	I use almost zero other public services, but I always use the local library. When I moved to PDX, I got a library card before I even found my apartment...
8019	7/10/2012	I save a lot of money by not having to buy book and magazines. I can read newspapers and magazines to which I'd otherwise have no access, or limited access. The online newspaper access is very good. And, I like knowing that I can use the internet at the library if I loose service at home.
8020	7/10/2012	The library can be used by all people at all levels of socio economics. It allows people access to the internet if they don't have it at home, gives students a place to study and get materials, builds literacy in children and adults, it is just a resource that needs to be available to all people.
8021	7/10/2012	It is a place where knowledge and information can be assessed by anyone.
8022	7/10/2012	For me, library services are a convenience at this point in my life. I can afford a computer and to buy books and magazines. I use the library to try books out before buying them. However, I came from a family that did not have the money to buy books and magazines. Of course, computers did not exist at that time. When I was growing up, the library enabled me to discover topics I never would have known existed, to explore a broad range of subjects, and have a quiet place to study and do my homework without the chaos of home. The Eugene Public Library was a HUGE factor in developing my interest in reading and studying. Every child needs to have this option.
8023	7/10/2012	They make learning accessible to all residents, especially those who have financial, cultural or other barriers to accessing educational and leisure media. Also, they provide a refuge for the introverts among us in our extrovert-centric society. Libraries promote the value of introspection and informed
8024	7/10/2012	A library is the barometer of the community and is adaptable to the social needs of the community. Without the library, I would not be where I am today. I had a safe place to go as a youth because of the library. I have a job because of the library. I own a home because of the library. I shudder at what our world would be like if people who wanted to better their situation were not able to access quality information for minimal/no cost to them.

8025	7/10/2012	Because knowledge is power!
8026	7/10/2012	libraries are a critical service. They provide access to information and education, often to people who have no other access
8027	7/10/2012	Access to information is key to education for all.
8028	7/10/2012	Libraries are not the only source of knowledge anymore
8029	7/10/2012	Because of the education they provide
8030	7/10/2012	They enrich our community. A well read and educated community is a healthier one
8031	7/10/2012	Reading is so important and should be encouraged, especially for those that can't afford to buy books.
8032	7/10/2012	I use the library for almost all of the books I read. If I see a new book on Bas Bleu or Amazon, I will usually check it out from the library rather than purchasing it. I appreciate the library carrying such a wide variety of books and media.
8033	7/10/2012	The up-to-date information the library gives me access to helps make me an informed, engaged citizen. My life is greatly enriched by the resources the library makes available to me.
8034	7/10/2012	We need at least as much emphasis on Positives in our culture as on keeping harm at bay(police, fire, etc). It is one of the few public places that everyone can have access to and feel comfortable.
8035	7/10/2012	Not only do I use the library for my class (I'm a teacher) and personal use, my teenage son also frequents the library on his own, and that in itself means a lot to me.
8036	7/10/2012	as a society...the more we claim we don't need to learn...the more we digress into haughtiness resulting in poor relationships...and who wants a society full of poor relationships?
8037	7/10/2012	keep people engaged, create a sense of community, provide a place so people can access resources and information, a safe environment so people can learn and grow
8038	7/10/2012	Because they are a cornerstone of freedom of information and a mainstay of shared cultural values.
8039	7/10/2012	I have all the books I can read, and then some on my Kindle....I don't need videos, or music CDs.... Although I use my computer at home to do a lot of research I still think that it's important that I have access to books and magazines that I want to read. I occasionally buy books but I prefer using the library system to store my books and I like to know that they are there when I want them. My mother is 85 and prefers reading the large print books. It's great that I can pick these up for her at the library. She reads one or two books a week and this would not be possible without the library. ☐
8040	7/10/2012	These are personal reasons why I support the library. ☐ For societal reasons, I feel that it's very important that libraries be available for people who do not have their own computers or cannot afford to buy books.
8041	7/10/2012	I love to read & love that i can walk to my neighborhood lbrary

8042	7/10/2012	I have used and appreciated them all my life. I have lived places where there are none available and that is very sad. Our fabulous public library system is one of the features that make Portland one of the best places to live! Also I don't like to buy books but love to read, so being able to borrow is a wonderful thing!!!
8043	7/10/2012	It's a community hub
8044	7/10/2012	Access to books and media for me and resources for people without computer access or literacy materials in the home.
8045	7/10/2012	It is my entertainment and my source of information and education. It connects me to my culture and helps me feel a part of my community.
8046	7/10/2012	Information and resources available to all, esp. for those with limited access elsewhere or at home.
8047	7/10/2012	The library is one of the last few, free services available to the public. It goes hand and hand with our free schooling system and should not be sacrificed.
8048	7/10/2012	Many people would not have access to books, materials and other services that are available for all at the libraries.
8049	7/10/2012	I feel that local library services are very important because it keeps kids off the street doing who knows what. This is the nearest decent library from my house and I feel like it provides a good safe environment for people to relax and study.
8050	7/10/2012	Because public libraries are an essential part of a healthy society and economy, providing everyone equal access to information.
8051	7/10/2012	Free access to reading material, helpful staff, user friendly internet access, a place to be inspired.
8052	7/10/2012	After police, fire, electrical, and garbage.
8053	7/10/2012	Literacy, respect for human thought, and the exchange of ideas are among my fundamental values. The library fosters those elements of our culture as no other resource does.
8054	7/10/2012	Libraries are an essential part of a civilized world. The access to research materials for young and old is near and dear to my heart. I have taught myself so much through access to written materials. I'm a writer so it is also helpful to have access to research materials for my work. I also enjoy access to recreational reading and DVDs. Also, the access to the Internet is a lifesaver for those who cannot afford to have it at home, whether they be keeping in touch with family/friends, doing research, or looking for a job. There is no way I could afford to feed my reading and research habit if I had to purchase all the materials I use. It is even more essential for those who have less disposable income than I do.
8055	7/10/2012	I consider public safety and basic infrastructure services to be of paramount importance, with library and public welfare services following closely behind. I use Maslow's Hierarchy (or something like it) as my justification for this prioritization.
8056	7/10/2012	I rely on the resources of the library constantly. I could never afford to purchase all the books I read, nor would I want to own that much STUFF. Being able to borrow books and do research is such an important resource for me and my whole family!!!!

8057	7/10/2012	Special needs
8058	7/10/2012	Literature is my livelihood and my favorite pastime. I worry that reduced funding will only help foment post-literacy in our younger generations, limit the exposure older generations have to knowledge and social avenues, and dull our cultural sharp edges.
8059	7/10/2012	Libraries save us all money by providing books for free! They make information accessible, and everyone loves them.
8060	7/10/2012	Because the community needs to have free access to books, materials, story hour for kids, computers and literary cultural events.
8061	7/10/2012	We are both retired, and we both are heavy readers and heavy users of the magnificent Multnomah library system.
8062	7/10/2012	READING Opens the whole world; it gives us places to be in our image in action; it gives a safe place for kids to study; seniors to get together over some of the LUNCH and MUNCH series as well as classes; and other people as well who want a refuge for lunchtime and to see people they know and learn something....for kids to do homework; if they don't have any books or the right books at home or computer access; for people to get books, read magazines in a relaxed and safe place; get movies or music; for little kids to have a storybook hour and their parents to meet their friends at the libraries as well.
8063	7/10/2012	Libraries are important to me, but not at the expense of other public services. The needs of the young should outweigh the voting power of the old.
8064	7/10/2012	Are you asking why the library is important-not sure what you mean by "they". The library is important because books are expensive and we wouldn't have access to so many materials without the library. My son is four and an avid reader. He loves the "Magic Treehouse" series and he will go talk to the librarian about putting a new book on hold. When we come to pick it up he finds one of the librarians he knows and talks to then about the new book. We also go to a lot of the summer activities at the library. I also love that it is a community building and brings the neighborhood together.
8065	7/10/2012	information resources are important but there are alternative sources from the library. library staff provide effective service but are hindered by poor policies and management practices by administrators and branch managers.
8066	7/10/2012	I use the local library online almost daily for resource information, as well as in person weekly for information via books and magazines. It would be very difficult to get this information through commercial channels.
8067	7/10/2012	A library is the cornerstone of a neighborhood. It unites people from different ethnicities, religions and demographics in the common purpose of discovery.
8068	7/10/2012	Research and personal experience tells me that accessible libraries are key to self directed learning, self development, upward mobility and free fun, in short supply in these economic times.

8069	7/10/2012	Reading and research are the primary tools to be a well educated citizen of the city, state and the world.
8070	7/10/2012	I enjoy learning and having access to current materials.
8071	7/10/2012	Needed for information and to be up to date with relevant things in life.
8072	7/10/2012	Yes - the library is supported by tax monies, but even so, it is one of the few remaining "free" resources available to people of all ages and income levels.
8073	7/10/2012	Literacy is essential to democracy.
8074	7/10/2012	The library is one place all people can go, no matter what your income, language, reading ability and still find information and interests to support what ever your needs are. I went to the library the day before yesterday, there where at least 4 languages being spoken, all ages from babes to elder seniors, and no one cares what gender you are, how much \$ you have or what you are wearing. Books bring people from all walks of life together. It is a place of peace and everyone can pretend they are brilliant!
8075	7/10/2012	I have been using the neighborhood and central public libraries and for over 60 years. When I was growing up I used to ride my bike to the Montavilla Library and check out books by my favorite author Jim Kjelgaard. What awesome books he wrote! I was given a copy of Irish Red as a present and that got me started. The library system is a great personal resource at many levels.
8076	7/10/2012	It depends how you define public services... But of all things provided for me in this city at no cost, the library, parks, and bicycle trails are the things I use that ***contribute to greater health, cultural vibrancy, and community-building within it.*** That's what I'm most interested in public services supporting.
8077	7/10/2012	knowledge is power.
8078	7/10/2012	A library is the free open door to the world for many.
8079	7/10/2012	Free public libraries are one of the fundamental building blocks of pluralistic democracy.
8080	7/10/2012	Use of a world of books and media.
8081	7/10/2012	having books available to everyone is very important. encourages learning and forward movement in our society. also preserves our history so it's available to those who are looking backward for research. [] [] libraries are very very important
8082	7/10/2012	Libraries create and sustain community. They are a force of equality in a city, state, and nation where disparity between people continues to grow. Everyone needs access to knowledge.
8083	7/10/2012	Some services like 911, police and fire stations are more important.
8084	7/10/2012	Education. Is there anything more important than education?!

8085	7/10/2012	In today's economy many people do not have access to the internet so job searching is difficult. The working poor and unemployed need access to this information. Also, reading is critical to the success of each student and getting them interested in books and other programs at an early age, and continuing to cater to their interests over the years, will aid in an involved society and caring community.
8086	7/10/2012	Free lifelong learning. Community-subsidized access to culture.
8087	7/10/2012	While infrustuctre and social programs are critical, libraries provide access to knowledge for all citizens. Knowledge and understanding are critical for effective partiipation as individual citizens. Libraries (when available andutilized) are an essential component of our democratic society.
8088	7/10/2012	This is a resource so that I can be well informed and educated.
8089	7/10/2012	Without education and access to information, a society is easily influenced by bad leadership.
8090	7/10/2012	Fire departments, police, water and sewer are all vital while the library services are more of an added benefit. We need libraries to help make our lives pleasant and interesting.
8091	7/10/2012	Because we are taxpayers and we are entitled to services such as library services.
8092	7/10/2012	I love books but can not buy every one I want to read and I am not ready for electronic books as I love to have one in my hand .
8093	7/10/2012	Reading and love of reading plus access (for anyone) to information and resources is key to a well educated and informed society
8094	7/10/2012	It's a great local public service which benefits all tax payers.
8095	7/10/2012	I use it regularly.
8096	7/10/2012	Because it is where I can access books, the internet and other educational materials which make me a better human being and help others to become better too.
8097	7/10/2012	Availability of media (books, music, DVDs, magazines and online materials) are vital part of being an active, aware adult in the community.
8098	7/10/2012	To help educate the public.
8099	7/10/2012	I see the services provided through libraries as an important part of today's society. Without such services, some people may not have access at all. That said, I do not place library services over critical public services such as emergency services.
8100	7/10/2012	I seek on a daily basis music, books, DVDs and other literature to comlete my search in life. I am retired and disable so this sanctuary is affordable and accessible. The government"sreatest treasure for its citizens; It crosses all boundaries of humanity.
8101	7/10/2012	Literacy is crucial for people to be able to subsist. Having access to books,computers and resources make it possible to step out of poverty, by taking away knowledge and access to technology from the public we increase the level of houselessness and unemployment.
8102	7/10/2012	Utmost. We use the library on a regular basis. It helps to make a love of reading for my children. I would be lost without it!
8103	7/10/2012	Right after fire, police, water & sewer, and good roads.

8104	7/10/2012	see answer to question 6 regarding literacy skills and information.
8105	7/10/2012	As citizens we need to get information from unbiased and unrestricted sources and libraries supply some of the richest forms of culture and the arts.
8106	7/10/2012	It helps the community grow and learn to be more responsible people with a broader view of the world and themselves.
8107	7/10/2012	I use my local libraries very often, not having them around is unimaginable.
8108	7/10/2012	the multnomah county library is the best library system I've ever used-- frequently brag about how awesome we have it in Portland! It levels the playing field, making culture available to everyone!
8109	7/10/2012	Free access to information is important for a healthy society.
8110	7/10/2012	Libraries are a service that is available to everyone. It is a service that helps people improve themselves and feel good about themselves. It helps folks become more educated and well rounded and balanced in their outlook of life. Gives people access to information.
8111	7/10/2012	For me personally, the library is a very nice thing, but I could get by without it. But I know people who are not as fortunate as I am who need the library, and whose lives would be much worse without it. It makes a big difference in people's lives.
8112	7/10/2012	because if I didn't have access to my library I wouldn't have any books to read
8113	7/10/2012	Information is vital, connections are made, and it's a place to gather for learning.
8114	7/10/2012	It here where we get to know some of the things we were not aware off. We learn more about the word here than anywhere else.
8115	7/10/2012	Because I grew up with a wonderful library which I attribute to my academic and professional success, I cannot imagine raising my children without some similar resource for their intellectual and personal growth.
8116	7/10/2012	Not only for info resource / research and literary reasons, butalso for the social aspect which adds to Portlands cultural liveability ambience.
8117	7/10/2012	Not enough info provided for #7. Which public services? Not as important as roads, safety, park maintenance, public transportation, etc.; but more than some other programs that don't have a wide scope of target market. Ex: I think larger programs that benifit more people are more valuable.
8118	7/10/2012	Access to reliable & current information and also to professional librarians that can help our citizens access the increasingly obtuse array of information resources available is critical to our community health.
8119	7/10/2012	It is my main source for entertainment. I get books and DVD's to enjoy.
8120	7/10/2012	Libraries are where I get my reading material and borrow videos and music cds.
8121	7/10/2012	I love reading, so I use the library often. But without other services like police and firemen, I wouldn't be able to relax and enjoy reading a book. I wouldn't consider the library to be a basic need, like public safety, but it is important.

8122	7/10/2012	<p>I believe police and fire service is the most important but the library is where older people can get books, use computers, etc. And we need to train our young children the importance of books because they could become extinct.[]</p> <p>I feel the levy we just passed was not honest, by telling us the library was going to close on Mondays and limit hours. I feel many people would not have voted to pass the levy had they known this. I feel as if I were lied to.</p>
8123	7/10/2012	<p>they are a resource that has the power to enrich the lives of those in the community. they provide research material, educational tools, remind us the pleasure of reading, afford us the opportunity to share and consume more media that we might encounter on our own, build community, educate our public.....etc etc</p>
8124	7/10/2012	<p>I love books.</p>
8125	7/10/2012	<p>This is such a poorly written survey. Without listing what other services library funds are competing against, this question is impossible to answer. I love my library, but this survey is very poorly written.</p>
8126	7/10/2012	<p>They keep our population educated and connected. Help with integration and community building. They are absolutely essential.</p>
8127	7/10/2012	<p>Without libraries, we would be taking away yet another valuable service that helps educate our children. Funding for education is hit hard enough. If we also start looking to reduce funding for our libraries, we are only continuing the erosion of the educational process. I realize that I am biased because of my occupation as a teacher but I wasn't always a teacher. I spent 20 years at another career unrelated to teaching and I still felt the same way about libraries before becoming a teacher.</p>
8128	7/10/2012	<p>I'm a big reader, but my financial situation doesn't exactly support such a habit. The library does, and that's very dear to me. Sometimes I get my school textbooks through the ILL services when they are too expensive for me. I am taking a distance-learning graduate program, so there is no school bookstore or academic library I can go to. (PSU helps, but the central library is much more convenient for me.) When writing papers and such, I get most of my resources through MCL.</p>

8129	7/10/2012	Because they are a tradition in our society that I think is valuable in spite of so many having access to computers at home, school, and work. They teach children respect for others because they are expected to be quiet and considerate of other peoples feelings. It is good for people to browse the shelves and to stumble across something they might not have if not given the chance to handle and flip through pages. Books vary as much as people do; some are better examples than others; still others encourage by showing pictures to inspire. Some folks may not have a quiet place to study or learn at home. Others look forward to the outing for other reasons - to escape into Wonderland or Fantasy. It makes a neighborhood a better neighborhood. It's safe. It doesn't have to provide everything to everybody. I think books should be a Libraries' primary objective and we should never loose sight of that by threatening to shorten days. Go ahead and cut services, but don't dare say it's a catastophy when these extras were introduced at an abundant time and now funding has seized. Haven't you ever had a cut in pay? Would you rather loose your job completely, or just some benefits. It kind of makes you appreciate what you have much more, and not take anything for granted. It also naturally makes one more creative if he still wants certain things or wants to help others that he cares about or sees a
8130	7/10/2012	Because access to the materials the library provides is important to our culture, as well as the continued education of the populace.
8131	7/10/2012	Because they help provide education and opportunities, and without those things, we don't really have much of anything.
8132	7/10/2012	They provide information to the public who might not otherwise have access. Communities with libraries are smarter and safer.
8133	7/10/2012	Obviously Fire, Police, Schools need to take a front row to our libraries.
8134	7/10/2012	I use the library more than other public services.
8135	7/10/2012	I love to read, but I believe services that deal with public safety such as fire and police are of higher importance.
8136	7/10/2012	Resource for all that is truly inclusive and important to the type of learning and culture I want to be a part of. Promotion of almost universally good attributes of learning, sharing, supporting and openness.
8137	7/10/2012	great free community resource available to everyone.
8138	7/10/2012	I love to read a book and not a kindle. I also like to watch DVD's.
8139	7/10/2012	I would not be able to afford to buy all the books and media I obtain from the library. Ever since I was a wee girl libraries have been a big part of my life. I love them! Whenever I have a late fee, I am happy to pay since they have given me so much (for free!!) over my lifetime.
8140	7/10/2012	Police and utilities are slightly higher
8141	7/10/2012	Access to intellectual materials is an aspect of the Free Speech Amendment to the USA Constitution. If the populace does not have the capability to educate itself, it falls into ignorance and rumour. In order to choose to have freedom, we must know each side of a debate, and our libraries provide the fodder for our curiosity to grow into opinion and promote action.
8142	7/10/2012	books are important
8143	7/10/2012	Basic infrastructure and education should take priority

8144	7/10/2012	We have always been big users of the Portland Library service, and feel that it has been an important part of the fabric of our family
8145	7/10/2012	Because they provide a major access to learning for every member of our local society.
8146	7/10/2012	Quality of life through knowledge, information and entertainment. Felt the same when I was a kid. Always loved books, they are a refuge.
8147	7/10/2012	I use the library for a combination of education, entertainment, and career resources. The extent of material I can find at the library is beyond anything I would be able to track down and afford on my own. When I was between homes and without internet and a printer, I would use the library's computers to look for housing and print off resumes.
8148	7/10/2012	Eliminate Ignorance.
8149	7/10/2012	I pay what I consider to be a considerable amount of money to the mult. co. libraries through taxes, and I use the library all the time so I feel like I am getting my money's worth, which is good. I use the library more than any other local public service as well. I'd hate to see the quality of the local library system start to slip, then I wouldn't feel that I was getting my money's worth.
8150	7/10/2012	Reading is a key to knowledge.
8151	7/10/2012	resources for school aged children, entertainment, computer access,
8152	7/10/2012	I enjoy checking out books and videos. I'm a taxpayer and that is where part of my money goes.
8153	7/10/2012	Freedom of information and a communal space for learning.
8154	7/10/2012	Other public services seem more important - particularly health care services.
8155	7/10/2012	I value knowledge, words, books, new experiences, media, etc that is available to all, not just elites.
8156	7/10/2012	I value having so much information, literature and media so readily accessible.
8157	7/10/2012	Alot of different things are utilized. Possibly people using the computers for access to other public services to see where they can volunteer or where they can get help.
8158	7/10/2012	Reading enriches my life and keeps me informed and my mind growing.
8159	7/10/2012	The library is a constant feature in my life, whether I'm searching for a job (unemployed, on food-stamps, and struggling to make rent), looking for a new book (I dislike reading books based on others' reviews, and prefer to pick up, hold, and examine books before reading them), or finding other like-minded individuals (book clubs, other readers).
8160	7/10/2012	I feel the library is very important for my family with two young children. Access to books and information and programs that help them learn to love to read and love learning are key. In a world of limited resources, I'm not sure how to compare the importance of library funding to other things like police, fire fighters, public schools, parks and rec, etc...these things are all key to a livable, vibrant community.
8161	7/10/2012	Abreast with current events
8162	7/10/2012	The library is the equalizer. It encourages literacy, education, entertainment, and growth for all people in the community in an equitable way.

8163	7/10/2012	Becasue the library has become the community gathering place for connection with the broader world.
8164	7/10/2012	We use regularly to supplement education
8165	7/10/2012	I would not have survived childhood without the support of libraries. Today, the library is my primary source for Internet. It's almost impossible to conduct everyday life without access to Internet.
8166	7/10/2012	I order books for pick up at our local library
8167	7/10/2012	They are a positive influence on the future.
8168	7/10/2012	Provides important resources to community in numerous ways: Education, information, service, jobs, community connections, technology resources, resources for youth and elderly, and more... Where will the children of this generation truly learn about "books" as they should be. Going to the library, searching for just the right book, attending a program, learning how to use the card catalog, seeing a world of information that was here long before computers, I pads, etc.
8169	7/10/2012	Libraries provide unique resources and another vehicle for education. Education can help bring people out of poverty.
8170	7/10/2012	I personally don't use it much, but having the facilities is important to me. However, it doesn't compare to things like electricity, water, garbage, police, fire, medical...
8171	7/10/2012	The library is utilized beautifully in our city. Its use and services could be improved magnificently, still. We are a city of dreamers, and we will continue to dream big for our libraries, as they function to educate, broaden, connect, and expand our community. The library represents equal access to knowledge and learning. The reality is bigger, as people literally come to the library to see other people, learn together, take a load off, warm up, cool off, read and play with their children, and so on. There are so many people in need of this and more, we cannot afford to let the library branches slip.
8172	7/10/2012	
8173	7/10/2012	The library is a hub for the commmunity--educationally, and socially.
8174	7/10/2012	School aged kids need a resource for book reports and other projects, just as we did as kids.
8175	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time
8176	7/10/2012	they fill a need for information
8177	7/10/2012	exreamly good source of reading material
8178	7/10/2012	Educated communities are healthy communities.
8179	7/10/2012	Other services such as police, fire-fighters, road maintenance, and schools are "very important" but the library is also pretty vital as well so I ranked it next highest to those, so I ranked it as "somewhat important".
8180	7/10/2012	It is very important to me. I lost my job three years ago and had to stop buying books and tapes.
8181	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading a good book.

8182	7/10/2012	The internet is replacing the reason for having libraries. Offering many other services to sustain the usefulness of the library is recognition that it is a limited time entity. Having a few well stocked libraries will always be important, but not having one in every community will be supplanted by the tablet and other intelligent devices capable of delivering all the books and information anyone could ever want.
8183	7/10/2012	As this recession continues, I use the library as a main source of entertainment. But also people must realize that an employed and educated Portland is tantamount to its success as a city in the future. This library educates people not only with books and media but with their programs as well. And given the fact that Oregon has no idea of the importance of funding education and funding jobs programs, they should at least fund the library so people can have a secondary source of educational programs for their children and a source of assistance in finding employment.
8184	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot and want this community resource to be maintained and available for kids coming up. Reading is foundational to success and self esteem. Buying books is not an option in these economic times. Libraries are a positive alternative to people of all ages in our community for learning throughout our entire lives. Some of my earliest memories are going to the public library with my mom and in turn taking my daughters to the library. My mom is 78 years old and moving to Portland. She spends a lot of her fixed income on books where she lives now. I am hoping to share our wonderful libraries here in Portland with her. I am a home owner in Multnomah county.
8185	7/10/2012	My family and many others I know use the services there all the time.
8186	7/10/2012	accessibility
8187	7/10/2012	Libraries offer so much to so many.
8188	7/10/2012	An educated citizenry is essential to democracy.
8189	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly to check out books, cds, dvds, etc. If I need internet access on the go, I can use it there. It's a safe place to stop in if I need to collect my thoughts.
8190	7/10/2012	because i said so.
8191	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot but I can't say it's more important than other public services.
8192	7/10/2012	To me libraries are right up there with clean water and fast emergency response. They are a safe place & given the drastic economic contrasts in our region, one of the few free, readily accessible ways for people to supplement their education & learn new skills
8193	7/10/2012	Equal access to information is critical
8194	7/10/2012	I have young children (9 month olds) - would love for them to love books and use public resources.
8195	7/10/2012	Because they provide a free service to people that otherwise would not have access to necessary materials. Libraries keep our communities strong and healthy!
8196	7/10/2012	We use it.....and so do difficult to reach family members we are disadvantaged.
8197	7/10/2012	Libraries are the source of publically available knowledge of all kinds for all people.

8198	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently. It is one of the few things I feel that I get for my tax money that applies to me
8199	7/10/2012	A library is the focus of public knowledge in a city/town. While the internet may provide lots of information, having the hard copy and resources a library provides is essential.
8200	7/10/2012	The library allows people to educate themselves for free. The library provides access to services (like internet) that people otherwise might not be able to afford. The library provides shelter and a safe quiet space for some of our more vulnerable citizens. The library is a community gathering space. Free books! What could be better?
8201	7/10/2012	education and knowledge are important to the community; reading is an encouraging activity to enhance people's lives and develop creativity and knowledge base for public and private decisions
8202	7/10/2012	They are a great resource that we use frequently.
8203	7/10/2012	The library is very important to keep going, but other local public services like road repair service or schools are more essential.
8204	7/10/2012	it is foundational for learning and keeping informed on topics that impact communities on a larger scale.
8205	7/10/2012	The Portland library has been a bastion of community culture for us since we moved here four years ago. Before that, our local libraries in Washington provided the same enclave for our needs.
8206	7/10/2012	Very important. The library is a place where low income people can access information that they otherwise would not have available.
8207	7/10/2012	I don't use it that much, but more than other local public services.
8208	7/10/2012	I go to the library nearly every day; it's something I can afford to do every day because it's free! That's pretty rare-- most things I want to do cost money and so I have to feel guilty about doing them or not do them as often, etc. Besides that, I love reading and books and feeling like I can order on hold nearly any book I find out about that I want to read is an amazing feeling. I could never afford to buy books I just want to read once, but the library provides... if I hear about a book on NPR or the Daily Show or something like that, it's a great feeling knowing that I can follow up on that interest and put it on hold and be reading it soon. It's also great that I can have access to JSTOR and other research stuff through MultCo because I am no longer in school and don't work in academia, and without the library I would feel very cut off from that world. Instead I feel like I've almost got the best of both worlds and can do work and research I feel is important without being beholden to academia or a job.
8209	7/10/2012	Reading makes a difference in society.
8210	7/10/2012	We love to read and value books. It's important to us that books are available to us and other people of our community. It's a great meeting place.
8211	7/10/2012	just are.
8212	7/10/2012	I read.

8213	7/10/2012	I use the library a great deal.
8214	7/10/2012	The library is important, but many public services are more important (eg. all county dept of human services and public safety are essential to the community).
8215	7/10/2012	I am a low-income senior who relies on the library for up to date reading and staying up with the national debate, I formerly worked as a bookseller but can no longer afford to buy books. Before that I was a teacher, books have always been in my life. Last fall I had cataract surgery (it went fine) I worried for two months that I wouldn't be able to read, now it's better than before! Category is not suit my need. They are important, but other services are also important and could be a safety problem. Lots of things are important public services. Mental Health care is a huge need. Food Banks are in terrible need. Some roads and bridges are in very bad shape. The libraries are very important to the learning population. Those in school and pre-school. Shut the local ones to 5-6 days, and leave Central open 7 days, if that saves money. People can plan ahead and work the schedule in. I was at the library yesterday and it opened at 11, not 10. It was 10:15. I was disappointed to not be able to get new books. I is not a tragedy. But consistency helps be able to make those trips work, when trying to save gas and organize trips thoughtfully.
8216	7/10/2012	
8217	7/10/2012	I love information. I like free books. They are always a great community resource.
8218	7/10/2012	n/a
8219	7/10/2012	Use of services
8220	7/10/2012	Because a civic society should have a pool of educational resources to share.
8221	7/10/2012	knowledge is key
8222	7/10/2012	Accessible information - and it's free! As a resource that everyone in the community can access, the library is a very valuable asset. Not only can people check out materials, but for many, including the women in the shelter that I work at, that is how they access internet and computers for school, homework, employment searches, etc.
8223	7/10/2012	
8224	7/10/2012	Allow all citizens to have incredible access to materials and information that they would either not have access to at all or would have to pay for on their own. I can't afford internet fees all the time and everything is done on computer these days, the library is the only way I can access services sometimes, I also can't afford to buy books or the gizmos to read them on so hard copies are my only way to continue to read
8225	7/10/2012	
8226	7/10/2012	The library is the place where one finds resources to many different avenues to improve one's life
8227	7/10/2012	What else are we without education?
8228	7/10/2012	A free people need to read
8229	7/10/2012	Without libraries the gulf between rich and poor only grows larger. Libraries are more important than schools
8230	7/10/2012	I check out about 4 books a week. I am able to get new books, fiction and non-fiction, on the Lucky Day shelves and the New Books shelf. I also buy books at Powell's when I don't want to take pot luck.

8231	7/10/2012	I value education.
8232	7/10/2012	the story times for children are a rare, free entertainment for my daughter!
8233	7/10/2012	Over time the computer and other devices have made the library less important to my partner and me. We can't afford all these services anymore. It's an era of take backs for sure. I wish we could have the luxury of all branches being open, but I think the library should only have half the branches it has now. I know it's important for children to learn to read, but I think parents and other family members need to make that happen.
8234	7/10/2012	It is important to me to be able to have access to books that I do not own and want to read. I am part of a book group and often go to the library to get each month's book. It is also a good place for me to expose my daughter to books and everything wonderful about them.
8235	7/10/2012	very important
8236	7/10/2012	They encourage scholarship and provide valuable resources to the people in the community that may not have an alternative.
8237	7/10/2012	The idea of a tax-funded library system is much more easily justifiable than the idea of a tax funded transit system. Keep the libraries, but fund only the essential parts of them (upkeep and utilities, librarian salaries, and new material acquisitions).
8238	7/10/2012	N/A
8239	7/10/2012	Extremely.
8240	7/10/2012	Access to free information and entertainment
8241	7/10/2012	when I want to check on something the library has the best resources
8242	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader on a limited budget and approaching retirement which will limit it even further. I would be lost without my library!
8243	7/10/2012	The library is a great resource, especially for the underprivileged, which includes me.
8244	7/10/2012	They are AS important as other local public services. This answer should be an option for question 7,which it is not.
8245	7/10/2012	A big reason is that today, you almost NEED a computer to access many services and job opportunities. Libraries provide this for those without access. And of course, libraries' traditional role as a place for BOOKS is sorely needed in our fast-paced digital culture. Reading books can enhance critical thinking, and critical thinkers can build better and more functional communities. ¶ I think Multnomah County libraries do a great job of balancing these potentially discordant goals.
8246	7/10/2012	Libraries give the ability for finically disadvantaged people access to resources that they could not otherwise use.

8247	7/10/2012	Because they are the future, they build in a positive way in people's lives. Actually, for instance, I don't personally need activities and materials for learning English, but some do. If people can't access this opportunity, they will get frustrated and perhaps engage in negative activities. Then we will all suffer. The library isn't about short term solutions, but long term solutions, positive activities, education. We can't afford to let this resource be weakened, even for short term needs like safety. This is a resource that goes a long way to channel energy in positive directions.
8248	7/10/2012	Language and literacy are key to a functioning democracy.
8249	7/10/2012	Education and public safety are far more important in the best of times, and our economic conditions make it even more imperative to set priorities for tax increases, whether for operating or capital expenditures.
8250	7/10/2012	Because i feel like im connected to my community and the world using my library! plus it feels like christmas when i get to go pick up my holds! :)
8251	7/10/2012	Not only a source of information and entertainment, but also a neighborhood and community resource.
8252	7/10/2012	I love being able to check out books on a regular basis. I used it immensely as a teacher but continue to use it almost weekly for my own pleasure and learning. It also helps me save money by checking books out rather than purchasing them. [] I would police and fire protection above the library.
8253	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time. I don't know what we'd do with out it. We wouldn't have the variety of books available for my kids to read and I'm sure they would love reading as much as they do if we didn't. I also use the library for reading books and also for cooking, crafting, sewing. So many things!
8254	7/10/2012	Because they give me access to learning. As a child, I spent the summers learning by checking out books at the library and I continue to do that today. The fact that it is free encourages kids to actually go to the library and learn instead of other, less productive activities.
8255	7/10/2012	I have other options to securing books and others services
8256	7/10/2012	It is nice to have the library available from time to time. Lots of other resources to get books.
8257	7/10/2012	They indicate the value a community places on knowledge and education.
8258	7/10/2012	Some of the more specialized services, police, firefighters, and medical personal have an importance that cannot be replaced by the library. However, some of their knowledge can be obtained at the library and other information that can keep our socity living, growing and developing is available only at the library.
8259	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power and life long learning makes better community members. In this day and age, we have only limited places for civic engagement, which is a critical component of maintaining a functional democracy. We vote at our library and get informed there on the issues. Where else will we and our neighbors be able to do this?

8260	7/10/2012	Emergency services - fire, police, ambulance, while not as frequently used by myself are more important because when I have needed them they are vital. I appreciate and use the library much more than many of the social welfare programs and the excessive public transportation system so I rank it higher than those programs.
8261	7/10/2012	Libraries connect me with the world.
8262	7/10/2012	I read a lot and could not afford to buy the number of books I read.
8263	7/10/2012	Provides a place for people to go for free services/information that they may otherwise not have access to if they have to pay for the services.
8264	7/10/2012	Because they give access to computers, books, and other tools for everyone in the community, not just those who can buy them personally. They are the core of our cultural access, and EVERYONE needs to have access!
8265	7/10/2012	Public Library provides access to knowledge to me and everybody in the community regardless of age and income. It's the major sources for reading material for children, which helps boost their ability to read, write, listen and to promote their ability to learn and work in the society.
8266	7/10/2012	Portland already has lots of resources, and especially on the Internet. More books, even textbooks are going online, so libraries need to keep up with this trend, and choose to use resources wisely.
8267	7/10/2012	I can live with pot-holed roads, garbage collection only once a week, dimmer street lights, etc., as long as I have my reading materials. Books take you to another dimension no matter how troubled your life might be, no matter your environment. Without books, the smoothest streets in the city would mean nothing.
8268	7/10/2012	provides opportunity to large variety educational
8269	7/10/2012	local library services are of that level of importance to me because the library can be used as an excellent source to research education, hobbies, careers, volunteerism etc.
8270	7/10/2012	previous answer (no. 6?)
8271	7/10/2012	Free access to information is critical. Libraries educate the public - Portland needs educated citizens.
8272	7/10/2012	I need to print copies off a computer and I don't have a printer that works at home.
8273	7/10/2012	Literacy is key to success and education for all.
8274	7/10/2012	We need informed citizens
8275	7/10/2012	very important
8276	7/10/2012	I'm a compulsive reader!
8277	7/10/2012	Depends on what other local services you are thinking of.
8278	7/10/2012	We don't have a ton of money. We get nearly all of our reading material through the library - for our whole family. Two adults, two toddlers. We like the community aspect, classes, that all kinds of people can use the library. We like that the librarians will help us find whatever we are looking for - and that there is a community bulletin board, etc that seems to be a central place to post and seek information important to our community.

8279	7/10/2012	They provide a unique service in the community and offer resources that are not available anywhere else. The library enhances community and enables literacy.
8280	7/10/2012	I could use a different library, it would not be nearly as easy to access as the neighborhood one. But if push came to shove.
8281	7/10/2012	Free and affordable access to information via literature and media for all citizens independent of class and circumstance is a right and a necessity.
8282	7/10/2012	Education, language skill, access to reference materials is vital to being an informed citizen.
8283	7/10/2012	Because how are we going to pay for it? Multnomah County's taxes are way too high as is and you are driving out the very people who have the means of supporting public services by raising property taxes to support of all this stuff
8284	7/10/2012	The library is essential to making readers. It is the place that develops a love of books and a place to go for all readers. Free libraries are a core feature of a civilized society. Having said that, it is simply the books and the building that are core services for our society. My summer reading programs (sponsored by the library) were fairly simple affairs--a booklet for one to write down the titles read and gold stars applied at the end of the summer. I think that sticking to the core mission of allowing access to free print and electronic media at times convenient to the end users is your mandate.
8285	7/10/2012	Many people cannot afford any other form of information, entertainment and communication. The libraries are pivotal to any community for access to all of the above. Appreciation of the Arts sometimes can ONLY be afforded at the libraries.
8286	7/10/2012	You cannot survive without access to books.
8287	7/10/2012	Very important!!
8288	7/10/2012	Though public safety is rated higher such as police and fire, library and education is ranked second but is still very important
8289	7/10/2012	I utilize the library frequently to check out books for myself and my children. My children wouldn't have the same exposure to so many books if it were not for the library. I feel that the library supports literacy which impacts children's education and their future.
8290	7/10/2012	I think the libraries in Portland are a wonderful community resource. They have become gathering places for people, as well as providing educational resources.
8291	7/10/2012	It is a resource that the majority can and do use that do not use any other county services.
8292	7/10/2012	They provide a great number of free resources to people that would not necessarily have them otherwise
8293	7/10/2012	Access to information is critical, access to computers, and all of the library services are one of the best parts of the commons.
8294	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to reading materials and computers. With the economical hard times, people who can't afford to buy books and magazines must use libraries.
8295	7/10/2012	Local libraries contribute to the community through their programs.

8296	7/10/2012	Libraries are a part of the community's ability to learn, have culture, have togetherness. It is a place where any and all can come for knowledge and culture on equal footing. It's a crucial public service to the health and development of the community.
8297	7/10/2012	I used them when my daughter was young, and it was an invaluable resource to give her access to the amount, and range of books that I could never purchase for her. We use the library all the time. I take out books, CDs, and music. Portland libraries are lovely and they are places I go to when I have an hour to spare and want to relax and read a magazine or check out the new offerings. They are a big part of the quality of life of this city for me.
8298	7/10/2012	Widely used libraries are a sign of a healthy neighborhood. They provide access to a wide range of resources that otherwise might not be available to many people. They provide value-added programs for all age groups and enhance reading skills.
8299	7/10/2012	Libraries, a historically unique center of a community, have always offered great resources equally to all people, often material or services that would not be available as easily otherwise.
8300	7/10/2012	I use the library more than any other public service.
8301	7/10/2012	I believe in providing knowledge resources to those who don't have access to books or computers of their own.
8302	7/10/2012	The worse the economy gets, the more people need the library for resources of all kinds.
8303	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently
8304	7/10/2012	how else would I be knowledgeable and well-informed
8305	7/10/2012	I depend on the library a great deal as a source of materials to stimulate me, inform me, entertain me, and inspire me. It is a source of great wealth and enhancement to my life. This survey is one of the most unprofessional I have ever come across. If one is trying to obtain information from a sample, it needs to follow the rules of surveying/questionnaires.[]
8306	7/10/2012	[] About which public services are you comparing? Why aren't there choices? This question is dependent on which public services the respondent thinks of.
8307	7/10/2012	Fill a unique niche in providing reading materials, books, music, etc.
8308	7/10/2012	We actually use these services so apart from fire and ambulance type services we actually benefit from this type of program...
8309	7/10/2012	A democracy cannot survive without access to information
8310	7/10/2012	All children should be taught the importance of a good book and encouraged to utilize the library and its resources to as full of an extent as possible.
8311	7/10/2012	It is valuable to me mostly for entertainment purposes. We have a lot of books at home and the library books are great, but just extras. I would be really disappointed if they were suddenly not available, but it is not a critical issue. I also feel the library is mostly used by people who already like to read more than really doing much to help encourage non-readers or to teach people to read.

8312	7/10/2012	environmentally sound and community oriented business model. Sharing resources such as books makes a lot of sense seeing that most people only read a book about one time. I also think that it is important to have educational materials free for anyone willing to put the effort into reading it.
8313	7/10/2012	The library is such a community thing. I ride my bike to the library and its awesome to walk out with three new books or a vacation week. I love seeing all the people in there accessing the computers for jobs, school work and more. ¶ The library is always filled with people from little ones to adults, groups of teens and the elderly. Its free to everyone and more people should take advantage of it. Little kids read so many books at a time, it would be so expensive to try and buy those.
8314	7/10/2012	There are a lot of public resources (fire/police/schools) but the libraries and parks are the places where I feel most like a participant in a big public project (the project being the City of Portland). Our library is one of the great public meeting halls, and I love to see the different services for the different parts of our citizenry (i.e. books in Vietnamese, large-print books for old people, kids' books etc).¶ ¶ Also I love to read and watch movies, and you guys keep me from spending my last dollars at Powell's and Movie Madness.¶ ¶ Finally, I don't use the library as a job-hunting resource or as a center for my grandparents or my children, but I really appreciate that those community services are there for other people.
8315	7/10/2012	Because we all need to have access to opportunities to stimulate our minds
8316	7/10/2012	they provide a great space for community activities, act as an equalizer for people in portland that can't afford to buy books, internet access, etc. the multnomah county system is so easy to use, i am able to get access almost any books, music, movies that i am interested in.
8317	7/10/2012	It give access to educational resources for all
8318	7/10/2012	Books, reading, and literacy are of extremely high value to me.
8319	7/10/2012	-
8320	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly and have always valued it. I think it's important to keep educational resources open for everyone. The library also helps the environment by creating an eco-friendly system for books and other media to be reused. In addition it helps me save money by not acquiring books that I'll only read once.
8321	7/10/2012	Maintain a stimulated mind on a limited budget.
8322	7/10/2012	An educated citizenry is vital to the functioning of a democracy. Information is available on the internet, but it's too easy to be distracted by games, etc. And books from over the centuries might be available on-line, but that's not a "user-friendly" way to read, so we lose our past wisdom.

8323	7/10/2012	use of the library is as important as any municipal service. police and fire are just a step more important because of the emergency nature of the service.
8324	7/10/2012	Without libraries people would have no recourse for books and learning if they did not have money to purchase them else where. Having no income right now the library is the only place accessible to me.
8325	7/10/2012	I believe they are very important because children (ages 12&under) need something to do during there free time and with the library having so many activities available I believe these children will end up on the right track instead of turning to gangs and other things. The library has many resources to help many people of all ages.
8326	7/10/2012	Libraries are an educational tool not only for students, but for all ages. Other local public services do not serve an educational purpose.
8327	7/10/2012	The library at college is much more relevant, it is open when I need access, and there are no little kids running around or dominating the use of floor space and resources. More computers, movies, and equipment are available. I think parks and campgrounds are more important than libraries. The Public libraries seem more and more to be a babysitting service for kids rather than a resource for serious, quiet study and pursuit of information.
8328	7/10/2012	Library services I happily pay for, not only for whatever use I make of them but because I firmly believe that a large segment of county residents reap many benefits from them. It would be nice, however, to have hard data--qualitative and quantitative to support my view. The main library is almost crowded when I have been there in the last few years.
8329	7/10/2012	Libraries are the cradle of Civilization, and although quite recently the definitions have been distorted through the method of thinking, that "everything" is simply at our fingertips, what is actually at our fingertips has the ability to be vetted and distorted information.. Public Libraries simply need to be around, like staff at the emergency ward, regardless of how much money they drain, or how many folks choose to read physical books from decade to decade.. We place their importance relative to how much we want our Civilization to remain standing..
8330	7/10/2012	I am a huge supporter of libraries and the programs they offer but when weighed against other public programs such as schools and health clinics, I have to rank libraries a bit lower.
8331	7/10/2012	I use the library constantly. It is a source for public knowledge and self betterment, and a place where one can continue to learn and enjoy things beyond formal education. My three year old daughter loves story time. I love to read and to look at magazines and local periodicals, have access to music, etc.
8332	7/10/2012	just below public safety organizations. Police and Fire. Library's rank next with schools.
8333	7/10/2012	I'm a big reader. But...I also don't feel safe in Portland and therefore think the police are more important. And...fire services are important too.

8334	7/10/2012	Books and media are central to my life. Libraries are fundamental to our culture and must be strengthened to maintain a democratic society.
8335	7/10/2012	Because they give me access to the instruments by which I learn and live.
8336	7/10/2012	Easy and inexpensive access to materials related to music - scores, audio recordings, video recordings, reference books, academic material - is essential to my career as a freelance musician. The library provides this access.
8337	7/10/2012	With the current popularity of eReaders and internet use, we need out libraries more than ever for those who do not have access to books and research information. A large number of people cannot afford a Kindle or a Nook, many do not have internet access at home. Without the libraries, these folks would suffer.
8338	7/10/2012	Six days a week is plenty to be open, and we don't need programs for kids, seniors, etc. It's a library for Chrissakes. Lend books and materials, and leave other services for organizations better equipped and funded to do them. I notice that on question (you don't give the option to decrease the levy. This is fucking disingenuous to say the least. I got this far only to see that you are dishonest on your survey.
8339	7/10/2012	I most always look online these days to find what I would have gone to a library for in the past. More and more resources are going online and are easier and faster to access than by making a trip to the library.
8340	7/10/2012	All citizens should have access to information and education. Literacy is the foremost important tool in raising a good, caring, informed person, and the library promotes literacy. That is one of its primary public services.[] [] Literacy is tied to personal development, opportunity, and enlightenment.
8341	7/10/2012	They provide resources and fight ignorance in the community. Libraries also strengthen my sense of community.
8342	7/10/2012	What is more important than educating and inspiring the citizens of our communities and nation?
8343	7/10/2012	provides community. provides resources for those who can't afford. introduces positive literacy skills/education for little kids. helps to develop healthy reading habits & love of learning.
8344	7/10/2012	Health and safety comes first.
8345	7/10/2012	Because they provide reading support and instruction from the earliest of years. A motivated person can supplement their education so much at their local library. It, along with free education, is the greatest contribution to a thinking society we have.
8346	7/10/2012	I read. I am curious. I seek information.
8347	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently and my daughter uses it even more than I do. My wife uses it several times a year. We love having access to the books, DVDs and CDs. We love it when the library purchases the latest materials and makes them available to the public.

8348	7/10/2012	utmost importance. Without access to the library i would not have been able to find my current employment and may have been very well homeless. PLEASE KEEP THE LIBRARY OPEN. i am not the only person who depends on the library. It is a necessity in my life, not an option but a need. please take heed to the needs of the people and the education of the youth.
8349	7/10/2012	I would be happy to rank the services if I had a list.
8350	7/10/2012	THE LIBRARY IS THE BACKBONE OF EVERY COMMUNITY AND I LOVE HAVING ACCESS TO THE WORLD THROUGH OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY SYSTEM.
8351	7/10/2012	Because most of the materials in the library are older and not up to date. Now one does not have to go to the library to read or conduct research. One can do that at home or in the office.
8352	7/10/2012	Because I believe reading is a staple for a happy, thinking society.
8353	7/10/2012	Vital services such and police and fire are of the upmost importance.....libraries are important for people that don't have the resources such as a computer to job search ect, or the money to purchase books in a store.
8354	7/10/2012	information, literature, knowledge are the foundation of a real civilization
8355	7/10/2012	Frequent access
8356	7/10/2012	Provides a service that is avaiable to all regardless of age or handicaps
8357	7/10/2012	Our local library is not only a place to obtain reading material and encourage our children to read and research, but it is a community hub -- a place where you bump into neighbors, where political issues are discussed, where kids raise funds for local groups.
8358	7/10/2012	People need access to media and resources for work, school, and personal fulfillment.
8359	7/10/2012	As an ESL teacher, I frequently send my students to library to check out books and use the computers. For most of them, the library is the only place where they can get free books, computer classes, and access to printers. Furthermore, the library connects them to community in a way that no other place does.
8360	7/10/2012	provides all community members with access to books, computers, etc. and act as central point in the neighborhood
8361	7/10/2012	A teacher once said to me "First you learn to read - then you read to learn"! To be an educated and well rounded society we must have easy access to reading, media and technology at all ages.
8362	7/10/2012	I am using the library more than ever and enjoying the dept of its resources.
8363	7/10/2012	Libraries offer all of us the chance to learn, grow, meet, and interact.

8364	7/10/2012	Our family uses our local library branch often because we all love to read and we've been enjoying the extensive selection of dvd's available to check out. We don't watch tv regularly so don't subscribe to cable programs; we have been able to access A&E productions and the whole range of BBC dramas not always broadcast in the U.S. Vibrant libraries create a vibrant community and vice versa. My daughter has participated in the summer reading program for years and likes connecting with other students her age through writing competitions sponsored by the library system. As a very young child, she also used to enjoy being with other small children and listening to stories read aloud. Both my husband and I turn to the library for professional research occasionally and appreciate that our community at large is willing to support such a strong library system. I wish there were a solution to the indigents that hang out at the Central branch - I know everyone has a right to access our libraries but some of these people smell really bad!
8365	7/10/2012	Everyone has access and there is a broad diversity in types of service.
8366	7/10/2012	Everyone can use library services
8367	7/10/2012	Because I am very poor and couldn't afford to pay for the services otherwise.
8368	7/10/2012	Public access to information and education is one of the most important public services for our community.
8369	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy new books, music, and DVDs consistently, so I rely on the library for my media consumption. As a nanny, I frequent the library's programs for children and the kids I care for love them--these programs, including the summer reading program, have inspired an invaluable love of reading in the kids.
8370	7/10/2012	Reading is part of daily life. I could not afford to read such varied materials as I do without the library.
8371	7/10/2012	Because I love to read! Libraries are key for democratic access to information and learning. They are one of the last great socialist pillars of community and equality.
8372	7/10/2012	The Hollywood branch serves a major need on my part, to include assistance from a friendly, savvy staff!
8373	7/10/2012	Because it provides a numbers of services to the full array of the population. We have so little left in terms of government funded social supports in this country. We need libraries to continue to support the intellectual growth of the community.
8374	7/10/2012	Having a library as a resource is highly important. The library is a system that enables everyone to have access to all types of information. It broadens the mind, feeds the soul. There is no other feeling in the world like walking into a library and having access to all areas of knowledge. Walking into and using a library one absorbs centuries of brilliant works for various authors and feeds one into endless possibilities for the future.
8375	7/10/2012	They are very important because I have a young child who is learning to love reading and exploring books. He is so excited to go to the library!

8376	7/10/2012	Our family uses the library at least weekly, and rely on it for low-to-no cost entertainment, education and enrichment for ages 3-38. It's always a fun outing for everyone, and without this resource, our family would be worse off. The decreased hours have already impacted our use, sadly.
8377	7/10/2012	I like having FREE access to books, DVD's, newspapers & magazines and also the free limited computer use.
8378	7/10/2012	Our country's literacy/educational status is abysmal for a developed nation. We need to do everything we can to make it easy for people of all income levels to access information. Local libraries are also a community-building asset. I think a sense of community and community pride is important in deterring crimes and other social issues.
8379	7/10/2012	Because of the community services they provide, especially in helping to keep our youth literate and have an appreciation for our spoken and written language.
8380	7/10/2012	I value self improvement and curiosity. The library is a great resource for a curious mind.
8381	7/10/2012	They are important for me personally to be able to access books at no cost. I read books for pleasure and study and as part of a book club. I also check out how to books to teach myself computer skills so I can be more marketable in the workplace. I believe that libraries are fundamental for an educated, equitable democracy!
8382	7/10/2012	Because of what they provide to EVERYONE.
8383	7/10/2012	It's very important to me because the library is a place in which I can simply walk in and get what I need in a very friendly environment. Not all public services put me at such a level of ease and comfort.
8384	7/10/2012	I think that reading is a vital part to life. It lets people learn about other parts of the world, as well as providing recreational activities for young kids and teenagers. It provides them with an activity to keep them entertained and help them through out their schooling.
8385	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and access the computer and use some of the other available materials. The library is a calm, quiet place and the staff and other patrons are friendly. It is its own community.
8386	7/10/2012	In a modern, civilized society, library services are critical to provide free access to books, computers, etc. for those that can't afford it. As the gap between those that have too much, and those that have less and less, grows, these services are all the more critical. An educated society is a strong one.
8387	7/10/2012	It is the only place where I can borrow books for myself and my children, obtain media and not have to pay for them and they are institutions of knowledge that I want my children to understand and appreciate.
8388	7/10/2012	They are not emergency services, but they are quality of life.
8389	7/10/2012	It's the heart of community. It has a tremendous impact on my children's interest in reading.
8390	7/10/2012	I've worked for the Los Angeles County library system. When they have closed or reduced hours and days it affects the community.

8391	7/10/2012	Public services serve their own individual clients or types of clients. Everyone can use the library. There is no qualifying standard.
8392	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge is vital to a community, particularly those who don't have other means of access.
8393	7/10/2012	Information, quiet place to study,
8394	7/10/2012	They provide educational materials for the community along with programs that enrich the minds of our young people.
8395	7/10/2012	I don't use the actual library building that much, but I know many people who do and the only way they can get books to read is through the library. They depend on the library almost exclusively for their books.
8396	7/10/2012	Knowledge and reading are two of my top priorities. The local library services are very important because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children can have access to the library and learn many things starting at a very short age. - If children and young people are accustomed to use the library, they will be good students and better-educated persons.
8397	7/10/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our country needs educated people, and education start using the library at a short age - The more education and knowledge you have, the more freedom you get - Library services contribute to improve our spiritual live by providing us a huge amount of art materials. - In the future, The United States of America should be the world leader in technology and economy, and we need to support any action that tends to accomplish those goals for the benefits of generations to come. Supporting the library is an important action.
8398	7/10/2012	Knowledge, and access to it, are vital.
8399	7/10/2012	Free access to reading materials and other programs is an essential aspect of a functioning city.
8400	7/10/2012	I believe access to knowledge and learning is a cornerstone of an enriching society.
8401	7/10/2012	availability of reading books to me, a retired person.
8402	7/10/2012	I use the library often.
8403	7/10/2012	Literacy--which libraries encourage in many ways--is necessary to ensure an aware population that will vote based on adequate critical thinking and information.
8404	7/10/2012	police, fire, streets and other basic services need to be first. Libraries are very important but basic needs must be met first.
8405	7/10/2012	A great resource for education, research, job search and enrichment/entertainment.
8406	7/10/2012	The library is a staple in any community--a place where fun and learning take place. They are abundant resources and are no less needed than our parks. They provide access to books and media material that might not otherwise be available.

8407	7/10/2012	The future of our democracy depends on educated, well read, free thinkers. I respect Portland Police, I love Portland Fire and water sewer etc....but libraries have to be there.
8408	7/10/2012	Library services are important to a well educated community. Unfortunately there are many other services, that are essential to health and safety.
8409	7/10/2012	I have been chronically-ill for 15 years. During the worst times of my illness, I used the library services to pull me out of a funk, teach me, entertain me, get me out of the house, be a link when I could not get out of the house, & in many ways, save my life.
8410	7/10/2012	we need an educated population and libraries are a part of that education
8411	7/10/2012	They are a source of information.
8412	7/10/2012	The resources they provide, especially as things get more and more expensive it is great to have a good efficient library so we can borrow new materials and have services for kids, seniors and job seekers.
8413	7/10/2012	like to read, keep people education, keeps them off the streets
8414	7/10/2012	As a teacher I use the library to collect resources on a regular basis. The materials provided by Multnomah County Library are far superior to the ones at the school where I teach.
8415	7/10/2012	its something i use at least once a week for various reasons. access to information is very important
8416	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a service people cannot do on their own.
8417	7/10/2012	Provide opportunities to those who may not have other means to fulfill that opportunity.
8418	7/10/2012	I feel that the library is useful to everyone. Even if I don't use it to the fullest extent that I can, I know many others who do use it for computer time, keep up on current events, and read books, watch movies, or listen to music. The library was the place I would go to study or peruse new books when I was a child, so it was very much part of the experiences of my youth through college years.
8419	7/10/2012	Very important resource when I've had projects or wanted to know about new hobbies or needed a computer to print to when my home computer wasn't working or check out CDs and DVDs or books to read
8420	7/10/2012	Library services are important because more people would come there often.
8421	7/10/2012	The foundation of a free and democratic society depends upon the free exchange of information and ideas, as well as community hubs for thinking learning debate support exploration and play.
8422	7/10/2012	The library provides innumerable resources for the community. We are so fortunate to live in such a literate city such as Portland with access to such a comprehensive library system. Growing up my Mom was not wealthy raising two children, but our weekly trips to the library were a defining tradition of my childhood. I can say with certainty that access to a great library system helped shape who I am today. Enrolled in the dual MD/PhD program at OHSU with an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering, the local (Eugene, OR) library gave me a great headstart and sparked my lifelong love of reading, learning and libraries.

8423	7/10/2012	Portland should be proud to have the most-used library system in the U.S.; it says a lot about the value we place on education and general self-improvement. I have two school-age children, and they love to go to the library with me, and they love to read. I am so grateful for the free resources available. As a prolific reader, I have discovered some of my favorite books on the "recommended" shelf. The library represents the bounty of culture we are so fortunate to enjoy; I can't imagine my life without it.
8424	7/10/2012	I've used libraries all my life, I'm 62. I can remember my mom taking me to children's reading and sharing programs. I've used libraries for meeting and study rooms and places of solitude. Libraries are community enhancements like parks. But as important as that is, it is still below police, fire, schools, water, sewer and other community essentials that vie for our tax dollars.
8425	7/10/2012	Libraries are a source of knowledge that is available to anyone who wants it. Many cannot afford to buy books, and many don't want to pay the money when they can go check them out for free. They also provide reading programs to children who need it, who may not have the support they need at home. They provide students a quiet place to do homework with access to the internet for research purposes. Libraries are such a good source of information and knowledge and we need that in our society. If libraries disappear, then our sources are TV and the internet, and most people don't know how to properly filter the information they receive from these sources.
8426	7/10/2012	I had to choose somewhat important because you have to put it into context even though I think libraries are very important. But other services are crucial too - schools, parks and recreation, roads, fire, police, health department, garbage, street cleaning - so even though I think libraries are very important, in the context of budget cuts and the economy, they are an area that can be streamlined too when other crucial services are being asked to streamline.
8427	7/10/2012	High intrinsic value
8428	7/10/2012	Information technology is getting set aside in the public schools. We need to be a literate society and not all of us have access to the resources we need to do so. Our library system provides access to all.
8429	7/10/2012	Reading and research materials need to be accessible to all regardless of someone's income. Libraries are a way of keeping people in touch with the world and other people. Reading is a very necessary skill and libraries help promote this in the community.
8430	7/10/2012	The library is not only a source of books, but of important information. I want my daughter to know how to access both information and services. The library gives me access to things I don't even know about! It's awesome! Also, my neighbors (and many others, I suspect) do not have access to a good computer, fax, copy machine, etc, and the library is an excellent source. They are looking for jobs and the library has been very helpful.

8431	7/10/2012	I like being able to use the local library...I do not have a problem working around the hours that are now available. The internet makes everything easy to obtain, even if there is a price. Higher taxes are also a price to pay and I'm not sure I'm willing to pay more taxes. We are already being taxed to death in Oregon.
8432	7/10/2012	I use online a lot but want to know I'm part of a literary, educated population that cares about access to knowledge and freedom of information. Libraries are places of discovery for children and people of all ages.
8433	7/10/2012	We are avid readers (4 of us) and would spend a fortune on books if we had to purchase every one that we read. We also like to come to the library for study, to change the environment (brain studies show this is good for greater retention). When it is very hot out (love the A.C.) the library is much cooler than our house and during the long dreary winters we like to go to the library to get out and mingle with people. We also use the meeting rooms from time to time.
8434	7/10/2012	Please see my answer to the previous question.
8435	7/10/2012	very important
8436	7/10/2012	this is the only place my kids can go for free that is safe and educational in the summer. without it, they are often stuck at home
8437	7/10/2012	Education is important.
8438	7/10/2012	I am a teacher: I could not do my job without the public library. I am also a person, and my quality of life would be damaged greatly without the public library.
8439	7/10/2012	The. Resources
8440	7/10/2012	The library provides a service and fills a need that no other local public services do-they are an important partner to education which needs the library support. they are important places for children and seniors (a safe and predictable place that encourages reading and learning and seeing neighbors),and they support an historic heritage at a time wher many bookstores are closing.
8441	7/10/2012	for me and in my own personal opinion, the use of books have a different impact in the education level and the knowledge of a reader compared to that of reading it through internet. the interest level and the focus level of a person reading a book and inside the library gives a uplifting spirit.
8442	7/10/2012	i use the library every week to find books about my interests.....the next page is not working correctly...!!

8443	7/10/2012	Access to books and media encourages people to learn, broaden their experience (albeit vicariously), and provides research material. Cannot definitively rank this without knowing which public services are referenced in this question, Would like to think that an inexpensive form of entertainment would be found at the library; I have observed that the working poor do not realize this--the payoff from reading is far greater than the payoff from television or movies, video games, and other online pastimes, which do not encourage human interaction. It seems to me that a function of the County is to encourage community investment in human capital, for example encouraging library use, but I have observed that the people who would benefit most do not see a value in the library offerings.
8444	7/10/2012	They offer a community center for everyone that's free and safe and lets you borrow free material.
8445	7/10/2012	Free programs and books and entertainment. My entire family (including the 4 year old and 18 month old) loves the library & our librarians.
8446	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the key to our society's security.
8447	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a service that would be unaffordable to many people of all ages. The service is critical.
8448	7/10/2012	Reading is essential. Books should be in the hands of every baby, every child. If we limit access, there is a huge trickling effect. Knowledge is power.
8449	7/10/2012	Only thing I rank above is Police/Fire services, and schools. Libraries are important to me personally because they are my primary connection to the community, and an important resource for providing enrichment to myself and my son. Aside from being a place to check out books, they provide a lot of tertiary services that are incredibly useful and rarely available anywhere else.
8450	7/10/2012	It helps people to continue growing by reading, using internet access and learning other skills.
8451	7/10/2012	Nice for the community as a whole, but not as important as Police, Fire, utilities, etc.
8452	7/10/2012	Able to entertain and educate myself with free materials. Seniors on fixed income need this service.
8453	7/10/2012	They are (like parks and public transit) an unmitigated, (small d) democratic, public good. I would not be where I am today, with a graduate degree and a good job, without the access to books and resources I had at the public library when I was a child. It's purely anecdotal, I realize, but for me the library helped propel me out of the poverty with which my family was stricken.
8454	7/10/2012	Using Maslow's hierarchy of needs, I'd have to say utilities and services that provide for our basic needs are the most important, like water, sewage, maintaining the roads, etc. But as soon as we get into our psychological, intellectual, and spiritual welfare as a community, I think our local library services are very important for that.
8455	7/10/2012	They can teach how to study by yourself. that is very important.
8456	7/10/2012	Required for a working democracy.
8457	7/10/2012	They provide an information, learning, and entertainment resource for my family and I. It is also a community gathering place which is free and welcoming.

8458	7/10/2012	an important source for information
8459	7/10/2012	They provide access for the community to resources and knowledge we might not otherwise attain.
8460	7/10/2012	Because it saves me money that I would have to spend to buy books or rent videos.
8461	7/10/2012	Having information available in a variety of forms helps to build a knowledgeable citizenry and being able to borrow, rather than buy, reduces the demand on natural resources.
8462	7/10/2012	As I stated earlier I see our basic freedom of speech closely connected to the freedom of access of any and all materials for the continued education of the population. It is all about exposure to information. Library services are also an economical issue for me, as I will not buy a book that I can check out from the library.
8463	7/10/2012	The library is a great place to learn, meet up with people, and enjoy life.
8464	7/10/2012	I use it frequently and as a senior it is a good place to go an read, relax
8465	7/10/2012	Manypeople can't afford the services provided or buy new books
8466	7/10/2012	Extremely important. Libraries let me access a wealth of different materials that I can't normally access. It is also extremely imperative for my job search. I don't own a printer and go to the library to use the computers and print out resumes and such.
8467	7/10/2012	I think people need to have access to the computers, the books and magazines.
8468	7/10/2012	I personally have access to information through personal computer, ability to purchase books, etc but believe a good public library is important for a civilized society to encourage a level playing field for all,
8469	7/10/2012	Access to information is increasingly important in our society. Without libraries, that access will be increasingly dependent on one's income level, thus widening the gap between rich and poor and making it harder for poor and middle class to improve their situation.
8470	7/10/2012	The library has a unique role in cultivating community based on the exchange of ideas. Free public libraries are critical for an equitable and inclusive community.
8471	7/10/2012	My husband and I rely on the library for all our reading material. We don't purchase books - we check them out from the library. We also rely on the library for dvds to enjoy at home, as well as music cds. The library is also a great source for specific research related to travel, knitting and sewing, gardening, cooking, fitness, political topics. [] [] The Hollywood library allows us to enjoy all these things and still manage to stay within our financial means.
8472	7/10/2012	The library is not only a resource for people but something so much more....one could say a spiritual element. Its not only the repository of human knowledge but in essence the idea of what it means to be human.
8473	7/10/2012	This is a poorly written statement w/ no comparison or naming of "other local public services. Am I to compare the library to a bus, or sewer system? Really folks.
8474	7/10/2012	I go to the Library every week! I love the library.

8475	7/10/2012	Equals the playing field to some degree for people of lower incomes.
8476	7/10/2012	School funding is more important, key social services as well
8477	7/10/2012	They provide access to a lot of material that would otherwise be A) very expensive, B) hard to find, as well as access to community programs that would otherwise not be doable for a lot of people. Schools and universities and learning among generations would be lacking without the resources the library provides!
8478	7/10/2012	Libraries are a resource for a broad spectrum of citizens, for the reasons listed above. As a resident of Multnomah County, I want my neighbors to have access to the resources the library offers. Reading is essential for children and of great importance to adults.
8479	7/10/2012	VERY Important. I do not know if I would have passed many of my PCC classes without the comfortable place to study.
8480	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge extremely important. Not everyone can afford or access books any other way.
8481	7/10/2012	The library provides me with an endless amount of entertainment! I check out books, books on CD, and DVDs. And I love having all those wonderful items at my fingertips!
8482	7/10/2012	My kids are both active readers and check a lot of material out from the library. Also, the Internet has replaced some of the core functionality of libraries but still only works well for research when people are already grounded in the basic concepts found at a library; and not everyone is as fortunate as I am in having constant access to the Internet, either.
8483	7/10/2012	In a democratic society all people need to have access to information in order to make informed decisions. Libraries provide access to information for those who cannot afford internet access or are more comfortable with print. Further, the staff needs to be allowed to work full time jobs to become good librarians since they now need to deal with information in many forms. With the vast amount of research tools available having someone to direct people to the information is essential. Access and teaching people the way to access information is very important in keeping democracy from becoming simply what the easiest available media sources want.
8484	7/10/2012	It seems that the vast majority of my state and local taxes go toward supporting the needs of 'others' with no direct benefit to me. The library is something that I can personally use and appreciate. "Local public services" means to me street lights, fire dept., police dept., street cleaning..... []
8485	7/10/2012	The library provides information, entertainment, help to find employment, research of all kinds. Maybe we take these for granted; that is dangerous.
8486	7/10/2012	Reading is good and should be encouraged, but virtue lies in balancing ALL public services and not making an idol about any one of them.

8487	7/10/2012	Because its someplace to go where its quiet and it provides a since of security while your there reading or teaching you kids about reading. Nothing more important for anyone to learn besides reading. Number 1#
8488	7/10/2012	free dissemination of information to all citizens.
8489	7/10/2012	They provide a low-cost tool for parents, students, and everyone else who needs to research, read, or learn.
8490	7/10/2012	I am an educator and grew up working class. Families who can't afford books and computers shouldn't be left behind, and everyone deserves access to information if they want it.
8491	7/10/2012	There are other public services such as police and fire that are the most important.
8492	7/10/2012	I like to read but can find material other ways.
8493	7/10/2012	A great resource for all people regardless of age
8494	7/10/2012	I use the library ALL the time, to get books, dvds, cds, magazines, newspapers and occasionally use the internet I am VERY disappointed that we can no longer take old magazines out. WHY NOT??
8495	7/10/2012	A library is a community resource that allows people who don't have a lot of money to access reading materials and internet service. It makes sense to have books, magazines and other media as a shared resource, rather than assuming each person will buy their own.
8496	7/10/2012	I have no other way to access the microfilm library at OSU to read those old, no longer published, newspapers. Those old newspapers are a very important source for discovering local history and local political events from our early days.
8497	7/10/2012	Our family of four has 6 library cards (2 of which are educator cards). My husband and I are teachers in the Portland Metro area. We are constantly using databases for research, recommended booklists for our Talented and Gifted Children who need to be constantly challenged, and putting holds daily on materials for teaching and for our two school aged children. We are avid readers and are constantly looking for other materials for pleasure. We can walk or bike to our local Belmont branch and it is a source of pleasure for our kids to browse the shelves there. The website is the best and we use it almost daily!
8498	7/10/2012	When I was in graduate school, I had access to many current articles that required paid subscriptions for access; after I graduated, further reading and developments were not as easily accessible. Libraries fill this gap in information. Staff is also incredibly well versed in research options and tools for information, and computers simply have not caught up to the level of human to human communication for suggestions in research materials or avenues.
8499	7/10/2012	Reading is one of my greatest pleasures. My eye sight is not very good so I make use off large print books that are only available in the library.
8500	7/10/2012	I use library materials everyday and I visit either online or the brick and mortar at least once a week.

		Speaking personally, I do not have disposable income at a level that would enable me to read the variety of books or see the educational and hard to find films that enrich my life tremendously. I simply would not be able to buy the number of books I read and DVDs I watch. Without a library, I would not be able to learn about the variety of things I love to "dip" into -- geography, history, biography, much less fiction, which I love. I have been an avid reader since age 3 (thank you, Dr. Seuss!) and am now in my fifties. I am not at poverty level by any means, but books are expensive!! []
8501	7/10/2012	If I, a lifelong reader with a Masters degree, am able to get as much enrichment and value from the library as I do, I certainly know that there are those less educated and with even less disposable income, particularly children and teens, who just would not be reading at all if the library were not available. A love of books has to be cultivated, and it can't be cultivated well (in my opinion) unless a very wide variety of books from different time periods and subjects is freely available for browsing and in-depth reading. [] []
		I also know that not everyone can pay for Internet use at home, and offering Internet access to the public is a very important service. We live in an incredible rich and diverse world, and the avenues to learning about it must be open to everyone, not become an elite privilege that only the well-off can access.
8502	7/10/2012	In brief: they are "opt-in." Public schooling, for those of us who cannot afford private schools, is not an option (mandatory) but is built around the average: students outside the Bell Curve (developmentally delayed or too smart for institutional school) fall short.[] []
		Libraries were how I and my wife educated ourselves outside of public school, by personal choice. This is ideal, and again, not mandatory: it's mainly for people and their children who fall outside "the norm."
8503	7/10/2012	it's one of the only public services we use
8504	7/10/2012	I appreciate the library probably more than any other public service. I really appreciate the vast inventory and feel so lucky to live in Multnomah county, despite the high property taxes!
8505	7/10/2012	Selfishly, it is the public service I use the most, and that is why it is most important to me.
8506	7/10/2012	Libraries make me feel connected. They offer the world, and they allow me to bring that world into my home. Yes, computers are wonderful, but they are not the same as libraries.
8507	7/10/2012	Because I rarely buy books and never buy movies. I depend on my library for all of my reading material as well as movies and some CD's.[] I also feel the library is very important to the community, from the young to the old. Everyone takes advantage of the services offered. I remember weekly trips to the library when I was a child and the thrill of taking books out.
8508	7/10/2012	Have relied on and benefited from library resources all my life
8509	7/10/2012	Important for literacy of community & thus to all citizens for an educated population.
8510	7/10/2012	I am a low income person who loves books and reading and dvds and watching. These materials often make life worth living.

8511	7/10/2012	Because they are available to most everyone; they promote knowledge (knowledge is power). There are many of us that need the computer as we don't have access otherwise.[] E-books for those who can't read as well in old age.[]
8512	7/10/2012	Children need reading programs in order to become literate.[] Seniors need to read to keep from getting alzheimers.[] Education through research and reading is very important at all age levels.
8513	7/10/2012	Libraries are important to me because I can obtain information from there and be able to reliably evaluate the source. I use wikipedia with gratitude, but if I really need to do in-depth research, give me a print source from a respected publisher. Accessibility to textbooks that are too expensive to rent or purchase (for continuing education or general knowledge). Accessibility to books that cannot be purchased easily or affordably. The online system of search/hold/pickup at local branch is dead simple, saves me gas or bus money, brings me a world of knowledge and "escape" practically right to my doorstep. I don't use the computers but I see tons of people in my local branch that do - which is fantastic for folks who don't have/can't afford a computer for communication or learning.
8514	7/10/2012	
8515	7/10/2012	perhaps b/c i use the library so often. i was thrilled when i moved to portland, went in to the library, & was issued a card immediately. back home in indiana, the library card issue process felt like i was requesting a mortgage. The resources provided by well funded and staffed libraries fill a necessary gap in community services that aren't provided anywhere else, private or public. The various services are expansive and various and full a multitude of needs literacy, research services and resources, job and career educations and assistance, interlibrary loans for materials that are outside the budget of the library system, or are so rare as to be impractical for the library to have available locally, education resources on a multitude of levels, resources for business activities, children literacy activities, outreach for citizens who are unable to physically visit a branch, and a whole host of other resources. Where else can all these services be gathered and made available to the public? Libraries, by their very definition, are created and used by and for the people - a vital piece of community infrastructure. (And no, I don't work for the library or any other library system I'm just someone who sees how valuable their services are.)
8516	7/10/2012	
8517	7/10/2012	Local libraries are not as important as police and fire protection and potable drinking water. However, local library taxpayer benefits vs taxpayer costs is a real bargain.
8518	7/10/2012	Access to information is critical.
8519	7/10/2012	Without books and reading material, human culture and civilization would die.
8520	7/10/2012	I love to read, and it's important to me that my children love reading, too. Nothing makes them more excited about reading than a trip to the library, where they can pick out any book they want and it doesn't cost us anything. I think it's important that books be a free community resource.
8521	7/10/2012	Because I like to read!

8522	7/10/2012	Another avenue for learning. Enhances the community not unlike a park
8523	7/10/2012	to stay in touch
8524	7/10/2012	I love to read.
8525	7/10/2012	Number 3 after Police and Fire Protection
8526	7/10/2012	An educated populace is our very best and most important resource.
8527	7/10/2012	Information is important to the full function of a citizen. Books and media are an important source of that information
8528	7/10/2012	Local libraries support literacy in our community. They give underprivileged families an opportunity to read and explore books.
8529	7/10/2012	Libraries figured significantly in my personal growth, as well as the intellectual growth of my children.
8530	7/10/2012	As an elementary teacher, I am constantly accessing the library to improve my classroom program. As a citizen, it seems to me that libraries are one of the last places of true community. As a lifelong learner, libraries supply me with material to inform and entertain me!
8531	7/10/2012	i cant afford to buy books and other media, so the library is invaluable to me. i am also very aware of how my friends and neighbors also rely on it.
8532	7/10/2012	Reading is a quest for knowledge
8533	7/10/2012	Highest value, along with public roads, utilities, bridges, health care.
8534	7/10/2012	I only use it when my computer breaks down.
8535	7/10/2012	Because I believe that do a good job of changing with the times - library to go, freegal, the hold system, online access to resources. All methods of distributing information with reduced labor and infrastructure costs. [] [] My interest is more in stable funding than the level of funding. I'm not sure why the library district should be more expensive than the full funding levy.
8536	7/10/2012	I use the library for research for my job quite a bit - without it, I could not do many of the things I need to do.
8537	7/10/2012	Free reading materials should be available to every person. Not everyone can afford to purchase books.
8538	7/10/2012	The library is a wonderful resource for our community.
8539	7/10/2012	They're apples and oranges, you can't get a book out of a park.
8540	7/10/2012	As a constant source of new material and information.
8541	7/10/2012	The mind matters, and access to quality information and for many people their only access to the internet is crucial.
8542	7/10/2012	We read all the time and the library saves us thousands of dollars a month in books and other media we don't have to buy.

8543	7/10/2012	I am a life-long reader and learner and value the resources of the library. The library is also important for its role in improving literacy and language skills. It serves as a community meeting place and basically is one of the most important hubs in my neighborhood.
8544	7/10/2012	Access to free learning! Media that both entertains & educates about all facets of life! Computers & printers that keep people connected & help projects come to fruition.
8545	7/10/2012	Libraries provide education, access to information, and cultural and social contentment. I could never buy the books and DVDs that I get from the library.
8546	7/10/2012	Because I think all citizens in the community need access to information and ideas found in books and via the internet without having to own books or computers. I think the openness to all is important.
8547	7/10/2012	Reading and learning are fundamental human rights. Their importance to every other aspect of our lives as individuals, as a community, and as US and world citizens is incalculable.
8548	7/10/2012	1. we use the library more often than any other discretionary public good (counting community centers and parks. and excluding schools, transportation infrastructure, etc.) 2. libraries support and encourage literacy at every stage of life, which we value deeply 3. libraries are still the greatest repositories of knowledge that we have, and so serve an indispensable pedagogical and cultural function
8549	7/10/2012	So I can get free books
8550	7/10/2012	It's more important to live within the means. If the budget only allows so much, people can adapt to use library on a limited basis.
8551	7/10/2012	I don't use the library that often, but that's because I have other resources available to me. I have a lot of clients (I'm a therapist) who don't have many resources, and they use the library extensively for computer access, job search, education, children's and seniors' programs, and entertainment.
8552	7/10/2012	I think the public safety and parks programs are most important. But I really value not having to buy as many books as am able to read with the library. When I have not had access to a computer, even 1 hr/day has been a life saver.
8553	7/10/2012	reference
8554	7/10/2012	I think books are a vital part of our culture. For countless reasons. As a place for community, for learning, for imagination. Having free access to so much information and culture - to say nothing of the computer access, events, programs, exhibits. Especially for young children, I think the library is a vital part of the community.
8555	7/10/2012	To help fulfill an education void. Everyone should have access to tools to help them learn and grow.
8556	7/10/2012	Libraries are a resource for any person, regardless of their economic status.
8557	7/10/2012	While I don't have children I do believe in children's education programs in public libraries. They were a great impact on me and when I do have kids, I hope the programs are still around.

8558	7/10/2012	I'm lucky enough to have access to the internet at home which provides a lot of resources (even an additional connection to the library), but other people depend on libraries for these resources.
8559	7/10/2012	Libraries provide resource specialists to assist me when I need help finding, or more likely searching for specific information. They provide music, movies, books of all varieties, research materials and help in finding all of these things. and its FREE! That is a huge value.
8560	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy every book I want to read. I don't spend any time in the library; I simply go there to get books I've reserved on line and to return them. I don't need the library (or all of its branches) to be open every day.
8561	7/10/2012	I like the idea of having our tax money going to something that not only helps the community and me personally by providing us with a chance to loan books, CDs, DVDs, ebooks, etc., and also get help from the librarians about topics that I might be interested instead of buying books that I don't really want to own. It's also great to have a chance to see our youth having a place to go when they need a book. Livraries give them an opportunity to explore the world without physically leaving the state.
8562	7/10/2012	libraries are open to everyone regardless of what your economic status is.
8563	7/10/2012	I am a heavy user of books and media but I do not like to own "stuff" or waste resources. The concept of a library, which is a community sharing resources is fundamental to me. However, community infrastructure such as streets and safety do need to come first, or we don't have a community to share with.
8564	7/10/2012	Equal access to information is one of the requirements for functional democracy, and libraries provide that.
8565	7/10/2012	I use them to research for school, to print out assignments (as I do not have a printer at home), to check out books, and to participate in classes. Libraries are a big resource in many peoples' lives.
8566	7/10/2012	I think a solid library system conveys a sense of culture, literacy, and stability in and about a community. Not only does it serve the citizens, it is a marketing tool for a city. Who wants to live in a city without a library??
8567	7/10/2012	Education is the key to bettering your life.
8568	7/10/2012	Personally, I could not afford my own reading habits if I had to purchase books. From my observations, libraries have great value to others for computer access and programs. I believe all encouragement re reading and learning and research to be extremely important for individuals and communities. As it has been said, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance. We cannot afford more ignorance than already flourishes.

8569	7/10/2012	What a poorly designed survey! Are you asking if I would rather have a library than a fire department? Or a police department? Or have public roads fixed, or sewers cleaned? Which "local public services" exactly do you want to compare libraries to? This is a spurious question, and a distraction from the real issue which is how much money do the property owners of Multnomah County think they can afford to allocate to libraries in terms of the other public services that also need funding. This is NOT an "importance" question, and because it is not, it is impossible to answer. Libraries are important [period]. I care that there are library services in the world, not just for me, but for others.
8570	7/10/2012	I am retired and have little income.
8571	7/10/2012	People need a variety of ways to educate and better themselves.
8572	7/10/2012	My children have been attending story time since my oldest was 1 month old. We use the library to help my children learn to appreciate books. We have made most of our neighborhood friendships from the other moms that I met at the library, which has connected us to the community.
8573	7/10/2012	I don't believe they are quite as important as necessities like emergency services and infrastructure. But I do believe that the library is a key part of keeping the community intelligent and moving forward.
8574	7/10/2012	Being able to research things and find reputable sources (ie not blogs), is important to stay well informed of the world.
8575	7/10/2012	Supporting and encouraging an educated community is a critical part of public services.
8576	7/10/2012	Libraries help people learn. Librarians provide a level of service in learning that simply isn't available on the internet or conducted alone. Libraries are one of the best ways to get children excited about reading, whether through a library's wide selection of books, reading times, or friendly and knowledgeable staff. Libraries equal the playing field--allowing anyone, regardless of economic situation, the chance to learn and better themselves. Libraries provide a special venue where members of the community can gather and learn together.
8577	7/10/2012	Having access to a wide variety of information at the library is very important to me in order to learn and grow as a person. The wide variety of services available at the library make it a very important resource for people from all walks of life. I see the library as one of our great democratic institutions.

		Local library services are of critical importance to people of all economic levels. The availability of reading material helps keep our city literate. An illiterate person is an unemployed or underemployed person. That makes a stress on all other public services, health, food programs, energy, etc.[]
8578	7/10/2012	<p>[]</p> <p>The research materials is also of critical importance to all people. They are needed for school, future schooling, employment just to name a few.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I cannot think of one thing that is not important to me, and at a high level importance. It does seem, however, that staffing could be reconfigured and perhaps job descriptions adjusted.</p>
8579	7/10/2012	Reading and books provide access to knowledge and the world.
8580	7/10/2012	I do not use the library as much as I would like to. Being a student in school makes it difficult for me to rent books from the library for the times that I need them. However I value the amount of information present in the Central Library and would like to expand my use of checking out books instead of buying used ones.
8581	7/10/2012	Without libraries I can't participate our democracy.
8582	7/10/2012	I love the library. I love to read and gain knowledge by reading. The results have enriched my life and continue to do so. If I had to live my life without a local library I would miss it so much!
8583	7/10/2012	i t c a n g i v e a q u i e t a r e a f o r m e a n d c h i l d r e n t o s t u d y a n d r e a d t h e b o o k s .
8584	7/10/2012	In a time of budget crisis the non essentials for safe survival should go before fire, police, and education.
8585	7/10/2012	It hits every need to make our community better: open and equal access, bootstrap opportunities for all income levels, education base...
8586	7/10/2012	Teachin literacy and importance of reading
8587	7/10/2012	i need the library because i am not rich and cannot afford to get educated institutionally or by any other means than reading books (and unpaid volunteer/internships). it is crucial to my well being.
8588	7/10/2012	Learning And " free" access to information all needed for a democracy to survive.
8589	7/10/2012	I would love to say very important because I do not use much of the other county services (health/social programs) but I would be selfish to put my need for books to be more important than someone's health care. Still libraries are important for all different types of people-- from seniors to small children. I believe our healthy library system in Multnomah county is what makes this a great place.
8590	7/10/2012	While the library servces are very important to me and to the community, I would not value them above police or fire or water or public transportation.

8591	7/10/2012	I like the access to ProQuest and ebooks and the physical book collection. In this day of the Internet, still not everything is available online as some think. Libraires provide access for free to us and that is important.
8592	7/10/2012	Access to books and music without having to purchase or pay for concerts make sure that everyone can learn and improve their quality of life via shared knowledge. This is of increasing importance in a society where people have less personal interaction and there are fewer "hands-on" learning opportunities.
8593	7/10/2012	Local libraries are vital to an informed citizenry, which in turn is vital to a liveable community. In addition to providing entertainment and learning options for those who otherwise may not be able to afford them, libraries can complement and enhance the services provided by other local public services. Citizens who are assisted by communiy health programs can visit a library to find books, journal articles, and internet resources related to their health issues. Citizens who receive unemployment benefits or other public assistance can visit a library to search for jobs, read trade publications to stay up on skills, and research new careers. Children who struggle in school can receive extra help and support from library staff, while the parents of those children can gain access to books that may help them help their child.
8594	7/10/2012	I do not understand compression--why not all taxes can be collected.Your closures and cutting back were a surprise to us after we had voted for the measure, based on good faith, because we have never even seen your budgets and expenditures. We need more information before we can answer the next questions about funding. I just tried to skip answering your next questions about prioritizing because I do not have enough information to answer and it would not let me proceed without answering. So now in order for you to see this message I have to basically lie on the next answers because I really do not know. This will also skew your statistics. Please be more forthright if you want funding in the future.
8595	7/10/2012	Libraries are hubs where information and technology are publicly accessible. They are hubs where knowledge and awareness is fostered. The social welfare of any society is based on the state of its citizen's access to knowledge. As Toni Morrison put it in a recent interview, "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of KNOWLEDGE."

8596	7/10/2012	Most important to me, personally, because for 32 years I have been the volunteer Storylady at a Portland elementary school. The e-mail a librarian reference service is amazing. My annual themes have been greatly improved by the thoughtful, thorough responses I've received to all kinds of questions, and I know I can trust the research. And I'm able to reserve the new picture books by computer (and then grieve for the trees). When kids wonder something about a book or its author, the reference librarians can find contact information after I've given up. Kid know how important the library is to Storylady. Also, I feel safer knowing people in Portland have access to the services provided by our libraries. My son and daughter-in-law have been on a very tight budget, but the library has offered my granddaughter a wealth of enriching opportunities at no cost. And everyone is welcome.
8597	7/10/2012	They cost too much/ They need to get more volunteers instead of paying everyone that's there.
8598	7/10/2012	Access to unfettered and uncensored information is a cornerstone of our society. I'm thirsty for knowledge. I love learning about new interests that come to me & the library system is a beautiful way for me to get to know a lot about the world & the people in it. The books I find keep me sane in this crazy world. They each offer so much hope for my future as a maker.
8599	7/10/2012	
8600	7/10/2012	Libraries are good places for youth to get plugged into civilization, job seekers to find information. I think they offer a lot to those who may not otherwise have access. They are important to kids and families with young kids. The internet service is excellent for recreational readers like myself. Although I would have as much access as I need without the library it is great to not have books piling up in my house, and great that they can be shared. Of all the "non-necessary" public services, I think libraries and parks are at the top of the list
8601	7/10/2012	
8602	7/10/2012	I am a patron & although I don't use services for children or the elderly, those are terrific program that need to be continued. I'm always amazed by the wonderful services & staff at the library. This resource is essential for the entire community on many levels.
8603	7/10/2012	A government project that is free and beneficial to everyone is hard to find
8604	7/10/2012	I use them all the time!!
8605	7/10/2012	Because I use library materials on a daily basis in my personal and professional life.
8606	7/10/2012	I think public safety, police and fire safety come first. □ Schools and libraries are at about the same level of importance, and come next.
8607	7/10/2012	community builder, provide services to those who can't access them otherwise, broaden horizens
8608	7/10/2012	I use them regularly, highly value reading and can't afford to buy as many book as I read.
8609	7/10/2012	It is a good, reliable source for books and also a destination when our family needs an activity.
8610	7/10/2012	I have young kids and having access to many different kinds of books is invaluable. I also like that there are a number of Spanish childrens books.
8611	7/10/2012	I've lived all over the country and have used many library systems. I love that Multnomah County's actually has the books and media I'm looking for. I don't even mind paying my late fees, because I know they go for a good cause (and believe me, I rack up the late fees)

8612	7/10/2012	So I can encourage a love of reading in my kids and continue finding resources for my personal knowledge and enjoyment.
8613	7/10/2012	I rank them very highly because of their great educational possibilities, convenience, and community value, but not the highest because I feel that public health, police, and fire are more important.
8614	7/10/2012	Libraries have always been the place to retrieve information, summer reading...especially for school, however with the internet it is sad because kids now a days don't appreciate them.
8615	7/10/2012	Learning is fundamental
8616	7/10/2012	As a senior perso A N OPEN close byLIBRARY is very important
8617	7/10/2012	Libraries give people hope, a way to see and experience the world in a different way. More concretely, libraries educate, provide centralized resources to people in need of work and allow people to learn skills they need to function in the world. They are an important part of our democracy and a cornerstone of a healthy community.
8618	7/10/2012	The availability of free knowledge is an immensely important social factor. As a country, we go on and on about the American Dream and class mobility, but without libraries, the access to the kind of knowledge that fosters that could be hampered. Not everything that is published in books is conveniently available on the internet. The absence of the library would exacerbate the growing rift between those who can afford education and those who can't. Also, reading books is an excellent way to preserve mental health. Many people, myself included, can't afford to buy a book every time we want to read.
8619	7/10/2012	Books are now found online, I have more free internet access options outside of the library, I'm not in the target age range for library services.
8620	7/10/2012	they are the bedrock of civilization
8621	7/10/2012	I am a reader and the library is very important in my life
8622	7/10/2012	There are so many programs, or lack thereof, that it's tough to choose one most important cause.
8623	7/10/2012	Of course we need fire departments, police and those kinds of things. But more than anything people need a place to learn how to be those things
8624	7/10/2012	Having young children it is nice to have the book selection and programs available for entertainment and learning purposes. In times of economic hardship it is also very nice to borrow books/music instead of purchasing them.
8625	7/10/2012	Access to information that is of help to me.
8626	7/10/2012	library meets many needs for diverse populations.
8627	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great place for education for all people of all ages. It is important to have this resource available.
8628	7/10/2012	Books feed our mind, the minds of our children, and open us to the world and to our imaginations. They help create a tolerant and open-minded society.

8629	7/10/2012	Public libraries provide access to knowledge, internet for job seekers, and a place to be safe and learn. No society is able to function well without an educated populace; libraries are a great equalizer in terms of education and access to resources.
8630	7/10/2012	At the moment I am unemployed and using the library computers I am able to order medications online, and check doctors appointments. I am also able to check my e-mail accounts and do job searches through the Worksource website.
8631	7/10/2012	My escape from everyday living and the Library is a place to caught up on current events in a printed form,Music I can't seem to aford otherwise.A new Book By Clive Cussler, hot off the press with 21 days to read it.Or a download of something else.A magizine I never knew existed.
8632	7/10/2012	Libraries and librarians have made it possible for me to continue my education.[] Access to the research databases is invaluable, without them I would be forced[] to pay heavy online fees for some of those research articles.

		Free libraries are one of our most important national treasures. It levels the playing field between the rich and the poor, the educated and not so educated, and provides the invaluable opportunity to view current state of humanity and governmental affairs through access to our collective past.[]
		[]
		I think the biggest threat to our way of life is the erosion of our first amendment rights which is exceleating; yet, very few people take this threat seriously.[]
		[]
		Why? []
		[]
		Because the only "news" they get is via the local newspaper or TV. Both of which lull us to sleep with crime scenes, celebrity gossip or "down homey" feel good stories. []
		[]
8633	7/10/2012	That's nice and all, but newspapers used to be an avenue for political debate, holding politicians and community members accountable and raising alarm bells about national issues. []
		[]
		This is more frightening to me than "terrorists." []
		[]
		George Orwell's 1984 was supposedly fictional. If I hadn't read the book somewhere along the way, I wouldn't recognize that it was not fictional; it was an absolutely correct vision of what the future had in store for us, based on trends he clearly saw in his lifetime. []
		[]
		Our nation is at risk of being a nation of sheep that just go along with the crowd, down the road to our own enslavement to the narcotic of what is presently called "news." []
		[]
		That is why access to the truth must be protected. Libraries are the repositories of our collective knowledge. []
		[]
8634	7/10/2012	It's extremely important to keep an emphasis on our children and youth who may not have the opportunities available to purchase books. These children (and even babies) should continue to be our primary focus within the library.
8635	7/10/2012	Right now, I don't know how important that level is to us after you lied to us big time!
8636	7/10/2012	The library is one of the last public meeting spaces and I think an important part of the community
8637	7/10/2012	water, sewer and utilities come first. Then social services and then libraries.
8638	7/10/2012	They are important but certainly not as important as public safety or services to the aging and disabled.
8639	7/10/2012	Partly out of a personal commitment to libraries, but also because of a belief that information literacy is the most important leveler in the uneven society of the 21s century.

8640	7/10/2012	I appreciate the resource the library offers to me and others in the community. Personally, I find that I use Amazon, iTunes, and other Internet options more and more because they are more immediate and convenient than the library, but recognize this is not the case for all users and that the library is not just books and media.
8641	7/10/2012	Libraries are a place in the community of learning, togetherness, discussion, action. Reading changes lives, and having the library, a safe place of inspiration is key to the community.
8642	7/10/2012	Interest, Education. PC classes. A wonderful place to bring grandchildren.
8643	7/10/2012	I am a frequent library user, often more than once a week. I enjoy being able to stop by other branches when I am in another neighborhood. I enjoy the quiet and the small interactions with staff and other neighbors. Tri-met recently made cuts (& plans more) making it more difficult for me to get to the library and the library cutting back too makes me worry about accessibility. I also enjoy being able to reserve and renew materials online. I hope to make even more use of library services in the future including but not limited to computer classes and programs for seniors.
8644	7/10/2012	Libraries are very important to me.
8645	7/10/2012	A robust, well-patronized library is indicative of a well-informed and well-educated community.
8646	7/10/2012	We read library books every day and rely on a great library system.
8647	7/10/2012	I think that food, housing, education and medical care take priority over libraries.
8648	7/10/2012	They are very important, I use the electronic book program daily on my commute to and from work with my eReader. I love that the library allows me to check out electronic books for free.
8649	7/10/2012	My family and I are avid readers. We also check out movies and music. But I also think that education is the key to a better future for everyone and that libraries are an important factor in that.
8650	7/10/2012	I retired to Portland, and the main reason I chose to live here is the excellent library. This is why I came here. Number One priority for me as a retired person on limited income is LIBRARY.
8651	7/10/2012	Libraries are our great information equalizers - the only place people of all ages and backgrounds can find and freely use such a diversity of resources, along with the expert guidance of librarians.
8652	7/10/2012	Compared to fire and police, water and sewer, DHS, health care, etc., I cannot rank libraries at the highest level. Further, while I enjoy and value libraries, if they become only a place for internet connections, then the level of importance to me would substantially diminish.
8653	7/10/2012	Greatly improve the quality of life in our city environment. Libraries perform multiple functions in serving the entire community: being a safe place for children to be after-school, being a computer and internet resource for people without home access, providing enjoyment of books and media for free.
8654	7/10/2012	They're an invaluable resource for low income people. Having a quiet place to go and work is awesome, and internet access for poor people is too. Libraries do great things.
8655	7/10/2012	They are still a major source of knowledge.
8656	7/10/2012	Source of resources, education, community.

8657	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. Libraries are paramount to having a well-educated society. Education and knowledge should be available to all people, regardless of socioeconomic class. I am a working-class college student, and use the library to access books and resources for school. In addition, the library provides valuable services for people in need in the community. Our library is a resource that we must protect!
8658	7/10/2012	My parents are avid readers, and my dad was on the library board in my hometown, so I spent a lot of time at the library and reading growing up. I think my love of reading, and access to a diverse array of fantastic books, really helped me to succeed in college and in my career in communications and public relations.
8659	7/10/2012	The library is very important to me, especially in these trying economic times when it is hard for me to buy books. Although I know government services are short of funding because of these economic shortages, nevertheless, the problems in the economy make the library even more essential. The library more than pays for itself because it is an efficient way to share resources.
8660	7/10/2012	Library services increase sense of community, improve literacy, prevent isolation of seniors, improve educational capacity of at-risk youth, and help reduce unemployment. It would be difficult to overstate the number of lives that the library's services positively impact.
8661	7/10/2012	Public access to information is critical to a democracy
8662	7/10/2012	It makes all the networking I need to do possible... Thanks!
8663	7/10/2012	I think reading is vital to our educated citizenry.
8664	7/10/2012	There are probably other services that I would deem more important than library services, like fire and police; but I think it is important to have resources and books available for general public use.
8665	7/10/2012	Education, programs, books for all, a community gathering place.
8666	7/10/2012	education is a way out of poverty for some, and a way out of abusive or discriminatory behavior for others. education is at the root of a civilized society.[] america's education system is deteriorating. people/students need to be able to study on their own if the school system is failing them
8667	7/10/2012	Libraries provide the fundamental infrastructure for self improvement and learning. Without them, it becomes less equitable and incrementally more difficult to train for a job, find a job, and relax with low cost resources when the job day is over.
8668	7/10/2012	Libraries help connect people with the resources they need.
8669	7/10/2012	I have a child with reading difficulties, and having a children's librarian like Nina makes all the difference.

		reading and a love of books is fundamental! [] everything the libraries offer is amazing. families with no extra income have a chance to experience a puppet show, live music, a craft or an art show....[]
8670	7/10/2012	people without homes have a chance to read a newspaper and just get out of the cold/heat for a few hours (of course while reading a good book!) [] people can come and speak their language with people who speak the same language...or practice english or another language...[] the list is endless.
8671	7/10/2012	For many this is the only resource for information, education, job resources, and so many other important aspects in one's life. The libraries have always been valued and will continue to be so to all thinking people in the community.
8672	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time for research as I change careers. I have numerous books about my new career, as well as other general business books, and they have helped me learn an immense amount. The library provides free education, information, and inspiration to all. The library plays an integral part in my continued self-education.
8673	7/10/2012	if people can read, educate themselves through reading, afford to buy books the culture collapses over time. If we don't have funds to build a new bridge or highway, society may be inconvenienced, but it is not a disaster. How can people make good choices without materials?
8674	7/10/2012	Library services are vital to the Portland community.
8675	7/10/2012	Reading and availability of information to all is of critical importance to maintain an educated and productive society. Physical libraries--and books!--are very very important. I enjoy an e-reader now and again for certain times (and it's nice to see the library expanding their offering in that way) but physical libraries and physical books should forever remain and be supported. Babies aren't born with e-reading skills. They learn to love reading and are exposed to so many things through physical books and libraries. Supporting our library system is very important to me!
8676	7/10/2012	libraries help enlighten and educate. all people are welcome, regardless of income.
8677	7/10/2012	I spent most of my young life in libraries, they are universally enjoyed from the youngest to the oldest person and I don't believe funding should be cut from them. They are essential for lower income families who may not have access to computers or enough money to buy books. Libraries also provide so much more than books, they offer programs for every kind of person and if libraries were to disappear people would suffer as well.
8678	7/10/2012	We can live without libraries, but our quality of life would suffer.

8679	7/10/2012	I grew up with easy and plentiful books and I love them. The bookmobile came once a week, and I was there every week, seeking out new adventures. I had a library card at a very young age, and I used it. Children and adults should be encouraged in every way to explore their world through books and to challenge their imaginations. I question the need for computer access--it's all over the place anyway. I question the access to smut and porn--there is too much on TV already. Special programs in the libraries are unnecessary and undoubtedly costly. The funds should be used for the core competencies of the library.
8680	7/10/2012	Convenience and financial necessity - I could not pay for all the books that I read and listen too without going broke. I am usually reading 2 or more fiction or nonfiction books at any given time.
8681	7/10/2012	Because literacy and access to information is one of the best ways to ensure a true democracy.
8682	7/10/2012	We live on a limited budget so the library serves many different needs for us. Without the library we would not have access to any books or movies and many activities.
8683	7/10/2012	Literacy and awareness are key to a successful, harmonious community.
8684	7/10/2012	Having access to books, research and for some other people is very important
8685	7/10/2012	Reading is part of our everyday life - but not many people could afford to buy all the books that they read. The library provides a fantastic service to make sure that all members of a community have access to knowledge regardless of income level.
8686	7/10/2012	While library services are important, they are not more important than other things that will be on the ballot for funding this year.
8687	7/10/2012	I go to the Library to check-out books, conduct research, and sometimes to find a quiet place to work where resources I may need are at my fingertips. It is crucial that we maintain a source of information for the public other than the internet.
8688	7/10/2012	Access to free information is crucial to our society. Informed citizens are more active, more responsible, and more engaged. Libraries are filled with hope, ideas, and have saved many a life.
8689	7/10/2012	Safety first.....
8690	7/10/2012	I rated local library services as very important because they serve all ages and provide services for all ages--especially people who need access to computers to find employment.
8691	7/10/2012	Audio books to amuse/enlighten me in the automobile
8692	7/10/2012	Although it is something we take for granted, it is very important to have a resource available to people for educational and informational purposes.
8693	7/10/2012	literacy
8694	7/10/2012	Because they provide a positive, welcoming environment that brings people to a place that offers something for everyone at no cost. I think the last place that did that was the Ashwood post office. It is the best example of what a public service can and should be.

8695	7/10/2012	Freedom of information and the sharing of knowledge are at the roots of education in a free society. Mountains of positive change can be wrought from an educated and informed society. Libraries give everyone access to information and knowledge. If we wish to remain a free society then public libraries must stay open and well funded.
8696	7/10/2012	Research and leisure reading not available elsewhere, including online.
8697	7/10/2012	We use the library weekly.
8698	7/10/2012	I think library services are very valuable. Without them, many people wouldn't have access to books. I love library services because I'm able to take my toddler to storytime so she is exposed to books, songs and other children.
8699	7/10/2012	I use them.
8700	7/10/2012	Because access to knowledge is critical. The Internet will NEVER replace good books and other library services. Our Portland library system has been recognized as top-notch and deserves to stay that way.
8701	7/10/2012	libraries provide one to increasetheir knowledge
8702	7/10/2012	Because education is the key to success
8703	7/10/2012	i don't buy books, i use the library. do i use it as much as i use the roads? no. but it's still a very important part of my life.
8704	7/10/2012	Libraries are representative of freedom of information and the right to an education. Super important.
8705	7/10/2012	Provide education and access to information. Foundation of our social health!
8706	7/10/2012	They help people who can't afford it access to education, and learning. I think that it gives people help to help themselves. and it offers children a great place and introduction to all kinds of books and learning.
8707	7/10/2012	I read several books a week and get almost all of them from the library. My ability to learn from books would be severely crippled without a good public library, as I could never afford to buy that many books. I also nanny for several children and enjoy bringing them to story time and checking out books for them.
8708	7/10/2012	They enrich the community through education, intellectual stimulation, entertainment, recreation and community organizing through affordable means.
8709	7/10/2012	It is the only free public place that is available to everyone all year round.
8710	7/10/2012	They make the difference between living in a makeshift waystation and living in a real community.
8711	7/10/2012	Employment and health care have higher value than library services.
8712	7/10/2012	First, books are very import; they help people engage intellectually but can also be a source of relaxation. Second, reading is critical for members of our society, and programs that support reading are indispensable. Third, the library is an important community space. It functions as a place where people of different generations and backgrounds and classes can come together. Libraries are important pillars of communities.

8713	7/10/2012	Literacy is imperative for an educated public. While I can afford to subscribe to internet service and the newspaper and can afford to buy books, there are many who cannot. The library is invaluable for that population for access to resources and services. -I value libraries above all for the public good -- for how they're helping our larger society.[]
8714	7/10/2012	-On a more personal level, libraries help me raise my children, and help me stay current by keeping my life saturated with the circulatory currents of fiction, music, films, nonfiction. My life is enriched exponentially by having a library within walking distance that I can stop by once or twice a week and stay current with media in an economic fashion (i.e. free checkouts).
8715	7/10/2012	Families and communities come together to learn, meet people, connect, grown, and are encouraged to strive and acheive what seems to be aout of their reach.
8716	7/10/2012	All levels of society need free access to the information, knowledge, history, stories, and the diversity of the social interaction found at a local library. An ignorant populous leads to an easily manipulated and blinkered society. The ideas within the books of the fiction and non-fiction shelves of a library make us better policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses, human beings. LIBRARIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT.
8717	7/10/2012	Reading is delightful.
8718	7/10/2012	I use them more than any other service.
8719	7/10/2012	I like to read and cannot afford to purchase books whether new or online. It's important that the mind-expanding world of books is available for all.
8720	7/10/2012	Portland has invested a lot to allow people similar to me to enjoy visiting the library
8721	7/10/2012	They promote literacy and provide resources to all. Having libraries open as much as possible is important for the community.
8722	7/10/2012	Reading is one of my favorite pastimes. I also think it is essential, in order to have an effective Democracy, that citizens are as educated as possible. The more opportunities for education, in any form, the better.
8723	7/10/2012	It is important that all people have access to read books and get other help that they may need.
8724	7/10/2012	I like to read
8725	7/10/2012	There are a shrinking number of public places and institutions where people come together for exchange, from all walks of life. But I still feel that in a public library.
8726	7/10/2012	I've used the library all my life, can't imagine not having a library.
8727	7/10/2012	I think they should be open at seven days a week because I do alot of job searching at the library. Right now it is very inconvenient that they are closed on Mondays.
8728	7/10/2012	somewhat important
8729	7/10/2012	They are the first non - public safety function.
8730	7/10/2012	Certainly they rank behind critical emergency service, but ideally a library system can provide a crucial "third place" that actively fosters community-focused intellectual development.

8731	7/10/2012	It is a good place for people to learn and read. It is a great way to spend some time and be with other local people.
8732	7/10/2012	Because I can't afford to buy all the books I read and it can also be expensive for ink for a printer which I don't use much. I have the library right across the street from me and it helped me a lot that I was able to go over there and print out documents for 10 cents each while applying for a job which I ended up getting.
8733	7/10/2012	They are an essential resource for my and my children's educational development as well as access to the resources for job-seeking, classes, after school activities, safe quiet study area
8734	7/10/2012	Because information and availability of information are important in educating students and the community at large. Information and availability fight poverty, ignorance, and enhance the culture of the community.
8735	7/10/2012	because I'm literate and appreciate the multifaceted ways that libraries affect and help our community. A library is more important than another food shop, nameless realty store, another restaurant or gas station. It is a free way for people to enrich and improve themselves, paid by taxpayers. If I had to choose between police, firemen, garbagemen and libraries, I wouldn't choose to keep the library first. However, in comparison with other things such as leaf collection, removal and replacement of trees, waste of money on the \$1.5 million rose festival building downtown, efforts to put in public toilets, libraries come out as a much better use of our resources. I love the library and always have
8736	7/10/2012	It appears to me that many who use the library would not have access to books or to a computer if the library were not available. Although I myself can afford to buy books and have my own computer, I certainly read more widely because I have access to the library.
8737	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time
8738	7/10/2012	We need to have access to books for everyone... this is right up there with parks, police and fire for me.
8739	7/10/2012	Access to cultural artifacts.
8740	7/10/2012	I think it is good to have a variety of books for children to get interested in, and I like that you can check them out for free at the library instead of having to buy them and then sell old ones that they are not interested in anymore.
8741	7/10/2012	As a father of two young children, I find it very important to make regular trips to the library for new books and media. I know that if I don't start taking them to the library now, they probably will not use one as an adult.
8742	7/10/2012	Not to many other local public services,the library has everything, especially with computer access
8743	7/10/2012	Provide everyone in our community with opportunities to learn and grow. I've been very impressed with our library and consider it a huge asset to the community and Portland as a whole.

8744	7/10/2012	Information freely accessed at the library whether through printed materials or other media help people decide where they stand on a multitude of issues. Prioritizing of issues impacts the decision as to which other public services should be supported by the community at large.
8745	7/10/2012	The library is a great equalizer. Yeah, I may not have internet or computer access at home, but I can walk to the library and check my emails or write a resume. I love the idea of everyone coming together to enrich their lives - there's so much to learn. I'm not very eloquent, but it's the library - the holder of the written word. What could be more important?
8746	7/10/2012	Because I use the library all the time.
8747	7/10/2012	As a senior I can get or reserve the books I want. I can not afford to buy them now that I am on a limited income. In the winter I read about 8 books every 3 weeks. What a joy to find the ones I want without having to buy them. Besides I love talking to the people at the library. They know which books I might like. How do they do that?
8748	7/10/2012	Because the library is accessible to all people of every economic level. It's the only place I know of where every form of entertainment is free to everyone. It offers a wide variety of services and materials that every single person has access to. Name another place where all that is available.
8749	7/10/2012	Because they service everyone and help people to better their lives. Encouraging children to read (and not watch video games) is important for our community. Having access to homework help online and databases helps our students when our schools cannot. They provide computer access and programs to help people in every situation. Librarians don't just help find a book, they provide information and resources to help people, no matter the question or need.
8750	7/10/2012	Democracy and community.
8751	7/10/2012	Education is the foundation of good citizenship, informed participation. We have built a strong resource and I value keeping it strong and available to all.
8752	7/10/2012	I think that library services are closely related to public education services, which is of highest priority to me as far as public services go. I think that kids need to grow up loving to read and learn. There is no replacement for the joy that I felt as a child reading books, and I know that some kids don't have good access to reading materials at home.
8753	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and use the library constantly!
8754	7/10/2012	books open up the world
8755	7/10/2012	It encourages my kids to read and I love being able to put books on hold and just stop by and pick them up!
8756	7/10/2012	my only internet access. also use for current books that i can't afford.
8757	7/10/2012	The public library is our cultural and educational center. It also serves as a safe place for adolescents to study.
8758	7/10/2012	Reading and being able to learn and read current information about our world and country are necessities for a democracy. Informed people make informed decisions. Unfortunately, libraries do not take precedence over fire and police services.

8759	7/10/2012	I've always loved visiting the library; it's like an intellectual candy store. I'm a heavy reader and would rather use the library than buy and accumulate books. Libraries are democratic, allowing everyone access regardless of their ability to pay.
8760	7/10/2012	Because I use the library at least as often as I ride the bus.
8761	7/10/2012	Because it is free and all we ever wanted to learn is at the library
8762	7/10/2012	Americans need to be awakened from their stupor of ignorance and stupidity. All the other public services are only in existence to deter change and keep everyone in line, so that the Portland business community can prosper. Make the red pill available to Portlanders, so they can drop out of the Matrix, and see the world as it really is.
8763	7/10/2012	The library is the foundation for academic growth and success. Literacy and the love of learning starts within those hollowed walls. I'm certain Portland Public School teachers and Oregonians as a whole appreciate literate, intelligent citizens. Our libraries are invaluable.
8764	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what I am comparing them against, frankly. I would rank them below passable roads, children having regular access to healthy food, and other basic needs. But libraries provide so many services to our community - supporting literacy, children's development, research projects, arts access, internet access, and so much more. I think they are an integral part of the success story of Portland, and if this resource is crippled (if services are limited or offered mostly when people are at work and cannot access them), I think we will all notice a drop in the quality of life in this city. The library system supports a wide range of needs in a variety of communities - while we might not notice the way we are impacted by this resource on a daily basis, the sheer level of support they offer to the populace in general is crucial. I don't believe that a person needs to regularly use the libraries to be positively impacted by them. They are part of our way of life here.
8765	7/10/2012	Books are necessary for learning.
8766	7/10/2012	it's part of our freedom of speech & right to educate & engage in discussions & dialogue.
8767	7/10/2012	Free access to education.
8768	7/10/2012	they are the only public service i use - other than trimet, but I use trimet less regularly than i visit the library
8769	7/10/2012	I love to read!!! Even though I don't currently have much of a personal need for the library, I do feel strongly that a good library system helps to create lifelong learners, to create community, and to support access to books to every person. I plan to have children and feel that a solid library system will be very important during those formative years, just as my local libraries were important to me as a child.
8770	7/10/2012	
8771	7/10/2012	ALL of the public can use some form of the offerings of the library.
8772	7/10/2012	Local, free important activities for families to partake in. Great resource for people to use.
8773	7/10/2012	Serves all citizens, and this is a democracy.
8774	7/10/2012	Public safety, education, transportation, and health seem more important to me.
8775	7/10/2012	See comments provided for question 6

8776	7/10/2012	There needs to be a balance to people's lives. Public safety and street repairs are important also. But having free access to libraries gives those without other resources a safe place to spend time, learn, etc.
8777	7/10/2012	Access to information is critical to have a productive and educated society regardless of class, age, and race. It's also an essential focal point of a community.
8778	7/10/2012	education opportunities
8779	7/10/2012	While library services are important, there are more important public services that better help the community.
8780	7/10/2012	Libraries give all people equal access to printed materials and information, regardless of socioeconomic status.
8781	7/10/2012	this gives everyone access to books and media without having to buy them.
8782	7/10/2012	I don't use the majority of services available. I use it mostly to check out book and mainly for travel resources.
8783	7/10/2012	I have lived all over the U.S. and I have always sought out the local library before I've even gotten a new drivers' license.
8784	7/10/2012	We use the library on a daily basis, and it benefits every member of the family.
8785	7/10/2012	Police, fire, water, sewer, electricity, etc. are more important but of the services not related to keeping me alive, the library is top of the list.
8786	7/10/2012	Because the education of our populace is crucial to having an engaged democracy, an educated workforce, and a peaceful community. I say "somewhat" because I would say they are slightly less important than having adequate Fire services, public utilities, waste management and other essential services, but only slightly.
8787	7/10/2012	They are important to those who do not have the means to access books and information elsewhere but personally, if they weren't around, or had more limited hours, I would be fine. There is a whole world of information out there for the taking and I don't even need to leave my home. I also don't have to wait for 2 or 3 weeks for a title that I want to become available.
8788	7/10/2012	Because libraries encourage and make possible self education. A progressive society cannot exist without educated and free thinking citizens.
8789	7/10/2012	Police protective services are always # 1
8790	7/10/2012	They are very important to me because they are very personal to me. I have two young sons and the library plays an integral part in their childhood and I hope it continues to, just as it played an integral role in my childhood. Many other public services I either am not aware of (are there other services as amazing as the library?) or I apparently don't take advantage of them.

8791	7/10/2012	Reading, and the life of the mind, are paramount in the development of our children. Expanding children's knowledge, scope, and cultural senses, exposing them to wonderful art and humor, and introducing them to new worlds is an amazing responsibility. Libraries also encourage and provide access to ideas/news/information which one may not otherwise easily encounter . They allow every person access to the internet, great books, movies, music, and experiences regardless of income considerations.
8792	7/10/2012	If you think libraries are expensive, try illiteracy!
8793	7/10/2012	Because it's the service I use regularly
8794	7/10/2012	They better our lives with access to information, literature, music.
8795	7/10/2012	Educational programs for young children who are learning to read, are extremely important to foster a love of learning throughout their lifetime.
8796	7/10/2012	education for all, reading for all, quiet space for all
8797	7/10/2012	all public services are very important including the local libraries
8798	7/10/2012	The library stimulates the mind, heart and soul.
8799	7/10/2012	The better one's life and make education available to people of all socioeconomic classes.
8800	7/10/2012	Social engineering isn't a core function, and has no place in a library system. As well, library staff have been adamant in their refusal to implement filtering software on publicly-owned systems, arguing that access to porn is a basic right.
8801	7/10/2012	-self education[] -entertainment[] -place to vote[] -resource for projects[] -community[] -allows for informed, connected citizens
8802	7/10/2012	Library service is a quality of life issue, a social issue and an economic issue combined!
8803	7/10/2012	Since I moved to Portland, I have used the library more than any other public institution or service. Not considering reading for leisure, the library has given me access to books on personal finance, wedding planning, cooking/ canning, and home improvement. I have been able to put these books to use in my personal life, which has resulted in better personal financial management and saving money on food.
8804	7/10/2012	Because I think things like healthcare and childcare assistance, as well as food programs, abuse assistance and a number of other services take precedent for those in need, but the libraries are something we all pay for, that we can all use--and fostering a love of learning and cultivating an educated population are invaluable resources to the well being of our community as a whole.

8805	7/10/2012	They do more to encourage equality than any other public institution. Besides offering books, other materials, and expertise, libraries have become the de facto social safety net -- computers, bathrooms, a place to sit, a roof. They are where the unemployed, the underemployed, the stay-at-home parents, the homeless, and the children go. Besides schools -- and they usually discriminate on the basis of geography or money -- libraries are the institution that gives people the best chance to discover, achieve or reclaim their potential.
8806	7/10/2012	Literacy is a fundamental human skill, and I believe the library helps people to achieve it across many ages and social backgrounds. It can reach people that other services, like public schools, can't. More than that, the library houses knowledge and information for public use. In whatever form we might keep and consume information, the library is responsible for doing its important part in keeping access to that information and knowledge open to people who otherwise could not afford it.
8807	7/10/2012	I like and use the library but when compared to other public services like schools, roadways, water, public transportation, fire and police, street cleaning, etc I have to say not too important. I could live without it. <p>Right now I am paying about \$250 a year for the library and the proposals to fully fund and establish a district would substantially increase that. I can buy a lot of books for \$250 to \$330 a year. A lot of books. Again why so expensive. Why not look at other systems that are delivering library services for less and see if we can learn from those cities.</p>
8808	7/10/2012	Books!
8809	7/10/2012	There are other services that are more important such as fire and police. The library is a lovely luxury.
8810	7/10/2012	Learning, entertainment
8811	7/10/2012	Although I am a faithful patron of the local library, other local public services (fire, police, schools) are more important.
8812	7/10/2012	My whole family (Me, wife, two kids 10 and 13) loves to read, and we'd do a whole lot less without the library system. I've read a ton of things I would never even consider buying because of the library; books on cooking, gardening, how-to stuff.
8813	7/10/2012	I use the library often enough that it is very important to me. In fact, I found my volunteer network, very important to me, through the library.
8814	7/10/2012	The library is such a great democratic resource, offering books, movies and video to Portlanders of all income levels. I am so grateful to have such a vibrant community library system.
8815	7/10/2012	I can access most information online and can get the other products (books, media) by paying for it.
8816	7/10/2012	I want easy access to current reading material without purchasing individual books.
8817	7/10/2012	See my previous comment about education being the most important thing we have.

8818	7/10/2012	Because of use, urgent for citizens in a democracy: to learn new technologies, to become and stay informed, to know the importance of literacy, to understand the importance of and enjoy community.
8819	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to important works of literature as well as the opportunity to continue to learn.
8820	7/10/2012	It is a service that is available to everyone--open and inviting for all. It has the potential to raise the level of awareness and participation in community issues for the people who use it. It is a great democratizing element in every neighborhood. The neighborhood branches can serve as an important community hub.
8821	7/10/2012	Books expand my mind - no other public service does that.
8822	7/10/2012	very important.
8823	7/10/2012	They represent the quality of our city and county.
8824	7/10/2012	values
8825	7/10/2012	I have always used other resources such as the computer labs at my school, eBooks, etc. There are so many accessible resources these days that printed books are kind of out dated.
8826	7/10/2012	The Library system is one of the very few Multnomah County services I value.
8827	7/10/2012	In town or out of town I always use library services wherever I am...I became addicted to reading as a kid and I still find the library a VERY important part of my life.
8828	7/10/2012	It allows a cross section of the population access to computer, books, CD's and DVD's that might not readily be available to them. With such horrid economic conditions that don't seem to be improving it's important to make sure people have libraries to go to where they have affordable access to various media. I've always used libraries where ever I lived and they've always been an important part of the community. Living here in Portland I've often bragged about how awesome are libraries are here. It would be sad to see them decimated due to lack of funding.
8829	7/10/2012	Personally, I am an avid reader, and there is no way I can possibly afford to purchase every single book that I wish to read. Beyond my own interests, freely and publicly accessible information is one of the paramount principles of an open society. The library system is a cornerstone to the survival of that principle.
8830	7/10/2012	They provide entertainment and knowledge.
8831	7/10/2012	Use the resources daily as a retired senior.
8832	7/10/2012	Kind of important.
8833	7/10/2012	Because it connects me to all kind of books, music and movies that I would not otherwise have access too.
8834	7/10/2012	I get more use out of the library than many other so-called public services.
8835	7/10/2012	We frequently use their services.
8836	7/10/2012	Access to vast collection of materials
8837	7/10/2012	Helps build community and provides access to important information

8838	7/10/2012	Because i can check out books for our son who is 8 for his school reading without having to buy books because we are on a budget.
8839	7/10/2012	Two reasons - First, libraries represent free access for everyone to information, knowledge, and entertainment, which is vital to maintain a democratic and free society. Second, they act as community centers and gathering places - both physically and symbolically.
8840	7/10/2012	It is a resource I use all the time.
8841	7/10/2012	Safety is always more important than luxuries.
8842	7/10/2012	The materials you can borrow would cost tons of money if you had to buy them, and couldn't borrow them.
8843	7/10/2012	A well-read society tends to be a more egalitarian society.
8844	7/10/2012	because we can have available books, community resouces any time. I place where we can go get information, we can read and attende others activities or events
8845	7/10/2012	The library is a place that my family goes to learn about all types of things--from taxes to study prep guides, religion to hobbies. We find the library to drastically improve the quality of our life!!
8846	7/10/2012	For instilling reading in our children, for that extra boost of education for our children, for reference material for adults, the pleasure of reading, using the computers for reference material and for job searches for those that do not or cannot afford computers.
8847	7/10/2012	Libraries represent the importance of literacy in our society. Books/ebooks open up an exciting world of adventure, stimulation, imagination, intellect, critical thinking, history, science, fantasy, and learning, etc.
8848	7/10/2012	While I admit that I use the sewer service (city rather than county) every day, the library is the only county service I use all the time. It makes a fundamental difference in my life as I am able to consume massive amounts of literature and media through the library's collection. I can neither afford to buy everything I want to look at, nor would I want to keep and store it myself.
8849	7/10/2012	Because the library enables individual and community improvements in every possible area
8850	7/10/2012	EDUCATION AND HOMELESSNESS AND FEEDING THE HUNGRY WOULD BE NUMBER 1 ON MY LIST OF PRIORITIES
8851	7/10/2012	because they are relatively inexpensive in comparison to services funded exclusively thru property taxes and other tax sources
8852	7/10/2012	I think that as a source of access to information they are vital for the well being of our community.
8853	7/10/2012	This is the one that I use frequently and that continues to surprise and delight me with its offerings. it enriches my life and educates my brain.
8854	7/10/2012	Entertainment, education, & general resources
8855	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for information and recreation
8856	7/10/2012	we use them all the time
8857	7/10/2012	it's all relative. Police and fire are critically important, libraries are very nice.

8858	7/10/2012	They aren't as important as letting my house burn down for lack of a fire department, but they are highly desirable.
8859	7/10/2012	I value strong public schools - with fully functioning school libraries - as very important
8860	7/10/2012	I can get value for the property tax that I pay...
8861	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to libraries. Books teach, provide an escape, and empower us.
8862	7/10/2012	I read more when I don't have to but the books.
8863	7/10/2012	Because I love books
8864	7/10/2012	literacy (after health, shelter and food) is essential to everyone living in our community to maintain health, safety and to be able to work
8865	7/10/2012	The library is an enormous source of information FREE to the community.
8866	7/10/2012	egalitarian access to information
8867	7/10/2012	Encouragement of reading and access to information should be available to everyone.
8868	7/10/2012	Libraries are part of the neighbourhood and are used frequently by a cross section of the population.
8869	7/10/2012	Library is accessible to all ethnicities, socio-economic levels. Place for children and adults.
8870	7/10/2012	As an educator for young children (ages 2 1/2 - 6) I utilize the library frequently to supplement books for my classroom. I feel our library system is a highly valuable resource for the community and myself personally.
8871	7/10/2012	I want my family to be able to be part of a great public system
8872	7/10/2012	We use them all the time
8873	7/10/2012	Information is knowledge. And we also need someplace to house those juvenile delinquents during the summer months and after school.
8874	7/10/2012	Positive, accessible, community focused literacy is critical to the enhancement of the community
8875	7/10/2012	They are very community oriented.
8876	7/10/2012	Libraries are important because education and literacy open a lot of doors for people and can solve a lot of this world's problems.
8877	7/10/2012	Nothing that you will learn in the course of your studies will be of the slightest possible use to you in after life—save only this—that if you work hard and intelligently you should be able to detect when a man is talking rot, and that, in my view, is the main, if not the sole, purpose of education. [] John Alexander Smith
8878	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and user of ILL. I am also currently a returning student and my library often provides extra material for research. Libraries provide the means for self-improvement.[] Cut libraries = cut the American Dream.[]
8879	7/10/2012	[] Libraries are as important in the information age as roads in the mid-20th century.[] Libraries can play a vital role in economic development.

8880	7/10/2012	Because they are a source of knowledge and a value resource to everyone.
8881	7/10/2012	As a child, my sister and mother took me to the Green Lake Library in Seattle regularly. As a parent and grandparent I see the wisdom of AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY where libraries are concerned. As a student and graduate student , two BAs, BMusic, MLS, those degrees might not have been attained without library assistance.
8882	7/10/2012	Libraries go hand in hand with schools. These should be our priority over police, welfare and most everything else. If we put our money where our mouths are ("children are so precious!!") and actually be willing to pay for these all important services, then maybe we wouldn't need as much money for jails, police, welfare, homeless.
8883	7/10/2012	A free, publicly supported facility dedicated to the storage, dissemination, and propogation of knowledge and art is probably the greatest social advance in our species' history. Every citizen, regardless of age, class, race, gender, religion, ethics, politics, level of income or learning can access it at anytime. It's brilliant, and an achievement that we can all be proud of.
8884	7/10/2012	Books should always be accessible to everyone.
8885	7/10/2012	Without an educated, informed public, democracy cannot function. Libraries lower barriers to information... while also serving as centers for community activity.
8886	7/10/2012	I am able to read books that I wouldn't ordinarily buy.
8887	7/10/2012	Reading habit and fun time for kids
8888	7/10/2012	They are behind emergency services but quite important.
8889	7/10/2012	They provide literacy programs and job seeking resources. I feel that those things are ESSENTIAL for our communities to function well and for younger generations to be able to become successful citizens.
8890	7/10/2012	I depend on our library for many reasons. Books and films.[] I like the calm atmosphere and the diverse population of users.[] Young and old, diverse populations, quiet and calmness of the place.
8891	7/10/2012	The library is nearly always the ifirst place I go to find information, whether it is for an academic project, or how to write a business plan. When I want entertainment, the library comes through as well. I know that other public services are importnat, like keeping our roads usable, but this country needs people who can and do think and solve problems - something we get through libraries - before nearly everything else can get done.
8892	7/10/2012	As a retired citizen on a fixed income the library is the one place that bridges back to my youth where one could go seel information for little or no cost. My personal reading now includes mostly volumes that are not even found at Powell's. I like the library for a destination, a place to read and study and not have to buy something.
8893	7/10/2012	I believe that one of the most important factors in democracy is education for all and dedication of public funds to this end.

8894	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power! Our local libraries are a source of knowledge that is accessible to anyone who has a library card.
8895	7/10/2012	Isn't a public collection of books & media bound to have more breadth than anything a person could fit in his home, and isn't it a good thing to share these resources?
8896	7/10/2012	They are essential to where I choose to live. When considering moving to a locale I will always inquire as to the state and funding of the local libraries.
8897	7/10/2012	Limited financial resources to purchase reading material.
8898	7/10/2012	An educated citizenry is important to democracy.
8899	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the key to a healthy community.
8900	7/10/2012	Because the very idea of local, publicly-funded libraries lifts society from the mud.
8901	7/10/2012	Libraries offer books and other media to people who cannot otherwise access them. Libraries welcome everyone. Libraries are a place to go for everybody who needs a book - or just a quiet place, a place out of the weather, a bathroom, computer access, a safe place, a place to let a kid chill out for a while. They are a real, public, community space, and we don't have very many places like that. Libraries are a place to discover books you didn't know you wanted to read, a place to see other people reading for pleasure and education. I don't want to live in a community without a library.
8902	7/10/2012	reading is an important, books need to be available to all people at all times.
8903	7/10/2012	certainly not as important as medical or transportation or senior services. And computers have replaced the importance of libraries for research purposes. My biggest use of the library is for reading material. Buying everything I want to read is not financially viable so I borrow a lot from the library.
8904	7/10/2012	I believe learning is essential to personal development, and that we are unfortunately often learning only the things that are placed in front us daily. Education, and the access to it, provides opportunity for people to be successful, and be part of a supportive community.
8905	7/10/2012	I read every single day
8906	7/10/2012	basic social service that provides equal access to all regardless of age, education, social circumstance, or finances.
8907	7/10/2012	The library is the most diverse place in the city, and it is a place that serves all people equally without prejudice. It is important to keep this safe space accessible to everyone.
8908	7/10/2012	Libraries are community meeting places. Library services support education, community well being. The library was a highlight of my youth, I want that to be shared by all children.
8909	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important source of learning, and especially valuable for people with limited resources.
8910	7/10/2012	everything builds on education and discovery

8911	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge is one of the few ways America actually follows through on that whole "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" thing. People can be horribly disadvantaged by circumstances but they can always go to the library to work on improving themselves.
8912	7/10/2012	With our first daughter now 6 months old it was invaluable for pregnancy, breast-feeding, parenting books. We look forward to bringing her to the library on a regular basis as she gets older
8913	7/10/2012	I can not afford to buy books and I use the reference tools weekly for my business
8914	7/10/2012	Better than the post office and more convenient than the DMV. However, they are necessities.
8915	7/10/2012	I use the library to do so many important things. Without the library I would not be where I am today.
8916	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the foundation of intelligent decisions both in business and on a personal level.
8917	7/10/2012	It is critical for continuing education and an informed public. Libraries provide central gathering locations and a public indoor space.
8918	7/10/2012	I have worked with many families that do not have the resources to go out and buy books, or do not have access to computers or other materials for research in their homes. The library provides that for them.
8919	7/10/2012	The internet is available to all, not just the wealthy. I can still learn, study, and grow no matter how poor I am.
8920	7/10/2012	Because reading and knowledge are two of the most important things in our society. Especially for people who don't want to spend \$15 on a book the library is an invaluable resource.
8921	7/10/2012	They give all ages the same chance for learning and entertainment no matter what their social economic level.
8922	7/10/2012	Because I have young kids who love coming to the library. It offers educational, fun, social things to do throughout the year.
8923	7/10/2012	There are so many other ways of obtaining these resources.
8924	7/10/2012	I would have said very important, but if I had to choose between having the library or having the water supply, the police, the fire department, or public transportation I would reluctantly have to sacrifice the library because the loss of any of the others would be even more devastating than the loss of library services.
8925	7/10/2012	Where ever I move, my first connection is signing up for the local library. It has served me when I did not have computer access. It's the place I can bring my voting ballot, and am free to walk in anytime for any book or media need. I learned to read and love the huge world of books as a kid when my mom took me to the library every week. I grew up to teach and parent, and the library or bookmobile was the most important resource for many of my students. I observe that it is even more important to low income students in this faster paced environment.
8926	7/10/2012	Our family uses the local library daily for almost all of our entertainment. It's great and we are proud supporters!
8927	7/10/2012	Available to all, poor or wealthy. Those that can read and be informed have better lives, make better decisions

8928	7/10/2012	Safety is the most important public service. Having a good library is important but there are other ways to get information today. The internet is cheap and easily accessible.
8929	7/10/2012	I have a two year old daughter who loves books. My husband and I are both avid readers and we want her to continue to experience libraries as exciting places where there is limitless potential for exploring the world through books. I hate the idea of libraries being 'idea stores', like Starbucks with magazines or Block busters with a few book cases. While I think it's excellent, and necessary to keep up with digital technologies, and give communities access to new technologies, I want libraries to be book focused places!
8930	7/10/2012	I don't want to live in a neighborhood where people, especially children, don't have access to a library!
8931	7/10/2012	I have a two year old and plan on spending a lot of time in the library over the next several years. As it is, we go to the library at least once a week for reading groups for kids his age. We also check out books regularly.
8932	7/10/2012	Because education, any support to education and literacy are very basic necessities for a country or a community to be civilized, mature and well-educated.
8933	7/10/2012	I have PC, buy used books at thrift stores and on line.
8934	7/10/2012	An informed society is a stronger society
8935	7/10/2012	The library has something for everyone and it's free. It a doorway to enrichment, but more than that, it can be a doorway to getting your basic needs met for job seekers, parents with limited literacy, and new Americans.
8936	7/10/2012	Libraries are an integral part of our local community. They provide access to services, resources and information for anyone in need, no questions asked. No private service exists that can claim to do the same. The quality of a community's library system says as much about what that community values as the quality of its schools or its parks.
8937	7/10/2012	Having access to free books is very important, because I love to read, but I don't have it in my budget to buy books. I also love that libraries provides a quiet place for learning about ANYTHING. Being a new Mom, I also look forward to my kids having access to free books and other media.
8938	7/10/2012	So that my children learn to love reading, how to treat a book, how to use a library, how to behave among books, how to interact with other children during story time and listen to the reader. So that they are exposed to different cultures, people, music, and art through your activities. So that my husband and I can attend workshops and community groups to discuss parenting. So that my children can read to a dog to help them overcome their incredible fear of dogs. If you offered a tattoo, I'd get one!

8939	7/10/2012	They provide access to resources that are unavailable to some people otherwise. There are no other alternative sources for people who do not have the expendable income for books, computers, or internet access. I also rely on the library to introduce me to new resources that I may not discover on my own.[] Limiting library services is a form of oppression and causes future division between various educational and socioeconomic levels within our communities.
8940	7/10/2012	This is the only free educational resource available to the entire public. Taking away the library takes away the ability for those who do not have access to gain it. Often times we think that in the digital age there is a great amount of resources that are "free" but the quality of information is not always there...it certainly is not academic or scholarly. [] [] We need public spaces for people to learn, gather, and be a community.
8941	7/10/2012	Reading and access to media is a very important part of my life.
8942	7/10/2012	I have always used them and continue to do so. they are even more important for people who cannot afford to buy books or do not have a computer.
8943	7/10/2012	I have kids who check out books for research for school.
8944	7/10/2012	For me, libraries are ranked just below education, public safety and poverty services.
8945	7/10/2012	Police, fire protection, water and sewer are more important
8946	7/10/2012	I read a great deal and could not afford to purchase all or most of the books I take out of the library.
8947	7/10/2012	It is how we manage to experience a variety of books to reading exciting in our family!
8948	7/10/2012	I think libraries are on par with other essential services like police and fire and schools. They are part of what makes a community.
8949	7/10/2012	Internet informational and retail sources provide comparable services
8950	7/10/2012	I'm luckily enough not to "need" the library e.g. I can afford to at least buy used books and other media.
8951	7/10/2012	It's a great resource for virtually any information needed; I've checked out books for home projects, repair, hobbies, and just for fun. More importantly, it's a great resource for those in the community that do not have many resources at home. I also support the educational programs to develop lifelong readers and to assist people with computer skills. The library is a place where everyone has an opportunity for self-growth.
8952	7/10/2012	Other local public services such as fire protection, safety, healthcare are certainly more important; but reading will always be important to further self-education.
8953	7/10/2012	life long learning, information access to all, free or low cost, a place to expose yourself to parts of the world that a person wouldn't contact in their daily life through the various media available - a sense of community

8954	7/10/2012	I think that roads being paved and taken care of, a good police presence, jails that are funded, and public transportation, water, gas/electricity that is affordable is more important to me than library services. From what I have heard, our library system is one of the best funded in the nation.
8955	7/10/2012	I use the library more than any other local public service.
8956	7/10/2012	Public services that ensure the safety and well-being of the citizen base are the highest priority (police/fire response, clean water, waste removal, etc.). Local library services contribute to the quality of life, but is not a primary concern like the other services mentioned. Library patrons can and should continue to adapt by accepting limited days/hours in light of challenges experienced. Therefore, library services are "somewhat important" to me.
8957	7/10/2012	Reading is a vital part of life and ALL individuals should have access to good books and media.
8958	7/10/2012	Libraries promote literacy, ¹ and are resources to all people ² across all categories.
8959	7/10/2012	Without the library, we limit who has access to information therefore allowing only the elite (those who can pay) to be highly literate.
8960	7/10/2012	I have two young children and seeing the state of Portland public schools I feel we are and will continue to enhance there education by using our libraries.
8961	7/10/2012	Reading for rest is much better then TV
8962	7/10/2012	It is a terrific resource for everyone.
8963	7/10/2012	The services are free and I am on a fixed income.
8964	7/10/2012	Literacy and the sense of community they provide are important to me. Most of us can't afford to pay for all the books we read so we need access to free loaners.
8965	7/10/2012	Nice to have access to any resource I'm interested in. Might have to wait awhile, but I always can get what I need, a great use of my tax dollars.
8966	7/10/2012	Obviously, police, fire and infrastructure are very important to the day to day operation of a community, but the library is the repository of the community's knowledge and education for both today and the future.
8967	7/10/2012	I think economic mobility is critical for a prosperous country. Education is a key tool to economic mobility and the library is a key component to education. I also think that educated people make better decisions and this is critical to the day-to-day operations of a democracy.
8968	7/10/2012	The library provides valuable information and online access to many people who otherwise would have none of these things. It is the most important social institution we have as a culture.
8969	7/10/2012	Because no one anticipates needing a cop or firefighter--and once one's kids are out of school, public schools take less precedence--but the tangible benefits of public libraries are readily apparent.

8970	7/10/2012	When my wife and I were deciding where in the country to relocate, one of the key factors that made us choose Portland was the quality of Multnomah County's library system. Maintaining the breadth, depth and quality of the library's collections and database subscriptions is a key contributor to the quality of life in Multnomah County. Similarly, it is important that the library's funding is adequate to meet the staffing needs for as many hours per day (and days per week) of operation as possible given patterns of usage and demand.
8971	7/10/2012	I love to read, watch good film, listen to good music. I like to live in a community that values these things. The library is a safe neutral space for all people in the community to mingle and meet.
8972	7/10/2012	Sometimes (not always) you have resources written by accredited sources that are hella better than the internet.
8973	7/10/2012	Supplying learning material to people who may not have the money to educate themselves is important to any society. It is in the same vein as protecting the people.
8974	7/10/2012	The library provides an engaging environment and resources to allow for learning that would otherwise not be identified and/or used by the public; this is important!
8975	7/10/2012	It's nice to have so many books to choose from without having to buy them.
8976	7/10/2012	Reading is essential to our health as a community.
8977	7/10/2012	Food, health and safety services have to come first.
8978	7/10/2012	The library is very important, but perhaps not as important as police, fire, public schools, the health department, etc.
8979	7/10/2012	I like the library and use it often, but Portland also has suffering schools, streets, and parks. Libraries are important but not the most important compared to things like schools.
8980	7/10/2012	I rank library services highly--they are necessary for social mobility and for having an educated citizenry. They also help create or reinforce community. However, if I had to do without a public service, I would sacrifice libraries before, say, police, firefighters, or waste removal.
8981	7/10/2012	I use them relatively frequently. My choices for how frequently I visit the library were only weekly or monthly; in reality, I probably visit the library 2-3 times per month, and use the databases from outside the library 4-5 times per month.
8982	7/10/2012	Our libraries help bridge economic differences by being widely available and containing educational and social resources not always accessible to all.
8983	7/10/2012	Very important are absolutely necessary services. Somewhat important are highly beneficial services but not absolutely necessary
8984	7/10/2012	They would not be more important than schools, protection of children and elderly, but certainly a critical resource in our community. It is hard to put them above public safety particularly police on the street.
8985	7/10/2012	The library is a wonderful resource for the community for education, jobs, and support.
8986	7/10/2012	Police, fire, and city water might rank above library.
8987	7/10/2012	reading is fundamental. It's not a luxury, it's a necessity to guarantee the future of this planet

8988	7/10/2012	high-ish
8989	7/10/2012	Access to information is extremely important for a democratic society. Libraries are a place where people learn, grow, connect and access resources that are ordinarily not free.
8990	7/10/2012	reading and learning is everything... it's about community, about life now and about our future as a healthy society. i can't imagine a world without libraries.
8991	7/10/2012	I rely on the library system a lot to get information and view resources at no extra cost to myself.
8992	7/10/2012	They're great places for education. I find that schools and emergency management are a bit more important, but libraries are very important overall.
8993	7/10/2012	It allows us all access, really radical idea there.
8994	7/10/2012	Because no matter what happens, the only way to change things is to be educated. Without the extremely broad resources of the library, people's views will be much more limited. Most other services wouldn't be needed if people were fully educated.
8995	7/10/2012	Reading and access to books is our most valuable resource.
8996	7/10/2012	Access to informative and valuable materials and information at no cost. Open to most everyone who wants to avail themselves of this institution.
8997	7/10/2012	A library is a shared resource to a community - we all pay into it through property taxes and should reap the benefits - access to a clean and quiet area for learning.
8998	7/10/2012	Since I was a child, I have always loved the library and all of the classes, available books and materials it had to offer. From growing up in a lower income situation, it was imperative to learning and entertainment to have free access to the library, we could not always afford to buy new books or movies, and the library has always provided that. Since I have grown and had a child, my child has gotten over reading anxiety with the "Reading to the Dogs" program, and loves his trips to the library as well.
8999	7/10/2012	Being retired, we read books a lot and we do not wish to buy books any longer to increase our book collection. Use the library for travel research for planning trips.
9000	7/10/2012	I'm an avid book reader and think that libraries are essential for public knowledge and culture.
9001	7/10/2012	The library is very important for books and media resources, and for ALL OTHER SERVICES THEY ARE NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT.
9002	7/10/2012	I use them.
9003	7/10/2012	I almost never buy a book, because the library always has what I need. And, I am a voracious reader and researcher.
9004	7/10/2012	An essential public resource
9005	7/10/2012	I love to read and it can good for my budget if I don't have to buy every book that I read. It's also great for finding books for research and reference materials that may be out of print or unavailable. I would be disappointed if libraries weren't available to me for things like that.
9006	7/10/2012	I love reading, as does my family, and our budget won't allow us - nor do we find it necessary - to purchase books brand new.

9007	7/10/2012	Literacy is a keystone of our society and access to free reading and media sources is essential for every member of the community.
9008	7/10/2012	Education improves everyone lives.
9009	7/10/2012	free access to information to all is very important to me and to a free and equal society
9010	7/10/2012	Libraries contribute to our whole society in a positive way - by promoting learning.
9011	7/10/2012	For my entire family, books, audio books, and DVD's are our primary form of relaxation and recreation. Also important in staying current in various areas of information.
9012	7/10/2012	Some services are, hate to say it, more basic than library access. Things such as safety, clean water and air precede (or underlie) the "luxury" of the library and all that it offers. (Mild apologies here, perhaps.)
9013	7/10/2012	It enables people to read books if they can not afford to buy them and it provides important information for young people and unemployed and those that do not have a home computer.
9014	7/10/2012	We have no TV. The Library is our primary education and entertainment. I am still going to school at the age of 70, so I depend on your research material and text books.
9015	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and appreciate the ability to borrow books on a variety of subjects, some I may not explore due to the cost of buying a book I'll read once. I also think it is important to encourage children to read, which encourages their interest in learning and developing more critical thinking skills. They can explore more options when easy access to reading materials is available.
9016	7/10/2012	We need to give everyone access to knowledge. A knowledgeable/educated public makes for a well-run society.
9017	7/10/2012	Libraries are important to families who can no longer afford outside interests or hobbies due to the what seems like a failing economy. At the library they can check out books to read or movies to watch in a time where they cannot afford to buy books or rent movies.
9018	7/10/2012	Poorly constructed question. [] "They", as in the "other" services not expressly stated above?[] The library "as a public service" is a privilege not a right as such, it represents the intellectual creative potential of the community. [] Other "public services" are part the security of the community. These services could be fire, police, and other human services, all of which protect property and sustain human life. Where in, the library protects the collections of social, cultural, and imaginative knowledge which the community can access to move beyond human necessity.
9019	7/10/2012	I love reading and I am happy to pay extra taxes to fund libraries because borrowing books from the library saves me a lot of money every year.
9020	7/10/2012	Important to the community, especially. My kids use it quite a bit.
9021	7/10/2012	I read a lot!

9022	7/10/2012	They aren't survival level (gas, water, roads, phone, etc) but the library forms the core of most neighborhoods and is vital to the happiness of a city.
9023	7/10/2012	Access to materials I couldn't afford to buy all of. Helps me with educating my children and supporting my local business.
9024	7/10/2012	The library system is part of the lifeblood of this town full of readers and writers.
9025	7/10/2012	Encourages personal development.
9026	7/10/2012	The more we read the better our choices in life
9027	7/10/2012	Knowledge (being informed) is critical to our democracy. Libraries facilitate self learning and discovery.
9028	7/10/2012	I think it is important that everyone in the public has a place where he or she can access information, no matter what his or her circumstance.
9029	7/10/2012	Literacy and community are very important for people of all ages and income level.
9030	7/10/2012	The library is my family's #1 source of information about the world. We check out books, use librarians for research, check out DVDs, read the magazines and newspapers, use the computers and internet access, check out electronic books, use the interlibrary loan system, download music from the free service provided via the library, participate in summer reading, participate in Everybody Reads, attend lectures and kids' programs. Also my son volunteers, which provides him a structured entree into working (showing up on time, wearing a uniform (shirt), punching in and out, serving customers). There is no public community center in our neighborhood, so my son depends on the library as his "hang out" place and to meet his friends.
9031	7/10/2012	In my opinion the library is second most important after k-12 schools, then parks and rec. These services make for smart, healthy kids and communities that make Portland great. Now and in the future.
9032	7/10/2012	See my response to question 6. I think it's important for everyone to have free and convenient access to valuable resources and services that can improve and enhance their lives. This benefits the entire community.
9033	7/10/2012	It is wonderful to have access to current books, magazines and DVDs on every subject you can think of! To me, this is a fuel that encourages creativity and births ideas which each of us use to contribute to our community.
9034	7/10/2012	I am a public school teacher. The library is where we send our students to grow their love of books and to explore the world. As an adult, it is great to have access to books on many topics to peruse without having to own them.
9035	7/10/2012	Education is the most important tool one can receive and with the library one can receive it for free.
9036	7/10/2012	Education is extremely important to us and vital to a healthy, informed community. We strongly believe there should be library access for all segments of the population.
9037	7/10/2012	My Grandchildren, my family and I all love to read

9038	7/10/2012	The libraries are an essential bridge between patrons and needed services and information; without the libraries, area residents will be unable to access other local public services.
9039	7/10/2012	I am a senior and buying books is a financial hardship. So the library is able to lend me the books I wish to read. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!
9040	7/10/2012	I go there all the time. I read constantly, and watch videos a lot. The feature "Your Lucky Day" has opened a whole new world for me; now I read mostly non-fiction. YLD has introduced me to books I would not have known existed, in fields I didn't know about. I use the hold feature a lot; often have all 15 hold spaces on my account filled. [] I am a low-income senior. I could never afford to buy all these books.
9041	7/10/2012	The library is free, and everyone uses it. By that I mean people from all walks of life. I live in a diverse but increasingly gentrified area of Portland. However, when I walk into the North Portland Library, I always see folks from all races, ages, and ethnicities. The library also is heavily used by children. When my daughter was born, we were sent a free board book, book coupons, and a library card form. The library works with local daycares and sends boxes of books regularly. These and other programs are important to promote literacy in our City's young people. The library is also ecc friendly! When I check out a book from the library instead of buying it, I am saving paper!
9042	7/10/2012	We homeschool our children, so we use the library a lot.
9043	7/10/2012	I use books for such a short period of time, I couldn't afford to buy everything I'd like to read.
9044	7/10/2012	Supports the intellectual life of the community.
9045	7/10/2012	Because other institutions (i.e. schools) are more imporstant.
9046	7/10/2012	because we love to read. we don't watch t.v. so we get our entertainment at night through reading
9047	7/10/2012	I read and get dvd's on a regular basis, and Mult. Cnty Library is a great resource for those activities.
9048	7/10/2012	Poorly written question.
9049	7/10/2012	Libraries provide equal access to information
9050	7/10/2012	I think that other public services such as public transportation and police are of primary importance.[] however in this economic climate recreation should be important.
9051	7/10/2012	Unfortunately, I don't think libraries play as vital a role anymore due to the vast availability of electronic reading material. Although I do believe libraries play an important role as far as a sense of community and teaching children lessons in taking care of other peoples things, sharing and finding material on their own. It is also just a wonderful space dedicated to reading and learning which I value in our society.
9052	7/10/2012	Provides a resource that is not available on an individual basis to the general population.
9053	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power.

9054	7/10/2012	It's a service I actually use.
9055	7/10/2012	An informed society is a society that works better for all. Libraries help keep people informed not just in terms of "information," but also in terms of literary works, children's books (which help form young people who want to know more and read more and learn more about their world). When I was a boy in a low income family that did not have a lot of books, I used the public and school libraries on a regular basis. I cannot imagine how much I would have missed out on had I not had access to the old Woodstock branch (at about 45th Avenue and Woodstock Boulevard, a few blocks from the location it has been for decades). I used it much more than I did the small school library.
9056	7/10/2012	I use the library quite often and even volunteer there. I am an avid reader and check out books regularly. In addition, the libraries act as a great community center, a place where neighborhoods come together. I would never choose to live in a neighborhood that didn't have a library close by.
9057	7/10/2012	My family uses the library every week.
9058	7/10/2012	Enable learning
9059	7/10/2012	Open access to books opens access to minds
9060	7/10/2012	I don't buy media as I don't like accumulating stuff. Libraries make sense. The hold system is a godsend; I regularly brag to non-Oregonians about how lucky I am to live in this county.
9061	7/10/2012	Libraries help promote a literate society, essential to a functional democracy.
9062	7/10/2012	I use the library fairly frequently. When I was in college it was a major source of information. I still use it as a low cost way to gain knowledge.
9063	7/10/2012	As much as I love the Library, Firefighting and Policing are more important
9064	7/10/2012	Public owned information, socialization.
9065	7/10/2012	1) good libraries are a central factor to strong connected communities. People feel connected to where they live and the people that frequent similar places as them. 2) Get people off their computers and out associating
9066	7/10/2012	Because we could not afford to buy ANY media with our level of income.
9067	7/10/2012	I use the library to get books. I am unable to work currently due to a medical issue and the library is my favorite place. The library is very close to my house and I am able to walk there to retrieve my hold items and can read several books a week. I could never afford to read as much while I am recovering from my illness if the library was not here.
9068	7/10/2012	They're a place the community can meet, either intentionally or accidentally. They provide important resources to the community and, through internet access, some of those resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
9069	7/10/2012	It is a source of practically free education and resources for things like internet access which in some cases is the only way people can look for a job.

9070	7/10/2012	When I think of library use, I especially think of the advantages for children in the educational aspects. It's a vital resource for all age groups.
9071	7/10/2012	I love to read and as a retired senior I get 95% of my books from the library. Saves money and trees.
9072	7/10/2012	It's a vital part of education to our young, and extended social piece to some adults due to their lives. Besides I love books.
9073	7/10/2012	I see the library as a community staple and as a place to even go to find out about local public services
9074	7/10/2012	A vibrant library is a place for all residents, regardless of income, to explore the world of ideas and to gather information to improve their lives and communities. It's a key to a free, educated society. - Serve as community gathering and information points[] - Promote literacy[] - Promote education[]
9075	7/10/2012	- Promote culture (through meetings with writers, artists, etc.)[] - Offer resources (such as for job seekers)[] - Offer classes (for people of all ages, languages and backgrounds)[] - Serve as a source of my native news (I'm originally from Poland and reading scans of newspapers in my mother tongue is priceless!)
9076	7/10/2012	I think public safety and other programs are important, but the library is a good long-term investment in our future. It supports the most disadvantaged in our society, and it is an organization that leverages it's budget to accomplish great things. Also, Multnomah County Public Library is a leader both in Oregon and around the country. Our support of the library creates yet one more reason people decide to relocate to our city.
9077	7/10/2012	I love the availability of resources
9078	7/10/2012	We need to have libraries available and open, the threat of them going away is too great.
9079	7/10/2012	I have begun to read a little on line via library checkout and kindle buying
9080	7/10/2012	It benefits the education system.
9081	7/10/2012	Not necessarily to me, but to others who make such heavy use of the library in person.
9082	7/10/2012	Libraries are the only access many people have to books, computers, and other materials, especially people who can least afford to buy books or own a computer. Libraries are one of the ways that we create an equal society for everyone no matter their economic status, language skills, race, religion, or anything else. Libraries are essential to the on-going, life-long learning that is important in every person's life. They help create well-informed and educated citizens.
9083	7/10/2012	education for everyone, endless resources for all.
9084	7/10/2012	Access to libraries opens almost all doors to people who have an interest to explore.
9085	7/10/2012	So many services are being cut for people who are the most at-risk. Libraries rank equally with other services that benefit our at- risk population.

9086	7/10/2012	Both my son (age 9) and I enjoy reading and are regular readers, and being able to check out books rather than buy books (though I do that sometimes as well) means we can support our reading habit without spending a lot of the household income on buying books.
9087	7/10/2012	Most of what I need I can get on the internet. Tough to use most branches when they aren't open during hours I can get there & I have learned to not use at all as a result.
9088	7/10/2012	Make knowledge available to all who wish to find it
9089	7/10/2012	Libraries have been my "third space" for much of my life- not home, not work, but that other place that people need to go to. Also, I have a good job but my income is low so I need to use as many non-paying resources as I can to fulfill my media needs and hobbies.
9090	7/10/2012	The community has free access to helping services, books, Internet which makes the community a safer place for children and fosters growth and learning.
9091	7/10/2012	In so many ways: access to materials and community enrichment.
9092	7/10/2012	Literacy is invaluable. All people should have access to books and programs that foster good literacy skills.
9093	7/10/2012	Information is power
9094	7/10/2012	something all can use equally
9095	7/10/2012	Serve the whole community and those with limited resources
9096	7/10/2012	I have had a library card since I was 3 years old....a part of my being & a life line for all of those that use it for their knowledge in a zillions additional arenas.
9097	7/10/2012	Food and shelter are most important.
9098	7/10/2012	I think the library is our most valuable public service. I am a avid reader...but I could not afford to purchase books if I didn't have the library, however I believe many citizens who use the library could not afford to purchase books. in addition having the computers available is absolutely necessary for many job seekers and students.
9099	7/10/2012	Because everyone needs access to books, computers and reliable sources of information, especially if we want an informed and electorate.
9100	7/10/2012	They are extremely important. However, there are other public services that are essential.. I depend on the library for materials; the physical books, Overdrive Media for listening to books on my iPod, etc. I rarely buy books at the bookstore, instead I rely on the library for pleasure reading and research reading. If library services were cut making them less available or completely unavailable, the amount of reading I would be able to do would be significantly hindered. I rely on the library to provide materials that my budget would otherwise limit or not allow.
9101	7/10/2012	Access to information is key to a well-educated society.
9102	7/10/2012	My kids and I are "bookaholics" and value the library immensely, but you cannot compare their importance to police, fire, etc.
9103	7/10/2012	
9104	7/10/2012	Through the internet, I receive 90% of national and international news.

9105	7/10/2012	<p>Look at how busy they are. The staff at any library I visit are extremely kind, helpful and patient. I borrow books, audiobooks, maps, do research and use the computers. I remember the days when I could go out my front door to the bookmobile and check out books in our neighborhood. They have always been an important part of my life.</p>
9106	7/10/2012	<p>They are less important than, say, a fire department, but they are essential in cultivating intellectual curiosity in young people especially and are an important resource for the community, particularly the lower-income people who can't afford internet service or buying a lot of books. Cutting library funding would hurt these vulnerable populations who rely on the library for school and job searches the most. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>I use the library mostly to read for pleasure, allowing me to broaden my literary horizons and take a break from the internet-saturated culture we live in. I think it would be a shame if it were to become harder for the average person in our community to access books. Books make us human! Books contain the wisdom we should have learned from our ancestors. Books make up some of the greatest works of the greatest artists and intellectuals who have ever lived.</p>
9107	7/10/2012	<p>The library is a hugely useful resource! Reading and having access to books and ideas is vital to stimulate minds and encourage learning in a community. ¶</p> <p>For students, it often gives them so many more resources than their school or home may provide: books they might not be able to find elsewhere, internet access, a place for studying, catching up on homework, doing research, in addition to whatever student programs the local library offers. For young children sometimes libraries are their first introduction to books and story time. I think it's very important that children are exposed to those types of activities to stimulate the mind at an early age. Also, all the libraries I've been to have a children's story time at least once a week and that gives kids a place to learn and be entertained when maybe their parents are not able to do that for them.¶</p> <p>For the grown-up folks it is still an excellent resource for finding reading material in print when other options are out of their price range, or otherwise unachievable. For people without internet access, it is hugely important. The internet supplies so much knowledge, communication, and entertainment. Often times the only way to apply to jobs is online, and if one does not have internet access at home, this can be a great setback. Libraries also provide a place for communities to come together. If one is curious what events and happenings are going on in their neighborhood, they can stop by their local library and check out the community boards, chat with the librarians, etc. ¶</p>
9108	7/10/2012	<p>They are important to me because a good library is key to preserving and passing on our culture. On the other hand, the library is not an immediate survival necessity like water and sewer system, paved roads and the police and fire departments.</p>
9109	7/10/2012	<p>Reading has been very important in my life</p>
9110	7/10/2012	<p>The library is incredibly important to me. My family, and others, cannot afford and choose to not spend our limited resources to buy books, movies, music, etc. I think that free public access to these things is very important for a continually educated, globally-minded, and cultured society.</p>

9111	7/10/2012	I love libraries and reading. I think it is important to carry this love on to our children. It is hard now with internet and game systems to get children to read a book.
9112	7/10/2012	they aid education
9113	7/10/2012	importance of literacy, as well as library access for all people in our community
9114	7/10/2012	Aside from providing materials that i use to educate and learn, i also use as a entertainment venue (order dvds) because i no longer choose to pay for cable. i also very much like the sense of community and humanaity that librarreis provide.
9115	7/10/2012	Frequent, regular use.
9116	7/10/2012	This is the most important resources because it contains information, history, and skilled individuals to help others know how to use this information. With the decline of libraries, we will see the decline of educated, informed populations. Consider those who cannot afford the paper, or the internet, or to buy books. This is critical. Because if I don't have several books near by me I will wither. I like libraries because I can browse the shelves and find books that I would never know existed. Sometime I end up not reading them as they are not as good as I thought they'd be. Other times its to the contrary. If I have to buy on my Kindle I want to make sure i really want the book, and that it is not easily available from MY library!
9117	7/10/2012	
9118	7/10/2012	Books and films connect us to community and to a wider world. Libraries level the playing field for access to important cultural materials and events. I am a writer and my work is available in libraries and I have been paid to read at libraries. Libraries provide important community resources for everyone, which boosts the entire city. When I was a child, my two working parents picked us up at the local library after school one day a week when they were not able to watch us. The librarian was very patient and kind to us, and frequently selected books especially for us. Libraries have always been a safe place to me as a national and international migrant worker, giving me a place to be warm and dry, communicate with faraway loved ones and locate resources. The library is the public service I use the most.
9119	7/10/2012	
9120	7/10/2012	The library is a resource that is open to all income levels, education levels, and ages. Food, clothing, housing, and other such securities need to come first, but having access to free materials that can open and free the mind is invaluable to the financially-challenged. Library materials can bring enough information and fun into a financially-strapped household to help people feel they are interacting with the world on the same level as their better-off neighbors.

9121	7/10/2012	Public services are supposed to provide for basic needs - we're pooling our monies (i.e., taxes) to invest in these basic needs. Education is a basic need. Access to the internet (for some) is a basic need for those who can't afford to do it on their own. Portland/Multnomah county seems to forget this sometimes. Having lived in larger cities (Chicago, LA and NYC) and then moving here, it confuses me sometimes to see the choices local officials make when prioritizing what are "basic needs"...
9122	7/10/2012	I love to read. Reference material is available on the net, so is not needed as much.
9123	7/10/2012	I use the library as a source for knowledge. We as a society need to have the libraries for many diverse reasons and the children need to be shown the advantages of being a library member, if not by their parents then by someone else. With the schools withdrawing ESL from the schoolrooms the importance of the opportunities that the library offers the children becomes more important than before.
9124	7/10/2012	A good public library is a vital part of free society. A little tricky question.[]
9125	7/10/2012	Not as important as police and fire and mental health and schools. All these services compete with libraries as do bridges, etc.
9126	7/10/2012	Alternatives are few.
9127	7/10/2012	They provide resources, knowledge, services, and entertainment to anyone who wants it.
9128	7/10/2012	Access to information to all regardless of income is important to me. Having a place for kids to go, be safe and learn so they stay out of trouble is important to me and our whole community.
9129	7/10/2012	I use the library at least once a week to pick up books. My wife is a schoolteacher and depends on the library for its resources. I am always impressed by how well the Mult Co library system is run and the capable staff on hand. I would not hesitate to pay more in taxes to see the library be open seven days a week.
9130	7/10/2012	I'm old and the library provides so much information and entertainment that doesn't cost an arm and a leg.
9131	7/10/2012	An informed citizenry/public is necessary for democracy
9132	7/10/2012	Personally, I use the service frequently. As a community resource, I believe the access to books and other media is immensely valuable.
9133	7/10/2012	Library services are more utilized by our household than any other public service.
9134	7/10/2012	Teach your kids to read, and they'll be okay eventually, whatever happens.
9135	7/10/2012	Where would residents go without the public library? If funding shifts from library services, perhaps eliminating a few libraries is in order...or reducing services to only a few libraries. It is convenient to have libraries close in our neighborhoods for children as well as adults. However, if low budget does not make this possible, we can take public transportation to other close libraries for certain services...although that would be very cumbersome.

9136	7/10/2012	In my mind "the public library" has been a place that has existed in America for all my adult life. So has land line telephones. Are they useful? Not anymore. Maybe just as a small office to put in 20-30 free computers with one tech to help people log in who forgot their passwords. Public schools have libraries. What's the point of renting out free books & tapes when you can get them on a computer?
9137	7/10/2012	Make knowledge available to all regardless of income and opportunity.
9138	7/10/2012	after public transportation, maybe number 2
9139	7/10/2012	It keeps our neighborhood healthy.
9140	7/10/2012	Because everyone should have access to books and knowledge
9141	7/10/2012	Critical for access to information.
9142	7/10/2012	Access to books and online resources is crucial to providing opportunities to those with limited income. In today's world, online access is an absolute necessity for anyone who wants to do well in school or find a new job.
9143	7/10/2012	since I'm retired now I save money by using library instead of going to book stores or ordering movies/music from iTunes
9144	7/10/2012	As a retired person, I cannot afford to buy books so use of the library is critical for me. I check out about 50 or 60 books and other media a year and losing that service would be devastating.
9145	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for all kinds of material--books for pleasure and knowledge; films for entertainment; music for enrichment; and many other resources necessary to be an intelligent citizen and civilized man.
9146	7/10/2012	Even with the tons of information on the web I still want a tangible book, or resource. Sometimes the web has too much information and it hard to sort through. I can go to a library, and SOMEONE can direct me to what I need.
9147	7/10/2012	I come from a family that has always valued and appreciated reading, and public access to books
9148	7/10/2012	The public services provided for safety and health will always come first, so I wouldn't rate libraries as "Very Important" as compared to police and fire. However, I think that libraries are key to advancement of a community. Access to information is separating the low from the middle classes. For example, most job searching requires internet access. The library helps those who cannot afford internet at home to apply to the same jobs as those who can.
9149	7/10/2012	For me personally, the library is just a convenient, cost-effective way to read books without having to purchase them and to preview music CDs to see if I want to purchase them. However, I recognize the benefit of the library to the community - for many low income job-seekers, it's the library provides their online access that allows them to apply for jobs; for many seniors, access to library programs is a lifeline to keeping them connected to the community, for lower income students, it provides computer access to do research and homework, etc., etc. Is the library more important than police and fire services, no, but I would put it up there in importance with schools.

9150	7/10/2012	<p>They provide a place for community to congregate. Children after school, adults, ESL. Mult library system is the best - so much more than other locations from what I gather talking to people across the state and in neighboring states. We really are fortunate to have this service.</p> <p>Community- it plays a key role as a place where county residents can gather and interact.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Literacy- []</p> <p>[]</p>
9151	7/10/2012	<p>Information- it's easy it forget that without the library many people would be cut off, not just from the world of books but also from the internet.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Civics- It's a place where you get to interact with your government without being in trouble or paying a bill. I think that interaction is important for government and people to have some kind of positive personal interface.</p>
9152	7/10/2012	They are part of overall community education and information systems critical to the long term social and economic health of the area.
9153	7/10/2012	Because I use them frequently and the resources help me with school
9154	7/10/2012	Books are the key to learning. Information at the library is free, and there has to be support for that.
9155	7/10/2012	I use them every day. EVERY day. They help me with my professional life (the research opportunities are brilliant) and with my personal enrichment.
9156	7/10/2012	to support the community, education and a chance to do research on learning process
9157	7/10/2012	We rely on our library to give us access to books and information, and to teach our two children that reading is fun and important.
9158	7/10/2012	I buy my own books and use the internet for research
9159	7/10/2012	Access to books and other media is access to information, to culture, to skills and to the world. Libraries ARE civilization!
9160	7/10/2012	It is an open to all way to encourage knowledge. It provides shared space where people across cultures and economic groups interact. It may be the only public service that does that. It encourages exploration and curiosity which are crucial to a healthy society.
9161	7/10/2012	Very important but not as important as public education and police
9162	7/10/2012	I dont like to buy books-and cant really afford to anyway. I get new books to read and that is one of my favorite hobbies. Education is most important and libraries avail this for me(a senior) and my grandchildren(2)
9163	7/10/2012	I can't afford to pay for books and I don't have a fancy e-book reader!
9164	7/10/2012	Nourish the life of the mind! Libraries are essential (and essentially) democratic institutions - give all citizens equal access to information (and entertainment). Library staff can help you find just about any publication or information.

9165	7/10/2012	I am retired and appreciate being able to read books and rent TV and movies without paying extra for them. Also it is better use of resources for us all to share these materials instead of each of us buying them individually.
9166	7/10/2012	I depend on the library not just for entertainment, education, and reference for myself, but for my work as well. I am a speech pathologist who works with a preschool special education program. My work depends heavily on the library's Early Childhood Resource program. My work depends heavily on the Raising a Reader program. Many of my families depend on the library for free/low-cost materials, for story-times, for children's program, for English programs, for computer education programs. Many of my families have few or no other options for literacy materials for their children, outside of school.
9167	7/10/2012	They are a source of education on all levels. They open eyes to the world and encourage the use of imagination. They are a vitally important resource for people of all ages.
9168	7/10/2012	Education is power!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
9169	7/10/2012	Local libraries represent a part of the USA that is good and, unfortunately, fading away. Libraries are like artifacts from our past that should be preserved. They seem to stand in opposition to this new era of engineered obsolescence and intense greed. I like institutionalized sharing. I like the spread of ideas.
9170	7/10/2012	Educational opportunities for children.
9171	7/10/2012	They serve every kind of person and provide real value for your money.
9172	7/10/2012	My local library provides services that make my day to day life a little bit easier
9173	7/10/2012	Police, fire, utilities come first but the library system is not far behind.
9174	7/10/2012	I am a recent college graduate who is trying to continue to educate himself, and without the public library I would not have access to the materials I need to do so.
9175	7/10/2012	free access to printed matter, information and computers for all-[] for most of us, this is still a hard-copy world.
9176	7/10/2012	Smart people are more employable, less bigoted, and less likely to end up in jail which costs me money.
9177	7/10/2012	because I check out a lot of books
9178	7/10/2012	They are the only public service I use.
9179	7/10/2012	Equalizer. Even those with low income have access to all books and movies for "free".
9180	7/10/2012	Other public services such as the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. rate higher. []
9181	7/10/2012	Education is high on my list, however, and libraries continue to help boost literacy. I enjoy reading and learning-even at my "senior age".
9182	7/10/2012	At a time when governmental institutions are crumbling from neglect and lack of sustainable revenue, when a growing number of people don't trust the traditional institutions of government, religion, and society, the importance of libraries -- which people still do trust -- grows ever more important.

9183	7/10/2012	they are that level because police fire and infrastructure maintainance are all i really put above them.
9184	7/10/2012	I read a book from the library every day of my life even when we travel. I look forward to my evening read and during the day when possible. I do not watch TV except for OPB Sunday nights. I use them a lot for pleasure reading and research. [] Police and Fire are more important but not by much.[]
9185	7/10/2012	[] Why don't you do away with marginally junctional check out machines that are fast wearing out and go back to paid staff that have to be on hand anyway. Not a wise choice of spending. As a home educator for many years and as my children are now in public education, it is extremely important to me. With budget cuts as they are across the board, teachers rely on students to supply their own books for reading and I have had to purchase books when I cannot get them at the library or when a book from the library is unavailable in a timely manner. I am an avid reader myself and read for pleasure but also rely on books many times for projects such as gardening, painting, and a whole host of subjects. My husband built our backyard deck and our porch railings from books at the library. He also fixes our cars from books he's checked out of the library. I've gotten many books for my children that have supplemented them for school and for fun.
9186	7/10/2012	
9187	7/10/2012	Police, fire,basic government services must be performed. Libraires come after that.....
9188	7/10/2012	The library is one of the greatest--if not the greatest--resources that we have for people to help themselves become more independent, self-sufficient, better informed, and better connected to the local community.
9189	7/10/2012	I love to read but cannot afford to buy books. i am a substitute teacher during the school year and a sun school teacher during the summer- i take out A LOT of books.
9190	7/10/2012	Libraries are community gathering spots as well as resouce stations for information of all kinds
9191	7/10/2012	Libraries are good for the community- they offer community members resources to educate themselves and others, use computers to help find jobs and an educated community is a healthy community.
9192	7/10/2012	Never stop learning
9193	7/10/2012	everyone should have access to many sources of information whether or not they take advantage I use the library nearly every day, along with my young daughter. We have a very low income and are unable to purchase books, movies, or cable television. The library is our number one resource for entertainment. It is also hugely important for the education of our daughter. My husband is a student and uses the library as a study location, and resource for study materials.
9194	7/10/2012	
9195	7/10/2012	Access to information is crucial to a democratic society.
9196	7/10/2012	The library serves as my primary - and in some instances sole - source for entertainment media (books, music CDs, and DVDs)
9197	7/10/2012	It is my main source for reading and listening materials.

9198	7/10/2012	Library services are very important to me, but at what cost? The library is one of many public services lacking funding and seeking to levy an additional tax. This places a heavy burden on people. I would favor less physical library services if virtual materials could be increasingly made available.
9199	7/10/2012	Though I use library services often, I understand there are other services government supplies, i.e. fire & police protection, utilities, maintenance of infra-structure, that are even more necessary to the functioning of the community. However, the availability of media resources is vital to the community and therefore places libraries at the somewhat important level.
9200	7/10/2012	Ensuring access to cultural resources, information, and library services should be available to everyone in the community regardless of income because educated and informed people contribute more to society and lead richer lives. Also, it is a rare gathering place for all the diverse elements of the community. A vibrant well funded library system offers access, social connection and opportunity to all.
9201	7/10/2012	As a teacher, I like to see children in the library reading or being read to. It is such a good foundation for their reading/learning development. Older children can participate in the summer reading program, use the computers, meet with peers to work on group projects for school, etc. I count the close proximity to the library from my home as one of the "pluses" of our neighborhood!
9202	7/10/2012	Libraries help balance the inequities in society. The knowledge shared through library services supports informed democracy. Libraries build community by providing common ground for diverse people to relate with one another. .
9203	7/10/2012	It's Money spent where the tax payer's intended it to be spent.
9204	7/10/2012	I think that a strong library and strong parks department are Portland's most valuable public services, in part because by giving people excellent resources and places to go we naturally reduce pressure on other public services like dealing with crime and health (by giving people places and activities to go to for fun and exercise). The libraries and the parks build the minds and bodies of our public, they also define how our we interact as a functional community. People value Portland, it is attractive and a desirable place to live, in no small part because of our values, we value our community and that is shown by a strong library and extra curricular system.
9205	7/10/2012	Because if else lose these services I will no longer be able to take my grandchildren.to the library for children's programs & to help teach them. I do not have access to a computer at all except for at the Libraries
9206	7/10/2012	The library is one of the only public services I use on a regular basis. It is a place to get information, programming, and computer access.
9207	7/10/2012	Because of the resources libraries provide to less well-off community members.
9208	7/10/2012	reading is the best way to prevent poverty

9209	7/10/2012	I think reading and self-educating are incredibly important qualities for all humans. I teach my children to pick up a book and go to a librarian and ask a question. Libraries help us help each other and ourselves.
9210	7/10/2012	Book lending and job resources
9211	7/10/2012	It's where we can get books and movies for free.
9212	7/10/2012	All the services provided by the library are important, especially when they are the only public service offering a particular service.
9213	7/10/2012	We've got a son going into 2nd grade and having a local library is great for continuing his reading education.
9214	7/10/2012	Because public education of quality is the most important thing.
9215	7/10/2012	I,m a reader I live in Gresham. Safety is the number one public issue here. We are mostly lower income here. There is so much we need. Libraries are nice to have, but low on the need scale. I know Portland loves the library, and it always approves its funding, but the increase tax hurts us here.
9216	7/10/2012	Library resources enable me and fellow members of the community to consistently and inexpensively access materials for the purposes of education and entertainment.
9217	7/10/2012	They are important to me becuae my family loves to read, watch educaitional DVDs and listen to books on CD. Without these services it would be very difficult to gain access to all of these materials. They also provide wonderful activities for my children.
9218	7/10/2012	I am a teacher and a parent and I use the library for my students and my daughter
9219	7/10/2012	Personally--because I love to read. But also because we're a democracy: our political system can't work unless we're well informed. Libraries are key to this, especially in this difficult economic climate. People who aren't well off and can't afford to buy books or newspapers or computers need libraries to be well-informed about political issues--and also in order to have access to books, music, etc. that simply bring pleasure, or nourish the human spirit.[]
9220	7/10/2012	Libraries also provide a space where people can gather, something that seems to be getting more and more rare in our fractured society. Their role in facilitating community is crucial.
9221	7/10/2012	i love books, my kids love books.
9222	7/10/2012	They are free to everyone
9223	7/10/2012	I utilize the library regularly and and I find it the most important public service I regularly utilize.
9224	7/10/2012	I would put them at the top (very important), but realistically, police and fire are the only ones at that highest level (sorry). Library funding should be right there in the #2 spot, however, for making a livable community (along with parks dept.)

9225	7/10/2012	the library is a great resource that i use very regularly. [] economics[] convenience[] variety
9226	7/10/2012	11 on a 10 point scale
9227	7/10/2012	Right up there with police and fire protection.l
9228	7/10/2012	Because they are a pathway to the world - to learning. Everyone has an opportunity to learn about anything - for free!
9229	7/10/2012	Don't use it much but would like it open when I do Even though I use the library quite often, I think I could still get all the value I currently get even if there were some cutbacks (like reduced hours). I do a lot of on-line library catalog searching and downloading of e-books so I can arrange trips to the library for the hours that it is open. It doesn't have to be open all the time to be a fantastic and valuable service. [] []
9230	7/10/2012	I believe that in terms of relative importance with other public services, the library is a wonderful service but not as important as other things that we need as a society (e.g. Education, Police/Fire, Public Transportation, Public Works)
9231	7/10/2012	I think an excellent library system and an efficient and affordable mass transit system are the backbone of a community as they provide services that benefit people regardless of their age, income, and life situation. Libraries are a community resource, a foundation for learning and essentially for getting kids excited about education, books and being exposed to different members of the community.[] []
9232	7/10/2012	My family went to our public library once a month, it was a ritual that taught me to love books, to love my freedom to choose what I wanted to learn about, to explore and it taught be responsibility (return the books on time, take care of a public resource).
9233	7/10/2012	I am an educator and an avid learner.
9234	7/10/2012	Reading is Fundamental....motivate people to read, so they get better at everything else.
9235	7/10/2012	There are more essential services. It's an important public resource, especially for folks who don't have access to these types of resources at home.
9236	7/10/2012	Without access to computers, books, etc., those less fortunate are at risk of falling through the cracks in a modern world that is based on computer/internet technologies.
9237	7/10/2012	Emergency services are more important, but library is a close second.
9238	7/10/2012	i use the library. and it is easy to use. I can't think of any other public service that i use on a regular basis.
9239	7/10/2012	I think of them as community centers, providing some basic needs for underserved populations in our community.

9240	7/10/2012	I work in a school library and when books are not available at our school, I encouraged the students to go to the county library. I also have two teenagers who often need the resources found at the county library.
9241	7/10/2012	Because we use it as an essential part of our family's entertainment and education. It's one of the few civic ideas from earlier days in our country's history that still has relevance to our modern society and it's a real national asset.
9242	7/10/2012	There's no other service like the library. And the US library system is phenomenal in comparison to library services in other countries (esp. Latin America). The library, for me, is the greatest resource (even better than the US Postal Service or the Department of Human Services--i.e. foodstamps, TANF, unemployment insurance, etc.) available to Americans today. It's an effective, efficient & much valued service available to all living here (with valid ID :)
9243	7/10/2012	Everyone can benefit from the library's services. It's an incredible resource.
9244	7/10/2012	They keep the population literate and empowered
9245	7/10/2012	please see #6. It's kind of like the "teaching to fish" vs. "give a fish" analogy. Books, reading, up-to-date available technologies for all ages... it's a trickle-up effect. Excuse the mixed metaphors.
9246	7/10/2012	They are a low cost way to provide personal education and cultural enrichment for the entire population.
9247	7/10/2012	I believe in supporting our public institutions. Libraries provide equal access to materials and the opportunity to learn regardless of income level or neighborhood. We happen to be middle class, however, books are not in our tight budget My son checks out 5-6 books at a time, and I always have one. We wouldn't have the opportunity to read so voraciously were it not for our incredible library system.
		I am a freelance writer, I choose and sometimes am forced to live a frugal life. I can easily spend 6 hours at a time writing, which is not as productive if I stay home and is money frittered away on coffee shops adds up. I like to feel that I am welcomed to stay in a place for so long without being obligated to buy something. [] []
9248	7/10/2012	Also, every time the library has something I want to read I feel so privileged to have a system where I can borrow it for free. This is of immeasurable use as I teach myself how to write. Staying in the library for such long hours sometimes three times a week, I see how many other people make use of it on a daily basis. From the high school students pouring in to do homework or use the internet after 3pm, to that elderly man I see come in every day to read a newspaper. I can tell that libraries are not just valuable to me as a resource and a place to simply be, but for others in the community as well for a variety of reasons.
9249	7/10/2012	Since librarians suppose to give me a better reference or resource more than my private resource.[] Other peoples' eyes or concept is usually helpful

9250	7/10/2012	I'm a senior citizen and have relied on public libraries for countless reasons, since my youth. Even though information offered in our public libraries is available online, I still think that people of all ages love to see and touch real books, to have a place to use the multiple resources with librarians to help, to bring children and seniors in for wonderful programs, including help looking for jobs, and more.
9251	7/10/2012	Other local services often have immediate emotional appeal for their support. Local library services are as vital to an intelligent public as the public schools--and they serve ALL ages directly.
9252	7/10/2012	Local library services fill the community need of people of the Kenton neighborhood to have a cultural center within walking distance of their homes.
9253	7/10/2012	I don't expect a library with county paid employees to be like a Starbuck's, to offer computer classes, to cater to babies and toddlers, or to have special reading programs. The library is not a school, nor should it be a public entertainment center. I'd like to see the focus of our Library be books!
9254	7/10/2012	In some sense, there is nothing more important than the mental world and access to ideas. The public services that allow people to have basic needs met are probably a bigger priority, as they sustain life and make it possible for people to be in the proper mental space to read in the first place.
9255	7/10/2012	Free access of important resources for the entire community.
9256	7/10/2012	because they are free and community-minded
9257	7/10/2012	access to information, learning programs
9258	7/10/2012	Because without them, people like myself probably wouldn't read nearly as much.
9259	7/10/2012	I'm there every week and I care about what happens to the library. It's a vital service to our community, and to downgrade services and offerings when it's the most used library in the nation with the largest customer base, would be a shame. It makes Portland look bad when we can't fully support our library.
9260	7/10/2012	I don't use public services much at the library or other places but know it is an important resource for the poor.
9261	7/10/2012	Libraries equally enable residents of all income levels to enjoy even the most recent print and media sources.
9262	7/10/2012	access to books is something that should be available to everyone no matter what their income...also job search info is great for those don't have other resources
9263	7/10/2012	I think library access is very important to many people for a variety of different reasons. I have used public libraries throughout my life for different needs.
9264	7/10/2012	When compared to fire, transportation safety and police the library falls lower. It also probably falls lower than family medical services. The library is very important to me though.

9265	7/10/2012	I read, and listen to audio books. I like the availability and the fact that if the library has it, I don't have to purchase it to enjoy it.
9266	7/10/2012	They are very important to me because I love checking books out from the library, instead of buying them. I also find them important because I use the library as a teacher to check out book sets and books for my teaching. I encourage all of my students to get library cards so that they can have access to books and all of the great offerings at the library. Many of my students come from very diverse and also low-income families, and the library is even more important to them!
9267	7/10/2012	My wife uses the library to checkout books.[] Most of what I read is available for the kindle.
9268	7/10/2012	I use it all the time[] reading material for all ages including picture books- is a fundamental educational a recreational tool
9269	7/10/2012	I rarely need anything the library offers.
9270	7/10/2012	Reading allows people to expand their knowledge, whether for personal enjoyment or for professional growth. This, I think, is an important component of a healthy community.
9271	7/10/2012	Childhood programming, especially birth to 3, is developmentally a boost for language development. It would cost a fortune to buy all the materials you can check out at the library for free! Computer access for those that otherwise would not be able to use computers is invaluable!
9272	7/10/2012	I believe that access to education and current knowledge should be funded by our tax dollars, but much of this knowledge is now online and can be shared by using less resources.
9273	7/10/2012	Having information--news, internet, books and research materials available to everyone is kind of fundamental to democracy. Libraries can help make us better citizens, better people. Some of my best childhood memories come from the library--story times, and all the wonderful worlds I got to explore by reading books from the library.
9274	7/10/2012	I am able to read books I can't afford to purchase, and listen to CD's before I decide to add a copy to my collection of CD's. Also, being able to view DVD's saves money & time as opposed to going to a store to rent a copy.
9275	7/10/2012	other local public services' include fire & police.[] Your questions are to vague.[] I am a single adult woman. I don't use the library to it's fullest extent, It think it's important for kids to have the library.
9276	7/10/2012	Access to books, community, media, connection to the neighborhood - so many!
9277	7/10/2012	Fire and safety are most important. Then water and library
9278	7/10/2012	It doesn't cost me money to use the library, and literacy/story times are important to me for my children.
9279	7/10/2012	Literacy and Education should be a priority. Free resources promotes equity.
9280	7/10/2012	I'm an educator and believe in the role libraries play for all citizens.

9281	7/10/2012	Because learning is a priority for me and my family, and the library provides many resources to support learning.
9282	7/10/2012	They are a better service than anything else Portland provides for residents. Seriously.
9283	7/10/2012	To be a thinking being in a complex world, everyone needs access to knowledge. For the citizenry to make correct decisions in the voting booth, knowledge must be spread; it's an essential part of democracy. Libraries make America strong. Libraries unite us with the thinking people of the planet.
9284	7/10/2012	Knowledge is housed in the library.
9285	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the basic foundation of a civilization and ignorance is the downfall of a free democracy. Independent knowledge is vital.
9286	7/10/2012	I feel that although money only goes so far in this economy the poorest will once again be underserved if the libraries ar diminished in scope. So I do feel that police and fire are important as well. The library is a part of what makes living in the city have a quality or a perk that can be shared by all.
9287	7/10/2012	I speak English, I am an AMERICAN By birth, I pay my tax to help me and others to live in a good way, I pay plenty, The MISMANAGEMENT OF THE MONEY COLLECTED IS THE PROBLEM, Can you see how easy it is to fund the study of yoyo spin, that is for a serviceable project.
9288	7/10/2012	The should rate just after police & fire protection and public schools
9289	7/10/2012	Provides equal access to information. So important to all communities!
9290	7/10/2012	I have always loved the library. Always find it a place to find what I want. Would be devastated if they were cut out of the American way.
9291	7/10/2012	I have a small child and while we own at least a ton of books and read all the time having access to more, and unexpected stories and picture books is huge.
9292	7/10/2012	Access to information and literacy education are two foundations of a democratic society.
9293	7/10/2012	For services that the county is legally responsible for providing, I would rank public safety, transportation and public health ahead of libraries.
9294	7/10/2012	Because without the ability to read and have access to the books man would repeat old mistakes
9295	7/10/2012	I love the library and frequently check out books. I couldn't afford to buy all the books I read.
9296	7/10/2012	For people who cannot afford continuing ed, or computers, books and the help libraries give to us, they are important for all ages. They are a place to gather information for people who do not have all those things available to them otherwise. Families with larger incomes can drive further to get to a library or have the computers and technoloy at their hands.
9297	7/10/2012	They serve many purposes for my family and the community not only through checking out books but their programs offered. The education resources that the library offers are diverse, widely offered and used making it an in valuable to people.
9298	7/10/2012	I believe that a robust library system is indicative of a healthy city.
9299	7/10/2012	They are the one community resource that every person in our family uses on a weekly basis. It is a place of community within our neighborhood.

9300	7/10/2012	Because it provides free access to information and knowledge for everyone. That's important for a healthy society.
9301	7/10/2012	access to information, education and resources can lead to great changes in society. Knowing that anyone can seek and learn information can lead to policy change, innovation and a stronger community.
9302	7/10/2012	The library allows my family free and seemingly endless access to books and programs. It would be hard to overstate how much we value and appreciate Multnomah County Libraries.
9303	7/10/2012	Because of the diverse people and needs that they serve and because I feel that access to information is vitally important for the health of the community.
9304	7/10/2012	The library affects everyone to some degree.
9305	7/10/2012	Retired librarian and big-time reader.
9306	7/10/2012	after critical services like infrastructure the library provides a resource for ALL to access learning, records, news, entertainment, etc. Provides services to ALL ages and types of people.
9307	7/10/2012	it is a place for the community to seek research, educate themselves, utilize classes for children and job research.
9308	7/10/2012	Knowledge should be free.
9309	7/10/2012	Access to information. The library as community center is important to me. The ability for all people to use resources.
9310	7/10/2012	Fire, police, and other emergency services are more important to me.
9311	7/10/2012	reading for young and old either for entertainment or learning or just so you can find what you need through reaserch . reading is good fot the soul
9312	7/10/2012	Libraries are a central place where relationships and interactions can be genuine, as they are not based on mere commercial advantage or mere electronic use - but on acquiring information & knowledge in a way that is healthful, useful, and fun. [] [] They are also a critical resource for obtaining information which comes out at an ever faster pace.
9313	7/10/2012	Library has a lot of resources to educate and inform the public. It improves the quality of our life.
9314	7/10/2012	important - kids need to lern to read and it should be available to all people regardless of financial status
9315	7/10/2012	Because it's a level's they playing field and gives everyone access to information and technology.
9316	7/10/2012	A library is a key component of an educated and free society.
9317	7/10/2012	Libraries are the backbone of civilization, a place to learn, discover, and explore. It is the other half where our collective imagination resides.
9318	7/10/2012	I believe our young people need access to books that they can not afford. Likewise senior citizens need access for economic reasons, and for keeping alert, active, well informed.
9319	7/10/2012	As a mother and a student I see the value in access to books and other media.
9320	7/10/2012	I love the library!

9321	7/10/2012	We use the library frequently (at least once per week), especially access to reading and video materials.
9322	7/10/2012	because libraries provide access to knowledge and information which are crucial to development of a strong public sphere.
9323	7/10/2012	to get book
9324	7/10/2012	Police and fire come first as very important. Support for the poor and disabled come before libraries but then libraries also offer support for that population too.
9325	7/10/2012	I am a consistent user of library services, more than most other governmental services. I sympathize with other governmental services, though, and might chose those as a higher priority even though I don't personally use them.
9326	7/10/2012	I use the library so much! It's an amazing research resource (both the books and the online resources like Sanborn maps and online databases) that I rarely buy books (the library has most of what I want to read) and I don't need cable (the library is my netflix).
9327	7/10/2012	Ambulance, Fire, Police, and roads are the most important. After that comes libraries, parks, and other forms of entertainment. So it is nice to have libraries, but not vital.
9328	7/10/2012	I have been a bookworm all my life. Reading provides insights, information, and entertainment. Library access is essential to support education and an informed society.
9329	7/10/2012	I value the concept of literacy and being informed. The public library promotes those values;which is why they are so important to me.
9330	7/10/2012	Folks looking for work use the library as a resource. Often homeless use the libray to rest. It is a place for older persons to go and rest and also rest and maybe learn something new.. Read the paper.. Money spent on the library than paying the salary of many of the politicians we have in this state and nation wide..
9331	7/10/2012	When a population is illiterate &/or undereducated, everything else suffers: personal health and welfare at the top of the list, which then also drives up health care costs and drives down quality of life throughout the community. □ Other than roads and safety, libraries & schools are the most important funding for any community.
9332	7/10/2012	The general public is too 'uneducated', too ignorant, and our political society shows the results.
9333	7/10/2012	Safety and public education come first, but access to reading material is an essential element for a healthy community. Not everyone can afford to buy books and we need people to continue to be lifelong learners.

9334	7/10/2012	Libraries provide an important source of education to many under-served members of our community - to our children, our elderly and those who cannot afford \$50 per month for internet at home. As reading and literacy rates continue to tumble, we need to expand these services, not reduce them. Yes, this takes funding. My personal opinion is that other services are less important than the Public Schools and Public Libraries. I am not necessarily saying taxes should be raised (because they are already high); but sufficient funding should be allocated to the Public Libraries and to PPS.
9335	7/10/2012	I am not a frequent user of the library. I pick up items at a convenient location (along my shopping route) not near my home. I do not have children.
9336	7/10/2012	I think libraries support equality to the access to information and education ever more important for us to thrive as a society. They reinforce the importance and power of literacy and of storytelling -- in a variety of media -- and serve as a storehouse of knowledge from which anyone can draw. Through them we can learn about current as well as historic events. When successful, they can be a source of tremendous civic pride.
9337	7/10/2012	Very important
9338	7/10/2012	I am someone who knows what the value of being able to read and having a place to go read. Having access to material that I might not otherwise due to economical situation.
9339	7/10/2012	We use the library weekly to help educate our family, especially our 4.5 year old daughter who is a voracious reader
9340	7/10/2012	Not a health and safety issue.
9341	7/10/2012	very
9342	7/10/2012	Makes lifelong education possible for ALL.
9343	7/10/2012	Because I don't have room to buy every book I want to read, and I know a lot of people who don't have money to pay for books and movies and their own computers.
9344	7/10/2012	learning is the most expensive thing we do. the library gives people a chance to change their situations and change other public services.
9345	7/10/2012	Library service is certainly important, but if you are comparing it to fresh water access or functional roads or power lines then obviously those are more important.[] []
9346	7/10/2012	So, who's writing these questions?!?! I think they need to rethink this survey to make more relevant. Because the library is a part of the community and contributes to the connections people in the community make to each other. Also, the resources for the folks who might not have access to a computer or the internet at home is extremely important. These days you need computer access to find a job, and if you can't get it at the library where will you go?
9347	7/10/2012	Because I read a great deal and can't get to the library on certain days or times. My schedule fluctuates. I also provide books for home bound seniors..

9348	7/10/2012	My whole family reads a ton and the library has been a tremendous resource for us. It's so nice to be able to read a book without having to buy it and in many cases we use the library to "try before we buy." We are considering homeschooling and I think the library will be a tremendous resource for that purpose. The library has also made such a huge impact in the revitalization of the Kenton business district.
9349	7/10/2012	Library services contribute to the community and the general good by providing resources to those who would otherwise not have access, educating and providing programs for young people, and acting as a locus of interaction for community members.
9350	7/10/2012	Literacy is the key to an informed and functioning society. The first thing you do when you want to subdue a population is to control the flow of information to keep people dumb. An uninformed society is wide open to tyranny. Libraries are egalitarian, universally useful and a source of joy and happiness to many. Up with literacy!
9351	7/10/2012	I love books, my children love books. If books go away, reading may still exist. But in my opinion, our brains, intelligence and human interaction will suffer greatly at the hands of Kindle and other modern electronic "aids" Human interaction is already becoming a scarce commodity. For myself this is the central threat to my use and love of the library. But I speak for seniors, shut-ins, unemployed people who need to use the library for job search and also homeless folk who need to feel connected, respected and intelligent by being able to enter a building and use it's offerings.
9352	7/10/2012	I believe our libraries provide some of the basic building blocks of a strong community. Free access to information in all forms, especially in a digital age-access to computers, is a hurdle for many and it can make all the difference between finding a job, being able to vote, or so many other essential services. I can't think of anything more important than that.
9353	7/10/2012	They are a huge part of our life, and of the lives of many families.
9354	7/10/2012	I value the ability to share books with the community, rather than just buying books for myself and keeping them for myself. It seems silly to me to buy a book I want to read, read it once and then just keep it on the shelf where it just collects dust and takes up space. That's not to say I don't enjoy owning books, but for the most part I prefer to borrow them from the library and share them with the community at large. I also love the opportunity to go to storytimes and connect with other parents, watch my children fall in love with reading, and make friends. It may seem like there are a lot of opportunities out there to do this in other environments, but not like there is at the library. ¶ I also volunteer with Library outreach at a senior center I see how much this service means to the seniors who would otherwise be unable to visit the library.
9355	7/10/2012	The loss of public space in cities and towns across America is well documented. The library affords access to shared community space as well as information and services, including access to electronic media and the internet, to many people who would not otherwise have the means to access these things on their own. It is a safe place for kids to go and a place where elders can gather. It is an invaluable resource for students as well.

9356	7/10/2012	Libraries are about self-enrichment and self-enrichment is the future of our world.
9357	7/10/2012	Access to educational materials and communication tools. Gathering place for local community.
9358	7/10/2012	Police and fire services are more important, as are road maintenance and safety.
9359	7/10/2012	can't be as important as fire or police or road construction, but they involve the entire community
9360	7/10/2012	Libraries offer books and media, but they are also a community-building resource.
9361	7/10/2012	Along with the internet, the library allows me to research my favorite subjects without spending a lot of money.
9362	7/10/2012	My family and I have enjoyed the various services provided by the library at various times in our life. When my kids were toddlers we loved the story times, plays, etc. Now that my kids are older we love the resources, the great book selections, books on tape and computers, When my husband was starting up his business we utilized the various resource tools you had to offer. The library plays a vital role in my families life.
9363	7/10/2012	They provide a cornerstone, if you will, to the community. They are one of the few free gathering places, and the simple benefit of providing access to BOOKS is without measure. Having simply that access opens whole worlds.
9364	7/10/2012	FREE information, media and help . . . The best type of entertainment! Public schools close at 3:30 pm so I always encourage students to go there in the evenings and on weekends.
9365	7/10/2012	They provide easy access to books, and other materials without the need to drive down to the main branch, and deal with traffic and parking. Kids need local libraries as a place to experience books and learning in a small, positive environment, I don't think they get that from the main branch, it's geared more for adults, and there are a lot of messed up people that use it as a place to hang out.
9366	7/10/2012	Because they help people of all ages, from young children to kids in school to adults to seniors. They keep us all connected.
9367	7/10/2012	Books, and access to books and information is very important but there are many other essential services as in access to medical care, police and fire protection, water/sewer - et cetera. It does not diminish the importance of books but all things, many things, seem essential to life.
9368	7/10/2012	I love to read!! As a person who has worked at service, retail and low-level clerical jobs for most of my life, the library system is extremely important, since it grants access to a lot of materials I would never be able to afford to purchase. I am also doing research for a book currently. Since I'm not attending a university currently, the Multnomah County library system is really indispensable. Thanks for being such a great library!!
9369	7/10/2012	Because I know the huge needs in Multnomah County that are not met nearly adequately right now. I believe greater efforts to alleviate homelessness, improve education, improve medical care for the needy are all far more important than libraries. Whether there are other public services that are not as important as library services, probably, but I really don't know.

9370	7/10/2012	I love going to the library! I love the atmosphere, staff, books, kids, and sense of community there!
9371	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the base of most aspects of life.
9372	7/10/2012	They offer so many people the resources they need to be educated, successful, and well-rounded and are a huge benefit to communities.
9373	7/10/2012	Because access to books / media is a right for all of our community.
9374	7/10/2012	depends on the other services such as food and shelter, survival services. in terms of the future and current feelings of well being which do matter, the library is paramount.
9375	7/10/2012	Access to books regardless of income is necessary in a civilized society. It is impossible to store or buy all I would like to read.
9376	7/10/2012	See my previous comments it is my second home.
9377	7/10/2012	Without public libraries, people in our city will lose access to knowledge, specifically books, computers (the internet), literary programs, children's programs, senior programs, and resources that encourage people to read, learn, and grow.
9378	7/10/2012	The book lending services are vital to me.
9379	7/10/2012	Gives you access to books you'll never be able to buy.
9380	7/10/2012	I've always loved reading, and I desire to share that love with my children
9381	7/10/2012	Public access to information for a thriving, intellectually stimulated populace
9382	7/10/2012	Libraries are very important to me as this is how many in our city are able to access information and learning that they would not otherwise be able to obtain
9383	7/10/2012	I believe that everyone should have equal and affordable access to education and that local libraries help to bridge that divide
9384	7/10/2012	Libraries are of critical importance to democratic institutions.
9385	7/10/2012	I use the library every single week. I check out approximately 5-6 books at a time and libraries are my haven! I have introduced my children to the importance of books, reading, computers and how much fun it is to be educated and involved.
9386	7/10/2012	things like fire, police, roads, feeding people, and health care for the poor and elderly are the most important. Libraries rank high, but not as high as the foregoing.
9387	7/10/2012	Not as important as services for mental health, healthcare, homelessness,etc. but important to the overall community.
9388	7/10/2012	Libraries serve so many functions for so many people. For people who don't have home computers/wifi, they are their only connection to the information and services on the internet--vital if those people are also job-hunting. I use my library to borrow books and other media so I don't have to buy books. Students need libraries for research projects. Democracy needs libraries because information should be FREE!

9389	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what other comparable local public services are. I first thought of transportation and museums which i use more frequently, but I also pay for membership and or tickets so I'm not sure those are public services in the same way. I guess, the IDEA of libraries is more important to me than the reality of libraries. I like knowing that I have that resource when I want it.
9390	7/10/2012	libraries help to educate people
9391	7/10/2012	Libraries are repositories of our culture and an educational (and socializing) resource for the community, including new non-Anglo residents
9392	7/10/2012	Our use of library services is typically higher when school breaks occur.
9393	7/10/2012	Public literacy, open access to resources one might not be able to afford individually. Community gathering places and most of all, libraries give us all a sense of hope. The act of reading is not just fundamental, a wide variety of materials to read is also enlightening. The library opens minds and provides opportunities that are otherwise restricted. I check out books from the library on many subjects that I would not have the personal resources to purchase individually.
9394	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power!
9395	7/10/2012	The library is more important than the police. The Fire Department is only important because we don't want to repeat what happened at Alexandria.
9396	7/10/2012	Having access to library resources has been valuable to our family's learning as well as to our relationships in general. Books are a very important family connection!
9397	7/10/2012	The library is very important to me. Others may argue tho, that since libraries do not provide critical services: food, shelter, medical that the library does not fall into the absolutely necessary category. I feel that the library provides a great service to the community, especially to the poor and disadvantaged parts of our population, with its free and unrestricted access to information of all kinds. An informed society is critically necessary to the community.
9398	7/10/2012	Libraries are the lifeblood of an educated society! I have lived in countries without significant public library systems of any kind and as a result very few people of lesser means can choose reading as a hobby.
9399	7/10/2012	because I read a lot, and enjoy watching DVDs
9400	7/10/2012	shared literacy raises up all of society.
9401	7/10/2012	My child has had a wonderful experience with our library in California and in Oregon. I would hope that other families hav this same experience.
9402	7/10/2012	Too much paper, little attention to moving into the electronic age.
9403	7/10/2012	As parents of young children, the library has been instrumental to our children's reading. We use it almost daily to access materials for their use. Our son has become a voracious reader and checks out and then returns hundreds of books per year.
9404	7/10/2012	Without libraries, I would not be able to read as many books as I do currently. I know they also establish a sense of community - each library has its own classes and services.

9405	7/10/2012	I utilize the library and certainly support it and reading in general, but in these times local library services have unfortunately dropped some in my mind with respect to necessity and priority.
9406	7/10/2012	Because they are such an important community resource. We enjoy visiting our local branch at least once a week. I think it is important to teach my children the value of their local library and to encourage their literacy through constant access to different types of books.
9407	7/10/2012	They can be used for education for the poor and those with a lesser level of income. It makes books, magazines, and other printed material available to all.
9408	7/10/2012	The ability to render human innovation in permanent form is the bedrock of our cultural growth, and few things could be more important.
9409	7/10/2012	We can all learn into our 90's if we can think and read.[] So important for knowledge.
9410	7/10/2012	Because the library is the one place that I have always gone to read, get books to read, have access to book experts, libraries offer access to rare and out-of-print material, you can participate in library events, you can meet people there who want to be there for a reason, you can just read for the sake of reading. And lastly it is just a stress reducer, it is the one place that isn't bombarded with technology and with the buzz of everything that is going on in the world. It's a place that I can go to to relax and get things done.
9411	7/10/2012	I think reading and access to materials to read are extremely important. (We also enjoy all the public parks. I would put the two on equal levels of importance.) I want to help my child become someone who loves reading as much as his father and I do.
9412	7/10/2012	if the library were a place where you could check out books, etc, i would rate it a 1. [] when it turns into a community center with all sorts of marginally related programs, i have to lower[] its importance significantly.
9413	7/10/2012	Children and families - they depend on library services especially lower income. Many cannot afford internet and without the library system they would not have access.
9414	7/10/2012	Libraries are of the utmost importance because they act as a great resource where for many people there is not another.
9415	7/10/2012	My family and I use the library at least every week to check out books and DVD's. I rarely buy books or DVD's b/c I can depend on the library to have most of the current books/dvds. However, I have to admit that I was very annoyed that the library cut their hours right after having voted on the levy in May. It was kind of a slap in the face. Why didn't the library just ask for more in the May levy to avoid the cuts in staff and hours? Portlanders love their libraries and would have voted for it the first time around. It's bad PR to cut staff/hours immediately after passing a levy and then possibly asking for more money. Maybe the library isn't as well managed as I thought....
9416	7/10/2012	Below the need for policemen and firemen, equal to public transportation, above getting frequent garbage pick up.
9417	7/10/2012	Free Knowledge

9418	7/10/2012	The library offers many resources for all citizens, and is cost-free to users.
9419	7/10/2012	I think they are very important, but not as important as things like Fire Stations or Police Officers.
9420	7/10/2012	I use the Library frequently. Am impressed with professionalism of staff. Great to go on-line to request book and have it "On-Hold"
9421	7/10/2012	In this economy, many people (myself included) cannot afford to buy books and music even secondhand. The library is a lifesaver in that regard.
9422	7/10/2012	I have my 8 year old kid and I love to go there too
9423	7/10/2012	I read a great deal but cannot afford to buy every book that interests me.
9424	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and I thirst for knowledge. I am a voracious reader - at least a book a day. The library is my biggest resource for books. [] []
9425	7/10/2012	Also, the library was a safe haven for me when I was an abused child. No one ever beat me in the library. Rather, I found a better world. Through the library I learned to be a good human being, a good parent, a good cook, a good housekeeper, a good employee, a good writer, a good traveler - in short, almost everything I learned, I learned from a book. For me, the library is the starting place of most of the goodness in my life.
9426	7/10/2012	It's important to be an informed citizen in order for our democracy to endure.
9427	7/10/2012	I think they are relevant to a much broader portion of our population than most public services.
9428	7/10/2012	I use them all the time. Low income people need them as well.
9429	7/10/2012	I think the library is a great service for learning. A quiet place to study and find all the information you may need on anything at any age. All are welcomed, and the programs are great. Some children only have the library for a place to study and learn, and they may not have a computer at home. Schools are relying alot on the internet these day for homework, what are the kids without internet or computers supposed to do without the library?
9430	7/10/2012	An uneducated populus is worthless.
9431	7/10/2012	It should be beneath health, safety, and education.
9432	7/10/2012	Because everyone should have free access to knowledge and art
9433	7/10/2012	I think one of Portland's founding fathers (Daniel Skidmore) said it very well, "Good citizens are the riches of a city." It is the libraries that make us all the richer!!!
9434	7/10/2012	LEARNING & EDUCATION KEEPS THE RESIDENTS FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE, TAKE THAT AWAY WHAT DO YOU HAVE ?????
9435	7/10/2012	A highly educated public is the key to improving the lives of those in Multnomah County, and our library system is key towards providing that education. Also, it provides inexpensive education for those in economic disadvantageous situations.
9436	7/10/2012	These services are of the utmost importance.
9437	7/10/2012	free access to the literacy we all desrved
9438	7/10/2012	Utmost

9439	7/10/2012	I read a lot and can't afford to buy many books. Having a place where I can borrow reading material is very important to me
9440	7/10/2012	Obviously, safety services are most important, but I'd rank libraries above parks and other recreational services.
9441	7/10/2012	Frequency of use
9442	7/10/2012	I wouldn't want to do without police and fire fighters!
9443	7/10/2012	As noted earlier, we don't have a local library. We can either go to Central Library, battling traffic and paying for parking (or pay to ride MAX) or drive some distance to another branch. The only convenience we have from the Library is on-line access. We buy our books.
9444	7/10/2012	I've never been in the Central Library because the travel from far-off East County is so horrendously difficult. I hate to think how differently-abled people who live in Gresham or in any other neighborhood could manage without the local library. The manifold branch library services are vital.
9445	7/10/2012	Especially now that I have kids, they are extremely important to me. Reading and all that goes along with it is essential. Libraries are like mothers--essential, welcoming, and there when you need them.
9446	7/10/2012	I am a low income, disabled reader and lifetime learner. While other public services may keep me alive, libraries feed my soul and give quality of life
9447	7/10/2012	Library services are important entirely apart from other public services. It is not necessary to judge them comparatively.
9448	7/10/2012	Because it offers connectedness within the community. Offers help in learning, social services, and promotes a sense of cooperation.
9449	7/10/2012	They level the playing field, give access to computers and information to all levels of economic status. they are an important community gathering place. children connected to libraries early, learn so many skills and a love of reading and learning these days so many people have to use the library to have access to a computer
9450	7/10/2012	Because I use the library so that I don't have to spend money on things like books and multimedia - things I will use and then no longer wish to use. Libradora make more sense than a bookstore.
9451	7/10/2012	I am a recent college graduate and, luckily, have a job with benefits. However, I cannot afford to buy all of the books that I want to read or maintain an internet connection at my apartment. I don't own/watch TV and I devour books. Without the library, I wouldn't be able to read freely, broadly, and deeply. I also wouldn't be able to check my personal email. I can't imagine life without a library, and I'm sure others, especially those with limited access to resources, can't either.

		Libraries serve multiple functions. They provide:[] -access to books and other media[] -additional education, including providing resources for further research and self-driven learning (discovery)[] -internet access and computer teaching/assistance[] -a community hub/meeting place[] [] In today's society, libraries remain the one bastion of knowledge.[] Want to use a laptop or read a book at Starbucks? You're expected to pay. Want to look at books in a bookstore? You're expect to buy something. A barista won't help children find resources to learn science on the internet, or teach people how to use a computer to find work. A bookstore employee doesn't care about furthering a person's education. They're there to sell products, end of story.[] Librarians actually care about helping people find the information they need and making sure they are supported throughout the process.[] [] The internet seems to provide a solution to these problems, but in this era of smartphones, free wifi, and seemingly ubiquitous broadband internet access we forget that the majority of people either simply do not have access to these resources or do not know how to utilize them effectively.[] Computer skills are effectively mandatory knowledge for surviving in today's world. There are many families where children have computer skills but parents do not, which leaves them at a huge disadvantage when it comes to helping their kids succeed as well as helping themselves.[] [] Libraries provide not only a repository of knowledge but also guidance on how to discover and use that knowledge. They're just as important as schools, and in many cases serve as de facto schools in areas where education is inadequate.[] []
9452	7/10/2012	
9453	7/10/2012	I have fond memories of going to my local library, browsing books, and reading for hours. I owe my love of science Good lord, what if I had to buy all the books I read and music I listen to? I'd be in the poorhouse! Well, I'm almost in the poorhouse anyway, so that would really be a problem!!
9454	7/10/2012	Reading helps to develop & educate people.
9455	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and I like real books
9456	7/10/2012	Because they provide access to media and computer time for those who don't otherwise have them.
9457	7/10/2012	I WISH I HAD MY OWN LIBRARY WITH UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE WORLD.
9458	7/10/2012	An important democratic institution.
9459	7/10/2012	Access to information provides for life long learners and an educated work force and voting pool.

9460	7/10/2012	An educated public is extremely important and access to educational materials for myself is paramount to a good life. I come from an academic background and simply love access to information.
9461	7/10/2012	Police and fire services come first--then intellectual stimulation that keeps our spirits soaring.
9462	7/10/2012	Somewhat important
9463	7/10/2012	I read 25-50 library books/yr
9464	7/10/2012	Library services used for information. They are so central to the lives of so many people. Books should be available to everyone, free of charge. If they are not, we have given up something critical. Access to free books, and thus free education, is something that still makes this country great.
9465	7/10/2012	They help create the literacy that is vital to our society and create a sense of community that builds strong neighborhoods.
9466	7/10/2012	Knowledge and access to it is critical to societal success
9467	7/10/2012	it's a casual place for people to learn and interact outside of school and jobs
9468	7/10/2012	The written and spoken word is at the foundation of educating the public of all ages and broadening perspective.
9469	7/10/2012	Positive space for community interaction. I utilize the resource fully! - books, CD's DVD's, audio books.....I couldn't afford to buy everything I check out....AND I believe this is an important part of recycling!
9470	7/10/2012	without a library our youth cannot access the resources that are so valuable to their education
9471	7/10/2012	It's a public service which I feel like I can get my full use out of. Where say a public service like the police department one doesn't really see the value day to day until one must call on for some need and for most of my life that need has never arose. I know having police around lowers crime, but if that crime isn't happening to me at that moment I don't really notice the value of a quality police force. Whereas most days of the week I can enter a library and find tangible value which can enrich my life.
9472	7/10/2012	
9473	7/10/2012	Very important as it is a place to gather information and educate our youth.
9474	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books that I want to read.
9475	7/10/2012	Because it provides access to information that I cannot get anywhere else. It puts literacy as a priority.
9476	7/10/2012	because the libraries are an important source for research materials
9477	7/10/2012	Public safety, infrastructure and education remain as "basic" -- library services are second to that. However, even the "must do" need to be done more efficiently and effectively.
9478	7/10/2012	that's where you gain your knowledge outside of a classroom and you can research things there such as automotive manuals or find an author that writes books you like
9479	7/10/2012	I utilize them more than any other services around.

9480	7/10/2012	Literacy is the key for our young generation's success, and therefore our nations's success. Next, the programs offered to community members such as internet access, job seeking help, and access for older or impaired people betters their lives and therefore the community. Last, it's a place for family enjoyment while learning.
9481	7/10/2012	It's my son's favorite place in the entire city and he's only 3. I'd hate for that love to be limited.
9482	7/10/2012	The library is such a good resource and safe, educational, inspiring place to be. Growing up they were a huge part of my life and to this day I depend on the library to find books for school research, check out new music I am interested in, and to be there when I just want to wander through the shelves and see what catches my eye.
9483	7/10/2012	In order for children to love books and not be illiterate, I think that free book services need to be available. I also think that parents who don't speak English need the library services in order to learn English or find job assistance. It's a free place for people to use the Internet. It's a safe, drug-free place for people to hang out. It's air-conditioned. It allows me to check out books that take me away to a faraway, make-believe land.
9484	7/10/2012	Certainly not as important as public safety, but libraries are an excellent way to be a life-long learner.
9485	7/10/2012	I am 83 yrs of age and I have been An AVID Reader since the age of 5 yrs.
9486	7/10/2012	It's a community center for families, a cultural anchor point for kids, a safe place of exploration beyond the home. It's a point of sanity, it sets the expectation that people are smart and remain curious. The multimedia resources are becoming more important to the libraries relevancy it seems, staying current in the main stream.
9487	7/10/2012	Why wouldn't they be "that level of importance" to everyone?
9488	7/10/2012	By using the library, I can save money and invest it back into the economy
9489	7/10/2012	There are some critical public services which must take priority for public safety and welfare. Libraries are second to these.
9490	7/10/2012	I constantly utilize various library servicex.
9491	7/10/2012	We are raising our granddaughter - entering 5th grade - and need all the resources that are available. □ I also belong to a book club, and I try to check out books whenever available.
9492	7/10/2012	Police and Fire first, schools second, libraries third.
9493	7/10/2012	I use the library more than any other public service.
9494	7/10/2012	i don't benefit from many "local public services" except for the library.
9495	7/10/2012	I get almost all my books and books on cd there.
9496	7/10/2012	Knowledge and learning access are powerful and important community tools for improvement, safety, and togetherness.
9497	7/10/2012	local public services ? Fire, Police, Medical, would come before going to the library.

9498	7/10/2012	In addition to having access to books and movies (at no cost other than what I pay in taxes) I feel that the library is very important in helping young children develop reading skills as well as a love of reading. Sadly, I know that there are many families who can't afford to buy their children books so the library is a critical resource for them as well as the entire community.
9499	7/10/2012	In this age of digital reading devices and on line everything, it is easy to overlook the importance of providing a rich environment of reading and other enlightenment material to people who cannot afford to use the electronic media. Libraries are a place to learn, research and to think and to be in touch with wherever a browsing eye can take them. Libraries need to coordinate with all other public services.....they are extremely important as a tool to calm and to change through learning and literature.
9500	7/10/2012	Education is always the first step to solving any problems. The library system provides a valuable service that should be placed above all other services in my opinion. The reason I believe funding is being cut is because you can't place a monetary value on the systems benefits, it's hard to quantify its use to the public. I will always support any initiative to maintain and even expand its services.
9501	7/10/2012	Because reading and social interaction during story times and other programs offered stimulates the brain for all. If we do not allow people to educate themselves in this way, then how can we expect society as a whole to remain as educated as it has been thus far?
9502	7/10/2012	Because that's where I go to find out about all the other services.
9503	7/10/2012	I have always loved reading and libraries. They are an extension of our education system, both for children and adults. They are a central part of keeping us all informed and mentally active.
9504	7/10/2012	Reading is so relevant to all ages. Small children need to be read to, elementary school age children need to sharpen their skills, teens and young adults need to research school work and find enjoyable reading too. I watched as my Father listened to audio books when he was older as a form of entertainment during a time where reading a book was impossible for him. This is just a resource we can not do without.
9505	7/10/2012	Providing people with the opportunity to educate themselves is an immeasurably important component of our social fabric. If the County fails to provide libraries, then access to such opportunities will end for many people. While some households have multiple computers or devices with constant access to the internet, most households still do not have a budget for a computer with internet access, and even among households with computers, sharing among multiple members of the family further limits access. Books and other materials available through the library system are a vital way for citizens to improve their literacy skills and to learn any number of important things. Libraries promote sustainability through shared resources. Illiteracy and low literacy is a growing problem because educational opportunities are not given proper priority.
9506	7/10/2012	It is a huge community resource for learning and community gathering.

9507	7/10/2012	Great community resource where we can utilize beneficial resources and also see our neighbors and local librarians.
9508	7/10/2012	All citizens have access to information and reading for pleasure. They also have access to the internet regardless of ability to pay for it. The library is a public meeting place giving people a sense of community.
9509	7/10/2012	I have almost completely stopped buying books as an economy measure. I am a reader. I also pick up cookbooks and knitting books addressing other hobbies.
9510	7/10/2012	The library is a wonderful way to get people to read and they also provide services and programs for kids, families and seniors.
9511	7/10/2012	Multnomah county deals with those at most need in our community and services to the poor and those in need of mental health and other services and those are very important
9512	7/10/2012	I love to read. It's important that everyone have the opportunity to become more educated.
9513	7/10/2012	public access to resources
9514	7/10/2012	I can do without borrowing books, but not without fire, police, water and sewer services. Please note, the more "special programs" the library devotes its resources to, the less important it becomes to me, in absolute terms, and relative to other public services.
9515	7/10/2012	It is our main source of entertainment - books, movies, magazine. It's also a nice getaway for an hour or two, the library also provides a sense of community.
9516	7/10/2012	As hours and services are diminished, people become discouraged about finding their library needs being met. Reading is critical for the health of our community. Access to free books and media is of ultimate importance.
9517	7/10/2012	A well educated citizenry is what makes a great community. Librarys are open to all, no matter economic or educational level, and with that edcuation, the citizens can make the best choices for other public services.
9518	7/10/2012	I have always been an avid library patron and I would like to ensure that my daughter has the opportunity to be one as well - if she so desires. I also think access to internet is important for people who cannot afford to have it at home. So much information and connection to the world at large cannot happen without the internet.
9519	7/10/2012	Libraries are a wonderful asset of the community--I read so many more books and get so many ideas that I wouldn't have had access to otherwise. It's so smart to pool our community resources for these materials, rather than individuals each buying their own books. And the libraries themselves are a sanctuary to just relax, read, get on the computer, or whatever else.

9520	7/10/2012	My child succeeds in school due to help from the library. I discover what computer options to purchase with research done in the library. I come from a poor agricultural town. I dreamed of success in the big city (and found it!) thanks to my library currying and feeding my dreams of life outside the mountains. I have done small repairs successfully without having to pay for them (and robbing my meager savings) because I could read how it was done at the library. My library builds confidence and supports me.
9521	7/10/2012	Library services are positive, proactive, hopeful and forward looking, whereas many other public services seem to me to be reactive to problems. The library feels like a cornerstone of society, and is thus very important, but I selected 'somewhat important' because if forced to choose I would have to rank fire and emergency services, water supply and waste management, and health care higher than library services, which are about tied with public transportation, in my opinion.
9522	7/10/2012	The library provides access to resources and information. An educated society is a healthier society.
9523	7/10/2012	Information is the basis for decision-making today...plus, I LOVE to read!
9524	7/10/2012	I regularly use my library and think it is a valuable resource in the community. However, it isn't the highest on the level of importance as far as community services are concerned. I think well funded education is the highest.
9525	7/10/2012	cause i need a quiet place to go study and a place to find resources for my college papers. I don't live near the school i attend.
9526	7/10/2012	I love libraries. My 24 year old son who has developmental disability thinks library is a second home
9527	7/10/2012	As a way to gain fellowship, no cost reading materials, and access to computers and media without expense.
9528	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a source of knowledge and education that is central the advancement and preservation of our culture and society. They provide a meeting place for educational events and discussion groups. They provide access to informational resources and technologies that some people cannot afford independently. They are one of few services that can be utilized by all, even those who are less fortunate or do not contribute to the tax base.
9529	7/10/2012	Since retirement, I don't buy new books and rely on the library more and more. I also donate old books to the library for it to sell.
9530	7/10/2012	I consider library services to be a basic service, fulfilling a basic need for the entire population. I think they are especially important in today's economy. They provide equal access to resources that enhance peoples lives in many ways -- recreationally, educationally and economically.
9531	7/10/2012	Education, books and knowledge are important and they should remain available to everyone.
9532	7/10/2012	I am a senior and spend a lot of time at home and reading

9533	7/10/2012	To me, libraries are one of the few public places that provide education, cultural opportunities and truly serve the whole community. Not too many countries have the libraries (programs, services, helpful people!) that the US has. We are lucky to have this library system in Portland.
9534	7/10/2012	Library services are that important to me because they give people of all ages the chance to expand their knowledge of many different subjects no matter what income level they are at. Libraries are also a safe place for people of all ages to study, read, interact with others, get involved with the community, etc. even on rainy days.
9535	7/10/2012	Access to various media for me, continued access to books and other media for children. I often use computer access for ordering books and renewing media.
9536	7/10/2012	I love books and have chosen to relinquish much of my personal library because the Public Library offers what I need.
9537	7/10/2012	Long waiting lists for the popular books, I usually just give up and purchase what I want. My friends have library cards at several libraries and shop around for e-book availability. So far, you haven't had any e-books I've looked for. So, I don't use the library much myself. It's nice that you provide other services such as movies and computer access, but I wish providing books for readers was given more of a funding priority.
9538	7/10/2012	An excellent library system encourages literacy. Literacy is the best antidote to ignorance.
9539	7/10/2012	because they are free, therefore accessible to everyone
9540	7/10/2012	public service
9541	7/10/2012	Utmost.
9542	7/10/2012	could never afford to buy all the books that my family wants to read
9543	7/10/2012	Books and learning are very important. This is a resource I like a lot.
9544	7/10/2012	Because I use the library.
9545	7/10/2012	It's really the only public service that I use on a weekly/monthly basis
9546	7/10/2012	Because I can't afford to buy books and music to share with my daughter, and I depend on the library system to provide a fun, free place for us to hang out.
9547	7/10/2012	Buying books is expensive. Having access without the expense is important for all citizens. Education is very important to society.
9548	7/10/2012	I want my daughter to grow up in a world where she can go to the library any day of the week and get something to read.
9549	7/10/2012	I think reading is fundamental to a civil society. Our libraries play a huge role in supporting education and providing access to information for all ages and particularly, for lower income persons.
9550	7/10/2012	They should be that important to anyone impoverished of moderate intelligence. It gives me access to the mental stimulation and resources that only those who can afford new books every week, expensive classes, and computers/internet

9551	7/10/2012	Education/Information is the key to all things in life. The local library provides both. It's important that everyone, regardless of their status in life, have access to books/library services to gain both for a multitude of reasons, the most important being to further one's education and to broaden one's views.
9552	7/10/2012	Everyone deserves to learn, no matter age or income bracket. Without the library, the knowledge base swings to the side of the population who can afford to pay for education, further widening the gap between rich and poor. Not a good scene.
9553	7/10/2012	Access to books and knowledge can help society grow. Without that growth, society stagnates, and starts to think that knowledge is bad.
9554	7/10/2012	I love the library and am an avid reader but they are not as important as firepersons but more important than tree services
9555	7/10/2012	Transportation is #1. If people can not move throughout the city, they can't conduct their lives or business.
9556	7/10/2012	My mother is home bound (96), I am a full-time caregiver to her. The library brings the world to us.[] The library keeps the past alive, explains the present world, stimulates our imaginations and is much more efficient than drugs. Please let the library system grow into the future.
9557	7/10/2012	Important for education
9558	7/10/2012	Provide not just access to books and other media but also to the Internet, which is increasingly important and can be prohibitively expensive.
9559	7/10/2012	1. Community[] 2. Book resource--public service for education
9560	7/10/2012	I love connecting with the community and using free resources makes me feel like a part of an actual community rather than just a consumer living within.
9561	7/10/2012	I need to keep up on business books. When I see a book mentioned in Success Magazine or Fast Company Magazine I can usually reserve it at the library.
9562	7/10/2012	Access to information is what enables the modern world.
9563	7/10/2012	It's part of why I live in this community. I don't want to live where there are no public libraries!
9564	7/10/2012	I personally use it as my pleasure (i enjoy reading) and for the development of my business (books on how-to, etc)
9565	7/10/2012	books will do you more good in times of no money than money will do you in times of no books.[] It is a method of advancement in life, the books. the knowledge, the resources.
9566	7/10/2012	Very important, but so are roads, medical & food & utility services.
9567	7/10/2012	The library is one of the few places in a community where folks of all walks of life may come and learn (together). A safe place to learn can lead to a more literate, educated populace, and that is key to a democratic society.
9568	7/10/2012	I don't use any other public services.
9569	7/10/2012	I use the library.

9570	7/10/2012	Libraries provide education and a non religious space for community members to meet and have shared experiences.
9571	7/10/2012	I don't like the way this question is worded. Comparing to an undefined category like other local public services is impossible and the spread between very important and somewhat important is too wide. Like important is how I feel the library is but it is not very important compared to feeding and housing
9572	7/10/2012	Other than the safety-oriented services, there can be no other public service more important to the community than providing access to information of all kinds to all people.
9573	7/10/2012	Because its a safe place to take my children to read, learn & not be scared of something bad happening to them.
9574	7/10/2012	Our daughter has depended on internet, copy and lending services as do many young people on a limited budget. I've participated in the young readers summer programs with our grandchildren and some of the events offered for children. We order books, CD's and tapes online and pick them up at our branch. We walk our voting ballots to our branch along with our friends and neighbors. Our Library is a part of our lives, a very important part.
9575	7/10/2012	I think they are very important behind emergency services and public transportation
9576	7/10/2012	It is part of the community as a learning and gathering spot.
9577	7/10/2012	very important .. resource for education and information ..always up to date in its resources to the community
9578	7/10/2012	Community feeling, socialization, learning, exposure to ideas/art/etc.
9579	7/10/2012	it's a nice to have, not a must have. in my opinion something that we could cut back on.
9580	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader, and without free books provided by the library, would not be able to afford to read as much as I do. And, with a young son who is growing up to be a reader as well, I appreciate the opportunity to expose him to different books and stories.
9581	7/10/2012	Saves me lots of money and time, providing me with unlimited reading material I would never have if I had to pay for it
9582	7/10/2012	We need an educated and informed populace.
9583	7/10/2012	I care about the library, but I care about it more for others than myself. I don't go terribly often.
9584	7/10/2012	This is very important to me. I don't have money in my budget to buy books. I get all my books and music from the library lending system
9585	7/10/2012	everybody uses it and a place where you can have some peace and quiet
9586	7/10/2012	what other public services? i don't see others unless there is an emergency
9587	7/10/2012	knowledge is power.
9588	7/10/2012	Public libraries are a high point of our society. More things in this world should be patterned on the library system.

9589	7/10/2012	the library is a way for people of all demographics to access all kinds of information and programs that will help in any part of their life. I see it as a starting point for nearly anything you want to do or learn. It is also a fundamental community meeting place and safe space for people to spend time.
9590	7/10/2012	Libraries offer support for all endeavors in the community - business, cultural, civic, personal enrichment, entertainment, etc., etc. Adding to our knowledge base is inherently good.
9591	7/10/2012	Everything else is being privatized. Community services need to be available to the public. Though I don't go to the library much, if I had time to read for pleasure, or if I didn't have a computer, or if I had children, I would be there all the time, or at least weekly.
9592	7/10/2012	This is where I prepare for school many times. When looking for job information, this is where I go. Without internet access at home it is one of the few places to get free internet access.
9593	7/10/2012	The local public services that my family USES the most are the library and Portland Parks & Rec; however, I consider these recreational services. I consider public services having to do with safety (police, fire, etc) and basic needs more important.
9594	7/10/2012	Criminal justice, courts, bridge maintenance and social services are much more important to me than library services in a priority ranking. Libraries are very nice and certainly add to the quality of life.¶ I have been a patron of Multnomah County Libraries for almost 60 years, beginning with the Knott Street branch, now Title Wave Bookstore. When growing up I was a regular at the former Hollywood Branch, spending many hours of many days there. I consider the funds spent on the new Hollywood Library a huge waste of money, although improvements to the elegant central library probably warranted the special funding. ¶ In my opinion, library services should vie for funding with all other county services as determined by established budget processes; in no way should a library district be created.
9595	7/10/2012	an educated society is a healthy society. Also, it's important that everyone, regardless of income, have access to learning materials and internet access.
9596	7/10/2012	Access to books and learning materials is essential for families in the community.
9597	7/10/2012	We rely on the library a lot. That's the primary way I get books for my kids as well as my husband and myself. I can't afford to go to a bookstore and buy a new book every time I want to read something. I've also used it a lot to read books related to my counseling practice.
9598	7/10/2012	The education of a community and access to academic and news resources is critical to the growth and maintenance and progress of a city and its people.
9599	7/10/2012	The library represents the community and is a place to build a strong and vibrant well educated citizenry.
9600	7/10/2012	Reading and individual literacy are of very high importance to me. Many individuals can't afford to buy their own books or to have a home computer with Internet access. I teach and the local library is necessary for my students to use outside school hours.

9601	7/10/2012	I'd need more info on what they are being compared to. Are you talking food stamps or just dippy little programs I likely don't know about? This is not nearly enough information for me to choose a ranking.
9602	7/10/2012	I'm an English teacher, an avid reader, and a parent of two small children who lives near the Belmont library. I love to have access to the books for both myself and my children, and part of the experience of becoming a reader is access to a fully funded, fully stocked, and fully staffed library. I don't know what I would do without our neighborhood library, and I can't imagine raising my children without access to the books and services it provides.
9603	7/10/2012	free public access to information, literature, reading resource is a basic service that government should provide and assure - in fact, it should provide this type of service in lower income areas of the community with even more resource support than in more affluent areas.
9604	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer. Information is important and libraries do a great job of sharing it. Libraries serve ALL PEOPLE--there is a reason why they are called public libraries.
9605	7/10/2012	I think that helping educate the public (through reading and library programs) can help prevent the need for many of the other local public services.
9606	7/10/2012	It is my background from living near NYC and the fact that we had so many books and a library where I could always go to get books. We were not rich enough to buy books, but we always had enough from the library.
9607	7/10/2012	Only police, fire, transportation and other necessities are more important. I am retired and read a lot--both fiction and non-fiction. I can't afford to buy all the books I read. Without the library, I would read less and have poorer choices. Even the few books I have bought recently are ones that I read and wanted for reference--cookbooks, health topics, etc.
9608	7/10/2012	Libraries make materials available to all regardless of ethnicity, religion or income level. Education is important as a value across the country. An educated poverty class is better than an uneducated one, and with that comes a reduction in crime. Some religions might restrict types of books available to followers so libraries give those followers and their kids a more liberal choice of reading materials which in turn helps undo their brainwashing.
9609	7/10/2012	It is rare for a librarian to shoot somebody. The services improve peoples ability to improve thier life, so fewer people require other assistance or turn to criminal behavior. A knowledgble population make better social and political decisions.

		Each member of my Family accesses the library each week. The resources are integral in the learning of my children - especially as school finds are cut and school librarians are done away with. [] [] The early childhood programs has given my son a strong appreciation for reading and storytelling and his vocabulary has grown considerably. [] []
9610	7/10/2012	With tight economic times we rely heavily on the library for our families entertainment, with literature, media and events offered at our local branch.[] [] As a therapist - the library is a great professional resource. Clients can check out recommended reading materials and my adolescent clients often make their first healthu social connections at library sponsored activities - like the Belmont branch's manga book group.
9611	7/10/2012	books and materials are expensive and it is wonderful to be able to browse and try out new things without breaking the bank.
9612	7/10/2012	I can also buy books cheaply on half.com.
9613	7/10/2012	N/A
9614	7/10/2012	One of the baseline things that need to be protected
9615	7/10/2012	I read a lot and love to be able to get books that are in the area that I like.
9616	7/10/2012	Education is important.
9617	7/10/2012	police and fire should come first
9618	7/10/2012	I recently moved here and am not sure of what these libraries offer.
9619	7/10/2012	Because there are too many un/under educated people out there void of even a basic understanding of the world.
9620	7/10/2012	because they provide access to information and education that can be reached at any learning level and in an individual's own best way of learning. they are also a great access point for community building.
9621	7/10/2012	it's one of the building blocks for this nation
9622	7/10/2012	Have always seen libraries as vital resources to all in our community.
9623	7/10/2012	We read a lot. Pre-k picture book selection impressive.
9624	7/10/2012	Because reading is part of my every day life and I want it to be part of my childrens' too. It also brings a sense of community.
9625	7/10/2012	I cannot afford to purchase all the books that I choose to read in a month and without the library I would not be able to read like I do. They provide resources that I would otherwise not have.
9626	7/10/2012	We all need access to the services it offers.
9627	7/10/2012	As a teacher, my students who regularly visit their local library are academically more prepared.
9628	7/10/2012	I can afford to purchase books if I need to but our children need education and other basic services

9629	7/10/2012	Since retirement I use the library extensively for books and DVDs. I love to go there. It gives me a sense of community. If you can teach a kid to love reading, they are set for life.
9630	7/10/2012	Very important.
9631	7/10/2012	There can be no justice without literacy. Libraries are a fundamental building block of literacy.
9632	7/10/2012	This is one of the best places for true community interaction and involvement. I love that the local library provides an indoor space for learning and access to resources for people of all ages and backgrounds. I also love that my tax dollars support a service I utilize and benefit from directly, while also allowing others to benefit. Libraries reduce consumption and encourage sharing and accountability while reducing the focus on consumerism and owning "things."
9633	7/10/2012	A literate, informed public is essential for a healthy society. Public libraries allow for ALL people to have access to knowledge and information and are most valued by the most vulnerable amongst us.
9634	7/10/2012	Not as vital as water, sewer, fire, etc. But damn important.
9635	7/10/2012	Libraries are an integral part of the community because they support all people through an honest, non discriminatory foundation in order to build a stronger community and grow intergenerational relationships.
9636	7/10/2012	Access to books, media and ebooks.
9637	7/10/2012	Libraries are important because it keeps books alive and it's a safe environment for people to go to. Libraries are a great way to re-discover stories, authors, music, and most important imagination. Libraries provide an essential service for people who don't have money to buy books, CD's, DVD's or have access to the internet.[] [] We need our local libraries.
9638	7/10/2012	The y have been my source foe multi- media since I was old enough to walk. I am now eighty-years old. My mother used her library into her nineties!
9639	7/10/2012	They are a voluntarily-involved contributor to a communit'es' cohesion and a cost-effect expense that encourages intellegence-development and informed social dialogue.
9640	7/10/2012	I am not going to suggest that we cut funding for schools or for homeless youth in favor of the library, but I'd say we should remember that the library serves all parts of our communities. The services the library offers, from books, to internet services, to language and homework help, and a warm place to hang out, are services that help our entire community and help lots of folks to be able to find additional resources. It is conduit to other things - literacy, greater excitement for learning, finding resources for jobs, housing, et cetera.
9641	7/10/2012	I would be lost without a library. I can't afford to buy books epeciallysince I read a lot & I can get any kind I want from the library. I can also get movies, music. I don't use any of the other local services so of course I think the library is at the top of my list.
9642	7/10/2012	They make the whole world available to everyone.

9643	7/10/2012	Critical to the community
9644	7/10/2012	Because they provide equal access to information for all citizens regardless of income level.
9645	7/10/2012	Where else can I get so many amazing books in such a nice environment? It's really too good to be true.
9646	7/10/2012	The library is an incredibly important resource to citizens like myself, who are on a very limited budget.
9647	7/10/2012	very important, right up there with electricity and water :-)
9648	7/10/2012	No one else does it.
9649	7/10/2012	For literacy, education, and civil society (being informed about what is going on in our communities, state, country and world.)
9650	7/10/2012	The library is a needed service; something that provides people enjoyment, assistance, information and a safe place to express themselves. Without a library system some people would be unable to access needed information, resources or have a safe place to express themselves.
9651	7/10/2012	free and open access to knowledge
9652	7/10/2012	Open access to information/beauty is key to a democratic society.
9653	7/10/2012	The library is the hub of our community and neighborhood. Provides access to books and materials to those who can't afford to purchase.
9654	7/10/2012	education is key and without libraries, people lose an important source of learning and teaching tools.
9655	7/10/2012	Because libraries provide the availability for affordable self education and betterment. Libraries are also a greener alternative to purchasing books, reducing paper and ewaste.
9656	7/10/2012	Libraries are part of being informed and educated and I cannot afford to buy all the books I want to read. Reading on the internet does not replace books.
9657	7/10/2012	libraries reflect the values of a city, a civilization
9658	7/10/2012	I think that they can offer a number of important services for community members. I just think that the community either doesn't think of the library or decides not to use it (making use of those resources).
9659	7/10/2012	I use this service! I've never used any other.
9660	7/10/2012	I want my children to benefit from all the programs I was lucky to have been exposed to.
9661	7/10/2012	For many, the public library is one of their only resources for getting help, support, educational materials, or simply staying off the street. In addition, like my family, we use the public library as often as we can (1-2x/week) in order to supplement what the Portland School system is already lacking from budget cuts. We would not be able to afford it if it weren't for Ben Franklin!

9662	7/10/2012	Although I do not visit the library as much as I did when I was a child and had more time to read, a library is an affordable way for avid readers, researchers, and the general public to have access to art, ideas, history, innovation, and more. I wish there was a book-by-mail service available. One of the things that curtails my use of the library is finding time to make trips to and from the facility. Could library books be made available for loan in retail locations, in some sort of partnership with the retailers? Just a thought.
9663	7/10/2012	Right now, our schools are trying to pay for themselves thru yet another bond proposal. I notice a disturbing trend of not only schools going this route, but also for: public transportation, the arts, education, and other equally important public services that benefit all of us (including large businesses). Without ALL of our public services being properly, and adequately funded, then our way of life, shall continue to erode. I refuse to prioritize one group over another. Why would I do that, when I believe that there is a way we can provide sufficiently for one another. A true leader, does not sacrifice one, for the other, EVER! What sort of message are we sending to constituents and the community, if we compromise our morals?
9664	7/10/2012	Because libraries bring together a sense of community. They install a love of knowledge and reading among children and adults alike.
9665	7/10/2012	they offer resources to people who would not have access to them elsewhere such as internet access, programs for children and families, etc
9666	7/10/2012	I'm retired and the libraries provide a source of entertainment and knowledge.
9667	7/10/2012	Reading and research are important in order to have a well informed population.
9668	7/10/2012	There is something for everyone at the library. They can serve as a community information center and support other local public services.
9669	7/10/2012	Services isn't super well defined, but if it includes things like basic infrastructure that the county provides, I would put it below those things.
9670	7/10/2012	reading is key to staying informed, current, entertained... regardless of the delivery system - public libraries bring that service to all members of the community regardless of SES or mobility or age.
9671	7/10/2012	Because lots of information people can search online, free.
9672	7/10/2012	Obviously things that are a matter of life and death (health clinics/food pantries/mental health outreach) are more important. But, libraries come in a close second. Without public libraries, only families who actively promote reading, research, knowledge in general in their own homes can impart these values to their children. Libraries are an incredible resource.
9673	7/10/2012	fabulous resource for our community. the library brings people together..... so very helpful on so many levels. all people young and old benefit from our library....
9674	7/10/2012	They are important because of the availability and distribution of books, magazines, and online media. I have a full-time job and some of these things, I would not have access to. I can only imagine what it would be like if I was not able to use the internet or read certain books. I see the library as a resource to better oneself; a resource that everyone should be able to enjoy.

9675	7/10/2012	I see libraries as one of the precious few sources of information that are available to everyone. I may be financially secure enough to buy my own computer and afford high speed internet, but plenty of people can't, and they have as much right to the internet as I do. Books, magazines, and the internet let people connect across otherwise insurmountable boundaries, and the library gives everyone access to those things.
9676	7/10/2012	very important
9677	7/10/2012	I use them regularly. It is a way to reduce spending and consumption for me...buying fewer books and movies myself.
9678	7/10/2012	Books, reading and learning a of primary importance tommy husband and me.
9679	7/10/2012	some people may not have access to the internet at home and internet is a big means of getting information about many things
9680	7/10/2012	I do not have the resources to buy reading materials for myself or children and it is important to read.
9681	7/10/2012	Literacy available to all and especially important are various program for children and job seekers
9682	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a vital community service--they enable people to access resources they would have otherwise no ability to find and use. Libraries are also the depositories of our shared cultural history. A city, county, town or country without a library is void of equitable education, social service, and shared heritage. They are as important as any local public service, if not the most important.
9683	7/10/2012	If it weren't for our amazing public library, I wouldn't be able to read nearly as many books- can't afford them right now! The library is also a godsend for stocking hard-to-find documentaries, how-to books on subjects I want to find out more about without committing to purchasing the books yet, and I love listening to new music and watching new films. The library is a primary source of education, entertainment, and exploration for me!
9684	7/10/2012	Education and access to information affects quality of life more than any other resource. From good knowledge and learning come good decision making and opportunities.
9685	7/10/2012	Important
9686	7/10/2012	I use the library every week to check out books and other materials. I don't use the other programs but it is very important to me and my family that the strength of the wide catalogue be maintained. Also the library is one of the few indoor places people can go and not be expected to spend money.
9687	7/10/2012	schools, fire, police, safety, health services,e tc. then library~ they can be a hub of community with out reach, info. to programming, help with information gathering, SUPPORTING LITERACY DEVELOPMENT!!!
9688	7/10/2012	I want to live in a literate society where everyone has access to cultural material.

9689	7/10/2012	Public libraries are: educational centers for all members of our community; a safe haven for young people to go to especially if their home environment is chaotic or unsafe or dangerous; a gathering place for parents and children where they can access activities; a social venue for isolated seniors; a place to "rent" free movies, dvds and cds!!! To provide resources for my family to increase our knowledge and awareness various topics available that we otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to provide for our family.[]
9690	7/10/2012	[] We love the idea of community sharing and the library is at the center of that. There is absolutely no need to go and purchase a book that I may only read once. Sharing that same book with the entire community is ideal and just makes sense.
9691	7/10/2012	The library is an information center that is all accessible and remain so. Being a newcomer to Portland, I know the importance of resource information and the tools the library provides.
9692	7/10/2012	We need to encourage people to read. It should be a nationwide priority.
9693	7/10/2012	Access to reading material that I may not want to purchase but do want to have available.[] As a teacher, referring parents and children to use the resources.
9694	7/10/2012	I would not consider the library as important as public safety, but it's definitely important.
9695	7/10/2012	Books and reading is basis of all civilizations
9696	7/10/2012	great resource
9697	7/10/2012	services providing food and shelter are most important. followed by public transportation then libraries
9698	7/10/2012	Free access to information is important to the health of our communities.
9699	7/10/2012	I do a great deal of research, reading, and writing. I have come to rely upon the materials that the library system has available.
9700	7/10/2012	Pull backs on things like Emergency Services -- and the like -- clearly outweigh other services in this area.
9701	7/10/2012	They are so many resources available in a library that middle and lower income folks are not going to be able to access anywhere else if we lose the library/ continue limiting access (cutting hours of operation). But, you should really know this already, right?
9702	7/10/2012	Libraries are right on par with good educational systems and fair legal systems. They are one of the few tools we have to gain knowledge and access to information.
9703	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time.
9704	7/10/2012	I think that it is extremely important for people to have free access to information, both factual and cultural. My family also frequently rents movies to watch together.

9705	7/10/2012	Reading is fundamental! That's a dumb cheeseball slogan from my youth, but it rings true. I don't think enough people read, especially in print anymore, and as libraries foster and promote such reading, they are essential to an educated citizenry. At this point, too, they function as access points to the Internet and resources that many low-income people cannot afford to have at home. Both of these roles are critical in maintaining our city's workforce and intellectual integrity. I, however, work in public health and I can't say that I believe libraries are more important than providing access to medical care, promoting prevention of disease and infection, and prioritizing housing and job security for Portland. I love the library and would be devastated if it closed. But without healthcare and a place to live, I'd be much worse off.
9706	7/10/2012	Free Knowledge resources are critical to helping people with education which leads to getting jobs and lower crime rates.
9707	7/10/2012	I couldn't keep up on my reading/media viewing without it due to my financial bracket.
9708	7/10/2012	Police and fire would come first but libraries are still high on my list.
9709	7/10/2012	More important than parking authorities. Less important the emergency services.
9710	7/10/2012	Free access to information and knowledge.
9711	7/10/2012	because they are a service I actively use.
9712	7/10/2012	I could buy the books if I had to.
9713	7/10/2012	As above
9714	7/10/2012	well police and fire protection come before library service I believe.
9715	7/10/2012	I'll be honest - I'm a 20-something who lives in an apartment. I don't really need many other public services, but I like to read and am always short on cash.
9716	7/10/2012	The library is a neat place for people to go - but the money needs to go to other services like emergency services first. A library can essentially be online for most people - then you could have smaller buildings/staff for fun things like book reading for little ones and computer stations for people who don't have them at home.
9717	7/10/2012	Libraries serve a variety of needs in the community that aren't met by other agencies. They're formative for kids, a lifeline for the un- and under-employed, and a resource for every facet of society.
9718	7/10/2012	when I need information and / or media or computer tools a library is nice to have around
9719	7/10/2012	Nice to have, not critical or worth a tax increase for. Myself and colleagues/friends moving more towards digital media in all forms and that importance is decreasing as that happens.
9720	7/10/2012	The library is my primary source of books, music, and film.
9721	7/10/2012	While I don't feel the libraries are as important as emergency services, I hold them in a higher regard than parks and recreation. Their are a plethora of parks through out the city that require constant maintenance which I feel could be reduced into a more manageable, less costly system.
9722	7/10/2012	Libraries are an extension of education and an important means of access to information. Without education of its citizens and a free flow of information a society cannot and will not survive.

9723	7/10/2012	I believe in continual self-education, and that becomes almost impossible without access to libraries, especially in such a difficult economic climate. Instead of using the recession as an excuse to cut library services, it should be used as a reason to bolster them: people simply cannot afford many other avenues of self-education that may have been more feasible before the economy tanked. Obviously, everyone needs all of the public services on which we have become reliant: clean water, affordable energy, etc. But I will give up food for my body long before I will give up food for my soul. And the library offers me that soul food I could not get any other way.
9724	7/10/2012	Because I cannot think of any others that I use personally.
9725	7/10/2012	Provides a resource that's not available via the net
9726	7/10/2012	Reading is fundamental! A well-read community is a prosperous community.
9727	7/10/2012	it is a fundamental right that our citizens have free access to education
9728	7/10/2012	It allows time and space for our toddler to learn and grow in many many diff ways
9729	7/10/2012	They provide me with resources I need for personal fulfillment intellectually.
9730	7/10/2012	High importance.
9731	7/10/2012	It provides many more opportunities for me to learn, as a post-grad adult, then my income would otherwise allow.
9732	7/10/2012	Libraries are a valuable resource for every one in the community, regardless of income or social status
9733	7/10/2012	Library services rank below fire and public safety (including road maintenance) but are probably the most used public services our family uses in Portland.
9734	7/10/2012	It's a great resource that I'd hate to be without
9735	7/10/2012	It is a community gathering point for any and all. It is free.
9736	7/10/2012	Even though I may not use the library to it full potential, I think it's essential for the people who do. It provides access and services to people that would otherwise not be able to afford them. I also think libraries keep communities healthy and engaged.
9737	7/10/2012	Education and access for all
9738	7/10/2012	Well you see, it's just a lot more fun to read a book than to study my sewer bill... [] Libraries provide an extremely cost effective source of entertainment and self-education.
9739	7/10/2012	I would be devastated if local libraries were forced to close. I grew up learning to read from books loaned by my library (in New York). Libraries provide their communities with FREE resources, and in this treacherous economy, these resources are desperately needed. Closing down libraries would be a profound statement on our government's position on the advancing polarization of classes. Libraries are one of the few remaining ways in which the poor can learn to enrich their spirits. The wealth of knowledge libraries provide is invaluable to our communities' welfare. Within their walls, everyone is offered equal opportunity for growth and advancement.

9740	7/10/2012	I have had experiences in the library that remain with me today that included all of my senses in learning. I believe that is important for making the connection of getting what you are learning stick. □ □ I still remember the feel smell and sounds of the library that I used growing up and the lessons are attached to those experiences.
9741	7/10/2012	because they help me stay in touch
9742	7/10/2012	For entertainment and fulfillment
9743	7/10/2012	Without libraries we would move to another country.
9744	7/10/2012	I cannot imagine life without books.
9745	7/10/2012	To me personally, not much. But to the health of the community - essential.
9746	7/10/2012	I am a word junkie. I use the web site to access the OED online nearly every day. I could not live without this resource.
9747	7/10/2012	Libraries raised me as I was growing up. Libraries were a safe place, free of ignorance and hate. They expanded my mind and made it possible for me to be successful, today. They informed and entertained, kept me sane during tough times. I will turn to them again the next time I am unemployed. While progress is affecting the traditional function and role of the library, I think they are still crucial for any community, just as a community center that offers physical activities is.
9748	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot~ not just for entertainment (reading materials) but also because I do not have internet access at home. Also, as someone who lives alone, it is a social outlet for me, a place where I get a sense of community.
9749	7/10/2012	As someone once said the two great inventions of man are the library and the bicycle...
9750	7/10/2012	Access to information for all members of the community is critical to continue.
9751	7/10/2012	Libraries are what provide access to books for children and families who do not have books in their homes. Reading, and having access to a wide range of information and media are what develop literacy, and knowledge about the world, and this is impossible without access to books and the informational resources that libraries provide.
9752	7/10/2012	We use the library several times a month. It's a wonderful way to foster good reading habits and a life-long love of books. Public school ranks higher, and Portland Parks and Rec are high on our list too.
9753	7/10/2012	It would be a huge expense to me to buy all the materials I borrow from the library. I can try out other genre without having to buy them.
9754	7/10/2012	They provide educational and cultural material to everyone in the community that might not have an opportunity/access to from any other source.

9755	7/10/2012	I love reading and having access to the ability to educate myself. I can't afford to buy all the books, music, movies, media I'm interested in. I love having access to all sorts of information in one place. I also believe this resource should be available for everyone, especially those with few financial means. [] **the last question asks me to determine when it would be best to propose the levy. I have no idea - whenever it is more likely for it to pass!**
9756	7/10/2012	Reading leads to knowledge, education, and an expanded view of our community and the world. People need a place to go to educate themselves and their family, especially when the cost of traditional education is so high. My friend wrote a song titled, "the library- the original free school"... Also free internet access and cheap printing is important, especially for those seeking jobs.
9757	7/10/2012	We live in an information age. Free or low-cost access to information resources is key to an active, engaged citizenry.
9758	7/10/2012	Local government, really all levels of government, have become too stretched. This has left traditional central services competing with more "glamorous" initiatives. Libraries provide a valuable societal function in that they provide access to information to those that cannot otherwise afford such access. They also provide opportunities to encourage reading for children of all economic classes. This is critical to a democracy.
9759	7/10/2012	As a retired person with restricted resources since 2008, I depend on my library [] to stay current with books, music and films. I'd be lost without you guys.
9760	7/10/2012	Provide a good resource for information for all ages and a place for learning and enrichment
9761	7/10/2012	Utmost
9762	7/10/2012	Safety comes first
9763	7/10/2012	Free books to read! Friendly, helpful staff! a community gathering place!
9764	7/10/2012	Without educated citizens society is nothing.
9765	7/10/2012	Full disclosure: I'm a librarian myself!
9766	7/10/2012	I believe a good library system is important to a thriving community
9767	7/10/2012	Portland needs a strong library system to support the growing interests of it's inhabitants.
9768	7/10/2012	literacy programs and access to education is a NEED!
9769	7/10/2012	Access to education, culture, etc. No, not free, but important in the big picture.
9770	7/10/2012	Public services in all realms are important. Police, fire, education, etc. seem to be lacking in public support. It concerns me.
9771	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power! Libraries provide resources and materials that benefit everyone, especially individuals with low income. They establish a sense of community.

9772	7/10/2012	<p>I enjoy the library, but it doesn't meet basic needs that other local public services do (like sewer, water, electricity, fire, police, etc.) I think the question above is flawed (it would have been helpful to know what I am "comparing" the library to...) and this follow up question is redundant. Heck, why didn't you just ask "what do you like about the library? Why did you vote for the levy? In your own words, what is most important to you about the library?"</p>
9773	7/10/2012	<p>Books are learning, wonderful escapes and an endless source of knowledge. Libraries are important because there is no discrimination against income level or class level ~ every one is equal in the library, and therefore every one has the access to reading and research materials. This equality is the very foundation of what America is supposed to mean, and sadly is found very few other places than in our public libraries.¶</p> <p>Our neighborhood library supports and develops community, it is a place my children get excited about going to. We visit weekly, if not several times a week.</p>
9774	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries help us define our culture. They impart knowledge; teach social justice and offer a respite for the woes of the world. No other public service can make that claim. Without libraries, we would soon be a third world country!</p>
9775	7/10/2012	<p>I am a social worker that works with foster youth in the community. As a social worker, I myself am also very poor. Both the kids I work with and myself use the library very often, sometimes daily, to have a safe place that is free and offers a variety of resources such as internet access, movies, music, books for entertainment, and books for learning and improving our lives. Without the library, the other option for these kids would be to walk around the mall. It just doesn't compare and does nothing to keep the kids out of trouble and motivated to continue improving their lives.</p>
9776	7/10/2012	<p>The need for access to the outside world. World communities are becoming a interconnected. So there is a greater sense of influencing actions and reactions is very real!</p>
9777	7/10/2012	<p>Grew up going to the library. It became a haven forme for the rest of my life. It has always answered all my questions. It became a place of acceptance, learning, exploration, escape. As a senior person now, the library is still my number one choice for learning, comfort, and a equaility among all the other patrons. The programs the library has for all ages and needs makes one feel safe and secure in these trouble times, and that it is free for all our use.. the general public.The public can depend and trust on the library system,when so many other parts of our government and society is no longer dependable or trustworthy.The importance of the library is paramount, without the library it I truly believe the public would not have the resources it needs (even with technology) to have one place where all can be equal without undue outside infulence that is free to use for one and all.</p>

9778	7/10/2012	libraries are an incredible, free resource for entertainment, education, lifelong literacy learning, internet access, research, and public space. plus, some of our branches occupy historic buildings and keep them open to the public and relevant to the community. Whether you are looking to check out a book or movie, type a letter or use the internet, attend a meeting, take classes, or simply get out of the rain for a while, the library is equally open to all.
9779	7/10/2012	On a scale of 1-10, a 7
9780	7/10/2012	I can't think of another local, public service I rely on more outside of trash collection and postal mail delivery
9781	7/10/2012	We have been struck by the bad economy and use the library for all of our book access.
9782	7/10/2012	Well, since I'm a school librarian, the importance of literacy and fair access is a very high priority in my life, personally and professionally. Libraries are the mark of a civilized society.
9783	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power! Literacy fosters life long learning and I want my kids to be successful. Plus, being a reader always gives you something interesting to talk about with others.
9784	7/10/2012	Libraries provide the resources for an educated electorate and a cultured community.
9785	7/10/2012	"Books constitute capital. A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years. It is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, it is their only capital." ~Thomas Jefferson
9786	7/10/2012	It's important to have this local source for the taxpayer.....more so than worrying about a new homeless shelter that is Eco-friendly. Taxpayers should be able to have their children go there after school for resource & quiet.
9787	7/10/2012	For myself, I simply love to read. Libraries are also a source of community for many people, and a place of abundance for people who are struggling - books, dvds, classes, kids programs, wifi, computers.
9788	7/10/2012	My family and I love to read books so it is really well used by my family.
9789	7/10/2012	The Library is the only public service we access that actually furthers our knowledge, education and opportunity in life.
9790	7/10/2012	It gives everyone opportunity to read and use the computer, regardless of socioeconomic status.
9791	7/10/2012	It provides free entertainment and education
9792	7/10/2012	Very Important. Although I don't go very often, I realize the importance of books and reading for development and growth of individuals. They are very important also because they play a part in the right to an education.
9793	7/10/2012	Libraries are of central importance to all other public services.
9794	7/10/2012	Resource for books, videos etc.
9795	7/10/2012	I think it is important to have books available to read free of charge. Being able to check out music and movies is great perk but the books are the important part for me. I would like to add that the library should acquire more current test prep books.

9796	7/10/2012	<p>Reading a book is a very interactive and tangible experience. Smelling the pages, feeling the binding, watching out for paper cuts, weighing the book; this is missed in electronic media. Don't get me wrong, I don't shun electronic media. I am an avid owner of Apple products, however, I have never been able to get in the habit of reading an ebook. The act of physically turning a page is inherently rewarding and tantalizing. You can look at the book and see how far you've come and what excitement still awaits. When all the pages are condensed into a single screen in front of you, I believe that this minimalist format disengages the reader from the characters, the momentum of the plot, and, ultimately, from the intentions of the author. I read for pleasure, education, and transport into another life/time/place. Being caught up in a book's story is my goal when choosing a book. Therefore, why would I opt for the alternative, that which removes all essence of a book being a book?!</p> <p>□</p> <p>In addition, unfettered access to information and knowledge is a right that all human beings should have. As libraries garner educational resources and provide educational/support programs with the public in mind, it makes sense that these establishments stick around for the long haul. Education has been shown to decrease poverty and crime in communities, therefore it is important to me that funding for public libraries are not cut. It is important to me that people</p>
9797	7/10/2012	I love the library, the ability to check out various media, read magazines and use the digital check out system.
9798	7/10/2012	Libraries stand for the importance we place on a well-informed citizenry.
9799	7/10/2012	Library isn't as important as infrastructure but it is a great public resource. I like the computer, books, quiet area, community gathering, its of very big importance to me.
9800	7/10/2012	The libraries provide many resources and will always be a main part of American culture.
9801	7/10/2012	I don't go to many parks, mostly we are homebodies, and we like to read.
9802	7/10/2012	Important.
9803	7/10/2012	We keep a steady flow of books, recorded stories and music coming through our house, materials we would not buy or want to own, but certainly valuable to have access to!
9804	7/10/2012	very important. A library is a place of learning. Being a senior citizen, it provides a needed source of intellectual stimulation on a consistent basis.
9805	7/10/2012	knowledge = power.
9806	7/10/2012	I LOVE READING SO MUCH! But I also tend to not have that much spending money, so a library is really important 'cause I don't have enough money to buy all the books I want to read.
9807	7/10/2012	The more people read and stay informed, the better we are as a community.
9808	7/10/2012	The library allows equal, free access to information and internet-based communication as well as educational services and safe activities/spaces for youth, impoverished individuals, and the elderly. Nothing can be more important to the welfare of a free, democratic nation than well-informed citizens.

9809	7/10/2012	Libraries are more than books, they give people access to vital services such as resume workshops, computer skills, job seeking services. They also encourage kids to read and show them that reading can be fun and exciting. I also love that there are services offered in other languages besides English and Spanish, I feel that the ability to offer services in other languages such as Russian make the library a vital part of the community because they serve as a place where everyone can learn, be served and feel connected to the community they live in.
9810	7/10/2012	I'm lucky to be able to buy reading and other media materials, but strongly support libraries for their ability to provide so many services to such a diverse population. We must have access to literature and information.
9811	7/10/2012	A community must have access a wealth of information in order to thrive: to have new ideas, to understand our history, to have meaningful discourse, and just to enjoy being here.
9812	7/10/2012	Because people need another place to go to learn.
9813	7/10/2012	Saves me money...gives me more reading pleasure.
9814	7/10/2012	I tried to click on the # appropriate from 1-6 and it did not follow my commands so there may be something wrong with the format. It kept putting the numbers in sequential order 1-6 vice the number 1 or 2. It's the only decent place to get a piece of mind, relax, learn, unwind, dream...and all its spendor is available to poor people too!
9815	7/10/2012	Everybody needs to read, no matter what else they do. The library offers a great and inexpensive way to entertain anyone who chooses to take advantage of their programs and multitude of books.
9816	7/10/2012	The library keeps me informed about the world I live in. It's how I learn about history, art, politics, culture. It's how I make myself a better citizen. My life is better, and my city is better, because of the library.
9817	7/10/2012	Reading is the gateway to so much: self discovery, learning on any subject, aesthetic and artistic enjoyment , communicating with all of humanity, regardless of original language or culture, or even epoch of living. What could we know without books, except what is in our immediate environment, and thoughts that arise in our own limited minds? Not all people can afford to build their own private library. It is imperative to make the printed word available to all, regardless of personal wealth orcircumstance.
9818	7/10/2012	A well educated community is a productive one. Reading is the key to being a success no matter what the endeavor. If a person can read and understand what the are reading, they can do anything.
9819	7/10/2012	The library improves the lives of people who choose to make good decisions.

9820	7/10/2012	I'm disabled, unable to work and partially-housebound (I'm not a recipient of homebound services, though). The library is a godsend for me, allowing me access to interesting things to read and listen to that liven up the days when I'm too unwell to leave the house. I understand the library's value in providing storytimes and sessions for children to foster a love of reading, services like computer access and training for the unemployed and at-risk cohorts, and resources for the community. Many of us would be much worse off without it, and I'm delighted that it has maintained the high level of service it has (new books & materials, service provision, etc) despite these tough economic times. I would hate for Multnomah to lose this vital resource and community hub, as so many other places in the country have - once a library is gone or seriously damaged by sale of inventory, etc, it seems very difficult for the community to restore it.
9821	7/10/2012	Education and having exposure to thought-provoking ideas is extremely important.
9822	7/10/2012	everyone i know uses the library regularly
9823	7/10/2012	it is a binding agent for local people to interact with their neighbors in a open and honest setting free from any and all other obligations
9824	7/10/2012	Libraries and Schools are what I care most about.
9825	7/10/2012	reading is one of my favorite things
9826	7/10/2012	I've had and used a library card for 60 years
9827	7/10/2012	Low cost educational/entertainment source.
9828	7/10/2012	Literacy should be important to everyone! Also, without the library system I would not have been able to find a job when I first moved to Portland in 2004. I utilized the computer system daily.
9829	7/10/2012	all of the public needs access to books and other media for improving themselves
9830	7/10/2012	It is vital to a healthy community for everyone to have access to information. More and more the computer access at the library is vital for people seeking information, services, and employment
9831	7/10/2012	need good streets for riding my bike and driving my car. need police to watch over the neighborhood.
9832	7/10/2012	They are a vital resource to many
9833	7/10/2012	I am a teacher and use the library regularly to check out materials for students and myself, tutoring, and resources for my classroom. I also encourage my students to use the library to help with their reading skills.
9834	7/10/2012	I think libraries still provide access to people who would not otherwise have access. In this internet age, reading is becoming more and more important and library programs like the summer reading program, get kids hooked in to reading. Libraries provide low income people access to books and movies and internet service. They provide wonderful meeting spaces for community building. Over the years, I've gotten to know the librarians at my local branch and know that I can depend on them for great advice no matter what the question.

9835	7/10/2012	I have used the Multnomah Co Library system since I was a child, and as a senior, I am still using it. It was a great place to take our kids to let them check out their own bedtime story books. My mother is still using the library and she is considered legally blind. She checks out the talking books. The local library services are important because they provide for the entire community.
9836	7/10/2012	I really like to read and can't afford to buy all of the books I want. I also prefer to check out books I think I'll only read once.
9837	7/10/2012	We read every day and we visit the library several days a week. Every member of our family uses library material EVERY day.
9838	7/10/2012	Reading is important and should be available to people
9839	7/10/2012	I read a lot & like 'free' books from library, though I haven't used it much as usual in past year because of limited copies of current popular books.
9840	7/10/2012	I strive to be well informed and well read.
9841	7/10/2012	they provide services that are only available at cost other places, some services are only available through a library. An informed citizenry is absolutely critical for our nation. Libraries are a prime source of information availability.
9842	7/10/2012	Literacy and civic engagement a crucial in a democracy.
9843	7/10/2012	it mwwts my needs
9844	7/10/2012	Having access to books and other media is of the most utmost importance.
9845	7/10/2012	To make research,e-mail ,
9846	7/10/2012	I am a constant reader. Since my budget won't even support a thrift shop book habit (even if thrift shops carried the books I want to read) I rely on the library system to support my habit. I've been using the Multnomah County Library system for five decades.
9847	7/10/2012	Computer access. Book and magazine access.
9848	7/10/2012	we only use to library for books to read.
9849	7/10/2012	It's my resource to information, research, entertainment and learning. The library is where our family go to on a regular basis to gain knowledge.
9850	7/10/2012	We visit our local library all the time -- to get novels, cookbooks, home improvement books, movies and books on tape for long car trips. Library resources save our family thousands of dollars a year -- and give us access to tons of great information. Plus the library is a wonderful, quiet place to spend time and run into neighbors. I have been hanging out at the library since I was a kid and want it to be a big part of my kids' lives as well.
9851	7/10/2012	I am committing to checking books out of the library rather than buying them.
9852	7/10/2012	I utilize the library a great deal. I love to read and have tried to teach my grandchildren the importance of reading.
9853	7/10/2012	I like borrowing books from the library rather than buying them. As a home owner in the Belmont area, it's nice to know my property taxes are going to fund my reading. I also like the idea of reusing the books rather than them sitting on my shelf after I read them once.

9854	7/10/2012	they provide bathrooms, meeting spaces, shelter from the elements (at least during the day) as well as entertainment, education, and information.
9855	7/10/2012	I love our library system - I use it on a regular basis!
9856	7/10/2012	All people should have access to our public library and because I believe this so firmly it is why it is very important to me.
9857	7/10/2012	Because people can't afford to buy books. Also, a lot of people can't afford to own a computer.
9858	7/10/2012	It is one of the few public services that I actually use.
9859	7/10/2012	Safety first
9860	7/10/2012	The library provides daily services across broad categories of individuals in the community. Our county library system is one of the jewels of this area, and it adds immensely to our quality of life.
9861	7/10/2012	They bring literacy and educational resources to EVERYONE in the community. I am a teacher - students, particularly low income students, need access to books and other vital library services.
9862	7/10/2012	Families need a safe place to share stories and access other materials. Libraries are the perfect place for positive community events and gatherings.
9863	7/10/2012	They provide early learning and educational experiences that can help keep kids in school and successful. They provide access to technology and information for those who don't have access otherwise.
9864	7/10/2012	they rank one below the first priority of government, safety (i.e., police and fire) and basic infrastructure (i.e., roads, water, etc.). Library services are still very important in my mind as are some other services like education, other social programs but if I have to prioritize these are a 2nd tier.
9865	7/10/2012	Having a public library in one's community allows people to learn more about whatever they want or need to learn more about. This helps all of society. Without access to books, media, music, children's programs, a sense of the community is lost. A connection to things bigger than oneself is lost. Kids get bored without a book to read. Adults feel hopeless without a computer to use. Mom's feel less connected when they can't go for storytime at the library. It is a staple of local public service and it should be treated with the highest importance in all of our communities.
9866	7/10/2012	"Local public services" is vague. The library is very important to me, but not more than power and water. A few examples in this question may help folks to provide clearer data.
9867	7/10/2012	One of my strongest and fondest childhood memories is of my small town library...I spent many hours there from the time I was five until I graduated. Access to books opens new worlds, offers education and possibilities. However, the other services that are under-funded and need to be addressed are law enforcement and assistance for the elderly.
9868	7/10/2012	Access to free materials for low income
9869	7/10/2012	Can't put libraries above Police and fire.

9870	7/10/2012	County and City taxes are out of control. Union negotiations have given away the farm. More taxes are never enough . Stop spending now before those that pay can no longer pay. I am retired and on a fixed income. Why can't Mult. County, the library, schools, and the City of Portland do the same?
9871	7/10/2012	I love the lib and think it provides an excellent resource to our community
9872	7/10/2012	Education is very important. I can't imagine my kids without a book
9873	7/10/2012	access to library materials and services is like life-blood
9874	7/10/2012	Because must have a literate and well read society with access to modern communication as well as books. equal importance with schools!
9875	7/10/2012	I use the library almost exclusively for my reading material and encourage friends and family do do the same. It would not be as possible if the library had more restricted hours.
9876	7/10/2012	We depend on the library for nearly all of our reading material as well as entertainment in the form of DVD's.
9877	7/10/2012	I use mass transit so have a lot of time for reading. I have a Kindle but find that using the library hard-copy books is my preferred method. I read library books constantly.
9878	7/10/2012	I have many options for entertainment and don't NEED the library, however, it IS a part of my entertainment spectrum o choices.
9879	7/10/2012	They provide access to materials (book, resources) for those who are unable to do so for whatever reason.
9880	7/10/2012	Because we use the library several times per week. We borrow many books and research new boos regularly.
9881	7/10/2012	My family uses the library almost daily, especially in the summer. We use it for computer access/wi-fi services that we can not currently afford at home. My oldest daughter is also very involved in the summer reading program as a volunteer and enjoys it very much.
9882	7/10/2012	Because they provide access to knowledge without discrimination to age, race, social class, or economic status. They provide a safe place for kids to learn and get help when their parents are working. They encourage literacy.
9883	7/10/2012	I use this service frequently, but that does not mean that it is that important compared with other services such as public safety, social services, and infrastructure like roads, water and sewers. It is a luxury to have a great library system like we have. We could live with a less rich library system.
9884	7/10/2012	Because the library is a source of knowledge. Knowledge is power. We want an educated society.
9885	7/10/2012	They are of high importance to me because this is where I get most of the books I read. And without books I wouldn't be as smart as i am now.

9886	7/10/2012	I would rank the library behind fire and police, but the wonderful library system is a great part of what makes Portland special. I have lived in many other cities, but almost never used the library. The libraries here are easy to use and have wonderful programs for all ages! The reference librarians are excellent. □ For some people the libraries provide the only computer access they have.
9887	7/10/2012	I'm a students and most of the research paper I wrote require me to get at least 1 or 2 books from a library which I used to go to is my local library and I think it's quite important for a lot of students as well.
9888	7/10/2012	Because librarians don't care about anything except people being respectful of each other and helping people meet their goals at the library. They are egalitarian, organized, expansive and peaceful places to be and function the way I would like all places of public use and service to. All other social programs involve rhetoric, policing, backdoor policies and otherwise a bunch of "stuff" I neither want nor need. I have met a lot of careerist social workers, a lot of disrespectful police etc, etc, but when I have something I need to accomplish, I walk out of the library every single time having met my goals there, and often, more.
9889	7/10/2012	Because they hold the future of our children.
9890	7/10/2012	They provide access to information, entertainment and training within a community setting. These services are individually available elsewhere, but not to everyone all in one place as they are in a library. My opinion is influenced by a lifetime of affection for my neighborhood libraries over the years and appreciation of the access they have always offered me to reading and the warmth of a community gathering place.
9891	7/10/2012	Because they provide a great deal of services that I couldn't get elsewhere without great time and expense. Books and other materials of course, but also puppet shows and train days for my kids.
9892	7/10/2012	Education, knowledge access to all
9893	7/10/2012	our family uses the library several times a week and we see first hand what a great resource it is for the community.
9894	7/10/2012	I am a public school teacher and the materials at the library support my teaching, especially science and social studies!
9895	7/10/2012	Even though I'm not a heavy user of the library, I know it's of great importance for many people in the communities they are located in. For many it's a place where they can come and feel a sense of community.
9896	7/10/2012	I think public libraries are essential to provide the opportunity for education to all.
9897	7/10/2012	Other services are more important such as police and fire
9898	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and have been using a public library where ever I have lived since I was 3 or 4 years old (I am now 65)
9899	7/10/2012	Education most of all. It's a very important part of our community that everyone should have easy access too.

9900	7/10/2012	because I have a child of 6 yrs old who is just learning to read and we visit the library constantly for books, movies, and events
9901	7/10/2012	because early education and services from libraries for young readers help them stay in school longer and keep them out of the costlier criminal justice system. In times of economic downturn they are crucial for indigent folks to apply for jobs on line and to work on their resumes etc.
9902	7/10/2012	Libraries are, and have been, the single most important source of knowledge and information since our country was founded. To lose them would be to lose a very critical part of our American heritage.
9903	7/10/2012	There are obviously more important things out there. Police, Fire, Medical. Road conditions. Traffic problems. [] Just as obvious though, there are things funded that are ridiculous. The above budgets are bloated with un-necessary items such as street beautification projects. Truly unbelievable pension revenues. ETC.
9904	7/10/2012	Libraries support ongoing education and community involvement. They keep us smart and support healthy communities.
9905	7/10/2012	Not everyone has the ability to buy books, media or computer access. The library accounts for those people. It provides a safe place for children in stressful homes to come study or just take refuge for a few hours! It helps to educate and bring the community together. Without library and school funding...how will there be equality in this democracy? The voices of everyone will not be heard without these institutions!
9906	7/10/2012	They promote literacy at all ages. They are free to all.
9907	7/10/2012	We use the library several times a week. It is a huge part of our lives and am so grateful for the library. It is one of my top 5 favorite places to go! I love the online catalog and the ability to put on hold items.
9908	7/10/2012	This is an important part of my son's education and personal development.
9909	7/10/2012	I need to read I love to read I love to do research (with books and materials) on my chosen topics[] I need to access the library online also
9910	7/10/2012	I think libraries are an essential and fundamental part of our culture and education system. They have become less important to me on a personal, practical level, as I grow older, but they are vital for children, in my opinion.
9911	7/10/2012	An educated population is key to success in the region.
9912	7/10/2012	I can get the same thing I can get at the library, and more, at home, immediately, to say nothing about gas costs.
9913	7/10/2012	They provide information and knowledge to all income levels. It is a neutral place for all people to get affordable access to current information and technology.

9914	7/10/2012	Because its very important for families to have options for free educational resources and reading materials
9915	7/10/2012	i don't have a big budget for new media. not to mention it is wasteful to buy a book and just read it once and have it sit on a shelf or whatever. libraries are incubators of democracy -- they provide free and equal access to information citizens need to participate in society.
9916	7/10/2012	They are a center for inspiration and action in our communities. They help me meet neighbors that have children my kids ages and they teach our kids to love books, reading, research and all the joys they bring.
9917	7/10/2012	Because the library is a friendly, accesible, knowledgable, great place to receive public services. They make their services widely known and easy to access, working their hardest just so that you can attain whatever goals you may possess. Their numerous locations ensure that no matter where you live you going to the library isn't an obstacle.
9918	7/10/2012	Exceptional professional library staff who all deserve raises. Astounding circulation of valuable books and media. Organized, strong, overall system. Life long learning opportunities for everyone using the library, no matter a persons economic reality.
9919	7/10/2012	The library is a constant source of information and knowledge. I can always go in a find an old book/author or a new book/author and learn something new. The only big downside I see these days are many books I would love to read are only available on Kindle.
9920	7/10/2012	I am a stay at home mom on Monday and Tuesday and work the rest of the week. I really enjoyed Peter's Monday Toddler class at Gresham Library. My daughter was making friends there and it was a great way for me to get out of the house. While we were there, we'd check out books and audiobooks. Now the library isn't even open on Monday. I would listen to the audio books on my way to work but now I can only get them during very random hours when the library is open.

<p>9921</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>I use the library all the time for fun, entertainment and learning. Some years back, the library literally taught me all I needed to know to get a good job. I am a computer programmer who makes a decent income, recently bought a house, patronizes local businesses and pays taxes. I learned to program and administer computers thanks to the excellent technical book section on the second floor of the Central Library. College only taught me English literature. The library could have done that too...[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Of course, the police, mental health services, road crews, etc. are vitally important, but the library is the place where everyone in the country actually gets something for their tax dollars. I see people of many different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, reading, using the computers (no doubt searching and applying for jobs if they don't have computers at home), getting help from the reference librarians (I once overheard someone asking for information on cancer for a loved one)... the list goes on. At the local Woodstock library, I see it all. It's a place where kids can hang out after school, where people with mental challenges can get out of their group homes for a day trip (and those kids don't have much money for other activities), recent immigrants can find reading material in their own languages, and mother's can check out stacks of books for their kids building a lifelong love of reading.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Really, the library does just about everything except make me a sandwich... ;-)</p>
<p>9922</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>I can't afford to buy every book I'd like to read, can't afford a new PC, I like movies but can't afford that either. The artist group is a meet up of wonderful people and the meeting room provides a place for us to meet; we are 'starving artist' after all!! []</p> <p>I've been looking for employment after being laid off, being able to use the computers is HUGE!! A lot of people I know can only access their email or contact with the rest of the US because of library access.</p>
<p>9923</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>People need to be informed...and TV is not a good place to get information. We need access to a wide spectrum of books and periodicals, as well as internet access...which many can't afford.</p>
<p>9924</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>They elevate the quality of life for myself, my children, my neighbors, our entire society. We remain a terribly undereducated country. Of course ignorance leads to despair, violence and degeneration of our society.</p>
<p>9925</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>I think that everyone should be able to read and get books for free if they cannot afford them. It's good for the community.</p>
<p>9926</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>Affordable access to current media and physical books is important to me. Ebooks and online media are not the same.</p>
<p>9927</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>My family uses lots of services at the library. As a community, the library brings people together, and strengthens communities.</p>
<p>9928</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>My family is low income. We use our library to check out books for things we need to research, entertainment, socialization for our children, and use of materials such as dvd and cd. It has made a huge difference for my family.</p>
<p>9929</p> <p>7/10/2012</p>	<p>Because I value education and literacy</p>

9930	7/10/2012	I love to read! Going to the library gives me access to thousands upon thousands of books.
9931	7/10/2012	They are an amazing outing for our kids. They learn to LOVE books. For my kids, going to the library is as much fun as going to the playground.
9932	7/10/2012	Because, people who do not have the money to provide themselves with the resources the library offers, need a place to get those resources. And reading is fundamental.
9933	7/10/2012	HAving access to books is extremely important for everyone of all ages. A book opens up new worlds, and provides information. □ Compared with other public services? I don't believe it is on the same level as fire and police. Two different things.
9934	7/10/2012	The library is open and free for all to use - a welcoming place for all. Helps make a neighborhood. Can use it regardless of financial status.
9935	7/10/2012	Because I like checking books out instead of having to purchase them
9936	7/10/2012	free access to all with little or no cost. Best value our city offers.
9937	7/10/2012	I believe that the local library serves as a community center of sorts for many--the elderly, some low income individuals, families with children--and provides a valuable resource for many.
9938	7/10/2012	Not everyone can afford to buy books and other reference material and knowledge is very important. It lifts those in poverty out of poverty.
9939	7/10/2012	My whole family consists of big readers. I feel that literacy is at the heart of civilization.
9940	7/10/2012	Fire and police services address life-threatening situations, so they naturally would come first. The public library should come next.
9941	7/10/2012	I use books extensively for my job and personal life.
9942	7/10/2012	The free sharing of information and resources is vital to us as a community.
9943	7/10/2012	we are a family that reads a lot and I have a young daughter who is changing quickly...the luxury of freely choosing books that suit her interests and her reading level without worrying about the cost is a joy and also a vital part of learning...the library is also one if the few places where we can go for free to feel part of our community...a gathering place where people are sharing a common interest in a respectful and comfortable environment that is open to all...this is a rare and very valuable component of a healthy neighborhood.
9944	7/10/2012	To help build a society that offers equal access to knowledge. To create a place in each neighborhood where everyone can meet and connect with their community.
9945	7/10/2012	Education is the key to academic & economic success. People who do not have access to educational resources due to economic disparity in society will never be able to rise above their current status. Having a public library allows people of lower economic status access to information that they would not otherwise be able to obtain. The spirit of America is that if you work hard & educate yourself, you can achieve success. Limiting access to educate oneself due to economic means is a clear violation of the American spirit.

9946	7/10/2012	Our library is valuable resource. We cannot allow our fellow citizens to become disenfranchised because they don't have access to computers or books. We need our library's open and stocked w/ the latest materials.
9947	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge, resources and leisure.
9948	7/10/2012	Our library system is one of the best. Besides the roads/Tri-Met and utilities I pay for probably my most used city service.
9949	7/10/2012	They are one of the most frequently utilized government programs for those who don't qualify for entitlement programs.
9950	7/10/2012	I find the library to be a crucial part of the city, accessible to everyone.
9951	7/10/2012	The library is a well-used and vital part of the community. Not certain what other services to which it is being compared.
9952	7/10/2012	Libraries are the most important tool for life-long education.[] Next question (#9) "Looking forward to the future" is redundant.
9953	7/10/2012	If it is a choice between fire and police protection and libraries, I'm going to have to choose protection first. Libraries, though, are an important priority, though.
9954	7/10/2012	They are most important to me because I believe we all learn and grow when we read.
9955	7/10/2012	As an East County resident,our social services needs continue to increase dramatically due to the demographics of the residents. Police, fire, and other services take precedence.
9956	7/10/2012	It's important for low income people to have access to materials and resources, but in these tough times basic services like police, fire and maintaining infrastructure education and social services are more of a priority.
9957	7/10/2012	They are fundamental for our children. They don't discriminate and everyone is welcome
9958	7/10/2012	I think the library is an important resource, especially for lower income neighborhoods where people may not have access to internet and computers.
9959	7/10/2012	A literate and informed citizenry is essential in a democracy. Libraries contribute greatly to this. Also, they provide resources for low income citizens to search for jobs and use internet and print resources
9960	7/10/2012	An educated public is the very heart of Democracy. I would only put Public schools above the libraries. Without access to information and a culture of learning, the rest of the public services are mote.
9961	7/10/2012	Between my son and I, we read at least a book a day. I couldn't afford to buy books to feed that need, and the school libraries are sadly deficient.

9962	7/10/2012	I love the library and strongly support it. If I was forced to pick between having a library and having a police force though, I would have to go with the latter, so I'm saying "somewhat" important only in the sense that I don't believe it is the #1 community priority. But it is a huge community resource, and hopefully the decision will never be that black or white. And it's more important to me to have a great library open six days a week than a mediocre library open seven days a week. The reality is times are hard. Not everything can be optimally funded unfortunately.
9963	7/10/2012	They are essential to our health as a city. They contribute to the education of our population, our sense of community, our economy & our cultural vibrance. They do this across all barriers in our diverse population providing services to all classes, races, etc. in a completely unique way.
9964	7/10/2012	Libraries are important b/c they serve the entire population and everyone can benefit from the services they provide. They are a place where the community can come together. They are especially important for young parents who need a free ways of connecting to other parents and having a place they can get out of the house and take their children. Libraries are a place to feel welcomed. Libraries however are not a basic needs like SNAP, WIC, TANF, Polic & Fire, Housing and so chose somewhat over very important.
9965	7/10/2012	We always have multiple items checked out of the library. I save hundreds (if not thousands) of dollars a year by using the library instead of buying books, videos, and t.v. shows or going to a movie theater. Using the library also furthers my environmental values, because I don't have to consume more stuff, and the library is close enough for me to walk or bike there. Furthermore, I am researching a book on a technical subject, and the interlibrary loan system allows me to access materials I couldn't otherwise get. It also allows me to preview expensive materials I am considering buying. Finally, I have very limited time to sit down and read a book, so being able to listen to audiobooks gives me access to a much broader range of information than I would have otherwise. In fact, the library is the public service I use the most (other than the roads).
9966	7/10/2012	The libraries help help build a democratic sense of community, and help level the playing field in this American culture of greed and "to each his own". Public libraries are second only to public schools in promoting citizenship in a democracy. It is one of the few places left in public life that integrates the entire diversity of the population.[] [] Given the drop out rate in Portland high schools, our libraries are on the front lines of the battle against ignorance and fear.[] [] What other public institution says to ALL of us, "you are welcome here."?
9967	7/10/2012	The library provides more social services than any body else
9968	7/10/2012	Community in supporting itself contributes to the sustainability of other communities.

9969	7/10/2012	I use the library constantly. Over the past 4 years that I've lived in Portland, I have read more books and listened to more music than ever would have been possible if I'd had to buy all of those books and CD's. I'm extremely pleased with how well-run and well-stocked our library system is. It's a big point of civic pride for me, and I often tell out-of-town friends and relatives that it's one of the best things about Portland. Further, I think its importance is reflected in nationwide studies, which consistently rank Portland as one of the most literate cities in the country. This literacy contributes to Portland's high degree of civic engagement.
9970	7/10/2012	The services at the library are relied upon heavily and in tough economic times these services are invaluable in fostering literacy, continued learning and self sufficiency. The resource has value well beyond the dollars spent in keeping our community alive and well.
9971	7/10/2012	In our present-day American society, a healthy, well-funded, efficient, and heavily utilized library system like Portland's is the single most accessible, multidimensional, and enriching democratic resource available to people of any class, creed, or ethnicity. A good library -- and Portland's is one of the best -- is perhaps our last true portal to individual and intellectual freedom, social advancement, strength of community, and sociopolitical hope in this nation.
9972	7/10/2012	Well is important because many people don't have the money to buy a book, we can rent it for free public library witch is great.
9973	7/10/2012	public school, public safety and such are much more important for all citizens. not everyone uses the library (our family does, so i ranked it somewhat important
9974	7/10/2012	They are an essential literacy and information resource for people of all ages, and particularly for lower-income people with less access to books and computers.
9975	7/10/2012	I would say libraries and public park funding are the most important. I couldn't really operate without either. Even when I'm very busy, I read/visit a park at least once a week.
9976	7/10/2012	It really depends upon the situation and need. I would say the library ranks pretty high.
9977	7/10/2012	My primary source of new reading material, as well as movie and DVDs.
9978	7/10/2012	I feel that it gives all people the needed access to important information, such as books and media.[] It allows us to also be apart of our community.
9979	7/10/2012	I think health care is more important
9980	7/10/2012	The library is an equalizer -- it provides opportunities for all citizens not just those that can afford books, computers or magazine subscriptions.
9981	7/10/2012	Out of all of the public services (unless you consider road maintenance), I use the library the most. It has served me well in terms of being an invaluable resource to turn to when doing research, reading for fun, and expanding my mind in general. Of course libraries are important! I wouldn't want to live in a city that did not place high importance on libraries and the availability to the wealth of knowledge for its people.
9982	7/10/2012	Educational resource

9983	7/10/2012	As a lifelong bibliophile, and especially in this time of crazily expanding technology and growing isolation, I believe that books, and learning, and the the rich environment that libraries and librarians create are even more important now.
9984	7/10/2012	They are a valuable resource to our community. As of now, since we have a baby, we find book babies to a lot of fun and an integral part of our babies development and socialization. As she grows, we plan to attend age appropriate programs at our library.
9985	7/10/2012	For my children to learn to enjoy reading, for myself to have access to current materials, computers, and library services. I can't imagine life without our local library.
9986	7/10/2012	excessive demand from other public service.....taxpayer burnout !
9987	7/10/2012	Internet
9988	7/10/2012	The library users I am familiar with praise the libaray as their place to "pirate media" -- using the system to gain free access to books, music, movies that they otherwise would have to pay retail for (and avoid paying sales taxes on these items as well). I don't know if this should be a top government priority in this day and age. Being practical, there are many other higher priority needs for the limited public dollars available -- public education, senior services, welfare-to-work programs, family services, small business services -- helping people who truly need help. I think the current reductions are wise and probably need to go even deeper to get to a point where the expense of operating libraries equals the value. The large expense of operating "brick and mortar" locations to house materials that are becoming readily available online is not in the best public interest.
9989	7/10/2012	I believe that it is very important for everyone to have access to books, regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, etc.
9990	7/10/2012	They are a means to a better end.
9991	7/10/2012	I can't imagine life without the experience of reading; and I could never afford to buy all the books I read/cd's I listen to; plus, I would never get the breadth of resources I get from the library from a commercial institution.
9992	7/10/2012	because we use it weekly.[] use it for reseaech and new materials
9993	7/10/2012	I enjoy having access to books, but do not use the other services. If the library were to cease to be a service, I would have to adjust to buying rather than borrowing books, but it would not noticeably change my lifestyle.
9994	7/10/2012	Access to information for all, regardless of SES. An important part of a healthy society.
9995	7/10/2012	The library is an independent entity which supplements other education sources for those of any age. While our population is being given poorer educational options than before I think the library and its resources are more important than they used to be.
9996	7/10/2012	Police, fire, water, trash, transportation are all basic services. Library, although good, is not a basic service.

9997	7/10/2012	The library serves all members of the community. It has filled in many holes created by cutbacks in other services. It even serves as a place for people with no where to go. And the staff is polite and kind.
9998	7/10/2012	it is such a great resource for every stage of learner. and, without it, i think people would be greatly inhibited, both monetarily and practically, from furthering their learning, whether that is on an academic or personal level. Speaking from a strictly personal perspective, I have a very long commute. I rely on the library to provide audiobooks, which are exceedingly expensive, in order not to waste my commute time. ¶ ¶
9999	7/10/2012	Speaking from a community perspective, I find the library an indispensable resource. We live in an information society during an era of austerity. Without the library, people from all income levels--especially the poor and underprivileged--would lose access to information. I do not wish to live in a society that strives for ignorance. Hence, the library is indispensable.
10000	7/10/2012	I am from a low income house hold and can't afford to spend the money that it would cost me to find what I get out of the library system.
10001	7/10/2012	I think that social services that deal with matters of health and housing are the most important.
10002	7/10/2012	Next to primary services such as fire and police protection, education comes first on my list of necessary public services. I consider libraries to be a part of the educational services of the community. One that continues on throughout a lifetime.
10003	7/10/2012	If we are living in the information age, then having open and free libraries keeps those who can't afford technologies or gain access to certain information themselves from being second class citizens.
10004	7/10/2012	Libraries are the gateway to knowledge for many.
10005	7/10/2012	The library is the public service I use most, rely on most. I recently relocated to Portland in part because there was the kind of library system I need.
10006	7/10/2012	living on a budget, and the library helps me find the resources I need so I don't have to buy them.
10007	7/10/2012	The library is an excellent resource for education, literacy, and programs that are available for everyone. I feel that is is critical that the public have a place for all of these things.
10008	7/10/2012	I lived a block from the local library in the town I grew up in and was there about 4 days a week. Reading for pleasure and education is a huge part of my life and access to books as a kid started me on that path. I want future generations to have the same opportunity to discover the amazing world of the written word that I had.
10009	7/10/2012	Libraries are a focal point of life-long education.
10010	7/10/2012	Am a book lover. I read dozens of books every month. The Central Library and your library system in¶ general is exceptionally good,
10011	7/10/2012	Because I don't use any other public services but I really like the library.

10012	7/10/2012	Health and safety would be first
10013	7/10/2012	literacy for all is fundamental to a culture's health and local libraries are one of the best ways to support this
10014	7/10/2012	my family and I use the library often - for pleasure, research, how-to, and the knowledge of staff there
10015	7/10/2012	Access to information is increasingly central to our technological society. Libraries provide equal access to information for all citizens.
10016	7/10/2012	Love of knowledge through reading. Have a young child learning how to read and develop a love for books.
10017	7/10/2012	Free and convenient access to knowledge and information are essential for an engaged, democratic society. The costs per person of making these resources available are minuscule in comparison to the benefits.
10018	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy books. I can't afford to take classes. If I want to read a book, or learn a new skill, I rely on the library for that. If I ever got to the point where I couldn't afford the pay for internet in my home, or my computer broke, I would rely on the library for internet access: something that is absolutely critical to me as I am trying to build my own business. For these reasons and more, for all that they do for our community with the same things I mentioned as well as enriching our lives with classes and resources for people of all walks of life.
10019	7/10/2012	Because reading a book is one of the simplest, most enjoyable forms of entertainment and many low income people can not afford to purchase books or movies or music CD's. The library allows access to all who can apply for a card. It doesn't discriminate based on economic level, social class, race, creed, or sexual orientation. How many institutions in our society are like this??? Very few!
10020	7/10/2012	If you do not allow access to information, you have an uninformed society which leads to the downfall of our democracy as we know it. Many people who use the library do not have access to computers, current newspapers and periodicals as well as fiction and nonfiction. The library is where everyone can go to learn things. Where will these people go if access is limited?
10021	7/10/2012	I have been to libraries nearly weekly all my life. It continues to be exciting to me to be able to walk in and find books for free on any subject I might wish! Libraries also provide opportunity for those who may not be able to afford books to have a place to read or to check them out.
10022	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and have many interests that make how-to books/manuals a valuable resource. I also use the library for career related research, and a source for other information, for instance guide books for local hiking trails or rock climbs or mountain biking areas. Also, I have used the library for internet access, while in the process of moving or while switching internet providers.
10023	7/10/2012	The library is a huge source of information, education, and entertainment for us.
10024	7/10/2012	I use it frequently.

10025	7/10/2012	Difficult to get books/documentary films I need for school or that I am interested in
10026	7/10/2012	The need is great, mainly for low income, seniors and students to study, read and use computers
10027	7/10/2012	Reading and access to information are the keys to everything.
10028	7/10/2012	"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." ~ Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
10029	7/10/2012	Provides educational material to those whom might otherwise not have them.
10030	7/10/2012	They are part of our communities' ongoing education. Without this resource we will quickly loose touch with our humanity.
10031	7/10/2012	The library builds community in a way the other local public services (by which I guess you mean Water; Parks; Development Commission, etc.?) do not and probably can not.
10032	7/10/2012	I'm a writer and researcher, and very appreciative of how it works for me.
10033	7/10/2012	Funding education, funding children's programs, funding for the homeless and food deprived.
10034	7/10/2012	Learning and entertainment from reading and having materials acessable.
10035	7/10/2012	Fire deparment and other life saving groups are first, wic and food stamps, then schools and libraries, public parks and rec, the police, and musems and the arts are last.
10036	7/10/2012	Central family, friend and community hub home.
10037	7/10/2012	Libraries are where our common resources are pooled to make it possible for us to share reading material, use computers away from home, find access skilled assistance in researching/locating materials, they are where a local n'hood can gather informally and naturally without commercial consumption. It is nice to be able to look at a book, in hand, to evaluate what it contains. An online review just doesn't provide that degree of reality.
10038	7/10/2012	A good library enables continued education and a high quality of life.
10039	7/10/2012	I like to read and learn.
10040	7/10/2012	An educated citiznery is the core of democracy.
10041	7/10/2012	They are important, but other public services may be of more importance.
10042	7/10/2012	Our schools suck-library and PP&R programs close the gap created by over crowded classrooms, homeless need places to look for jobs go pee, senior need a cool safe space, job hunting computer skills
10043	7/10/2012	New, good books are usually available upon request in a week or 2. Cost of books to the consumer is prohibitive.[] [] Professional librarians know how to research a topic that cannot always be done by search engines.
10044	7/10/2012	I have two young daughters, and we love books and visiting the library.
10045	7/10/2012	Do not own a computer.
10046	7/10/2012	Literacy of prime importance if our society is going to thrive: children and adults need access to reading materials

10047	7/10/2012	provides access and knowledgeable staff for the public for both research and computer use. It is convenient to be able to put books and movies on hold. It is not the utmost important. Community mental health programs are just as important and severely lacking in resources.[]
10048	7/10/2012	[] This survey is seriously slanted. I would not call our current library structure "limited". We have been spoiled. It seems like we can recalibrate the hours a little bit and maintain 7 days a week. I love to read and I love free access. There isn't the risk of buying a book and then not finding it interesting. If I'm not interested I just take it back. It leaves me free to be more experimental in my choices. I think that access should be available to all people. Going to the library as a child with my mom and taking out a stack of new books is one of my best memories. It was very exciting. [] []
10049	7/10/2012	The library is an important community hub - a place where all kinds of people go in and out and have an opportunity to interact and be exposed to information in a socially neutral yet uplifted environment. I think having the common ground of the library makes us a better city and a better society. I am proud of the quality of Portland's libraries.[] [] There are a lot of people who depend on the computers for internet access, which is something everyone has grown to need, yet isn't affordable for many people. In this age of increasing income disparities the library is a move towards greater equality of opportunity.
10050	7/10/2012	After paying taxes, you are able to read books at no cost to you. Some people can not afford to buy a lot of books. I think it's the perfect place for children and adults to use the library services.
10051	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge, literature, art and media that enables me to do my job well and be a well-rounded and well-informed person
10052	7/10/2012	It makes access to books much easier and that is important for people who can't buy books all the time. No other public system has that.
10053	7/10/2012	I use the library for reference material for life projects. Often when I find a good book that really speaks to my cause I will be inspired to purchase it. I can use the library to educate myself, screen my purchases, and I hope, in the future, help develop a small business.
10054	7/10/2012	EDUCATE THE MASSES ----- Portland has one of the best-----
10055	7/10/2012	police and fire rank higher
10056	7/10/2012	A good library is an access to the world. entertainment, education and knowledge.
10057	7/10/2012	Nothing can replace reading, its another avenue of educating people, are we really that vain to cut our own throats?

10058	7/10/2012	We are a family of two adults and two school-aged children. We are all avid readers and visit our library at least weekly, particularly during the summer when school is out. The library is very important to us because we cannot afford to buy books. That said, however, we are also a middle class family absolutely feeling the pressure of the recession and cannot support additional tax measures to fund the library. We also DO NOT support the move to separate the library funding from the current funding system with the county. The county, like all of us, has to live within its means. If public safety and other mandated services must be funded first, then do so, and still leave library money within the budget. Figure it out like the rest of us. Enough is enough.
10059	7/10/2012	The library system is very important because it provides services to all walks of life regardless of income, social stature, neighborhood locales, and literary preferences along with online lending services with other larger libraries if a particular book is not available within the Multnomah County library system.
10060	7/10/2012	The library greatly enriches my life and that of all who use it. Judging from the number of people using the computers at my local branch, the library is not only enriching for some but actually fulfilling an important service that some may not be able to access without the library. The library system is one of the most democratic in our society and helps level the playing field, at least a bit, for everyone.
10061	7/10/2012	They are the most visible and enjoyable to me. I am at the library every week and reserve books on-line. I am so proud our library is able to keep current, especially with non-fiction materials. The second most important service to me is parks and recreation. I think I take the police, fire stations, county clinics and other services for granted, but I'm happy to have adequate public safety and health as well.
10062	7/10/2012	Libraries help to even the playing field for young, aging, and/or struggling sectors of our community.
10063	7/10/2012	Libraries are the foundation of our democracy. They are fundamental to an educated electorate.
10064	7/10/2012	Being 75 and an avid reader of hand held books and magazines my whole life the library is vital. With near deafness and diminishing vision I am frightened. Soon, my wife and I will be moving into an assisted living center and desire a delivery component. I have lived in multiple cities. The Multomah County is the best.
10065	7/10/2012	Cultural and educational enrichment=strong community, strong economy
10066	7/10/2012	Libraries are a place for and free speech, which is threatened daily by our fascist overlords
10067	7/10/2012	I go there a lot
10068	7/10/2012	most precious resource in county.
10069	7/10/2012	A community resource providing an unduplicated service. I can see the benefit from my tax dollar on every visit.
10070	7/10/2012	Other than the roads, it is the local public service I use the most.

10071	7/10/2012	Families who can't afford to buy books or pay for programs always have access to the library. Reading is fundamental to success in our society. VERY IMPORTANT
10072	7/10/2012	
10073	7/10/2012	I adore our libraries and all the very helpful people that work there They aren't as important as infrastructure of health services, but they are still important as they are important to public education
10074	7/10/2012	I am an educated individual and not everyone can afford to gain knowledge the way I have. The libraries are important because they level the playing field and allow ANYONE to learn. There is nothing more important than that!
10075	7/10/2012	I use my library often and enjoy the services it provides. Although it would be difficult to consider it alongside police services and sewage, it is certainly very important to me.
10076	7/10/2012	I go to the library a lot to get media, I like that there is so much available to me, the library is a necessary part of life.
10077	7/10/2012	We rely on the library for a wide variety of material. Our son reads voraciously and is able to examine/develop new interests through the range of eBooks available. We also use the library for our own media needs and are often in line for recent releases. Also, it is an important location where I can go to work.
10078	7/10/2012	Books are educational and in a time when jobs are scarce, it's important to have access to free books.
10079	7/10/2012	Libraries do an important service for the community but for me personally, it allows me to check out books and media to enjoy while I am unable to find a job and therefore have no income. It provides a huge service for me. Libraries are also great places to just go and relax and read. Simple. This is a country ostensibly based on notions of self-reliance and the individual's capacity to better him/herself. There is no resource more important to those civic virtues than a public library system that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
10080	7/10/2012	
		Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish. . . .Etc.
		The public library is where people go to learn how to fish.
10081	7/10/2012	The library is an important source for information, research, entertainment, education and knowledge in general. It lifts my view of humanity to go into our libraries and see them full of people.
10082	7/10/2012	I get a whole hour a day to get a job and find a place to live. So that could be why my life is ruined, I DON'T KNOW!

10083	7/10/2012	Library services (as are most public services) are critical to prevent the gap between the rich and poor from growing. These public services act as a safety net for those who need it most. Libraries help citizens become knowledgeable, independent, and encourage civic behavior through the sharing of knowledge and experiences.
10084	7/10/2012	public libraries = the mark of civilization
10085	7/10/2012	The library offers an incredible selection of media and books in a way that is not cost-prohibitive. It is also an amazing source of community. Finally, it offers programs to people from all ages and backgrounds that are both fun and educational.
10086	7/10/2012	Library's being an integral part of ones community sends a message that learning, reading and convening around local, national, and international issues is an important civic duty. That a public space exists for this type of shared interaction is also important. Please see answers above. The threats related to illiteracy and media-dominated consciousness are greater than the risk of fire. The Multnomah County Library system enables the other systems of social net and community support to be effective. Libraries help empower people by accessing knowledge, cultural resources, and catalyze community intelligence. [] [] Please note I don't know where to put this, but I really appreciate the large print books. [] [] For this survey, it would have been better to have a progress indicator.
10088	7/10/2012	In the list of things that create a society, a culture and enrich people lives, libraries are just below food and shelter. The Internet and electronic books cannot replace the need for a repository of information and learning that is only a part of what a library holds. Entertainment, education, community planning and services, a safe environment and even social connections can all be found in a library. There is no greater testament to the need of such a place, such an iconic societal need, as to the fact that every culture, every country, has had since their respective foundings, a library. The wealth and health of a culture can be measured by the health of the local library.
10089	7/10/2012	It is unhealthy not to read books.
10090	7/10/2012	somewhat
10091	7/10/2012	They are the perfect example of why we pay taxes - we all chip in and don't each have to buy and replicate all these books.
10092	7/10/2012	I depend on them for reading material and recorded book.
10093	7/10/2012	I don't have money to buy movies and books, but I can check them out whenever I need to. The more access I have to the library (open 7 days a week), the more resources I feel like I have.
10094	7/10/2012	It's the greatest American system for many reasons. People could never individual have access to all the material. It saves resources - many share a book, less books, less trees cut down. It shows by joining together and sharing we can achieve so much more. It's taking a long time but hopefully now other types of libraries will grow - tool libraries, etc.

10095	7/10/2012	Because they allow my family access to books and movies that we would not otherwise be able to access. We visit the library weekly and it is an important part of our lives -- we love reading and the libraries add greatly to the quality of our lives.
10096	7/10/2012	I feel it is the most important of what I consider to be "secondary level" needs. I feel programs like police, fire dept., education, and public works are of equal importance. I believe the library is the most important of the next tier of public services.
10097	7/10/2012	I can no longer afford to buy the books, newspapers, magazines, etc. to keep myself well informed.. I rely almost completely on the library to furnish myself with these materials.
10098	7/10/2012	Well, unlike most of the police and politicians, the library actually has value. Sure, there are other local services, such as maintenance of roads, public schools, and some aspects of government that are as important or, I hate to say it, maybe more so than the library. But without the ongoing education the library offers to children, the economically disadvantaged and others on the fringe of society, how can we expect to have a citizenry educated enough to make use of the mechanisms it generates? Plus, I just think that books, movies and music are the best aspects of humanity, and without them, I wouldn't hold out much hope for us as a species. Great art gives life meaning.
10099	7/10/2012	Libraries help to make people life-long learners. [] []
10100	7/10/2012	Ignorance is rampant, libraries are an important antidote. greedy people with hidden agendas have taken everything away from our children, our society is heading out of control. The library is the one of the last few public places where people can choose to surround themselves with like-minded people looking to better themselves. Libraries are assets to our communities and especially our children. Libraries give opportunity.
10101	7/10/2012	They open countless, unforeseen and priceless doors and services. They are one of the few places people can pick up a book vs. reading online or relying on a kindle - irreplaceable. The plethora and quality of materials available is astounding. It remains one of the truly democratic institutions around - equal access for everyone. I relied on the library much during my 13-month search for employment. Without it, I am truly not sure what I would have done.
10102	7/10/2012	I don't like this question because many citizens won't think of the variety of local public services they receive. [] [] Very important: Public safety (police, fire); infrastructure (roads, sewers, drainage); land development (permitting, land use planning). [] [] Most other local services, such as libraries and parks, all also important but a lower priority.

10103	7/10/2012	Because free and uncensored public access to information and entertainment are essential for any democratic society to stay healthy. Without libraries we would be in trouble. I am a writer which makes them even more important to me personally because they are an invaluable tool for my writing career.
10104	7/10/2012	The library has something essential for everyone. I play piano in a quintet and couldn't possibly afford music scores (which have to be ordered, sight unseen, from elsewhere since there is no longer a decent sheet music store in Portland). Many of my waking hours are devoted to reading. I go to the library with a reading list in hand. Even so, with the ever-evolving Multnomah County Library collection, I frequently find material that challenges my perspective and deepens my understanding of the world.
10105	7/10/2012	I "lived" in the library as a child and it helped me so much. I wonder if there are little things the library could do to save money without cutting staff or direct services... like buying less movies and cd's, limiting holds, charging a fee if holds aren't picked up, etc.
10106	7/10/2012	We need the library not simply for learning and educating but as the "ultimate communication tool" because in spite of what the internet does for world communication, the library is still a major place for people to access the internet. Besides all of that, the library is "THE" best all around entertainment in society today.
10107	7/10/2012	I use the library only for checking items out, so access to these items would be important for me only. I have had many friends & family who have used programs and they have talked about how much they have appreciated having these programs available. I may also want or need to use these programs in the future, but at this time I don't need to.
10108	7/10/2012	quality of life, and access for kids to learn
10109	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading. Knowledge is power. Allowing the community to access information freely is very important for the preservation of society.
10110	7/10/2012	I read a lot
10111	7/10/2012	Up there with trash, power, and water.
10112	7/10/2012	Local government should work first and foremost on public safety, public health, and infrastructure. Libraries are in the second tier of necessity. With the advent of many free resources online, some library roles are definitely changing and maybe not as necessary.
10113	7/10/2012	Education and equal access to resources like the internet for everyone is only going to strengthen everyone. We must level the playing field in order for all of us to do well, and for our city to remain healthy.
10114	7/10/2012	We use the library constantly. Right now, our family has almost 100 books checked out. In our day-to-day lives, the library is very important. Also, I strongly believe in the value of reading in our society.

10115	7/10/2012	They aren't very important to me personally but they provide a valuable resource to the community as a whole.
10116	7/10/2012	we're fortunate to have good library services and so I rely on them as do others. Our libraries enrich our community and make up in some part how badly we neglect our schools
10117	7/10/2012	I dont watch tv. Books at present are my only source of entertainment
10118	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and watch movies, and I can't afford too many books and movies.
10119	7/10/2012	For a democracy to work, we must be literate.
10120	7/10/2012	Our libraries are similar our local community centers--it's a place where everyone can gather in a safe, well-intentioned environment. Public gathering spaces are important for the health of our communities. A clean, well-stocked library with attentive staff is one that gets used. And when well-intentioned people gather together, great things happen. The sum is greater than the whole of its parts.
10121	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time. I can't afford to buy the books I get to read at out library.
10122	7/10/2012	Reading is good for our society We need family/children with limited funds or transportation to have access to books/computers/reference materials.
10123	7/10/2012	I feel that libraries provide access to books and learning to the young and the old, and provide a great community spirit.[] having access to books and media, and not having to buy books, encourages reading for all!
10124	7/10/2012	Because Reading Is Fundamental,a central building block for our children's future.
10125	7/10/2012	We use the library a lot
10126	7/10/2012	Public libraries level the playing field by providing equal access to everyone regardless of their socio-economic status. In addition, a library that's done right also provides free services that enable it's patrons to more fully participate in their community - i.e. English classes, job seeking services, homework & tutoring services, etc.
10127	7/10/2012	Our future adults, seniors and all students need a stable library system, no matter how poor or homeless they are or become. Libraries represents hope, education and knowledge.
10128	7/10/2012	People need free access to reading materials and other forms of media. Children need a place where reading is encouraged without having to purchase something. When I was applying for jobs I would have been lost if I didn't have the printer and copy services. The book hold service also allows me to join a wait for recent titles.
10129	7/10/2012	I find them helpful as a resource to read and not buy books, especially in this economy. I have used the job class to get ideas and connect, it is a rare awesome services that is free and is high quality. I enjoy the social aspect, joined a local book group. The employees are amazingly smart and helpful.

10130	7/10/2012	<p>I grew up using the Multnomah Co. library system frequently and extensively. It's difficult for me to imagine our community without library services. I think it's a tremendous resource for people of all socio-economic backgrounds, ages and reading levels. It would be untenable to lose the libraries.</p> <p>For me, the public library has always represented a sort of treasure trove. I don't like to sit and read in the library itself (unless it's on the floor) but I love checking out as many books as I can carry, taking them home and reading them. I also love the audiobooks. I discovered, as a would-be teacher, that students who are read to statistically do better with reading and grammar as they get older. I was read to at first, but when my parents stopped, I wanted to continue. So, I listened to the audiobook collection in the library. I love the wide range of books, and the community the library offers.</p>
10131	7/10/2012	<p>Also, the library has been a place where I can scope out what books might be good for students, what books I might enjoy, and what books are new out there in terms of Knitting, cooking, and fantasy/fiction. probably the most interesting of the book programs is the book-bag idea. teachers actually do this in kindergartens and preschools in order to help the students read more. it's impressive that the library has these book bags, so that teachers can ask their students to check out a book bag, rather than having to assemble the bag themselves. I also appreciate the user-friendly online use. When away from Portland for college, I enjoy looking up what books I want to read, renewing them, and entering my library number without breaking a sweat.</p>
10132	7/10/2012	<p>The U.S. claims to grow a society built on opportunity and innovation. But society is threatened by increased illiteracy and incompetence. Our society has an underlying culture that values celebrities and material wealth over effective educated leaders. Libraries are a key component to the strong education system the U.S. needs to remain healthy and relevant.</p>
10133	7/10/2012	<p>The library obviously ranks below police and fire. I use my library and appreciate it. But it is not essential to life. Public schools, road repair and other items are more important, if one were to think about it. This question is rather "loaded."</p> <p>I think libraries are a key public service. Just like parks and public spaces provide a setting for outdoor recreation, Libraries provide a setting for intellectual recreation. The point of the Library is make books and other sources easily accessible to the public. []</p>
10134	7/10/2012	<p>Outdoor recreation can take place without parks but with a much higher barrier to entry. So too with learning. Anyone can buy books, but the cost will prohibit a large section of the public from reading the book. Libraries are important to providing community that is enjoyable to live in.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>In my opinion, infrastructure and utilities, and law enforcement are more important than Libraries. That is why I selected "Somewhat important".</p>
10135	7/10/2012	<p>Knowledge is power and an educated community is better for me than an ignorant one any day of the week.</p>
10136	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries provide a very important service by offering free knowledge and resources. As a student, access to a public library is something I rely on.</p>
10137	7/10/2012	<p>Having access to free reading i</p>

10138	7/10/2012	Because the contribute to the kind of society I want to live in, a cultured, educated, and well-read community. The library is an integral part of the community; a tangible place where we meet, gather, and pool our resources.
10139	7/10/2012	In this economy with jobs being threatened, it is nice to have access to free services that otherwise people would not have access to.
10140	7/10/2012	We have always used the library, probably more than any other public service.
10141	7/10/2012	I think School, Fire and Police come before the Library, but I love the library.
10142	7/10/2012	because education is key to thriving communities and society, and the library helps provide that
10143	7/10/2012	If I had grown up without a modern, accessible library, I would not be the man I am today. I value the library as a source of materials, as I read for pleasure and check out books for research/business on a regular basis, but I feel very strongly that they are hubs of community gathering. I think libraries provide many things to many people throughout their lifetimes, and are a gathering spot in the same way that public parks or local coffeeshops are.
10144	7/10/2012	
10145	7/10/2012	Libraries help bind communities together. They are also critical to those without resources. Personally I feel that cuts to the library system are cuts to the most vulnerable, children, the elderly and the poor.
10146	7/10/2012	access to books that I would not be able to afford to buy
10147	7/10/2012	Libraries are very important to me, because they provide entertainment, education, and fuel for the imaginations of our entire community from the very young to the very old. Everyone, regardless of their income, should have access to books.
10148	7/10/2012	I use the library personally and professionally on a weekly basis. Having access to materials (books, cds, and movies) and services (like computer access and printing) enhances my life.
10149	7/10/2012	Knowledge is something that can never be taken away from you. Knowledge is power. Knowledge is gained through many sources of media that can be found in the Library.
10150	7/10/2012	Libraries and the knowledge they make available to all are essential to a civilized society. Book stores and the internet cannot replace the library's curated collections, professional staff, and open access.
10151	7/10/2012	The making of any great society has as one of it's cornerstones comprised of schools and library's. Period!
10152	7/10/2012	As a Portland Public School teacher, I know how important it is for children to have access to books that they self select and that are age appropriate. This is especially important for children that cannot afford to go out and purchase books on a regular basis.
10153	7/10/2012	I believe libraries offer opportunities for self education and equal access to information that is absolutely essential to a vibrant, democratic community.
10154	7/10/2012	I feel literacy is the most important component of society, and libraries provide access to that for everyone.

10155	7/10/2012	<p>I would refer back to my previous answer on #6. Information is freedom, and I believe we are losing more freedoms as time passes. Knowledge is crucial, and the ability to search for it. People have less financial freedoms and educational institutions need support since monies are being taken from them...so, I think that libraries have a huge importance in inspiring all learners--young to life-long.[]</p> <p>I would also LOVE to see a volunteer program for ESL/ENL students to have the opportunity internships in the library so they could 1st-hand observe how important libraries are to learning. This would also be great for high school students to help engage them in the communities in positive ways, maybe ultimately even giving presentations in the high school setting and providing input for programs.</p>
10156	7/10/2012	they are the public service that we as a family use the most. As a teacher, I count on the library to help me expand the availability of books for my students and to keep them engaged during the summer months.
10157	7/10/2012	It's awesome to have a free resource to learn and provide community services like the cultural passes.
10158	7/10/2012	As someone who does not make a lot of money I rely on the library for goods and services that other people take for granted.
10159	7/10/2012	High-quality public library = informed citizenry = working democracy (and working economy)
10160	7/10/2012	I can't image no library. We go 3x/wk and I can't see that changing
10161	7/10/2012	An informed populace is vital to the success of our region.
10162	7/10/2012	It's important, just not the most important service the county provides.
10163	7/10/2012	I have been a library user my entire life...as a student it was the only place to get information etc. Literacy is essential and the library offers an equalizer for those who cannot have computers or books at their disposal due to money etc. It is also a community hub and our society sadly lacks in community gathering places other than church.
10164	7/10/2012	they're democratic--they open opportunities for everyone; I love the idea that my tax dollars support free reading for anyone who wants to read, and so many other services.
10165	7/10/2012	Because I depend on them for resource materials and to be able to access their computers for my personall use!
10166	7/10/2012	<p>Book stores aren't a public service, but I'd have to put more of my hard-earned dollars to buying books if I didn't have the incredible library resources available in my world. []</p> <p>I particularly love using the online site to put books on hold and to renew them.</p>
10167	7/10/2012	Literacy is the cornerstone of our society.
10168	7/10/2012	The library is a great source of information that should be available to the public as a whole. The ability to learn, educate and grow on an individual level is important and that is what the library provides. Also, I really enjoy its' media selection. My friends are always jealous when I get the new season of "insert awesome show name here" and get to keep the DVDs for three weeks!

10169	7/10/2012	They are not so much at that level for me but I feel they are important to the broader population and to others with financial circumstances that do not allow them to just purchase the books they want, have internet and all the other services provided. I feel it is important to our community.
10170	7/10/2012	I am also a big supporter of our Portland Parks and Rec system. That along with the library system are means for people from all over the city, of different backgrounds, to have equal access to the same materials and offerings. These spaces are meeting places, social outlets, and learning hubs that are vital for a thriving community.
10171	7/10/2012	All people, no matter what age, need to have access to learning tools. Libraries are one of the most important facets in any society to maintain a well informed population. This ultimately helps in making choices and decisions about all areas of life. I believe in the power of libraries.
10172	7/10/2012	Because I am a college educated middle-aged adult who uses the library for strictly 'entertainment' purposes. Whether it be reading a novel, researching what plants to put in my garden or listening to music.
10173	7/10/2012	It's the one government resource my taxes pay for that I directly access and use.
10174	7/10/2012	I honestly don't use the library much at all.
10175	7/10/2012	I've been using libraries since I first learned how to read. The first book I ever checked out was called "Andy and the Circus". The fact that I remember the name of the book says how important reading and the library is to me. Don't know what I'd do without having a local library to depend on.
10176	7/10/2012	Education is power
10177	7/10/2012	Education is power. Especially for children and those needed assistance to find jobs.
10178	7/10/2012	As a senior citizen, I value the help I get in obtaining materials.
10179	7/10/2012	books are accessible - at retirement I could no longer afford to buy books
10180	7/10/2012	The aid in research is vital to getting through college.
10181	7/10/2012	A great way for us to use a variety of media without incurring purchase cost or cluttering our home. Also a symbolic gathering place, a good example for our kids, and a visual reminder for whole society of the good of reading.
10182	7/10/2012	Access to quality information is essential for quality of life.
10183	7/10/2012	I like to read and a culture of learning
10184	7/10/2012	I couldn't afford to buy all of the books and media that I want to use, and the childrens programs are a big part of my family's life.
10185	7/10/2012	I am not certain what is meant by other public services. I do use the library 2-3 times a month, predominantly through the internet. The only other public service that I would access more is the post office - and I'm not sure if USPS is a public service.

10186	7/10/2012	<p>I'm an avid reader, but my budget doesn't include the cost of books. The library provides a way for me to read classics and current fiction, mysteries and nonfiction, and many more things.[]</p> <p>Plus the library provides so many opportunities to children and their parents that help them grow, learn and mature together. This extra educational boost is very important to a healthy society, in my opinion.[]</p> <p>I wouldn't want to do without the fire, police, social services, and other municipal departments . . . we are so fortunate to have them. But after those basics, the library is my personal favorite and very important to me.</p>
10187	7/10/2012	<p>I value libraries, literacy, and education highly, and libraries contribute to the overall quality of life in the communities in which they reside.</p>
10188	7/10/2012	<p>We need to promote education in the community and libraries are a major source of self education for the community.</p> <p>An educated community leads to a more ordered society which has the benefit of cost savings needs in other areas such as prisons and law enforcement.</p>
10189	7/10/2012	<p>Very important. If people aren't given access to public libraries they may end up becoming money wasting, self serving bureaucrats. Libraries and schools should be on top of everyone;s list. NOT crack houses and bike lanes.</p>
10190	7/10/2012	<p>We use the library all the time. Especially in the summer. Love your summer reading program for kids!</p>
10191	7/10/2012	<p>A literate, educated society is essential for maintaining a representative government, committed to fostering a fair socio economic society.</p>
10192	7/10/2012	<p>I don't have time to expound on this. They're of enormous importance to me, not only for giving me access to knowledge and information I couldn't afford, even if I knew how to find what I need. More importantly, most libraries (public, school, etc) are essential for the population to learn and to illuminate issues or areas of interest or whatever. They are fundamental to maintaining a well-educated, well-informed public. And that is important for all sorts of reasons, but I believe that Thomas Jefferson said it best--I think in one of the Federalist papers--in order to retain the democracy we have (or mostly had), we absolutely have to have an educated public. And lord knows, even in the best of times, the schools don't do this and can't, and it's absurd to think that learning and informing one's self ends with a diploma or degree, but MUST continue all of one's life for a meaningful life. The library is the central locus for this.</p>
10193	7/10/2012	<p>They are of high importance to me personally because I utilize reading material for school projects, and as an up-and-coming high school senior, school papers, as well as a place to study.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>My family uses services such as job searching and my younger siblings utilize the library for checking out varous reading materials.</p>
10194	7/10/2012	<p>The internet has made huge amounts of information easily accessible for free, from the comfort of my own home.</p>

10195	7/10/2012	Access to learning!
10196	7/10/2012	BecauseLibraries provide essential services.
10197	7/10/2012	because free educational community programs serve people that need them most as well as providing access to book, computers, and media for children and adults who would otherwise not have access. The children oriented summer reading and activities are also amazing.
10198	7/10/2012	reading accessibility for a variety of material open to all
10199	7/10/2012	Equal access to information for everyone is critical. Reading services for the young and access to the internet for the poor are essential.
10200	7/10/2012	It helps to foster a love of reading and a love of learning for young children.
10201	7/10/2012	I use them, but I am a teacher and recommend them constantly!
10202	7/10/2012	The library is an important public service because it connects a community, encourages reading, and for me (as a soon to be mom) provides a great place to take children.
10203	7/10/2012	Growing up I counted on having free access to books, media, research materials at the library and can't even imagine having those services curtailed. The materials and all the other library programs that serve people of all age groups and walks of life are vital to the community.
10204	7/10/2012	Public education is failing many of our students, our consumer driven economy is putting an unrealistic price on many forms of media (books, movies, magazines, internet service and computers) we need a place where the self-motivated, cash poor and time-rich can go and share the community's resources. Education and access to it makes for a saner, safer and healthier society.
10205	7/10/2012	For books and dvds for my personal use. I also like to know that if I, personally, want to order a book which is not available in he Multnomsh system it can be ordered from other systems, schools. etc.[] [] I also like the present library services to remain for my adult children, but most particularly, for my grandchildren.
10206	7/10/2012	Certain public services (schools, medical clinics, social services, public transit, etc.) are indispensable. I would rank libraries, like parks and community centers, right below that as important.
10207	7/10/2012	They are a great resource, used by a wide diversity of people for multiple purposes.
10208	7/10/2012	Because I can't afford to buy books that I am interested in and that would even be a waste since I'll only read most of them once. Also with the large homeless and jobless population you are the only free access to job seeking and resource seeking around.
10209	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge and culture is a crucial reason we live in a community.
10210	7/10/2012	I believe strongly that everyone should read and learn throughout life. Providing the materials for these pursuit for free is an invaluable community asset.
10211	7/10/2012	Increase people's knowledge, especially low income people who can't afford to buy books.....

10212	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge regardless of income level is what keeps Portland an educated community.
10213	7/10/2012	We use them and appreciate it, but of course fire and police would be more important
10214	7/10/2012	Libraries and reading are very important. However, I can't really put them on the same level as, say, making sure we have firefighters and police. That is the only reason I ranked Library services as "somewhat" rather than "very" important.
10215	7/10/2012	I grew up with the Multnomah library system, have learned much, and continue to do so with library resources.
10216	7/10/2012	Our public libraries are a cornerstone of our democracy/
10217	7/10/2012	The library represents more than just a book/media repository -- as a cultural institution it serves so many people in the community from such diverse backgrounds. Personally, I'd be devastated if I didn't continue to have access to the library system.
10218	7/10/2012	Provides pertinent resources for people in an easily accessible forum for people who may not otherwise have access to those resources. Provides a safe community space and encourages learning.
10219	7/10/2012	I use them. I pay for them as a homeowner. Libraries provide all members of a community the unrestricted, free access to information, regardless of socioeconomic status or educational or developmental level. Information is powerful: an engine of our society.
10220	7/10/2012	I believe that libraries are as important as schools. When funding is lost for both schools and libraries, then we, as a society, must build more prisons. Libraries represent freedom.
10221	7/10/2012	Library services are one of the services I use most in the community. I frequent the library, and rely on it for professional maintenance and personal development.
10222	7/10/2012	I love reading. If you know how to search, you can often find the truth at the library. An enlightened citizenry is the only way to have a democracy. Libraries provide important programs to the community (reading promotion, toddler and senior services, computer education, etc.) and provide a sense of community (which we seem to be losing with all our electronic devices). Libraries are open to the entire public.
10223	7/10/2012	Other than streets and sidewalks, I use the library more than any other amenity offered by the city.
10224	7/10/2012	See my last answer! :-) Yes, security, roads, police & fire are all "necessities" (along with food and a roof over our heads) but our society needs uncensored access to information, education and ideas too.
10225	7/10/2012	we rely on it for all of our books - i don't know what we'd do w/o it
10226	7/10/2012	I would say the library is the local public service I use most (after water and trash services).
10227	7/10/2012	e-books and such make it easier to read books without having to go to library
10228	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly. I could not afford to buy the selection of books for myself and my children that I check out. The programs for toddlers are fun and educational.
10229	7/10/2012	Because I use the library for so many things! I wish more people would realize what a great resource the library is and take advantage of it more!

10230	7/10/2012	I love to read and I love knowing that I can just ride my bike up to the library if I need something to do.
10231	7/10/2012	As a pre-school teacher, it's extremely important to have programs for children, especially for those who do not have reading in the home or access to books.
10232	7/10/2012	We use them a lot
10233	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader. The library affords my family to check out books and movies at no cost. I also used the employment resources when I was looking for a job. It was very helpful.
10234	7/10/2012	library is community's indoor living room remaining - other media - is tainted... such as TV news..etc[] but the truth resides in the stacks.....[]
10235	7/10/2012	[] we need to support THINKING... it will be all that is left..... soon
10236	7/10/2012	A strong library system serves as an anchor to the community. It allows everyone access to books and literacy. It promotes cultural awareness and diversity. And it provides a place for children to develop a love for book.
10237	7/10/2012	Because we don't buy many things, and we don't watch tv, so having access to a large variety of books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc. is very very important to us. Also, we find ILL a very valuable resource.
10238	7/10/2012	becasue fire and policy and roads are critical. Library is not critical, but important for a society.
10239	7/10/2012	If we are comparing the Library to Police and Fire, it's not as important. If we are comparing it to covering the reservoirs, building more MAX lines and painting bike paths on every street, it's very important.
10240	7/10/2012	The library is very important in my opinion but I think that police, fire and emergency services would have to be the top on the list. I'm not sure what other public services you are referring to, it would be nice if you had a list so I knew. The library is an extremely important service to have available and I am thankful to have it as a free resource for myself and my two kids.
10241	7/10/2012	Lack of education is, in my opinion, a major barrier to people improving their financial well-being. Undereducated parents who do not realize the value of something they do not have, and who do not support their own children's education are perpetuating that cycle of ignorance. Public libraries can be a huge part of the solution, especially since public school libraries are being cut.
10242	7/10/2012	My interests are served by a well-maintained and accessible library
10243	7/10/2012	People who have access to knowledge make happier, better informed citizens.

10244	7/10/2012	Libraries are such an important part of a community. They provide educational and cultural resources through their programs and materials to many who might not be able to gain or afford access to them otherwise. Because of this, they serve a higher importance because they give our community a chance to learn, entertain, and grow through literature, films and music. Libraries better our people, no matter what their age, without discrimination or judgement, and I can't think of anything that's as essential a service as that.
10245	7/10/2012	I have the money to buy the books I need/want but I know that others do not and I want to live in a community where reading is available to everyone.
10246	7/10/2012	The library is the cornerstone of any democratic society.
10247	7/10/2012	I like to use books from the library to keep my skills and business knowledge updated. It is a very good resource to develop new ideas as well.
10248	7/10/2012	Due to our finances, we rely on the library for almost all of our family entertainment.
10249	7/10/2012	important
10250	7/10/2012	The library helped instill in me a love of reading and natural curiosity at a very young age. I want that for the young people of our community especially, but really for anyone.
10251	7/10/2012	There is nothing that can awaken a child's imagination and keep adult minds active & learning like books and thought-provoking media. Having this available through our library system is a treasure worth preserving a thousand times over.
10252	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader. Having a local library that is easily accessible is of day-to-day significance to me.
10253	7/10/2012	Because the library provides essential informational services to the public.
10254	7/10/2012	I use the library so I don't have to pay money for books. If my sewer money can go to bike paths and I don't ride a bike, I think some money can go to keep the libraries intact.
10255	7/10/2012	The library provides access to high quality resources, materials and education that the people who need it most would not be able to access without the library system. It improves the quality of life for citizens across age, education and economic spectrums. Our library system, in particular, is well-planned and executed with a deep, rich array of services and materials.
10256	7/10/2012	Keep providing less service for more money that should work well!
10257	7/10/2012	Libraries are a primary window into the world of thought and culture and information.
10258	7/10/2012	They are what makes Portland a really good place to live. Excellent libraries and excellent public transportation add immensely to the quality of life in Portland
10259	7/10/2012	Because they make media and services available to EVERYONE in a community; because they create community' because it seems to me that a thriving library system indicates healthy engagement in language, the arts, culture...things that bring beauty and thoughtfulness to our lives

10260	7/10/2012	I love books, it's as simple as that. I got my first library card when I was 7 years old and I cannot begin to estimate how many books I've read since then. My family has always been in the lower middle class-ish area, money wise, so I never got to buy things that I wanted: books. The library was a way for me to be surrounded by things that I wanted without having to strain my parents' pockets too much.
10261	7/10/2012	Education is the most important to me, with libraries helping support education. Libraries are open to everyone and used by all walks of life for learning, entertainment, and connection to the local community.
10262	7/10/2012	We read a lot as do our three children. We borrow DVD's and books on CD regularly. We see neighbors there and can catch up. It is a main focus of our community.
10263	7/10/2012	The Multnomah library system has been the most efficient and most rewarding of any library system I have encountered in the United States and abroad. It offers a wealth of printed information and library events that should be admired and supported by government planners. To decimated such a gem would be an atrocity.
10264	7/10/2012	An educated citizenry is essential to our collective happiness.
10265	7/10/2012	Information is important to life; reference staff that help with finding and evaluating information enhance the usefulness of information. While I don't personally need youth and job services, being retired, they are important for those who need them. As a retired person I have minimal budget for books and want to continue being able to get them through the library and interlibrary loan.
10266	7/10/2012	I am retired and read or listen to books and magazines and watch films more now that I am retired. It refreshes, teaches and stimulates my learning.
10267	7/10/2012	My Amazon Prime membership lets me borrow a lot of books on demand with out a wait list and is available at all hours from the comfort of a quiet setting. I would love to browse the library instead of a website, however between all the noise and cranky/unavailable staff I am going to stick to paying 80.00 a year to check out all the books I want through Amazon.
10268	7/10/2012	I'm retired now and read approximately a book a day. I would not be financially able to spend that much on book-buying
10269	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for the majority of my reading materials. I feel a lifelong attachment to the library and it holds a great deal of importance for me. I see it as a comfortable and dependable place to go and so far it has always been there for me. Even if I cannot find what I want on the day I go I always seem to find something that satisfies me enough to take home and I feel good when I leave. I already miss not having the library open on Monday and when I pass it by on that day I feel a certain sadness and sense of loss. I truly hope that it will be open again every day of the week.
10270	7/10/2012	Not as important as police, fire, EMS, water, sanitation, mass transit, etc. (critical public services). BUT libraries are essential to the education & cultural needs of our communities.
10271	7/10/2012	it is where I go to gather important information about my world, about myself. knowledge is power and our library provide the path to that conscious power.

10272	7/10/2012	The library has always been a special place for me. I have learned alot with the aid of libraries and I am trying to pass that on to my children. I have Mondays off with my boys and for my oldest sons entire life that has been a special trip every Monday. we are both very sad that our Monday library trip is no longer an option.
10273	7/10/2012	quite high. I think community with access to the library has higher intelligence and education.
10274	7/10/2012	other ways to get information not requiring library usage
10275	7/10/2012	Even in the digital age, physical repositories of knowledge are crucial. Bits and bytes are wonderful, but when the power goes out, you'll need a book.
10276	7/10/2012	Education is the key to knowledge.
10277	7/10/2012	I think they provide a very valuable service, but they're often very unappreciated in that way.
10278	7/10/2012	Think social services more important.
10279	7/10/2012	Equal and free Access to information is essential to a free and democratic society.
10280	7/10/2012	The most broad community oriented service provided.
10281	7/10/2012	public libraries are a vital community resource.
10282	7/10/2012	They should be a lower priority than Public Safety
10283	7/10/2012	Books and information need to be available, but not as passively available as the current library system makes them.
10284	7/10/2012	It's the service I use the most and the local library branch was high among the reasons we chose to buy a house in our neighborhood.
10285	7/10/2012	The library is free and provides people (me) with a way to educate myself and my classroom, and to entertain myself and my classroom. As a teacher, my budget is small and I use the library more than any other public service.
10286	7/10/2012	I read a lot both for entertainment and for resourceful information. I cannot afford to buy all these books. I highly value the library and believe it is one of the most important community resources that we can have. It provides a place for people to get information, books, learn to read, be encouraged to read, use the computer, and so on.
10287	7/10/2012	Very. I use the library for a number of services.
10288	7/10/2012	Because the libraries are so important to my whole family.
10289	7/10/2012	Currently, I am fortunate not to need to utilize most of the services provided by the library but I have been in a situation when I needed to use those services. It helped me overcome a hurdle so that I can continue to be a part of the working community. With the current economic situation, more people are in need of these services. In addition, most public services target one particular population (seniors, children, unemployed), while the library targets and serves multiple populations.¶ Besides these services, the library provides a sense of community, pride, and environmentally friendly and economical alternative to reading a ton of books and researching new domains.

10290	7/10/2012	Libraries to me represent a community's commitment to equalization. We all have access to the goods.
10291	7/10/2012	For my own education and for the continuing education of the whole community at large. All ages are included. Enabling young readers to read and comprehend is the most valuable service the library provides. (my age is 64)[] An educated society is the the highest ideal.
10292	7/10/2012	I think most of our public services just like library service is very important, however, our local government and elected officials don't really have to care because usually the public themselves tend to just ignor everything so it seems like the public doesn't even care. I think everyone should care about this, it's just geting folks to pay attention and realize what they are about to lose and what damage it will have to a community with the loss of any public services. They provide services to EVERYONE, regardless of income, residence location, race/creed/etc.[] [] I lived in Medford when their beautiful, new public library closed due to lack of funding. Some of the reasons given by the local politicians (the ones in power) for not funding it were amazing. I remember reading the quote of one of the County Commissioners who said he did not have a library card / had never had a library card. To me, that told his level of understanding. I believe he is also the one who said that teens could find anything they needed via computer. I remember at one of the demonstrations at the County Court House, a young woman (probably 16) had a picture of a computer monitor, with the words across it - "this will not fit in my backpack".[] [] I could go on and on about this - I don't know how to properly express the "level of importance".
10293	7/10/2012	
10294	7/10/2012	"Public Services", hmmm, that's pretty general. Although I believe that there is great value in our library system and utilize the library regularly, in comparison to say police/fire services, the library is naturally going to receive a lower ranking. I see it as a matter of need /necessity versus a want. In practice, libraries are a critical part of the American Dream. Many people in our society grow up in famlies who don't have a lot of education or can't afford computers. Libraries are a place where everyone, even people who are impoverished or homeless, can go to learn and get the information they need to improve their lives. Libraries are so important because they contribute so much to the potential for everyone to have an opportunity to succeed in life, regardless of who their parents are and how much money they have.
10295	7/10/2012	
10296	7/10/2012	they are an available access to education and information that anyone can use. i think people think of them as a right and don't imagine they could fail. the internet isn't everything.
10297	7/10/2012	The library is a resource I use when I have a need.
10298	7/10/2012	I'm a reader and need my books!
10299	7/10/2012	They are a resource for the community to continually improve their minds and broaden their horizens

10300	7/10/2012	other services are vital such as police and fire, water, sewer, electricity
10301	7/10/2012	I especially love the library for my teen son.
10302	7/10/2012	There are many things more important, and with the internet, and e-books, most things can be found online at home or work.
10303	7/10/2012	Where else can one get a college education for \$1.65 in late fees?
10304	7/10/2012	I believe in public education, and the library is an extension of this service to all people. I believe the library provides resources that bridge socio-economic differences. I also believe that libraries foster good community spaces, which is vital to a good city.
10305	7/10/2012	Reading is crucial to knowledge, both for adults and children.
10306	7/10/2012	Libraries are central to any society. I cherish the freedom I have to read what I want regardless of whether or not I can afford to buy books.
10307	7/10/2012	like the arts, they provide depth and breadth to the community
10308	7/10/2012	This is a difficult question, because you haven't told us what other local public services we're comparing the library to. Since I highly value the library, I've ranked it high.
10309	7/10/2012	Because they are free and open to everyone, all people have access to the resources the libraries provide. I feel we have an excellent library system and it means that as a family, parent, and individual we are excited about reading and library events and have ready access to those things.
10310	7/10/2012	Literacy is the key to a better future. It's the way we're going to get things done, make them better, and have educated and worldly people. A place to support that in every community is key, and having it be free and open 7 days a week is crucial.
10311	7/10/2012	I think libraries are great community centers for people to meet, learn, get access to SO much information and material, discover something new, and just have a quiet place to sit.
10312	7/10/2012	I am a student and I often do my own independent research which utilizes my public library.
10313	7/10/2012	Because the library is about testing out subjects, borrowing books and seeing if you enjoy the topic, knowledge for everyone (not just those with extra cash), and also about helping people develop and practice fundamental skills for being able to keep up with the world, especially reading and analyzing. Being able to think and to gain knowledge through reading helps us realize our full potential as humans and, together, as a society.
10314	7/10/2012	Not only to be available for checking out books for pleasure, but a place for students to study, research, use computers. Also a huge community resource for children beginning to read to become acquainted with books and the whole new world they can be exposed to by reading.
10315	7/10/2012	Because reading and books and magazines open the readers eyes to a world beyond their neighborhood. Reading improves speech, language, spelling and of course, knowledge.
10316	7/10/2012	they provide access as well as an outlet for public use
10317	7/10/2012	I don't use the local library services but want the public to be able to depend upon them, especially helping children to read and providing services for young families.

10318	7/10/2012	Education and knowledge are the basis of a successful community. Libraries have played and should continue to play a large part in the education of our citizens. They are places where people can go to find current and historical information; discover new music and literature or get help with seeking employment. This is important not only for individuals for the state and nation as it lifts up a population of people and helps to provide them with skills to succeed in challenging economic times. Libraries provide an important resource that is available and accessible to every age group, which is rare!
10319	7/10/2012	I would say that Portland Parks and Recreation and the library are equally the two most important public services. They are just what we utilize the most. We don't have the money to buy gobs of new books, CD's and movies. I also feel that it is extremely wasteful to buy something that will only be used maybe once or a few times. I like sharing. I think there should be lending libraries for everything!
10320	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Library Association had many succesful years without the County takeover. Those who have the intelligence, will and means will continue to support our libraries. The need for human services for the poor is so great that it trumps the need for public libraries. Nevertheless, before reducing library services or increasing property taxes I believe a fee- for-service system should be implemented.
10321	7/10/2012	The library is my primary source of reading material and new ideas.
10322	7/10/2012	Somewhat important. I often buy used books locally
10323	7/10/2012	Because they are vital to a instilling a lifelong love of reading in my child, and to providing access to low-income/disadvantage to information and programs that can help educate them.
10324	7/10/2012	They provide education for the young and old at no or little cost. There's no other service out there that gives so much for so little. Our healthcare industry is a joke, our educational one is almost as bad, but the libraries offer a safe, comfortable place for people of all financial levels to go, learn, and have fun. This is vital. Take it away and there's virtually no support for education left.
10325	7/10/2012	Access to books for my children and myself. Meeting/gathering place for entire community. A place to go for those that need it
10326	7/10/2012	The library is a part of the daily life of me, my family, and the whole neighborhood.
10327	7/10/2012	All have access and it is a safe place for most people
10328	7/10/2012	Basic safety, public education and healthcare have to come before.
10329	7/10/2012	there is no equivalent "free" source of uncensored/unfiltered knowledge.
10330	7/10/2012	The quality of the public libraries are an indication of the overall quality of the city.
10331	7/10/2012	Because it is a very "real," tangible service that I utilize on a very regular basis. Whenever we are looking for a new place to live, we try to stay within walking distance of a library! The books I check out would not be accessible to me otherwise (prohibitively expensive to buy).

10332	7/10/2012	The library is one of the only local services that I choose to use on a regular basis. It is very important for me to have such a valuable resource available in our communities, and how great is it that it doesn't cost anything to use!
10333	7/10/2012	Because they are open to the public in order for them to education themselves. Very important. I don't want to buy books. I enjoy the freedom to explore the grat variety of books available. If I check out a book and find I am not engaged, don't like the writing style or whatever, I don't feel compelled to slog through it. I think I try more, different authors, styles, etc because I primarily read library books.[]
10334	7/10/2012	[] I also appreciate the magazines databases when I am researching a trip or a major purchase.
10335	7/10/2012	Its a place for people who can't afford to purchase material to go and utilize it.
10336	7/10/2012	An educated public is vital to our democracy and quality of life. We must have access to resources.
10337	7/10/2012	Because an informed citizenry is essential to successful democracy. Also, because I really love to read!
10338	7/10/2012	Source of continuing education.
10339	7/10/2012	Books are too expensive to buy. And no matter how big e readers are, there are and always will be people who like real books. And i am a very strong advocate for reading. Would that I were eloquent enough to answer that question on my own...[]
10340	7/10/2012	Oh here's an idea: I'll look for an inspiring quote about the importance of literacy in a book![] Ha ha, sweet irony. Personally, I could not afford to purchase all the reading and listening materials I use. As a former teacher, I used my teacher card to support curriculum planning. I took my students (Headstart Pre K) to the library regularly and had the librarian come monthly to class so that the kids and their families would develop a familiarity with the building and staff and rich services becasue I want educated familes no matter what their income. We all need access to information and not just what cables and comercial network dish out for the community to be healthy.
10341	7/10/2012	
10342	7/10/2012	See my previous comment.
10343	7/10/2012	I think right under safety like with police/crime/drug/child workers that the library and education come next!
10344	7/10/2012	Social mobility is important to the future success of our society. We need to ensure that any any motivated person has access to the information and educational tools they need to be successful. Libraries are a key resource, and public libraries ensure that resource as available to everyone in our community.

10345	7/10/2012	The library offers people on all ranges of the economic scale access to reading materials, offers invaluable programs for children, provides a safe place for children and adults and a broad range of access to various types of information sources. The library is for EVERYONE who wants to avail themselves of what it has to offer and what it offers is a positive, entertaining, informative and foundation building essential to a strong and healthy community where people choose to live, work and play.
10346	7/10/2012	<p>Growing up my mother told me that her mother denied her schooling because of cultural reasons. But my mother had an idea. In her early teens, she defied the culture and sneaked out to a Buddhist temple to learn how to read and write Cambodian - as well as French. When asked by her mother, she said she needed to take food to the monks. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>So when I was about 8, she told me to study hard because education is important to one's intellectual growth and how one interacts with others around her. It's important for a society. One can spend her knowledge and it will never run out of it. It's so nice to see parents take their children to the library.</p>
10347	7/10/2012	It really depends upon the other public services to which the library is being compared, i.e. police, fire, schools, etc... I am a middle-class male with a wife and two daughters. We have multiple laptops at our house that we take to coffee shops and so forth. I feel that library is essential to those that do not have access to the internet at home or elsewhere but now the importance of the library isn't so much about its importance to me specifically but more because of the role it plays in a society in which I want to live. So this brings up the question - who is the library for? If it is primarily for those that lack access to the services that most others have then that seems to lead to one set of answers/decisions but if the library is seen as being for someone like me - someone who already has access to basic information (and recreational) resources - then the answers/decisions seem to shift. I don't know what the library's mission statement is, but perhaps that will clarify who the library's audience is in 2012.
10348	7/10/2012	They are Free, the great equalizer in this unequal society of ours. They are everyone's right.
10349	7/10/2012	They are a resource that I use constantly.
10350	7/10/2012	I have kids, education and library materials are useful
10351	7/10/2012	they the best source of information and knowledge.
10352	7/10/2012	They are a mainstay of accessible public knowledge.
10353	7/10/2012	i use them most often
10354	7/10/2012	children
10355	7/10/2012	They are a service that all families can utilize if aware of them and educated on how to use them effectively.
10356	7/10/2012	We homeschool and we use the library as our primary resource. Also, since we are avid readers, we are heavy users for checking out books.

10357	7/10/2012	The library has been critical to my life since I was a small child: it gave me a place to escape to, a place to learn, a place to practice independence. Today, it is the public resource I rely on most, and mostly for the same reasons.
10358	7/10/2012	It is nice to have library but not must have. Same services can be obtained from other sources.
10359	7/10/2012	The computers, e/books, programs help enrich and educate. It's one of the best uses of my tax dollars because I can enjoy it rather than hope it gets used on roads, schools, etc.
10360	7/10/2012	they are not a requirement, in my opinion, from a list of public services (i.e. fire, police, water, sewer, etc), but they do help bolster the communities livability and provide resources for people that do not have the same information access that my family has.
10361	7/10/2012	I refer people to the library daily
10362	7/10/2012	Libraries are a treasure and a pleasure that cannot be replaced by anything else.
10363	7/10/2012	I love the library and what it gives to the community I would be so sad if we ever lost this valuable service it has given our whole family a great love of books
10364	7/10/2012	Educational access to all. Although free to those who utilize. Not free to homeowners.
10365	7/10/2012	I have better than average income, so I can buy books when I want and I have plenty of access to internet, etc. but if I didn't have this level of income I would be using the library a whole lot more, probably on a weekly basis. Aside from emergency services, this is the most important local public service for education, entertainment, self improvement, etc.
10366	7/10/2012	We believe that reading is very important for our children. Getting a new book or other media from the library keeps reading interesting for them.
10367	7/10/2012	Knowledge / information / learning is critical to our community's future.
10368	7/10/2012	Please see previous explanation.
10369	7/10/2012	All my life I have depended on using the library. The concept of making media available to the populace is an important part of a democracy, an important part of an informed and thoughtful public. It's one of the best parts of civilization.
10370	7/10/2012	Libraries are very important, but there are other things that take higher priority
10371	7/10/2012	Having materials and computers available for all members
10372	7/10/2012	As a teacher, I know that libraries are an essential place for young teens and others to have access to quiet, controlled study environments. Increasing programming for younger school aged children also helps support these older students and parents in accessing this space.
10373	7/10/2012	I learned to use the public library as a child. The service is invaluable.
10374	7/10/2012	I have access to a computer which provides access to information, however, many don't, so the need for the public library is critical. Plus I strongly believe in giving everyone the opportunity to read, learn, and improve themselves.

10375	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for quality of life for my family, and for the opportunity to learn and move up in the world. I have taught myself to sew, play piano, bake, garden, run my own business, stay in shape, and so much more, all through reading books from the library. Toddler storytime is the highlight of my daughter's week. It is the only thing she gets to go to, because it is free. We have never bought her books, but her little shelf is always stocked with library books, and she is becoming an avid reader with a huge vocabulary. The library is an absolutely essential public service, because it is an equalizer. Educating oneself is a powerful way to change one's situation, and it's something that should always be available. It is hope.
10376	7/10/2012	Libraries provide free educational and entertainment value to the largest group of society. The greatest number of people benefit from the availability of reading materials, computer usage, free literature, music and personal help in navigating the world that books bring to our eyes and brains. It's the cheapest source of entertainment and education in society, and available to every single person wishing to take part in its existence. The library is also a temporary safe haven for individuals seeking to escape difficult and sometimes dangerous homes or relationships. It is a great place for teens and young adults to spend some quiet reflective time immersed in a good book, the internet or doing homework, instead of becoming involved in idle and destructive activities, such as gangs or shoplifting or teek pregnancies. Idle hands are the Devil's playground, as the saying goes. It's also a great way to spend an afternoon without spending money.
10377	7/10/2012	Right now, the library is the most important service that I personally get from the county. However, I also believe that improved public transportation, access to health care, and public schools are very important to the community.
10378	7/10/2012	Libraries provide resources for all residents to access at no cost. They offer an alternative to television or video games for children and young adults to expand their minds through reading; as well as programs where people within the community are invited to participate
10379	7/10/2012	I use the library constantly to look for books I've read about. Checking books out of the library improves my ability to read more widely, to review books/authors I'm not familiar with, compare books by various authors on the same subject and to explore newly published books. I would feel bereft without the library.
10380	7/10/2012	I think that public services such as police and firemen are more important than libraries, so they're not of the most importance, but still somewhat important in comparison to police and firemen.
10381	7/10/2012	Very high
10382	7/10/2012	We wouldn't have access to all those materials if they weren't available through the library.
10383	7/10/2012	These are a great resource bringing together people from various income levels and socio-economic classes.
10384	7/10/2012	The library is a free system that anyone with a card can easily access. And it's very easy to obtain a card.
10385	7/10/2012	high

10386	7/10/2012	I am retired and have time to read. I could not afford the books. My grandchildren love to read, and have a great source of books available also.
10387	7/10/2012	I read a lot and I can no longer afford to buy books
10388	7/10/2012	The library is a community gathering space. It allows anybody from any walk of life to read and to learn. Story times have been so important to my family. Free books keep us reading! Being able to go to the library helps me instill the values of community, resourcefulness, and curiosity in my children.
10389	7/10/2012	Reading and literacy are fundamental to a democracy.
10390	7/10/2012	I enjoy, and value the local library system, but if it comes between libraries and parks, I'm going to pick parks every time because I utilize those services more. That is assuming that emergency services are in their own bracket of importance, and not on the same level as "optional" services.
10391	7/10/2012	sharing of knowledge in a community environment
10392	7/10/2012	Libraries! So very important for people who need access to computers, job programs, story hours, etc. You serve the people who need it most.
10393	7/10/2012	Because I've used the County Library all my life. It allowed me to have books to read when I was in grade school and high school -- in a family with limited income. It was a place for me to study when in high school. I went to college elsewhere, but in my adult life I regularly use the library for books, movies, research, etc. I think it is an important community institution.
10394	7/10/2012	People should always have a place they can go to, free of charge, to get information about the world they live in and access to the literature that defines it.
10395	7/10/2012	There are other services, such as social services (SNAP and housing assistance) that to me, seem more important.
10396	7/10/2012	They are an investment in maintaining access to education, information--a way for everyone in the community, no matter their level of resources--and staying connected. They guarantee that everyone can use them to have better, richer lives, find jobs, and learn and enrich themselves.
10397	7/10/2012	It would be helpful if you included list of what you mean when you say "other local public services"? I'm left guessing. So, libraries are slightly less important than the services that sustain life...like water quality or decent roads...and as important or more important than other services.
10398	7/10/2012	I am a teacher and I believe in life-long learning and the value of reading a variety of literature. It is the measure of a community.
10399	7/10/2012	I am an Artist, I cannot afford to buy all the art books I would like. I do lots of visual/ historical research, and rely on the library to have books I need for my research. I also really enjoy checking out audiobooks to listen to while I work.
10400	7/10/2012	Libraries and parks are for the enjoyment of all, bike lanes are only important to select few loud mouths!! [] I am an avid biker, but libraries and parks should still come first.

10401	7/10/2012	They allow me to access materials that I could not get otherwise.[] Provides services that are done in groups, like intercambio.[] []
10402	7/10/2012	If one were really, really, wealthy, then anything one wants is available. Libraries provide access to critical learning materials, a safe place to study and learn about the world. They contribute to our sense of community.
10403	7/10/2012	"Reading" is an open door to the bright future and many other great things. Our family's raising a kindergartener with an emphasis on reading. We want him to grow up with the love for reading and books. Compared to libraries in most countries, especially those in Asian countries, I have repeatedly told people and praised how great our libraries are; the convenience of searching for/checking out and renewing materials/books, the library web site, the wonderful and variety of selections of books/materials, the library hours, the friendly staff, etc. We absolutely love our local library! Please keep up the great work and never get discouraged by any budget cut. Our community needs and appreciates you!
10404	7/10/2012	It is one of the public services that I am constantly benefiting from.
10405	7/10/2012	I think a library is important to a community and you trust it to always be there (even with limited hours).
10406	7/10/2012	With the abundance of electronic information and books available 24/7 over the Internet, libraries have become totally irrelevant. Why not close down all libraries and save the money?
10407	7/10/2012	A well informed public is the corner stone of a good democracy.
10408	7/10/2012	Access to written material. Belief in the support of literacy for all.
10409	7/10/2012	It's convenient for me
10410	7/10/2012	I think libraries offer an important service to our community and that access to reading materials is incredibly important to society as a whole.
10411	7/10/2012	It is pretty important. I use the library to help supplement to our homeschool curriculum. It helps me to be able to have plenty of material without breaking my budget.
10412	7/10/2012	I have and extensive personal library and internet access. But I can't buy every book I want to read. So for me, the library is a resource, in a sense a luxury beyond what I can get on my own. Many others are not as fortunate and need the many services that it provides.
10413	7/10/2012	Leisure and education is the basis of our culture.
10414	7/10/2012	Libraries provide the public with free resources that a lot of people wouldn't have otherwise. Libraries encourage reading and expanding knowledge at all ages.
10415	7/10/2012	We love our libraries in Multnomah County. We depend on them and count on them to provide the information and resources we need every day.
10416	7/10/2012	Our library system provides part of the backbone of our community.
10417	7/10/2012	The library is a resource that a lot of people in the community use and rely on

10418	7/10/2012	multi function use, they provide computer access for job seekers etc, and a cheap hobby for older folks and kids.
10419	7/10/2012	They provide a hub of community.
10420	7/10/2012	we (family) used it most
10421	7/10/2012	We enjoy using the library. However, I think it's even more important for families who struggle financially. Everyone should have access to books!
10422	7/10/2012	Because it directly influences the community as a whole. The more resources there are for educating everyone whether it's formally in a classroom or informally with self education by reading and researching causes the whole community to grow.
10423	7/10/2012	Not as important as Police, Fire, City Services and Schools.
10424	7/10/2012	because, as I already mentioned, libraries promote learning. They are extreemly important.
10425	7/10/2012	Reading is a gateway for me to the world. As I'm on a limited disability income, I can't travel much any more. Actually, I only travel when my friend gives me buddy passes on Southwest. So I must "travel" via books. Totally important!
10426	7/10/2012	The library is a resource we use several times a week. I plan on homeschooling my kids and I know that it will be indispensible for me to be able to check out materials to help teach them. The library provides so many materials to people; internet access, copier, books, magazines, dvds, workout videos (that saves me a lot of money on gym membership :) programs for kids, teens, and adults, it is just a vital part of our community and is a public service that should not diminish, but increase in services.
10427	7/10/2012	We can't afford to buy new books for our kids, ages 9 and 11, who need a wide variety of reading matter.
10428	7/10/2012	I began using the public library when I was a young girl (more than 60 years ago). I went once a week, checked out 7 books, and returned them the next week for another 7! I have been a lifelong library user. As I said on the previous page, I believe that public libraries are second only to public schools in their importance in the life of a community. They provide a wealth of services to people of all ages. They are a treasure that should be treated as such!
10429	7/10/2012	The library assists me with schoolwork at PSU by allowing me to check out books that I would otherwise need to wait to receive through Summit or Inter-Library Loan. It is a source of entertainment with books, DVDs and music. Although I do not need to use many other library services, internet access, English language learning and children and youth are invaluable to those who need them.
10430	7/10/2012	One of our most valuable community resources! Access to information and knowledge is crucial to a society's success. Plus, all of the additional services the library provides are some of the easiest and most comfortable social services for people in need to access.
10431	7/10/2012	We can't keep paying for this level of service. Schools have cut back, jobs cut completely so the libraries could do fine with less buildings and personnel.

10432	7/10/2012	It might be the only place to go for some people and I am not necessarily talking about homeless people - just regular people falling on tough times and could not afford the internet at home. Besides it is the Pacific NW and it rains a lot here. I spend a lot of time in the library when I had no other place to go. They will always have my support!
10433	7/10/2012	They can in a well-run system, provide access to a wealth of ideas and information. Unfortunately, we now babysit and attract the worst of community.
10434	7/10/2012	Reading, and access to books cross many boundaries. It expands knowledge and fosters equality.
10435	7/10/2012	They are just under emergency services and low-income assistance in my mind.
10436	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to books Less waste if we share books and resources
10437	7/10/2012	One of the few democratic institutions left
10438	7/10/2012	I'm really bad at returning things on time, so I usually end up buying things instead. But if I were better at that, I'd used the library for more than the occasional hard to find book or magazine.
10439	7/10/2012	Important sources of information and recreational reading We are intense readers and have great mental capacity. ☐
10440	7/10/2012	If we could not read, listen and see all the information in the Multnomah County Library and use the research material through the Inter Library Loan we would be lost.
10441	7/10/2012	It's a great resource to stay abreast of current music and books. I've saved thousands of dollars by using the library.
10442	7/10/2012	Book choices, electronic books
10443	7/10/2012	balance
10444	7/10/2012	Because I value books, feeling them and knowing that paper still exists.
10445	7/10/2012	the library is the great equalizer. i dont have internet access at my home. i need to be able to depend on the library for that. i can rely on the library to be quiet and appropriate for studying/looking for jobs/getting projects done. you cant rely on stupid coffee shops for that. the library is also a great source to get entertainment, ie music and films. i cant afford to get a membership at some video store or even online (wouldnt work anyway because I dont have home internet access). the ability to check out films at the library is great since its free.
10446	7/10/2012	My primary usage is the digital library; online downloading of books
10447	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for reading material, as I am on a fixed income. I can get the latest reading material without having to purchase it.
10448	7/10/2012	the library is for everyone and should be available as much as possible; as a place for information it is crucial that we all have access to this for our society to move forward; information should be for everyone on an equal basis
10449	7/10/2012	Well it is more essential that I have fire and police protection, roads that are paved, but I'd place it above some County education services.

10450	7/10/2012	They provide access to knowledge and information to anyone who is interested, regardless of socio-economic status.
10451	7/10/2012	only becaUSE OF THIS PERSISTANT UGLY ECONOMY other public service gain more importance
10452	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently when I am in Portland. I spend the summer in Vermont.
10453	7/10/2012	I'm a baby boomer, so grew up using libraries, thus recognize their importance, even in this electronic age; it's a shame to see them close in areas.
10454	7/10/2012	Not to me, personally, except as part of the comment. But to engage kids and steer them from trouble, the library is a wonderful start. The same with those of us who do research, as ILL services are also important.
10455	7/10/2012	They are a crucial part of a community. It is a place where people can gain information, meet new people, do activities, etc. Just because we have access to the internet, doesn't mean that libraries are something that people should just on a back shelf (pun wholeheartedly intended).
10456	7/10/2012	In this community, I'd vote to remove most public funding for everything since the decisions made about how the money is spent seems to be out of line with taking care of the primary needs first. I keep hearing, "Oh, we need more money for..." when the community is wasting money on things like bike paths. Choose people: infrastructure maintenance, literacy, or pet projects. That's how I'd prioritize it. What I see is: pet projects, literacy, infrastructure neglect.[] [] PS: That's why I'm out of here, voting republican, and encouraging my congress people to pass laws that restrict how much money the city and county can get from state funding.
10457	7/10/2012	The access to information and resources is the foundation upon which our society is built.
10458	7/10/2012	I love to read and I believe having a space that supports and fosters a community of readers and thinkers is important. Also, libraries are so important to their local communities because of their programs, but also because of the safe space they provide--for people to pause in and reflect or for people to utilize resources effectively.
10459	7/10/2012	As I stated earlier, having a library card is one of the few equalizers possible, and one of the greatest privileges. To deny this access due to lack of funding or other threats breaks my heart.
10460	7/10/2012	When our corporate masters price most of us out of all the e-garbage, we'll need somewhere to consult and cultivate knowledge.
10461	7/10/2012	The problem all services are important, the libraries allow students and others to do research for school and personal learning. Cheeking out books helps student to improve their reading which helps in all areas of life. The more reading one can have the more diverse they will be and better to cope with the problems that arise.
10462	7/10/2012	Almost none. It's great that one can check out a book and take it home to read. Other than that, the services are either redundant to privately offered services, or, of such minimal value that one wonders what could have prompted that offering.

10463	7/10/2012	For the reasons stated in question six.
10464	7/10/2012	Libraries are more than just a place to check out books, they are a wealth of resources and services for all kinds of people. When I didn't have internet access at home and needed to do schoolwork, the library was always there. When I needed a hard-to-find book on an arcane subject, the library ordered it for me. For the many immigrant and refugee families struggling in Portland, libraries provide a place to look for jobs, practice language skills, and celebrate community. Children count on libraries for all kinds of fun and educational activities. I believe that a love of reading provides a cornerstone for future success, academic and otherwise.
10465	7/10/2012	I know that many people, friends and family included, utilize the library weekly for a variety of things. The library gives everyone free access to books, programs, and information to better one's self. It is also a place of community and education. I changed my answer from "very important" because I would consider the public school system "very important" over local library, especially because they are in constant financial pain.
10466	7/10/2012	I am still amazed that the people who came here on the Oregon Trail took so few years to start the first free lending library. There was such a sense then of creating future community. It gives us all hope and pride to think that we too are the kind of people who build for ourselves and for those who will come after us.
10467	7/10/2012	Education, promote and support diverse needs, creativity, accessible for all
10468	7/10/2012	Information age - information is critical to people for managing their lives, jobs, future. Important for diverse community - equalize power differences.
10469	7/10/2012	I highly value books and literacy. They're an essential part of culture and teach ways of interacting and thinking that school doesn't.
10470	7/10/2012	not too important
10471	7/10/2012	I cannot emphasize enough how important local library services are to me and my family. We go to the library weekly and use it for many things.
10472	7/10/2012	Public safety, schools, roads, parks, social services more important.
10473	7/10/2012	I use them for personal use as well as for my students (I'm a teacher).
10474	7/10/2012	Other public services that affect the immediate safety of the community would rank higher (police, sewage control, fire fighters, etc)
10475	7/10/2012	Our library system plays a fundamental role in my life as a local high school student
10476	7/10/2012	It's great and necessary for kids and low income families. It's necessary for our society. I enjoyed going as a child and my little one does also. Reading and knowledge is fundamental in creating a democratic society.
10477	7/10/2012	Book and material needs to be available to people who do not have the money to purchase items.
10478	7/10/2012	I rely on my local library for almost all of my reading material now that I am divorced unemployed and over 62.

10479	7/10/2012	I use the library quite often to check out books to read for pleasure. When my children were young, I took them to the library. Libraries are not as important as medical care but they are very important for most people in the community as a resource, a place to go and a place to learn.
10480	7/10/2012	Libraries are the foundation of a well-informed community. They provide essential, accessible information that is not just reserved for those who are fortunate enough to have a college education.
10481	7/10/2012	I use them daily and they along with schools are the foundations of a just and civil society
10482	7/10/2012	what is civilization without libraries?
10483	7/10/2012	provides young children/ adults access to information. Our world depends so much on communication and availability of information, resources. The library provides these things in a peaceful, safe environment.[] We must teach our children to appreciate the value of real books that they can hold in their hands and appreciate.
10484	7/10/2012	well-read population
10485	7/10/2012	One reason is my son is an avid and fast reader. Each time I check out books I am always thankful that this branch is close by and has good hours. It is very important for our quality of life.
10486	7/10/2012	Libraries are available to everyone, regardless of status and income. The services they provide are beneficial to individual users and the communities which they serve. Libraries act as a hub for information, community resources and entertainment. I also am enthusiastic about the library's expanding offerings of ebooks and other electronic offerings.
10487	7/10/2012	I can buy a book and support local book stores and local authors.. Most people in the libraries seem to be abusing the computers.. If they are truly job seekers, great! However, most computers in the libraries are not monitored as much as they should be. Certain people don't understand the library is a privilege..
10488	7/10/2012	Libraries give access to knowledge, ability, leisure, creativity, learning, and possibilities for all whom have such access to them, they are a thriving hub in equality minded communities.
10489	7/10/2012	We have a young daughter and use the library frequently. We love the library and depend on it for part of our daughter's education. She is home schooled.
10490	7/10/2012	They are very important to me because everyone should have access to information to better educate themselves to be more productive members of society (even if that productivity only involves sharing what has been learned).
10491	7/10/2012	Increases the knowledge of the general public
10492	7/10/2012	Education (schools) are number one and then libraries
10493	7/10/2012	We love reading, literacy and using our libraries
10494	7/10/2012	Libraries are essential centers of learning. They also provide technology and literacy resources for those who do not have them.
10495	7/10/2012	I think we utilize the library more than any other local public service.

10496	7/10/2012	It's a service I use regularly. I don't call the police or fire department everyday, and I don't use very many other county or public services (except for Trimet)
10497	7/10/2012	Provides access to books, educational materials, and programs for those who can't afford to have access otherwise.
10498	7/10/2012	So many people use the libraries for school and work they wouldnt be successful without the library. Also, children NEED books, they NEED to learn how to read and they NEED places where they can go to get the resources necessary to lead a healthy, successful life and future.
10499	7/10/2012	Multnomah County has one of the best library systems in the country. Library services promote literacy and community involvement. Most people would not have access to such a wide variety of books, music, film and other media without our library system. My children especially have benefitted from the large selection of childrens' books because there is no way we could afford to buy all of the books we've borrowed over the years. As a musician, I am especially impressed by the large selection of sheet music at the Central Library.
10500	7/10/2012	The library is an essential community asset.
10501	7/10/2012	the library is a source of knowledge for the young, a sanctuary for the homeless and elderly and a necessary foundation for society as a whole.
10502	7/10/2012	To link community... Connectiveness and involvement of citizens w/ in neighborhoods is vital; and libraries are an essential feature of that in addition to their ongoing edification and life long learning...children through seniors David Taylor
10503	7/10/2012	Libraries are fundamental to our democracy and having an informed citizenry. They are places where all can receive services and a great equalizer in communities where other activities are only available to affluent households.
10504	7/10/2012	Libraries provide valuable services to all patrons and help to level the playing field for all members of the community. They are gathering places in our community, central to the lives of young children.
10505	7/10/2012	The library is the hub of many community activities. Reading is extremely important to myself and my family, but I have also greatly benefitted from library programs like Book Babies. In fact, many of the parent friends I have were made through that program. Social connection is integral to the public health of our community; libraries are integral to social connection.
10506	7/10/2012	access to reading for all economic levels
10507	7/10/2012	Information is power and empowerment
10508	7/10/2012	Clean water and sanitation, public safety, public schools should all come before.
10509	7/10/2012	Our libraries are one of the main sources of learning. When we want to learn something new, we have the libraries to go and find our answers. Everyone needs to be encouraged to use our libraries. A town without a library is sadly lacking

10510	7/10/2012	An educated populous is best for us all. [] Not everyone can afford books and computers. The libraries level the playing field
10511	7/10/2012	Libraries, to me, are the embodiment of education, enrichment, and knowledge—and as they are free to the public, all people have equal access to self-improvement through these means.
10512	7/10/2012	Other things...More money for schools. Police. Firefighters. Arts. Staying in my house. School bond costs me \$400. Arts \$400. Library \$400 first year. Wages are down half for my work. Increase gas,water elec. Times are bad you can not increase my tax 30% I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY AND THESE THINGS WILL NOT GET THE MONEY. Then you can increase my taxes again and again you will not get the money. Inflation is less then one percent and my takes will go up 30% The board has missmanaged in good times they spent all the money. They want to live like these are good times. NO NO
10513	7/10/2012	I have going to the library for 74 years!!! Reading has always been a huge part of our family life.[] Taking my children and then grandchildren to check out library books is what helped widen their perception of a larger world of people, places and things..[] [] As a senior, I would be "lost" without a place to take out the books I can no longer afford.[] [] When I enter a library and see the variety of people there, it gives me hope for the future of our children and our world.
10514	7/10/2012	we read a lot
10515	7/10/2012	I support the libraries, but I don't use them much.
10516	7/10/2012	They are the most important, because they are the service I use the most out of all other public services, by far. I love the library, and there's no other public space in which I feel more at home, peaceful and comfortable than my local library.
10517	7/10/2012	free access to books is very important to an educated, healthy, and prosperous city
10518	7/10/2012	I think it is vital to have a public place where information can be accessed for free by all. Since information and media is so important in our world (and economy), libraries have an important role to place in ensuring that a wide range of high quality media is available to those with low incomes.
10519	7/10/2012	I will gladly pay for library services in principle and in fact. As our education system continues to erode, our libraries continue to be the egalitarian access point for information for all people regardless of social status or demographics. [] [] The internet presence of the library is extremely important as well. e-books and podcasts are our bridge to the future.
10520	7/10/2012	I support the library and am glad to see the system is popular in Portland.

10521	7/10/2012	I don't think that they are as important as necessary public services, such as police, fire, or schools, but think they are of great importance as community places and to provide services for the community, especially lower income people and families, that they might not otherwise be able to have.
10522	7/10/2012	freedom of education
10523	7/10/2012	I think a well informed and educated public is of enormous community importance.
10524	7/10/2012	I use the library probably more than any other public resource. Unless you count roads or sidewalks.
10525	7/10/2012	I rarely, if ever, use the library. My experience is that it is a haven for drug-addled youth and street-punks to use the bathroom. It starts the young of our culutre on a very bad path, that they have a right to "free" music, videos, internet use, and even books. These aren't free. I have to pay for them.
10526	7/10/2012	Libraries are the pillar of a civil and informed society. Without libraries, you begin a slippery slope og ingnorance that leads to negative impacts to our regional economy, to health equity and civic engagement. As a Multnomah County resident, our library system is what I'm most proud of and it is known nationally as a leading and innovative library system. We should cherish it, not threaten it.
10527	7/10/2012	The library system is a place for anyone and everyone to access free information at anytime. A free library system is one of the backbones of our society and one of the things that helped build this country. Libraries are just as important to our communities as police, fire and emergency services!!!
10528	7/10/2012	I like streets and police and parks, too.
10529	7/10/2012	Great resource for the community
10530	7/10/2012	I feel strong libraries make for fairness in a community and allow equal access to information and culture.
10531	7/10/2012	i want excellent programs for my child--teaching him to read and value of getting together in a group and learning together
10532	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the most important asset to any community.
10533	7/10/2012	I have been increasing my business with books I have been reading from the library.
10534	7/10/2012	Because I use it. But I believe cutbacks have to be made.
10535	7/10/2012	I have other options - others don't. As compared to clothing and food, though, this is not as important
10536	7/10/2012	Having worked with lower income kids and jobseekers, it's their only access to some key services, increasingly computer access.[] []
10537	7/10/2012	I also really appreciate the technology updates (netflix-style Hold service, borrowable e-[] audiobooks) When you have a computer you don't need the library.

10538	7/10/2012	I read a lot and it is sometimes my only source of entertainment. I read very quickly and cannot literally afford to buy all of the books that I am able to read in a 3 week time period - especially because I am unemployed.
10539	7/10/2012	education, including libraries, is foundation for a community and society
10540	7/10/2012	We have been using the library more often since our personal finances have been deduced. We no longer purchase books, music, or movies. We love using the library! It is worth every tax cent we pay and more!
10541	7/10/2012	I like to read.
10542	7/10/2012	If I need something school related that I don't have at home, such as printing or copying, it makes it convenient to go to the library.
10543	7/10/2012	Because I grew up using the library and want my son to be able to experience the same.
10544	7/10/2012	Libraries should work in conjunction with other social services, including schools and community resource centers. They should be used to augment the other offerings by providing education, communication and entertainment opprotunities for those with limited options.
10545	7/10/2012	The public library is a functional community center, bringing together people of diverse ages and backgrounds to learn, research, and work together. In an increasingly internet-dependent world, it is often the only place to access the interne for free, making it a necessary resource for students and job-seekers.
10546	7/10/2012	Mid level at best. Fire, Police, Good Schools, sewer, garbage, safe streets (repaired) all come above it.
10547	7/10/2012	I'm a teacher - the library is extremely helpful in providing supplemental materials in my classroom. I often checkout 40+ books supporting the theme I am teaching. I also used the library to find books for my personal reading. I almost always have several books checked out.
10548	7/10/2012	I ranked this right behind what I consider the "life services," ie, fire, police. We need to offer library services to each of our students with the hope they take advantage of the opportunity.
10549	7/10/2012	Besides "Utilities" and maybe cable/internet, the Library is the one local public service I use more than any other. Not that I want Police and Fire to be downgraded, but luckily for me, I rarely need those compared to some good books and Lovecraft biographies.
10550	7/10/2012	Because books and libraries are important.
10551	7/10/2012	For the furtherence of knowledge
10552	7/10/2012	The restricted hours most days makes the library inaccessible for me as a convenience. I do appreciate the available postal delivery option, but that can get expensive. The library cannot possibly stock all the books I am interested in, but I believe it would serve the community more if the library focused on being a research center versus investing in simply popular novels and items of very little archival import.

10553	7/10/2012	<p>A bookmobile that served my San Diego neighborhood when I was in grade school enamored me of books--just as it does for children now. My education was enriched and greatly expanded by library use through my college years and throughout adulthood--as it was for many people. Library services are available to all income levels, as well as all intellectual levels. I cannot imagine a free society with a negligible library system.[]</p> <p>Concerning the levy referred to later in this questionnaire: I would like to see the levy voted on in 2012. However, to best assure passage you need to lay a lot of groundwork with the public. That may mean waiting until 2014.</p>
10554	7/10/2012	<p>Learning is the key to a free society. Schools can try to train, however a love for reading sometimes needs to be an individual exploration and thirst for knoweldge. Without a multitude of free information to choose from and the ability to utilize it, the journey can never begin. Library services are the most important public service besides water and sewer that can be provided.</p>
10555	7/10/2012	BOOOOOOOKS!
10556	7/10/2012	access to free reading material
10557	7/10/2012	My family's access to the world, education, instilling a love of reading in my children, socializing, community.
10558	7/10/2012	I put police and fire above library services
10559	7/10/2012	I am a lifetime bibliophile who believes that everyone should have access to free reading materials
10560	7/10/2012	It is the public service I use most.
10561	7/10/2012	Literacy is one of the most important services a community can provide to its citizenry.
10562	7/10/2012	I check out sheet music all the time, and it's the only affordable way to get access to a huge amount of repertoire.
10563	7/10/2012	Use them all the time. Saves me lots of money. Provides necessary services to create an educated populous regardless of income levels.
10564	7/10/2012	Not as important now that I download most of my books because of the convenience.
10565	7/10/2012	So we can educated politicians not to use phrases like "looking forward to the future."
10566	7/10/2012	It is a resource for all members of the community. It is well used and needs to be maintained at the highest level possible.
10567	7/10/2012	This is not a "need" but very nice to have----there are many things that are a "need"
10568	7/10/2012	Comparing libraries to fire and police is a tough one. Parks and recreational facilities address another aspect of citizen needs. Libraries are certainly as important as our public education systems.
10569	7/10/2012	Books = Education and perspective[] Perspective and education = opportunity

10570	7/10/2012	They provide equal opportunity to access information. Public libraries are crucial for anyone trying to bootstrap their way into a decent life in this country.
10571	7/10/2012	When compared to public schools and emergency services the library is less of a priority, but it is still a very important resource and should be adequately funded.
10572	7/10/2012	Libraries are central to community involvement and education. Libraries empower us and house programs that better the community.
10573	7/10/2012	I'm an avid reader.
10574	7/10/2012	Education and access to information aids personal growth and development, which in turn strengthens society.
10575	7/10/2012	Books in general are important and when you can walk through a space and pull out a book that you were not even looking for, it can be magical. It opens new worlds and possibilities up to everyone. Also, as a resource, I find that I can as quickly find what I need by looking at the library as I can if doing a search online. Knowledgeable staff also helps in acquiring resource information or locations of material.
10576	7/10/2012	If you can't read, no other services will help you much! The library is a community space for people to learn, gather and grow. It's a place where young and old, rich and poor go to all do the same thing - enrich their lives. Free access to computers is so important for people seeking employment or to do homework.
10577	7/10/2012	Because without the library I wouldn't be able to enrich my child's life with a consistent rotation of books. As well as when I was a teacher I used the library more consistently for the classroom and was an excellent resource.
10578	7/10/2012	They bring knowledge to all the public who seek it. They provide refuge to types that have no or few alternative choices. They allow our family to read and see into areas that would otherwise be either unattainable or very difficult to find
10579	7/10/2012	Libraries are for everyone--if you can't afford to buy a newspaper subscription, pay for internet or buy books, you can do all of these things at a library. Libraries are as important as public housing, public transit, food stamps, green space and other programs benefiting society.
10580	7/10/2012	Education is key to so many other things; it's where everyone starts off.
10581	7/10/2012	Do you even ask when so many other things are more important? i.e. fire and police protection, housing, shelter, food, infrastructure, or even, for that matter, public transportation.
10582	7/10/2012	We can get much help from a library than any other local public service place.
10583	7/10/2012	I read
10584	7/10/2012	an extremely important public service, literacy is hugely important for our community
10585	7/10/2012	Strong libraries will supplement a good school system and help those in need with computer access, getting jobs, etc.
10586	7/10/2012	I'm a lifelong learner and use it regularly
10587	7/10/2012	Important part of maintaining community.

10588	7/10/2012	Because they provide access to information and resources to everyone.
10589	7/10/2012	because the public school system is a joke. As a former nanny, I used to go to the library almost every day during the summer where the kids were encouraged to read, and actually read more than they did during the school year. Local Library services also encourage kids to go together with their families so it encourages family reading, which the public school system doesn't.
10590	7/10/2012	we use the library alot.....can not imagine a life without it.....we don't buy books or rent movies....we use the library.....its almost like electric and water to us...it is essential
10591	7/10/2012	In my life, the library is just after ambulance and police protection.
10592	7/10/2012	Libraries bring to reality some of our best ideals, such as equal access to knowledge, and that learning tools should be available to all. Libraries offer the closest thing that we have to a publicly-supported continuing education program. Knowledge = Power. Also, Portland is well-known as a literate and literary city. Our library system is one reason for that accolade. Also, I love books.
10593	7/10/2012	Because, I use the library frequently and I highly value reading and education.
10594	7/10/2012	Because they provide a wide range of services, and accessibility to search engines, and staff help in using the many services available.
10595	7/10/2012	What other service can provide something that everyone, no matter what socio-economic, age, race, heritage, regards as valuable and enriching? Libraries bring joy along with knowledge.
10596	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time - it's much more sustainable to borrow materials than buy them, and it teaches kids about borrowing. But, the big issue is the library as a resource for so many kids and families. With school districts cutting more and more, the library helps fill a gap for kids - a safe place to learn about books and reading. My kids adore the summer reading program, and the program helps keep up their interest when school is out. Our family is lucky enough to have basic needs met, but we see such a diverse array of people at the library, and it's obvious that many are there for services such as computer access and job searching.
10597	7/10/2012	While not as important, ultimately, as education, public safety and public health, libraries are a vital free resource in every community.
10598	7/10/2012	Libraries are a gate way to early education. Without education and resources to education we cant provide for the success of our future and the future of our children.
10599	7/10/2012	I could not live, or at least be happy living, anywhere that did not have a good library. I am a reader, a music lover and a learner. I usually have 10-15 books and other media borrowed at any given time. I could never afford such a wealth of resources. I also attend library programs and have been exposed to ideas and heard authors and other speakers thanks to libraries. For free. For everyone. ☐ ☐ And, although I no longer have children at home, I have personal experience of how libraries support education. Good libraries are critical to students!
10600	7/10/2012	I enjoy the library and depend it on as a research resource.

10601	7/10/2012	With limited resources our government agencies need to focus on funding essential services (police, fire, etc.) and infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, etc.) before other services. Home owners are already struggling with taxes and fees. Other agencies should cut back even if it means reduced services. Library services should be reduced to five 8hr. days a week if necessary to keep within existing funding levels.
10602	7/10/2012	I read.
10603	7/10/2012	We love to read, and love to encourage our kids to read. It is a great place to discover new authors, books and subjects. It builds a great neighborhood community.
10604	7/10/2012	I read a ton and would be lost without the library.
10605	7/10/2012	Libraries are the windows to reading, which open the mind to new thoughts and ideas.
10606	7/10/2012	Because literacy and cultivating a love of learning is the foundation upon which a healthy and functional society is built.
10607	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time, and it is of incredible monetary and emotional value to me Free access to knowledge, entertainment, and resources is extremely important during this time of economic instability.[]
10608	7/10/2012	[] We love our libraries in Portland, and for good reason. We support them because they support us at all ages in so many ways.
10609	7/10/2012	we are on a very low fixed income. the library gives us access to books we want to read.
10610	7/10/2012	I read far more books than I can afford to buy. Many families don't have computer access or access to media to help with work or job finding.[]
10611	7/10/2012	I feel that engaging young children in books and reading is one of the best ways to encourage growth and academic success.
10612	7/10/2012	An educated populace has better employment opportunities and less crime. Everyone needs access to libraries, regardless of socio-economic background, to ensure an educated populace.
10613	7/10/2012	Many people can't afford to buy books, movies, magazines, etc. The library is also a place for many students to study who cannot do so at home. The library is fundamental to an intelligent, well informed public.
10614	7/10/2012	Libraries are important to all people of all ages for a variety of reasons. They are one of the most important resources for our community. It is no accident that Portlanders have some of the most used libraries in the country.
10615	7/10/2012	Access to information matters AND librarians are on of the few resources that anyone can trust to seek out for supportive information.
10616	7/10/2012	Personal growth.
10617	7/10/2012	In general, educated people make better decisions and are better citizens.

10618	7/10/2012	Libraries serve everyone -- rich and poor, young and old -- and a society that does not support their libraries does a huge disservice to their members. It is often the only place where people can gain access to the internet, and in times of economic hardship they provide books, magazines, movies and music to people who have had to streamline their budgets.
10619	7/10/2012	Because I was taken to the library when I was 2 or 3 years old and have been a patron wherever I've live for most of my 64 years. It is my home away from home. The first thing I do in any new community I live in, is get a library card.
10620	7/10/2012	They're not as important as medical services, however, they serve a vital role to the community. I like libraries because they provide me with free access to books, movies, & music.
10621	7/10/2012	Provides access to resources that can better our lives from jobs opportunities to entertainment.
10622	7/10/2012	Literacy and learning
10623	7/10/2012	They provide learning materials that just aren't available otherwise.
10624	7/10/2012	As a immigrant of 2007, local libraries are much useful, computer access, trimet schedule, and so on to start up new life.
10625	7/10/2012	I go to library mainly to have immediate access to books.
10626	7/10/2012	Public libraries are rock-bottom basic. If you can get free information and self education - even a homeless person can gather some tools to move forward.
10627	7/10/2012	As a retired person I can't afford to buy things at the level I did when working and the library affords me the opportunity to access new books as well as history and reference material. I love to read and can still get around on my own but there have to be many seniors or home-bound folks that could use the delivery service. Increasing the level of funding to \$1.22 per \$1000 would cost me about an additional \$50 to \$60 per year - not much by my estimation to keep a service we can all take advantage of.
10628	7/10/2012	It is the best deal in town for anybody's money. You can't buy a great library and a great library. serves a great community. My nephew is from Panama and loves using the library. Where else can foreign students and families feel comfortable enough to want to come for learning? Only at the library can so many needs be met at one time so quickly. We have depended on you for nearly forty years, don't let us down now.
10629	7/10/2012	I am a single guy, no kids, law-obiding citizen. I don't get a lot for my tax dollar, but the library is one public service that I use.
10630	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. They are an equalizer, giving access to those who otherwise would not have it.
10631	7/10/2012	Because they are free, educational, healthy, family-oriented and easily accessible in all weather!
10632	7/10/2012	Free public libraries of high quality are one of our countries greatest democratic contributions.
10633	7/10/2012	Resource for everyone, from young to old, no matter what economic bracket.
10634	7/10/2012	The ability to have somewhere where I can read, learn, and study as well as having somewhere to spend some free time is quite important to me.

10635	7/10/2012	I like to check out music CDS and it gives kids a place to learn & grow intellectually. Also, it helps keep kids out of trouble.
10636	7/10/2012	Build community, provide equal access to information and services. Value reading and learning.
10637	7/10/2012	For me, the public library system is second in importance to Trimet....both suffering and offering less to our community.
10638	7/10/2012	Great system, promotes continued literacy of populace of Multnomah County through varied programs.
10639	7/10/2012	Libraries give everyone in society a chance to better themselves. Even if you have no money there is a chance to get ahead by learning, keeping computer skills up to date, finding jobs. It is a positive public service.
10640	7/10/2012	everything we do involves reading. The library is an vital piece of that system, especially to the children
10641	7/10/2012	Without the freedom of accessing information, we lose our other freedoms.
10642	7/10/2012	Libraries reinforce community, as well as provide opportunities and a safe environment for everyone to learn, regardless of age, race or socio-economic background.
10643	7/10/2012	They help me with completing my homework, finding a job, and having a safe place to go.
10644	7/10/2012	I can access books, I can't often buy them. I appreciate that I can put books and videos on Hold to pick up at a later time.
10645	7/10/2012	Free educational materials to the poor
10646	7/10/2012	Having access to a safe, clean environment where you can get educated, entertained and socialize is what makes a city great.
10647	7/10/2012	I personally could live without them, but I care about the masses. You just can't do everything.
10648	7/10/2012	It's our kids' evolution, country progressing.
10649	7/10/2012	It's crucial for all citizens to have access to information and it's an important supplement to our educational system.
10650	7/10/2012	Books and other materials are very important to me. I can't afford to buy them. Even if I could, that would be wasteful.
10651	7/10/2012	Library is good but not as important as having police, firefighters, good roads, and the like.
10652	7/10/2012	The library is an important tool to continue life-long learning
10653	7/10/2012	I believe they help level the playing field for people that are underrepresented and/or don't have the same opportunities as most people.
10654	7/10/2012	It's a library. They're awesome.
10655	7/10/2012	Accessing up-to-date publications at low cost
10656	7/10/2012	These are places where community happens. People meet, people learn, people discuss. They are foundations of our society.
10657	7/10/2012	Internet

10658	7/10/2012	access if you don't have a computer, job search, books. I love libraries
10659	7/10/2012	The library is an excellent service that serves to represent and edify a community while holding it together.
10660	7/10/2012	Because I believe the library provides equal opportunities for information that many people may not have without access to a library. Also, I prefer to check out books rather than buy them to save money.
10661	7/10/2012	I am a voracious reader and could never afford to buy all the books I read. I love having access to a wide variety of books, music and movies that I may not want to own, or they can help me decide I do want to buy them.
10662	7/10/2012	I don't use the library as often as I have in the past but it's important.
10663	7/10/2012	my husband and i love to read. We have school aged children learning to read and loving it. they are learning in 2 languages (spanish and english) and the spanish resources are especially important to us.
10664	7/10/2012	"other local public services" is a pretty broad range
10665	7/10/2012	It's so important for kids to have access to libraries
10666	7/10/2012	Because without education you cannot make the decisions on other issues.
10667	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy the material I check out.
10668	7/10/2012	I have lived in Portland for 10 years and I knew a lot of people that used the library system but it just seemed like it would be such a bother so I still bought all of my books and paid for netflix or videorama for dvds. With the economic downturn I cancelled my netflix subscription and didn't want to spend my limited fun money at Powell's so I went into Kenton library. I was amazed by the variety. The library has everything I could possibly want. Now my husband has a library card too!
10669	7/10/2012	I love to read, and all my life (so far) I have made use of the library wherever we are. I read so fast that my husband says I'd better use the library or we would go broke!
10670	7/10/2012	I love the books, the electronic resources (language classes, etc.), interlibrary loan, the references at Central (because not everything is online). It is one of the reasons I live in Portland.
10671	7/10/2012	it's the public resource I use the most
10672	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power and the ability to access it through the various media and programs offered through the libraries is priceless, as is public education and public safety.
10673	7/10/2012	OPENS MY WORLD IN ALL WAYS. FUN & THROUGH EDUCATION.
10674	7/10/2012	Use audio books daily. Without access to them, I would be unable to read. Because of eyesight difficulties, I rarely visit local library and depend on L2Go daily.
10675	7/10/2012	Source of knowledge and inspiration
10676	7/10/2012	Libraries educate the community of all ages, races and economic status.
10677	7/10/2012	Free access to books (electronic etc.) that I would not read otherwise. Very important to have free access for people who do not have computers at home. FREE to everyone in the community.

10678	7/10/2012	The library provides access to information, materials and services to everyone in the community especially those with out the means to do so otherwise. The library promotes the importance of learning, critical thinking, exploration, personal growth and community.
10679	7/10/2012	Access to information can enable other opportunities for self motivated individuals.
10680	7/10/2012	I consider schools more important.
10681	7/10/2012	If we have to cut back for a little bit on the libraries to spend more on basic services in the community then thats an understandable sacccrafice. I would support sales tax increases if that was an option to help the library.
10682	7/10/2012	Our family places very high importance on reading and library research. And, frankly, as schools cut more and more from what they provide students we look to ensure our kids aren't negatively impacted by that. The resources our library offers helps fill that gap. Freedom of information
10683	7/10/2012	The future, our schools are already taking huge cuts. Libraries are a keystone in public education which is having to do more with less every year. What is the message we send to young people when we start closing libraries and then schools?
10684	7/10/2012	Debatably I get the most direct return on my tax dollars from the library system. Now, one could argue of course that the \$350+/- that goes straight to PFD retirement pensions is well worth it when my house catches on fire. However seeing how those PFD staff I'm paying for are, y'know, retired and not going to go anywhere near my burning house, the argument is a little thin. Same with all the school bonds, holy cow, that stuff's not cheap, but I guess keeping the little monsters from roaming the streets is worth all that property tax.
10685	7/10/2012	While libraries are not as important as emergency police or fire protection, they offer opportunities for residents to improve their knowledge, education, and occupational advancement. These are improvements to their educational & occupational status, & this (hopefully) results in improvements in their lifestyle & earning power. This not only benefits themselves, it also benefits their families and their communities.
10686	7/10/2012	direct access to knowledge. Need easy access to books and learning to improve your community.
10687	7/10/2012	they are a community resource for EVERYONE
10688	7/10/2012	I use this public service the most.
10689	7/10/2012	Resources for living
10690	7/10/2012	One of the most visible local services we have.
10691	7/10/2012	What other local services are you talking about. Poor Question.
10692	7/10/2012	nice to have but not as important as police & fire depts for example
10693	7/10/2012	Libraries are the thoroughfare for every aspect of life

10694	7/10/2012	it's a great community resource - I can expand my knowledge in an area I might not otherwise if I had to pay for a book. if I have a home repair issue, or want to know how to do something, I can check out a book.
10695	7/10/2012	Public libraries provide an impartial place for members of the community to frequent, without boundaries. Individuals have access to educational information at no individual charge.
10696	7/10/2012	I don't have television. Don't want it. I rely on the library for all kinds of books and movies.
10697	7/10/2012	They provide a safe, clean place for all in the community to come together and explore the past, present and future.
10698	7/10/2012	Medium for me, but high for others that have limited income and access to books/music/computers/etc...
10699	7/10/2012	I really enjoy having the ability to obtain books at the library for school research purposes as well as for pleasure. These services are also of great import to preschool and school aged children who may not have opportunities to obtain reading materials if the library was not available. This also pertains to the elderly, who may not have the means to obtain books as a means of enjoyment if the library was not available, due to their lack of funds and their being home bound.
10700	7/10/2012	I read constantly for information and entertainment. I don't have a TV, don't get a daily newspaper and rarely go to movies. To buy all or even a portion of the books I read would be way too expensive. Also, it would be very wasteful of resources; paper, ink, etc. I have treasured libraries for over 7 decades
10701	7/10/2012	Libraries, and the access to knowledge they provide, are vital to maintaining a democracy.
10702	7/10/2012	Free open source materials and information are key to an enlightened society.
10703	7/10/2012	I use the library to continue educating myself, entertaining myself, and expanding my cultural awareness. I don't sense that having significant restrictions on any of those things is something that would serve our communities well.
10704	7/10/2012	I am philosophically and emotionally attached to libraries. As a child I participated in summer reading programs, as a teen we hung out at the library and saw friends this was all in the state to our south more 45 years ago.[] [] To be honest my love do reading continues however I use my Kindle, my IPAD and my iPhone as the tools of reading
10705	7/10/2012	Not as important as garbage, water, sewage, but still somewhat important. It is also important to note that most other local public services charge a fee per usage, whereas the library does not charge for many of its services.
10706	7/10/2012	4 all people! Other services important 2.

10707	7/10/2012	We like the library. We volunteer at the library. We value having a world of books so readily available. But question 7 seems ridiculously vague. Library or police? Library or fire? Library or development planning? Library or fall leaf pickup? Library or tree inspections. There are certainly public services that are more important than the library.
10708	7/10/2012	Good reading skills are fundamental for a successful life, and reading for pleasure is a healthy, inexpensive form of entertainment. I don't have children, am not a senior, I have internet access at home and I am a native English speaker. So while only the ability to check out books (which I do, frequently) is directly important to ME, I can appreciate that other library functions are important to society as a whole, and have always voted for library levies in the past. On the other hand, public services such as water, sewer and garbage/recycling pickup are fundamental to basic human health and with prices going up for many of these essential services while (like in so many households) our income is stagnant and stretched very close to the breaking point, I am not inclined to vote for yet another library levy.
10709	7/10/2012	As I senior I prefer to read books from the Library rather than on my computer. In the Troutdale area we have a lot of low-income families and the kids don't have access to electronic devices to learn to read.[] The new Troutdale Library is very efficient and the staff is very welcoming; unlike other libraries in the area. [] They always have the latest books and you don't have to wait months to get them. Also there is lots of parking so that is not an issue there.
10710	7/10/2012	They provide a convenient environmentally concious way for me to get access to a fairly wide selection of books.
10711	7/10/2012	very important. asset to our community and to myself. I use the library on a regular basis and it holds both a useful and sentimental value
10712	7/10/2012	I don't use most of the others directly, and I can't afford to buy all the books that I read.
10713	7/10/2012	not too important
10714	7/10/2012	Not sure what other public servies are being referred to but in my opinion schools and public transport should come above library
10715	7/10/2012	They are a place where people can gather information, keep contact in the community, enjoy life-long learning.
10716	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power.[] Libraries offer this to the people.
10717	7/10/2012	The idea of a local library is unique in the world. To have an open access, public library is a gift to the community and the neighborhood. It is one more aspect that can pull a community together, like parks and other public spaces. We need to get to a place where we all care about community and neighborhood.

10718	7/10/2012	It is critical for an informed and educated people. Access to information (especially for the lower income levels) is a cornerstone to a civilized democracy.
10719	7/10/2012	My kids love to read and the love being there.
10720	7/10/2012	a community library enhances learning and the arts that no other organization can.
10721	7/10/2012	We live in a time where knowledge and information are key to success and good quality of life.
10722	7/10/2012	The Library makes media available to everyone. Provides places for all ages to learn. Need to keep local branches so that the library resources are easily accessible.
10723	7/10/2012	It gives families choices at a reasonable price(free). I love to read and would rather check out a book from the library than download one to my tablet as you pay a lot extra for those downloads and I already fund the library with my taxes. I just like coming in to the library and being able to look at the books, do research and it is so quiet.
10724	7/10/2012	
10725	7/10/2012	give me the change vire all resoure an puble information. I consider libraries to be an integral part of civil services. However, since everything is taking cuts, I recognize that libraries must take cuts proportional to those affecting other services. They are phenomenally important, but not more important than every other service.
10726	7/10/2012	
10727	7/10/2012	Libraries are not only a place of knowledge, but of community building and development. The very fact that they are often easy to access and easily recognized by all in the community makes them integral to the community.
10728	7/10/2012	Library services provide assistance to those who need it most -- seniors, ESL, low income, students, families, and are offered at all of the library branches throughout the city. Some other public services are only offered out of one building or in more limited locations.The library provides access to print and online materials that help educate or low income students that may not have these at home.
10729	7/10/2012	The library is a vital resource for information, knowledge, education, research, and sense of community. I became a reader and scholar at my local library, with the help of our librarians. We need all of the ranked services, but as I have no children, that was ranked lower for me, though I hope higher for the community.
10730	7/10/2012	Encouraging our kids to read. Convenience/proximity to home. Reduced costs of driving and purchase of books or rental of video
10731	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to information that would, in many cases, be inaccessible. Whether through computer access to the internet for people who don't have it, reading material for people who can't afford to buy it, or just helping foster an interest in education, self-improvement, and learning, libraries still fill a vital role in our increasingly technological society and actually help make sure that people are not left behind in our march towards "progress."
10732	7/10/2012	My kids love going to the library and we love the events in the Summer.
10733	7/10/2012	Library is the best!
10734	7/10/2012	Freedom to grow and gain knowledge in all areas anyone wants

10735	7/10/2012	access to common resource
10736	7/10/2012	I use it frequently as i cannot afford and do not want to buy all books that I read.
10737	7/10/2012	Libraries are important because they become a community hub. Information and knowledge gets shared and it opens opportunities for all people. With the increase use of computers, it is too easy for people to never interact with others. The library is a wonderful place for people to connect and become better people.
10738	7/10/2012	Basic services are most important: roads, water/sewer, garbage collection.
10739	7/10/2012	Because they provide a place where everyone can go to learn despite one's financial situation.
10740	7/10/2012	The library is an essential resource for an educated community, and also helps to equalize societal disparities.
10741	7/10/2012	Granted, emergency food and basic services are very important - but (fortunately!), those do not apply to me or my family. We DO use the library very often.
10742	7/10/2012	I use the library at least weekly for myself and my children. We can't afford to buy new books very often, but we love to read, so the library is a very important resource. My children also look forward to participating in the summer reading program. The kids also get a kick out of renting movies from the library.
10743	7/10/2012	Very very important. I believe that they give people an option to choose books and learning rather than drugs and other harmful substances. Libraries save lives.
10744	7/10/2012	Without libraries offering educational materials our country's intelligence level will hit bottom.
10745	7/10/2012	Libraries are integral to promoting and supporting community education. Besides programs for children and young adults, libraries offer a lot of adults the chance to participate in re-education programs, and job searching.
10746	7/10/2012	I love the easy, equal access to books and media. It saves me money and makes me feel part of a community.
10747	7/10/2012	We go to the library multiple times/week. Between my husband and I, we generally have 20+ item on hold at a time. We cannot afford (and would not want) to purchase every item we get from the library. And we don't mind paying taxes to support it. We always vote to approve all library funding questions on the ballot, though of course, many people do/can not. But it is imperative the library use its funding wisely. The cuts in services subsequent to the levy continuation approval feels like a betrayal. The library should be more proactive - why not ask the Oregonian to do a story on the cuts and why they occurred?
10748	7/10/2012	Knowledge is freedom and freely available knowledge is a bulwark against tyranny.
10749	7/10/2012	Everyone in my family loves to read. We also enjoy getting DVDs from the library.
10750	7/10/2012	Libraries level the playing field for providing access to information and serving as a critical point of community.

10751	7/10/2012	I use my local libraries frequently. It is a place to obtain books and other materials that I have heard about and I can obtain materials usually fairly quickly. Even if my local branch does not have what I'm looking for, usually I can get it forwarded to my branch from elsewhere in the system.
10752	7/10/2012	The libraries go hand in hand with education. Education/libraries are important for all levels & ages of patrons.
10753	7/10/2012	They are a resource for information and the give access to materials that are unavailable or beyond my means to purchase. They are a resource for young and old, employed and seeking employment and for those without a computer, they are the only game in town.
10754	7/10/2012	Libraries reflect the population that they support. A great, well educated community needs a well run library to facilitate its literacy. A literate community is usually a safe, thriving community. I've just moved from Ohio and am saddened to learn that the economy has had a negative effect on libraries, arts programming in the public schools and funding for parks. I do hope that this turns around.
10755	7/10/2012	If people can't or don't read, independently, privately, and curiously, they are deprived of a wealth of human experience. Such a lack of information leads to idiocies such as douching with cola in order to prevent pregnancy, or, more terribly, fascism and mass slaughter. I believe in free access to knowledge the way people who only read one book tend to believe in god.
10756	7/10/2012	Near the top after safety/infrastructure stuff/ Highest period. To me there is nothing more important that our local public services provide. More libraries is more education, a safe place to be, just being there teaches respect for and awareness of others, sharing responsibility for the care of a communal resource and the inspiration to imagine something else is possible. Fewer police officers are needed if children grow up in an environment that teaches collective responsibility and accountability. For Example. Public schools and the arts are immediately under this for me, but I can't think of a public service which is more valuable to the ENTIRE community, every day, than the library.
10757	7/10/2012	
10758	7/10/2012	It is so important to have novels and movies available as well as all of the reference materials.
10759	7/10/2012	Because other public services are only available to certain people, or at certain points in our lives. The library is for everyone.
10760	7/10/2012	It's a helpful resource that allows me to learn and and have access to materials I can't otherwise access or afford
10761	7/10/2012	The library gives me access to materials that I don't have to go out and buy. Multnomah County library system is great... appropriate email notifications and the ability to place holds on books and pick them up at a specific location.
10762	7/10/2012	Improved quality of life with access to wide range of books and internet requesting/reminders.
10763	7/10/2012	Because information is power.
10764	7/10/2012	The entire community uses the Library

10765	7/10/2012	My family and I read a lot and we don't have a TV, so it is one of our only sources of entertainment.
10766	7/10/2012	They are the county service that I always use.
10767	7/10/2012	Powell's doesn't always have what I want Don't have to buy DVDs
10768	7/10/2012	The library system ties the other services together: education meets arts meets community health meets child and senior services.
10769	7/10/2012	I am an educator and have access to resources at my school. As a result I rarely visit my public library. However, public library services are extremely important because they facilitate equitable access to resources for lower-income families. This supports young people's education and their journey toward college and career readiness.
10770	7/10/2012	The library is the resource and starting point often for accessing all other resources. I don't have internet service at home so it is very important to have the libraries available.
10771	7/10/2012	I love to read and watch movies, but would rather wait for what I want to become available than go pay for it on that specific day. I can request shows I want to watch months in advance, then check my spot in line to see how many other things I can watch in the meantime. It's a great resource.
10772	7/10/2012	I love to read but make very little money. The library allows me to be able to check out all the books I want for free, which is so wonderful. I haven't utilized other library resources, but I have several friends who are unemployed who have used job resources through the library. As a young child, summer reading programs got me excited about reading and encouraged me to excel in it. Education is very important and services (such as the library) that encourage people to learn need to be given higher priority in the funding process.
10773	7/10/2012	Literacy and information are essential for successful lives. It's that simple. Access to these things should be public and simple. Library resources are critical for so many populations, for so many different reasons. A community that devalues its libraries is making a statement that it devalues knowledge, awareness, literacy, and assistance. I don't want to live in a community like that. PLEASE TAX ME SO LIBRARIES CAN FUNCTION!
10774	7/10/2012	I have always been an avid reader and library patron, and I want to be able to continue to pass along that love of reading and libraries to my children and, eventually, their children. Reading opens doors to new worlds and encourages development of creative imagination.
10775	7/10/2012	Libraries provide information and resources for learning and self education, this is extremely important for a modern society.
10776	7/10/2012	What a library has to offer the public is a very important service, in my opinion.
10777	7/10/2012	The library has always been, in my experience a de facto community center in addition to being a place to borrow materials.
10778	7/10/2012	I am a strong supporter of literacy and information skills. I am a school library media specialist and my, and many others, jobs have been cut due to lack of funding.

10779	7/10/2012	education is fundamental in an advanced society. along with communication, and community outreach and resourcing.
10780	7/10/2012	Because I believe an educated public is critical to a healthy democracy. We must encourage everyone to read, to discuss ideas, to engage in art and literature. Access to books should not be restricted to those who can afford to shop at Powell's. Public libraries are part of public education and help children get started as well as seniors to continue to stay alert.
10781	7/10/2012	Libraries are extremely important to me.
10782	7/10/2012	Libraries are the great equalizers. They give everyone a fair shot at success.
10783	7/10/2012	Education, accessibility for low income earners, cultural viability.
10784	7/10/2012	The library is one service I would most miss if were to go away. It is the most actively used service. While others are important I do not notice them in my daily life as much as my use of the library.
10785	7/10/2012	The library provides educational materials for all of our citizens ...
10786	7/10/2012	The local library services are very important to me because I believe in educating children and young teens through books, not video games or computers. As my children grow up into young adults, I will be introducing them to the library and getting them involved with books and reading.
10787	7/10/2012	I think other services such as police, fire, services to those most vulnerable are more important.
10788	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to books. I use the elibrary multiple times a week.
10789	7/10/2012	Although I don't access my library very often, as I am usually working and have access to digital books, I feel strongly that the library is the cornerstone of our community!!!
10790	7/10/2012	I ranked the importance of library services very important, because everyone, especially children, should have access to reading materials.
10791	7/10/2012	libraries and parks are two of the ways that we get services out of the county for the property taxes we pay into the system. We are also big readers in our house:)
10792	7/10/2012	It provides most of my educational and entertainment media. I couldn't possibly afford to rent or buy the equivalent.
10793	7/10/2012	I bring my daughter to story time every week, and we check out books every time we go. Our family does not have a lot of money, so it's extremely important that we have access to free, educational story hours. We want her to be prepared for school, and using the library helps us get her ready without spending a lot of money.
10794	7/10/2012	I have been utilizing libraries my entire life, since the 1930s. and owe everything I have ever achieved ultimately to them.
10795	7/10/2012	The library is a valuable resource. People of all walks of life can reserve and read books to keep current and educate themselves as to what is happening in our world. Computer services are there for people who cannot afford computers The library is also a warm, positive place for people to visit.

10796	7/10/2012	People need to read and expand their minds. Toddlers and children need exposure to book. Computer availability to people who can't afford one. Free materials to read/ check out for seniors ad underprivileged. Resources for school kids in research etc.
10797	7/10/2012	The library has resources that I cannot afford privately, e.g., a subscription to Consumer Reports.
10798	7/10/2012	Education They greatly improve my family's daily lives. My husband, children, and I check out books for personal use weekly. The kids check out books and seek the advice of librarians on their choices for fun and school. Both kids are part of the teen council, which gives them a real sense of purpose and a place in their community. The Portland library system is a huge resource for us.
10799	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader. I often check out a book at the library and read it before I buy a copy. I am a senior citizen, and in the future, will use the library even more.
10800	7/10/2012	Very useful in supplementing our children's diminishing public school education. []
10801	7/10/2012	They love to read and it is a top family priority to keep it that way.
10802	7/10/2012	The only greater priority for me beyond the library system is the public school system, but I recognize that they are both interrelated.
10803	7/10/2012	Any decent society needs to have education and entertainment resources available to the poorest in our community.
10804	7/10/2012	In terms of services in which counties are involved, they are right behind basic needs of shelter and health support, and before the criminal justice system. My father was a public library director and I was raised believing that public access to books/knowledge/information is an essential aspect of equal rights, giving people the means to learn and pursue their potential.
10805	7/10/2012	Everyone will use the library several times in a year. Very few ever use most other public services....
10806	7/10/2012	Because I use the library and cannot afford to buy all the resources that it provides.
10807	7/10/2012	Somewhat important.
10808	7/10/2012	Reading, education, equal access to these services for all.
10809	7/10/2012	I think it's obvious why access to books is important to society.
10810	7/10/2012	I have 10 children!
10811	7/10/2012	Because I access them
10812	7/10/2012	Very high. I love the library.
10813	7/10/2012	because of the educational information available.
10814	7/10/2012	Because they are free and accessible to EVERYONE.
10815	7/10/2012	They provide my family with reading materials and other services that we otherwise would not have, or could not afford.
10816	7/10/2012	Very high. I use the library a lot and enjoy visiting it often.

10817	7/10/2012	libraries are one of the few pure public systems active in our society, free and easy to use, a center for education and awareness and non-censorship - all values that need to remain a central value in keeping America the country it is and should be; this type of program is what makes our country great
10818	7/10/2012	I feel they are that level of importance to the community. A place for people to be and be educated and entertained. However, I would choose public safety/health over libraries if I had to.
10819	7/10/2012	Although it helps educate a local population, ultimately librarians are sources of entertainment. Things such as police, fire, medical, school, and roads are much more important to maintaining and improving the overall well-being of a community.
10820	7/10/2012	I read daily - it's a part of who I am and has been for as long as I can remember. Getting my own library card as a small child was a monumental event that signaled to me I was truly part of a larger community. I have very fond memories of going to Central library as a child for story hour and I think it helped shape me into an engaged and active citizen.
10821	7/10/2012	Reading, education, positive activities, and a sense of community help keep neighborhoods safe, keep people health, and promotes a positive lifestyle.
10822	7/10/2012	Libraries provide critical support for all citizens, giving them easy access to books, magazines, computers/internet, and programming that they may not be able to receive elsewhere.
10823	7/10/2012	I have enough disposable income to mitigate a weaker library system.
10824	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the foundation of any strong civilization that hopes, not only to survive, but to grow and mature.
10825	7/10/2012	Helping to build the education level of our citizens.[] Open horizons to subject of interest world wide.
10826	7/10/2012	Transit, fire, garbage/recycling, water, power, and police are collectively number one. Libraries are next in line, side by side with parks.
10827	7/10/2012	We use it and depend on t to facilitate in exploration and discovery of things and our inquiries!
10828	7/10/2012	The library gives EVERYone access to books, computers, movies, music and literacy programs- regardless of individual or family resources. What is there to fill in if that is not available? Libraries provide access to information, learning and culture.[] []
10829	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a safe haven for children, seniors, the homeless.[] [] Libraries provide essential services (ESL, literacy, job searching) for people of limited means or access to these services.[] [] Libraries are one of the cornerstones of civil society.

10830	7/10/2012	This is a difficult economic climate. The library provides quality services/programs, entertainment, and great customer service at a ridiculously reasonable cost. I can see that the library uses it's budget in a way that serves all sectors of the public to the best of it's ability without the scandal and mismanagement that is so prevalent in other public services departments/bureaus. It's a public service the people can trust.
10831	7/10/2012	The library serves multiples functions for multiple users at no cost (though not really). Services are important but see previous notes.
10832	7/10/2012	Being on disability and struggling to find employment it gives me something to keep me occupied, and resources to help me get back into the swing of working. I also benefit from the ways others benefit (if jobseekers find jobs, they spend more, improve the economy, increase tax revenue...)
10833	7/10/2012	The library provides critical services to families, students, seniors, and many others. They enrich the quality of life within our community. They complement and support our school districts by providing additional resources and programs for students.
10834	7/10/2012	besides potholes, it's one of the most tangible services I get from the city for paying taxes!
10835	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books I enjoy reading.
10836	7/10/2012	The library is a place where people come to learn, grow, and come together in ways that contribute to the health and well being of the individual and our society.
10837	7/10/2012	Not as important for me, but very important to the community.
10838	7/10/2012	Without equal access to library a society crumbles.
10839	7/10/2012	It's vital that all citizens have access to information and community.
10840	7/10/2012	pls define local public services. Police and fire are top priority.
10841	7/10/2012	access to books for the kids is essential... i've got two and they read far too many to buy. also love being able to put books on-hold and not have to purchase.
10842	7/10/2012	It is part of what makes the United States of America the greatest country in the world. Free access to information and further learning!
10843	7/10/2012	Because they are an equalizing force enabling a wide swath of the population the ability to access information and opportunities.
10844	7/10/2012	It is extremely important to promote literacy and literacy based activities in an accessible way that is free to the users.
10845	7/10/2012	Hugely important personally - my family uses the library constantly. In addition I think it is a critical source of community, and a way to support healthy behavior in young and all community members thus improving our overall community for all.
10846	7/10/2012	The educational and recreational resources they provide (wide range of reading materials, resources for research, etc.) There is no way we could afford to purchase the number of books we read, even at used prices.
10847	7/10/2012	Rely on the library resources extensively for Russian language children's books

10848	7/10/2012	I cannot emphasize how important a role library services play in Portland and in my life. From book browsing to research opportunities, the immense sheet music collection, to programs and venues for cultural and educational functions, the library is vitally integral part of the community.
10849	7/10/2012	The allow my family to read without the extra expense of buying a book. It is an important part of being environmentally friendly by having many people reuse books over and over.
10850	7/10/2012	I read a lot of books. Including a lot of non fiction resources, which are very expensive to buy. Libraries are also great community centers. The loss of communal space and places where people can gather and interact for free with their neighbors is a huge threat to portland and society at large.
10851	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time -- have been doing so all my life. Starting going to story hour as a child back East and have been a library volunteer in several cities where I've lived. I am a voracious reader and could not afford to buy all the books I read. And I just love the staff at Hillsdale library -- so friendly!
10852	7/10/2012	The library is, and has always been, my sanctuary. It's where I go to learn everything I'm interested in, for free. It is brilliant.
10853	7/10/2012	In this economy priorities of those in need and those that keep us same must come first.
10854	7/10/2012	Library services may not be essential to me personally, I have access to a variety of ways to read and enjoy printed material but as a community member I realize there are so many people for whom the library is the only or most accessible source of books, movies, magazines, information, homework and other educational help. So from that standpoint for the enrichment and education of my community Library services are vital.
10855	7/10/2012	Public libraries are equalizers. There are many people who can not afford to buy the materials loaned in the library. Many can not afford personal computers and internet service. Also, the library offers activities for children, job seekers, non English speakers, book dicussions, classes for basic computer use, activites for seniors, etc.
10856	7/10/2012	High
10857	7/10/2012	The library is an established institution which holds such a diverse group of people together with no need for religous, political, gender, or age restriction. Available learning is something accessible to all with immediate assistance to the poor. I have supported this organization all my life. Now that I am aging, cutting back on purchasing material things, the library seems less accessible. But I worry more for the youth of today.

		Well, fire, safety and education matter a lot, as without those, it's difficult to imagine libraries being a place people can and will attend.[]
		[]
		But it would be nice to see libraries become a hub of America's free continuing education system. Can libraries turn into a place where people can teach each other informally about technology and other skills that matter in young adult and adult life? Could you be a place where people have access to learn things that will make them more successful in life?[]
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10858	7/10/2012	Can we use libraries to help people without much access to formal education, by providing access to informal education? Beyond just the books and other materials?[]
		[]
		Like a place to hold Meetup sessions geared to helping us get smarter, wiser, more useful to the world around us?[]
		[]
		That would be pretty important...
10859	7/10/2012	We are lucky enough to live in a functioning city. But many children, parents and adults are not. Without a safe and encouraging space to go, lives and opportunity are dead. Libraries are very important when you have nowhere else to go.
10860	7/10/2012	Public safety, food, public schools and basic health service are needed for life;[] Library services are an enrichment for human existence, actually a part of the school[] system.
10861	7/10/2012	It's a tangible benefit.
10862	7/10/2012	I enjoy being able to learn different skills with the help of materials borrowed from the library.
10863	7/10/2012	My family enjoys them and puts them to use. Also feel they have found a great way to offer services with the funding they receive.
10864	7/10/2012	Because it is public access to knowledge and resources at little to no cost.
10865	7/10/2012	Not as important as basic infrastructure/police services, but still vital to upward mobility and the long-term economy.
10866	7/10/2012	an educated populace is crucial to democracy in the US
10867	7/10/2012	I use the services for my classroom and my 7 year old daughter.
10868	7/10/2012	It's great to have a place that facilitates reading, learning and provides community information/ resources.
10869	7/10/2012	My life has revolved around what I learned at the library.
10870	7/10/2012	libraries make knowledge, and even more important, the internet, to people. there is no public internet that is free other than at the library. also books, and movies, life enriching things, should be accessible to all. libraries are more valuable to people with less disposable income, and those people just get screwed up and down. libraries are great!.

10871	7/10/2012	Literacy and access to computers make people employable and therefore more likely to be able to become contributing members of society.
10872	7/10/2012	I think reading and having access to books is of paramount importance to our community and to our nation. A lack of access to free books and educational opportunities would put this country and our children into further jeopardy and continue a downward cycle of poverty/lack of education.
10873	7/10/2012	I use the library often to find and reserve books.
10874	7/10/2012	I love the library. I usually find buying books a waste.
10875	7/10/2012	Without the resources offered by public libraries, as a society we become more and more reliant on highly subjective internet sources for information.
10876	7/10/2012	Library puts primary access to the fundamental building blocks of education out there with a low threshold for a diverse group of local residents to enjoy and make use of!
10877	7/10/2012	It is so important to me that my children grow up to be Readers. People who love to read. We can't afford to buy new books all the time, so the library gives us access to all the books they can imagine reading. And the story times show them that other kids and people (i.e. Jane at Belmont!) are excited about reading, too. AND the Summer Reading Program is such a great incentive for them to read daily. I don't know about "compared to other local public services", really, but I do value the library very highly.
10878	7/10/2012	A major resource that I am unable to complete on my own.
10879	7/10/2012	Per previous question about threats to libraries - libraries function as an access point for public information for all members of society, which is a fundamental function of a free society. It is important that free public access to information be preserved.
10880	7/10/2012	It's helped me tremendously to educate myself, family and local community. I've been able to give back to the local community based on what I've learned from borrowed materials.
10881	7/10/2012	The library builds community, is environmentally friendly (sharing resources rather than every family owning every book/magazine), important in a bad economy. My children are avid readers, and I love it that the library feeds their love of reading.
10882	7/10/2012	Because they support the intellectual health of the community.
10883	7/10/2012	VERY NECESSARY FOR THE POOR, THE "LEAST OF THESE" IF MONIES ARE NOT ABUSED AS THEY HAVE BEEN. [] IN your next question you force people to LIE. NONE OF THE CHOICES ARE GOOD! AND YOU DO NOT ALLOW A "0" or a Skip to move on. YOU REQUIRE A LIE!
10884	7/10/2012	I have enjoyed/needed to read books since I was a small child. If you read books on Kindle, Nook, etc, you must pay for them and the media companies not only track what you read, but how you read at a very detailed level. Our libraries ensure privacy of our reading materials and habits and that is very important. The alternative is frightening.

10885	7/10/2012	I rely on the services of the library to search on the Internet, for personal growth, reading & learning. It's a essential resource like water is for our big green trees. It also helps me with my budget as I cannot afford internet at home & would not be able to purchase all the great books I read.
10886	7/10/2012	I feel having access to literature and free information is paramount to the future of our society as a whole. Also, I love to read!
10887	7/10/2012	See Zadie Smith's recent New York Book Review article. Also, my dad is a librarian and I grew up in a library.
10888	7/10/2012	We are a family of lifelong learners, and could never afford in a million years to buy all the books we read from the library.
10889	7/10/2012	I read. I grew up with the library as an important part of my education and want the same resource available for my kids.
10890	7/10/2012	Every person should have access to literature as well as all the other important services libraries provide people (job help, tutoring, computer access, a place to be off the street).
10891	7/10/2012	The library is a "luxary", whereas police, fire, and schools are must haves.
10892	7/10/2012	I appreciate the availability of vast amounts of materials for my use and enjoyment. It's great that there's a place where income level doesn't affect one's ability to utilize wonderful services.
10893	7/10/2012	I love knowing that the library is available to me should I need it. When I was unemployed and didn't have internet access, that is where I spent a lot of time looking for jobs and responding to emails, etc. Also, having books and media at my fingertips is great. It's a community booster, and overall a great resource.
10894	7/10/2012	More important than bike lanes, less important than ambulances. Somewhere around the importance of public transportation.
10895	7/10/2012	Access to information and resources fosters education and independence which I value highly.
10896	7/10/2012	For a free society they are a source of information and culture that cannot be found anywhere else.
10897	7/10/2012	Knowledge is a powerful tool and improves our lives.
10898	7/10/2012	Because the library is a place for everyone.[] Research and reading is so fun, a safe productive place to hang out and learn.
10899	7/10/2012	Literacy and easy/free access to reading materials is the foundation of a strong democracy. It fits up with food, shelter, safety, health, and education. In pure cost-effectiveness they provide the clearest value in terms of advancing community health:[]
10900	7/10/2012	- place and programs to tie a community together[] - providing resources for citizens to improve themselves and thus the community
10901	7/10/2012	They are a free resource for the user, therefore including all demographics.
10902	7/10/2012	Well, they're less important than emergency services and things that feed and house people. Other than that? Literacy/education/reading can be the single bullet for any child to grow up to a better life than they had when they were young.

10903	7/10/2012	Without opportunities for people to educate themselves it would make it even harder to run the rest of the services.
10904	7/10/2012	The ability to freely rent books is wonderful and, while the programs for the young, the elderly, and small scale entrepreneurs are not utilized by myself, those programs are of great use to others.
10905	7/10/2012	It's where I cast my vote, and find things out at the neighborhood level.. Also, lower income people have a chance to access information and resources that might not be available otherwise, and I feel this is a very important factor in our society.
10906	7/10/2012	Most people in our community visit the library events and get together like a big family. The library has also made it possible for me to gain different books that I'm actually interested in, unlike my school library. I've seen a lot of people mingle, work, and help younger kids get through their days of difficulty.
10907	7/10/2012	We love to read but could not read as much if we were confined to our personal library and limited budget for buying books. The library opens the door to reading books that are worth reading once but not owning forever. We would have a very limited picture of the world if not for the library.
10908	7/10/2012	The library plays a role in our family life on almost a daily basis. Whether it be reading materials that we have checked out from the library, watching movies, listening to music, or attending a story time. The library is our "free" entertainment stop, and we appreciate & value it so much.
10909	7/10/2012	I can afford to get content via internet and electronic media..however, there will always be a segment of the population that seeks the access to information via a library due to a variety of reasons, including financial.
		I prefer to check out books from the library than buy them. I collect records, not books and prefer to borrow and return, rather than stack them up and liquidate at Powells. The savings allows more record shop trips!! []
10910	7/10/2012	For me, it's fun to find out about a new book on NPR or some other source, put it in my queue and pick it up when it comes in. I can put it in queue at 2AM if I suddenly think of it, and not forget.[] [] I rarely print anything, so the library printer comes in handy. It's a bargain at ten cents per page, and I think I wouldn't mind paying a quarter (consider keeping the price to one coin, rather than just a low price, if you have to increase), but that might be a problem for students who print papers.
10911	7/10/2012	Many people's only access to books and computers is their local libraries.
10912	7/10/2012	Libraries within our communities levels the playing field so that all people, no matter the income, can have access to learning.
10913	7/10/2012	You don't have to have to books to survive, but you do need a roof over your head. These are tough economic times, things that are unnecessary go by the wayside. Something has to give, the library is one of them.
10914	7/10/2012	Access to books and information are paramount to a successful society that values education.

10915	7/10/2012	less important than first responders, schools, critical services. more important than most other things
10916	7/10/2012	Access to information is a major foundation of democracy
10917	7/10/2012	I'm not going to rank the library compared to other desirable services. it's enough to know the library is important.
10918	7/10/2012	Education across all age and ethnic groups
10919	7/10/2012	Especially for seniors and young families - access to programs and generally for borrowing books.
10920	7/10/2012	Reading is fundamental.
10921	7/10/2012	Not critical, but I would definitely miss it if it was gone.
10922	7/10/2012	Makes my quality of life better. Makes me enjoy my community.
10923	7/10/2012	Public safety (police and fire) are more important.
10924	7/10/2012	Free education for those who seek it is democracy.
10925	7/10/2012	I am always amazed that I can find almost any title I'm interested in at our library, reserve it online, and go pick it up. We are so lucky!!
10926	7/10/2012	somewhere between very and somewhat
10927	7/10/2012	The internet can supply most if not all needs.
10928	7/10/2012	I highly value access to information, community connection, and opportunities for self-improvement.
10929	7/10/2012	Because public safety has to come first.
10930	7/10/2012	We are a homeschooling family, so we rely on the library for curriculum and educational materials throughout the year
10931	7/10/2012	they serve multi cultural people for many important functions.
10932	7/10/2012	My standard of living would decrease if I had to go without parks, city services, and transportation. I could live without the public library even though I think it's valuable to the community.
10933	7/10/2012	Because we use them so often and reading is my primary source of recreation. It is also very important to me that my children learn to love to read and a big part of that is our weekly trips to the library and all the wonderful books they discover. We would feel the loss personally if the neighborhood library closed.
10934	7/10/2012	I have always been a library user since I was a kid. Books are expensive and it is great to read them w/o having to buy them. The library has great research sources that I cannot afford on my own. It is a great place to find old films and contemporary tv programs I missed. I love the library.
10935	7/10/2012	Keeping them open and clean and vibrant is essential. Cutting back some right now may also be essential.
10936	7/10/2012	It's really one of the services I use. I know others are going to be more used soon.

10937	7/10/2012	Very important. I've used them to update my computer skills, look for a job, and they are my primary source of reading material and entertainment. The community programs they've offered have allowed me to volunteer for Summer Reading for students, and to participate in book groups. I've enjoyed these, learned much, and met wonderful people. Great resource for expanding community contacts and awareness of issues.
10938	7/10/2012	I'm broke, without the library I would have trouble doing both school and work.
10939	7/10/2012	Public education and libraries are the backbone of democracy. The rich and powerful seek (mostly subconsciously) to prevent America becoming a just, equitable, and democratic society. Eliminating equal-access to information is an important tactic in the class-war they currently wage.
10940	7/10/2012	I check out up to 20 books a month for my kids and myself.
10941	7/10/2012	Because they allow access to computers, etc that the poor can't always afford and it is a good overall community asset.
10942	7/10/2012	Information access is key to citizenship and productivity, and libraries are a key information node.
10943	7/10/2012	Because I have loved libraries and books since I was very young.
10944	7/10/2012	Access of knowledge and community meeting place where you don't have to spend money to be in.
10945	7/10/2012	I think the library is a great resource, but food/water/shelter comes first.
10946	7/10/2012	Because they are currently very, very well run! Efficient, accessible, local.
10947	7/10/2012	Borrowing materials is the environmental choice as well as the economic choice. Libraries are community hubs; I almost always see someone I know when I go there. Libraries are free entertainment. Libraries are essential to kids, broke people, job seekers, people who need a cool place on a hot day, or a warm place on a cold day.
10948	7/10/2012	Despite readily available electronic media, books are essential for maintaining a literate population. More literacy means better democracy and a better, fairer society. One of the things that makes me most proud of Portland is that we are a city of readers. Our library makes this happen.
10949	7/10/2012	Libraries provide needed and affordable access to informational/educational/entertainment materials and programs.
10950	7/10/2012	They serve as a source of information and education to those who are unable to get it otherwise.
10951	7/10/2012	Not everyone had access to information that is supplied thru the library. Makes a safe place for community members to use these resources.
10952	7/10/2012	They are not essential like health care or education I read a lot of books, the library has books
10953	7/10/2012	a special place for kids to learn to read and learn to love to read. I also see many seniors and less privileged people in the library, reading and using computers.
10954	7/10/2012	Public access to information, learning and supplementation of education is vitally important to our communities for those who seek these services

		The library is one of the parts of our community that people trust. It is a functional part of the community and is integral in most communities. Communities can take pride in their community and see more instant gratification in supporting the library. ¶
10955	7/10/2012	The library provides a positive view of a government run when there is so much distrust and frustration with other departments. It is a way to show our students and children positive parts of the community, in addition to the many resources it provides our youth. The library helps close the achievement gap or class gap by providing resources to families who may not be able to afford them.
10956	7/10/2012	Provide a much needed service
10957	7/10/2012	I am able to purchase books at Powels, borrow from friends or go online for reading and research material.
10958	7/10/2012	Democracy relies on an informed public, and people who don't learn to love to read are more susceptible to manipulation. Most families can't afford to buy books to encourage and sustain a love of reading.
10959	7/10/2012	Libraries are a resource for everyone that we can all use without needing to make appointments. You don't even have to have a library card to use the library. A lot of people don't have computers or printers at home, and you can also check out books that you would otherwise have to buy for school. It's also a place where all types of people interact with each other--everyone uses the library.
10960	7/10/2012	The ability to access knowledge and information at all levels of the socioeconomic scale helps to keep a democracy healthy.
10961	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot for reading and research. A vital library is key to children's learning and development as well as ongoing community engagement and lifelong education.
10962	7/10/2012	As our population ages and the first group of the "Baby Boomers (65-67) are now retiring, their needs must be addressed. And seeing that this demographic were/are avid readers, I would assume municipal services such as those offered by the library as well as community colleges, language classes, seminars on points of interest such as the newly ratified healthcare program(s) will be a valuable asset to those who are becoming less mobile and turning to the core area of the city for entertainment, dining, and cultural events. (see: Pearl District).
10963	7/10/2012	Not knowing this question would follow, I think I touched on this in question 6 already, but-- to my mind, it is one of the primary hubs for involving people in a sense of community in the publicly funded realm. If the library loses its standing among public services, all other public services risk a blow to their esteem as well, simply because the library provides a place for people within the community to learn about and get involved in all of those public services, and to notice and interact with others from the community that they might not otherwise relate with.

10964	7/10/2012	I think they rank right below the safety and education services. We need access to all forms of published materials no matter what our income or education. Freedom of speech and communication.
10965	7/10/2012	Teaches Children that you don't need to purchase every book you read.
10966	7/10/2012	Free education resource
10967	7/10/2012	The library has been my refuge, my freedom, my education, and my entertainment since I learned how to read. The thought of not having this resource accessible to kids who are like me is just devastating. This is a key public resource, as vital as water or public transportation, and it should be honored and supported like the precious thing it is.
10968	7/10/2012	I rely on the library a lot for books for myself and my family.
10969	7/10/2012	The library is essential as an accessible repository for accurate information, as well as a community center. The library promotes education, an investment that has far-reaching positive effects, and demonstrates our priorities for this by being freely accessible.
10970	7/10/2012	Libraries are a welcoming place where people of all income levels have access to knowledge. That is what makes a community strong!
10971	7/10/2012	It was an integral part of my own upbringing. I love the library and want others to all have similar positive experiences.
10972	7/10/2012	It is important to have a free place for me to go with the children, to be able to check out books and have materials available in our home on a regular basis. To have a place where they can learn to read and access information.
10973	7/10/2012	When we give up on reading and learning we are finished.
10974	7/10/2012	What do you mean by local public services? Having clean water, fire fighters and public safety are all important. The library is also extremely important. Its accessible and has services for everyone. Its programs provide enhancing experiences that can also make our community healthier.
10975	7/10/2012	Literacy is a requirement for being an informed citizen and I want that for my child.
10976	7/10/2012	I use the library constantly. My husband and I read all the time. We reserve books online and pick them up at our local branch.
10977	7/10/2012	The library is just short of a necessary service. It does not protect public safety nor generate a vital service (ie: utilities, public roadway, etc), but it represents a component of culture that is used by and should be made available to all.
10978	7/10/2012	Being both employed and unemployed, the library has been very important for me. Providing a treat of different things to read with I'm employed. Providing internet access to job search and something to do that resembles a routine when I'm unemployed and just a general better environment than the unemployment office.
10979	7/10/2012	Because the library is a great service that many people don't take advantage of. They have many valuable resources for the community. Computers, media, community meetings, child development. It is a great service that should keep its funding to stay open to serve the community.

10980	7/10/2012	Police, fire departments, and programs supporting the basic physiological needs of people are the most important. Having a local library allows access to information and in some cases entertainment. So long as people are fed, housed, and are sufficiently supported such that they can work, libraries will be high on the list.
10981	7/10/2012	To me it's a very valuable resource where I get my reading and listening material. I think it is important to the community for many reasons....education, entertainment, etc. I only listed it as somewhat because I would have to rank Fire dept and Police etc more critical.
10982	7/10/2012	The library's services bolster social and educational equity in the community, and help people become lifelong learners.
10983	7/10/2012	I is not essential, but is a nice amenity.[] [] Staffing levels should be reduced but hours should be extended - there are more people working there than needed.
10984	7/10/2012	We use the library for everything from research to entertainment. If we had to pay directly for all the materials and information we get from the library we would simply have to cut out much of it. I also believe in the power of shared resources. It's very important to me that our community have a strong and accessible library system.
10985	7/10/2012	The library is a place for everyone regardless of our place in society. We all have access to literature, papers, magazines, movies, and more that we might not be able to afford. Mult. Co, deserves praise for our great library system and we should be doing all we can to keep it strong.
10986	7/10/2012	Libraries give people access to books, dvd's and other materials that help promote learning and literacy. Building early literacy skills in children is one of the best things you can do for their futures. I think that lower-income people, especially, benefit from libraries because they are not able to just go out and purchase books whenever they want. I can't buy my daughter new books every month, but we can visit the library and have a great deal of fun choosing books to check out. If I find that she does really love a particular book, I can purchase that book instead of wasting money on books she will only read once or twice.
10987	7/10/2012	I think it sets a cultural standard, that literacy, learning, and thinking are important aspects of American life, not just tv, work, and the pursuit of money.
10988	7/10/2012	When I pay my taxes, I feel the library is the most I enjoy in return, Yes I believe in other services and will vote to pay for education. I want americans to be aware and have choices, and access can make our system better and work. thanks
10989	7/10/2012	I am only an occasional user. However, I think libraries provide vital services to communities, and think that they probably provide vital services to other community members.
10990	7/10/2012	Current level of service is just fine with me.
10991	7/10/2012	Access to the written word is paramount in our democratic society.
10992	7/10/2012	I love to read and am a teacher.

10993	7/10/2012	I don't rely on them for internet service or young children/senior citizen services. I basically use it to check out materials.
10994	7/10/2012	Education is important to me. I believe education is crucial to success in our society.
10995	7/10/2012	Public libraries and public transportation are the two most important public services to me.
10996	7/10/2012	Access to information and reading materials for all is necessary for an educated and prosperous society.
10997	7/10/2012	It's a free place all people, regardless of income, have access to reading materials, enrichment options, and computer usage.
10998	7/10/2012	I believe libraries fulfill a need in our community that is not filled by any other institution public or private.
10999	7/10/2012	The library is a central part of my families life. Reading is essential for us. We could not afford to buy all the books we read. I think it is essential for the health and happiness of our cimmunity.
11000	7/10/2012	I don't utilize the library much.
11001	7/10/2012	Public access to knowledge assures the continuation of freedom for all persons.
11002	7/10/2012	Because I think schools and parks are very important and libraries fall under that.
11003	7/10/2012	I read a lot, and I use the internet a lot. I like being able to order books to read online and then being able to easily pick them up and return them at my local branch.
11004	7/10/2012	I've recently been homeless. The library provides respite from the weather, computers to look for, resources, work and/or housing, and free entertainment in the way of reading materials.
11005	7/10/2012	It provides people of any income level a chance to educate and entertain themselves. It provides vital services to poor people.
11006	7/10/2012	Access to the great library system is one of the things that makes Multnomah County special. I have lived in other states with library systems that can't compare. I appreciate access to materials I wouldn't normally be able to afford. This is especially important for those who have been affected by the economy. I appreciate that these resources are available to those who need them.
11007	7/10/2012	I feel that library services are helpful for everyone in the community and I use them often. The library improves my life and I very much appreciate it. To me this is on par with parks and rec services, and not as important as services directed to needier populations in the community.
11008	7/10/2012	We have one of the best systems in the country I think. To have access to the number and kind of books and other resources is very important to me. Not having a access would be a hardship for me and I feel every community should have access especially for those who are low income and poor. Without it the education system suffers even more.
11009	7/10/2012	I read a lot, but have very little money. I can't afford to buy all the books I want. Furthermore, I often read books that are somewhat obscure--nonfiction mostly and older fiction--that can be found in a large library system but that would be much harder to find in a bookstore. Finally, reading is one of the ways that I have continued my education after college, and I think it is one of the most important aspects of educating children, young adults, and, well, everyone.

11010	7/10/2012	People deserve free access to the information they are seeking, and they need to know that the resources they want are available to them.
11011	7/10/2012	Obviously police and fire are a higher priority but library comes right after. Information is critical; not everything is on the Internet; much that is on the Internet is not authenticated, is not permanently retained, is not correct (is often downright wrong), is misleading, is outdated, etc. The library goes hand-in-hand with public education; they have made this country what it is today. For many people the library is the only centralized location where new technology is combined with traditional knowledge resources. The library is a user-friendly environment that supports learning, teaching, and research.
11012	7/10/2012	somewhat
11013	7/10/2012	As a retiree on fixed income, the other services that might be available for the younger populace are probably less important to me. Not being too familiar with services available to the older generation I can't comment.
11014	7/10/2012	Because my family and I hardly ever use them. All the information I need about everything from home improvement to building a supersonic jet in my backyard is on the internet. I believe library's are becoming less and less necessary as digital technology gets better.
11015	7/10/2012	Not only do they offer a free opportunity for self growth and development. But it was essential for me while I was in college. I needed a quiet place to study that offered internet and wasn't going to break the bank or a already broke college student. We are already cutting back so much on education and our schools-why take away the opportunity to self educate?
11016	7/10/2012	Education is the cornerstone of democracy: everyone should have equal access to information and educational materials for free. This is what our libraries provide. When we lose our libraries, we have lost our democracy.
11017	7/10/2012	They are a community resource that brings people in the community together.
11018	7/10/2012	Because reading/education elevates us all. We would all do better as a society if people turned off the tv and opened a book.
11019	7/10/2012	Free access to information is essential, and it's not all on the Internet for free!!
11020	7/10/2012	The Library has no value to me. Close them all. Fund the schools. Help the homeless.
11021	7/10/2012	They provide essential programs and access to materials that hopefully boost the overall workforce and economy; when people are educated (including seeking out new ideas and teaching themselves), we all benefit.
11022	7/10/2012	Borrowing books rather than always buying them is hugely important during this economic recession.
11023	7/10/2012	Libraries give access to information and help with education and it empowers people who might not normally have that resource.

11024	7/10/2012	It's the service I use most often. I go to the library far more often than I call the police or fire department. Also it is a place where one can educate themselves. People who cannot afford the time or the cost of school can still do a fair job of educating themselves by reading.
11025	7/10/2012	They serve everyone. They are a resource beyond what the schools can provide. Wasn't it Mark Twain who said, " If you think education is important, try ignorance"?
11026	7/10/2012	We are family of readers and the library gives us access to a variety of books that we could never afford to buy. We also get music, books-on-tape, DVDs, and peruse periodicals. The library and our positive experiences with the library has been instrumental and essential in insuring my son is a reader of varied literature.
11027	7/10/2012	It is important for me to have a library nearby where I can pick up books that I checkout online. I work with low income individuals who may not have access to the internet etc. I know that it is very important for them to have access to the library for checking out books and job seeking resources.
11028	7/10/2012	Firefighters and police officers are, of course, very important to a large community like this one. But I think for community cohesiveness and for the general education and wellness of the community, a library is the best source.
11029	7/10/2012	I rank police and fire first, but then libraries tied with good public transportation, and tied for third parks and schools. They are all important.
11030	7/10/2012	Not as important as water, power and heat, but very close.
11031	7/10/2012	It is a wonderful place to interact with the community and provides resources that you do not find elsewhere.
11032	7/10/2012	So many reasons. More affordable way to make sure you keep your reading up (compared to buying books), it is the only access some have to a computer, a place for mothers to take their kids to a class, it is a quiet place for kids to do home work, elders get a reason to go out, etc
11033	7/10/2012	I am retired and look forward to read the latest materials. Never had time to read an actual book when working. Having the library keeps me informed and up to date, a real luxury.
11034	7/10/2012	They provide services (access to books and other materials, programs, internet access, etc.) that many people would not have access to otherwise. They're also meeting place for the community.
11035	7/10/2012	Libraries are valuable extensions to the education system. They provide information access to all in the community. They provide affordable entertainment for children and their families. Reading is an adventure and a life enhancing skill. Having free access to books, films, computers, a place to study and grow are invaluable services provided to all in the community who partake.

11036	7/10/2012	<p>I believe that libraries are very important in so many ways. They provide self-education opportunities. They have resources that can be shared by so many who might not otherwise be able to afford them. They work for folks from babies to seniors. I could go on and on but suffice it to say that the library is important to our society in more ways than most people think about. Having discovered the public library in my hometown in 4th grade was a life-changing experience for me. And at 60+, it still stretches and changes me and all for the better.[]</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>I only mourn the fact that school districts are disinvesting in trained library teachers in so many of our schools. It is a great loss for the children of those schools.</p>
		<p>Having an available source of reference materials is an integral part of a lifelong education system. Our education levels in America are declining partly because we do not build sufficient reading skills in our youth and thereby instill a desire instill a desire to continue to read both as a recreation and to learn about the world around us. []</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>Our nation is rapidly declining in the level of technical skills in our youth while the technical and industrial needs demand workers with those higher technical skills. The library systems are a necessary source to maintain the availability of technical and reference materials for everyone in a community as well as providing the ongoing resource of novels, historical books, children's books, and how-to guides at a level which few would ever have in a private library.[]</p>
		<p>[]</p> <p>With acknowledgement of the declining availability of printed books due to the rise of the electronic books and the availability of reference information on the internet, there will always be a demand for reference books which can display illustrated guides for crafts and hobbies.</p>
11038	7/10/2012	<p>We use the library resources heavily.</p>
11039	7/10/2012	<p>The library is a wonderful place to continue to develop as a person in every way.</p>
11040	7/10/2012	<p>They are a resource available to everyone in the community, at all income and education levels. They are very important for children who are just learning to read, and also to older kids as a healthy way to stay busy and stay educated.</p>
11041	7/10/2012	<p>I use it more than anything else.</p>
11042	7/10/2012	<p>Those at a young age exposed to reading and encouraged to read I believe are better adults.</p>
11043	7/10/2012	<p>Education is the most important investment a community can make.</p>
11044	7/10/2012	<p>I use the library multiple times per week. I can't imagine life without the libraries. They are my only source to get reading material and I can't afford to buy from Powell's every time I want to read a book. They are one of our communities most important public resources and they do so much good for the people of Portland. I'd vote for any increase in levy and funding for all libraries. I'd even donate my own money to the cause.</p>
11045	7/10/2012	<p>Availability, when I need the library I want its resources.</p>

11046	7/10/2012	Very important
11047	7/10/2012	There are probably a large number of services that are very important to small numbers of people.[] But services such as public safety, education, etc. are more important.[] The library provided educational access for those less well-off.[] But it also provides free services to those who can readily afford them.
11048	7/10/2012	I use the library to find books and online materials that I would not otherwise be able to access without considerable cost.
11049	7/10/2012	I love reading and learning new things but I am on a limited budget so I don't buy new books/materials.
11050	7/10/2012	Not sure what "other public services" includes, but the library is a very important part of my life. I read a lot and enjoy having the library 4 blocks away. And such a beautiful library (Central)!
11051	7/10/2012	Electronics can become lost. Hard copies are around longer.
11052	7/10/2012	I love to read and feel that it is much more sustainable to borrow books than to own them. I love that I can reserve my wish list and pick up books in my neighborhood. I love the community feel of my local branch.
11053	7/10/2012	WE use and depend on our local libraries every week. My son goes through books so quickly, we can't buy him new ones all the time, the library is perfect.
11054	7/10/2012	Libraries were critical for my success in life.
11055	7/10/2012	Access to information.
11056	7/10/2012	I'd rank it thrid after fire and police. It is as important as other social services.
11057	7/10/2012	Public services in general are very important to the 99%. Playing one service off another only benefits the wealthy who are only too willing to let all public services die on the vine.
11058	7/10/2012	it's a place to get educated, informed, seek employment online, and get books all the time-- since they are expensive to buy. It's one of my most valued resources.
11059	7/10/2012	Libraries offer a diverse, cost-effective source of information and culture to the community.
11060	7/10/2012	My kids have grown up going to the library weekly for 4 years now. They look forward to story time and checking out new materials as well as the summer reading program. They have benefited greatly from the library. Their reading and learning abilities have grown so much more than if the library was not available to them. It has also been important for our family to meet other families in the community that care about education. My husband and I benefit from checking out materials for free since our family, like most others, has a limited income and could not otherwise have access to these materials.
11061	7/10/2012	I cannot afford to purchase new books all the time. Also the library helps me save time when i check out materials that i would otherwise spend valuable time trying to track down myself.
11062	7/10/2012	I am a reader and I want others to read, too, especially young people. Reading is essential to a civilized, informed citizenry.

11063	7/10/2012	educates our community, connects our community
11064	7/10/2012	Knowledge should be as important as safety (police and fire) and electricity, and is a little less important than clean water.
11065	7/10/2012	It is a huge money saver for me. I really enjoy books (cookbooks, hiking/travel guides, novels, non-fiction, etc.) and without a public library I would be forced to either spend money on books, or reduce my exposure to books (which is no ideal).
11066	7/10/2012	It is a form of education and the passing of values and knowledge from one generation to the next. An appreciation for the pursuit of knowledge and reading is a fundamental building block for any society. How can the next generation be prepared for leadership in government, business, education, arts without the skill to read and love of learning??
11067	7/10/2012	People of all ages need to continue to be educated and to increase their literacy skills, otherwise this country will grow increasingly dysfunctional. Without the services libraries provide, people's problem-solving and critical thinking skills will deteriorate. Children will not be able to expect much of a future and will not be able to contribute much to society.
11068	7/10/2012	While the library doesn't meet a basic human need (such as food/shelter), I believe it's definitely vital to a healthy community.
11069	7/10/2012	Income and mobility issues impact significant segments of the population.
11070	7/10/2012	I grieve for families and individuals who cannot provide for themselves the resources that libraries provide. On the other hand, property tax rates are burdensome.
11071	7/10/2012	City and county officials are increasing taxes and utility fees, only to spend part of my money on their high cost pet projects (e.g., Sustainability Center). Support for library and Zoo funding and Metro move way down on the list.
11072	7/10/2012	They are a critical resource for any community
11073	7/10/2012	For my children and myself, especially with e-book check-outs, this is how we keep our minds sharp and imaginations peaked. For others, it's a place to job search, read with kids, catch up on periodicals. It's critical to our culture and allows information access to all.
11074	7/10/2012	I check out many books and videos a year.
11075	7/10/2012	sense of community and resources for others
11076	7/10/2012	n/a
11077	7/10/2012	I directly use them most frequently, and free access to knowledge and learning is very important to me.
11078	7/10/2012	I have 2 kids and we read a lot got to story hour and participate in summer reading and to think that they might miss out on that due to lessened library services is really awful.
11079	7/10/2012	I used the local library on a nearly daily basis. I cannot afford to buy books and dvds and music cds, so I check them out from the library. It is a cool place (literally b/c of a/c) place to rest and read and search the internet on ho days and it is a hub of information about he local and city of Portland communities.

11080	7/10/2012	Libraries are the great equalizer. Everyone has access.
11081	7/10/2012	I am an educator and I highly value literacy, which is a chief aim of libraries, whether it be reading, computer literacy, or cultural literacy.
11082	7/10/2012	The library to me is a community sanctuary as well as an unlimited resource of information and opportunity. As a child it was crucial to my everyday education and for filling the long summer months. As an adult it is a practical and affordable resource which offers me so much.
11083	7/10/2012	Because I am in college and I need the ability to do research using books and other media instead of relying solely on the internet.
11084	7/10/2012	access to information is paramount to informed citizenry in a democracy
11085	7/10/2012	Libraries are vital. They are as important as the schools, fire and police departments.
11086	7/10/2012	To maintain our way of life, free access to information is vital. Libraries historically have provided information without censorship which allows information to flow to people in an unbiased manner. In countries where libraries are not free and information is censored life is very different. We must support free access to information for all citizens.
11087	7/10/2012	They are extremely valuable in educating children and providing information, resources, and entertainment to lower and middle income households. I read about a book a day. ☐ ☐
11088	7/10/2012	Though I am over 65 and have no children at home, I observe the important services the libraries provide families with children. ☐ ☐ Prior to retirement, I was/am very aware of how necessary it is for the disadvantaged to have access to reading material and the internet.
11089	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and rely heavily on the library when doing research for school. Without the library it is hard to use databases to find academic articles and research papers. The library not only helps students grow as researchers but it starts helping children grow through reading groups and parent-child activities. It would be harder for people to be as successful in their academic pursuits if the library had drastically less hours or had to give up resources.
11090	7/10/2012	Local library services are the one resource that provides a safe learning environment for all members of each branches community. This includes undocumented members, at-risk youth and elders who are otherwise told they are "too old" to learn new things or to preserve their capacities. Our public school system is important but not as fundamentally accessible. Higher education excludes many, including transient folk who receive great benefits from open library hours.
11091	7/10/2012	The public library provides access for ALL people and has means for the advancement of ALL people, whether it be learning to read, helping a person be proficient in a new language, encouraging community, a place for homeless to move toward having a roof over their heads again or keeping people up to date on current events and arts.

11092	7/10/2012	Again, odd question. I'm not sure what we're weighing against. I'd like people fed first and living in a safe environment. After the essentials, libraries are pretty important. Along with a good parks system, which we're also lucky to have.
11093	7/10/2012	The library provides so many resources for free that helps users improve their lives in many ways: social, literacy, economic, homework help, research support, etc.
11094	7/10/2012	There are many services being offered that a redundant or could be obtained elsewhere.
11095	7/10/2012	Libraries empower people.
11096	7/10/2012	They are an important but not as necessary as programs that ensure low income families have housing and shelter. However, for me libraries are very important and only second to other more basic needs since literacy is so important in our society.
11097	7/10/2012	They are more valuable to me than other public services. They enrich my life more than my girlfriend.
11098	7/10/2012	Libraries are becoming somewhat obsolete. Internet is the new information resource, and much more efficient.
11099	7/10/2012	as a resource, libraries can and should affect everyone in the community
11100	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all of the books I read.
11101	7/10/2012	Education
11102	7/10/2012	Extremely. high
11103	7/10/2012	They allow accessibility to knowledge and provide community.
11104	7/10/2012	Educated citizens seeking to learn more...what a democracy is about. Opportunities for self-improvement that lead to improved work and life skills that benefit us all. We are new to Portland and have been singularly impressed with the level of services and resources available and we had lived in a far larger city with a superior library system.
11105	7/10/2012	my hobby is reading and i can't afford to buy all the books that i would like to read
11106	7/10/2012	We need to prevent literacy from declining further. Trash, water, police, fire dept., all those are represented by strong unions, contracts, and lobbyists and they will always get funded adequately. The library system is defenseless.
11107	7/10/2012	We use the library a lot. My children read library books for pleasure, and I use them to supplement our homeschool.
11108	7/10/2012	While not as important as clean water, fixing the roads and providing high quality education, the library is an important resource for life-long learning.
11109	7/10/2012	Access to ideas is power and happiness.
11110	7/10/2012	The library is an invaluable resource not only for books and other media, but also for community building and enrichment.
11111	7/10/2012	Books are the best way to educate ourselves and remain strong citizens.
11112	7/10/2012	As a writing teacher, a children's writer, a reader, and a person working toward personal growth, our library is imperative to my life.

11113	7/10/2012	I rely on my local library for my entire supply of reading and listening materials. I listen to recorded books at demon speed and I would never be able to afford to buy them if they were not available through the library system.
11114	7/10/2012	No other sych resource for knowledge and education free to public
11115	7/10/2012	because I can go in - walk around and in that walking can see books, materials, whatever that capture my vision.....and thence my mind as I pick up something to glance at and thence read or such..... Internet is great and search engines..... but the real thing cannot be BEAT!
11116	7/10/2012	It's good to have access to a variety of materials. My son is almost 5 and learning to read. I want to have access to books and programs to give him many different things to read and study.
11117	7/10/2012	The public library is the single best resource for citizens to access information and educational materials.
11118	7/10/2012	I refuse to rank! Police and fire are necessities as are libraries, schools, good roads.
11119	7/10/2012	libraries are an important source of information, cultural enrichment and community building centers
11120	7/10/2012	Because of the wide range of people who are served and the equally wide range of services provided.
11121	7/10/2012	Why you ask? Have we lost sight of the importance education and knowledge?
11122	7/10/2012	Education and knowledge empower us and future generations.
11123	7/10/2012	They give everyone (young, old, poor, rich) access to information.
11124	7/10/2012	I think you should have given some examples of local public services to make this question more statistically significant.
11125	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge
11126	7/10/2012	Libraries are the heart of the community.
11127	7/10/2012	I work in a school and access the library regularly during the school year for curriculum planning, etc. When my own children were younger, it was a weekly routine to go to the library and check out books, etc. Literacy is very important to the community.
11128	7/10/2012	I use the library primarily for books and media. This is becoming most digitized in our modern age. The library is becoming less important of a resource.
11129	7/10/2012	We use the library every week--for personal use, education, and as a gathering place.
11130	7/10/2012	public services for health and medical is more important than free book borrowing
11131	7/10/2012	Important for their resources and cheap way of consuming books. Also important for teach my kids the value of community supported (and free in their eyes) resources.
11132	7/10/2012	For people who cannot afford education it is a great place to learn. For people who cannot afford computers and need to look for work.
11133	7/10/2012	self-development, personal growth, continuing education are very important to me
11134	7/10/2012	I don't often have the spare money to buy the books I want to learn from or sometimes have no value in keeping a book once it's been read, so being able to borrow them for a period makes a difference for me.

11135	7/10/2012	Libraries should be open on a daily basis, with regular hours, so that people in the community can count on having a quiet place to work and to read. Especially in lower income communities, libraries are essential to the health of our neighborhoods.
11136	7/10/2012	Libraries are a center for knowledge - freely given and available to everyone. Local public services are constrained by external factors, but the library should try to be as accessible as possible. Therefore, its services are imperative and should be as wide-reaching as possible.
11137	7/10/2012	I am a senior without a car. My library is easy to get to. I might not otherwise use it. Also, the access to digital media is important to me.
11138	7/10/2012	It is a gathering place to learn and enjoy the printed word. They get books for you that are on the waiting list.
11139	7/10/2012	My daughter and I are on a very fixed budget and can no longer afford to buy books or magazines, so we use the library frequently. Also, I rely on the library computers when mine is down, which is frequently because I cannot afford to have it repaired.
11140	7/10/2012	They are valuable to me because they allow me to read w/o having to purchase books, which helps my business.
11141	7/10/2012	Most homes no longer have a library and this provides a common resource. A literate, well-informed populace is not easily governed or duped; that is a good thing. New information leads to change; adaptability is the hallmark of evolution. Libraries are a place for education and self-help. Libraries are the only place people of all ages and backgrounds can find and freely use such a diversity of resources, along with the expert guidance of librarians. Libraries are unique in that they offer lifelong learning - and welcome everyone from preschool age to well beyond retirement age. Libraries are part of the solution when a community is struggling economically. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries support lifelong learning. Many libraries nationwide design and offer programs tailored to meet local community economic needs, providing residents with guidance (including sessions with career advisers), training and workshops in resume writing and interviewing, job-search resources, and connections with outside agencies that offer training and job placement. (I copied this from the internet because I knew someone had said it better than I could.)
11142	7/10/2012	
11143	7/10/2012	I read at 3 books a month...all from the library. Our only source of TV is DVD's from the library and most importantly, my daughter and I attend two story times a week there. It is a part of our weekly routine and so important to my daughters socialization and early literacy.

11144	7/10/2012	<p>I use the library all the time. I often 'test drive' books and music before purchase. Other than water, sewer, electricity, gas and roads, I use the library the most of any public service. I log in probably 2-5 days a week, put things on hold, and go to a physical location once a week. (I need evening or weekend hours to pick up books, so it limits my visit days.) I have used your meeting rooms for groups, and enjoy the Everybody Reads program. I've caught up on TV seasons (Downton Abbey), It is a big source of entertainment for me. I have basic cable and internet, but don't get Netflix, etc. I was just calculating what my "Library Club" fee will be - \$1.22 on \$219K is about \$23/month. Plus about \$60/yr in fines is still less than \$30/month for a ton of entertainment. Well worth the cost.[]</p> <p>I don't know what to advise on the 2012 vs 2014 ballot measure. I will vote for it either time, so I will say 2014. It might pass better in 2014 when the economy has more chance to get rolling. There will always be other measures on the ballot (kids, fire station, art, whatever), it's more whether they're popular measures. You should promote the library as an entertainment package that is cheaper than other things. Also, I wish there was a way for EVERYONE to pay, not just property owners. There's a lot of renters that use the service. A little on everyone's shoulders is better than relying on property owners all the time.</p>
11145	7/10/2012	<p>1) EMS, police, fire[] 2) Public schools[] 3) Libraries[] 4) Social services[] 5) Parks</p>
11146	7/10/2012	Just as important as the other public services
11147	7/10/2012	It is the one service I use.
11148	7/10/2012	I use them all the time. I like to read.
11149	7/10/2012	Because i need it!
11150	7/10/2012	Information for all is very important.
11151	7/10/2012	I'm always interested in new books. I can afford to buy what I need, but many other people can't and therefore depend on the library.
11152	7/10/2012	The library is one of the main civic institutions I feel support for.
11153	7/10/2012	There are some services that are more critical to well being and safety but this falls close behind for recreation and education.
11154	7/10/2012	The library is very, very important to me.
11155	7/10/2012	Education is the path to prosperity.
11156	7/10/2012	I use the library more than any other public service.
11157	7/10/2012	Democracy can't function without an informed electorate. Society is built on knowledge and the libraries are essential in accessing that information.
11158	7/10/2012	I've never lived in a town where the library seemed so accessible. When reading novels for enjoyment, I prefer to check them out from the library and not put that expense into purchasing the books. I'm a student and find that resource very valuable.

11159	7/10/2012	Local libraries provide key services to the community, but they are not life and death services (in a literal sense). Fire, police and paramedics are more important. I would say that public schools are also more important because they play a larger role in people's lives. However, libraries are still very valuable.
11160	7/10/2012	I believe them to be a great source for information & available services. Also a convenient place to deliver my voting ballots
11161	7/10/2012	The library is probably the public service I access most regularly, so personally it is very important to me to maintain library service. I think the contribution our library system makes to the quality of life in Portland and to an educated, informed and engaged citizenry cannot be overstated.
11162	7/10/2012	I love all the options & resources available to me and my family. I can find most answers to what i need within the library walls. I know many people need the online/computer resources, I love that babies and kids have programs to engage them in reading from an early age, i like that i don't have to buy the latest book or movie or even go to the theater (which with young kids we don't get to) with books and DVD rentals. I am glad there are online books to keep current with the Kindle/Nook folks - I prefer the old fashioned paper book - but am glad to see our library being competitive with new mediums out there...
11163	7/10/2012	Children need a place to go where they can learn and be able to have a variety of story books to choose from. Many books are not cheap for kids or adults. I've grown up utilizing libraries from school work, research to entertainment especially when I don't have the extra money to go and spend on books/resources needed for a short time.
11164	7/10/2012	Society depends on informed and educated citizens.
11165	7/10/2012	Having a literate and informed public keeps a city vital. As bookstores and newspapers have gone out of business it is necessary to have a place the public can access information that is attended by informed, resourceful personnel. Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Libraries are repositories of that past, insurance that the future will be met by literate citizens. Libraries are the key to the world of the imagination, and when people can imagine big things they can make their community a more exciting and vital place to live.
11166	7/10/2012	They provide access to books and information regardless of the social and economic status of the user, and supplement the formal education system as another source of education and productive entertainment.
11167	7/10/2012	There is so much that they offer in access to information and tools.
11168	7/10/2012	I love books and love to read. If I had to buy all of the books I read it would be very expensive.
11169	7/10/2012	Because of my frequency of use.
11170	7/10/2012	I cannot imagine doing without the library. My spouse and I are voracious readers, and the Library saves us literally hundreds of dollars a year.
11171	7/10/2012	other local public services such as public transportation, are used a lot more frequently and hence more important overall to my life (especially since i have no other mode of transportation)

11172	7/10/2012	pretty boring otherwise
11173	7/10/2012	Enables learning and education...if I am knowledgeable and enlightened, I'll understand both sides of the issues and concerns and be able to voice my opinion and vote with confidence. This in turn will allow me to become more aware of other local public services and the challenges they face.
11174	7/10/2012	reading is important for all ages & groups
11175	7/10/2012	Extraordinarily. Libraries have been intrinsic part of my life since I was old enough to be taken to the library.
11176	7/10/2012	They are a very important resource for books, media, computer, etc. for children and their parents through seniors.
11177	7/10/2012	I have lived in several developing countries without libraries, and I can not tell you how dearly they were missed. I have two young sons who are voracious readers - without the library, I could not afford to keep them in books. Also, my oldest son is part of the teen council -- Sellwood does an astounding job of supporting this age group. He has volunteered for two summers in a row now, and is very proud of his role in our libraries, as are his parents.
11178	7/10/2012	they are important educationally and entertainily. Also voting
11179	7/10/2012	Provides free access to reading and media material for those who cannot afford it. Students who cannot afford to buy books can access current material to improve literacy.
11180	7/10/2012	The library provides lots of needed services to people and generally makes Portland better.
11181	7/10/2012	For children, youth and adults to have a source of reliable reference material.
11182	7/10/2012	I do not have a computer at home
11183	7/10/2012	Access to books and new media is the great equalizer--have always gone to libraries. Successful adults often mention going to libraries as children as important.
11184	7/10/2012	Libraries empower us to educate ourselves.
11185	7/10/2012	I believe books can make a huge difference in peoples' lives--especially the people who might not be able to afford to buy them. Access to information and exposure to literature are critical to the health of our culture.
11186	7/10/2012	I consider library services as an essential service.
11187	7/10/2012	it is a huge part of being human and bettering one self or experiencing different things, adventures, cultures, religions, times in our history. the library gives us all the oppertunity to learn what it is we find most interesting. at our own pace and in our own time, it allows us to live deeper and fuller lives. to learn and experience what we otherwise would never have the chance to.
11188	7/10/2012	Education is the most important thing out there. For children than can not afford to buy new books, this may be their source of reading materials.
11189	7/10/2012	I have a child and I save huge amounts of money by getting library materials rather than buying books, dvd's, cd's all brand new at the store.
11190	7/10/2012	I see school libraries diminishing and relying on the public libraries. Unfortunately, the public libraries must pick up this slack.

11191	7/10/2012	<p>My personal environment is very "safe" - from crime, toxic environment, health-wise, etc. so I am blessed to be able to say resources for maintaining the mind and spirit are equally important and should be equally preserved.</p> <p>Because literacy is vital for the growth and health of a community. A person capable of reading can learn nearly anything. []</p>
11192	7/10/2012	<p>Internet is not a fully viable source for information. Not only is it often skewed or complex, but there is still a large sector of the community that cannot afford the luxury of Internet or other media entertainment. Books can reach a whole family. Having grown up in poverty, the library was our familie's single source for recreation (out side of free tv- but lets face it, public television is not generally edifying)[]</p> <p>Because of the public library I am now a college graduate and thriving- working in our community to better its function for both myself and upcoming generations.</p>
11193	7/10/2012	<p>I consider the library as my personal library and almost never buy my own books. Why would I? I have the pleasure of checking out just about any book title I want and when I can't find it, the library staff are extremely helpful in finding a copy for me. If I'm interested in a craft, I can check out a book. Interested in a certain cookbook...check it out. I might purchase such a book after I've tried it out. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I use the Internet to find the answers to many of my questions, but I also know that I can rely on the reference librarian to give me the correct answer. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I love Everybody Reads, the book clubs, everything offered by the library even if I don't personally use it.</p>
11194	7/10/2012	<p>It's a community service that I never really took advantage of when I was employed full time. Now that I am retired it has become a major resource in my life and my local community.</p>
11195	7/10/2012	<p>Especially in the area I live in, families don't have the resources to provide the services offered by the library for their own families. Computers, books, etc. I think the future of our country depends on having these resources available for underserved families to be given a fair shake in the world.</p>
11196	7/10/2012	<p>They are repositories and distributors of who we and why we are what we are. They are real, not remote, and by so connect the past with the present and provide the steps to the future. They are gathering places for sober discussions and offer services not found elsewhere including the education system. They represent a tradition of many centuries and with new technologies provide access to the world around us. I grew up using a public library system, Washoe County (Reno) and everywhere I have lived including Hungary, Turkey, Russia, and the United Kingdom have always found a library.</p>
11197	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries are a great resource for my kids and have been key in their development as readers. They teach kids to be responsible for their own learning. I enjoy having the library available as a resource for myself and to set an example as a reader</p>

11198	7/10/2012	They are a shared community resource that promote education and the acquisition on knowledge that benefits everyone. They help create productive members of our society.
11199	7/10/2012	Libraries provide unlimited resources for research, education, recreation, homework help and internet access for free. The school libraries are barely staffed and have inadequate funding to provide the necessary tools for students to do their homework. I believe libraries are necessary to the vitality and livelihood of a community along with parks and strong public schools.
11200	7/10/2012	I use the library almost everyday. I do feel the library needs to envision a new future to incorporate a new system that enables us as a community to understand the value of having the library space, time and resources to keep the library alive.
11201	7/10/2012	I take out many books each month. I cannot imagine not having access to a library.
11202	7/10/2012	Not just me, kids especially
11203	7/10/2012	Books are important
11204	7/10/2012	literacy is important
11205	7/10/2012	As a teacher, I use the library all the time. As a reader and writer, I use the library all the time. I can't imagine living without the library.
11206	7/10/2012	If it weren't for the library, my kids and I would not have access to so many books. We can't afford to buy all the books they want to read. I love the audiobooks on my drive and always have one checked out.
11207	7/10/2012	Falls under the realm of free education and free access to information, which I think are critical civil rights.
11208	7/10/2012	As important as roads and mental health services
11209	7/10/2012	gotta rank libraries below police, fire, water
11210	7/10/2012	We always need a Library in our lives
11211	7/10/2012	Libraries help stimulate the mind and are a great source of culture for people of all income levels
11212	7/10/2012	Like real books-easier to read vs. a small electronic screen.
11213	7/10/2012	top priority. i spend a lot of time there with my child and acquaintances.
11214	7/10/2012	I was a voracious reader as a child, and keeping me in books would have bankrupted my parents if they'd had to purchase them. I would go to the library, come home with 15 books, and read them all before they were due. I want kids who are growing up now to be able to go to a library, browse, and be able to take home as many books as they want to read.
11215	7/10/2012	Library services provide my four children, who are all avid readers, a weekly experience gathering new books that support their interests.
11216	7/10/2012	Not very important
11217	7/10/2012	I love our libraries as they have been run for the last 7 years I've been a part of the community of Portland. I feel that access to information and education is the foundation of a democratic society. We CANNOT allow this resource to become less than it is; it should only be allowed to grow stronger.

11218	7/10/2012	This is how many people educate themselves and provides a great form of recreation, all at an affordable cost so that it doesn't matter what income level you are at, you can enjoy these benefits. An accessible library is one of the foundations of an educated, well rounded community.
11219	7/10/2012	I love to read, but I can't afford to buy every book I'd like. Many people are in the same boat. Reading is an essential part of an informed electorate. The electorate is uninformed enough as it is. Take away libraries, and it only gets worse.
11220	7/10/2012	Use the library for all of my reading and electronic media. It saves a tremendous amount of money because we don't have to purchase books.
11221	7/10/2012	Because the library is a big part of my life, there is so much knowledge and resources there
11222	7/10/2012	The educated masses make better decisions.
11223	7/10/2012	The library is the rock on which democracy is constructed. Without libraries, only the wealthy will have access to the past and the future will belong to them.
11224	7/10/2012	Having a good library system is essential to allowing people in lower socio-economic groups to compete and have access to knowledge and services.
11225	7/10/2012	Lower in importance than "basic" services - fire, police, ambulance, transportation, etc.
11226	7/10/2012	This saves us hundreds of dollars a year for childrens books we would have to buy, if not for the library.
11227	7/10/2012	They seem to be utilized by a large economic and social swath of the city of Portland. Always very busy. Obviously a necessity.
11228	7/10/2012	I listen to library audio books seven days a week. Because I'm under-employed, I could not afford to buy audio books. So I'm deeply grateful for free access. Due to my disability, interacting with people socially, attending arts and cultural events, and other common activities are extremely difficult for me. Through reading, I have constant interaction with the authors and stories and learn about a whole host of things I would never know about otherwise. I am learning constantly, and the sound of the narrators' voices gives me a very satisfying feeling, almost as if I had been in a conversation with them. It fills a social void and makes me feel connected.
11229	7/10/2012	Libraries are where I learned and began to read! I think its an important aspect of our community because it instilled a desire to learn and feeds the imagination!
11230	7/10/2012	A well informed, intellectually stimulated community benefits everyone in ways too numerous to list here.
11231	7/10/2012	Free information and the proliferation of books and knowledge keep us performing as informed citizens. It's foundation stuff.
11232	7/10/2012	Simply, the more you read, the more you know. A thriving library system seems critical to a thriving and civilized city, not theoretically but in fact. I am proud of our city when I see lines ten and more deep, patrons of all stripes waiting for the library branch doors to open. It's an indicator of need, and of service provided.

11233	7/10/2012	As a senior, I find that I have many interests that were not addressed in my formal education (through to Ph.D.) I love all the resources, and i am learning to use the online materials more. I use CD's for books often; I don't see the PBS series' like I used to so don't use the DVD's very much. My husband needs large print, my grandchildren like the graphic novels, and the physical plant at Midland is well kept and comfortable.
11234	7/10/2012	It is a resource that our tax dollars pay for and should be available to all to use.
11235	7/10/2012	Police and fire protection are most important, second schools. I am disappointed in the Mult Co. library system because greater emphasis is placed on computers than books. The shelves are half empty. Secondly, I am very upset that my tax money is being used by perverts to view pornography. I will never vote for a library levy as long as that is taking place.
11236	7/10/2012	Because of all they provide to the public.
11237	7/10/2012	Reading and learning are just so important. There is a wealth of knowledge for free at your finger tips. Ask yourself this, Do you know anyone that is well off that does'nt have a library card? I don't.
11238	7/10/2012	Not only do i use the library resources extensively, they are critical for a democratic, well-educated public. But I'm not happy with the funding situation, it seems like I pay an awful lot but the library is always in crisis???
11239	7/10/2012	A neighborhood library is a community center and essential to civilized life.
11240	7/10/2012	What do you mean by other local public services? Police, fire department, farmers markets, streets & roads, utilities, etc.?
11241	7/10/2012	I see our libraries as an important asset to the other local public services we have in our community. Again, access to classes, computers and materials are crucial to educate our community members and ensure access to resources that feed our minds. Reading and positive programs are linked to better education and decrease in crime. Libraries do so much more for our community and we need to protect this valuable resource!
11242	7/10/2012	Interlibrary loan is very important to me. reading is my main past time.
11243	7/10/2012	I guess when you think about all the other public services that exist including law enforcement, emergency health care, public education, libraries are pretty low on the list. However, of the services that are not life-threatening if eliminated, libraries are one of the most important. Right up there with state parks and way above any city-wide fairs/festivals.
11244	7/10/2012	Access to the written word should be available to everyone.
11245	7/10/2012	Access to reading and research materials is key to self-education
11246	7/10/2012	research and availability of resources are critical for our lives
11247	7/10/2012	Because reading and access to information is essential not just for my personal enjoyment but also to ensure an informed public citizenry regardless of economic status.
11248	7/10/2012	Major source of reading material, as well as video material and music CD's.
11249	7/10/2012	My entire family benefits from access to our public library for reading materials, other media, and programs.

11250	7/10/2012	Not necessarily to me, but my use of the library changes depending on work situation and location. but i had a great relationship with the ashland library and it was horrible when the jackson libraries closed to 6 months. So while currently i don't need the computer and job searching services, some day I might need it again. And i know others do. Also, I participated in reading programs when I was younger and that has made me the reader I am today, I want those programs to continue for others.
11251	7/10/2012	Reading is the building block to life
11252	7/10/2012	Libraries are accessible to absolutely everyone, provide a variety of information to anyone using them, and books are a treasure.
11253	7/10/2012	it is good to be able to borrow, not buy, books
11254	7/10/2012	My wife and I read a lot and check out movies on a regular basis.
11255	7/10/2012	Very important. We may not always use it, but it a service for others to gain invaluable information. You can't put a price on what it does for our community and culture. We read a lot and can't afford to buy enough books to feed our reading habit. Reading is such an important skill, and so is the research that we sometimes have to do to find the books we're interested in. Going to the library is a wonderful experience for my child.
11256	7/10/2012	high level of literacy is central to the function of government/society. i also consider it environmentally important that materials are loaned and shared rather than purchased.
11257	7/10/2012	freely available information is critical to survival in this world.
11258	7/10/2012	
11259	7/10/2012	Because students can use the library as a resource for their school projects and education is important.
11260	7/10/2012	In Portland it seems like our roads, sidewalks, sewers, utilities are all a mess that have gone so far down hill that we'll never be able to catch up on. We seem to have plenty of money to spend on wealthy high profile neighborhoods like the Pearl and Southwaterfront, while the lower income ones get neglected. It would be sad to see our public libraries go that direction, too.
11261	7/10/2012	The library is a hub of resources. Being able to check out books is huge! Reading time and activities for children is awesome! DVDS, music, etc. Being able to access these items for free is a huge benefit.
11262	7/10/2012	I think when ranking a society in its place in the world you have to look at access to books and the internet - currently MCL grants fantastic free (at point of use) access for all of its residents and I am proud to pay for that through taxes
11263	7/10/2012	I would rather have emergency.services over a library.
11264	7/10/2012	Libraries are a fundamental park of educating my children and myself. Aside from being a hub of literacy, they are also a public gathering place where I feel comfortable, inspired, safe, and happy with my kids or by myself. What do we have as a society if we don't have solid libraries.
11265	7/10/2012	Reading is the first requirement for contributing to one's community and libraries have historically been a critical place to practice this skill.

11266	7/10/2012	Incredible wealth of resources for knowledge and entertainment.
11267	7/10/2012	i'm thinking of fire, police, public schools as being of higher importance
11268	7/10/2012	for me, I can not afford to buy book, movies. Reading is what I do dailey
11269	7/10/2012	Too many homeless denigrating the institution.
11270	7/10/2012	Libraries are the knowledge commons; And especially for many; being able to ask for assistance in finding and locating material and information is important; Access to the library helps people realize that that there is more search than just "googling" for information. [] [] Libraries provide meeting spaces, classes on how to utilize the overwhelming information web that is now available , and individualized reference services in many different ways.
11271	7/10/2012	Having books of every subject, nature, source, and quality at our fingertips is one of the greatest educational tools we have. It fosters a love of reading and learning that is still unsurpassed in today's society.
11272	7/10/2012	Our community has many low income families who would not have the funds to get the materials that the library provides. I believe the library is an irreplaceable part of our community.
11273	7/10/2012	The library allows me the ability to experience literature without having to spend a ton of money on new books every month. With the library, I have access to many different varieties and types of reading materials, music, and movies that I would not otherwise be interested in because I wouldn't have the money in my budget to purchase them.
11274	7/10/2012	Not only is the library an important service in and of itself, but it also provides resources to find other essential and useful public services through free Internet access, classes, tutoring etc. that people would otherwise not know about. It's also important for a community to have a meeting place that's not tied to consumer interests.
11275	7/10/2012	Very important. I use it constantly.
11276	7/10/2012	I value schools more than libraries.
11277	7/10/2012	They are less important than water/sewer service, garbage pickup and electricity, but they are very important.
11278	7/10/2012	A literate, educated population is vital to a democracy.
11279	7/10/2012	I use them intensively to improve my quality of life. Only public safety trumps that.
11280	7/10/2012	I depend on the library to borrow books and movies.
11281	7/10/2012	It is just apart of our marvelous culture. Enriches lives. Food for the soul.
11282	7/10/2012	It serves the whole community and gives resources to those who don't have the means
11283	7/10/2012	I always vote for levies regarding funding for libraries. They are important for information, turning in taxes and ballots, literacy, computer access for all. In short the democratization of the entire nation
11284	7/10/2012	discovering unknown books
11285	7/10/2012	Libraries are the foundations of hope in a community. They offer a place for acquiring and sharing knowledge. To me libraries are up there in importance right after health and human services.

11286	7/10/2012	Libraries teach people how to use resources on their own with little assistance and teaches kids that reading/education is the one thing that nobody can take away from you.
11287	7/10/2012	My health and safety would not be adversely affected by library closure. I can't say the same thing about sewer, water, police, or fire protection. Lack of library service would certainly be an inconvenience and extra expense, but it wouldn't harm me personally.
11288	7/10/2012	It is the one venue where people who can't afford to buy books in this economy and can't afford a computer to come to use the materials for free. Having a library with it's available resources is a significant help to my Education.
11289	7/10/2012	Its a free public service, paid for by taxpayers.
11290	7/10/2012	Personally. I could afford to pay for all the materials I use, but I feel libraries are important community resources.
11291	7/10/2012	So many people from different economic levels have access.Also, it is a good place for kids to hang out after school
11292	7/10/2012	They are the backbone of education in all areas. Without these resources, our nation would slowly desinigratee in educational and cultural expertise.
11293	7/10/2012	People need to know how to read and the libraries foster that through their programs.
11294	7/10/2012	Life without libraries would be unthinkable.
11295	7/10/2012	Low income folks can find help at other institutions.
11296	7/10/2012	As a writer, editor and avid reader of fiction and nonfiction, I am someone who depends on a huge stream of materials that I get from the library. I was able to check out Adobe InDesign instruction guides to help me to complete a freelance job assignment. This is how I pay my rent. As a chef/entrepreneur who also runs a private supperclub venture, I rely upon reading lots of cookbooks that I get through the library, including the \$750 Modernist Cuisine volumes and basically thousands of dollars worth of cookbooks that I would otherwise have no access to. The library plays a key part of my vocational life-it has helped me to secure freelance and catering assignments. The library also supports my quality of life; I do not have a large income to purchase many books, that variety and availability of new fiction and nonfiction is something that I am so grateful for and I use this resource on a constant basis.
11297	7/10/2012	I feel the library is an important part of the community. It gives the poor access to information.
11298	7/10/2012	It is hard to compare libraries to emergency services. Libraries are nice to have but compared to police, schools and transportation they are not an essential service.
11299	7/10/2012	I use the library primarily to check out travel material before buying the books I find most helpful but my neighborhood needs it for every age group for both computer use and written material. As it happens, I'm writing this on a Tuesday, the day after the libraries were closed. I went to Midland branch earlier and the parking lot was full, there was a line of people waiting to use the computers and every section of the place was being used. Obviously, the place is essential for the community.

11300	7/10/2012	See comment 6 re: the dead-beat rich's system of divide & conquer. For the last decade PPS has relied on Multicolib to be the libraries & librarians for all of their students, Tri-Met has taken up the roll of school buses/transportation, Ptld Parks & Rec maintains the school parks. Now all of these systems are failing from lack of support. Which one is most important? Dah, they are all important and all interdependent. Do you want to breathe, eat, or continue to pump blood through your body? I know that I want, that to live I need all of these things.
11301	7/10/2012	Providing free access to literature should be a right.
11302	7/10/2012	Libraries rule!
11303	7/10/2012	Because without an informed public we cannot truly have a democracy.
11304	7/10/2012	
11305	7/10/2012	We are a homeschooling family and use the library to augment our educational resources. We are a reading family and always have books on hand. We explore questions we have about life through the library's resources.
11306	7/10/2012	Besides basic necessities, I put the library at the top of my list.
11307	7/10/2012	Access to a public library is nearly as important as our public school systems.
11308	7/10/2012	I am a teacher, and I think literacy and access to reading is crucial for academic development and literacy.
11309	7/10/2012	the only thing more important is public safety and health/education services. I rank libraries with parks and community space that makes my life more than livable. They serve people with little or no income and are accessible despite race, class, religion, ability or orientation.
11310	7/10/2012	provide opportunities for learning; open the door to books/reading for youth; provide mental and emotional learning for adults and seniors
11311	7/10/2012	All local public services are important. They are valuable resources for those with otherwise limited or no access.
11312	7/10/2012	A foundation that we rely on to maintain a society that can responsibly evolve with changing times.
11313	7/10/2012	I am lucky enough that I interact with the library more then any other public agency except the water bureau.
11314	7/10/2012	So many people are either out of work and looking for work or are on a very fixed income. The library is free entertainment and education for all, in one place.
11315	7/10/2012	Quality reading materials must be available to those who can't afford to purchase books.
11316	7/10/2012	community. literacy. access. equality. education.
11317	7/10/2012	Knowledge and entertainment are valuable for every day living.
11318	7/10/2012	After police, fire, and utility departments, I consider libraries important for our children's education and resources for everyone.
11319	7/10/2012	I use the library at least three time a week
11320	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the basis for a successful democracy

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11321	7/10/2012	For low-income people, the library is a resource for medical information, home remedies, first aid, and other health-related information. The library takes us out of our comfort zone to learn new, valuable things that can sometimes inspire us to attend college to learn more, and thereby have more to contribute to society. Libraries can be surrogate mothers, fathers, and friends when people are not available, or simply fail you. Libraries and their services are nearly as important as police, fire, and emergency medical aid--a library is an ambulance for the mind.
11322	7/10/2012	As a Senior Citizen I use the library often and rely on it heavily. It is one of the most important things in my life since i have had to redudce costs. Also, having been hit by a brutal economy (real estate etc) I am interested in saving money whenever I can. This is the best deal out there. I cannot afford to buy books anymore . I LOVE THE LIBRARY! Another thing with the rainy and cloudy weather of Portand YOU NEED A TOP NOTCH LIBRARY since people read a lot more than in places like California. IT IS ESSENTIAL WITH THIS TYPE OF CLIMATE TO HAVE GOOD LIBRARIES.
11323	7/10/2012	I have alternatives to access resources offered by the library, but I realize not everyone does.
11324	7/10/2012	Literacy (in all its complex and varied modern forms) and education are crucial requirements for informed civil discourse and the maintenance of civilized culture in general. I think that one good library in a community is worth ten sports arenas. We should encourage the cultivation of intelligence and personal betterment over mindless and disposable entertainment, and that is precisely what libraries stand for.
11325	7/10/2012	because it's closeby and i have a child. if i didn't have children and the library were not within walking distance, it would be less important. access is a big factor for me, along with having a safe place for my child to go to now and then.
11326	7/10/2012	continuing education and enjoyment for our family and others
11327	7/10/2012	everyone needs media and reading is necessary in a civilized world
11328	7/10/2012	They provide a free service to all community members regardless of income. Many people who use the library can not get the services the library provides through other means.
11329	7/10/2012	I think it is a critical resource for learning for myself and the community.
11330	7/10/2012	Libraries are a hugely important resources for adults and children alike, for information, entertainment, and community building.
11331	7/10/2012	I am a retiree and the library provides much of my entertainment and connection.
11332	7/10/2012	I can check out many books to read, and read to my small children. Books are expensive and if I were not able to checl them out at the library, I would not be able to read as much material...for myself and my kids.
11333	7/10/2012	they are very important, but they don't hit the level of health, welfare & safety
11334	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of the very basic foundations of our society. People have the right to free access to literature and information. I cannot think of anything more critical, besides hospitals and police/fire services.

11335	7/10/2012	We need to promote readers, from age 1
11336	7/10/2012	not that relevant anymore...
11337	7/10/2012	b
11338	7/10/2012	very high. it's a community gathering place for people of all ages and backgrounds
11339	7/10/2012	Visiting the library is the favorite thing my grandchildren like to do with their Nana.
11340	7/10/2012	General capital maintenance of streets and parks is more important and public safety is a high priority to protect property values
11341	7/10/2012	A library helps to educate a society. Libraries and schools work hand in hand.
11342	7/10/2012	Safety issues first, fire police, water department, etc
11343	7/10/2012	My kids have access to reading material for free, something I couldn't afford myself. Libraries provide information and resources to everyone, no matter socioeconomic status, etc. It's important to have access.
11344	7/10/2012	Libraries are the pathway to education, dreams and growth for all of us.
11345	7/10/2012	My husband and I are both teachers and we use the library constantly for teaching resources. We have three children, and we use the library weekly for books to read aloud and to read on our own. The public library system is one of the most amazing legacies of the U.S. In tough economic times, being able to borrow rather than buy books is essential.
11346	7/10/2012	They contribute to the overall quality of life. Libraries also give less fortunate people an avenue for self-improvement, which has long-term benefits to society.
11347	7/10/2012	Having a library in the area allows access to reading and learning. It's very important to adults and children.
11348	7/10/2012	I feel that infrastructure and other services related to health and safety deserve more weight. I also think schools need more money first, since they are the primary source of education for our children.
11349	7/10/2012	Libraries provide services for people that they would not receive otherwise. Resources and reference books, a place to explore new worlds, computer help, programs for children to be involved in and grow... We need to keep these services alive and well!
11350	7/10/2012	because we are all in this city, this county, this community, this society together and a good library system is a great equalizer and opportunity for a "step up" if used effectively and with purpose.
11351	7/10/2012	Libraries are important, yes, but other "services" like health resources, paved roads, fire and police are essential. They need to be funded first.
11352	7/10/2012	An informed and articulate populace is possible because of freely available reading (and viewing) material. Without that, democratic society erodes . . . and other public services with it.
11353	7/10/2012	If you don't have access to books, you don't have access to education. If we are uneducated, we are doomed as a society.
11354	7/10/2012	Very important

11355	7/10/2012	I can not imagine life with libraries. I can't be the only person who would be utterly lost without them. More people use the library than ride buses or go to ball games and NO ONE appreciates it!
11356	7/10/2012	Quality education is perhaps the most important factor in the well being of our city, and without good libraries that cannot happen.
11357	7/10/2012	Because in a time when we're in a depression(the only difference between then and now, is now were afraid to say it) and library services offer free travel through books, increase literacy, offer a safe environment and offer a system that truly works. Library systems are extremely important and stands for keeping and restoring faith in community offerings and communities as a whole. With times as rough as they are right now, the library is the sanity of those that can't buy coffee every morning, can't afford daycare, can't afford a computer to get their homework done ,regardless of age, class, gender, sexual identity, culture, religion, ethnicity and everything else that makes us human.
11358	7/10/2012	Libraries sort of level the playing field a little bit: providing internet access to people who can't afford it at home, providing access to books to those who can't afford to buy them. Reading books has been so important in my life, and often times I just can't afford to go out and buy every book I would want to read. I haven't taken advantage of many of the other programs listed on the previous screen (programs for kids, elders, job-seekers, language-learners, etc) but those things seem incredibly valuable.[] [] At first I chose somewhat important thinking of police and fire and education, etc as being above that, but I would say that library services are a part of education, and education is the most important thing for the community.
11359	7/10/2012	While there will always be a need for public services - police, fire, medical, etc. - diminishing the role of the library in a community might just increase that need, whereas a community where everyone has access to information will be healthier and less likely to need increased public services. sorry sentence is so clumsy - don't have time to be brief!
11360	7/10/2012	Reading is power. Knowledge is power. The better informed, aware and educated our community is, the more every other aspect of our community will benefit. Hopefully.
11361	7/10/2012	I use it way more than most other public services that I can think of.
11362	7/10/2012	community, knowledge sharing, research, making education accesible to all.
11363	7/10/2012	Libraries are key to a community's literacy rate, which is critical to our economy. Making books available to children in particular is critical to our city's future.
11364	7/10/2012	medium, I can survive without it, others cannot
11365	7/10/2012	Access to literacy is critical for a just and democratic society.
11366	7/10/2012	with limited budget at home, I can't afford to buy all the books. It's nice to check out books from the library for free.

11367	7/10/2012	Access to books=access to knowledge.
11368	7/10/2012	An informed citizenry is the backbone of democracy. Only libraries consistently provide unbiased and in-depth information to all.
11369	7/10/2012	Libraries expand our range of knowledge, entertainment, information, and community togetherness in much more than the overt services they provide.
11370	7/10/2012	I use the library for a variety of reasons. Most services are a single use.
11371	7/10/2012	Libraries are our last stand for literacy, self-improvement, and free access to information. The web is wonderful but simply does not provide the breadth, depth, or free access that libraries can provide.
11372	7/10/2012	Community connectiveness, current awareness, popular literature/media, building skills for those without computers.
11373	7/10/2012	Libraries are central to growing equitable communities, informed citizens, and healthy neighborhoods. The library symbolizes all of these things, and I believe they are essential in our community.
11374	7/10/2012	Books have always been an important part of my life. I have seen how reading and books have changed lives, particularly for young readers.
11375	7/10/2012	Information is of critical importance.
11376	7/10/2012	It is a low cost option for learning, books, computers, available to everyone
11377	7/10/2012	It is important to have the availability of a library and all its services to the community as a strong resource for residents, students and all ages. This helps to fulfill reading and research needs.
11378	7/10/2012	A mind is a terrible thing to waste and when libraries aren't available, we will lose another generation of our youth. Not to mention that Books and other media should be a community concern, just as the police, fire department, hospitals. etc.
11379	7/10/2012	Because it is a free self education, and it is part of our community, people are more connected to the world, the knowledge and to others.
11380	7/10/2012	It provides access to knowledge and resources to populations that are lower on the socioeconomic spectrum, it provides a center for positive community-building, and it grants every individual access to lifelong learning.
11381	7/10/2012	Hands on books are easier for me to understand than computer screens. (I don't know why but I retain the information better.)
11382	7/10/2012	I've been an avid reader since I was a child. Public libraries give me access to books, which educate and entertain me, as well as making me a more rounded person.
11383	7/10/2012	I feel connected to contemporary literature. I would not be able to afford to be so otherwise.
11384	7/10/2012	Very important

11385	7/10/2012	<p>I firmly attest that knowledge, and in a more active stance the control of access to information, is power. The Multnomah County public library system satisfies both of these criterion with an extensive collection of media and materials as well as an open platform to allow patrons access to technology to learn and advance themselves. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>That combined with friendly, knowledgable staff and great resources to search for desired media and quickly check out convinces me we have a great and accessible system for achieving enlightenment. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Compared to other local public services, policing, health, energy, etc., I view the library as an important foundation to learning about how to better utilize all other public services.</p>
11386	7/10/2012	<p>Access to information is vital, especially for those at lower income levels, who might not be able to afford books and computers. As long as library resources are available, if you can read you can teach yourself anything. Services that provide food or housing or health care are critical, and serve an immediate need, but at the library we can find information about maintaining our health and homes, managing our finances, and cooking on a budget. My child has autism, and while community services help to address our needs, they all direct me to the library as well with ideas for books that might be of use. Other public services work better and more efficiently when used with the library.</p>
11387	7/10/2012	They provide equal access- and community
11388	7/10/2012	Because of how often I utilize the library, which is very helpful
11389	7/10/2012	Community health comes first.
11390	7/10/2012	They provide education and support for middle and lower income people.
11391	7/10/2012	critical free service
11392	7/10/2012	A thriving local library is a reflection of the kind of society we have.
11393	7/10/2012	It is essential that we have updated and various access public access to information without threat. All ages need a safe place to go to access information and knowledge.
11394	7/10/2012	Extremely high, we use our library books and media everyday we rely on going to the library weekly and at multiple hours.
11395	7/10/2012	They are a great resource. I like to read, but I don't want to have a lot of "stuff," so being able to borrow books and DVDs is a great way to be low impact.
11396	7/10/2012	Without libraries we effectively dumb down our democratic access to literary resources. People cannot fully participate in a democracy without access to books. Period.
11397	7/10/2012	This is a poorly worded question. I'm not sure what you want to know here
11398	7/10/2012	It is important to have access to books and internet for all, however, if it came down a choice between fire fighters and library (i.e. you can have one or the other and not partial of both), I would go with fire fighters.

11399	7/10/2012	I'm an elementary school teacher who utilizes the book collections to enrich my students' classroom experience.
11400	7/10/2012	Books in the home promote reading in children, which leads to better performance in school, which produces a productive, educated populace. I have been a patron of the library since I was 5 years old and do not see an end in sight. That is what a good library system does: produces life-long readers and learners.
11401	7/10/2012	I have used the libraries all of my life- I can always depend on the library- it is an institution that makes me feel privileged proud to be a part of our American society. If you want to learn something, the library is second only to school.
11402	7/10/2012	We depend on the resources for homework and school projects (books, computer, internet, printer, etc).
11403	7/10/2012	Cornerstone of an informed citizenry. Essential to democracy. Equal access to knowledge.
11404	7/10/2012	Reading is a great joy in my life. As my income level as decreased I am buying less books and borrowing more from library. Those who have no money to buy books, magazines, music,rent movies need to have these items available. Ease of obtaining information elevates quality of people's lives.
11405	7/10/2012	Continuous education and free knowledge is essential. If you don't have that you don't have any structure in a society. People have the right to learn and grow as individuals to help their larger community. Also, it is important to give individuals resources to read books that they might not otherwise be able to afford - even if the primary focus is recreational reading.
11406	7/10/2012	Libraries are crucial. Not every American can afford books, computers, Internet, research support, etc.[] [] We owe it to our youths to supply them all equally with the intellectual raw materials to prepare for our nation's future.
11407	7/10/2012	I don't have the money or time to buy new books. I use the library for reference books. I often check out multiple books on a topic, find the best book, then purchase that book for my personal use. I also love that small children of all classes have access to books!!!
11408	7/10/2012	They provide books that I use for reference for my business and provide books and music CDs for my son's education.
11409	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer in our country. Everyone has access to the materials they need.
11410	7/10/2012	My mom was a librarian & I worked at my college library. It is so incredibly important to have this free resource for anyone & getting information about anything. Real info not someone's opinion on the internet.
11411	7/10/2012	question #7 is not legitimately worded; all local services (road maintenance, garbage & recycling collection, schools, etc.) are very important ...

11412	7/10/2012	I am tempted to say that there are more areas of greater importance such as food, shelter, and health but one of the best way to ensure both is providing the public with knowledge which the library does very well.
11413	7/10/2012	I read alot and use the library resources for books as well as music and movies. Before I had internet in my home I would bring my laptop down and use the library's wi-fi. I believe in access to these resources for everyone as well as public meetings rooms etc.
11414	7/10/2012	Hard to say. It's an institution. It's important. If it changes I will adjust.
11415	7/10/2012	Unrestricted access to information and books, music and materials of all types is important for a just, equitable and democratic society. The public library allows us to freely access these materials without the inhibiting burden of personally purchasing each item so even the poorest citizens can pursue intellectual freedom.
11416	7/10/2012	Libraries provide educational and life enrichment opportunities that help us to become informed, well-rounded people. Libraries are one of the last havens for affordable entertainment accessible to everyone regardless of socio-economic level. Books are where we go to learn and dream about people we may become and places we hope to see, and things we hope to understand. Or just to escape from daily drudgery. Call me cheesy but, libraries are the gateways to other lives and other places. A sane society needs those gateways.
11417	7/10/2012	I need help with research. I know that many people who don't have access to a computer or to internet at home depend on being able to use a computer at the library.
11418	7/10/2012	Social responsibility, personal and community financial success, self image, entrepreneurship, and dreaming of a better future starts with literacy and evolves through continued reading. ALL problems can be solved through reading and educating oneself. Removing or reducing public library services is easily linked to less income to our city, region, country, as well as higher crime rate. The library provides all socioeconomic classes equal opportunity to improve. Our library plants the seeds that eventually, if not immediately, benefit all other publicly funded services. It is a terrible miss in logic to deny the payback literacy and education the library provides.
11419	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. Those who are willfully uninformed or misinformed can be easily manipulated. And personally, I could never afford to buy, even used, all the books I read from the library. Libraries help reduce systemic inequalities of opportunity.
11420	7/10/2012	All of my life, I have gone to the library and used its resources on a regular basis, especially for checking out books, CDs, and movies and doing research. The library has greatly enriched my life and has been one of the few resources that I have used so regularly.
11421	7/10/2012	One of the last bastions of equal opportunity in this country!
11422	7/10/2012	education, inspiring future readers; giving me access to materials that I can't afford to buy on my own

11423	7/10/2012	With schools having little to no money for new books, children need to have another way to access books.
11424	7/10/2012	There are more important things at this point with the economic situation what it is.
11425	7/10/2012	The library serves as a community center for people to get together, get information, and use computers. I know many of the families in North Portland (where I live and work) don't have internet or computers at home. I know many of the families use the libraries as indoor spaces during the rainy/cold season as an extension of their own homes.
11426	7/10/2012	I am a heavy user and I value the service.
11427	7/10/2012	I believe that libraries are right behind police and fire services when it comes to importance. They provide everyone with access to educational and enriching media.
11428	7/10/2012	I am in school so I can access my library on campus for a lot of the materials I look for, and so much is available on the Internet now, that the public library isn't my first stop for media anymore. However, I think it is an important service for those out of school (my parents use it much more frequently than I do), and the community events are a wonderful idea even if I haven't taken advantage of them.
11429	7/10/2012	Because libraries are storehouses of information and knowledge that help empower people to make meaningful and educated decisions with regards to their livelihood and community involvement.
11430	7/10/2012	I grew up loving books and libraries. Everyone needs access to books, periodicals, and other sources of information. The library is one of the few remaining community linchpins open to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.
11431	7/10/2012	They empower people to be lifelong learners, to pursue in depth knowledge of issues and events.
11432	7/10/2012	The library is a priceless resource for information, for networking, for children of all ages and background but especially for the lower to middle class citizen, please do not take away what little we have left that is secure.
11433	7/10/2012	I only put them at "somewhat" important because fire and law enforcement are most important. We can do without libraries to live in society but would we want to? Or, should we have to? No, of course not!
11434	7/10/2012	A good Library system is a quality-of-life issue. It's very important.
11435	7/10/2012	Without literacy our society would crumble. Libraries are a basic source for improving literacy, especially among children.
11436	7/10/2012	It brings knowledge to people who can't afford to buy books, computers and magazines. It is a wise use of public funding because many community members can SHARE these resources.[] [] An educated society improves our quality of life. Libraries are for the common good of all.

11437	7/10/2012	For me a library is not only a place to get books or use a computer it is community building block. As a senior there are few places that I go on my own. A library helps be to keep my mind active, provides opportunities to feel connected to other people so I don't feel as alone. It is an emotional lifesaver.
11438	7/10/2012	Libraries provide important resources for the community to self-educate and to promote early literacy in children. Without them those without the means to provide these resources for themselves and their children would be further disadvantaged. That's why libraries started in this country; so that *all* citizens could educate themselves and participate fully in our democracy.
11439	7/10/2012	Equity: everyone should have access to the library, books and knowledge in general regardless of their socio-economic status.
11440	7/10/2012	Libraries are critical community resources because they provide endless educational and cultural learning opportunities.
11441	7/10/2012	Because I have two young children and I would go broke if I had to buy them the same number of books we check out from the library. I check out 50-100 books a month.
11442	7/10/2012	Free access to materials I'd otherwise have to pay for.
11443	7/10/2012	Very, very important
11444	7/10/2012	I use library for 80% of my entertainment media
11445	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time so it would affect me quite a bit if it wasn't available. However, I realize that there are other public services that are more crucial.
11446	7/10/2012	we make constant use of the materials in the library
11447	7/10/2012	for my own education, enjoyment and intellectual stimulation and also for the betterment of my fellow citizens and surrounding community. The library raises the entire community's intellectual stimulation and education.
11448	7/10/2012	I think of libraries as a great equalizer. Access to information is hugely empowering, and literacy is the basis of our democratic society. Equal access to books and other media without regard to income is one of the few counter-balances to the increasing inequality of our society.
11449	7/10/2012	Supports education even when school is not in session, and for audiences not served by schools.
11450	7/10/2012	As a teacher of 35 years, I understand that reading is FUNDAMENTAL for everyone, beginning at childhood and ending at death. How well a student does in school is directly related to how much reading he/she does; how well informed a citizen is about public issues is the same. And for seniors, reading keeps those little gray cells active and healthy, fighting off dementia, senility and senior moments.
11451	7/10/2012	For the reasons stated in question six.
11452	7/10/2012	very used friendly...am retired...ned books to read, esp. new ones on popular list...old ones to catch up...staff very helpful and knowledgable...
11453	7/10/2012	They are right near the top.... as important as police, fire & teachers.

11454	7/10/2012	We rely on the library to supplement our education of ourselves and our children. The library is one of our primary sources of entertainment.
11455	7/10/2012	We live in an information age, and the library is the best place to get information!
11456	7/10/2012	In order for children to be successful in life, they must read, read, read! Once a love of reading is instilled, it will carry throughout their lives, and help them be successful. I am a perfect example of this. I have been reading since age 3, and I always have a book nearby. My love of reading has helped me excel in college, and will ultimately help me through nursing school, which I am starting this year.
11457	7/10/2012	A good Democracy is based on an informed electorate. The freedom of information and the ability to access it, provides knowledge and knowledge is power to every individual in whatever avenue the individual pursues.
11458	7/10/2012	I love reading with my son, but can't afford to buy new books every few weeks when he gets bored with them. Having the library allows me to expose him to reading and keep him wanting to experience new books with me and my husband.
11459	7/10/2012	Depends on what you're comparing them to. Fire fighters are critical occasionally, but are like paying for insurance - you hope you won't need them, but are willing to pay regardless. And are we differentiating between the various flavors of "local"?
11460	7/10/2012	When I need library services it is important to me to have the services available.
11461	7/10/2012	The wealth of knowledge cannot be found anywhere else but at your local library.
11462	7/10/2012	It's unfair to ask questions that are like apples and oranges. I can tell you why I think the library is important but I don't see any correlation in relating that to what I think of Health Dept or justice, etc. [] [] If you are thinking of where to spend the dollars then ask that question.
11463	7/10/2012	I am a mom and an elementary school teacher so between those two things I check out hundreds of books. The library supports my teaching and my son loves the, "big clock library!"
11464	7/10/2012	Libraries provide the fundamental building block along with our public school system for the regeneration of our society.
11465	7/10/2012	Because library services are about improving peoples lives which strengthens our community and make broad participation possible - they have nothing to do with regulating people (like most City/County services) and everything to do with empowering people
11466	7/10/2012	Libraries are a service provided to the community that improve quality of life. As someone who takes advantage of this service, this is important, but not as critical as certain emergency or social services.
11467	7/10/2012	I'm older and a newcomer to the library. I like to read & it's cost effective for me to use the library. I really enjoy the experience of the place, seeing all the children, the diversity of people, and even the petitioners out in front of the building.

11468	7/10/2012	<p>Yep, fire and police are always needed. The library is THE reference choice trying to come up with an answer of where the best material is available that you are looking for. They have a very broad minded group of people there. SOMEBODY knows something helpful, it may not be the first person you ask but there always seems to be somebody on staff that they will refer you to.</p>
11469	7/10/2012	<p>I use both Multnomah County and Vancouver libraries usually four times a week. (Vancouver is better all around). I use books as reference for what I am developing and cannot get the same quality of information on-line that I can get in printed material (unless the printed material is on-line). Borrowing from other libraries is great in that it allows me to obtain materials that are seldom available anywhere but for a research group or institution. I feel this saves a tremendous amount of funds because each library group doesn't have to have every book or publication to be "complete", therefore more information can be available in total and its usage increased.</p>
11470	7/10/2012	<p>The individual young or old have the opportunity to expand access to a variety of resources. It is not just books. It consists of interacting with people. Events and classes are frequent. ☐ Magazines, DVD's, CD's-music or not, online resources, and downloaded material are available.☐ Government is vital, but this resource is accessible to anyone.☐ Having the library open 7 days a week with some later hours is important. (These reduced hours have affected my use of the computer. My computer is not working now. I may have my smartphone, but there are times I must use a real computer and print.) I understand there are tablets that can be used. Study rooms are most useful whether a student or not.</p>
11471	7/10/2012	<p>The services provided are services that I can otherwise obtain either by purchasing the books or music or magazines, or by obtaining the information online. Other services are more necessary for my daily life and cannot be obtained elsewhere</p>
11472	7/10/2012	<p>Pretty important</p>
11473	7/10/2012	<p>knowledge is power; education, enlightenment</p>
11474	7/10/2012	<p>If I get killed in a fire or shot dead for my pocket change being able to read for free isn't going to be very useful.</p>
11475	7/10/2012	<p>Resources for my children</p>
11476	7/10/2012	<p>I believe in libraries. I have the means to buy books but many don't. Libraries are responsible for educating the population along with schools.</p>
11477	7/10/2012	<p>School books and helping me study and do research</p>
11478	7/10/2012	<p>the library is more important than ever because we live in the information age, and it is the one place anyone can go to get information for free!</p>
11479	7/10/2012	<p>Resources for those who don't have them books and computers.</p>
11480	7/10/2012	<p>Access to knowledge and resources on an equitable basis.</p>
11481	7/10/2012	<p>libraries assist with education and provide resources to a lot of people.</p>

11482	7/10/2012	it's just nice to know there is a quiet place to go to concentrate, plan, study. and it's such an amazing resource- i love books, even though the internet seems to provide endless information, I trust professionally published information much more than open-source internet information that anyone can put out there.
11483	7/10/2012	fire, safety, schools come first
11484	7/10/2012	I feel like the health of all other public services stems from a good public library system.
11485	7/10/2012	There are services that are more important competing for funds.
11486	7/10/2012	Because not many people including myself look that deep into the matter.
11487	7/10/2012	Because student's use the library to study, people who don't have internet access in this day & age use the library. It's a very resourceful place of information. There are not very many free programs for kids and parents and the programs the library offers are wonderful, it is a great way for parents to teach their children the importance of reading at a very young age as well as get people involved in their communities. Having a place to use a computer and have internet access is really important for people to be able to search for employment.
11488	7/10/2012	I cannot afford to buy books. The library provides me with access to books which I cannot afford.
11489	7/10/2012	What other local public services are you referring to?? Electricity, gas, police, firemen, public schools? It's nowhere near as important as any of those. Libraries are wonderful, but they are a luxury.
11490	7/10/2012	They signify and offer information to any who seek it. Their the only truly "available to everyone" public service.
11491	7/10/2012	Because libraries provide free access to information for all people. Libraries are our greatest equalizer.
11492	7/10/2012	Information, current reading materials, a resource dedicated for "READING".
11493	7/10/2012	for the imparting of knowledge.
11494	7/10/2012	Libraries provide necessary materials and resources to people of all income levels. Without them, many children and adults would not have books to read. They also provide computer access, which is becoming even more important every year, since many jobs and resources cannot be accessed without a computer.
11495	7/10/2012	This is the only means for many people to access information, either print or digital.
11496	7/10/2012	They are a nice thing to have, but I would rank most other public services higher in importance.
11497	7/10/2012	As I grow older and start to enter retirement I use the library more and more.
11498	7/10/2012	I have a 16-month-old and a second baby on the way, and I believe its VERY important to inspire young children to read, and to love and cherish books. I want to be able to teach my children how to go to the library to find books they want to read.
11499	7/10/2012	I use the library more weekly or monthly vs. daily.
11500	7/10/2012	I use the local library more than any other public service, except transit.
11501	7/10/2012	

11502	7/10/2012	they are an equal opportunity service; anyone from any economic class can easily use the library. Education and learning are so important to allow people to achieve their best, especially with public schools in decay and the still sluggish economy affecting job seekers.
11503	7/10/2012	like schools, libraries are paramount to our community life. they provide a place for anyone to be warm, dry and have access to information.
11504	7/10/2012	Information is valuable and libraries provide access at no cost to everyone. What other service does that?
11505	7/10/2012	Libraries--free access to information and technologies for everyone--are a cornerstone of an informed, literate citizenry. Libraries facilitate an open and democratic society.
11506	7/10/2012	a sense of community, stability in the community centered at the library, in addition to amazing access to anything I want to read, all free (after I've gladly paid my taxes), equal access for everyone in the community, excellent experience for children learning to read, learning to love reading
11507	7/10/2012	Libraries save me money, help me stay informed and entertained, and help me do my job. Keep libraries funded!
11508	7/10/2012	I'd rank library services below health and safety - but they are incredibly important for learning across all ages, providing access to computers, voting pamphlet access and drop-off venues, etc etc etc - everyone should have access to a library and feel welcomed there.
11509	7/10/2012	I'm pursuing my MLIS degree, for one reason. Also, libraries, like public schools, serve to educate their community. Without libraries, only those who can pay for knowledge have access to it. In a democracy, where people need to be educated on what they vote upon, libraries are crucial
11510	7/10/2012	When I am researching a subject or wanting to read a book, I can find it at the library most of the time.
11511	7/10/2012	I can think of other public services such as healthcare and public transportation that are more important. That's it to say education and libraries aren't important, they are just less in comparison
11512	7/10/2012	Because safety services come first, I guess. Next are libraries which I see as a part of our educational system to include anyone, regardless of income.
11513	7/10/2012	IF effectively used, it can be a center around which community can be built. With some sensible guidance, children can perhaps be persuaded to see the library as an alternative place to "hang".
11514	7/10/2012	I relied on them to get my Social Security Data verified and authorized.
11515	7/10/2012	Libraries are fundamental to an educated, democratic, healthy society.
11516	7/10/2012	I worked hard to provide for my family and raise responsible children and we spent many hours at libraries. If it weren't for being able to get books and have access to the library programs, my children may have been on the streets with others.
11517	7/10/2012	Without adequate funding the branches would severely cut back hours or close. Either would be disasterous for many people who need the access.
11518	7/10/2012	society less free without.

11519	7/10/2012	Because there are other ways to acquire information now other than having to visit the library.
11520	7/10/2012	One of the main reasons that I live in Multnomah County is the library system. It is the thing that the county does best.
11521	7/10/2012	I cannot afford an electronic reader or buying a book that I will read only once.
11522	7/10/2012	The library and the librarians provide us with information about and access to books/media that we may not have known about or would not have been able to read. There are books that are important for us that we cannot afford to buy or just want to read. They are a great reliable resource for finding information. They encourage children to read with the programs that they offer and are building a generation of literate citizens who will have the capability to be involved in their community.
11523	7/10/2012	Because, when I go to Central Library, I see folks from a different socio-economic status utilizing the library to search for a job, expand their mind, teach their children, get out of the rain, things that would otherwise not be possible for them and their children and families.
11524	7/10/2012	Because the library reaches so many people and meets many different needs. It offers parents a place to bring their children early on to instill the value of literacy and reading. It offers easy computer access to people who might otherwise not have access. Most importantly, library services are essential to maintaining a local community--a safe and educational meeting place for Portland's citizens.
11525	7/10/2012	If it wasn't for the bus system for example I would be able to get to the library that I most use. They go hand in hand. And I wish if the bus fares were cheaper than they are. Even that, I am barely able to afford.
11526	7/10/2012	It is necessary for a community to have access to current materials, resources, and programs to stimulate learning and provide direction for self-help.
11527	7/10/2012	Because of the open access to educational and entertainment materials.
11528	7/10/2012	I don't consider literacy and education a privilege. We visit the library at least weekly for books for our preschooler and myself. Purchasing books at the rate we read would not be affordable in even the most robust of economies. Daily reading has always been apart of my life and I expect to pass that passion on to my daughter.
11529	7/10/2012	Libraries are the reason I'm an interested reader today. We didn't have many books in my home growing up. The library was free, open and a place that I could adventure to mostly on my own as a young person. I want young people today to have that opportunity.
11530	7/10/2012	I'm a bookworm and it's great to be able to get books to read without having to spend tons of money buying them. I also love having foreign language materials to learn with during my free time. They've been a huge help for a Middle Eastern Studies major.

11531	7/10/2012	The library is a safe haven for so many people from all walks of life, a place where young and old alike can stretch their minds and learn how to be critical thinkers. The old saying, "reading is fundamental" is so true. Without well educated people, who will there be to provide all of those other public services?
11532	7/10/2012	Question 7 is confusing - what "other local public services" are you referring to? Police? Schools? Sewage management? All of them? And no matter what your answer is to that, I am not sure what you are trying to measure. Would declaring that Libraries are more important to me than Sewers working right be useful to you? I think a better line of questioning would be clearer re: what the average tax payer would be willing to do to weigh in on how funds are spent.
11533	7/10/2012	Nothing improves a community more than accessibly (free) education and opportunity for everyone.
11534	7/10/2012	Portland's great libraries are a major part of our city's identity. Portlanders are known to be well-read, and take pride in that aspect of our identity. Every time I commute to work on the MAX light rail I see someone reading a book stamped "MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY". The resources that our library system provides are a major part of maintaining a well-educated and culturally-literate populace.
11535	7/10/2012	Can't answer #7 without identifying the local public services you refer to. Survival trumps libraries, but as an information source and a possible link to services in a community, a library could be a hub.
11536	7/10/2012	It's free, it's accessible and it attracts all ages
11537	7/10/2012	That's what we use.
11538	7/10/2012	I think the availability of books is crucial to an informed society.
11539	7/10/2012	Because I use them extensively
11540	7/10/2012	Knowledge repository for society that is equitably accessible. Locus of community.
11541	7/10/2012	Because I read.
11542	7/10/2012	I don't at this time have a need for other public services
11543	7/10/2012	a library is non-discriminating, open to everyone. As I said previously, it is because libraries fulfill their mission while many other public services do not. Parks also fulfill their mission, as do fire departments. Sadly, the courts, schools, police, and city bureaucracies all share a spot on the list of ineffective public services.
11544	7/10/2012	I primarily use the online.
11546	7/10/2012	Because if you can't afford to purchase a book at least one can go to the library and rent it for a period of time.
11547	7/10/2012	They are not as crucial as timely emergency fire and medical services and such, but they are very important in providing all members of the community access to quality educational and self-improvement materials - it is a very basic right.
11548	7/10/2012	fun place to feel connected to community; free access to entertainment and education (DVDs and books)

11549	7/10/2012	fire, police, and roads rank above well above libraries - I believe that the libraries could be open less and on a rotating schedule - so that there is some library is open each day but not all of them,
11550	7/10/2012	Having a high quality public library system is an important part of the quality of life we have here.
11551	7/10/2012	Because of the way the library can and does meet the needs of so many people
11552	7/10/2012	information access! everyone should read more to use their imagination
11553	7/10/2012	it's not a service I or my family use. most times what we need is the internet and the computers designated for this are all in use, or the time frame is not enough for my child doing a school project.
11554	7/10/2012	If in "local public services" you include social services, then feeding and housing people and keeping them safe have to come ahead of libraries, but libraries are important.
11555	7/10/2012	Our libraries are fundamental to quality of life, educational opportunity (especially where schools are also underfunded!), and community life.
11556	7/10/2012	Libraries are for everyone. Access to information to all people in our community ensures personal growth, educational opportunities, culture, and history is open to all without financial or transportation barriers.
11557	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and I love books. Other public services are as important especially police and fire for our safety, but the library is what makes us citizens of the world. It allows us to read and explore other places and learn about other cultures all while we stay here in Multnomah County.
11558	7/10/2012	Having access to libraries as a child was essential in fostering my love of literature & reading. Access to a variety of engaging books & materials is irreplaceable for children in all communities.
11559	7/10/2012	I use my library only slightly more often than I use sidewalks and roads (and I'm on my bike every day). I trust them more than I trust the police. Most importantly, a properly-funded library has the opportunity to serve a diverse community with myriad needs.
11560	7/10/2012	I can't say a library is more important than police and fire protection, or unemployment services, or social services - even though I'd like to...
11561	7/10/2012	Everything is free! If I am patient and willing to occasionally wait on a hold list, I can read any book I want, listen to any CD or audiobook I want, and watch any DVD I want - all for free. I have no need to fill up my already-crowded home by buying these things. I'm not the type of person who re-reads books, either - there are so many wonderful new things coming out every day! I love that my tax dollars make these materials available to me and to other Portlanders. Also, while most "public services" are useful, the library is useful and FUN!
11562	7/10/2012	I believe that libraries are necessary for children and low-income individuals who can benefit from the resources that they have to offer. It's a way for the people to educate themselves and socially interact with others that seek the same things.
11563	7/10/2012	I love to read and I love seeing children love to read. A world of knowledge is open to everyone regardless of income level of family, etc.

11564	7/10/2012	I read every day. Being able to go online and place holds on books that I hear about is such a wonderful convenience. I have a chronic illness that is very painful, so having easy access to my library is critical.
11565	7/10/2012	Our library system enables and sustains a quality of life I hold dear and am raising my children to value. They are being shaped and nurtured through the library's resources---resources I could never afford to pay for on my own.
11566	7/10/2012	Because local libraries are a center for information, education and escape, dream (fiction). I would qualify their services vital for a community.
11567	7/10/2012	I use the library more than any other service offered in this community. It's the great equalizer offering value regardless of age, genders, race, income, sexual orientation, physical ability, etc. My quality of life and that of my community is enriched by our library system.
11568	7/10/2012	they are important resources for all aspects of my life.
11569	7/10/2012	medium
11570	7/10/2012	The only way we grow as a society is to be educated, and to be educated you need access to reliable information.
11571	7/10/2012	I check out books and movies that I would not otherwise purchase or rent
11572	7/10/2012	What is Life without READING Good Books ????
11573	7/10/2012	I use the library more than most other services (unless we're including roads...).
11574	7/10/2012	My family uses the library for books and sometimes DVDs and have since the 1960s. My daughter and I have both volunteered at our local branch, Midland.
11575	7/10/2012	Because I use them ALL THE TIME.
11576	7/10/2012	Provides books I wAnt to read.
11577	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to a library and its resources!
11578	7/10/2012	They provide access to materials for people that otherwise would not have them.
11579	7/10/2012	i highly value reading and learning in general for myself and everyone in the community. free public library services encourages and facilitates learning partly by being readily available and free.
11580	7/10/2012	Books enrich lives in a way that nothing else can. They entertain, inform and educate. A life without access to books is a shadow of what it could be.
11581	7/10/2012	My family and friends use the library ALL THE TIME. I'm there a couple of times a week, checking out books, audiobooks, music, movies. My kids love the summer reading program. It's a wonderful resource for everyone.
11582	7/10/2012	Libraries connect us in so many ways - they provide us with tools and resources - particularly for those folks who may not have certain resources and access.
11583	7/10/2012	Without a listing of other public servies, it would be hard to give an exact ranking. I believe I would put it just below the basic necessities (water, sewer, trash, schools). A well-funded library system is vital.
11584	7/10/2012	Because there are alternative services I prefer and I don't like high taxes.

11585	7/10/2012	Because they contribute to literacy and a sense of community. They are essential for a democratic republic to actually exist. The replacement of respectful, caring, rational, factual public discussion of national, statewide and local issues with lies, ad hominem attacks, incitements of prejudices, trash-talking and immature insults stops us from solving our serious problems and re-asserts an ugly, violent, all war all the time world which most people are ready to replace with the peaceful world we have cultivated within ourselves. Are you too lazy to do your emotional homework and get rid of that beast within?
11586	7/10/2012	
11587	7/10/2012	Beleive that everyone should have free access to books.
11588	7/10/2012	We LOVE our library!
11589	7/10/2012	For the sense of community.
11590	7/10/2012	Access to information for folks that can't afford it. Our libraries are a cultural resource for the entire community.
11591	7/10/2012	Crucial. I can't afford to buy books and don't have a television. I read over 100 books a year, all checked out from the library. Also very important is being able to place a hold and have a book delivered to my local branch.
11592	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader. I may buy 10 books a year, but I use hundreds from the library each year. I also love the online resources such as audio books, music and language tutors.
11593	7/10/2012	The local library serves as an instrumental tool for educating the community
11594	7/10/2012	I think it is important for everyone to have access to knowledge regardless of their income.
11595	7/10/2012	I love the library and I love the idea of the library as a publicly funded collection of literature and knowledge that is available to everyone.
11596	7/10/2012	Even though I have not been using the library a great deal lately, I am extremely aware of how critically important library services are to others (e.g. Counseling clients). Also, I have a brand new grandchild and am looking forward to using the library a great deal w/ him. Libraries have been important to me my entire life.
11597	7/10/2012	An educated, well informed citizenry is essential for a better community, one that is nicer to live in.
11598	7/10/2012	a well informed public is the mainstay of a democratic society
11599	7/10/2012	We use this as one of our primary means of entertainment for ourselves and the children. It's a very easy way to access reading material and community programs for no cost. When you are on a tight budget it is a life saver and it keeps us connected to our community.
11600	7/10/2012	Because they provide a significant educational resource for citizens to remain informed at a time when such opportunities are scarce.
11601	7/10/2012	An essential element of a neighborhood or town.
11602	7/10/2012	I am a school librarian & use MCL to preview purchases, research, even to help catalogue. I also borrow & resend research titles that our school cannot afford or that may be too recondite for general use.
11603	7/10/2012	If you can read you can do or learn to do anything.

11604	7/10/2012	Police, fire, basic infrastructure, and the public school system are more important. The library system is more important than all other public services that occur to me right now.
11605	7/10/2012	It is the community resource my family uses the most. My children will grow up with our neighborhood being a big part of their lives.
11606	7/10/2012	They provide equal access to information and learning opportunities.
11607	7/10/2012	because the library give people that can't normally gain access to other materials can with the library
11608	7/10/2012	I believe libraries are the most important resource in any community. I do not vote for most taxes/levies, but I always do for the library, and I always will. The acquisition of and access to knowledge is what makes us civilized, I think.
11609	7/10/2012	The library provides a service to me that I am not able to get at home - for example, internet connection & printing ability. That's personal to me - it's about the only local public service I use besides the bus!
11610	7/10/2012	If we are comparing access to libraries to trash pick up, recycling, street cleaning, etc., libraries are less important than vital services that ensure safety, public health, etc.
11611	7/10/2012	Specifically to me, libraries are important because they offer access to expensive scholarly books and periodicals. Otherwise, libraries are important for keeping culture alive and accessible to all.
11612	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to information for EVERYONE. I have been using public libraries for a long time and have found them to be essential to my life. I rely on libraries for information, help with research, entertainment - in short, they broaden my world. The library resources are not enough, though, without competent, user-friendly staff to help the community user to navigate the system.
11613	7/10/2012	To help build a more eductated electorate
11614	7/10/2012	It is a free service which provides me with countless hours of enjoyment through participation in programs and book reading. I DO NOT USE THE COMPUTER for pleasure reading and rarely for research. I love books. I love their feel. I love their smell. I enhance my personal library with copies of library books I've borrowed and wish to reread The library is simply part of my varied and lovely life; in fact, my present home was selected in small part because of it's proximity to the Hollywood branch.
11615	7/10/2012	The MCL nurtures our community, Access to such a fine array of programs for all people is essential.[] [] It is a haven people turn to when they don't have other resources.
11616	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of the few services that benefit everyone rather than smaller subsets of our population. They also represent a positive, growth oriented service vs. addressing a social, personal, or cultural need or deficiency.
11617	7/10/2012	Because ignorance is this wealthy society is unacceptable. Cost and who pays for it is irrelevant.

11618	7/10/2012	Creates a sense of community and serves as a resource for research and ongoing career development.
11619	7/10/2012	Very high.
11620	7/10/2012	It's important that information and literature is accessible to all.
11621	7/10/2012	This is a tangible service that builds community, learning, and education
11622	7/10/2012	Because they make it so that not only people who can afford books can read books.
11623	7/10/2012	As important as books and library services are, they do not deliver direct care or assistance to those with immediate needs.
11624	7/10/2012	Personally, they are at a very high level of importance, because I don't make use of many other local public services, but I understand that those services are vital to other people and probably outrank the library for them.
11625	7/10/2012	It's great to have that resource in your neighborhood.
11626	7/10/2012	There are those who still love to read; a lifetime passion for many. Bookstores and online stores are too expensive for most people; especially young parents with children and seniors.
11627	7/10/2012	Just below critical services.
11628	7/10/2012	Library offers free access to books and information. Comes along with a sense of community and shared learning/enjoyment that one does not find on the internet.
11629	7/10/2012	The library is a place for free learning, I place the library with other education (K-12), right under Public Health and Safety (clean water, police, fire and rescue) on my list of priorities for public services.
11630	7/10/2012	Most economic way to keep informed via use of media.
11631	7/10/2012	I am a retired senior and I read daily. I checkout books, audio books and read newspapers there. It is a place for me to go and relax and read periodicals. I can't buy every book I want and so I depend on the library.
11632	7/10/2012	They're somewhat important to me because I want the resource to be there especially for kids that perhaps cannot afford to buy the books, ebooks, internet access, etc. I personally don't use the physical library buildings very much anymore, but still appreciate being able to check out books online that I cannot afford or want to explore before investing in.
11633	7/10/2012	I love to read and I appreciate the wide selection the libraries offer. It's sustainable not to have to buy the books, allows you to try different types of books and authors.
11634	7/10/2012	Self improvement it possible for the poor namely myself
11635	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what's included with other local public services. there is such a range. Some are perhaps more important than libraries, especially if they involve health, welfare, and safety. However, libraries are very important in helping young people to learn to read, providing access to books for the elderly, and providing internet access and other resources for people who don't have computers.

11636	7/10/2012	I've been a library attendee all my life (I'm 51 now). I have always loved to read and feel it's critical for communities to provide children with books and places to read them. I also participated in a program to help look for work over 25 years ago, and learned some important information about myself then.
11637	7/10/2012	My daughter and I are students and we need access to books, research tools, etc.
11638	7/10/2012	Libraries are a community meeting place and center, a way to help educate society, an invaluable resource for those not able to afford reading material/education/access to internet/job seekers.
11639	7/10/2012	Less important then police, fire, medical and education services, but still essential for any community.
11640	7/10/2012	My first thought was that libraries were the most important public service to me, personally--for my own life. But then I realized that they are not as important as the things I take for granted, such as roads and clean water. So other than that basic survival stuff, the library is the most important. It gives people from all backgrounds and economic status and situations (etc etc etc) equal access to so much information, entertainment, and knowledge.
11641	7/10/2012	I am one of those adults who loved to read as a child. I grew up on a farm in Iowa and eagerly awaited the days the local bookmobile visited my nearby town of 26 people. As an adult, I consider literacy as essential as food and shelter. I've seen the effects on one's life from growing up illiterate or losing their reading skills due to brain injury. The library is a window to the world for many people.
11642	7/10/2012	Offering library services is vital to the mental health of a community and promotes civic discourse.
11643	7/10/2012	I think the library is a fundamental civic institution.
11644	7/10/2012	Books should always be accessible for free.
11645	7/10/2012	They represent an intersection between education, economy and community- which gives them the potential to serve a higher purpose and impact a broad range of people.
11646	7/10/2012	Because I value the service libraries provide for my neighborhood.
11647	7/10/2012	I would say very important, however, I am not education to know what other local public services exist in totality. Community services are all important. Having options for growth and bring people together should be priority.
11648	7/10/2012	reduce expense of purchasing books and other materials.
11649	7/10/2012	This is an opportunity for all people to be informed.
11650	7/10/2012	The library is the only source that provides what they provide.
11651	7/10/2012	As prices increase and salaries and government services decrease, places and service like the library will be more important than ever, the difference between 1 person buying a book or paying for internet service vs. 20 or 100 people sharing the same book or computer terminal. Yes, we pay taxes but that saves us all money in the long term.
11652	7/10/2012	to stop the dumbing down of society
11653	7/10/2012	I think keeping well maintained parks and park programing is of equal importance.

11654	7/10/2012	Reading is important! One gains knowledge (which is power), has the opportunity to experience new worlds, etc. Also, computer access for those who don't have a computer is vital in this day and age. Also, getting young kids involved in reading will benefit them greatly in the future.
11655	7/10/2012	People who have access to books are more literate. Those who are more literate may contribute and give back to society more.
11656	7/10/2012	I use the library for a litany of things: checking out new reading material, music, and movies; classes and workshops; computers; photocopying; research.
11657	7/10/2012	They aren't life sustaining but improve the quality of life
11658	7/10/2012	While I don't use our local library all that often, I consider it extremely important. A more tolerant, better educated populace matters to me a great deal and I think local libraries play an important role in that.
11659	7/10/2012	We use the library on almost a daily basis. It is our first line of defense against suppression of free speech and our "go to" for information.
11660	7/10/2012	People that do not have access to computers, books, periodicals would be left without a place to get these resources. Helping people improve makes for a better society.
11661	7/10/2012	Library books and media are one of my primary sources of entertainment. The library has been my favorite place since was 5 years old - almost 60 years ago. Now my grandchildren are enjoying the story times and books at the Multnomah County Library.
11662	7/10/2012	I appreciate having so many books at my children's disposal. I like that the fact that we can borrow certain books for a little while and then give it back for someone else to use. It is a great way to explore different topics and areas of the world without completely overwhelming my house. As a avid reader myself, I like the fact that I can encourage my children's love of reading through the library.
11663	7/10/2012	If necessary, I do have the private resources to purchase some portion of what I borrow from the library, so it's not at the highest level.[] [] However, I enjoy the library's resources (and even the Central Library itself), and I do go there every 2-3 weeks to check out resources. It's part of my life.
11664	7/10/2012	They increase the social value and self-reliance of the neighborhood. Democracy and freedom are directly proportional to the availability and diversity of literature to the public, which the library provides.
11665	7/10/2012	It's a great service.

11666	7/10/2012	<p>Because they help to keep working class people literate and the community in general functional, not just because of access to books with stories but because of access to instructional DVD's, nonfiction books about health, diet, nutrition, science, music, painting, etc. Because of public computers and classes for people to learn how to sue them as well as friendly, knowledgeable staff who can help. Most businesses use online appreciations these days so you pretty much can't job-hunt without beginning to intermediate computer/internet literacy. Also, services for seniors, children, and immigrants wanting to learn English--the library has many instructional books and CD's to help speakers of other languages learn English. ☐</p> <p>Without public libraries we would be living in a third-world country!</p>
11667	7/10/2012	<p>Because of my need for internet access and also my new desire to learn about my heritage</p>
11668	7/10/2012	<p>Professionally, if I could not access all our library offers, my career would be severely hampered. But more than that, I know that Portland has more immigrant families, more kids living in poverty, more adults seeking jobs, an aging senior population--and ALL of those folks depend on the library, in different ways. Cutting library services is short-term savings with great long-term detriment, probably unmeasurable but certain to have deep effects on education and employment across the community for years to come.</p>
11669	7/10/2012	<p>We are an unschooling family that places a lot of importance in self-directed learning. The library is essential to our ability to continue our learning as a family. Our visits are a primary part of our week.</p>
11670	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries are community anchors.</p>
11671	7/10/2012	<p>utility and roads--way more important. I can always get reading material somewhere else. i only have so much money which i can spend and still afford to live in oregon. funding of library is a luxury not an requirement to live.</p>
11672	7/10/2012	<p>I love them and think they encourage me and my kids to read!</p>
11673	7/10/2012	<p>Very.</p>
11674	7/10/2012	<p>place for study, learning and enjoyment</p>
11675	7/10/2012	<p>DEFCON ZERO</p>
11676	7/10/2012	<p>Literacy and access to free learning materials trickles down to all other levels of society.</p>
11677	7/10/2012	<p>access to books for all incomes</p>
11678	7/10/2012	<p>knowledge is important</p>
11679	7/10/2012	<p>Great way to stay connected to community and access to books and media.</p>
11680	7/10/2012	<p>Need for information</p>
11681	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries give everyone access to important materials that generally make life better. I learned to read through my local library and I always participated in summer reading programs. The library was always a safe, comforting place for me to go as a child.</p>
11682	7/10/2012	<p>I don't know.</p>

11683	7/10/2012	I wouldn't place them above police and fire, but they are important, especially for those with limited abilities to buy all their own books, CDs, & DVDs.
11684	7/10/2012	First, it would depend on the other public services you're talking about. It's really important to me because I love to read and listen to books on CD. There is no way I could afford to read as much or listen as much as I do if I had to purchase everything. I always did the summer reading programs as a kid and attended the different activities offered.
11685	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. Resources are empowering. While it is more and more common to do most things online, I and many others do not have access or financial ability to have online capabilities all the time or at all. I need the library for the resource and community.
11686	7/10/2012	While I don't use the library much at this time in my life, there have been many times (childhood, unemployment, etc) where my local library was extremely important to me. I wouldn't want others to be deprived of such a valuable resource.
11687	7/10/2012	it allows people who need access to information, knowledge and resources to obtain them for free. i consider it my #1 priority in local public services.
11688	7/10/2012	Access to information and education should not be reserved for those lucky enough to be able to afford it.
11689	7/10/2012	The library is the only government funded entity I've named in my will. That says it all.
11690	7/10/2012	For access to general information, free entertainment media (and somewhat rare, e.g. foreign films, documentaries, etc.), and for a sense of community.
11691	7/10/2012	Libraries are basic to a functional democracy. I like democracy.
11692	7/10/2012	I'm out of bookshelf space at home so having a way to borrow books has become more critical for me.
11693	7/10/2012	Most important to me are infrastructure maintenance, followed by safety, then libraries.
11694	7/10/2012	I get books I need to read for English at the library, and I get other interesting books there as well.
11695	7/10/2012	Culturally enriching.
11696	7/10/2012	Police and fire first, utilities second, libraries third.
11697	7/10/2012	They are a community asset that helps us access information we need to be good citizens, use leisure productively, and raise our children to be creative and curious.
11698	7/10/2012	They are available to all. Almost everyone is aware of what the libraries offer so it's also a wonderful way to distribute information about additional community offerings.
11699	7/10/2012	Library services are essential!
11700	7/10/2012	Again, it would be more important to me if it didn't seem to serve as a day shelter for young panhandlers, vagrants and people whom I believe to be a health hazard. Eliminate being able to bring in large backpacks and duffle bags. And please, no smoking on the stairs leading up to the Central Library. The entire block should be no smoking.
11701	7/10/2012	Filling a pot hole helps your car ---- keeping your library open changes lives.

11702	7/10/2012	I use the library occasionally for myself. I consider access to information a basic necessity in a fair society.
11703	7/10/2012	I grew up in a library family. We didn't have much money and the library was free, plus it encouraged great reading habits. Our family always went together to the library. I've been a lifelong reader for 35+ years. And my mom is a librarian.
11704	7/10/2012	I think there are other services that provide more basic, immediate needs, but libraries are necessary as a centralized, *assisted* knowledge and reference center. Basically, the library itself is just a collection of books, easily matched by websites. The *librarians* are your true resource, assisting, suggesting, and teaching people.
11705	7/10/2012	The library provides an unending resource for all. It is a gathering place. It can open s to so many different areas of learning, understanding and growth that I can't say enough about it. A library was my first destination when I had access to a bike. The first summer I was there every day. So much so that the librarians "let" me shelve books, a distinct privilege! I was allowed access to what was referred to as the junior high room two years earlier than most. That was where I developed a love of historical fiction that continues.
11706	7/10/2012	Knowledge & education, such as is available throught the many library services, is the basis of community well-being and the basis for the most informed & wise choices in all other areas of community & civic life.
11707	7/10/2012	I require research materials for my work as a graphic designer to help inform, educate and generate ideas. Can't rely solely on the internet where I the source material is not always clearly cited or known. There is also something incredibly inspiring about the tactile quality of books. Also, saves money. It's not always necessary or desired to purchase books.
11708	7/10/2012	Libraries are a collective resource for so much information. My library was my initial conduit to my introduction when I first moved here. I could ask the questions I had and be directed to more specific resources.

11709	7/10/2012	<p>I believe all people, regardless of income level, should have access to information and the exchange of ideas. The library enables everyone in the community to do this. My own income is limited, so I am picky about what printed material I purchase. I love being able to explore a wide range of genres and ideas through the library and then purchase those that truly connect with me. In addition, I have often found I can access materials of interest through the library that are simply not available through commercial avenues such as mainstream booksellers or mainstream video outlets. As a teacher, I value the educational resources the library provides, encouraging young readers to maintain their skills over the summer. I teach at a Title I school and many of my students would not have access to reading material at their level if it weren't for the library. Many of my students also do not have access to online resources at home, and, in working with their families, I am acutely aware of the digital divide that can present obstacles to low-income job-seekers. Often, the library is the resource that helps them overcome these obstacles. ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>As a writer, I have found the library's online research tools to be invaluable assets, providing access to much more in-depth materials than a simple Google search, and without the hidden profit-driven controls that some online searches involve. I have a number of friends with physical limitations and transportation limitations who make extensive use of the library's homebound delivery services. As a professional actor and an audio producer, my husband often uses the library to find video and audio resources for projects he is working on.¶</p>
11710	7/10/2012	<p>It is a great resource for the community. A way for individuals to access materials that would be more expensive with out this service. A sign of health and education for the community. That being said I am positive that there are more creative ways to fund the library. For example: cutting some paid staff and making use of volunteers, cutting salaries at the top of the scale, charging for shipping costs of materials, increasing late fees, cutting the things that are "extras"...</p>
11711	7/10/2012	<p>Because I have found an advantage to using them as an alternative to always using coffeeshops. When researching, language learning, or diving into some work I need to focus on....pastries, music, too much coffee, and socializing are distracting. I used to bury myself in bowels of PSU library when had to focus on something to get done. Anywhere else - home, friends places, parks, cafes - I can get distracted by pleasant other things to do. Libraries are a pool of information - the surroundings encourage you to focus on your learning. ¶</p> <p>And the people are so helpful for whatever I want - when job hunting, there's no pressure to buy books there's just encouragemnt to get something done. It's subliminal. If we all pay for the libraries ourselves - it's our taxes, and we want them like we want parks for fun outdoors and good roads for safe travel for our cars - why can't we have save, data-stocked, study, meeting, learning and community centers called libraries?</p>
11712	7/10/2012	<p>I check a lot of books out at the library and this is a large part of my entertainment.</p>
11713	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries are the keepers of our culture.</p>
11714	7/10/2012	<p>Love keeping current with books and videos. Love downloading audible books.</p>
11715	7/10/2012	<p>Reading is the basis of being a successful member of society--without it, it's awfully hard. At their core, this is the mission of the libraries, and the access is free and equitable to all who seek it out.</p>

11716	7/10/2012	open access to books for everyone
11717	7/10/2012	While the library is essential for building stronger communities and encouraging literacy, other public services meet more basic and immediate needs (food, clothing, shelter).
11718	7/10/2012	Because I believe valuing reading and education are essential and carry no price tag too high.
11719	7/10/2012	Access to materials for low income families is crucial. Community gathering places not focused on alcohol or athletics is crucial.
11720	7/10/2012	I am a stay at home mom and I depend upon the library as part of my weekly routine.
11721	7/10/2012	Because people can get ALL kinds of information at the library.
11722	7/10/2012	access to informtion for all people no matter their circumstances
11723	7/10/2012	An informed citizenry is the cornerstone of democracy AND knowledge is power.
11724	7/10/2012	They are something that I use very often. They enrich the lives of all the users. How can a community not support the collection and distribution of knowledge?
11725	7/10/2012	I'm a reader, libraries have always been an important part of my life. They are community centers, sources of knowledge, information, new ideas. I love all the work MCL does to reach out to youth, job-seekers, seniors, etc.
11726	7/10/2012	I have lived all over the world and this is perhaps the top library system that i have ever encountered.[] The access to media from books to recordings to films is unsurpassed and..as i become ever more conscious of dwindling resources(paper, etc.) i try to buy fewer and fewer books but..still love to read almost more then anything else and so...the ability to access so much from my local library is a treasure that is beyond words.
11727	7/10/2012	It's extremely difficult to compare e.g. police or fire services with the public service a library provides. However, I believe that education is the key to regional (and national) prosperity, and libraries continue to provide resources to people in our community from all walks of life, all incomes and education levels, to help them be good citizens and active participants in civic life.
11728	7/10/2012	Libraries are access to information, equally available to all. Without them, ignorance spreads, and people who need information are left without it.
11729	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power, if you do not have that at your fingertips where do you go from there?
11730	7/10/2012	Anything that encourages learning and exposure to new and different ideas is a valuable resource.
11731	7/10/2012	Easy access, easy to use, easy to get information if needing other public services, etc.
11732	7/10/2012	Provide access to all variety of knowledge to people who might not be able to get it otherwise
11733	7/10/2012	Because knowledge should always be accessible to everyone.
11734	7/10/2012	It is a vital resource of information, entertainment and ideas for an individual on a limited income. I am happy to pay the tax to keep it open.
11735	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently. It is where I go for entertainment and information. Of the public services ,after roads, it is the one I use most often. In the past thirty years I have used Police twice Emergency Services three times, but I am at the library at least twice every week.

11736	7/10/2012	Our family can access seemingly unlimited educational resources without paying more than we already do in taxes, which is a bargain!
11737	7/10/2012	It provides access to books and videos that we would not otherwise be able to read and see. My children are opened to other worlds, etc, with their library access.
11738	7/10/2012	N/A
11739	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time to learn about a wide variety of things and improve my quality of life. One of my core beliefs is that it improves sustainable living to have collectively owned resources like books so that everyone has access, the general public is more well-informed, and there is no need for everyone to own all the books they read.
11740	7/10/2012	Like I wrote before, the library is a wonderful tool for the community. However, because of our economic situation, certain programs are more vital than others right now.
11741	7/10/2012	<p>Everyone having access to materials and services that allow us to participate in educating ourselves and our families is extremely important to keeping us engaged with our culture and each other. There's so much information out there, and it makes sense that there are some central locations in our community that we can access that information without having to pay a lot of money. I think it's so important that there's a system of sharing in place. We all don't need to have in our possession at home all of these books, materials, etc. Nor would we be able to. But sharing and having access to them makes a lot of sense.¶</p> <p>I also think it's vital that we care for each other by sharing in this way, not all people can afford to have a computer at home, or some people don't have a home and they need a place to connect to the world, both in person and online. It is crucial to me that those who would otherwise not be connected have a safe and free place to do so. ¶</p> <p>Libraries to me are a piece of the heart of a community, they are places where everyone is welcome and has access to information and tools. We need them to thrive and we need them not just surviving as entities, but thriving.</p>
11742	7/10/2012	libraries need to again become a community institution instead of a place for books. i see that becoming a reality at the Midland branch, however, there are many social / public services which will always remain at the forefront of importance (police, fire, medical) which must not be cut in order to provide local library services.
11743	7/10/2012	As I stated I use the library on a monthly bases. I love the convenience of being able to put books on hold and be notified by mail. I don't know how it could be more convenient. The library has so much to offer it astounds me that everyone dosen't have some use for it. I think they do but just haven't figured it out!
11744	7/10/2012	I have two small children and they need the experience of a library. Let them hold a book in their hands, instead of a computer or a gameboy and what not.
11745	7/10/2012	They drive economic growth
11746	7/10/2012	Not life and death or safety
11747	7/10/2012	I read a lot and appreciate the level of service the library offers.

11748	7/10/2012	It's important that the community has a venue to learn and read and explore.
11749	7/10/2012	I read constantly and love my local library.
11750	7/10/2012	Intellectual growth of the community
11751	7/10/2012	Important resource for people in need, also a great way to encourage reading for children. I enjoy and take advantage of it, but I wouldn't call it a "necessity" - however if I were lower income or otherwise in need, I'd be even more grateful that libraries are here.
11752	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a sanctuary for all residents regardless of income & educational level.
11753	7/10/2012	They provide something for everyone. Reading is incredibly important and having librarians with knowledge to direct people in what they need to know, is priceless. Libraries are a resource that may not be fully utilized, but should be.
11754	7/10/2012	Well, libraries aren't strictly a necessity (utilities, safety, transportation, etc.). But they offer a place for everyone in a community. They offer unlimited knowledge and resources. Their number one goal isn't profit or pushing any sort of agenda. They exist solely to inform, support, and give opportunities to those who need them.
11755	7/10/2012	They give ready access to books and CDs
11756	7/10/2012	I constantly rely on the library to stay up to date for work, for research, and to improve my language skills. My child attends the programs for young people. I often use the library as a place to work and get my work done. I am constantly needing to check out and return books. Much of my information and media is from the library.
11757	7/10/2012	My family and I have access to knowledge, learning, exploration and encouraging curiosity with the library available to us .
11758	7/10/2012	It is a bogus question. Too general, what other services specifically?
11759	7/10/2012	The Internet provides information and resources I used to go to the library to get.
11760	7/10/2012	Could live without the library. Would not want to live without police, fire, transportation, sewer and utility services.
11761	7/10/2012	They are a vital resource for low income and homeless to use the tools for self sufficiency.
11762	7/10/2012	i use the library system to access culture of all kinds--print, film, music, news, and internet information. the presence of free assistance to job seekers, seniors, children, adolescents, and new community members is vital to a successful community.
11763	7/10/2012	Because I read!!!
11764	7/10/2012	it allows me to have resources such as books, movies, music that i can enjoy without having to spend a whole lot of money
11765	7/10/2012	The access to resources that one is not able to afford such as books, magazines, newspapers, computer access, etc. is a way for people to improve themselves and their opportunities.
11766	7/10/2012	Libraries act as the center of cultural exchange, self improvement and access to vital information for our neighborhoods. They are the lynchpin that hold our communities together.

11767	7/10/2012	Because it is the only institution left that is truly free to everyone regardless of whatever. And it ties the community. And it is the most environmentally friendly of all institutions by the fact that it RE-USE materials (books, DVDs, etc.) over and over again.
11768	7/10/2012	Without a literate, informed citizenry, our entire community's quality of life deteriorates. Public, free libraries are a primary source for staying informed, expanding our awareness, increasing our literacy and education.
11769	7/10/2012	They are quite important to us, but we happen to not be in need of many other public services.
11770	7/10/2012	That's where I get 95% of my reading material. I like being able to find and request materials I want to read. When my internet is down or computer not working and I get internet access.
11771	7/10/2012	They provide access to print resources that are otherwise not accessible unless through purchase which isn't always feasible on my student budget. I also have enjoyed participating in some of the community events sponsored by the library. I took my Little Sis in to get her library card and she was able to check out several reading books, a couple movies and listening CDs. It's such a wonderful community resource!
11772	7/10/2012	See my previous comment. The library gives me not only the joy I get from reading but the ability to learn about new things that affect both my own and my family's everyday living. I have checked out books on gardening/herbs, health issues, making non-toxic beauty products, dancing, fitness, parenting and more. Recreationally, personally and professionally I have grown because of the access the library provides to get these materials free of charge.
11773	7/10/2012	Multnomah county library system provides many important services that help the members of our community and goes hand in hand with other services the county and state provide for it's citizens. People who need access to the internet for job related searches can use the library. Citizenship classes, summer reading programs, and so many more services that help provide resources and programs that otherwise we as a community would not have access to.
11774	7/10/2012	Libraries are of greatest importance for children's books. Otherwise, I do not see the library as critical. Adults lending is more complicated because of the holds and short periods books can be kept for popular books. I use it only for the children.
11775	7/10/2012	With school funding suffering we at least need to have this resource available!
11776	7/10/2012	It's a public service that is open and accessible to the public, which provides education, entertainment, and community. You can walk in and get the same books and services if you're poor or wealthy, no matter what you look like. This is why I say that a social service like this uplifts all of society - if you give opportunities both for advancement and enjoyment to the lowest common denominator of society, you lift the whole of society.
11777	7/10/2012	it is an invaluable resource, particularly in lower income neighborhoods.
11778	7/10/2012	Community connections, the beauty of the library
11779	7/10/2012	It is a great opportunity for under-privileged individuals to get information and resources inaccessible by them otherwise.

11780	7/10/2012	An educated populace is vital to our nation's well-being.
11781	7/10/2012	I use this important service frequently.
11782	7/10/2012	I use these frequently. I seem them as vitally important to a community for adults and children.
11783	7/10/2012	I value library services and what a library represents. Education and literacy and ridiculously important.
11784	7/10/2012	I only use the library "in person" so local services are important.
11785	7/10/2012	Educational resources are undervalued in our society. We should be doing anything and everything to encourage and make available educational resources to our youth.
11786	7/10/2012	Literacy, education, knowledge, access = better society in general.
11787	7/10/2012	Not vital to the sustainability of society, but important as an access point for education and growth.
11788	7/10/2012	I read alot, and get DVD's from the library. It saves me so much money to be able to get books and DVDs from there.
11789	7/10/2012	Because they're not that good. If you want to see a good library, go to Ames, Iowa. Those guys run a good library. The libraries here are pretty disappointing.
11790	7/10/2012	"civilization"
11791	7/10/2012	Personally, because my family cannot afford to own ALL the books that we want to read. Being able to check them out from the library means we can indulge our literary habits without breaking our budget. We are also a homeschooling family, and the library is a valuable resource for teaching my children.[] [] On a more broad level, I think it's tremendously important for people who might not otherwise be able to have access to the Internet and the programs the library provides.
11792	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer, and have an important role to play in allowing everyone an opportunity to access information. From books to the Internet I think it's very important to continue this service.
11793	7/10/2012	Reading, literacy, a community meeting place - I would be lost without a library.
11794	7/10/2012	Public libraries are democratic; everyone has the same access to information and gateway to knowledge, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, educational attainment, or disability. They support lifelong learning, and allow us to discover so much about our world.
11795	7/10/2012	I use them the most.
11796	7/10/2012	provide services not readily available outside of the public domain
11797	7/10/2012	I use the library for research, access to books and mutimedia materials, reference materials, access to DVDs and music CDs, access to language lessons, access to computers and the internet, job search resources, geneology resources, and much more

11798	7/10/2012	Public safety has to come first (police, maintenance to roads and sidewalks, 911, etc.) because while most people do not need the resources all the time, it is critical for them to be available when you do need them. The library is a close second though because it can be used all the time by ALL people - it is very important to help support the MIND of ALL people, as well as the public safety of these same people.
11799	7/10/2012	As I mentioned before, my husband has been without work for a few months. The Library provides us the opportunity to read, learn, etc. at rates we can really afford.
11800	7/10/2012	I feel that our libraries serve an important civic function. The library keeps everyone informed without trying to push an agenda. It also inspires children to learn. With school libraries being unfunded and very poorly supplied, the public libraries also fill that role.
11801	7/10/2012	The library has great resources, open to everyone. I'm constantly amazed by how involved the Mult Co libraries are in the community.
11802	7/10/2012	I think it would be horrible to not have a library, but I don't need it to be open every day. I don't really have any library emergencies.
11803	7/10/2012	People with limited resources like not having Internet or ability to buy or rent books and movies as well as shut ins would grow even more isolated and uninformed.
11804	7/10/2012	Libraries play a unique role. They have an impact across the community, equalize access to material and support education.
11805	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what other public services we are comparing libraries to, but I believe libraries are a vital resource for parents with young children and for lower-income families to promote reading and literacy.
11806	7/10/2012	access to information on all subjects is key to supporting an educated society, and keeping people empowered to improve their lives, this country and the world.
11807	7/10/2012	I depend on the library for information and media due to my income. Books and DVDs enhance the quality of my life as a senior citizen. Allows my budget and income to balance. Prior to this, I had never used a library the way I benefit as I do now. I realize that libraries are very important for learning and for democracy.
11808	7/10/2012	I think that literacy, love of learning, and access to information are invaluable to a free society
11809	7/10/2012	Books and libraries transform lives, and they also can assist people in escaping poverty.

11810	7/10/2012	<p>Well, perhaps just now, because of Ray Bradbury's death (and his Fahrenheit 451 in particular) , I am thinking about how people do not have the wherewithal to afford books, even paperback books.. how awful would it be if we were to lose our libraries.. where would I BE without the years of Library experience from those early years in Palo Alto when I was just a small child to here, in retirement some 64 years later, in Portland, Oregon.. the Library has carried me out of myself on long journeys solo and on any number of occasions.. I own a Kindle now.. but I am SO familiar with the SMELL of the library, the ambiance of the long shelves stacked with books, containing GOD knows what? Grab one off the shelf and see for yourself. And dear Rupert Brooke's The Old Vicarage always makes me think of my Library in Palo Alto.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Say, is there Beauty yet to find? [] And Certainty? and Quiet kind? [] Deep meadows yet, for to forget [] The lies, and truths, and pain?... oh! yet [] Stands the Church clock at ten to three? [] And is there honey still for tea?[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Thank you --all you Libraries-- for firing up my imagination and expanding my horizons.</p>
11811	7/10/2012	because i take advantage of the premises: using children's reading hours when i nanny for friends, checking out materials and using the online databases.
11812	7/10/2012	reading is a stress relief
11813	7/10/2012	I can get the services elsewhere
11814	7/10/2012	The allow access to many forms of media to those who cannot afford to purchase them
11815	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power
11816	7/10/2012	Because everyone should have access to the services libraries supply.
11817	7/10/2012	This is the most important use of my tax dollars.
11818	7/10/2012	Libraries are a center of learning and community.
11819	7/10/2012	They are a free source of an endless amount of entertainment and education.
11820	7/10/2012	provide equal access to education which is fundamental first step to equity
11821	7/10/2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because I think that books are important.[] 2. because libraries are a calm place in the maelstrom that is our society.
11822	7/10/2012	<p>Because many people are not lucky enough to have the resources to purchase their own reading and educational materials. By supplying these to the public for free, the library system allows every citizen the opportunity to educate themselves. While not everyone takes advantage of this, full access to educational materials is a necessary prerequisite for our citizens to have a shot at educating themselves.</p>
11823	7/10/2012	Free access to information by all citizens is essential in an open and democratic society.

11824	7/10/2012	very important to have available resources for all ages and levels of proficiency
11825	7/10/2012	Education is the key for solving many of our problems in the US.
11826	7/10/2012	I use the library services reguarly and as a social worker I work with clients that really need the services provided by the library.
11827	7/10/2012	gives everyone access to information. I am retired and cannot afford to buy books whoever I want.
11828	7/10/2012	The library is important to me on a personal level. In a challenging economy, I use the library more as it is difficult to afford books and media. I also know many families that use the library for it's many services.
11829	7/10/2012	The library is the place where everyone goes to make their life better: to learn how to use computers, to write resumes, to figure out how to pay a bill when they don't have a computer themselves, to find books to read, to find movies to watch, to find music to listen to, to learn about the community through programming, to learn other languages.
11830	7/10/2012	The library enables me to read books- I almost never buy books because I can't afford them. Books provide me with education as well as entertainment. As I start a family, they will play a major role in the education (and entertainment) of my children as well.
11831	7/10/2012	Help me with lesuire time which will refresh my daily lives
11832	7/10/2012	Public libraries provide oppourtunities for all people, regardless of socio-economic status, to access and increase their knowledge and skills.
11833	7/10/2012	In the larger view, the first and most important services would be fire and police for safety and also public and private transportation including roads, health service and any other service that would be directed to the health and well being of the population. These items must be served before that of a library.
11834	7/10/2012	The community comes together at the library. The community shares at the library. Knowledge and literacy are the building blocks of culture, community and civilization.
11835	7/10/2012	I love books, read constantly and I cannot afford to buy books.

		question #7 is worded strangely and could be interpreted many ways from both the respondent and the researcher. I rank local library services as very important to the community overall, especially for more vulnerable populations in need of extra services free of charge. In this way the public library system is priceless. [] []
11836	7/10/2012	Of course, other public services such as EMS, recycling and environmental services are also important to the city. [] [] I hold library services to be imperative to building life skills. Other city services help us support our way of living. Therefore, the type of public services matters- some help to operationalize people, while others operationalize how the city functions. Without the people, however, there is no city. And I would much rather live in a city that places high importance on supporting a broad range of populations.
11837	7/10/2012	I am a reader.[] I would not have obtained my GED, or graduated from college.[] I would not have been able to support myself, and my children.[] I would not have been able to purchase a home, and pay property taxes.[] and[] I would have a much less knowledgable and enjoyable existence without the ability to access the Mult Co library system,
11838	7/10/2012	Libraries are custodians of information, which should be readily available to all. Mind, I'm not suggesting that library services are more important than other public services; there are others that more directly and demonstrably improve health and well-being. Still, libraries provide a key service not easily duplicated in the private sector.
11839	7/10/2012	Libraries are centers of knowledge and discovery. They represent what's best about a society and a community---a free place to pursue one's own interests and happiness. Libraries are fundamental to American life.
11840	7/10/2012	I see people utilizing the libraries that would not otherwise have access to books, magazines, intranet, etc.
11841	7/10/2012	My wife and I each have about a book a week habit. When we have kids, we plan to raise readers. That's a lot of books to be buying if we have to go through Amazon or Powells for every one.
11842	7/10/2012	We are steadfast users of the library and consider it a vital resource to the community.
11843	7/10/2012	Because I am a reading tutor and an avid reader and writer and I use the library almost every day!
11844	7/10/2012	Libraries ensure that all people have access to books - to knowledge. This is part of our human rights!

11845	7/10/2012	I have an English degree and was raised by an English professor. I grew up around books and consider them the key to my own humanity. When I move to a new place the first thing I do is get a library card.
11846	7/10/2012	It's not life or death but is a fantastic thing to have access to so much material I otherwise would not.
11847	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power, our libraries are immensely important in society
11848	7/10/2012	I really appreciate the luxuries offered by libraries and believe they are important resources to people who otherwise lack resources. They are important community centers.
11849	7/10/2012	Freedom and free-flow of information is important for all people, a library can provide this better than any other facility.
11850	7/10/2012	communities cannot thrive without a vibrant, lively library system
11851	7/10/2012	I love to read and I think that libraries provide a source of good reading material to people who otherwise might not have access.
11852	7/10/2012	Because it allows people to pursue reading and education free of charge
11853	7/10/2012	can listen to CDs in the car while driving and not have to buy them. Give them back to the library for the next person to also enjoy. My favorites are Shakespeare and current novels, poetry, classic books and biographies. The library is an incredible public service I value very highly and how it's done here in PDX.
11854	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader- probably read at least 4 or 5 books a week. I frequently use the hold system and have books brought to my local branch. Reading is the most important thing in my life. Being able to access so many books and research materials is wonderful and necessary.
11855	7/10/2012	Because learning to read and developing a passion for reading are keys to success in school, the job market and life. Furthermore, access to books and other forms of media is crucial for the public to have the opportunity to stay informed and local, state, national and international issues. Additionally, people who do not have access to a computer or internet at home should have a place where they can stay connected, look for work, etc.
11856	7/10/2012	reading/new ideas/change/recreation/democratic access to info and ideas/democracy
11857	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time--always have books checked out and on hold. My grandchildren also are very heavy library users. I love the online search and hold facility and the notification when my books are available or due.
11858	7/10/2012	They supply a friendly environment to read and reading means a lot to me.
11859	7/10/2012	Wife and I are both big readers
11860	7/10/2012	Below food and shelter, but above everything else.
11861	7/10/2012	I have access to materials from other sources, but I know many do not and yet there are other public services that also are under fire and that I feel are important.
11862	7/10/2012	I don't use the services that often, but it is important to me that they are there, as a function of community. That they can help encourage new readers and sustain them as they grow. And in this consumer-driven society, the lending-sharing (rather than owning) is something to be fostered.

11863	7/10/2012	Local utilities, public safety, etc. outrank the library. But after those, it's the library. Access to knowledge and information are vital for a community.
11864	7/10/2012	Free access to books is needed in order to prevent an increase in the division of classes in this country.
11865	7/10/2012	They provide access to real learning environments, especially for families with few resources.
11866	7/10/2012	I don't use any other public services
11867	7/10/2012	I don't buy books, magazines, and newspapers anymore. However, I still use them regularly. Having libraries is the green way to go. It's also a great resource for numerous topics and fields of interest.
11868	7/10/2012	One must have perspective. I think good libraries--with easy access and hours--are critical to the overall social health of the area. Yet they must be viewed along with other needs such as health and safety, education, public transportation. That is why we will support an additional levy that supports the County Library.
11869	7/10/2012	Libraries ensure that all people have access to vital information and media. That the government, income restrictions, etc. do not hinder the public distribution and availability of media to the masses.
11870	7/10/2012	Free and frequent access to high quality libraries is second only to quality public schools for the endurance of an enlightened democratic country.
11871	7/10/2012	libraries are an essential part of sustaining healthy communities
11872	7/10/2012	My quality of life is enhanced by being able to find a good book to read (audio & ebooks) despite living on the road.
11873	7/10/2012	Digital age makes much of the library services obsolete. Community colleges and other public agencies offer similar programs. If we were starting over, libraries would be free internet stations with digital literacy instruction and not much else....the times they are a-changing. I think that knowledge stands in defiance of the ignorance that is ruining our communities. And because libraries provide access for all citizens to knowledge, it gives everyone the opportunity to join in that fight in their own personal and/or intrapersonal way. I know most people would rank food, shelter and healthcare above libraries, but i think it should be on the same level.
11874	7/10/2012	I love to curl up with a good book--physical, if possible!
11875	7/10/2012	i regularly use the library resources and would be inconvenienced if they were further stifled
11876	7/10/2012	The libraries are a great source of books, music, cinema and other cultural components. The libraries are a community's biggest treasures. Too easily they are taken for granted. We must insure their future at all costs. Our priorities are getting badly skewed.
11877	7/10/2012	
11878	7/10/2012	As highly as I value the library for my personal use and for its public service programs, it's difficult to support food stamps or mental health services being cut. This is why the library should have its own funding district.
11879	7/10/2012	Accessible to everyone.

11880	7/10/2012	because there is no substitute
11881	7/10/2012	Who else would provide the service?
11882	7/10/2012	Because of the access to books and the ease of obtaining it
11883	7/10/2012	because I use them usually 3-4 times a week.
11884	7/10/2012	only emergency services rank higher for me
11885	7/10/2012	The library is really the only public service I use, and I use it very regularly. It is incredibly important to me.
11886	7/10/2012	I use this local public service more than any other.
11887	7/10/2012	Because library is a refuge for all people. Doesn't matter if your a kid learning to read, a college student, stay at home or working mom who needs a fantasy to escape into, unemployed/retired looking to fill time and keep brain active and/or look for work/volunteer opportunities.
11888	7/10/2012	Access to information
11889	7/10/2012	I am on a fixed income, and I depend on my library for the latest books to read on CD.
11890	7/10/2012	Reading to my child is extremely important to his development and our time together. I couldn't afford to keep buying books. And the convenience of borrowing a book and returning it at the doorstep is important.
11891	7/10/2012	As an adult I use the library more for pleasure, as a child it's important to promote reading and as a teenager or college student the resources are critical.
11892	7/10/2012	An informed populace is a productive populace. Without information and education, there is no progress, no community, no harmony
11893	7/10/2012	I spent many hours at libraries as a child. It was a safe place to do homework, learn about things my family didn't or couldn't teach me, and make new friends through books. Throughout my life, libraries have always been a safe haven for me. First thing I do when I move to a new city is get a library card.
11894	7/10/2012	The library is a community center, a place to share ideas, a resource that is even for all, regardless of income, education, etc.
11895	7/10/2012	I use the library at least four days a week...makes me feel connected to all things social and worldly
11896	7/10/2012	Learning and actual books are still an important part of our world.
11897	7/10/2012	The library is the church of education.
11898	7/10/2012	Libraries offer educational materials for free. You don't need to pay for college tuition to learn something. You can do so by opening a book.
11899	7/10/2012	They contribute to creating an educated citizenry.
11900	7/10/2012	Libraries are educational, from the filing system to getting the information into your hands. It is a safe place to go to, relax and learn.
11901	7/10/2012	I rely on the library to keep me informed and entertained. I like the community it provides.

11902	7/10/2012	I love the convenience of reserving books on line. I don't like to buy a lot of books, I prefer to "reuse" by borrowing from the library. My kids love to go there, and we have done storytimes in the past. I like borrowing DVD's and CD's too.
11903	7/10/2012	I just remember as a child utilizing the library so much, especially in the summer. It's where I developed a love of reading because my mother and myself were able to check out so many books, books we certainly couldn't have afforded to buy. Becoming an avid reader at such a young age has definitely assisted me in adulthood, especially in terms of reading comprehension. I'm amazed at the low level of reading comprehension among my peers. At work we all receive the same memo or e-mail and so often people misread it and mistakes happen.
11904	7/10/2012	I read for pleasure. I like learning. For my job, I need up-to-date reference materials that I can only get through the library.
11905	7/10/2012	Measures should be taken to provide access to educational materials and resources to those who can not necessarily afford it otherwise. A well funded library has a positive impact on the local, state and national level.
11906	7/10/2012	The essentials like transportation, clean water and comprehensive garbage/recycling are most important to providing a good life. But right up there is the availability of books/literacy/education for all, regardless of income. The library provides that, and so much more. When I was newly divorced, and bearing an incredible financial burden, not mention loneliness, I spent hours and hours in the Central Library, it was a very real refuge for me and gave me solace, education, entertainment all within walking distance. Everyone should have access to that.
11907	7/10/2012	local public services may cost money and may require mobility and other restrictions to some people, so having the information in a place like a library is good.
11908	7/10/2012	I'm a reader, I think the library is an important community center. I love that when I stop at the Midland library on my way home from work, I see a hundred little pieces of SE Portland - my students participating in library programs, finding books with their families, using the computers, or sitting on the floor next to the shelves, captivated by an interesting book. It isn't just kids, but also their parents, neighbors and the rest of the community, a buzzing hive of activity, coming together at the hub of the library. I've lived in parts of the country without as strong of a library system and the community suffers - while everyone may come to Wal-Mart, they're not interacting and engaging with each other and the world, merely passing one another in the aisles or competing for the last xbox.
11909	7/10/2012	Reading and learning are life long activities & good habits to learn. Learning to read early helps children in all aspects of life, reading keeps adolescents out of trouble, reading is an excellent way for adults to learn new skills, and it keeps seniors involved in the community.
11910	7/10/2012	Free access to information is an essential part of 'liberty for all', which is who Americans want to be.

11911	7/10/2012	The flow of information to the public is crucial to a free public. That we put our values on basics of reading, communications, the arts, to all sections that make up the public, whether, young, old, handicapped, overworked, underpaid, fat and sassy, the library brings the new, the fresh, the old, the valued, the heratic, etc. that feeds and supports a civilization to reach its potential. I dont think that you can say one public service over the other. A free society supports all. If we make any less important than another we do ourselves a disservice.
11912	7/10/2012	Libraries allow everyone to find their own path up the social ladder.[] Put differently,[] Libraries allow people to find themselves.
11913	7/10/2012	There are few public services that are truly available to everyone, virtually equally (exceptions exist for those without transportation to a library or who always work during library hours, although online resources and ebooks are closing that gap for some people). Access to a local library and the wealth of resources therein is invaluable for personal development and well-being as well as for helping people fulfill their basis needs, e.g. finding housing, learning about legal rights, finding employment, etc. [] [] Also, as a child, the library was always a place of wonderment, exploration and possibility. Really, it still is. I believe consistent access to a public library has enriched my own life tremendously.
11914	7/10/2012	I check out books from the library frequently. Most of my adult learning comes from library access.
11915	7/10/2012	It's the public service I enjoy most.
11916	7/10/2012	We have a young child who greatly benefits from access to books and the library is an important part of her learning.
11917	7/10/2012	Books and access to movies
11918	7/10/2012	So that people can be LITERATE and INFORMED.
11919	7/10/2012	I want to be able to use my library when I need a book or resource
11920	7/10/2012	Because I love to read.
11921	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and I like being able to go to the library for reference books and other research needs, as needed, as well as checking out books.
11922	7/10/2012	I believe access to books is extremely important—for kids to learn literacy and a love of books, and for adults to have access to a body of knowledge that would be hard to afford otherwise. I also think the ability for everyone, regardless of income, to have access to things like Internet use and other media is an important service.
11923	7/10/2012	Because we learn something everytime we access them, and the civic benefits outweigh our individual gain.
11924	7/10/2012	i think it levels the learning playing ground and esp with schools degrading, i like children finding the library a safe and smart option

		This is a very difficult question without examples given of public services. Unless you're truly asking for what my perception of what public services are, but then that might be asked in a better way to get accurate data.
11925	7/10/2012	In fact, I question how this questionnaire was developed.
		Libraries are important to me because there needs to be a space for those who seek knowledge that is truly non discriminatory if our society is going to continue to develop.
11926	7/10/2012	I feel libraries are especially important for young and school-age children. The benefits of learning and/or improving their reading/computer skills is very important.
11927	7/10/2012	Access to things I can't or won't purchase.
11928	7/10/2012	Because buying books are expensive and it makes so i can read more
11929	7/10/2012	The library is a tremendous resource for my craft work, so I picked somewhat important because I don't know how else I would get this information, but did not click very important because this information is not necessary to support my basic survival needs.
11930	7/10/2012	Because there is no any controls to access to mature and or inappropriate media and web sites to youth and to adults when in a public space accessible to youth eyes and ears. I will never support the library system with these practices in place.
11931	7/10/2012	It's vital that people who need it have access to information and to a good workspace for research, job searching, homework, etc.
11932	7/10/2012	Because there must be some balance between offered services.
11933	7/10/2012	I would pretty much never read a book because I can't afford the extravagance of buying them (at least not very often). It would bring my numbers down from reading several books a month to several a year. Or I'd have to buy one of those stupid Kindle things which I will probably then immediately drop in a puddle of water.
11934	7/10/2012	Libraries are a hub of information access, spanning every type of need or interest. They are open to anyone of any age, income, etc. Extremely valuable for our local community and culture.
11935	7/10/2012	access to books and media promotes education and learning and ultimately benefits all of society through awareness and understanding
11936	7/10/2012	Libraries provide services to individuals who don't have the financial means to go elsewhere. Libraries are vital for a healthy community. They are community gathering places.
11937	7/10/2012	I'm a college student, and I can use public library books for school work. Also, I don't have the money to buy many books for recreational reading, so the library saves me a lot of money.
11938	7/10/2012	Everyone needs resources to be educated or more educated.enjoying materials is educating us.people need to be able yo have access.
11939	7/10/2012	Read free books, well, pd for with our tax money. Computer access for those who dont have.

11940	7/10/2012	We make frequent use of the library for books and other materials, and they are a valuable resource to the rest of the community, for the same reason.
11941	7/10/2012	It gives me and my family free access to any information we want and need. That helps us to continually grow and live in a well educated society. It also gives us options and availability to change our jobs, hobbies, entertainment, and living situations.
11942	7/10/2012	Emergency services, fire, police, schools etc are certainly important. But libraries are resources for everybody. the degree that libraries are utilized and supported are a good measure of the civility and education of the community. (and by education I don't mean percentage of advanced degrees per capita, or equivalent.) I mean people developing their own intellect and interests.
11943	7/10/2012	You all have heard the quote, "A house without books is like a room without windows" by Horace Mann. More than likely, you know the answer to this question better than I. A community without a library is a most disturbing thought. If this were to occur, I can only surmise we are headed the way of Easter Island.
11944	7/10/2012	As a teacher, I wouldn't be able to run my classroom without the services provided by the library. I love you guys!
11945	7/10/2012	Define "local public service".
11946	7/10/2012	An educate and informed public is an important part of our democracy. Additionally, I have a personal interest in great literature, books on foreign cultures, and scientific resources.
11947	7/10/2012	I would rank Very important the absolute essentials: public safety and infrastructure. The library is next. We use the library frequently. We home-school and the library is invaluable too us. The books, videos, online resources and ebooks are a fantastic resource that we honestly appreciate. That is why we voted to renew the levy.
11948	7/10/2012	I read for work research, to educate myself generally, and for pleasure. I can't afford to buy most of the books I read, so I borrow them from the library. When I was a child, I used the library as an important part of my education and to read for pleasure. When I had children at home, they educated themselves using the library. If we want educated, informed citizens, they must be literate, and how can they be literate without libraries?
11949	7/10/2012	it is a place for knowledge, for community, for entertainment. I cannot wait till i cant take my child there!
11950	7/10/2012	As a person of limited financial resources and as a person who found a refuge in books, I would be personally bereft without excellent library service and resources. As a citizen I regard excellent library service as essential to a democracy as it levels the playing fields..
11951	7/10/2012	over valued
11952	7/10/2012	Great Instrument of knowledge and Entertainment.
11953	7/10/2012	It's public knowledge, it's important for everyone to have access to culture and knowledge for free.
11954	7/10/2012	who wants to be ignorant?
11955	7/10/2012	Some people haven't got books or Computers.

11956	7/10/2012	Because books are the gateway to other lives and transcendent ideas.
11957	7/10/2012	I'm a writer and reader... I love books!
11958	7/10/2012	They provide so many resources on so many different levels.
11959	7/10/2012	My son and I check out hundreds of book and movies from the library. I feel as though my son's excitement about reading and learning is greatly due to the library system. I'm poor too so I can't buy books but being able to check out books to read allows me to pursue new interests.
11960	7/10/2012	I use the library as much if not more than other county services.
11961	7/10/2012	The public library is important to me because of the services it provides to me and other members in my community - it wouldn't feel like a neighborhood without a library.
11962	7/10/2012	Very
11963	7/10/2012	We can live with potholes but not with ignorance.
11964	7/10/2012	Education is how people better themselves and it affects not just their present but also their future
11965	7/10/2012	Everybody is included. All children have access to great books and videos. Wonderful services
11966	7/10/2012	pleasure, intellectual stimulation, lifelong learning
11967	7/10/2012	Libraries promote maintain literacy and access to information which is crucial for a high functioning society.
11968	7/10/2012	I love to read, watch movies and listen to new music. The library allows me to do this within my budget.
11969	7/10/2012	I would have said "important" if that was an option. I feel like the library is a hub for activities and information within a community.
11970	7/10/2012	They are the only resource for middle class and poor people. Most of us cannot afford personal assistants and lawyers for daily issues, so we need a source for costly information on a daily basis. Libraries are also a source for education for both youngsters and adults, which most of us cannot afford.
11971	7/10/2012	I get a lot of value from the library. It's one of the most important returns I receive from my tax dollars.
11972	7/10/2012	Libraries offer access to educational and community resources that help give access to all people to educational materials, prevent isolation, create social uplift, and encourage neighborhood community contact.
11973	7/10/2012	Police and fire protection is more important than having a book to read
11974	7/10/2012	Availability of resources to those who need them the most, and are least able to find them elsewhere. Libraries seem to offer more 'bang for the buck' than other public services.
11975	7/10/2012	they are an irreplaceable resource for teaching
11976	7/10/2012	Libraries bring all strata of our community together regardless of economic and social differences. Through their programs and advocacy, they encourage literacy, especially amongst kids and young adults. As a public store house for ideas and literature and as a shared space to discuss many of these ideas, libraries are one of the pillars of a democracy.

11977	7/10/2012	When I was younger I spent all of my time reading at the library. Libraries are educational, fun, and energizing-they provide services to the young and old. They help with job training and learning new computer skills which are vital in a depressed economy where many people cannot afford the luxury of taking classes. I could list them all but I am at work.
11978	7/10/2012	Libraries provide equal access to all, regardless of income. They help overcome the "digital divide", greatly enhance early childhood literacy, provide community meeting rooms, assist the jobless, provide computer instruction, services to the homebound, and serve as a lifelong facilitator of independent learning.
11979	7/10/2012	I value free access to information and also for the expertise of research librarians in assisting library users.
11980	7/10/2012	The library provides access to resources I don't have and wouldn't be able to afford on my own. These resources expand my world, stimulate imagination and motivation, and remind me that there are always options to explore. □ Whenever I go to the library, I can see how many people from so many different backgrounds find solace, quiet, inspiration, enrichment, sense of community from the place and available resources.
11981	7/10/2012	Use frequently -- generally 3x a week. It's so convenient and awesome.
11982	7/10/2012	Libraries are places for community gathering and learning.
11983	7/10/2012	I have been an avid reader my entire life. It is through reading and utilizing library services that I continue to educate myself as a person and keep track of what's happening in the world.
11984	7/10/2012	Because when you have no money, no cable, no car....you can still look forward to reading a good book.
11985	7/10/2012	They provide resources and enjoyment. They help keep costs down through checking out materials.
11986	7/10/2012	I use them!
11987	7/10/2012	Because, it is a good source of knowledge.
11988	7/10/2012	They are a central community resource providing residents with access to knowledge and information which is essential in a free healthy society
11989	7/10/2012	Has there been a better invention than the library?
11990	7/10/2012	The library is something that I use.
11991	7/10/2012	Library allows me to enable reading addiction
11992	7/10/2012	I need to read! I do not want to buy books, even used. I want to read the reviews each Sunday and then place a book I want to read on hold.
11993	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer, and bring opportunities that are accessible to everyone, regardless of race, ability, language, age, etc.
11994	7/10/2012	Police and Fire departments are more important, as they are life-saving services, but the library is pretty darned important too!

11995	7/10/2012	new release dvd movies and other media provide my family with a lot of entertainment, saving us a lot of money. However we make a point to use it, knowing that our property taxes pay a whole lot into it.
11996	7/10/2012	Fire, police, and emergency services are much more important, but access to books and learning materials change peoples lives and are also important. Without that access, some will make poor choices and get into trouble. Or, they just won't learn as much and won't be as successful.
11997	7/10/2012	The library, in my opinion, is the heart of the literate community. It provides reading material at a depth and breadth that would be impossible to read on "Google" and more affordable than buying books on a particular subject.
11998	7/10/2012	I used the library in Gresham when it was first built. Now, when I go in, a lot of the signage is in Spanish. Everything seems grimy, and the bathrooms are downright scary. No way would I take a child or senior citizen to the library. Frankly, I'd be worried about their safety.
11999	7/10/2012	Because there should always be a place where the community can gather and take part in educational services. The library promotes life long learning.
12000	7/10/2012	My family uses the library intensely. We also believe that access to media and knowledge for all is key to a healthy civilization.
12001	7/10/2012	Because they are foundational to supporting education and job growth - both of which make communities vital and sustainable.
12002	7/10/2012	safety issues are first: police, fire etc Schools are 2nd librairies are essential, but a little bit of a luxury
12003	7/10/2012	We use the library every week to check out books and films.
12004	7/10/2012	people rely on libraries for information and enjoyment with no cost to them
12005	7/10/2012	They are very important they are a great resource for everyone, job seekers, students, school age children toddlers. People who otherwise would not have any access to books or computers
12006	7/10/2012	It's where we all go no matter what age to learn and better educate ourselves. Making for a better community.
12007	7/10/2012	Libraries serve as a community resource center, that bind all people together.
12008	7/10/2012	Everyone should have free access to information. We should be able to educate ourselves on the topics which are important to us without money being required. Libraries are one of the ways to maintain an educated public and are of utmost importance.
12009	7/10/2012	Life long learning is important for every human being no matter the income or education level. The library provides the means to continue to learn at all age levels.
12010	7/10/2012	I think transportation is my top public service, but the library has helped me obtain books that I would not normally purchase and provided me with some serious resources for studying for standardized tests that would have cost me a lot of money.

12011	7/10/2012	I utilize the library system regularly. It is one of my favorite aspects of Portland that I have grown to love after two years of living here. Moving from a small town with a tiny library has provided the reference I need to fully appreciate the Multnomah County Library system. Visiting Belmont has become part of my routine.
12012	7/10/2012	I love to read. I had that love instilled in me by a wonderful librarian, Dorothy Haffner, who drove the bookmobile to my school, Skyline, back in the 1950s. She helped us to learn to love books and to get the most out of them. I feel very fortunate to have had the Multnomah County Library available to me for my entire life. It has always been something that I could count on. Other services have come and gone. but the library always has been there for us.
12013	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the only valuable truth. Books carry that with ink on pages.
12014	7/10/2012	Libraries promote knowledge and learning. It is so sad that our society doesn't rate this as one of the most valuable services. Where are our priorities? It will be a terrible day when our children don't know what a library is.
12015	7/10/2012	Basic needs such as healthcare, education and safety take priority but libraries are close behind since without universal access to knowledge we may as well give up now...
12016	7/10/2012	Low cost access to new books, music and the internet.
12017	7/10/2012	I am single with no children but it is important to provide services to those with special needs like school children and elderly in order for the community to thrive, improve and have a positive outlook. As a home owner, I use the library to research home improvement projects like roofing, sustainable living, gardening, energy efficiency, etc.
12018	7/10/2012	Well, we have two kids, one 9 one 11, the library provides them with materials that educate, flex and distract their minds, all three. Their access to written material, if borne solely out of our daily budget, would never reach the levels of consumption and edification they do now. We could not possibly afford that. Frankly, the schools are far too slow, and our kids would not be able to reach out for their potential without access to the library.
12019	7/10/2012	Libraries open worlds to all citizens, especially young people. They demonstrate that knowledge and learning are there to be had for ALL people, not just the privileged. They are, in many ways, the last bastion of true democracy.
12020	7/10/2012	Reading is so important for everyone. Books are expensive to purchase and there is no reason to buy to read and have sit on a shelf. The opportunity to read a wide variety of materials should be available to everyone, not just those who can afford to purchase.
12021	7/10/2012	Libraries provide enormous educational opportunities that for many are more desirable and appropriate than a formal classroom setting and possibly less expensive.
12022	7/10/2012	Libraries provide space to work, knowledge, opportunity to explore, respite for street people.... Libraries are among the first places I go when I visit a city, and I judge a city based on it's library. I feel that if a library is well funded, well staffed, stocked with lots of books and resources, learning programs, concerts... then it's obvious that the city cares for itself.

12023	7/10/2012	Library is first, and then Parks. Schools are important, but a library can give everyone an unlimited education for "free". I don't use cable tv, but check out History Channel videos and other DVD's from the library. I use Freegal. The money save on entertainment alone is worth several hundred dollars a year.
12024	7/10/2012	Because I value the services libraries offer. What other answer could I give? Ok who wrote this silly survey?
12025	7/10/2012	Taking children to the library regularly creates an environment where reading and learning is part of their life. It is not work, such as school homework. It is fun and it is the routine. They can choose the books themselves. They can read about topics that interest them. At school, the books and study topics are decided by the adults. It is hard to develop love for reading just from school experience. That happens at home and libraries can play a big part in this.
12026	7/10/2012	The programs that support children's learning (and love of learning) are the most important to me. I see a lot of diversity in the children and families attending the Capitol Hill storytime sessions. For a lot of these young children, this is one of the only enrichment activities their parents can afford for them to participate in. For others, this is there only exposure to English language. For others, the library provides greater variety in reading materials than they would otherwise have access to at home. As a parent, I view the children's librarians as an invaluable resource when trying to gauge the appropriateness of different books for my child's ever expanding literacy skills. I learn a lot from them regarding what books are likely to be preferred, how to read/ interact with my child so that she gets the most out of a book, and general awareness of literacy development. Literacy and education are keys to unlocking the potential in children and helping them to overcome the obstacles in their lives. I see library services as a key investment in education, especially for the most vulnerable.
12027	7/10/2012	I don't go to the library at all anymore. I just use the free music and free e-book services. I think if you wanted to save money just get everybody a free I-pod and E-reader at a discount. You could do this by buying in such a big bulk there would have to be a huge wholesale discount. charge them say 50 bucks a piece or less and everyone saves money. No librarians which is a costly human resource, and no waiting for books to come in (Which can take forever,) you then could just download instantly. Done deal. And no impatient overly judgmental librarians, that cost too much, and won't even stamp your books anymore, I mean that is the height of laziness. I have been told by said librarians," it will cause them to get a repetitive injury like tendinitis, or carpal tunnel syndrome. Puleeze, I work as a Package Handler at FEDEX , I say "Get over yourself!!!!!" I mean it save some money fire the people who won't do thier jobs, get us some electronics instead.
12028	7/10/2012	My family enjoys reading a lot so the local library provides a way for us to read books at no cost.
12029	7/10/2012	One of the few "free" resources available for folks who are unemployed or have tight budgets.
12030	7/10/2012	I use the library to teach my child as well as myself. It is the only place I get media and my child and I wouldn't read books if it weren't for our local library.

12031	7/10/2012	Because I move so much it makes no sense to own all the books I like to read. I think also they are important resources for children and the elderly.	
12032	7/10/2012		1
12033	7/10/2012	IT is vital to our community, and equal access for all learners and information seekers.	
12034	7/10/2012	Rely on library for written resources and for computer access when home system malfunctioning	
12035	7/10/2012	A literate and educated public is necessary in order to make informed voting decisions	
12036	7/10/2012	I would put safety first, education second only to public safety, and libraries are in my education category.	
12037	7/10/2012	I believe that libraries are fundamental to helping me raise my child and produce a productive citizen. Reading and literacy, both of which are supported by the library through not only the supply of books but also through their programs are crucial to education and democracy.	
12038	7/10/2012	I use the library for information and entertainment.	
12039	7/10/2012	Source of continuing education and recreation	
12040	7/10/2012	We use very few other local services. Parks would be the only thing we would pick before libraries if we had to choose only one.	
12041	7/10/2012	Books are very very important to me. My life would be completely different without books. I love them and I want anyone who wants to read to be able to do that, even if they can't afford to buy them. Libraries are sometimes the only way people can get access to books.	
12042	7/10/2012	Fundamental and basic need for access to education and educational materials will lower crime, poverty and increase awareness.	
12043	7/10/2012	A literate citizenry is key to a successful, effective democracy. Libraries are an important pillar of that in our community.	
12044	7/10/2012	It is the only public service that I consistently use. I also think it's important for school-aged children.	
12045	7/10/2012	For my family, they are very important. However, the cuts in health and human services, corrections and education have been equally painful as the loss of library hours on Monday. Unfortunately, we are in an economic crisis and unable to fund public services at an adequate level. I hope this changes in the near future.	
12046	7/10/2012	Libraries give the general population access to books, computers, music, etc. By nature, they encourage learning and are an important cornerstone of society.	
12047	7/10/2012	The library offers community, culture and access to literature, art and music for all.	
12048	7/10/2012	Obviously, infrastructure, fire and police, garbage, water and such are some of our community most important resources. But a well-rounded, culturally sound and diverse community needs wonderful libraries!	
12049	7/10/2012	this is the one service that everyone can use. and, in Multnomah County, many DO use. it is a source of great pride.. the library's success and reputation, clean good buildings. great collections. etc.	

12050	7/10/2012	Extremely important at the moment, because I do not have a computer at home and can't access social networks at work. I also love to read and enjoy having access to free DVD's. Good times!
12051	7/10/2012	Was in Lake Oswego prior to moving to Raleigh Hills. Loved the guest authors program there (once a month on a Tues. eve) and music (once a month on a Tues. eve.) Wished there was more in Hillsdale library like that.
12052	7/10/2012	Reading is important. I feel people who read tend to be more informed and participate more in their community.
12053	7/10/2012	The major reason for the library, for me, is to check out books and stories on CD or download stories.[] [] It would be hard to put police and fire services higher than the library in importance to the community.
12054	7/10/2012	Everyone needs access to books for pleasure reading and enjoyment, supporting children's education, and for personal research. Libraries help promote literacy and an educated society.
12055	7/10/2012	I am a writer. Without the library system I would not have been able to develop in my profession or have the access to research that is vital to good writing. I have become a patron of the library in order to give back to the community and support the outstanding staff that I have encountered over the years.
12056	7/10/2012	An educated public is important! Access to books shouldn't be dependent upon income
12057	7/10/2012	I really enjoy the library but it is not a necessity. I rarely vote yes on tax measures but do vote yes on library measures. After the library measure passed with over an 80% in May, in July the Belmont Branch is closing one more day a week. What happened to that money?
12058	7/10/2012	My whole family can enjoy most of things that library can provide.
12059	7/10/2012	there is nowhere else one can go to be so enriched, and it is available in the same capacity to all users equally.
12060	7/10/2012	I really do not know how much such programs are utilized. I use the library for checking out books and other media.
12061	7/10/2012	I love to read and feel that public libraries are necessary to develop and nurture that love in young people.
12062	7/10/2012	When I was unemployed and didn't have internet access, I could walk to my local library and use the computers to find job postings, submit applications, and print my resume. The library does more than provide education through books.
12063	7/10/2012	The community without access to books, resources, and cultural diversity is one that will forget its roots very quickly. I don't think the library is the most important, but it is a part of the cultural foundation upon which our society has been built. It is one of the last remaining symbols of the Commonwealth, providing opportunities for learning to anyone who is willing.

12064	7/10/2012	Because offering access to a computer, internet, printer, resources are important for citizens who are looking for work. The library is crucial for children as well.
12065	7/10/2012	schools and care of our homeless children are far more important than the library and the average person is running out of money for more taxes and fees.
12066	7/10/2012	Libraries are a keystone for a functioning society. They provide access to information and entertainment. They provide the information for people to improve themselves and their situations.
12067	7/10/2012	Hub of culture and learning accessible to all. Elitists and the privileged are stripped bare at the doors.
12068	7/10/2012	Libraries raise the bottom line for culture in a community. With access to learning for everyone, even those among the lowest economic tier are able to improve themselves, participate in society, and enrich their lives.
12069	7/10/2012	People depend on libraries for so many things. For me, my computer went on the blink so I have to either use the computer at the library which is very close or I have to use the computer at work which I am only there 3 days a week. I have huge medical bills and purchasing a computer is low on my list.
12070	7/10/2012	We have 2 school age children that get new books from the library each week. Being able to access a wide variety of books for free has increased their desire to read. I used to buy books more often and it was hit/miss in terms of what the kids liked. Buying books is expensive and the kids subsequently felt they had to read the books we bought due to the cost; that actually made them want to read less, since it felt forced. We are big fans of the library these days -- thank you!!
12071	7/10/2012	The library is the keeper of our cultural heritage, core of our hope for an informed and educated electorate, the can insure equitable access to education and information in our society.
12072	7/10/2012	Because I believe that a curious person never really gets old. I never want to stop learning, and the library offers me these opportunities for growth. I believe it is a crime to lock library doors, keeping all that knowledge inside and shutting people outside.
12073	7/10/2012	I grew up going the the library because of my late mother. We went to a wonderful Carnegie library in the mid-west. My mother obtained a masters degree in library science at a late age and always frequented the library system wherever she lived. I was raised with the notion that the library was a haven, a place of learning and free resources and should be available for everyone as much as possible, no matter their socio-economic circumstance. Because libraries can help level the playing field in life. Whether for the seniors who sat in the reading room to be with their friends and read the periodicals, or the children listening to story tellers, the busy office worker who loves their mysteries or books on tapes or the teens who had their eyes open about the world through reading about experiences of others, the library is a place that feeds the imagination and can help in so many practical ways. I am also a big fan of Ray Bradbury who was also a great lover of libraries.
12074	7/10/2012	If we don't have educated people we won't have people who have jobs and can pay taxes. As it is now, a small number of people pay for a large number who contribute nothing

12075	7/10/2012	Libraries are important, but if a choice is forced upon me, not as important as having streets that are open and safe to move along or having fire and police available to respond to a personal emergency.
12076	7/10/2012	Please see response to #6 regarding role of libraries to even playing field between wealthy and poor and to enrich lives by encouraging young and old to read books.
12077	7/10/2012	I love books and libraries and librarians. The library is the literary heart of Portland
12078	7/10/2012	Books are my source of information and entertainment.
12079	7/10/2012	Because the library provides knowledge. Knowledge is an essential.
12080	7/10/2012	knowledge is power. poor people need acces to knowledge and information
12081	7/10/2012	The internet has made libraries less and less important each day.
12082	7/10/2012	Serves all segments of population and provides valuable resource
12083	7/10/2012	information, internet access, and education as well as entertainment should be available to everyone, regardless of income. the public library is the only public service that provides that.
12084	7/10/2012	Because I believe that education is essential and the library is an amazing resource for people to access learning and knowledge for free! And it brings the community together.
12085	7/10/2012	i could go without cops and homeless shelters. i could go without child protective serves. i could go without mass transit. but dont take my books!
12086	7/10/2012	A third place next to home and work, with all that implies.
12087	7/10/2012	The library is a great source of information and training and inspiration for all.
12088	7/10/2012	Cultural services are extremely important to the community, keeping people informed and educated. Allowing access to information is crucial to a well-functioning society. I think of this service like preventative medicine, that alleviates the load on other local services that are often emergency services.
12089	7/10/2012	freedom and sharing of information is key to a progressive participatory society.
12090	7/10/2012	Because the library has resources unavailable anywhere else. It is user friendly.
12091	7/10/2012	Libraries provide education, recreation, connection with ideas, and connection with others in the community. They are a meeting place, as well as a resource for kids to learn or get help with homework, a way for homebound residents and kids at daycare to get materials...they are part of the glue of society.
12092	7/10/2012	Educating our communities and providing education-related resources are our only way to improve other issues our communities and country are facing.
12093	7/10/2012	I value easy access to a great variety of books, magazines, other media.

12094	7/10/2012	For me personally the library is important for my learning new things, and being able to research areas of interest. □ □ For me as a citizen, it is important that my community has access to a wide spectrum of media, no matter what the financial resources of its members are. The libraries are important in sustaining an informed democracy.
12095	7/10/2012	I use research services and Interlibrary loan for my research work. Reading books is also my major form of self-education and entertainment. I don't watch TV.
12096	7/10/2012	it is important to me that our citizenry have access to library resources, be it books, research materials, computers for those who can't afford them. Also, I think it is important that children learn to use a library, reading, learning in a non-materialistic way. Borrowing materials is sustainable!
12097	7/10/2012	Libraries are still extremely important. However, when compared to all other local services, I can see why it would be placed on the backburner; things like the homelessness, school and education programs, and other things would take priority. This isn't to say the library should shut down, rather that a library being open would have a different effect than say, a free clinic being open.
12098	7/10/2012	I like physical books more than ebooks. Libraries save me a lot of book money.
12099	7/10/2012	It's important to have an educated and well informed public.
12100	7/10/2012	Because we need to keep people reading and to encourage our young readers to engage with words.
12101	7/10/2012	Not sure what you mean by public services, so if you mean police, fire, road maintenance, and that sort of thing, the library ranks below them, but I think libraries are important. One of the great things for us having an office downtown is that it's close to the river, transit and the library.
12102	7/10/2012	In the words of Andrew Carnegie, "There is not such a cradle of democracy on earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration."
12103	7/10/2012	Because libraries level the playing field - everyone can access library resources and services to better themselves and to enrich their lives. They are an important part of our education system and civic life. They help people feel connected to their communities. Libraries are also a thoroughly positive government service. Unlike police, fire, and waste management, libraries, like parks, are government meant to enrich your life, not protect or manage it.
12104	7/10/2012	Most public safety and k-8 education would rank higher, but little if anything else would rank higher.
12105	7/10/2012	I can't imagine not having the library!

12106	7/10/2012	When libraries are open they allow local residence to access resources for jobs, continued education, social media, reading resources and other community services. In addition, having the library open seven days a week allows local children a safe, educational, and relaxing place to go during the summer. Far too often local leaders complain about vandalism, disruptive youth, an children loitering in an around local business. Giving them some place constructive to go reduces some of these problems and helps to expand the minds of the future leaders of our community.
12107	7/10/2012	A community that has access to information can stay viable. Emphasize important of reading and eduction.[]
12108	7/10/2012	Available to all.[] Create a sense of community
12109	7/10/2012	The library is like a community center in many aspects.
12110	7/10/2012	They allow access to knowledge for everyone regardless of income
12111	7/10/2012	They provide resorses and reading materials for my foster kids. My foster daughter loves the read to the dogs program. It helps build her self esteem.
12112	7/10/2012	Important
12113	7/10/2012	I read a lot but cannot afford to buy books. I also use the libraries computers.
12114	7/10/2012	I would have to assume fire depts and police are other public svces and therefore would be more important
12115	7/10/2012	I answered as well as I could given how vague Question #7 was.
12116	7/10/2012	The amount of money my family and community save by having access to such a complete collection.
12117	7/10/2012	Reading maketh a full man.
12118	7/10/2012	I use these whereas I don't use other services.
12119	7/10/2012	They aren't important compared to the police and fire department, but they are very important relative to other cultural parts of the city.
12120	7/10/2012	access to information is incredibly important, and libraries are key in providing this, especially to low income patrons.
12121	7/10/2012	The library is available to everyone. It is of use for people who do not have computer access, a source of reading materials that you may not want to purchase, and the downloadable music is wonderful.
12122	7/10/2012	The library gives everyone access to information & supports intellectual freedom and personal privacy. Access to computers & the training to use them are essential services that are severely underfunded.

12123	7/10/2012	I love the library. Books are expensive to buy, especially kids books. I can provide my kids with tons of different types of books and constantly get them new selections without spending any money. My kids love going to the library and knowing they can take home anything they find. We like having all the kids music and kid-friendly TV shows and movies. I like being able to put my favorite kids and adult books on hold and knowing they will come eventually - it's like Christmas every time I find something waiting on the shelf for me. But mostly think libraries are important because they provide kids and families a means to read, learn to read, use the computer, be read to, have a safe place to spend time after school, etc. Our local library is filled with kids after school gets out - how cool that kids want to come to the library!
12124	7/10/2012	Libraries are vital to the health of our community, allowing folks, regardless of ability or income, access to an empowering network of information and knowledge.
12125	7/10/2012	The library remains a vital source for information, knowledge and entertainment, especially for those with limited resources.
12126	7/10/2012	The library enriches our lives. Life would be much less interesting and pleasant without our books and other library resources. Our library in many way fulfills fundamental human needs.
12127	7/10/2012	I have used public libraries since I was 7, and was fortunate to have started out with the great NYC library system. I worked for years in public and academic libraries as an information specialist, library asst and reference asst. I no longer buy books, cds, or dvds as my job earnings are so low during this recession/depression in the US economy. I can, at least, continue to learn and grow with the help of the public library's great resources including ILL. Keep out libraries strong! They are one of the great achievements of the American people.
12128	7/10/2012	Libraries support civic culture by being a gathering place, and a resource of learning and information available to all.
12129	7/10/2012	Libraries provide resources useful to all ages and classes. [] [] One resource in particular is computer/internet access. When having access to computers and the internet it critical for getting a job, keeping up with health records and more, it's so valuable that that service is available to all. [] [] Libraries also encourage learning, open mindedness, community and more. I can't think of a lot of other public services that meet such a broad range of needs and people.

		"Knowledge sets us free, art sets us free. A great library is freedom... [] That joy must not be sold. It must not be 'privatised,' made into another privilege for the privileged. A public library is a public trust. [] And that freedom must not be compromised. It must be available to all who need it, and that's everyone, when they need it, and that's always." []
12130	7/10/2012	
12131	7/10/2012	—Ursula K. LeGuin, "My Libraries," <i>The Wave in the Mind</i> , pp. 22-23 I don't know. Libraries have always been important in my life/
12132	7/10/2012	I use library for information, entertainment, and as a elderly person it helps keep my mind active. It's my main source of entertainment---reading---and I can no longer afford to buy books.
12133	7/10/2012	A world without Books is unfathomable. They are our past, present, and future. They feed the mind & the Soul.
12134	7/10/2012	My family uses the books and media provided by the library on a daily basis.
12135	7/10/2012	Because I love to learn and be able to access good information and books without having to purchase things. There aren't a lot of other public services to compare it to. Public transportation can be replace by bike for me, and the SMILE station is a good meeting place but not as open as the Library.
12136	7/10/2012	If need be, I have the resources to build my own specific library, but would be hard-pressed to replace police and fire protection.
12137	7/10/2012	It depends upon what you mean by "other local public services." Water? Electricity? Garbage[] collection? There is no comparison between the library and other local services. Becasue in what has become a corosively market driven society knowledge is increasinly being locked up available only to those with wealth. The price of quality literature and science and scientific journals is prohibitive. Even OHSU's BICC (aka Library) cannot afford to subscribe to many good medical science journals because Science Direct / Elsevier charges exorbitant rates for subscriptions. []
12138	7/10/2012	But increasinly much of what Mult. Co. Library does is not only socially worthless of pernicious because it A) undermines the social mission of public libraries and because it B) contributes to dumbering down of society through an increasingly low quality collection. [] In addition, the management and board are incompetent and should have been replaced in toto years ago. Management is also dishonest in my experience.
12139	7/10/2012	encourage literacy and further education
12140	7/10/2012	because this is where I get alot of resouces for my family

12141	7/10/2012	Because I use them all the time!
12142	7/10/2012	I believe that education is an essential need, like food, safety and housing. This is the only service that I pay high taxes for which I actually use ! []
12143	7/10/2012	Education [] community [] support healthy communities
12144	7/10/2012	A literate, thoughtful society is our greatest hope for health, peace, and prosperity. I have a school aged daughter who gets the majority of her reading material there. She sees friends there and enjoys finding new things. She loves the children's librarian who she met as an infant, and who takes an interest in all the kids in the area and has come to local schools to read to the kids. Our branch is an important part of our neighborhood.
12146	7/10/2012	free public meeting place, free access to materials; most everything else is private and for-profit
12147	7/10/2012	education is so very important and reading plays a key role in learning. access to limitless educational opportunities is essential to the success of our youth.
12148	7/10/2012	My husband uses the library frequently, and I use it with some regularity. Not as often as daily utilities, roads, etc. or as important as emergency services.
12149	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time for movies, books and music. I believe libraries are a valuable service and an excellent community hub.
12150	7/10/2012	Because the library is the one service that we use consistently.
12151	7/10/2012	Besides schools and roads, it is the service we use most.
12152	7/10/2012	I think the library is important, but if I had to choose between fire, police, and emergency services, schools and working roads, I would be sad, but I would choose those over the library.
12153	7/10/2012	Libraries provide an important community resource - free access to information, learning, etc.
12154	7/10/2012	I use them. I appreciate them. They are essential to any neighborhood.
12155	7/10/2012	I don't use it often
12156	7/10/2012	I use the library *a lot* for leisure reading and for occasional research. Even though I do not use the other programs, they seem valuable to improving the community at large and I support making them available to others.
12157	7/10/2012	The library is a necessity for me. Since I am no longer in school, I don't have access to the University library system, necessarily. I use our system for leisure and professional research.
12158	7/10/2012	A centralized, more or less free opportunity for all folks to learn and share knowledge!
12159	7/10/2012	Because the library offers a variety of programs for the community. There's something for everyone at the library, whether it be a book to read, computers to use for jobseekers, programs for anyone from ages 1-100, etc.
12160	7/10/2012	They provide so much needed stimulation, entertainment, learning, community, resource and safe indoor space to use for free!

12161	7/10/2012	Educated communities are correlated with number of libraries. The least libraries the more non educated communities; it is like styles of living, and so in the USA it should be a choice.
12162	7/10/2012	It is a place for the community to come together in different facets, a public place as a source of knowledge and resources
12163	7/10/2012	We have more critical areas that require our limited resources
12164	7/10/2012	community needs trusted public source of programs and information
12165	7/10/2012	The library provides books, cds, dvds, programs to many in our community who cannot afford these basic pleasures of reading, music, and entertainment. The library provides an outlet for these individuals, and even many who can afford these pleasures, but choose to reuse instead of running out and buying something new.
12166	7/10/2012	Because we find resources using media and electronics. We are not willing to continue to pay increasing taxes to fund it. The library should be looking at how to stay relevant.
12167	7/10/2012	I feel we need to help kids especially and libraries are one of the best ways to do it. Also, help people find work again. Libraries can help people help themselves and feel good about themselves.
12168	7/10/2012	I love having a resource to learn up on short-need topics. I don't need to own a bathroom remodeling book, or travel book about Brazil, but I would love to have one on hand while the topic is relevant. The programs offered by the library are largely unnecessary for me, but I'm glad they are there and hope they still will be when I have kids and get old.
12169	7/10/2012	Because libraries, like public education, are at the foundation of having a literate society capable of participating in a democracy.
12170	7/10/2012	With our two kids approaching school age, school quality and funding is our highest concern. Libraries would be a close second, however, as they complement schools and may in some cases have to serve as backstops to the loss of school libraries and librarians.
12171	7/10/2012	Because access to information and learning services should be available to all and that library allows for that.
12172	7/10/2012	Free public access to information from libraries is a basic right, not a privilege. Enhancing literacy and access to common cultural resources is key to community.
12173	7/10/2012	I value the library because it's important for my kids, but I don't personally use them.
12174	7/10/2012	Libraries are a source of knowledge like schools.
12175	7/10/2012	I would say public health and infrastructural maintenance, and emergency response are more important in their effects on the population as a whole, but in the second tier of public services, the services provided by the local library, providing access to information, knowledge, enjoyment and community networks, are essential to a rich and thriving community.

12176	7/10/2012	Library services are an information gateway for both fact and fiction. Much of the information is available from other sources, however, at additional user cost. Information resources are not as important as security services such as police and fire protection, but should be available to form and informed society.
12177	7/10/2012	Roads and youth recreation are important too. Libraries are up there with education as very important.
12178	7/10/2012	The library is one of the few public services I use on a regular basis.
12179	7/10/2012	I love the library. It meets the needs of all people regardless of social or economic resources.
12180	7/10/2012	Information and knowledge are the key to all quality products & services, and the library provides free access to it.
12181	7/10/2012	I think it's about access to information. More than any other public service, it serves as a hub for creating smarter, more informed communities---it is mostly non-discriminating (could be more books in different languages)--serving people of all ages, cultures, and abilities. It provides tools for people to move and connect better in their daily lives--computer access, cultural resources, community education etc. Many other services provide the safety net for communities to function i.e. fire/police...these are important, but a library provides a more nuanced service...it creates community connections.
12182	7/10/2012	This question is at the crux of what makes a city "livable". It is inappropriate to compare the importance of any one public service against another...whether I prefer having access to a library or that the trash on our city streets is picked up by the city/county (which is not done in Portland)? Not fair - the definition of "a livable city" is one that is able to provide it's citizens all services at a level that protects, maintains and improves residents' lives. All public services are "Very Important".
12183	7/10/2012	I grew up going to Libraries and although I may not go as much any more they are still incredibly important to who I am and how I hope to raise my children.
12184	7/10/2012	Only source for learning
12185	7/10/2012	I place a high value on books especially in this day and age where they seem to be disappearing and feel that I am indebted to our library systems.
12186	7/10/2012	The library and literacy is the citadel of democracy and diverse thought.
12187	7/10/2012	My girls are all avid readers, it is important - I do not have the money for new books - reading is essential to our youth! also see how the library systems helps seniors - and job seekers and those who can not afford internet - it is true, we would be lost without our library.
12188	7/10/2012	Because it is a the fundamental site of the fulfillment of the american dream. Anyone can come, for free, and access educational services. The library is how I studied for the GREs last year, how I began to learn spanish to find a job, and before that, how I originally learned to read. It is a quintessential american institution. Long live the library!

12189	7/10/2012	100% of the books I read come from the library, and reading is one of my greatest hobbies. Having a small local branch also builds community.
12190	7/10/2012	I read & listen to books on tape regularly. And use the library to find new novels, to research and to make decisions in my life
12191	7/10/2012	as an avid reader i rely on the library to keep me in material....i like having a kindle, but the books i want to read aren't always available in that medium.
12192	7/10/2012	I vote for and pay all levies that support the library so I have access to the newest published books and movies which saves me money...
12193	7/10/2012	Libraries bring communities together to learn and grow as a whole.
12194	7/10/2012	they provide education and feed the mind and soul, which i value as much as other municipal services (sanitation, safety, community)
12195	7/10/2012	It is one of the few resources that encourages community and offers something for everyone and the betterment of everyone who chooses to seek it.
12196	7/10/2012	I utilize the library all the time.
12197	7/10/2012	I think the library is important to have. Although, I do not use it frequently I like having the option to get a book before a vacation or use it for reference materials. I also think it provides an important service to our community.
12198	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a vital role in the education of our community. They are not, however, a life sustaining agency similar to fire, police, TriMet.
12199	7/10/2012	I think the spectrum is too broad for me to say "very important" although I treasure and make use of the library a lot. I would pay more in property taxes to preserve what I get today. But it's not as important as police and fire (of course, the library also doesn't routinely kill its patrons [that I know of]).
12200	7/10/2012	An educated city with access to materials will move us forward. I like programs available to those who need/seek them out, even if I don't use any of the programs. I think other public services also empower the city, such as parks, but the library system is a key component.
12201	7/10/2012	Books and having a gathering place for the community enrich all members of that community. The love of reading cannot be replaced-it is a conduit to further imagination, knowledge and self-discovery. I have always loved going to the library, since childhood. It was a much-needed escape from an uncertain world.
12202	7/10/2012	My greatest concern are child and seniors. Children should be able to receive/access what the library is offering in a school setting whereas seniors oftentimes have no where to turn. [] Library services are important but with so many services/programs being cut it doesn't rank as a very high priority although it is important.
12203	7/10/2012	Because can find a wide of information
12204	7/10/2012	They foster a sense of community.[] They are available to all regardless of income.

12205	7/10/2012	Library access is key in providing education experiences for people of all ages. I consider a good education paramount for everyone, especially under-privileged families.
12206	7/10/2012	give free access to all to the same information. If not for libraries, who would provide computer access for people who need it, who would provide books for people who are house bound and cannot afford to buy new books? It is also a great place to meet the community around same interests
12207	7/10/2012	It's a big part of living a complete and well examined life. In a society as ostensibly developed as we like to think we are it's hard to rank library services against law enforcement, fire fighters and infrastructure. WE NEED ALL OF THEM
12208	7/10/2012	Access to information builds education and awareness to make better citizens
12209	7/10/2012	library services are access to education and knowledge I love the library but in all honesty it's not a life or death resource. Fire, police, a municipal water supply, parks and recreation are all more critical.[] []
12210	7/10/2012	Why is the library reading to young children? Their parents should be doing that. It's not the library's job to be a surrogate parent. And programs for seniors? I'm 57 and I know a seniors who use library resources for one reason: they're CHEAP. And these are people with money. But they'd rather use library internet and borrow books because they are cheap. I realize this doesn't apply to all seniors, but you might be surprised how many are tightwads using these resources to save a dime.
12211	7/10/2012	I cannot stress enough the importance of libraries! They allow those of us who can't afford to buy every new book or textbook to keep ourselves both educated and entertained and provide many important services!
12212	7/10/2012	I like the resources provided for me, and for all the other people I see there.
12213	7/10/2012	I use the library VERY often, for research, pleasure reading, and quick internet access. I frequently reserve books online, which is TOTALLY wonderful.
12214	7/10/2012	Because they provide access to art, literature, education, and technology to all Portland residents regardless of their ability to pay.
12215	7/10/2012	Schools, Police, Fire Department, Well maintained streets, water and electrical systems are more important to me but I do value the library.
12216	7/10/2012	As a learning tool for individuals of ALL ages, I think it's hard to quantify the value of libraries... however as a tool for research, study, and learning, it's an important resource to keep available to everyone. As so many are relying on digital information, I think think books & library browsing/interaction remains very valuable.
12217	7/10/2012	I grow up with book reading and searching. my best hubby is library .

12218	7/10/2012	Having a local library says a lot about a neighborhood and the community and citizens at large. Communities that don't support the library probably won't support other public services and then pretty soon you have a community that is in trouble. Troubled communities and cities don't attract businesses and employers and that makes for a city that will spiral into despair. Those of us that went to school before the internet used the library exclusively for research. Technology has made it easier (or perhaps has made us lazier) to bypass the library, however there is still much value in going to a place that is filled with books and being able to peruse the shelves to find that one book.
12219	7/10/2012	I homeschool my kids, and I rely heavily on library books for their curriculum. Library is very important in improving quality of living and enrich anyone's life.[]
12220	7/10/2012	However, some other organizations that focus on health, sanitation, and social services, education and security are more foundational to maintaining society.
12221	7/10/2012	the library is a place one knows will stimulate their mind and imagination. Sometimes its purposeful as in researching a topic other times it is random seeing the cover of a book on the lucky day shelf. It is also the fact that a library reflects a community saying we value knowledge & learning and helping people achieve that.
12222	7/10/2012	They provide a valuable service to all Multnomah County residents, regardless of income or whether they have a computer of their own.
12223	7/10/2012	to gain knowledege is to gain wisdom, understanding, and power
12224	7/10/2012	Water, electricity and food is needed for human survival.
12225	7/10/2012	They are needed services
12226	7/10/2012	I love reading and the library, but also think it is not a necessity like public services for school, police, fire, roads, infrastructure.
12227	7/10/2012	Library services contribute greatly to the quality of life here in Portland.
12228	7/10/2012	Obviously, fire and police services would come first.
12229	7/10/2012	not even so much to me because i have other resources, but it is important to me that our society has resources for learning. Ignorance is my biggest fear.
12230	7/10/2012	Because knowledge is power.
12231	7/10/2012	access to all books and entertainment
12232	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot and it is important to my quality of life.
12233	7/10/2012	Need access to information.
12234	7/10/2012	Well a society that can't read is impossible to govern.
12235	7/10/2012	I am a lower income working poor class and rely on the library as a source of entertainment for books, dvds and free events.
12236	7/10/2012	The library offers a great variety of services. Computer access for those that can't afford their own, reading programs to introduce kids to the importance of reading.
12237	7/10/2012	Research materials and books to read so I don't have to buy them

12238	7/10/2012	because I rely on the resources and materials made available to me for free so that I may educate my children to become fluent readers and found early literacy skills
12239	7/10/2012	Due to a chaotic childhood, the library was always a sanctuary to me. It is the one of the first things I find when I move to a new place and still gives me comfort.
12240	7/10/2012	one of the truly democratic services provided by government
12241	7/10/2012	The library can provide resources when some other local services are downgraded. It's vitally important that library services such as internet access are available to disadvantaged members of our communities.
12242	7/10/2012	Love having access to media. Love knowing I can expand my horizons just by dropping in.
12243	7/10/2012	it's important for all people to have access to literature and a community space in which to engage with services such as storytime for children, english language assistance, and computer access.
12244	7/10/2012	Reading is a well for continued levels of knowledge gaining throughout our entire lives, and one that we can control. Many other social programs are of much less importance than library services, and should be earmarked for reductions if needed.
12245	7/10/2012	I'm retired and have more time to read and do research than working individuals. Also, the library system lets me search for material in my home - very nice.
12246	7/10/2012	People need to eat and have shelter more than they need to read, but libraries are vital to the health and well-being of a community.
12247	7/10/2012	I rank libraries below police and fire but equal to schools.
12248	7/10/2012	I love having the freedom to access books, audio books, movies, and CDs for my own personal study and leisure. It inspires me to read more and to share books with my boyfriend's kid who I normally would not buy things for, so I can share in my joy of reading with him. I feel like I am part of a better community because of the opportunities the library offers. I am proud to live in Portland and brag about our incredible online rental system to newcomers.
12249	7/10/2012	Access to movies books, internets , workshops and classes.
12250	7/10/2012	Education and opportunity are critical to a vibrant metro area.
12251	7/10/2012	Because I think they increase our youth's level of literacy, which is critical to maintain and vibrant and thriving economy and community into the future. It is a resource, which also helps people find jobs and stay connected to the internet. I could not afford to purchase a book every time I want to read one, so the library provides me a way to do this.
12252	7/10/2012	I love the fact that I can easily get books, movies, music, and more without having to burden that cost on my own. Sharing the cost allows us to share the wealth!
12253	7/10/2012	It is something I use constantly and encourage and take my grandchildren. I think the library is so important for young people to get involved in using. It is a wonderful resource.
12254	7/10/2012	Libraries are gateways to a wider world. They expose people to different ways of thinking and different cultures. They offer resources for living like learning the internet, help for small businesses and places for families to gather and learn something new.

12255	7/10/2012	Although I do not use many of the services, I believe in them. An educated, literate public is vital for the health of our city, state, nation.
12256	7/10/2012	When I was younger and didnt have much money I used the library constantly to check out books and movies. I love the library and I think its a great support service for people with low income.
12257	7/10/2012	Maria at the Gregory Heights branch is a wonderful youth educator. We love going to her story times and meeting other families.
12258	7/10/2012	Libraries provide tools and resources for every type of success in life.
12259	7/10/2012	They give people the opportunity to experience new ideas, explore great minds and experience great art. A library is a unique and valuable resource. The library represents so much. []
12260	7/10/2012	At the base level, it's a safe place to be.[] From there, it holds the potential to enrich lives through opening up a new interest, feeding the imagination or staying up to date on current events. I personally don't take public transportation and I feel relatively safe in the city so the buses and police/fire services don't seem as important to me as access to information does. I plan on going back to school in the fall to further my career and I plan on using the Multnomah County Library a great deal. []
12261	7/10/2012	[] I guess the only other public service that I can think of that I think is more important than the library is the garbage and recycling. I suppose power is up there too but I think we could get by with candle light. I just wouldn't want a bunch of garbage everywhere.
12262	7/10/2012	I have been a library user all my life, second only to breathing.
12263	7/10/2012	Libraries and mass transit are the last bastions of community--shared resources available to all, regardless of income level, socioeconomic status, etc.
12264	7/10/2012	Ability to do research
12265	7/10/2012	Extremely important- along worth education, public safety, and public health
12266	7/10/2012	Socially levels the playing field.
12267	7/10/2012	one of the services that I can actually use.
12268	7/10/2012	Access to information and reading material should be a basic service along with pubic safety and schools.
12269	7/10/2012	while I am an avid user of my Kindle, often there are new books that I have seen reviewed that I check out. I appreciate the fact that Multnomah libraries are very current ordering new books.
12270	7/10/2012	I use the library to get books for my early childhood special education classroom that my work and I could not afford otherwise.
12271	7/10/2012	Literacy, information access is key to keeping us from becoming a fascist country as opposed to a democrcy.
12272	7/10/2012	Productivity and going forward with life and life issues.

12273	7/10/2012	This is an impossible question. Compared to public safety and trash removal, quite low. Compared to discretionary spending, quite high.
12274	7/10/2012	??
12275	7/10/2012	I use the library to check out books frequently. It saves money and paper. I think your library has an excellent selection and have been really impressed with services overall.
12276	7/10/2012	Children benefit from library services, particularly in the summertime. I don't have kids but I remember as a child receiving many benefits.
12277	7/10/2012	provides entertainment and an information resource
12278	7/10/2012	I use the Library as much as I do the local roads...
12279	7/10/2012	Very much so. Reading is the most impactful thing a person can do for themselves and bleeds to every other aspect of their lives.
12280	7/10/2012	I personally have had a love of libraries since I was young, but I feel like they overlap with areas such as schools and employment offices in some of the services they offer. I would like to see more interaction with these areas, to reduce overlap or find efficiencies.
12281	7/10/2012	That's a very vague question. Having public schools and healthcare are more important to me than libraries. But I do like having the library system in place.
12282	7/10/2012	On a scale of 1-10 - #1 as most important? After food and water and sewage- LIBRARIES are Most important!
12283	7/10/2012	I like the services that the library offers, and more importantly it makes the world of books available to people who could not otherwise afford to purchase them.
12284	7/10/2012	On a city-wide and societal level, it's extremely important to provide an accessible resource for media that is open to all people and all ages.
12285	7/10/2012	I like to read, but don't always make the time to do so. I believe that health care, as a public service, is more important than the library.
12286	7/10/2012	It is so important for the community to have access to books and learning opportunities. It is vital for children to be exposed to books!
12287	7/10/2012	I think it helps teach children that there are resources available to them
12288	7/10/2012	Very- I drive long distances for work and rely on materials to help keep me awake and able to tolerate the long hours.
12289	7/10/2012	I'm a voracious reader!
12290	7/10/2012	I believe that reading is so important, especially for children. For some kids, the library is the only access they have for books and computers. I believe that libraries are a vital part of our community.
12291	7/10/2012	Because the library by its nature and comprehensive services responds to so many vital needs of its diverse patrons, especially patrons who are less financially successful.

12292	7/10/2012	I wouldn't give up the fire department or anything if it was one or the other, but it ranks very high up on my list. Giving people without the means access information and resources they might not otherwise be able to is very important, as well as enriching the community as a whole. We want smart informed citizens, or at least we should want that.
12293	7/10/2012	I mostly use the library to get books for my toddler son. He LOVES books, and the library enables me to always have a variety of books for him to supplement what we own. This is key to making him into a lifelong reader.
12294	7/10/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of a healthy democracy in terms of providing access to knowledge. Also, they are an integral part of a healthy community - as a gathering space and a place to learn about community resources for those in need of assistance.
12295	7/10/2012	I use them, reading is important
12296	7/10/2012	I am a senior citizen on a limited income. I am also an avid reader and rely on the books and other media that I can borrow freely from the library. Without the library my access to current books, movies etc. would be severely limited. These are my personal reasons. I am also firmly committed to the need to provide access to books, dvds, music and computers to the general public who might otherwise not have these available to them, whatever their circumstances. Without our libraries, those of us without ample means would be deprived of a major cultural and practical resource.
12297	7/10/2012	Because it is important to teach kids to read AND comprehend what they are reading too. Otherwise, we end up with way too many citizens who can only work menial or fast food jobs, #7 is tough to answer when don't know what "other local public services" are. Police? Fire? [] []
12298	7/10/2012	The library offers asstes and skill building important to our culture, education and job attainment and retention. [] [] I believe many do not realize the great positive impact local libraries have on individuals and communities. Libraries touch all education and economic levels - amazing.
12299	7/10/2012	I believe in a socialized community.
12300	7/10/2012	Because this is one of the services that I actually enjoy and choose to use
12301	7/10/2012	more important than police and fire.
12302	7/10/2012	They give me access to books that I cannot afford to buy.
12303	7/10/2012	This is a community resource tied to education and accessibility for all.
12304	7/10/2012	Because I use it weekly, unlike, say county health services.
12305	7/10/2012	Because we use the services frequently
12306	7/10/2012	libraries are at the core of community education, in my opinion

12307	7/10/2012	They provide a safety net for underfunded public education both for children and adults. They provide safe space for kids to gather and enjoy themselves in a productive way. They encourage a culture of literacy and critical thinking in an age when these things are in short supply.
12308	7/10/2012	I love having new books for my children to read, access to reference materials I'd otherwise not be able to buy, and it plays an important role in the community for education for those less fortunate than me.
12309	7/10/2012	Its education.
12310	7/10/2012	Libraries are the arteries by which ideas are disseminated into our community. They are a free resource by which anyone can educate themselves and better their environment.
12311	7/10/2012	Reading is very important in life for everyone, young or old.
12312	7/10/2012	As adults, we use the library often. As a child, I used it ALL THE TIME. Kids should still have the opportunity to read!
12313	7/10/2012	Police and fire top importance. Library After those
12314	7/10/2012	Because reading is important. Being part of a borrowing community is important. Getting out of my house is important.
12315	7/10/2012	Adore reading. Gateway to the world.
12316	7/10/2012	Many people use them all the time and access to knowledge is critical for all people, regardless of their socioeconomic standing.
12317	7/10/2012	it is important to make books available to people, especially children.
12318	7/10/2012	I use mainly for occasional borrowing of books and media. Last time I wanted to borrow a book, there was a 100 person waiting list...
12319	7/10/2012	Our libraries are right at the top along with schools, police, fire, senior citizen outreach etc. Each of these public services are necessary to have a healthy community.
12320	7/10/2012	Education is essential for human progress. Libraries are necessary to provide books and other media to people who cannot afford to buy such items. Reading opens minds; provides information, expands and develops critical thinking skills, promotes understanding, helps people face their issues, etc.
12321	7/10/2012	Having access to "free" books is invaluable. Especially in the past, I haven't always had the money to go out and purchase books, but I've found and read so many at the library. This is a service that my family and I use almost every day. Our county is fortunate in having a wonderful library, well stocked with reading materials, computers, and helpful staff. It helps students, English learners, the homeless, and people with limited means to achieve the things they may aspire to. To me, the library is just as important as schools and the police department.
12322	7/10/2012	
12323	7/10/2012	Information needs to be available for ALL of our community members
12324	7/10/2012	They're a free place to stay occupied
12325	7/10/2012	I have always been a supporter of the local library. I feel it is beneficial to all ages, and provides services and opportunities not available elsewhere.

12326	7/10/2012	Libraries provide safe, neutral meeting grounds for all community members. They allow access to people that would not have the financial stability to purchase reading materials and other resources. I find that libraries are particularly important because our public school system is not well funded and thus declining in the quality of education provided to children; libraries help to counteract some of this negative impact. Our libraries provide many of us with material and resources that we would not be able to accumulate on our own or would not know how to access, such as small business programs.
12327	7/10/2012	The help every group in our community from children to seniors to job seekers. I see so much potential in using our library to help people have free access to resources to improve their lives and the lives of their children.
12328	7/10/2012	An educated populace is required for a healthy democracy, and libraries help support literacy and critical thinking.
12329	7/10/2012	I believe that everyone should have access to the written word, as I believe everyone should have the right to a basic public education and health care.
12330	7/10/2012	I love to read and it's a brilliant way to read all the books I can without having to buy them.
12331	7/10/2012	Well, someone absolutely has to answer 911 and make sure the reservoir doesn't get poisoned, but libraries are incredibly important. They are not a place to balance the budget. They are a cornerstone of an educated society, and I believe that the people of Portland will rise up to protect them, in the face of any shortfall in funding. Those of us who have done well for ourselves have an obligation to pass the resources for success to those who are still striving to achieve. We know this is not free, but a cost of a just society.
12332	7/10/2012	We get most of our books, CD's, and DVD's from our library. It saves us hundreds of dollars a year.
12333	7/10/2012	You might as well ask me why imagination is important to me. I am constantly looking for good information, as well as "good reads", to feed that curiosity. I believe bookstores benefit from having libraries around- the more people read, the more they want to read. I believe that a good public library system is a huge equalizer- the same services are available to all, regardless of income. It is an enormous factor in "quality of life" for a town.
12334	7/10/2012	Libraries used to be very important to me - so much so that I attended several meetings regarding the new Troutdale library and where to locate it. After seeing that process and how community input was totally disregarded I have lost my enthusiasm for supporting the libraries.
12335	7/10/2012	There are lots of budget cuts right now and I think the library is useful, but to me, it's not imperative.
12336	7/10/2012	During times of unemployment the library is a way to still access books, music and films that I love
12337	7/10/2012	I am not fully aware of all the services provided by the library, but I am under the impression they are under-utilized as free and efficient sources of help/expertise/education.
12338	7/10/2012	I use the internet for information and download newer books to our Kindle.
12339	7/10/2012	It's where we go for community, to get information, to educate our children, and it's free.
12340	7/10/2012	It is the service I use the most

12341	7/10/2012	Because this is the first level of learning for our children and myself.
12342	7/10/2012	I have the means to get books and information elsewhere, but the library is vital for a large portion of the population who do not have the resources available that I do.
12343	7/10/2012	Knowledge and entertainment!
12344	7/10/2012	Reading is critical to education.
12345	7/10/2012	Without the library, I (and my son) would have very limited access to the materials and programs that are currently available through the library.
12346	7/10/2012	Reading is an essential part of my life. The library offers free resources to all people.
12347	7/10/2012	they provide a variety of services to all age levels
12348	7/10/2012	I use the library weekly. I check hundreds of books out for myself and my children, and my husband does as well. Literacy and access to materials are extremely important to our society .
12349	7/10/2012	Crucial part of the community and establishing early literacy
12350	7/10/2012	The primary responsibility of local public services are public safety (law enforcement), emergency services (fire & medical), roads, and ensuring delivery of utilities. The library is a great asset to our community, but is not at the same level of importance as the previously mentioned services.
12351	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and also utilize the web site constantly. I have found the reference librarians to be invaluable.
12352	7/10/2012	There may be other public services that are more important like police, fire and emergency services, but libraries are right up there in importance. They support education within the entire community and provide this support to the entire community without regard to ability to pay.
12353	7/10/2012	I use it CONSTANTLY. And its important in times of economic crisis to have libraries that are open to the public.
12354	7/10/2012	No one will die if the Library isn't open.
12355	7/10/2012	Personally, although I use the library, I do not NEED the library. However, there are many friends and neighbors who use it for internet access, education and entertainment. I think our libraries are critical for keeping our citizens informed and our children educated. I also appreciate it as a ballot drop location.
12356	7/10/2012	They provide information and access to technology that is an important equalizer.
12357	7/10/2012	It's important to a community for Libraries to provide the information they do. People who don't have access to the internet can go there and look up all sorts of information, search for jobs, etc. It's important to have an informed populace. The more knowledge people have the better off society will be.

12358	7/10/2012	Libraries are a huge community resource, allowing people, regardless of income, to have access to books and DVDs, newspapers, magazines, etc not to mention basic internet opportunity not easily available otherwise. With the current library technology, People can choose to be self sufficient and be satisfied or can ask for expert help researching complicated issues. Libraries are the great equalizer. There is nothing else that fulfills so many functions for such a wide variety of people, and so consistently.
12359	7/10/2012	Because literacy and access to information are essential for a successful community
12360	7/10/2012	I believe library services are somewhat important when compared to other public services, such as, schools and public health and transportation services.
12361	7/10/2012	As a well educated person, our excellent local libraries with their books, etc., as well as the excellent reference librarians and Interlibrary Loan service are as important to me as air and water.
12362	7/10/2012	Education is as important as food. the libraries are an incredible resource. an educated public is one that can take care of itself without looking to politicians to take care of them.
12363	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a variety of resources that every civilized society should have, primarily access to books of all types, periodicals, and other materials that can be used in research and entertainment. The services provided by a library can't be provided by a private company because private companies are run for a profit which a Public Library, by definition, cannot be.
12364	7/10/2012	Anything that encourages the public to read and/or be informed about anything is a plus.
12365	7/10/2012	They are a huge way to be educated, entertained, and to save money on books, CD's and magazines especially during an economic downturn.
12366	7/10/2012	Well. I believe schools, police and fire are more important that library but I don't mean that libraries aren't important or of value to the community.
12367	7/10/2012	Libraries offer a wealth of information, resources, art and music that would be unaffordable and inaccessible to the individual. They are a constant source of new and old information and the things that promote life in a free society.
12368	7/10/2012	because reading is an important part of civilization. without the resources provided by a local library I feel our youth aren't getting a fair chance to succeed
12369	7/10/2012	I like the idea of being able to explore new areas. My kids are involved with volunteering at the library and it's given them a chance to get younger kids interested and excited about reading. That has been very satisfying for them to pass on. The libraries create a civilized community space, and that is something we benefit from but is less common

12370	7/10/2012	Library services are important, but not critical. I believe, in this economic climate, that we should settle for good enough -- not to be one of the best systems in the nation. When financial times are better we can expand hours and services. Realistically, branches could be open 5 days per week. Closed days could be based on whichever days are typically slowest at that particular branch. And stagger closed days to have a nearby branch open on days the neighboring branch is closed. Ex: Hillsdale is closed Monday & Wednesday. Capitol Hill is closed Tuesday, Sunday.[] [] Or consider 6 days per week operation with reduced afternoon hours... possibly 1P or 1:30P to 7:30P.
12371	7/10/2012	Libraries are the backbone of a community
12372	7/10/2012	it provides free educational resources for my children
12373	7/10/2012	Libraries are critical social, public resources. But there is also competition from the many vital services provided by the county, city, and MPO.
12374	7/10/2012	Book for our kids (6 and 8)
12375	7/10/2012	Why wouldn't they be? What's better than the library?
12376	7/10/2012	I can download books now.
12377	7/10/2012	Our libraries connect us to the world , and to our community.
12378	7/10/2012	I used libraries all the time, but recently use LO library more often due to more books availability
12379	7/10/2012	My husband is unemployed. It takes a computer to look for work. We can't afford a computer or the internet at home - you do the math
12380	7/10/2012	More information is available electronically, thus there is a need to cut back on people/staff services/costs. It's just economics.
12381	7/10/2012	People cannot be expected to make informed decisions unless access to information is provided, viz the library.
12382	7/10/2012	We value the library and all of my family checks books out weekly from there. We are avid readers and wouldn't be able to buy all the books if we didn't have them available to use through the library.
12383	7/10/2012	easy access to important information and culture to the public
12384	7/10/2012	When I had to make a major move and leave all my books behind and get a job at the age of 54, the library became my "life support" and sanctuary. Every day I give thanks for the wonderful library system that is in place here.
12385	7/10/2012	I am a stay at home of 3 kids (ages 3, 3 and 6). We go daily, especially in the winter. We can't afford OMSI or the children's museum or the zoo except rarely. ANd having it in walking distance makes it accessible. Love it.
12386	7/10/2012	Access to educational sources is most important.
12387	7/10/2012	I don't quite get the wording of this statement. All libraries are important as part of a community.

12388	7/10/2012	Free and open access to uncensored information is a key factor in a free society.[] I like to read and can't afford to buy enough books to keep up!
12389	7/10/2012	Libraries are open to all and provide services and programs not offered elsewhere. Libraries promote literacy and democracy. Libraries provide Internet access to people who cannot connect anywhere else. Libraries are community gathering places. I use libraries more than any other publicly funded service.
12390	7/10/2012	Because the library hepls me very much.
12391	7/10/2012	Free access to books and other ed. materials is one of the things that makes this a great country. Equal access for all is an important tenent for new citizens and people of all ages, education levels and socio/economic standing. I love our libraries !!
12392	7/10/2012	The one service I seek out. Other services form the background in my life - security, maintenance, livability, etc.
12393	7/10/2012	The above question depends on which public services you're talking about. I do love the library though.
12394	7/10/2012	Only public education and public safety would rank higher
12395	7/10/2012	Because access to books, computers, internet, and other community resources strengthen our community, and add to quality of life.
12396	7/10/2012	I feel like the library can build community, utilizing shared resources. Also, reading = knowledge. Adults and children alike need to learn and remember this.
12397	7/10/2012	Being home bound the library keeps me busy with things to do. I can't imagine a world without public libraries. I don't think we can have a functioning democracy without them. They provide services that no other institution is capable of providing. They allow children to learn to love books without assuming that they need to spend money to enjoy them. They are one of the last bulwarks against commercial hegemony we have left.
12398	7/10/2012	Connecting community. Access to information. Provide materials for personal education as well as leisure. Dissemination of useful free information (e.g. maps, newspapers, flyers).
12399	7/10/2012	I am a library worker in the greater Portland area, and I know the level of importance the library has for me to access books and information. For others, I've seen how the library can be the only inlet of information for people, whether because it's the only place they can get the internet, the news, job help, or afford supplementary educational resources for their children. Libraries provide an important and safe space for many groups of people, and the American Library Association's dedication to an unbiased and free flow of information to the public.
12400	7/10/2012	
12401	7/10/2012	Because I truly believe that freedom begins with equal access to information. Without that, a person can never really be truly free.
12402	7/10/2012	If we don't promote library programs and reading, we'd be a community of people who only get information from Facebook. It's a crucial source of public education and information which can't be easily manipulated by media.

12403	7/10/2012	I primarily use the library for checking out materials, if this service was not available, my life would not be totally ruined, but I would be sad that I no longer had access to such a vast collection of materials, and I would read less as I would not be able to afford purchasing all the books and music that I currently get from the library.
12404	7/10/2012	Because libraries are not just for entertainment, and not just for kids or retired folks. They are for the information needs of all of us as well.
12405	7/10/2012	stand as the exponent of free and unhindered exchange of ideas
12406	7/10/2012	With the horrible graduation numbers from our high schools--we need to make library services available to the young to foster better learning standards.
12407	7/10/2012	I believe that access to information and books should be a right in our society. For only the wealthy and educated to have access to these materials would be a crime. Poor and middle class people can not go out and buy every book about every subject they are interested in. To have access to a library is to have the keys to learn about an unlimited amount of subjects that may interest you.
12408	7/10/2012	Local libraries increase literacy among disadvantaged people
12409	7/10/2012	Highest in importance, even above public transportation. Education is both important and expensive. Many people can only get their education through free library materials. Also, free internet access at the library is becoming a necessity, since not everyone can afford to have a computer and internet access, and more and more information is becoming available only online (even food nutrient content).
12410	7/10/2012	Libraries are equalizers - they help all of have access to information and entertainment. In these days where the internet is used for so much, it is a lifeline for those who don't have internet access any other way.
12411	7/10/2012	RIF
12412	7/10/2012	It is a good common ground for people to be connected to a community and be aware of services.
12413	7/10/2012	i love to read and write. also, they are part of the fabric we call community
12414	7/10/2012	I really count on the library, and am there every week. Libraries level the playing field by making books and other materials available to everyone, regardless of income.
12415	7/10/2012	While I enjoy the lending services provided, they are not essential to me.
12416	7/10/2012	WE USE THE BOOKS FOR READING AND RESEARCH- WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD READING
12417	7/10/2012	I lost my job in 2008 and the library was my source of computer access for a while. Now I am a student and enjoy reading books I can't afford to buy.
12418	7/10/2012	Being able to educate myself, hear new music, and find out about community programming at no cost is crucial to me, as a low-income individual.
12419	7/10/2012	I know I have had many school projects that I wouldn't have complete without library resources to help me.
12420	7/10/2012	Important for feeding the mind, but it does put food on the table, so I can't say it is most important.

12421	7/10/2012	My mother read to me as a child and as soon as I could read myself I started visiting the library and reading books as fast as I could. They are a treasure and provide untold knowledge, entertainment, and tremendous benefits to every community.
12422	7/10/2012	Library services form the cornerstone of a lot of other services, [] 1. Using library facilities to get jobs: if people can get jobs, they are less likely to be homeless, needy and engage in criminal activity. The most vulnerable are most likely to need it at the library[] 2. If people have access to reading and media, they are less likely to have mental health problems[] 3. If people have access to information, they are able to make better decisions about other problems
12423	7/10/2012	i like books and music. the best way to get rid of ignorance is to travel, the next best to read.
12424	7/10/2012	Our society will fall apart without equal and "free" access to information and education to everyone, no matter what status in society or whether you can afford books, movies, a computer, etc., or not. Without libraries we will greatly reduce people's ability to move upward in life, i.e., we will have less people able to pursue the "American Dream." Please don't let our libraries disappear!
12425	7/10/2012	I don;t use it that often
12426	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading and also feel that libraries allow all types of people to have access to reading and other activities offered by the library
12427	7/10/2012	Of any services that the county provides, I use and appreciate the local library services the most and the most often.
12428	7/10/2012	i like books
12429	7/10/2012	It provides an information source to the public that has a diverse array of sources and types.
12430	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important resource to a broad range of people in the community - reading and literacy are very important.
12431	7/10/2012	Education materials available to all.
12432	7/10/2012	My parents read to us and I started reading at a young age. Reading opens up so many avenues of exploration. I'm glad that they provide computers for those who cannot afford to buy them; what else would they do if libraries were not providing that service. They are a huge personal resource for me if I am researching something. Yes, the internet has a lot of good info, but it does not have everything.
12433	7/10/2012	It is important to have a place for people to go to get the resources they need to learn more. The library has so many resources to do that and is a very important part of our every day lives to have a place to get the resources needed to accomplish that.

12434	7/10/2012	It is a resource open to all people, regardless of their culture, religion, age, or social status to enrich themselves and come together with others to obtain information and materials to learn and grow, free of the restraints of organized education and/or religions or other community groups with set doctrine. With the lack of importance placed on arts and music in the schools, it provides a great source for parents to expose their children and on the other end of the spectrum, for elderly on fixed incomes and perhaps living isolated lives due to life changes, it provides a neutral space for them as well. It is a resource that allows people to make their own choices on what they wish to read, watch, enjoy - free of censorship.
12435	7/10/2012	I have interviewed literary authors for more than twenty years on KBOO and have appeared at Powell's with a collection of interviews. There is no more important mission for a society(after the basics are met) than a literate and liberally read populace. It is the foundation of our democratic, catholic household(lower case intended).
12436	7/10/2012	The library is a service that supports so many other public services I'm very concerned about the ripple effect to our community if library services are further reduced. The amount of work the library has done to support job seekers during the recession alone has been invaluable; people who would not be able to navigate the online job application process on their own are applying for and landing jobs. That's good for our community. The second important support service that I worry about losing is the library's work on literacy. Multnomah County's high school graduation rates are embarrassingly low. Literacy at a young age is one the easiest ways to ensure future academic success. These are building block fundamentals we cannot afford to lose!
12437	7/10/2012	Question 7 is unclear - both with respect to what other local public services mean, and what relative importance means. Essential survival services provided by police, fire, utilities are more important than libraries. Libraries are as important as public schools. Libraries are more important than, say, tourist services.
12438	7/10/2012	Making reading accessible to all, especially in this down-turned economy (when not everybody can afford to buy books, etc.).
12439	7/10/2012	b/c it gives all people access to books they may o/w not have. gets kids reading and interested
12440	7/10/2012	I love books & music. The library's a great place to go.
12441	7/10/2012	I love the library and think it is one of our most important services, giving access to reading.
12442	7/10/2012	because they are necessary for people who dont have normal access to computers or other research material
12443	7/10/2012	Limited funding, needs to be spread around
12444	7/10/2012	If we give up on literacy, our whole civilization falls apart!
12445	7/10/2012	It gives me free access to resources I would not be able to afford otherwise. Free internet, job hunt resources, computers, books, etc.
12446	7/10/2012	I place the highest priority on education. i feel the library plays a roles in this, but public schools are primary.

12447	7/10/2012	not crucial to live like water ,electricity,heat,telephone
12448	7/10/2012	I need the police and fire services in an emergency. I simply don't need a physical library any more.
12449	7/10/2012	I read a lot and it's hard to shoplift because all the bookstores are closed.
12450	7/10/2012	they are filled with knowlefge Libraries can provide a special place for communities to gather, share knowledge and learn as well as find some quiet time to read and research in beautiful and clean spaces. The experience is completely unique in that it's always free and available seven days a week.
12451	7/10/2012	There's a network of public services required for any body politic of which library services are terribly important, but not the sum total required.
12452	7/10/2012	It's a nice thing to have books to read, but I would not sacrifice it for police/fire.
12453	7/10/2012	Access to these materials is vital for learning.
12454	7/10/2012	I would say it is right below public transportation. Public libraries are an essential part of any vibrant city.
12455	7/10/2012	Because they provide me with information that isn't so easily obtainable elsewhere, or is expensive.
12456	7/10/2012	I read constantly
12457	7/10/2012	luckily i have never had to take advantage of services offered by te fire and police departments. the library is the main public service my family uses after the schools. with the downturn of the economy we use it more and more frequently.
12458	7/10/2012	Comes after fire, police, water and sewer, and public transpo.
12459	7/10/2012	Very important
12460	7/10/2012	Libraries are a pillar of any city in that they provide open access, for those who seek it, to a means of educating oneself and to a knowledge that empowers one to be able to explore a variety of opportunities.
12461	7/10/2012	I need INFORMATION and seek KNOWLEDGE for both personal and professional growth. Also ENTERTAINMENT in the form of CDs and DVDs. Also MCL helped me learn Tagalog through a circulating 6-CD set.
12462	7/10/2012	There is never a reason to not value the ability to read and learn and research beyond the electronic media.
12463	7/10/2012	The library provides a focus in our community for interaction across cultural lines, which is incredibly important to helping our children, and indeed all of us, maintain and build community. Without this interaction divisions in community will grow and people without book and computer resources at home will be pushed more and more to the margins.
12464	7/10/2012	Reading is central to our lives. That we can take books home for "free " so to speak is an amazing service to the community.
12465	7/10/2012	

		It's my source of new ideas, how to do projects, and entertainment (books on tape for in my car use), dvd's.
12466	7/10/2012	<p> "Compared with other local public services"--what are you talking about, please be more specific. Libraries are more important than filling potholes but less important than the fire department. </p>
12467	7/10/2012	The library is the best resource for LEARNING. The library staff is invaluable.
12468	7/10/2012	<p> They can help us grow. </p> <p> I do not have children; however, I think it is imparative children have a place to go to learn to read, study and have access to information. I also think that the services provided to "shut-in" residents is important to keep them active mentally and "involved" in the world around them. After Police and Fire Services, I would rate my library third on the list of importance! </p>
12469	7/10/2012	
12470	7/10/2012	<p> I am a writer and I cannot afford subscriptions to the research databases that I'm able to access via the library. These resources have been invaluable and I only just recently stumbled upon them by chance while visiting the multco site a few years ago. Resources like this and the interlibrary loan system should be publicized better so that more people can take advantage of them. If they aren't used consistently, the powers that be might choose to shut them down due to lacl of interest. </p> <p> Local libraries foster a strong sense of community and provide access to ideas, learning, and thinking to all in the community. Every single person in the community can have a Library Card and can use the services any time they like. The return on the investment is incredible. </p>
12471	7/10/2012	
12472	7/10/2012	Libraries seve as community centers and are central in a democracy do access to technology and printed material.
12473	7/10/2012	Education is so important and libraries can play a critical role in this.
12474	7/10/2012	They are crucial to community.
12475	7/10/2012	Public safety would be #1 for me, but libraries rank right up there.
12476	7/10/2012	To a 1 - 10, I choose an 8
12477	7/10/2012	Reading is almost a lost medium. Reading is important for children and adults.
12478	7/10/2012	MOST INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON LINE
12479	7/10/2012	Safe community gathering spot, family friendly, accessible to all, free
12480	7/10/2012	Fire and police are essential. Water service is essential. The library is not.
12481	7/10/2012	I value literacy, education, and enjoy reading very much.
12482	7/10/2012	I have two school-aged kids and am an avid reader myself. Access to books and information is very important to our family.
12483	7/10/2012	We use the services all the time. I believe access to information is one of the most important qualities of our democratic society.
12484	7/10/2012	Public services are varied and important. But books save lives.
12485	7/10/2012	hope

12486	7/10/2012	Libraries are necessary for people without the resources to afford the luxury of buying books, having internet access, attending community classes or for profit programs for their children. Also I really like books and want other people to treasure print media as well.
12487	7/10/2012	Access to computers for those who don't have them (critical to jobseekers, school applicants, those needing government assistance, etc.), open access to knowledge and entertainment.
12488	7/10/2012	In addition to lending books, our libraries offer programs to children, job seekers, and the elderly. People without home computers rely on the library for so many diverse reasons. Children who learn to read will grow to be better, more educated adults, and the programs offered to seniors help enmesh them within their community.
12489	7/10/2012	They provide a place for people to receive knowledge, entertainment, a place to study, and a sense of community all for little to no direct cost (besides those who pay taxes). Many people can't afford to buy new or used books all the time or to buy a computer. The library provides equal access to all.
12490	7/10/2012	See earlier comments.
12491	7/10/2012	I like the location.
12492	7/10/2012	I no longer purchase books for economic reasons. I love the "It's your lucky Day" cart along with the fact that I can request a book and be notified when it is available. I have learned of new authors and subject because of the excellent display of new materials. I also do not have cable and frequently check out CS's and DVD's.
12493	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge and job-seeking resources is vital for a very significant portion of the population.
12494	7/10/2012	Along with arts and culture, our libraries feed the minds of our children and encourage learning throughout ones lifetime. They also create equal opportunity for all minds.
12495	7/10/2012	I'm an educator and researcher - I use the library's resources for projects, and would otherwise have to pay for the books, media, etc. out of my very small company budget. That's my priority--that and having access to novels and movies and books on tape for free. But I'm convinced that reading forms the foundation for children's success--and many parents haven't got the financial resources to buy books. Libraries fill that need.
12496	7/10/2012	Because they promote literacy in our society, especially to the disadvantaged.
12497	7/10/2012	Information is power. I try to get my books through the library rather than purchasing them as I don't have much money I know many others are in similar situations. Also, it provides a community space and, in the hot weather, provides a safe place to cool down or (in the rainy season) a place to be warm and dry. Through the library I have access to more media services than I do on my own. Presently I am a PSU student so I make much use of the PSU library. When I cease being a student I will be returning to the Public library again.

12498	7/10/2012	They are an information and knowledge equalizer. □ They promote a culture where being informed is valued and achievable.□ They promote community by providing a shared space and resource.
12499	7/10/2012	It's extremely important for people of all ages, cultures, and needs to have access to the information and technical services that only a public library can provide.
12500	7/10/2012	I love reading and it's important to me to have access to more material than just those texts I own personally. Also I think it's hugely important to provide this resource free to the public, or people wouldn't read as much as they do
12501	7/10/2012	The first thing I do when I move to a new town/city is get a library card (and I move around a lot!). I never buy books or CDs, and rely on my local library to provide me with all the books I could ever want to read. I am at my library on Woodstock St at least 3-4 days a week returning materials, checking out new materials or using the computers. I believe EVERYONE should have access to books, magazines, newspapers and computers and local libraries are the BEST way to provide that service. I can't imagine a world where there aren't libraries and where people have to go bookless because of it. I will do whatever is needed to keep my local libraries open and operating at as full service (7 days/wk) as possible. My life would not be as enriched or as full without the books I check out and the librarians who encourage me to try new authors and new subject material. The best part of my year last year was when I learned that can now check out books electronically on my kindle! I have never read more than I do now that I can download book after book whenever I want! Thank you for providing this service and I hope you are able to restore our libraries back to full service very soon!
12502	7/10/2012	Everyone must have access to information if we're to have a free, democratic society. I think of libraries as a basic public service. You can't have a city without it.
12503	7/10/2012	Libraries serve our area as cultural hotspots for all our citizens. □ Knowledge is Power!
12504	7/10/2012	Is it enough to house a wide selection of material if it is under utilized? To what extent is it a cities' or counties' responsibility to make such material available? Is it a critical component of a desirable or culturally rich community? Do people read? What do your numbers tell you? I remember reading somewhere that we have one of the highest utilization stats of any city our size or bigger. Is that true? We should communicate that out. It is clear that you guys need more money.
12505	7/10/2012	It's very easy for me to afford access to the Internet any time that I choose, thus I have access to knowledge and information any time I want. That is a luxury that I am very lucky to have, but it should be an essential part of everyone's life. Again, knowledge is power and we should all have access to it. Library services help to even the playing field by allowing all of us access to the Internet, expensive databases and books we could otherwise afford. I feel very passionately that not just the wealthy should have access to such things and I think libraries help to bridge the gap.

12506	7/10/2012	Reading is my primary form of entertainment. I get up in the morning and read until breakfast, then during breakfast (and all other meals.) I don't allow myself the luxury of more reading until late afternoon when it's time to stop and relax. I don't need to own books if I can get them at the library, but if there were no library I would buy them at thrift stores, used book stores, and garage sales, or, as a last resort, from Amazon.
12507	7/10/2012	Safe streets, Quick Fire & health issue response, Local Transportation options, reduced government waste & local debt, Effective schools, Reduced PERS expenditures..... Library
12508	7/10/2012	No city can thrive without free access to information and books. It's what makes us a civilization!
12509	7/10/2012	I am a researcher by trade, so access to books and other media and the Inter Library Loan services are essential to my career.
12510	7/10/2012	I love to read and inspire my 5 year-old nephew to love books, I get several of them for him every month
12511	7/10/2012	very important to me. I use library services quite a bit
12512	7/10/2012	Because education and reading are extremely important to me.
12513	7/10/2012	My son is seven years old and reading is very important to him and to me.
12514	7/10/2012	very high because many people don't have personal access to books or technology
12515	7/10/2012	Libraries services, along with public transportation, create livable, educated communities.
12516	7/10/2012	although i don't use the libraries to their fullest potential, i think they're a vital part of the community and invaluable resource to many others.
12517	7/10/2012	Because I cannot afford to buy books
12518	7/10/2012	Information and educational materials must be available to everyone, especially the disenfranchised, for a functioning society to exist.
12519	7/10/2012	They represent access to education and supports to all individuals in our society, regardless of income.
12520	7/10/2012	Not to me, but to my community. Happy community = happy environment to live in.
12521	7/10/2012	libraries open so many doors... we couldn't possibly afford to purchase all the books we want to read...
12522	7/10/2012	NEED/WANT A SAFE PLACE TO GO TO FIND WONDERFUL BOOKS TO READ. I AM AN "EXTREME READER" AND WOULD REALLY LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ACCESS THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM
12523	7/10/2012	I use the library for research. It's just as important to me as the Internet, i.e., VERY important
12524	7/10/2012	Because I enjoy reading and think that we should place a high value on reading.
12525	7/10/2012	Libraries serve all members of the community, and in different ways. Libraries are part of having a well-educated population, they encourage children to read and learn, provide computers to those who do not have them at home, and my kids say "they're fun!"
12526	7/10/2012	Library system helps make Portland what it is.

12527	7/10/2012	Some services (healthcare for example) I would rate higher but I think the library is important because having access to media for learning is crucial.
12528	7/10/2012	As a teacher and a book-lover, I value greatly both the ability for myself to read current literature, and also the access that others have to programs that support literacy.
12529	7/10/2012	We check out a lot of books and movies, but are starting to use ebooks more and don't like the library ebook system.
12530	7/10/2012	I get nearly all of my media from there. With a young child it would be very costly for me to buy as many books for him as he wants to read.
12531	7/10/2012	Because I care more about safety
12532	7/10/2012	Libraries are the biggest bang for my buck. I like to read and sometimes need computer access I couldn't get elsewhere.
12533	7/10/2012	They provide access to knowledge.
12534	7/10/2012	Across the board the libraries help with information access for all
12535	7/10/2012	I consider public transit to be of more importance
12536	7/10/2012	Because when I am not working or unable to work and/or not be able to afford to pay for my computer at home I will need a library to go to for help.
12537	7/10/2012	Gresham library are second only to police and fire protection. As a senior I can order current books without direct cost, research questions are answered timely and competantly.
12538	7/10/2012	Adequate funding to public schools is most important.
12539	7/10/2012	Because I cannot always afford to buy every book/magazine/access to research and data that I need and/or want. I was unemployed for quite a while and I needed to use the internet for job searching and applications and to keep in touch and not be so isolated after having to give up my personal internet service. Without libraries children cannot hope to develop a lifetime love of reading/knowledge and we all lose out when that happens.
12540	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge, art, and literature for all should always be a high priority.
12541	7/10/2012	While I would rate fire and police services higher than library services, I think a good public library system is an important "quality of life" service. It is an indicator of a civilized society; it recognizes the importance of all the patrons, no matter of age or socio-economic status and it serves all according to their needs.
12542	7/10/2012	I am a college student who works part-time, I don't have money to spend on CDs and books all of the time. The library allows me the privilege to read as much as I want and listen to as much current (or even older) music that I want without emptying my wallet. I'm extremely grateful to them and the convenience of entertainment they bring to me and I'm sure many others in our city!!
12543	7/10/2012	At it's best, a library is a reflection of a community's level of connectedness and commitment to literacy and education.
12544	7/10/2012	We use our library for all our entertainment rentals instead of cable, and my kids love to go and get new books.

12545	7/10/2012	They connect us to the rest of the world. Heck, the rest of the universe, if you read Stephen Hawking or Neil deGrasse Tyson. If you can read, you can learn. If you can read, you can relate to others. If you can read, your options expand. Reading and problem-solving go together.
12546	7/10/2012	Public libraries are an extremely important component of healthy communities. They help facilitate the free flow of information, provide important tools and resources and are hubs for neighborhood activity. When I first moved to Portland 4 years ago the local library was an invaluable resource to me. I used library computers to find a job, and going there regularly gave me a sense of the neighborhood I was in and the people living around me. Whenever I've moved to a new city or town the public library is always the first place I go.
12547	7/10/2012	A democracy needs an educated populace. It needs to encourage and support education for everyone. Libraries are a visible sign of a society that values learning for all. Every time someone in my family is going to start a new project, travel to a new place, spend a lot of money on something, the first thing they do is go to the library.
12548	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important service for our community that covers a large population of students, access for seniors, reading materials for and masses of information for everyone. Parents can introduce reading to toddlers and fun activities. Most people cannot afford to have a library, many books or computers at home. Borrowing is a concept that works for those who want it to work and need it to work. Obviously health and safety must take a higher priority but books and information can help to keep a community mentally healthy and have overall healthy benefits. The better educated the less crime in our communities.
12549	7/10/2012	Books (and music and film) should be available to all.
12550	7/10/2012	I think that Library services can be helpful to everyone and can also be a good tool for learning
12551	7/10/2012	free reading material for all
12552	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time, education and access is important.
12553	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and my main access to books is through the library. I think free access to books is a very important public service.
12554	7/10/2012	Our libraries and the systems surrounding them are amazing - we have one of the best county library systems.
12555	7/10/2012	It is one of hte most critical services in the community -- right up there with aid to the poor. Library is a great community center, and resource for those who need it. Currently our son uses the central library as his school library.[]
12556	7/10/2012	[] Continuing to add new ways to access the data is great. Additionally new ways to market these data sources would be great as well.
12557	7/10/2012	Selfishly, they are the primary local service that I use. Thinking community-wise, they enrich the lives of all community member of all ages and education levels. They are a universal benefit.

12558	7/10/2012	Although I don't use the library that frequently now, I think they are an important community resource that get books to people of all ages, abilities, and incomes. They level the playing field and provide a safe place for children and adults.
12559	7/10/2012	We are bibliophiles on a fixed income. Our lives would be badly diminished if we didn't have access to the wide variety of literature we can borrow from the library.
12560	7/10/2012	I love to read and treasure the library resources. But I'd like to have my street paved and police/fire when required.
12561	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge and learning resources is the foundation of democracy.
12562	7/10/2012	Important source of reference materials, technology and entertainment.
12563	7/10/2012	Because I have money, I can buy what the library offers, without driving, parking, putting up with smokers outside, and dealing with noisy kids and adults.
12564	7/10/2012	Hard to compare the library to police and fire....
12565	7/10/2012	I use the library to check out childrens books for my Head Start classroom because our program can't afford new books and I personally can afford to buy that many childrens books. The library places an important role in the literacy development of my preschool students.
12566	7/10/2012	Lending libraries are the foundation of western civilization and even in the information age we need a central place to go and have access to books and other materials to borrow.
12567	7/10/2012	Not sure what you are asking here but I usually don't go to a library to browse for a book. I request it online and then go to the library and pick it up after it has been found at either the Gresham library or found at another library and sent for pick up.
12568	7/10/2012	Access to free education/printed material is essential to any successful community
12569	7/10/2012	I am a writer, a teacher and a lover of the arts: poetry, music, film, fiction. Without the library, I would not have access to materials that support and enrich one of the most important parts of my personal fulfillment and health.
12570	7/10/2012	Libraries are societies life blood. They are places where all people can come and learn regardless of age or culture or financial status.
12571	7/10/2012	I love to read, and can't afford to go buys books every week.
12572	7/10/2012	Reading is so important. My child LOVES the library. He gets so excited when we get to go. He doesn't get this excited for anything else. I think that reading opens the doors to countless opportunities.
12573	7/10/2012	They are important to me, but not quite as important as having my garbage disposed of.
12574	7/10/2012	The only thing of greater importance to me is transportation and healthcare. The library is a community focal point and a ladder to a higher standard of living and quality of life.
12575	7/10/2012	The library is a huge resource for our book loving family. No library, no books...
12576	7/10/2012	I find police, fire, urban infrastructure, schools and transportation are somewhat higher priority. That said, I also want my community to have a strong library system.

12577	7/10/2012	Local libraries provide important services for all of our family members, no matter what age. They instill a love of reading and learning. They build critical thinkers which are necessary for a well-functioning, democratic society.
12578	7/10/2012	I think it is a resource on so many levels for so many different people.
12579	7/10/2012	Free access to information is critical for almost any decision you can make (personal, political, etc). People without that access are relegated immediately to a second class citizenry.
12580	7/10/2012	The library gives access to EVERYONE, there is the ability to access any resources needed , I often use the Central library as well and see a lot of our city's homeless able to access the computers and other resources and I think that is very important to our community that nobody be disadvantaged by income and housing status.
12581	7/10/2012	Libraries provide so many self help services to those in need. Aside from that, we love to read!
12582	7/10/2012	Library services help create a community that values literacy and knowledge. This is central to a strong community.
12583	7/10/2012	Reading and reading programs are critical to our society. Access for all to good literature, music, news and internet services as well as reading programs are all extremely important to our society and cultural advancement.
12584	7/10/2012	i am a huge reader & curious about many things. if it weren't for the library i couldn't afford nor have the time to read as much or about as many subjects as i do. there's also something very reassuring & solid about the library always being there & being available that nothing else in my life really provides. i like seeing all the other people using/enjoying what the library has to offer. also provides a sense of history being in a carnegie building.
12585	7/10/2012	I use them every week and the locality is key.
12586	7/10/2012	Reading and educating oneself is key to improved living and a social conscious.
12587	7/10/2012	Even in this day of Internet access libraries remain a vital resource for our neighbors and our communities. I rely on the library for books, audio books, DVDs, and community events.
12588	7/10/2012	Physically accessible. Financially helps as I am on limited income, so borrowing books, services is such a help.
12589	7/10/2012	My Child loves to read, as does the rest of our family. And, would prefer to turn a page than turn on a computer. Books always work and never need recharging. However useful and entertaining a library can be, it is however not as essential as schools, transportation, refuse removal, and helping people in need.
12590	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy the amount of books that I read. I enjoy having a book in hand instead of reading one online.
12591	7/10/2012	Library provides free access to many different types of information to anyone who walks through the doors.
12592	7/10/2012	Because libraries foster learning for all ages.

12593	7/10/2012	An educated society should be desired by every person for the benefits of good candidates for public offices to make the best decisions for our city/state/country, good doctors to treat us when we are ill, good teachers to educate our children, and an overall better quality of life. If libraries are taken away, those who are not surrounded by well-educated people or of a privileged background would have a difficult time accessing the materials or services required to educate themselves in order to move up into a higher socioeconomic class.[] I say "somewhat important" because I place services such as firefighters/law enforcement/ prison system into the "very important" category.
12594	7/10/2012	i really value the library. However, other services (water, police, etc.) are essential.
12595	7/10/2012	We are a homeschooling family, so naturally, we rely on the catalog to flesh out and make tangible the lessons we teach at home. But in this context, the greatest value comes by virtue of the lessons to our children that knowledge and information ought to be freely available universally, and that it is our civic duty to ensure the library can continue to fulfill its promise of community literacy.
12596	7/10/2012	I don't use the library a lot, but they are central to a vibrant community.
12597	7/10/2012	I am a single mother with very limited income. We go the library for fun and entertainment. I also do not have the internet at home or computer access. I have to go to the library or school for that.
12598	7/10/2012	access to info without spending
12599	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge is very important to me.
12600	7/10/2012	Very important to me.
12601	7/10/2012	These are the most accessible of shared community resources for educating all of our communities, at every age.
12602	7/10/2012	It is how our children have developed into readers. It has accompanied the learning as much as their schooling. It has made them curious and love to learn. You bet, it's important
12603	7/10/2012	I don't use them, but I see how much other people use them, and understand their importance to them.
12604	7/10/2012	Access to information should be free, libraries should be a place of public gathering and knowledge
12605	7/10/2012	Public safety and road maintenance are important, and the libraries are right behind them in priority.
12606	7/10/2012	Community centers and libraries provide gathering centers for the community and are the hub of the neighbourhood. They are a great resource and it would be awful to lose them.
12607	7/10/2012	Literacy and culture are of paramount importance for a free, evolved society.
12608	7/10/2012	They provide an important source for content that is not otherwise available to the public.
12609	7/10/2012	We need to continue to support our community through education and opportunities to learn.
12610	7/10/2012	A public library with access for all is vital to a democratic society.
12611	7/10/2012	Read above
12612	7/10/2012	Fire fighters and public schools trump the library.
12613	7/10/2012	Should be focused on being a library not social services department

12614	7/10/2012	I am a pediatric speech-language pathologist who understands the importance of early literacy programming. I also worry that this is the only resource for books for our underprivileged families. Finally, the library is a public service that I use often bc I am currently living on a stipend and it is a free source of entertainment and escape. I'd like everyone to have the opportunity to escape into a book whenever they choose.
12615	7/10/2012	I use this service weekly, I don't even do my trash weekly. I use it the most because I love what they have to offer. Free is a great price.
12616	7/10/2012	Education and knowledge are necessary, but not sufficient, to maintaining the dream of equality of opportunity for all, which in turn is essential for the financial health of the country.
12617	7/10/2012	Very high.
12618	7/10/2012	Because access to books, other media and computer access for many is vital to the health of a city.
12619	7/10/2012	I grew up in a poor family who encouraged me to read a lot and to spend as much time as I wanted st the local library. Some of my most memorable childhood moments were the countless hours spent at a library after school. Having unlimited access to great books and having a place to be when my parents couldn't always be home to watch over me is a priceless advantage that any kid will appreciate growing up. I've grown up reading so many books that it has improved my language skills and my ability to communicate in writing.
12620	7/10/2012	Because the library is about making information available to everyone who needs it and I think that's vitally important to our survival as a society.
12621	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the foundation of everything that happens in our society. Libraries make knowledge freely available to the populace, to ALL citizens. Many local public services are of course important, but I rank libraries among our most important resources.
12622	7/10/2012	The arts and reading are very important to me and should be of importance to any progressive city such as Portland. To be vibrant, cities need more than just basic public services.
12623	7/10/2012	Because reading, and access to reading materials, is the key to so many things and a library is (or should be) a safe environment for people of all ages and all walks of life can to find books for pleasure, for information, for education, for inspiration, for comfort.
12624	7/10/2012	This is a bias question, purposely set that way I suspect. Tell me what other public services you want me to compare with and I'll give you Assn answer.
12625	7/10/2012	Essentially free access to knowledge & information from every corner of the planet and available to all members of our society regardless of their resources or station in life.
12626	7/10/2012	I am a heavy library user. I use the library for entertainment and for learning. The library makes it free and easy for me to enrich my life.
12627	7/10/2012	I have school age children who love to read at and check out books and othe materials from the library

12628	7/10/2012	Our family utilizes the library resources often. Going into a library and gathering books invokes wonderful memories that I want to pass along to my kids. I want them to have the love of reading that I do. Libraries build a sense of community and are a safe place people can go to seek peace and quiet.
12629	7/10/2012	Libraries are among "nice to have" features of a wealthy city. Security (police/fire), public health (sewers, safe water), steady electricity, honest government, passable roads are all more important than free public libraries.
12630	7/10/2012	To me having a library available is as important as having utilities, that is water and electricity, in my home. I don't expect the library to meet every media need that I have nor to meet the needs of everyone else. However, I do think that it is very important to have library supplies and resources that meet the needs that people do have most of the time. To have a library and its materials available is more important to me than how many hours it is open. Most of the time I (and I imagine most others, too) can work around what hours the library is open.
12631	7/10/2012	Education and access to information form the foundation of a functional society. It does not matter how well funded the police department is or how well paved the roads are if knowledge is a privileged resource. Unless all people have the ability to obtain useful information regardless of socioeconomic status, the people are not free. Books open the door to the world.
12632	7/10/2012	Now more than ever we need critical thinkers. All prejudice is based in ignorance.
12633	7/10/2012	Free and open access to information is a cornerstone of American democracy. Without libraries, access to books and other media would be stratified based on other factors, such as socioeconomic level. Libraries maintain our society and our ideals.
12634	7/10/2012	I believe libraries are a community resource that assists all people, young and old, with education, community spirit, a gathering place, recreation and equipment for job seeking and much more. Although I believe libraries are very important, I also believe we have other public services that are also very important. I want them all and I believe with better money management we could have more public services and not tax the citizens so much they can't meet other necessary family expenses.

12635	7/10/2012	My wife and I do not make a lot of money, but one of our highest values is learning. Thanks to the Multnomah County Library, we have been able to share that passion with our daughter. I estimate she has been to the Belmont branch between 400-500 times in the past five years, checking out everything from Sesame Street DVDs when she was younger, to the Hunger Games trilogy that all her classmates are reading. This represents a tremendous gift to our society, and is something that we should be (and are) proud of as a culture. As much as I'd love to, I can't afford to go to the Portland Art Museum anytime I want, or to see the latest productions at Imago Theater. Thanks to to the library, though, my mind will always be nourished, and it's wonderful to know that my daughter's will, as well.
12636	7/10/2012	promotion of literacy
12637	7/10/2012	Not
12638	7/10/2012	My daughter is learning to love the library, and it is important to me to have a place that she can find real books.
12639	7/10/2012	well, they aren't as important as police, fire, sewer, garbage, etc. But they are the most important "non-essential" public service to me
12640	7/10/2012	It's a great way to try out new authors, hobbies, exercise classes, cooking styles etc without breaking the bank.
12641	7/10/2012	I use the library on a regular basis. I think that the role of the library is important.
12642	7/10/2012	I think books are important, but so are homeless shelters.
12643	7/10/2012	My kids enjoy books and the use of the facility
12644	7/10/2012	Provide a valuable learning place and a place of safety.
12645	7/10/2012	access to knowledge is an important item to me
12646	7/10/2012	it supplies a needed service to the community however, other human services need to be continued
12647	7/10/2012	somewhat important
12648	7/10/2012	I use the materials for teaching and to purchase the same materials would be impossible for me.[] My son is learning to read + I could never afford to buy the amount of books he reads from the Library.
12649	7/10/2012	I think that if we're talking Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there are other public programs that deserve funding before the library -- but that doesn't mean it isn't important to the county and our future as a whole.
12650	7/10/2012	As the mug says "Read to Live". In addition to leisure reading, the library supports my hobbies of travel and language study.
12651	7/10/2012	Because they are a catalyst for personal and professional growth and a valuable public space.
12652	7/10/2012	Reading is important. Having services available to those who might not otherwise have those services is important. If someone doesn't have a computer, they can go to the library. If someone doesn't have money to buy books, they can borrow books and other media from the library.

12653	7/10/2012	I am a lifelong reader and as a recent college graduate, I am now dependent on the Multnomah County library system to fill the personal and educational void left by college graduation. As such, I hope to see a large variety of resources as befitting a major urban library system. In addition, I recall the influence that a healthy public library system had on my youth. Library resources and educational programs helped set me on my educational path, and I would like other children to have the same opportunities I had.
12654	7/10/2012	Libraries epitomize the "open space of democracy". At Pacific City, the library became more important than the community building for open organizing around projects.
12655	7/10/2012	When I was new to Portland and looking for work 10 years ago, the free internet access, printing ability, and kind assistance at the Lake Oswego branch was invaluable. I don't know what I would have done otherwise. Spent hours there perfecting my resume...I think this is the most valuable thing we can offer in the community to people looking for work and to enrich themselves.
12656	7/10/2012	I use it and rely on it. It is one of my most used public services.
12657	7/10/2012	More important than sidewalks or streetlights, less important than medical and emergency personnel - but not much less.
12658	7/10/2012	The library has always been extremely important to me, whether it's for recreational purposes, educational research or employment resources. I have always depended on the library to assist me in finding housing, doing my taxes, looking for jobs, updating my resume and cover letter, researching for a paper, or finding the next great novel to get lost in.
12659	7/10/2012	i consider very important to a life necessity, i.e. school funding, so extra funding for libraries would come next
12660	7/10/2012	I use the library heavily for recreational reading and to obtain journal articles that are important to my business. I grew up reading, was a regular visitor at several branches of the NY Public Library, and prefer reading to other relaxing activities. I do not watch TV; gave that up about 15 years ago.
12661	7/10/2012	In this economy, with so many people out of work, welfare, education and medical services, clinics and necessities come first. A library is a nice luxury but unless they can provide for immediate needs their place in this economy becomes a rather nice luxury, but still a luxury.
12662	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot, and think it's very important that it stays open at least 6 days a week.
12663	7/10/2012	I like to read, but do not like the cost of books. The library allows me to stay educated without the expense (except what comes out of my taxes).
12664	7/10/2012	Because they are somewhat important when compared to other un-named services.
12665	7/10/2012	Easy to get to
12666	7/10/2012	Personally, I value libraries above any other community service. Books open windows of imagination, understanding, and knowledge. I try to instill a love of reading in my own children, and a good local library helps me to achieve that. I want my kids to see that our community values literacy so that they will, too.

12667	7/10/2012	<p>Because I love to read and learn, and with the economy the way it is, I cannot afford to go to a bookstore every time I need something new.[]</p> <p>Furthermore, I believe that libraries serve additional, if not more important functions: 1.) It is some person's only means of searching for and gaining employment. 2.) Children need the libraries, for their own enjoyment, growth, and learning. []</p> <p>Without libraries, there is no doubt in my mind, that the crime rate would escalate dramatically.</p>
12668	7/10/2012	<p>I believe that there is a direct correlation between literacy and education and the quality of the community, as well as its economic success. Libraries are essential.</p>
12669	7/10/2012	<p>#1 reason - Librarians. Librarians rival a Google search any day of the week. I still prefer a hardcopy to a glowing screen. As a father I appreciate the quick access to a wealth of children's materials, and to the little reading nook to share story time with other families - it creates community! The library has served as a meeting place for our family and our neighbors to enjoy children's programs together.</p>
12670	7/10/2012	<p>As a child, I was brought to the library once a week, and as a student, they are a critical research source. I don't know how students in the literary arts would function otherwise. And it is financially impossible to purchase every book I'd like to read for the first time, especially in the current economy. Furthermore, libraries are one of elderly people's few hobbies in many cases.</p>
12671	7/10/2012	<p>Very[]</p> <p>I can't think of living in a place where there is no public library. Nor could my children or grandchildren!</p>
12672	7/10/2012	<p>The local branch is geographically convenient although there are two others nearby (not as nice physically).[]</p> <p>The local branch gives me access to the entire collection of the Multnomah County Library system.[]</p> <p>The local branch provides a nice reading room and browsing atmosphere.[]</p> <p>All local branches serve the people in their locality. The central branch does not serve all the people in City center nor in the city as a whole, except as a central repository (and possibly as an office for professional staff with advanced expertise).</p>
12673	7/10/2012	<p>Education is important and so is widely available access to information and literature.</p>
12674	7/10/2012	<p>Everyone should know the joy of reading, and what better place to get books than our local libraries.</p>
12675	7/10/2012	<p>Very important</p>
12676	7/10/2012	<p>The library has always been a big part of my life. It's wonderful to be able to have access to so many books!</p>
12677	7/10/2012	<p>Reading is good for the brain and good for the soul. Having educated members of society makes it better for everyone.</p>

12678	7/10/2012	We do not have a lot of money to spend and the library is the place for us to get new books, movies, and music. We go weekly and take advantage of the free programs for kids, including storytimes, summer reading and other one time events. We read a lot and the library allows us to access any book we need or want- it is such an amazing service.
12679	7/10/2012	I love to read books and watch movies from the library. I wouldn't have enough money to purchase those books on my own. It is also a great community meeting place.
12680	7/10/2012	There's no other place where I can borrow so many good adventures in literature for myself and my students. I'd never have enough money to do it myself.
12681	7/10/2012	Because I use them regularly, versus other services, like police and fire stations, which I've never used (but I'm glad they're available if ever I should need them)!
12682	7/10/2012	I rate police, fire and libraries as the top local services provided.
12683	7/10/2012	Reading is vital to our future success as a city, a state, and as a country. As we are cutting budgets for schooling I look at libraries as a backup or alternative for people wanting to expand their knowledge base.
12684	7/10/2012	I am a learner and libraries are essential to learners.
12685	7/10/2012	Our family are, and always have been, readers. We are now retired and do not buy many books. Therefore, we depend on our library for reading material.
12686	7/10/2012	Free and public access to educational/learning materials and resources is an important value of mine.
12687	7/10/2012	Of the highest level. BUT I do not agree that all branches and need to be open 7 days a week. I do believe that CENTRAL SHOULD be.
12688	7/10/2012	Simply put, I am a reader!
12689	7/10/2012	A literate, well-informed community makes better decisions.
12690	7/10/2012	You can define wealth as "access to resources." The library provides resources to those who are in the most need of it and who otherwise would not have it. If you struggle to put food on the table, you're probably not buying books and periodicals. We live in the Information Age, and if our population has no access to that information, then they are disenfranchised.
12691	7/10/2012	It's the single greatest access to free knowledge that the government provides. It doesn't matter if you made \$2M, or \$2 last year, you have free access to a vast store of knowledge in print and online.
12692	7/10/2012	I use the library, but we own a nice home, so I pay huge amounts in property taxes. The last election, I was led to believe that voting for the library levy would maintain services. Right after the election where the levy passed, you immediately cut the library hours. ☹ ☹ How am I supposed to trust you, especially when it comes time to vote for you or additional levies in the future?

12693	7/10/2012	Library is an important service but other things like parks, bike ways, law enforcement, and many others are equally or more important.
12694	7/10/2012	I use library services to maintain my ongoing education as a responsible citizen in a democratic republic. Beyond that, as a small business owner the library system was invaluable in helping me get my biz off the ground. Continues to be invaluable for research, resources,etc. did I mention my business creates local jobs and stimulates the economy?
12695	7/10/2012	It holds significance in my past and childhood, and forms a sense of community.
12696	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the coin of the realm in the USA. With internet research dominating, access to information has become rarefied and economically stratified. It is important to preserve access to information for those from all socioeconomic statuses. It is a basis for social mobility.
12697	7/10/2012	Because libraries help the whole community in a multitude of different ways.
12698	7/10/2012	Personally the library gives me access to services I can't afford. It is a source of a vast amount of information. The library helps equalize the income gap--those who aren't wealthy have access to services that are essential to create a successful life: access to books, internet, help with language and homework for all levels of education. I just can't imagine a world without good libraries for Portlanders!
12699	7/10/2012	well, safety (Fire, Police and hospitals) just seem more vital...but libraries would be at the top of the next level, along with parks and other open spaces
12700	7/10/2012	Because education, community, and access to information and resources are key to a thriving community.
12701	7/10/2012	Libraries are great community melting pots - they're a resource that most everyone uses, regardless of income, race or political beliefs. They inspire children to learn, enable people to expand their horizons and provide computer resources to those who don't have them at home.
12702	7/10/2012	Libraries functioned very prominently in my childhood. They should be maintained and well-funded so that everyone had access to media regardless of income.
12703	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. What other public services am I to compare?
12704	7/10/2012	you ever spend any time in a library? look around. these people are not drunks, prostitutes, dopers - they are trying to better themselves.
12705	7/10/2012	Everything begins with reading. A child can go to the library and take home 20 books. If they enjoy them great! If they don't it's no money lost and you have a child who is encouraged to read and find books that interest them. For lower income families, this is especially important. If you can't read, you are unable to do some of the most basic tasks in life: job applications, reading the newspaper and staying informed, etc.

12706	7/10/2012	Because they touch so many people -- theoretically everyone -- and provide tools for individual, family and community improvement. They are engines for growth for an entire community, growth in responsibility, connectivity, and maturity. Without downplaying any of the other services upon which people rely, this is most important to me because we live increasingly in a knowledge-based society. The library system creates access to that knowledge well beyond the reach of most people left to their own resources. It also connects people who go to the library for any one of the many programs offered, not to mention the usual process of checking out materials.
12707	7/10/2012	They provide access to information for everyone in the community.
12708	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a central location for learning and sharing, a valuable resource to help a community to improve themselves and build better lives.
12709	7/10/2012	The services that public libraries make available to everyone provide some protection from corporate control of mass media, government, universities, and other institutions designed to serve the public.
12710	7/10/2012	none really. But of course I don't live there anymore, In reality, it is nice to have and makes sure that people have a important service that can be accessed by a few that need it.
12711	7/10/2012	I read constantly and could not afford to do so without the library. The public library has an amazing collection of books and I so appreciate the ease of reserving and checking them out.
12712	7/10/2012	Free access to materials for all
12713	7/10/2012	not sure.
12714	7/10/2012	The library is just about the only place to get reliable health/medical information.
12715	7/10/2012	The opportunity to explore the world through borrowed books. My kids' reading.
12716	7/10/2012	I love the library. It's my favorite public service & the one that brings a smile to my face. But even so, I have to say that police, fire, and public schools are more important overall.
12717	7/10/2012	Many resources available at the library that cannot be found or accessed elsewhere.
12718	7/10/2012	Personally, I use the library a lot. Libraries are also essential for encouraging literacy in our society.
12719	7/10/2012	A free and accessible library is a prime component of an educated, well-informed, and civilized society.
12720	7/10/2012	I don't rely on the library daily, but I rely on the streets and roads... that said- I always vote for library funding and do my best to support the libraries as often as I can. I don't feel like I use my libraries enough! I also don't feel like like-minded people use the libraries enough either. If they knew what a great resource it was, they would use and support it! I do my best to spread the word, but I only know so many people.
12721	7/10/2012	Other public services deal with more serious matters like health housing education etc
12722	7/10/2012	Compared with police, fire, water and sewer, roads, libraries are relatively less important. That said, I still believe they are an important resource for many and particularly for those of limited means.
12723	7/10/2012	Top five.

12724	7/10/2012	Sometimes, it's the only place I can do research for a novel I am writing. Besides, as a mother of three on a low income the library is the only place the kids can sit someplace and read a book without being thrown out after a certain amount of time. Kids love to go to the libraries and browse books they aren't sure they'll like, but get a chance to test them out.
12725	7/10/2012	I believe that knowledge and learning are very important to me. Just ask any parent, they will tell you how important it is for their children to read.
12726	7/10/2012	It services a broad spectrum of the population
12727	7/10/2012	I love to read and I want my children to love to read as well. Also, reusing books saves money, paper, and resources! Plus reading is a huge predictor of who will be in jail when they get older...all children should have access to books so they can learn to love to read!
12728	7/10/2012	Knowledge is the foundation on which everything rests.
12729	7/10/2012	Being a senior citizen, I don't want to buy books anymore. I love the library because I can find almost anything I need, especially current materials. The online factor is very important, too, for customer convenience and for the library as an agency being up to date with technology.
12730	7/10/2012	An educated populace is required for democracy to function and for the work force. I had a library two blocks away from my house when I was growing up and used it often since we did not have money to buy books then.
12731	7/10/2012	If needed I would find other ways to help support my child's development. I do think the Library is a great resource but I'am not willing to pay any more for that resource.
12732	7/10/2012	Library services have become more important having children as they require entertainment and we have less funds.
12733	7/10/2012	A public that can,t read is easily mislead.
12734	7/10/2012	We use the library constantly and love that we're able to get nearly whatever we want by transferring it to our branch as well as downloading off the online sources
12735	7/10/2012	Libraries are something I use on a regular basis. While other county services (for example, drug and alcohol treatment programs) are important they are not something I use directly.
12736	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to books and magazines that normally may be difficult to find, and also provide computer access to those who do not have it at home.
12737	7/10/2012	I like my local library to be open out of convenience, but if Sellwood or Holgate or Belmont were open when Woodstock is closed, that could work. We have such a great system in this county with being able to return and pick up books in other branches that we have built in flexibility. Even if I used public transportation, one of those branches is as easy to access as is Woodstock.
12738	7/10/2012	Access to a public place (government supported) that encourages learning and research, and that allows young and old alike to borrow books free of charge, is a standard for our fair democracy.
12739	7/10/2012	Reading and literacy is critical to civil society and people's ability to access information and knowledge.

12740	7/10/2012	I am a big reader/researcher. I access my primary library in Washington County on a weekly basis. I have probably seventy books checked out at any one time (I have a family of six people, and for ease keep all items on my card), with a hold queue of about 20-30 additional titles. So the collection is important to me, libraries are not important to me as a place. I would be fine with ordering my books online and going to a warehouse to pick them up. I almost never browse.
12741	7/10/2012	The library provides access to books, media and opportunities which are invaluable to myself and the community.
12742	7/10/2012	Yes
12743	7/10/2012	The library is an important resource for the community and should provide the resources needed for people to access what they need.
12744	7/10/2012	Heavy user, reader, movies.
12745	7/10/2012	Free access to a wide variety of resources
12746	7/10/2012	It's a basic need for many who can't get it any other way. Access to information is a basic human right.
12747	7/10/2012	One of the most important ways that people can gain equal access to information. Libraries are essential to a democratic society.
12748	7/10/2012	I love the library, but I think it is more of a convenience for me than a really necessary or important service. That said, I think it is far more important for others who do not have the same resources that I do.
12749	7/10/2012	helps level the playing field for people who can't afford to buy books / internet access / etc.
12750	7/10/2012	I read a lot.
12751	7/10/2012	Its a good way to access resources but I don't need them on a daily basis like other public services (water, garbage, trash, transportation)
12752	7/10/2012	The library gives everyone in my neighborhood somewhere to go and hang out that isn't a bar. Books are expensive and it helps me save money while remaining a well-read Portland citizen.
12753	7/10/2012	Access to media (internet, etc) for those who would otherwise not be able to get it.
12754	7/10/2012	a community gathering spot, encouraging reading and learning, providing resources for people without computers is imperative, borrowing books instead of purchasing is good for the environment and pocketbook.
12755	7/10/2012	I also think that public education and transportation are very important.
12756	7/10/2012	The highest. Libraries shape every aspect of our community.
12757	7/10/2012	I love to read and can't afford to buy books.
12758	7/10/2012	social services are a priority
12759	7/10/2012	Brings the community together, provides an abundance of resources not available elsewhere.
12760	7/10/2012	It is paramount that citizens know how to read, research, use their resources and knowledge. And continue to do so throughout their lifespan from baby to senior.

12761	7/10/2012	With the whole world glued to iPhones it is important to offer appealing, well-organized alternatives to stimulate the mind and imagination.
12762	7/10/2012	I use wifi, printers, and rent books and movies.
12763	7/10/2012	I use the online services which is very important to me. I'm childfree but feel like its money well spent to offer library services to children who maybe can't afford to purchase books.
12764	7/10/2012	having books and other resources available
12765	7/10/2012	Being able to share ideas will help our ability to generate new ideas.
12766	7/10/2012	Convenient access to current materials; research ability; I like using the on line system a lot.
12767	7/10/2012	public services covers alot of territory - police, fire? They are all Very Important.
12768	7/10/2012	Libraries are a resource my family uses regularly. Having school-age kids who rely on the books for homework and reading development makes it an important resource.
12769	7/10/2012	Education and access to information is the foundation of a healthy community, and healthy population. I personally sense that there is an attack on education and a desire for the population to go backwards rather than forwards in terms of ending ignorance.
12770	7/10/2012	Access to information is paramount in our society-- it is a basic liberty that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of economic status. Libraries fill this need by providing computer and internet access to people who do not have personal computers; supplementing children's learning and literacy; and supplying an endless supply of books, magazines, and information to all residents - for free. I rely heavily on my local libraries for my professional work as well as my own personal growth and development (i.e. reading for pleasure.)
12771	7/10/2012	Knowledge, community gathering places, access to information and how to us it, books and reading. These are all crucial to healthy communities.
12772	7/10/2012	Access to free knowledge is about the most important thing I can think of. It provides the opportunity for success and growth indiscriminately.
12773	7/10/2012	Libraries are probably the most accessible public service. This gives it prominent importance as a service. However the ease of getting information and entertainment online is taking over.
12774	7/10/2012	When I was growing up (in MI) I remember going to the library, especially in summer to check out books to read. My library is part of how my imagination grew stronger, and part of my earliest learning of sharing, and community.
12775	7/10/2012	I make regular use of the library, and it's a great resource for everyone in the community.
12776	7/10/2012	Mainly because I see how privatization and budget cuts adversely effects those who need it the most. As a Pearl Disttict resident, I see that Central Downtown, Old Town, Pearl and NW have the fewest resources. I think there is an assumption that the need is lesser in these areas, but this is simply not true. We have no public pool. Trimet is reducing services, even in heavily used urban routes. As a progressive, I believe we need to spend and invest in these resources- and of course education and healthcare. It's hard for me to pick and choose. All are vital, as I see it.
12777	7/10/2012	Less important than the police or fire fighters... More important than the whole ancient tree thing.

12778	7/10/2012	free, for all ages and economic background.
12779	7/10/2012	We have four avid readers in our house, and we can't afford to buy enough books to keep up with everyone. □ The library saves us hundreds every month, compared to the cost of having to purchase reading material.
12780	7/10/2012	Library services are quite important for my toddler's development.
12781	7/10/2012	Appreciating reading and having a place to learn, entertain, and meet fellow community members for free is paramount.
12782	7/10/2012	Literacy is an important part of having a society that functions well. Also, libraries function as community centers, and in this digital age, it's good to have a place people can meet and/or receive help.
12783	7/10/2012	I feel that resources for public safety and for job seekers are more important.
12784	7/10/2012	saves me money from buying books and using facilities for my grandchildren
12785	7/10/2012	reading and information literacy are crucial for educational growth for all age groups
12786	7/10/2012	Since I rarely use the library I would say that it hasn't been that important, but as my toddler gets older I suspect it will become more important as he starts to read.
12787	7/10/2012	I've been to my library twice- once to vote and once to print something. I rely far more heavily on other services such as mass transit, which I use every day. Trimet cuts hurt me more than library cuts.
12788	7/10/2012	They supply free books and music- something much needed in economic hardship.
12789	7/10/2012	Literacy and education are the key to a strong society.
12790	7/10/2012	Libraries should be consistent in quality and service from branch to branch.
12791	7/10/2012	essential
12792	7/10/2012	story and reading are extremely important in society. there needs to be access for everyone to be able to get to books. story helps educate and relay the norms of a culture.
12793	7/10/2012	I am a reader! The public library is the single most important COMMUNITY CENTER that a good city has.
12794	7/10/2012	Public Safety will always be #1 with roads and other "essential services" ahead of the Library.
12795	7/10/2012	There is nothing more important than education. Its the basis of civilization, and the only means for its potential to grow.
12796	7/10/2012	For large segments of the population, this is one of the only resources/affordable-resources available for access to arts, web connectivity, self-improvement and education.
12797	7/10/2012	The free and continued access to information truly yields power. There is nothing like reading - it can be a vacation from reality, can teach you tangible skills, expands the mind, and sets up academic and other successes.

12798	7/10/2012	People don't need to spend money to have fun and learn and meet other people in their community.
12799	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important resource to level the educational playing field between children of different socio-economic backgrounds. A library is the symbol of intelligence in a community, being well-read and educated = empowered citizens.
12800	7/10/2012	The library is about the only resource I use. I have no use for the Adams ilk and those who spit in our faces.
12801	7/10/2012	Every person in my household uses the library on a weekly or at least monthly basis. Granted we drive the streets every day and and have 24/7 police and fire protection, but the library is the public service we notice/utilize the most.
12802	7/10/2012	Not everyone, especially those hurt from the Economy can find what they are looking for at their residence. A place for a Child or a great Adult is the Local Library.
12803	7/10/2012	Because encouraging people to be creative, well educated and critical thinkers is important. Local libraries promote this. Also, because of nostalgia, and wanting kids to have the same chance to walk to their local library in the summer and check out books in which they could loose themselves for entire afternoons.
12804	7/10/2012	Free access to reading material, friendly free help using the library services, are essential to being an informed citizen. The great Multnomah Library service is one of the reasons I moved to Portland, and the first act as all Portland resident was to get a library card-I tell friends yes, the taxes are high,but I have a Multnomah Library card!
12805	7/10/2012	I may be able to visit a book store to review before buying or purchase from Amazon, but service to children, families, job seekers, and elderly is INVALUABLE! We have cut so much from education already, sometimes the library is the only place families are encouraged to do more for their children - job seekers have NO other place to use a computer. Obviously water, sewer, police, fire dept. are more important - but the Library is right up there on my list.
12806	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Library is an amazing library system and resource. I would hate to see it diminish in any way. A library gives resources for people to take care of themselves, it is supplement to education systems, employment systems, after school programs, etc. It offers resources for a person to do for themselves. Cuts in the library will be illustrated by corollary impacts to all these other programs.

12807	7/10/2012	Very important. They help build community, protect the environment (fewer books & media need to be produced, neighborhood availability reduces need to drive), and promote an educated and involved public. I love to read and to learn, and even though I have limited income-- I'm unemployed-- I have access to many of the same resources as the rest of the citizens of Multnomah County.
12808	7/10/2012	The library should be the hub of the community.
12809	7/10/2012	Allows for continued education and learning as a lifelong tool, not just for me but for students I tutor.
12810	7/10/2012	levels the playing field for all children; gives access to information; is one of the best things about Portland.
12811	7/10/2012	Because I love to read and learn and hate buying books.
12812	7/10/2012	Libraries are the best!
12813	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power
12814	7/10/2012	They give me an access to many amazing books ! :)
12815	7/10/2012	A cities wealth is its education. Access to information affects everything we do and want to achieve.
12816	7/10/2012	The library is the service that most people in our city use.
12817	7/10/2012	As an educator, I cannot even imagine living somewhere with poor or severely limited library services.
12818	7/10/2012	Very
12819	7/10/2012	Public safety services are more important
12820	7/10/2012	With access to the internet many printed material information is available online. Other public services provide services that are not available any where else
12821	7/10/2012	My family and I are avid readers and use the library a few times a week to access books we otherwise wouldn't be able to.
12822	7/10/2012	I use the library more than I use any other service provided by the county.
12823	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly and know that it offers very valuable services to others as well.
12824	7/10/2012	Somewhat
12825	7/10/2012	I consider it a nice ammenity, important for encouraging reading and love of books, but below basic needs for food/shelter, etc.
12826	7/10/2012	Such a wide range of people in Portland use the library, from kids to adults to seniors, from high to low income, from people needing a job to those checking out a movie. There isn't one person who can't benefit from the library.
12827	7/10/2012	Education is the most important public good and should be funded as such.
12828	7/10/2012	Vital to freedom of thought, knowledge and learning.
12829	7/10/2012	Local library services rank up there with public and safety services; they all contribute to create a community
12830	7/10/2012	Only emergency services and infrastructure are more important to me than the library. The library ensures equal access to learning materials for all county residents/

12831	7/10/2012	Without libraries the public at large cannot inform and teach itself as needed. Public commons are spread thin or are uncommon in today's world of so much private ownership and (in)corporations
12832	7/10/2012	Because they are a cultural hub for my community. Books are important to me and so it's important to also be able to access material for free, paid by my community.
12833	7/10/2012	I'm an author and a big advocate of getting kids access to books so that they become lifelong readers. The Library system ranks very high on that front.
12834	7/10/2012	They way this question is worded I must assume you are including the fire and police departments as well as water, sewer, garbage, etc. It is important and needs to be included, but I'd rather see traffic enforcement improved so pedestrians aren't in danger as we walk to the library.
12835	7/10/2012	Libraries are incredibly important as they provide access to all of the community to books, computers, community resources, and a safe place. Although their importance might be easily overlooked, they are clearly a very important part of social services. I volunteer with at-risk youth and regularly take them to the library to check out books or use the computer. These kids may not otherwise have any exposure to literature, current events, or a supportive community environment. I think a library is a sign of a rich social environment and not having one would be a great disservice.
12836	7/10/2012	education and resources not available any other way, such as out of print, etc. And, access to new books for low income folks
12837	7/10/2012	I don't personally use library that my
12838	7/10/2012	very important
12839	7/10/2012	Access to books and information are vital for our democracy to function. This is clearly visible when compared to countries that restrict, censor or do not make these services available.
12840	7/10/2012	The impact of libraries in preventing crime, promoting public safety, supporting healthy communities, helping people find work, building literacy and participation in society shouldn't be underestimated. We get a big bang for the library buck and I'd rather spend money on infant get-ready-to-read and children's literacy than on jails and police. (No offense to police but they already have plenty to do.)
12841	7/10/2012	Because everyone cannot afford to purchase books and the library give you that option tapes, computer c;asses etc
12842	7/10/2012	For me, libraries are right there under police, fire and transportation. Those things are needed for day-to-day survival, but it's the libraries that (again, for me) add an extra layer. It's not a "need", but it's a very "nice to have". It's what helps make Portland that much more livable.

		Local library services are very important because they serve multiple functions and affect many populations and age groups. They create communities. They provide information. They build pride in those that use their services, whether it be for regular check out of media or programs for job seekers and ESL students.[] []
12843	7/10/2012	While I may not use the services as frequently as others, securing my Multnomah County Library card was one of the first things I did upon moving to Portland – that and registering to vote. I didn't even have my own place yet or a job, but I had joined the community.[] [] Plus, libraries have been around for centuries upon centuries. I do not see them losing their importance in the digital age, rather they'll evolve like people do.
12844	7/10/2012	It's equal in importance, taking 2nd place only to firemen, policemen, hospitals, bridges, infrastructure
12845	7/10/2012	They form the heart of the community, introduce children to the magic of reading and serve as a great equalizer - a free service for all to enjoy.
12846	7/10/2012	The library provides an important service to the community by making available resources to those who may lack them. A library is the foundation and cornerstone to a well-read and literate community. It is also a safe haven to those who are less-fortunate. It is imperative that we continue to provide this library service and access to the library to our community.
12847	7/10/2012	In one wonderful heated or air conditioned (depends on the season) building one can learn skills from others, read a book, study in a quiet space, find a movie to watch or music to listen to, be welcomed by a wonderful knowledgeable staff member, use a computer, research a project without having to purchase all the materials....
12848	7/10/2012	They make information, education and art accessible to everyone, which is crucial for a community's health and growth.
12849	7/10/2012	A library represents a cultural storehouse that a computer cannot represent.
12850	7/10/2012	In this technology driven society not all of us can depend on or afford it in our homes. All people have free access to the library. It is a right of all citizens. Library services education should be and mostly is provided in all of the school systems.
12851	7/10/2012	Access to the internet, on-line book stores, local book stores and coffee shops, etc. provide the services I need. The County Library system, for me, may only be a place to go on rare occasion to study or browse older books. If I need a current and popular book, I typically can't wait for the book to become available via the library and I simply purchase an electronic copy (audio or other format). There are a plethora of social services, first responder services, etc. that all unfortunately rank far above the county library system.
12852	7/10/2012	Very important. Libraries is where I got my love of books.
12853	7/10/2012	We use it the most.

12854	7/10/2012	my family is a huge user of the library - we can walk to it.
12855	7/10/2012	I don't use the library as much these days, have internet access at home, my kids have grown up
12856	7/10/2012	People deserve the right to obtain knowledge without paying for it.
12857	7/10/2012	The library offers a lot in ways of learning and enhancing your children's future. It would be a loss to loss that.
12858	7/10/2012	Incredibly important! I grew up going to libraries and consider them part of the foundation of a good childhood, and now reading is a major part of my adult life.
12859	7/10/2012	I have the internet at home and I purchase a large number of books that I read but I know that a library is valuable to the community as a whole because it gives those people who don't have all the resources that I do access to them.
12860	7/10/2012	The only other public service that I use more often than the library is the park system.
12861	7/10/2012	none
12862	7/10/2012	Although I greatly value library services, I personally don't use them beyond checking out books. I think other public services have more of an impact in my life.
12863	7/10/2012	All should have access to free reading materials.
12864	7/10/2012	The library is a public resource for knowledge, and provides a firm foundation and resources to improve the lives and minds of the citizens.
12865	7/10/2012	I guess police and fire department are more essential, but I use the library more than I use them.
12866	7/10/2012	They are a strong part of a democratic society, allowing access to knowledge to all citizens. I believe people who are better informed make better choices not just for themselves but for society.
12867	7/10/2012	Libraries are a bedrock of our communities. I can't imagine a world without them. They are just as important as a well functioning public transportation system. They help further an educated civilized society.
12868	7/10/2012	I have an unquenchable nature and my computer only serves part of that. I LOVE my library!
12869	7/10/2012	Free access to information is vitally important for a community. Not everyone can afford to buy books, computers, or internet access, but the library makes these resources available to all.
12870	7/10/2012	Reading is fundamental to our children! And the Library is central to our city.
12871	7/10/2012	Children and students need the resources available (and to know about them) in order to do as well as possible in school and to become self sufficient and productive citizens in our community.
12872	7/10/2012	The library should be available to all, regardless of income. People with lower incomes are not as able to pay to attend some events due to budget limitations. The library is a great resource center for students and the elderly alike.
12873	7/10/2012	I love to read. I also think it is very valuable to have resources like these (books, computers/internet, etc.) available for the public use. The community aspects are important as well, as I like being able to bring my child in for reading times and other community activities centered around books and learning. I think the library is a very positive environment and represents constructive, healthy social values.

12874	7/10/2012	I like to read about all sorts of things and the Library serves as an important focal point for the neighborhood, even if I don't avail myself personally of all of the offered services e.g. child reading programs.
12875	7/10/2012	I read A LOT, over 200 books a year. It is my social life.
12876	7/10/2012	I feel like it is very important to have access to reading material. To have a love of learning and knowledge available to our communities. To hold a book in my hands and turn the pages. Reference material for fact finding and checking. A place to be with others who love books and public spaces.
12877	7/10/2012	Knowledge should be a right not a privilege. People of all income levels and ages need access to information and information technology.
12878	7/10/2012	Quiet& easy access, I feel I have a piece of ownership because I put my tax dollar at work for education & learning information.
12879	7/10/2012	I love being able to go to the library and handle real books.[]
12880	7/10/2012	I love being able to read anything I want without having to buy it.
12881	7/10/2012	I am a senior and the library is one of my main outlets into the outside world.
12882	7/10/2012	I've enjoyed using the library system all my life. Until now. i dont have space to store all the books i want to read[] i used to buy books and in a way that is a waste of resources, although i believe writers should be well compensated, especially non fiction writers[] so i value the huge availability of books at the library.[] i would be willing to pay \$5 or more for the books alone, and more if you want to get into the netflix business.
12883	7/10/2012	Obviously police, fire, and infrastructure are crucial, but we have no society and certainly no democracy without education, and the library epitomizes the free access to information. Moreover, it does it in a way the internet does not, as published works give a verifiable author provenance to written works, although both are important. Providing access to literature for the less wealthy, theyoung, and the elderly is part of the underpinnings of a civilized society.
12884	7/10/2012	Library services are critical, but basic social services like housing, heating assistance and food programs are more foundationally important.
12885	7/10/2012	We seem to be living in a time that does not value knowledge, that views knowledge and understanding as a waste of money and a threat. That's dangerous in the short term and, not to sound too melodramatic, undermines civilization in the long term. A smart, well-educated, well-read population is our best hedge against the forces of tyranny.
12886	7/10/2012	Fundamentally, access to information and non-biased education for the populace is what separates us from other countries like North Korea. Providing resources for the poor and underprivileged so that every US citizen has the means and ability to pursue their dreams is a cornerstone of our culture.

12887	7/10/2012	The library is a great educational resource within our community. Internet access and access to reading materials raises the level of education and opportunity for low-income residents and thereby helps our community as a whole. Especially the Central Library is a great place for all segments of the community to interact as it is frequented such a diverse range of people. I use the library to keep up to date on new non-fiction works, especially regarding local and sustainable eating practices, which the library does a great job at keeping current.
12888	7/10/2012	Literacy is vital to creating an educated population. Children need to see that our community values reading. Plus, the resources available at the library, such as internet access and workshops, help adults.
12889	7/10/2012	Because the library has access to critical resources for people who might otherwise totally fall through the cracks. Libraries empower individuals and embodies some of our most basic rights.
12890	7/10/2012	I don't use the library as much as an adult as I did when I was young -- but as a kid, the library was critical to me. I was 20 when I saw my first Web page (slowly and lovingly rendered in Mosaic!); throughout primary and secondary school, the library was my point of access to a broader world of information. <p>My daughter will grow up with a computer in her pocket, but the library can still provide that same lifeline I had to kids who are still on the wrong side of the "digital divide" (which is really just a polite way of talking about socioeconomic class).</p>
12891	7/10/2012	Personally, the library is Very Important to me but overall must factor in safety & health-related services provided as well. Instead of the category Somewhat Important on your likert scale, I'd like to qualify my answer by replacing it with Important.
12892	7/10/2012	Having a literate society is the basis for democracy.
12893	7/10/2012	frequent use, high value
12894	7/10/2012	A library isn't as necessary to human survival as running water.
12895	7/10/2012	Extremely important
12896	7/10/2012	It's important to me to have free access to the forms of media that my library provides.
12897	7/10/2012	I am broke and I am addicted to boks.
12898	7/10/2012	I do not want to have to buy materials for school, I am a student and I love to read and watch movies, having them be at the library is convenient and saves me a ton of money.
12899	7/10/2012	Libraries give people free access to knowledge.
12900	7/10/2012	We don't use other public services nearly as much as the library.
12901	7/10/2012	I know where I am going to find useful information.
12902	7/10/2012	Public libraries provide a vital service, especially to our children. We need them open every day.
12903	7/10/2012	Local libraries provide a safe haven for people, a place for people to learn to read, to gather and share information, to explore the world. The health of local libraries speaks to the health of a community.

12904	7/10/2012	Almost all of my books, music come from the library.
12905	7/10/2012	An open, free library is at the heart of democracy. It provides information for EVERYONE seeking it: homeless, with home, young, old. It provides a safe, quiet place to learn and think. I equate it to freedom and a classless society.
12906	7/10/2012	the library is the most democratic of any social service - anyone can join and use the services, regardless of other factors.
12907	7/10/2012	They are used every day by hundreds of people for a variety of purposes. They are a source of information... not just books, but computers and public transportation information and community events. I have never heard anyone say, "Shut down the libraries!"
12908	7/10/2012	I use them much more than I use or hope to use fire or police. I am extorted to pay for water and sewer which actually covers multiple other items I would not select. It is unfortunate someone does not watch out for library services that way. Access to reading material and other media is crucial with the decline of our public school system, the lack of libraries in public schools and the unemployment rate. ☐
12909	7/10/2012	☐ Libraries are a haven of information and education, open to everyone. That has and always will be of the utmost importance.
12910	7/10/2012	There should be places for those who cannot afford computers & internet to access them. That seems to be more important than access to books and magazines. Public transportation, healthcare, education- those are all more important than libraries.
12911	7/10/2012	I have always been a library user, because they make a world of books and other materials accessible that I would not otherwise discover. You can "try" out a book without committing to the cost. I think it has made our family more widely read than they otherwise would be.
12912	7/10/2012	Because I am a voracious reader - always have been - and because I'm retired, living on a fixed income and cannot afford to buy books any more.
12913	7/10/2012	My family and I are voracious readers, and we rely on the library for almost all our reading materials. When my children were younger, we made extensive use of the library's story hours and children's activities, and I believe that helped instill a love of books in my children.
12914	7/10/2012	They help increase literacy. Literacy leads to success.
12915	7/10/2012	Because we cannot afford purchase books and reading stories to our baby is vital to her early development.
12916	7/10/2012	I find that being able to have access to books and other forms of media allows for me to keep informed and keep my hobby of reading affordable.
12917	7/10/2012	Our libraries are easily our most outstanding public service and help to enrich the communities they are in. Public libraries should be second only to schools.
12918	7/10/2012	We need an educated, informed society and the library and its services is key to making that happen.

12919	7/10/2012	They are the only place where poor and middle class Americans can educate themselves, and for children to get knowledge which they are not getting in schools due to budget cuts.
12920	7/10/2012	I really like being able to check out books and research topics with help from the librarian.
12921	7/10/2012	I believe easy access to the books, magazines, and other information available from the public library is invaluable. It provides the tools for an informed citizenry as well as recreation for young and old.
12922	7/10/2012	Police, fire, water etc are basic needs. The library is important but lives below basic needs.
12923	7/10/2012	Without the library my son would not be able to express himself today. He had a speech impediment. Picture books through the library has helped him develop his speech. He is continuing his reading as of today he can talk.
12924	7/10/2012	Libraries are used by our whole family. Parks used to have great importance to us, but even when the kids were small, we were more likely to visit parks in the suburbs which were better maintained than the Portland parks.
12925	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County Library is a huge factor in my quality of life here. I am a fast and voracious reader and cannot afford to purchase the number or variety of books I can access at the library. Even if I could afford the books, I don't have the space for them. In addition to the simple pleasure of reading, I rely on the library to provide the books I need to continue my own professional development. Lastly (but certainly not least) I rely on the library for the resources I need to expand and inform my hobbies as a crafter. I give the library great credit for expanding my knitting repertoire, from sewing to upcycling everything to cooking. I would be lost without the library.
12926	7/10/2012	They offer a community gathering spot and entertainment/recreation - something you can do even when the weather is bad. [] [] They help me provide a sense of community and belonging to my three year old.
12927	7/10/2012	They provide educational materials and resources for ALL people, not just those who can afford to access them.
12928	7/10/2012	Because its free. Free books, services, computer access, etc. In this economy that's very important to have that available for people.
12929	7/10/2012	It's the local public service we use most in our household, by far.
12930	7/10/2012	Education is the great equalizer. Creating a love of learning and a curiosity in youngsters, along with the resources to satisfy that curiosity, is an important tool in social justice work.
12931	7/10/2012	I think the library should come before public transportation and other things. If there isn't a place to learn and develop and find interests where are people going to turn? I like being able to get a book, read it and return it. I don't have a lot of means or space in my house to purchase every book I want to read. Reading needs to be a top priority as well as teaching people the importance of learning and how to learn rather than just teaching to teach and never looking something up. There is a wealth of information out there and the library is a great resource to find that information.

12932	7/10/2012	Because I have access to things I can't otherwise afford such as books, computers, movies. It also keeps me up on current issues and it is important that all people in our society have a communi place to meet and learn.
12933	7/10/2012	I don't understand the question. You want me to compare the library to the fire department? the police? the water department? Those things are requirements for living in a city, while the library is not. Compared to those things, the library is not important at all.
12934	7/10/2012	They are our source of knowledge. The library represents what kind of information is available to the public and what knowledge they can learn on their own. Free education of sorts. People need access to the changing politics of their community and it is readily available at the library.
12935	7/10/2012	We live in a very small apartment. We place a high value on reading, but simply don't have the space to own books, nor do we have the current income to purchase as many books as I and our grandson read. We don't have internet at home we don't have any tv service. We are constantly at the library for new books and videos, both entertainment and educational. Without the library, the 6 year old wouldn't be reading at nearly the rate he does. My husband would have struggled more to find work. Keeping up with unemployment claims would be next to impossible. The library is an absolute lifeline at this point in our lives.
12936	7/10/2012	I grew up poor with parents who did not speak English. The library was my window to another world. I learned, was entertained, and met new people at the library. One of the most exciting and entertaining aspects of my life was going to the library every saturday and getting new books. I still use the library frequently.
12937	7/10/2012	Access to books and music is vital. Cornerstone of a healthy society.
12938	7/10/2012	need to educate via printed materials
12939	7/10/2012	The library is an important resource, but not quite as important as police, fire, and other social services the county offers.
12940	7/10/2012	They offer a wide range or services or different leanings styles and all types of people can access them.
12941	7/10/2012	Access to great material in friendly, well-organized system (on-line reservation system is excellent)
12942	7/10/2012	Because I feel connected and it helps me improve my intellect - my life. It makes me feel like a wanted member of society in Portland.
12943	7/10/2012	Love to read and need to get free use of books. On a senior budget.
12944	7/10/2012	Not as important to me as others, but I do believe the library is an essential, valuable resource in our community.
12945	7/10/2012	We have plenty of problems with limited resources and we can't have it all. Don't get greedy
12946	7/10/2012	Because I feel that literacy is of utmost importance in the generations to come and will pay and fight for that!
12947	7/10/2012	can't buy books, use hold system. read a lot.

12948	7/10/2012	It is a fantastic supplement to our education system, which also is lacking in funds. Students who don't have the resources of books and computers at home can access them at the public library.
12949	7/10/2012	Literacy is very important to me. In a culture that increasingly values online and television media, I think it is crucial to emphasize the importance of literacy. The library provides free, exciting options, which makes reading more enticing.
12950	7/10/2012	Everyone uses the libraries here so much. More than anywhere else I have lived. Access to books and all of the other resources is as important as any other public service.
12951	7/10/2012	Libraries can be a safe haven for kids with no where to go. The resources available can teach people to read, open an unknown world and spark imagination
12952	7/10/2012	I'm on a fixed income. I rely on the books I can check out from the library rather than buying them myself. There is such a wealth of materials available.
12953	7/10/2012	Not everyone has access to computers, books, magazines. This access is important in a democracy and to provide access to education and information to all.
12954	7/10/2012	Libraries are very important to me and my family.[] See it as part of the education system.
12955	7/10/2012	It is a huge resource for people who cant afford to buy books to read or study or afford internet. Some people depend on those services for job seeking and schooling. Education is power.
12956	7/10/2012	The ability to read books and other media, to research, to find entertainment material at no out of pocket costs (apart from my taxes) enables all citizens, myself included, to improve oneself, to improve one's outlook, to open doors, to enable creativity and to lift man above one's physical conditions, to transcend and to improve all humanity. Without free public libraries, our life, our liberty, our existence is at stake. The repository of knowledge is key to our society. There is no greater public service to the greatest number of citizens than a library.
12957	7/10/2012	I value having free access to so many books and media, I can almost always find what I am looking for in the way of books!
12958	7/10/2012	The library can service all sectors of the community with valuable resources that range from reading to job search to computer access. Every community needs access to their library!
12959	7/10/2012	An educated society with access to free books and materials can create positive change in the world and our communities.
12960	7/10/2012	Learning and knowledge are always key to a civilized society.
12961	7/10/2012	provides a free education and information to All citizens of PDX
12962	7/10/2012	I can buy books or other media, but I can't pave the roads, maintain water mains & sewers,educate the youth of Portland or provide police and fire protection
12963	7/10/2012	Education and self education are important to give everyone the chance to better themselves. The library system gives everyone the opportunity to learn even if they do not have the financial ability to purchase resources for their personal use.
12964	7/10/2012	I depend upon the services of the library more than any other local public organization.

12965	7/10/2012	I can get most of the learning information from library
12966	7/10/2012	I would rank public safety higher. Fire, Police, and road maintenance are high. Capitol improvements rank below.
12967	7/10/2012	Libraries enhance literacy, education, self-sufficiency and community unity, which in turn helps people find and retain jobs along with helping children thrive in school.
12968	7/10/2012	Having access to a library is very important it offers a variety of programs for people of all ages and books to the community and for those who cannot afford to buy books. The children's programs are also important and provided families in the community a way to educate their children and have them socialized. Having the library accessible for research is very important to me and having access on the weekends as well because I don't always have time during the week to go get books and it's nice to have that opportunity on the weekends.
12969	7/10/2012	If I did not have resources to access the internet or purchase books (helps Powell's stay in business) I would be at the library a great deal of time. Our grandchildren do not live near us, but if they did, they would be at the library a great deal of time. There are families and senior citizens who access the library resources and benefit from having a library in the neighborhood. Currently I don't make a huge amount of use of libraries but other people do and I have in the past. I may be in a position in the future in which I need services libraries provide.
12970	7/10/2012	Access to internet and printing are things some people can only access at the library. These are essential for job seeking etc. Services that are provided can be of value to the community.
12971	7/10/2012	I believe libraries are a vital foundation of our community, providing a wealth of information to everyone.
12972	7/10/2012	I can't be in the sun or cold in order to find another library
12973	7/10/2012	See my previous comments under #6. Also, information that is rich in real value (unlike certain stuff of the web) should be accessible for an informed populace. Which we know we are losing/have lost at a clip. Google is not an organizing principle. Libraries organize information and its sources for better access and are staffed with human beings to help you into it. This is so important. Sharing this information by funding an organizing source, reading and returning a book so someone else can use it, same for the computers and databases: all of this makes self-obvious sense.
12974	7/10/2012	Education is one of the most important public services we have. I believe the local library system is a vital support to our schools and it allows adult members to continue a life of learning.
12975	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading and learning.
12976	7/10/2012	For one, a book in hand outscore a hand on a keyboard. I have sought, bought, borrowed, and thoroughly enjoyed books since my early childhood
12977	7/10/2012	We check out books all the time. Borrowing books from a library is a critical need for my family.
12978	7/10/2012	I'm a writer and avid reader. I use the library for research and personal enjoyment.

12979	7/10/2012	They even out the playing field for folks of all socioeconomic statuses.
12980	7/10/2012	The library is the only place in the world where I can take my three children and know that they are receiving one of life's biggest gifts and it's free. Where else can you do that? They all adore reading because of their access to the Multnomah County Library.
12981	7/10/2012	libraries are civilizing influences in a consumerist culture
12982	7/10/2012	Educational
12983	7/10/2012	place for people who need help to go
12984	7/10/2012	i believe libraries build a sense of community
12985	7/10/2012	I have many resources for finding books/materials. However, I realize I am lucky and I support all other programs, especially support for job-seekers.
12986	7/10/2012	i need books to read. Libraries are a perk to the community
12987	7/10/2012	I cannot imagine my life without reading and access to reading materials
12988	7/10/2012	Libraries are not only community centers for youth, adults and families, but they provide a wealth of resources for education and enrichment.
12989	7/10/2012	They offer so much to the people who cannot afford to pay for services. Libraries offer an opportunity for the poor to learn and explore.
12990	7/10/2012	Our family uses the library at least a couple of times a week.
12991	7/10/2012	Learning is extremely important. Libraries are something everyone can use and benefit from
12992	7/10/2012	I feel that it is important to easy/free access to all types of reading material.
12993	7/10/2012	The Educational benefits of public libraries pay off with reductions in violence and criminal behavior.
12994	7/10/2012	mostly bc i don't know what other public services specifically to compare them too. this question could be more specific through including a summary list of other local public services for comparison.
12995	7/10/2012	I place a high value on books - and the ancillary services that the library provides that are not the top priority for any other local public services.
12996	7/10/2012	It's the public service I use the most.
12997	7/10/2012	Very important since I love to read books.
12998	7/10/2012	We read to learn, without reading we understand less about the world around us.
12999	7/10/2012	The library is a free place for EVERYONE to go and learn. The resources that the library offers are extremely important in building a positive, healthy and beloved community in Portland. The library enriches the entire populations experience which then gets filtered into higher learning and the economy within Portland.
13000	7/10/2012	I like the library but if I have to chose between something like food services and medical care for low income families with children and schools having what they need to teach the children, the library will definately be behind on that a far as importance.

13001	7/10/2012	Libraries provide community centers, are accessible to all without regard to income, race, gender, age etc., and provide a place of lifelong learning. They are safe places to go for youth, they give us a window to the world through books and other media.
13002	7/10/2012	I access the online resources consistently. If they were no longer available, I would have to pay for services through other sources in order to get the same information. Also, we take our grandchildren to the story hour sessions and it is a nice break and enjoyable for the kids. If that were to be defunded or stopped, it would leave a VERY large hole in the relevant services that are provided to many, if not most, all families.
13003	7/10/2012	Due the high level of educational resources they provide to anyone who comes inside the library doors.[] These resources are available to everyone and not just a chosen few.
13004	7/10/2012	Reading opens up the world to everyone. The value we receive from free books and other learning materials is invaluable. Storytimes are so important to teach parents how important reading is to young ones. Computer access is so important to students, seniors, job seekers and others who do not have the budget to own their own computer and/or internet access. Libraries offer education, entertainment, social support, and so much more.
13005	7/10/2012	see my previous comment (no. 6)
13006	7/10/2012	I firmly believe that the opportunity that public libraries bring to citizens is of the greatest importance. The ability for members of the community, no matter social status or economic level, to be able to seek out resources and educate themselves toward a brighter future is what makes cities like Portland so great. All it takes is motivation and hard work and anyone who is issued a library card can turn their life into a great success.
13007	7/10/2012	They support education at a wide level and are an essential quality of life service that may be easy to overlook during times of economic hardship. They are also an important hub of social services for many people.
13008	7/10/2012	Clearly health services and emergency needs come first. But we are suffering through a period of highly inadequate public education; better support for libraries can be a significant part of better public education.
13009	7/10/2012	While Libraries are not providing a life-or-death service, they play an irreplaceable role in our communities. You provide access or learning and dreaming, without any consideration of a person's wealth. This has undoubtedly been the difference between success and failure for many students, immigrants, parents, teachers, transients and so many more! This is a vital service that I would gladly pay to ensure it remains available to all for many years to come!
13010	7/10/2012	I read a lot -- about 1 book/week for 40 years.
13011	7/10/2012	Emergency services and public safety are more important, but libraries come next.

13012	7/10/2012	I believe in a meritocracy where one's efforts to better oneself are rewarded with a better life. I also believe that a democracy cannot operate properly if the citizens are not educated. Worlds are opened in people's minds when a book is opened. A society is richer as a result.
13013	7/10/2012	I like to read and I like to hold a book to do so---not an electronic gadget.----therefore I use the library on a regular basis for that. (even though I buy a lot of books, as well). At this point I have not needed some of the other services offered, but it doesn't mean I won't at some point in the future, and judging from the no. of people I see using the public computers and the no. of children and parents I see there, I would say library programs are VERY important to maintain.
13014	7/10/2012	Libraries are a great resource, a place to do research that is reliable [unlike the internet]. Libraries are also a place to learn and expand ones knowledge. I also believe that libraries are crucial to many of us with small income, especially children. It os a safe place to learn and open ones mind!
13015	7/10/2012	I wish this question listed the other public services you're referring. In any case, free public access to information is the cornerstone of a free society.
13016	7/10/2012	Because it is my source of books.
13017	7/10/2012	I use my library more than any other local service.
13018	7/10/2012	Our local library is very important to me because it provides a place where my children and I can go to enjoy and explore our passion for reading.It is also a valuable resource for research and homework. Our local branch library provides an outstanding community resource. Also, there seems to be a wide range of users (diverse in age, race, economic background).
13019	7/10/2012	I depended on libraries as a child in NYC and I am getting back into using them as a retired person. I also want them there for my grandchildren.
13020	7/10/2012	They are a valuable cost friendly option for people to enjoy.
13021	7/10/2012	They enable people to access information and materials, and to gather together in community activities.
13022	7/10/2012	Because I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read!
13023	7/10/2012	I think it is important that everyone has access to information
13024	7/10/2012	People need to have access to books and other resources without having to buy them. I have been using libraries since I was in grade school, which I graded in 1961!
13025	7/10/2012	Very, very important.
13026	7/10/2012	Free access to a comprehensive marketplace of ideas is the core of American democracy.
13027	7/10/2012	We use the library a lot, but it is not as essential as other public services.
13028	7/10/2012	Libraries are essential to a community, but they are not life-or-death type services like others. This does not mean they shouldn't be fully funded, though!
13029	7/10/2012	There are many avenues to the resources I utilize the library system for.
13030	7/10/2012	I am a teacher, so I use the library to research and check out materials for my students. I am also a PhD candidate, so I use the library to research my dissertation.

13031	7/10/2012	Because they bring education and information into the community, which is the most important thing there is, next to basic necessities.
13032	7/10/2012	Libraries provide books, newspapers and periodicals that keep our citizens informed.
13033	7/10/2012	Free access to literature for all ages affects a lifetime for learners.
13034	7/10/2012	My granddaughter checks out at least 10 books a week for us to read to her. Very important for members of community that don't have access to computers and books.
13035	7/10/2012	It makes a community, a resources for those without them at home or school, a safe place, access to the world though books and internet.
13036	7/10/2012	The library provides access to knowledge and culture and is an antidote to the dumbing down by our mass media.
13037	7/10/2012	I am a voracious reader, and I grew up walking myself to the library after school almost every day. My love of reading has shaped my life, and if I had been required to buy every book I read, I would not be the person I am today, because I simply wouldn't have had adequate access to books.
13038	7/10/2012	I believe a public library system is fundamental to a successful community and republic. 1. I'm a teacher. ☐ ☐
13039	7/10/2012	2. If only those who can afford to purchase the services the library offers have them, then the have/have not of our society continues to grow. ☐ ☐
13040	7/10/2012	3. No place makes my children happier. Police, Fire, Public Works, and Schools are more critical to the community.
13041	7/10/2012	I value the opportunity to educate myself and hope others take advantage of library materials for the same reason. An educated populace makes a better functioning and more effective society.
13042	7/10/2012	Like public education and arts education and basic public safety service, access to books and media and cultural programs benefit all people.
13043	7/10/2012	Libraries provide an educational foundation in communities that may be otherwise resource-poor.
13044	7/10/2012	Because I love books and information, and I'm not able to buy (or store) all of the books and info I'd like to have access to. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a country that provides such widespread services along these lines.
13045	7/10/2012	They bring the entire community together and preserve our cultures. Having safe bikeways and effective public transportation are more practical public services, but the library definitely improves my quality of life, keeps me in touch with the community, and provides a valuable resource to children and seniors.
13046	7/10/2012	
13047	7/10/2012	The resource materials and other programs are one of the most important local public services beyond basic utilities offered by the city.

13048	7/10/2012	Access to books and computers are vital to humans at all ages and from all backgrounds. From starting infants on a path to loving reading and education, to providing a resource for learning and a work space for school aged children, to giving adults access to continued education/computers and internet access/job searching and resource identification space, to providing seniors with activities and ways to stay engaged. The Multnomah County Library system is a part of what made me choose Portland as my home and the richness of the life I've made here would be impacted without it.
13049	7/10/2012	The library is an important educational and entertainment tool. It is important for the knowledge and understanding of our citizens
13050	7/10/2012	They perform a variety of critical services to our community- I still believe that reading is a significant concern to our young people- impacting education levels- job opportunities- with the ripple effect throughout the entire community. (police/ social services ect)
13051	7/10/2012	They provide books and other media for those unable to buy them; computer assistance, story hours for children, convenient research options - all the things libraries have done through the years. You also offer helpful and interesting programs to all.
13052	7/10/2012	Public services that provide for basic human needs are number one. The availability of library resources are important service that provide all people with equal opportunity for books, computers, classes, etc.
13053	7/10/2012	The library provides everyone with access to information and worthwhile forms of entertainment, including people with limited economic resources, and even including people who cannot go to the library themselves. The library has the potential to expose people to a wide variety of opinions in a way that other sources of information do not (e.g. Google, which modifies search results based on past history, or electronic book readers from which books can be remotely deleted). The library contains paper media that cannot be deleted or modified remotely. The library is a fun and healthy place for kids.
13054	7/10/2012	First Firefighters and Policemen then schools, public utilities and libraries.
13055	7/10/2012	Access to the services provided is important to maintain an informed citizenry and develop young peoples thirst for knowledge.
13056	7/10/2012	Reading, and access to it is very crucial. Especially in teaching our new generations literacy and technology skills
13057	7/10/2012	any kind of free educational access is vital to society, and most easily cut, or so it seems to me. Free places that give everyone access to computers, get help with using them if they don't know how, is especially important now with media being primarily digital. The economy is such that more folks don't have the money to buy books and magazines, not to mention having a dsl line or new computer, the library provides a huge range of entertainment, and educational resources. []
13058	7/10/2012	I listen to books on cd and would be devastated if I couldn't borrow those from the library. I am a serious reader and appreciate the access to free books.

13059	7/10/2012	They are a center of open knowledge--part of what makes our country more egalitarian than most, and therefore more equal.
13060	7/10/2012	Because libraries provide entertainment and information for free
13061	7/10/2012	I use it for all sorts of things: I have a small business, and use the ask a librarian for research help; it's a quiet space to work; my kids love the summer reading program; we checkout books and DVDs all the time.
13062	7/10/2012	As an educator, I use the library constantly. I tutor in libraries, check out books for myself and for my classroom, and ask the youth librarian for suggestions for my struggling readers.
13063	7/10/2012	internet
13064	7/10/2012	they offer resources to those who can't afford new materials and promote reading to young kids which is very important
13065	7/10/2012	I read daily, I don't like reading on a computer.
13066	7/10/2012	Access to books and programs/education for people of low income. Libraries are a fantastic example of community.
13067	7/10/2012	community literacy/education and availability of reading materials for people who can't necessarily afford to purchase their own books. i view this as one of our most imporant public services as far as maintaining or nurturing a well-educated public
13068	7/10/2012	information = power
13069	7/10/2012	I am at the library twice a week - i like finding out about new books browsing - i do not purchase books or dvd's - the library is my sole source for these items
13070	7/10/2012	I am absolutely addicted to the library. I regularly rely on it for non-fiction and fiction reading, research materials, movies, and computer access.
13071	7/10/2012	It's the most sustainable community oriented way of reading. Much more efficient than buying new books or buying an e reader.
13072	7/10/2012	It's difficult to compare unless you give us examples of what you want us to compare them to!
13073	7/10/2012	I have always used the library and depend on it to be there to keep up on information and be able to read books and materials I cannot buy.
13074	7/10/2012	I honestly use these resources all the time. When I was looking for work, the computer resources were quite valuable. Books and even other types of media is practically only available now at public libraries. Even with items like movies, the library has stuff that is out of print or only made to order or in expensive box sets.
13075	7/10/2012	Literacy is important and should be available to people regardless of socio-economic status. But not at the expense of essential programs like schools, police, and fire.
13076	7/10/2012	I use the library both personally and professionally - as a self-employed professional in the arts, access to a wide variety of media (including DVD's, books, CD's and music scores) as well as access to internet-based resources are critical to my success and happiness.
13077	7/10/2012	education and a healthy environment for all ages to go to.

13078	7/10/2012	It's important to me to be able to continue to educate myself, be exposed to new knowledge, culture, art, literature, etc. It's important for the populace to have free access to knowledge and resources, and for all people to supplement their education. A community without libraries is an impoverished and disadvantaged community.
13079	7/10/2012	My children use the resources for school work and pleasure reading
13080	7/10/2012	See foregoing comment.
13081	7/10/2012	I am an author of nonfiction books for young people. The Multnomah County library system holds dozens of my books. To me the library is an essential part of the research that enables me to write my own books--yes, even in this age of Internet research. In a more general way I place a high value on literacy and on access to books and information. To me such things are more important indicators of community health than, say, publicly funded fireworks displays and art installations, as nice as such things are.
13082	7/10/2012	Everyone can benefit from the library regardless of income, age, and ability level
13083	7/10/2012	As a teacher, they provide educational resources and learning experiences for me, my family, my students, and my community.
13084	7/10/2012	Libraries are vital to helping parents become better parents, to helping kids to learn how to read (especially in the age of school cutbacks), to helping keep people engaged in the community and mentally active throughout life, to help build community in a diverse world.
13085	7/10/2012	It helps kids at school as well as adults to improve their knowledge at a free range. Learning on your own.
13086	7/10/2012	I think all public services are important and the library is a very sensible service. Services such as police, fire, schools, and social services are more important than the library.
13087	7/10/2012	Providing all library services promotes good habits for young ones. It stimulates developmental skills
13088	7/10/2012	Education, hobbies
13089	7/10/2012	The library provides so many services that help people improve their lives. We must give all people the tools to educate themselves and grow.
13090	7/10/2012	Library = access to information Information = knowledge, creativity, imagination
13091	7/10/2012	Knowledge, creativity, imagination = success & advancement (of individuals, community & society) I'm a writer, so it's very important for me to have access to a large volume of books.
13092	7/10/2012	Aside from public parks, libraries are one of the few remaining common areas in a given community. Many people depend on libraries for the information, learning and other resources that libraries traditionally offer. The availability of a public library affects the livability of the surrounding community in many obvious and not-so-obvious ways.
13093	7/10/2012	They provide resources to those with the most need and bring people together in a learning environment.

13094	7/10/2012	Very important.
13095	7/10/2012	I can't imagine a city without a library
13096	7/10/2012	An educated community is a healthy community. Everyone deserves access to knowledge.
13097	7/10/2012	Libraries allow people of all socioeconomic classes to reap the benefits of reading and other media which is immeasurably important for our society as a whole.
13098	7/10/2012	Police and Fire (public safety) are prime importance. Free libraries are a basic need for the community.
13099	7/10/2012	Libraries provide so much to so many people....libraries are vital to communities! And, I absolutely love books.
13100	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot. They seem to be a wise use of public funding.
13101	7/10/2012	Even higher than public transportation. Knowledge and accessible information are vital to our society.
13102	7/10/2012	Provide resources and services to people who may not be able to afford them elsewhere. Unites the community.
13103	7/10/2012	I think social, welfare and protection services are top priority - but I do highly value our local library services and feel its important, especially in this electronic age. I would absolutely hate to see the "institution" of libraries become endangered and eventually extinct.
13104	7/10/2012	I love to read but don't want to spend money buying books.
13105	7/10/2012	The opportunity to READ, check-out books whenever I want and to have a source for other interests (live music, authors speaking, community/non-profit organizations hosting informational meetings, etc).
13106	7/10/2012	Supports thoughtful living and alternative to paid media
13107	7/10/2012	The library is the center of learning in a community.
13108	7/10/2012	Libraries provide chance for people to access books, media, resource materials. Many people cannot afford to buy books, subscribe to papers, or have personal computers. This provides those benefits for everyone young and old, rich and poor. It is especially beneficial for those less fortunate.
13109	7/10/2012	I believe in the value of books and of having books available to all members of our society.
13110	7/10/2012	I don't use the library that often personally, but I believe they play a crucial role in the community to others of all ages. If computer classes could be offered more, I think it would benefit those of older generations that are looking for jobs but don't know how to use current technology that well.
13111	7/10/2012	I only use the library for Ancestry.com. I am an amateur genealogist and Portland Librariaries do not seem to care about American History. For instnce Holgate has walls of books in Russian, Asian, and Hispanic but very inadequate coverage on the American Civil War. By the way, aren't the libraries in America?

13112	7/10/2012	Libraries are truly accessible, inclusive and empowering for all of us.[] Along with the public schools they are the most equitable path for individual progress this country offers. They may even beat the public schools, given the state of these now.
13113	7/10/2012	books are a great confort.
13114	7/10/2012	Public service for our minds and our shared culture, not just our homes, jobs and safety, is vital in the information economy.
13115	7/10/2012	It is among the few services that all citizens can use. It is not limited to a few that qualify or need special services.
13116	7/10/2012	of course libraries are wonderful for folks of all incomes and their kids to enjoy reading, but law enforcement and fire services have to take precedence for the welfare and safety of the community.
13117	7/10/2012	They are up there with public schools. They are the only source of information/development/knowledge for some. The only source of community for others.
13118	7/10/2012	All members of the community can get resources and educate themselves using materials at the library. The library gives us access to things that we may not have been able to afford otherwise (for some, this may be as simple as books, newspapers, and internet access, while for those who have those basics, it may be access to scholarly journals or periodical databases). The library allows us to broaden our perspective, because we might check out a book that we wouldn't have bought--we learn more from having access to the library.[] [] I say "somewhat important" because even though I think the library is a great resource to have, it is not as important as essential services like police, fire, and ambulance. However, if the basics are paid for, I completely support fully funding a wide range of library services.
13119	7/10/2012	I believe that local libraries are a critical foundation to a civilized society.
13120	7/10/2012	People can find resources to better themselves, and hence better the world. We live in an age where information is everywhere, all the time. Staying informed and learning are important to society in order for people to make educated decisions. Also, there are people who need the internet to find jobs so they can have better lives. Students and educators use the library for research, inspiration, etc. Children and elderly people enjoy books that take them to interesting places in the minds. There's the old cliché: knowledge is power.
13121	7/10/2012	Libraries provide an opportunity for learning and education for everyone. They provide access to the internet and other media, which is increasingly how people are learning about things. Libraries are an under-used resource that should be a corner stone of our community life--social, political, educational.
13122	7/10/2012	self education[] access to information[] builds community

13123	7/10/2012	I raised my kids at the "library" wherever we lived. They have all learned to love reading and frequent their own libraries for better reasons than "fun and games". Don't get me wrong... we all have a LOT of fun... I just don't think the many should be paying for the FEW! I also REALLY object to the different material you carry in other languages. In case you haven't noticed... We STILL are the UNITED States of America. By providing further segregation and making it easy for immigrants to STAY to themselves they never merge into the concept of UNITED States of America. I really resent all the money funneled to the few.
13124	7/10/2012	Because the library is one of the few, free or relatively free sources of information, education and resources to maintain, enhance or promotion of literacy and reading.
13125	7/10/2012	Obviously, the most important things in life deal with health, sanitation and welfare. Knowledge comes in second place however; that is the purview of libraries.
13126	7/10/2012	No other public services meet the needs of such a diverse group of citizens. I feel that the library services are very universal - a cornerstone of the community.
13127	7/10/2012	Libraries provide information and in some cases, inspiration. To be vibrant and meaningful, it must stay aware of the needs of the community it serves.
13128	7/10/2012	Access to information is the base of an educated electorate and job force!
13129	7/10/2012	Very important.
13130	7/10/2012	I would put transit service above local library services, but I do think it's very important that people have free public access to books, magazines, and newspapers.
13131	7/10/2012	They're where everyone (no matter how much money they have or don't have) can go for knowledge, information, resources, entertainment, and community support.
13132	7/10/2012	I use them all the time to explore different subjects/authors without a finance commitment initially.
13133	7/10/2012	This question was difficult to answer because I'm not sure which other local public services you mean. I do value library services and think they bring an important benefit to our communities.
13134	7/10/2012	community
13135	7/10/2012	I use the library quite a bit for books. I read on average a book a week, and wouldn't be able to afford to buy (or store!) that many books if I didn't have the option to use the library!
13136	7/10/2012	Without knowledge, shared publicly, we are doomed.
13137	7/10/2012	Because a community cannot thrive without places to go and learn and have access to informational and educational resources. Reading and education are very important to our citizens and our local economy.
13138	7/10/2012	Reading and learning are very important to me, and the fact that it's free to do it through the library almost any time that I desire is incredibly important to my life.
13139	7/10/2012	Most important on so many levels.
13140	7/10/2012	I love the library
13141	7/10/2012	Such a great quality of life enhancement for me. My local library really is a gem of the community.

13142	7/10/2012	Without libraries and mail delivery, you're cutting and let dangle a large part of the population that's already marginalized. Plus, speedy knowledge never hurts anyone.
13143	7/10/2012	because the question is ambiguous.
13144	7/10/2012	I can get anything I need. I can get help for anything I want or need to do or any place I need or want to go. The information is so valuable to my life. There isn't a topic I can't research when I'm at my library.
13145	7/10/2012	Public funding, as opposed to private for profit services
13146	7/10/2012	Communities need culture to survive.
13147	7/10/2012	I don't use the library often. Usually for hard-to-find books. Otherwise, I buy my own or use my Nook eBooks. Frankly, I would most often use the library to check out new hardcover books; however, they have a lot of demand and the library has a limited supply of books to lend compared to the waiting list of people who want to check them out. I find the wait time so unreasonably long (months???!!!!!) that I have completely given up even trying to reserve any new books any more. So, the one function that I would most like to use the library for is not a viable alternative to me. So, I hardly ever use the library any more. Sad :>(
13148	7/10/2012	A viable community needs it's citizens to have access to the services a library provides.
13149	7/10/2012	The local library is an integral part of our family life, our sense of community in THIS place right NOW, and the foundation to our children's love of learning and reading. To take that away -- even if for only one day a week -- is so sad.
13150	7/10/2012	Because many people such as myself do not have internet access.
13151	7/10/2012	For my needs, the library services are somewhat important because I enjoy reading in my leisure time. But I think for the masses it's very important to have library services. The library serves so many other needs than just leisure reading and I think it's important to have those free services available to everyone.
13152	7/10/2012	Access to information is key to helping people get where they want to be in life.
13153	7/10/2012	Libraries offer a unique blend of educational and pleasureable experiences. They are instrumental to our communities, for people of all ages and cultures. Libraries bring people together.
13154	7/10/2012	Readily available knowledge, information, resources, and entertainment contribute to the heart of what makes people learn, grow, and self express, which enriches the community overall in a ripple effect.
13155	7/10/2012	The library is a treasure house of information and media for me and my wife. We do not buy as many books or DVD's because we know that we have access to them at our public library. It is also important because it serves a strategic role in our community for people of all ages and a variety of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. It is encouraging to be a part of a county that emphasizes this type of service for its citizens. It give us a sense of being a part of a larger community.

13156	7/10/2012	<p>An educated and informed public is vital to a democracy. Reading is a gift that we a society need support. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>If we're all watching Fox and other drivel on TV we might as well fold up the tent and start fighting about whose religion is better.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>No special library district. It will eventually start taking money from schools and other services. We elect leaders to make funding decisions and set priorities. You would not set up a special jail and sheriff's taxing district. Why is a library considered different than other County services? Fund the library with a levy or raise the property tax rate to sustain the current County services.</p>
13157	7/10/2012	<p>Improve quality of life to a degree but not nearly as necessary/vital as law enforcement, emergency services, education, and public infrastructure maintenance.</p>
13158	7/10/2012	<p>Regardless of the advancements in technology it is important to me for my son to love reading books - real live hold in your hands books. I love the atmosphere of the library where people are together for a common purpose.</p>
13159	7/10/2012	<p>The local library is a community hub. I am reminded of that every time I go in, and see so many from the community using its services. My family and I mainly use the library for print books, e-books, media for checkout...Not so much for computers or other programs. But I see others really relying on the library for these services on a regular basis.</p>
13160	7/10/2012	<p>While I may not use the library as much as many people, I think that a good library system is vital to the intellectual health of a community. I would support the library even if I didn't ever use it.</p>
13161	7/10/2012	<p>I see all people there using the library.</p>
13162	7/10/2012	<p>Because of the vast amount of resources the library provides to community members of all ages.</p>
13163	7/10/2012	<p>Access to information promotes education, emancipation, and fun</p>
13164	7/10/2012	<p>I use the library in a multitude of ways on a regular basis. My daughter especially loves story time and being able to check out books and kiddie movies.</p>
13165	7/10/2012	<p>i refer folks to the library to use the computer for housing, job searches and a safe place to be on a regular basis.</p>
13166	7/10/2012	<p>Knowledge is power; poor people need access to resource materials. And I personally love books and can't live without them. I read them way too fast to be able to afford to buy them all the time. And students need access to resources for school, as well as a lot of people for their jobs. There are so many reasons!</p>
13167	7/10/2012	<p>The public library has been a special place for me all my life -- beginning as a small child, and now into my older years. A fabulous resource for information and browsing as well as a source of books and DVDs.;</p>
13168	7/10/2012	<p>Because they are an integral part of the community.</p>

13169	7/10/2012	I would not be the person I am today without having my local library growing up. It made a huge impact on me in regards to my wealth of knowledge, my social skills, and my independence. I was very lucky to grow up in a town with an excellent library system.
13170	7/10/2012	I use the library to for most of my leisure reading, but it is used by other people for access to computers, education materials and education opportunities for low income children.
13171	7/10/2012	I love to read and all my book reading I get from the Woodstock library
13172	7/10/2012	Being among books and among people who respect them is a good place to be, both for young and old.
13173	7/10/2012	Books is good.
13174	7/10/2012	Multonomah county library has helped me go back to school, it has helped me find employment,and it has been an invaluable resource for me as a parent. Thank you!
13175	7/10/2012	they supply more education to our young for growth
13176	7/10/2012	I use them on a regular basis and I feel like they are part of what contributes to a vital community, offering resources and knowledge to all.
13177	7/10/2012	We all want everything at yesterday's dollars and yesterday's services but unfortunately that is not reality. Given the depressed economy we (as a family) cannot support any new or increased tax levies despite the value of the service. My spouse has been unemployed/underemployed for 18+ months and we are struggling to meet our current financial obligations and simply cannot take on any more at this time. While I understand that many feel the library should remain open and fully staffed 7 days per week, I don't think it would be the end of this world to operate on a limited schedule until the local economy picks up.
13178	7/10/2012	I like to always have a book with me.[] I always take my grandchildren to the Central library when they visit. They have come to look forward to that activity & the ability to check out some books while they are here. I would never be able to purchase books as their age interests change.
13179	7/10/2012	The library is an aid to every other service. That makes it the #1 service.
13180	7/10/2012	Because I use it all the time. I find books that I want to read and am able to get them. I have access to multiple resources to find information I need and can use.
13181	7/10/2012	All services are important. How do you choose between e.g. libraries and fire protection? Libraries and public health? Libraries and road maintenance? Libraries and food security? I will not participate in some shallow popularity contest intended to make winners and losers of essential public services; all must be funded. Consider the benefits that could be realized with just one of the Blazers' salaries - or Portland's fair share, perhaps 1/300th, of the trillion-plus dollars spent on illegal wars, or of the sixteen trillion dollars freely given to banks. It is time we ask more of those who would ask less of us.

13182	7/10/2012	Very important. We get most of my nine-year-old son's reading material there. The library allows me to keep him stocked with a nice variety of books. He's an avid reader and if I had to buy these for him, I simply could not afford it.
13183	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading every day.
13184	7/10/2012	Educated citizens are rational citizens.
13185	7/10/2012	I believe in the freedom of information that should be available to all citizens.
13186	7/10/2012	its the ONLY public resource i use regularly with intent.
13187	7/10/2012	Police and Fire are more important, but we use the library alot. However, without the library we would still find books and other media. It would just be more difficult and expensive.
13188	7/10/2012	As I mentioned earlier, my local branch is always packed with a huge variety of people, all needing different things. My branch & its staff do a great job of working with the neighborhood.
13189	7/10/2012	Allows all to learn and mentally grow!
13190	7/10/2012	I'm a student and hope to be an educator when I am done. Literacy is fundamental to freedom.
13191	7/10/2012	Libraries are the cornerstones for a free country
13192	7/10/2012	As a child I spent lots if time in libraries, and I feel reading (not on a kindle) and ability to research a topic you desire in a safe and pleasant environment is crucial.
13193	7/10/2012	The library system is the one place where I feel like our public services feel like an amazing gift. I can't believe all of the materials available through our library and how well used our libraries are. They bring all Portland residents together and almost everyone I know is a heavy user. I love it completely and brag about it to people who don't live here.
13194	7/10/2012	LIBRARIES PROVIDE FREE ACCESS TO BOOKS AND MEDIA THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE COSTLY.
13195	7/10/2012	Libraries are basically the purest form of communal and collaborative public institution we have. It's symbolic of our cultural priorities. Making knowledge and information available to all citizens without regard to ability to pay is IMPORTANT. Having this is profoundly American and it's meeting a need that isn't met in any other venue in our society.
13196	7/10/2012	I am older and use the library for books. I walk to the central library. I also check out material which provides DVD's for instruction---art, history. I love this, especially. Am currently using Art through the Ages, one DVD per day.
13197	7/10/2012	I believe everyone should have access to books to read and there are many people who cannot afford to buy books.
13198	7/10/2012	i can't afford to buy books and media.
13199	7/10/2012	It is vital for people to have access to reading and resources to support it.

13200	7/10/2012	I tend to buy a lot of books at Powells and other local bookstores, as well as Amazon.com. But the libraries are so important because they are open to everyone who wants to learn and they provide a wonderful opportunity to read books that a lot of people can't afford to buy. Our libraries are a wonderful resource. What would Portland be without them? Children, Seniors and everyone in between know they can go to their local library and find a book, a movie, a newspaper. Anything. Everything. Libraries are just as important as schools!
13201	7/10/2012	Library's are connecting community in many ways that are difficult to express, the fact that it is filled with people daily reading, communicating, researching and educating is worth volumes.
13202	7/10/2012	It's the one I use the most. Having free access to books and other materials and programs is extremely beneficial to me.
13203	7/10/2012	When I was a kid growing up poor in rural Oregon, the library was a miracle. I needed the intellectual stimulation and diverse perspectives I had access to through the books. Without the library my childhood would not have been the same. We simply couldn't afford to spend money on books; through the library, I had an abundance. While I have the means now to buy books and I don't use the library as much (plus, it's not in walking distance, or I would probably still use it)--I still think it's vital for people who don't have the means to buy books to have access to them. It makes our society better as a whole. I also think it's essential that they have access to free internet for the same reasons.
13204	7/10/2012	reading and access to knowledge is important to a healthy community. It is a peaceful meeting spot and community for people of every background - social, economic, rac, etc
13205	7/10/2012	Unlike other public spaces (parks, museums, etc), a library is a free resource with innumerable potential. The people who work at libraries are smart, and their willingness and availability to help the public read, investigate, and learn is a gift. In terms of services, it doesn't get better than the library.
13206	7/10/2012	Local libraries offer access to print and electronic information, as well as educational resources such as early childhood programs, computer literacy (specifically for seniors), and English language learning opportunities. Libraries are an underused complement of public educational institutions, and they have the potential to reach a broader range of ages than our K-12 institutions.
13207	7/10/2012	Because a literate citizenry makes better decisions about how we use all our resources

13208	7/10/2012	I have two children. We go to the library several times a week to check out books and videos. The library has helped my children to learn the value of reading and research. The summer reading program has definitely given them motivation to read more, and as a result their literacy and reading speed has increased. The librarians have been helpful in expanding my children's understanding of how to access knowledge and resources, as well as in providing ideas for school projects. One of my daughters goes to the library every day after school for a half-hour or more so she can use the library resources to help her with her homework. It is a safe and educational environment. I am greatly saddened and frustrated that the hours have been reduced. What's worse, the hours the library is available to school-age children and working adults have been hit harder than other hours.
13209	7/10/2012	There are so many reasons.. building community, increase in literacy, love of books, adventure, learning language, more community, ability to explore ideas, topics, places etc. that your family may not have an interest in, but you do. Decreases the importance on money and buying everything when you can just check it out from the library. Allows access to information and computers for those who cannot afford their own or need help learning to use them. I have visited Indian Reservations that do not have libraries, books are scarce. When families do not have access to books, information is hard to get and it sets people up to be at a disadvantage when not comfortable reading or with language styles, let alone information about community and world events.
13210	7/10/2012	The library offers a unique and very useful service
13211	7/10/2012	good reading material source
13212	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a community service which individuals cannot obtain on their own.
13213	7/10/2012	It allows people to check out and borrow materials, as needed. Sometimes, you need to check out a book or a video once.
13214	7/10/2012	A library is a foundation for a civil and thriving society.
13215	7/10/2012	My main source of reading material because I could not afford to purchase all the books I read for school and pleasure
13216	7/10/2012	They are the most important thing in our community. We get books, movies, classes, etc. plus meet up with friends there.
13217	7/10/2012	Reading is very important to our family.
13218	7/10/2012	Many people can't afford to buy books, so they can borrow them from the Multnomah Library system. However, I would have to know what other programs compete for library funding to know where it should rank among all other calls on funds.
13219	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power....for everyone. It is about equity....accesses.
13220	7/10/2012	I consider access to a library as important as educating our young. The library is an avenue to the world.

13221	7/10/2012	I grew up in a library and I love to read and feel a real book in my hands. I want my children to grow up with that same love for books and reading and I don't believe digital media can do it.
13222	7/10/2012	It provides services not found elsewhere
13223	7/10/2012	Because it has such a broad public impact on things like education, reading, and communication skills
13224	7/10/2012	I used the library while I was without a computer or internet service at home, but it is not the main public service I use.
13225	7/10/2012	Education is critical, and libraries provide access to education to people who otherwise would not have it available.
13226	7/10/2012	They are very important, a great way to try out books. It's nice alternative to having to purchase and then get rid of them.
13227	7/10/2012	Reading and information are essential to a well informed public.
13228	7/10/2012	Libraries promote and support literacy and community. They provide a place for people of all ages to explore, learn and foster creativity.
13229	7/10/2012	because I love reading and having a quiet place to relax and read one of my favorite novels
13230	7/10/2012	Reading is a great start in success. Libraries have programs for children, offer free passes to other activities, assist with employment. They do a lot for our community.
13231	7/10/2012	Free access to books, newspapers and other media are the foundation of democracy.
13232	7/10/2012	I think that libraries offer a place for everyone of every age to go and learn - they offer reading for children and book delivery for adults and computers for people who can't access computers elsewhere. It is a public good and although I don't use any of those services at this time, I think that libraries contribute to the literacy of the general population and that is important to me. I will gladly pay more for libraries to stay open and remain a public good.
13233	7/10/2012	I think a library that's rich in materials of all types and accessible to everyone who wants to use it is essential to a democratic society. []
13234	7/10/2012	Also, the library stocks materials that I couldn't afford to buy in the quantity I'd like. They are very important for my research needs and for maintaining my education.
13235	7/10/2012	Now that I am retired I can't afford to buy books as I used to. I find the library to be an essential resource for new publications as well as classics, for history, novels and digital entertainment. I don't know what I'd do without it.
13236	7/10/2012	Because with the freedom of information through the Internet, from the comfort of whatever location I choose to be in, I am not bound to the noisy, limited and unpleasant resource that my local library is. The idea of a library system as currently modeled in this city is out-of-date and becoming a dinosaur. The last thing I want to do is give it more money to keep it alive.
13237	7/10/2012	Resources for my child (and myself) that are bountiful and seemingly untapped by most.

13238	7/10/2012	Because access to literature should be a crucial part of our culture. Libraries are also community centers. They provide a safe and positive place for people of all ages to enrich their lives.
13239	7/10/2012	I think the library is an essential resource for those who do not have internet/books/CDs/DVDs at their fingertips. Also libraries foster a great sense of community and I love that they are open and welcoming to everyone. I think if we took the ease of accessibility away from the libraries, many people would suffer greatly.
13240	7/10/2012	They are important, but not needed 7 days/week. <input type="checkbox"/> See previous comment, however, to see why the funds are not there for them to be operating 7 days/week.
13241	7/10/2012	I think it is a great source for all children and seniors.
13242	7/10/2012	I've used library resources as a reader, job seeker, adult learner, student and nanny. I expect to use them when I apply to graduate school, when I have young children, when my parents grow old and need books and technology, and when I grow old. The library represents community and presents a crucial positive image for necessary government services.
13243	7/10/2012	It is simply a measure of how society functions for the benefit of all who are part of the community.
13244	7/10/2012	Of course, water/sewer is of more importance, but I believe having materials available to the public keeps our community on equal footing. If the library services were cut back, I think it would cause a divide in the classes. If you can't afford to buy a book, etc, you will read less. Our society will start to separate into the "haves" and "have nots". I know this may sound extreme, but it is important that everyone has an opportunity to read and have current materials. Cut back on the programs. Moms/Dads (or nannies) can sing and blow bubbles to their kids in the park.
13245	7/10/2012	Because I am struggling financially and could still survive if library services are curtailed.
13246	7/10/2012	Free use of internet for job search, personal use and quietness.
13247	7/10/2012	The library has been a big part of my life since childhood. I love to read, but I can't afford to buy everything I want to read myself, especially because I'll only read it once. During high school I didn't have internet access at home, so for a long time I spent every afternoon at the library. Colleges generally provide students with many resources in order to do research projects etc., but high schools don't always have those options. For this reason, I think that library services are essential.
13248	7/10/2012	Because there is nothing that can replace them. They are a haven for imagination, creativity, learning, research and self improvement.
13249	7/10/2012	libraries provide citizens access to information and self-improvement regardless of ability to pay.
13250	7/10/2012	They provide access for increasing knowledge and furthering education.
13251	7/10/2012	Libraries provide so many services to the community that many people need but couldn't afford. There wouldn't be an adequate private enterprise equivalent of what public libraries can provide.
13252	7/10/2012	libraries are the one thing that is free and open to everyone. they allow people to entertain and educate themselves.

13253	7/10/2012	To educate also low income families and give my kids the opportunity of a big selection of books.
13254	7/10/2012	Libraries create readers. Reading creates insight and intellect.
13255	7/10/2012	public schools, police, fire dept, come first/very important. public transportation and access to community assets, such as libraries, come second
13256	7/10/2012	Because I LOVE to read and i don't like having to buy more and more books. I like how you can get books for free at the libraries.
13257	7/10/2012	That is a hard question, since "other local public services" are not defined. I'd rather have a fire department than a library, for example, but I'd rather have the library than pick up of leaves in just a few neighborhoods... I'm not sure what is possible to trade off, so have trouble answering the question.
13258	7/10/2012	INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE IS WHAT MAKE'S US A BETTER PEOPLE.
13259	7/10/2012	Public libraries give people many services instead of just one. At libraries you are able to have access to the internet, and many sources of media.
13260	7/10/2012	I do not use them as much as most other people do.
13261	7/10/2012	Public access to a current and reliable institution for obtaining information is a fundamental component of our culture and must be incorporated into an ongoing, viable public service support strategy.
13262	7/10/2012	The library enables me to read current books and magazines and have access to printing/scanning at a much lower cost than for-profit businesses -- a significant boon to a student and job-seeker. It serves as a hub for community news and events, and the fact that it is within walking distance makes the neighborhood a great place to live.
13263	7/10/2012	I have school aged child that needs access to a variety of resources to do his homework.
13264	7/10/2012	Because of the aforementioned shift in the perception of the local library as a source of serious research to more of an entertainment venue. i make it my goal to read a book a week on pretty varying topics and many of those books aren't ones i need to own. i think literacy and knowledge are essential to fostering a community that I want to live in. i want to be surrounded by people who think and doubt and rethink and learn about and discuss issues and vote with informed opinions. i want my city to think forward, understand the issues we face as a community and a world and be a resource as to how we can resolve those issues. education is the number one thing that prevents people from behaving like idiots. yes, this seems obvious, but education gives people hope that they can get somewhere someday, so maybe they don't do drugs or get pregnant too young or whatever other self (and other people) destructive behaviors that might tempt them if they feel like they have no options. imagine a community where no one made such life-destroying choices. education is the fastest way to get there. i grew up in a fundamentalist christian home, where science was deemed an abomination. and...i'm a woman. (need i say more?) if it wasn't for my single-minded dedication to education, come hell or high water, and my willingness to make any sacrifices needed to get that education, darwin only knows where i'd be now.
13265	7/10/2012	books and art saved me then and they continue to save me, and so many others, now, as i have a better understanding

13266	7/10/2012	libraries are one of the best things about modern civilization. The easy, open and free access to the wide breath of knowledge is amazing and empowering.
13267	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader within walking distance of the library and my friends and I use it a lot
13268	7/10/2012	For me they are very important since I can not afford to buy books and enjoy going to the library and finding new authors.
13269	7/10/2012	I'm a mother and my kids love to read. I grew up in Seattle Public Libraries, and enjoyed the ability to pour through books at my leisure. I want the same things for my kids
13270	7/10/2012	The services are very valuable to my family
13271	7/10/2012	The availability of information is vital to our success. With more and more information online, brick and mortar buildings become less relevant.
13272	7/10/2012	Information is power. It is access. It is critical to a thinking democracy.
13273	7/10/2012	Use the library every day.
13274	7/10/2012	Access to the library is very important for educational development for myself and community.
13275	7/10/2012	We have 3 young children who love books and story hour. The community aspect of the library is also important to us. Library access and quality are key parts of a livable community.
13276	7/10/2012	I think most public services--social and educational--are vital to our community and am hesitant to qualify one being more important than the other. Libraries are extremely important but equally extremely important as other local public services.
13277	7/10/2012	This is a hard question - there are tons of local public services, not sure what to compare it to. A healthy, thriving library is central to our communities.
13278	7/10/2012	a democracy cannot survive if its people are not educated.
13279	7/10/2012	It is an opportunity to meet local people and find reading material I would not otherwise discover. The librarians are great, so helpful and pleasant. The library is just simply a treasure in the community.
13280	7/10/2012	Access to the written word is critical to an educated populace. The library offers the full-range of information, whereas people usually go to websites they agree with--too limited.
13281	7/10/2012	I believe that good libraries are essential to the culture and education, of a city
13282	7/10/2012	It's important that people be able to educate themselves and have easy access with the means to do so.
13283	7/10/2012	I'm an avid reader and enjoy the access to books
13284	7/10/2012	Access to information and quality entertainment (reading) is vital for Oregon and the nation.
13285	7/10/2012	I could live without a library if the decision came down reducing public safety or libraries. Otherwise, I think it is fairly important.
13286	7/10/2012	Ready access to books and databases is ready access to education. It is fundamental for improving one's quality of life.

13287	7/10/2012	While fire, police, and paramedic services are important to public safety, and infrastructure like roads are important to public functionality, libraries are culturally important. We need them to encourage a thoughtful and educated public. Without that, how can we be the progressive city people seem to think we are?
13288	7/10/2012	Again, it is finding the balance as media continues to change and seeing what users need and want while maintaining an excellent standard of delivery and availability. If reduced hours are necessary to maintain quality of the libraries then I would be in favor of that. Finding when low use times are an adjust accordingly.
13289	7/10/2012	Education and access to information are vital to a healthy and prosperous community. By denying these tools a larger disparity between classes develops. Additionally, community building would not be possible without such "free" programs.
13290	7/10/2012	As I mentioned above, libraries are a public demonstration of what a community shares. We do not have identical tastes in literature, philosophy, politics or religious belief, but the desire to learn about our world is universal and libraries not only help a community satisfy that desire, they also remind us that this is something we share.
13291	7/10/2012	Books are important, but I think education also needs more funding.
13292	7/10/2012	The local library is the backbone of public education, and of my audiobook education. Both are precious to me.
13293	7/10/2012	Libraries serve as an educational tool to help the community. It enables underprivileged citizens to gain knowledge through books and classes to have better, and hopefully equal, opportunities. The emphasis put on local libraries shows a community dedicated to empowering their citizens.
13294	7/10/2012	The community needs streets repaired and garbage service to work. I like the libraries, but personally would have access to books and media from bookstores and the internet. I think libraries are great, we should keep them working because its a great free service for everybody, especially those who couldnt afford to buy computers and books. And its especially important for kids to have library access.
13295	7/10/2012	Books, reading, critical thought, news, public conversations about important topics, etc.: these are things severely lacking in our society and all are supported by public libraries. <p>□</p> I like to read a lot and while I would prefer to own every book I read, I don't have the money (or, eventually, the space) to have that many books, and the library is an irreplaceable resource in that way. E.g., I recently read a book on the history of Liberia which unless I were a college student I would have had no way to access if not for the library (I got it through MultCoLib on an inter-library loan from Oregon State University). It wasn't the best book I ever read (far too dry, written by a government clerk), but I'm glad I had the chance to read it.

13296	7/10/2012	Whether we chose to read for leisure or to learn something new, the library offers the public irreplaceable and invaluable resources, plus the need for early childhood education and job seeking.
13297	7/10/2012	It's a place where community can safely go to learn, to meet people, to engage in activities. Both young & old share the library. People respect it.
13298	7/10/2012	The library is crucial to us. We don't do TV- we just read, and especially with two small kids, we LOVE taking out lots and lots of books!
13299	7/10/2012	I was raised by my parents to use the library and it has always been an important part of my life. I think having free access to reading materials is so important to improve literacy rates and to educate people.
13300	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power.
13301	7/10/2012	Because they give me access to materials I could not otherwise afford. I am now even going there to read the Oregonian.
13302	7/10/2012	A well educated public is necessary for society
13303	7/10/2012	They are a valuable resource for everyone in the community. It does not matter how old or young, rich or poor, educated or not.
13304	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to further knowledge.
13305	7/10/2012	Access to reading materials is very important to me because that's how I learn! Access to media is very important because I couldn't afford entertainment otherwise.
13306	7/10/2012	Literacy and education separate a civilized society from the uncivilized.
13307	7/10/2012	To give everyone access to information and reading material, no matter of your age or income is important in a society.
13308	7/10/2012	They are very important to me, as they are one of the few public service I utilize. I save an incredible amount of money borrowing materials instead of having to purchase them, and enjoy knowing I am saving the environment by reusing the materials.
13309	7/10/2012	Libraries offer an invaluable public service, specifically, the access to knowledge, exposure to culture, and the opportunity to be engaged with the community.
13310	7/10/2012	Critical education and professional development resource
13311	7/10/2012	Our families have always utilized the library from the time we were children in our parent's homes and we've continued that with our family. I don't know what we would do without the library and Title Wave Bookstore. For those who don't have spare money for extras, the library holds the key to a lot of wonderful entertainment.
13312	7/10/2012	For me, it is a great resource for finding interesting books, documentaries on DVD and music CDs. I also appreciate the amount of historical reference material on North Portland that is available.
13313	7/10/2012	I work at a nonprofit and am on a tight income, so I use the library to obtain all of my literary resources.

13314	7/10/2012	It was very useful when I didn't have access to a home computer to use the ones at the libraries. I also like checking out books and audiotapes. Encouraging education and knowledge is also very important to me on a societal level.
13315	7/10/2012	many people have no access to computer and internet. students can borrow book and use other resources , children and families with low income can use the materiel to enjoy
13316	7/10/2012	Local library services provide vital access to a vast array of information to everyone in the community. Limiting this access is detrimental to people of all ages and socioeconomic statuses.
13317	7/10/2012	I use the library more consistently then I use parks and community centers. As a teacher, I take my students to the library on field trips, to encourage reading, and to help them access leisure materials like music, movies and magazines. My family uses the library to access these resources too. The staff at Belmont are always helpful in finding and recommending books for my children.
13318	7/10/2012	A library is a resource for anyone to use; it can connect people with other public services, and it can educate people to an extent that they may be able to reduce their dependence on other public services.
13319	7/10/2012	helps strengthen the community fabric
13320	7/10/2012	Libraries level the economic playing field for citizens of a community. All are equal at the library. Libraries are environmental. Libraries enrich and educate our communities. Libraries enrich our town and community.
13321	7/10/2012	I, of course, could live my life without a library, but they provide me a free means of entertainment and self-serve education that is very important to my lifestyle. I would not be able to afford personal access to the books that I read at the library, which enriches my life significantly.
13322	7/10/2012	While I deeply appreciate my library I view it as more of a luxury than a necessity. Other public services (i.e. police, fire, medical, school, road maintenance, prison system, etc.) are more of a necessity in my opinion.
13323	7/10/2012	A place for free information and learning to take place. When I hear of all the education challenges, hours cut, low level of education for some - I think it is important for parents to supplement the education of their children by taking them to the library.[] As a resource for the work I do - this is the main reason I use the library, on lesser occasions I make use of it for recreational purposes
13324	7/10/2012	Reading and literacy are PARAMOUNT to maintaining an educated society. Having access to books and other information helps to make citizens more aware of their local community and the world. I'm in my late 30s and I still remember the day I was able to get my own library card.
13325	7/10/2012	You need to define "other local public services" if you're going to ask this question. If you're asking me if the library is more important than maintaining water, wastewater, fire, police, roads, etc., then no, it is not. The library is important to me, but not as important as others.
13326	7/10/2012	I can't imagine a world without libraries. From the time I was very young I have never been without being in the middle of a good book.

13327	7/10/2012	Because they fulfill community enrichment and education needs, that are difficult to find/access elsewhere - although filling road potholes is also important, without an informed and well-rounded community driving those roads, it becomes a moot issue.
13328	7/10/2012	I love libraries. They contain knowledge for little cost. They supplement schools. They provide reading readiness tools, job skills, community programs, a community center. They provide homework help, help to learn English, book clubs. All in all, they provide the tools and skills that keeps us civilized.
13329	7/10/2012	I believe all local public services are at the same level, all important.
13330	7/10/2012	Because I'm a literature lover and a lifelong learner. I thrive when I have a nearby library.
13331	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power.
13332	7/10/2012	My children depend on the library for school reading materials
13333	7/10/2012	Readin is impotant
13334	7/10/2012	highly
13335	7/10/2012	I believe everyone should have access to knowledge.
13336	7/10/2012	Access to books and other media, also reading programs for children are very helpful and encourage reading.
13337	7/10/2012	Books, internet, access for everyone.
13338	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power
13339	7/10/2012	information is gathered especially with the computers. Educating all ages on different subjects. A great resource!!!
13340	7/10/2012	Where else can I find out about anything in the world?
13341	7/10/2012	libraries not only promote literacy but also a sustainable, long term solution to our need for information.
13342	7/10/2012	libraries carry information, knowledge and are a help to those who cannot afford to buy books not to mention the computers that enable people to get jobs and information to handle life,...
13343	7/10/2012	My wife and I are readers, we're attempting to develop readers out of our children. Knowledge is key.
13344	7/10/2012	Although I don't visit as frequently as some people they are very important to me as a teacher. Several times a year I will check out more than 20 books for my classroom that I usually renew as many times as I'm aloud. The books provide extensions to units that I teach. Our school library is lacking in many resources so the public library becomes a very valuable resource.
13345	7/10/2012	It will bring in more revenue to keep the public coming to check out books or access the Internent.

13346	7/10/2012	I think a community without a fully accessible library system is a sign of the fall of civilization as we know it. I am also proud of the ranking our Multnomah County Library system has as one of the top most-used libraries in the country. I use the library all the time and would be devastated to see the new materials decrease as well as days and hours cut. I think the new hours ending at 5pm and not being open one of the days of the week make it harder to pick up items on hold before the deadline.
13347	7/10/2012	I am low-income and don't buy books. I get all my reading material and DVDs from the library. I don't have a computer and have only the library computers to check email or create a document.
13348	7/10/2012	While I don't use the library myself much, I believe in the importance of the institution. Although it is hard to rate a library system against sewers and water and police and fire and road maintenance and schools and courts. [] But I do think libraries are an important part of what a local government does.
13349	7/10/2012	I am a reader, my 6 year old daughter is a reader, we love having access to movies and books. We feel so blessed to have our library. I lived in a town in CA before moving to Portland that had such a small budget that the book and movie selection was so slim i very rarely found what I was looking for. The Multnomah County Library is one of the reasons Portland is so livable. I love that where ever you live in Portland there is a library close by.
13350	7/10/2012	My daughter loves her books and I feel that she has a love for books because her grandmother took her to the library for story time at an early age. It taught her that books are important and allows her a different adventure everytime she opens a new book. I also love the summer reading program, we have been doing this since my daughter was two.
13351	7/10/2012	libraries are a community hub where important information and resources are made available to all citizens free of charge. Education and opportunities for social advancement(employment, personal learning goals, learning aids for young students and toddlers) are available 6-7 days a week free of charge. This is a vital community resource that must be kept healthy and active in this city!
13352	7/10/2012	Because they help educate all economic statuses; they provide a safe, educational place for children, homeless people and elderly; they give parents of young children free activities and a brief moment of respite; they allow people to be exposed to EVERYTHING that has ever been written about (and most music and movies); they even have sheet music for loan at the Central branch which is invaluable to musicians. In short, I think the library is one of the top five most important public services a society can have.
13353	7/10/2012	In a culture that is so dependent on media the library levels the disparity between socioeconomic groups.[] It also is a community binder with activities that appeal to a wide range of ages and interests.

13354	7/10/2012	<p>Making educational and reading material available to everyone at no-cost is an amazing gift to the communities. It enriches anyone who takes advantage of the library offerings. It helps to limit environmental impacts by encouraging the sharing of books/magazines/materials versus individual purchases. The variety of materials offered encourages users to diversify their reading habits. Stay focused on core library services and you have my full support -- libraries are wonderful!</p>
13355	7/10/2012	<p>I think the library is important but I would like transparency and accountability in how the library's budget has been spent. There are those that say the library's funding has steadily increased over the last few years and that the usage statistics are inflated -- yet now they are threatening to lay off workers, which just seems unfair to the community and the people that work there. My question is, has the library, then, been making the best choices in how it is being run? Do we need 50 copies of the hottest movie when no one is going to watch it 6 months from now? Why not increase fines or shorten checkout periods like Washington County, instead of spending money on items that won't matter in a few months? If their budget has increased, why do they continue to need more money, when many library systems around the country make do with even less? Why am I going to have to pay more money in my property taxes to possibly encourage continued mismanagement of the county's resource? Instead I feel bullied into voting for it, like the public is to be blamed for loss of library jobs, not the people who have been responsible for managing those jobs with budgets that spend responsibly.</p>
13356	7/10/2012	<p>The library definitely improves the quality of life for me and thousands of others in Portland. However, it doesn't save or protect lives, as some other public services do. Many of the services, in the big picture, are more of a luxury than a necessity. When I first came here I was blown away that materials were delivered to you from other branches!</p>
13357	7/10/2012	<p>I read and want to live in an informed, well read community.</p>
13358	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries promote literacy, which we always need more of.</p>
13359	7/10/2012	<p>Reading and maintaining an education is vital especially in the global market place</p>
13360	7/10/2012	<p>access to free information is crucial for a democracy</p>
13361	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries pay dividends in so many other areas of government and private life. It is essential to preserve access to information and knowledge, especially for those who cannot pay for it in private markets.</p>
13362	7/10/2012	<p>I am a senior citizen and I depend on the library for reading material. I read 2-3 books a week.</p>
13363	7/10/2012	<p>I love the library and frequent the Kenton branch often. I love being able to try new authors, as well as check out cd's and dvd's. Reading is my favorite hobby, and the library lets me enjoy it, without breaking the bank.</p>
13364	7/10/2012	<p>Public transportation gets me to work and all over the place, so it is ranked just below that. I read a lot and I can't afford to just buy book after book after book.</p>
13365	7/10/2012	<p>Literacy is needed in all aspects of a healthy community</p>

13366	7/10/2012	Well I rate services like the police, fire department and other emergency services ahead of the library. I would rate them in a 2nd or 3rd tier.
13367	7/10/2012	I use the library services almost everyday, when the library is closed, this is one less important resource!
13368	7/10/2012	Utmost importance. Literacy is of most importance to this country and access to library materials is the best way to create literacy.
13369	7/10/2012	Reliability.
13370	7/10/2012	They are main resources that could help me to navigate other local public services and other information that I need for work and life.
13371	7/10/2012	If it was not for the free access to library resources I would not have graduated highschool due to financial barriers that left me without necessary tools to succeed.
13372	7/10/2012	Very high! It is a great resource for my children's reading and for my own reading.
13373	7/10/2012	Without libraries, the literacy rate would suffer considerably over time, as the library is the only source of books for a lot of people. You think there budget cut is bad now? Wait until there is less literacy and thus lower-wage jobs---less taxes coming in, and then there will really be budget cuts and library closure. Keep them open. They are the next most important thing after the 911 system to the well-being of Portland's citizens.
13374	7/10/2012	I am 68 and have been borrowing books from the library since I was knee high to a grasshopper. I am not rich enough to have private access to all library materials.
13375	7/10/2012	I love borrowing the media, but have no use for the extended services and will vote against funding them.
		Library services are the one local public service that I use most, other than city streets. [] []
		While public schools, fire and police depts., etc., all provide valuable services, I rarely interact with them directly, whereas I do visit the library quite regularly. [] []
13376	7/10/2012	For the amount we pay in property taxes to support MCL, we could probably purchase all the materials we check out over the course of the year. However, I appreciate the ability to read a book and then return it rather than needing to find space in my home for it. I like opportunities to sample music and other materials with which I may be unfamiliar, without having to purchase them. [] []
		This does not mean that I would spend a great deal more for a dedicated tax district for MCL. Our property taxes are already quite substantial and reaching the point where they are becoming unsustainable.
13377	7/10/2012	The internet provides an abundance of content and resources which can compete with the library but it doesn't provide other local public services like utilities, law enforcement, fire services and parks and rec. All of which I am very fond of and can't find a replacement for.

13378	7/10/2012	enthusiastic reader
13379	7/10/2012	I have access to the internet which provides a wealth information and education.
13380	7/10/2012	Libraries gave me a safe place to learn and love books as a child. Libraries made me the person I am today and were fundamental in my growth and development.
13381	7/10/2012	because I am low-income and do not own a computer nor have cable tele-vision so I need the Internet access and the ability to rent DVD motion-pictures to watch with my daughter
13382	7/10/2012	I am in college and use the library often for research
13383	7/10/2012	I use the library for nearly all of my reading needs and video rentals for both the sake of my budget, and because the options are so current and extensive.
13384	7/10/2012	prodigious reader.
13385	7/10/2012	one of the most important public services the local government can provide
13386	7/10/2012	They are great places for my kids to go and get an early love of reading. They are also great for low-income families who want to attend special events with their kids and have access to learning tools.
13387	7/10/2012	Great exposure for kids and families to reading and the importance of literacy /education
13388	7/10/2012	I depend on the library to check out books for my 5-year-old son and foster his love of reading. He has been visiting the library since before he turned 2 and always wants to check out stacks of books. I credit easy access to library services, in part, for his enthusiasm for books. Recently when we tried to visit two library branches and saw that both were close on that particular day, he was so disappointed he couldn't check out books.
13389	7/10/2012	Provides a free resource to all people - equal access to reading materials and educational materials. But not as important as schools or electricity or food stamps.
13390	7/10/2012	Issues regarding safety are most important. Having a library system like Multnomah County has seems like a waste of money
13391	7/10/2012	The library is a resource for all, and a basic right.
13392	7/10/2012	If you're comparing it with sewer service, road repair, etc, it's of low importance. (That said, we're probably one of the heaviest users of this branch). These types of surveys are terrible because by framing the questions in a certain way you can claim to know my opinion!
13393	7/10/2012	Gives everyone no matter what social level the opportunity to learn and try to better themselves. Whether they do that or not is up to debate. Maybe they're just checking out cds and using the internet to view celebrity gossip sites.
13394	7/10/2012	I use the library regularly for checking out both pleasure and professional reading material. It helps save me money since I don't have to buy the books I need access to.

13395	7/10/2012	Libraries are immensely important to me. I have the luxury of being able to buy books and music for the most part, but not everybody is so lucky. It is very important to me that everyone be able to have access to the information and entertainment that libraries provide. I am not aware of the programs that the libraries run for youth and seniors, etc, but they also sound like a strong public benefit.
13396	7/10/2012	When I had young children I would have said" very important". I took them to the library frequently. Now, my kids are grown but I still highly value the public libraries just not the way I did with young children.
13397	7/10/2012	Passionate about reading, learning and I am looking for a job
13398	7/10/2012	It's somewhat important to me because by using library materials, I am able to save that money that I would spend otherwise on books/movies so it can go toward things like my house payment, groceries etc. I do think there are other more important public services, but I also think some public services are less important or even unnecessary.
13399	7/10/2012	Books are my primary source of entertainment and relaxation.[] [] Books and DVDs are information resources as well.
13400	7/10/2012	I am such an avid reader, so personally my library is critical to me. I read so much I have a spreadsheet to keep track. No way could I afford to purchase all my books, even used. More generally, the library is important for what it offers all in the community, as a helper to so many types of people.
13401	7/10/2012	The library is a source of knowledge and information - the more knowledge you have, the better citizen you will be.
13402	7/10/2012	I read constantly, averaging a book at least every two weeks or more frequently. I can not afford to buy books in that number nor do I wish to accumulate a library of "once read" books due to my families' individual tastes. I attend your book sale days and gladly contribute my accumulated already read books for the enjoyment of others.
13403	7/10/2012	As a mother, I use the library to introduce my child to the joys of reading, meet other parents and kids, and invest in my child's foreign language development through the story times. The library and its resources are very important to our family.
13404	7/10/2012	I believe in the library system. It creates a space for learning for all. Though I do not agree with restricting access according to county (or country). I believe they should be accessible to everyone. I understand the desire to have funding come from the surrounding area, but there are many ways to allow access to all.
13405	7/10/2012	We need the library to grow our minds and it is such a great resouce to explore new subjects and to fortify new ideas. The library has always felt like home to me. There is a comfort I have whenever I'm in one.

13406	7/10/2012	Especially with this economic depression that we are in, it is important for people to have access to free information. Families, children, unemployed, etc. need access to books, information for learning that they couldn't otherwise afford on their own.
13407	7/10/2012	Books are sometimes the only available avenue for opening up the world. The choice is made by the reader, not by a marketing director, or by ratings.
13408	7/10/2012	Educated populace = cornerstone of democracy. It's as simple as that!
13409	7/10/2012	I have a preschooler and it has been the ritual of going to libraries in the communities that we have lived that has helped shape her love for reading, and learning and that is the best gift we can give to our children and ourselves. If we didn't have one close by, it would be less likely that we would go because it's so expensive to get around. We seem to stick to our neighborhood.
13410	7/10/2012	because it has a direct effect on our lives. Although it costs me about \$15 / month in taxes, it evens out with all the reading I do.
13411	7/10/2012	We use it all the time for our reading materials and also to rent videos. It is a great community resource and gathering place. It anchors the local community.
13412	7/10/2012	I read an incredible amount without books I think I would go crazy
13413	7/10/2012	We read a lot!
13414	7/10/2012	Great resource for everyone
13415	7/10/2012	It's incredibly important to my family - we check out several books every couple of weeks.
13416	7/10/2012	Intellectual freedom; information literacy
13417	7/10/2012	Because public libraries provide resources, computer access and other services to the community. Access to books and self-guided education is of high importance to me.
13418	7/10/2012	the foundation of freedom for a country is the education of its people.
13419	7/10/2012	Place for kids of all ages to go regularly.
13420	7/10/2012	Source of information. Access to new books.
13421	7/10/2012	Wonderful place to stop in and find books and other materials.[] Also to put in a reservation request for new books.
13422	7/10/2012	I would say "very important" for me, personally. I use the library as a teacher and for my own self-education. But I marked "somewhat" only in relation to public services like transportation and emergency services, which must rank higher, in my mind.
13423	7/10/2012	It is important to my child. I also feel that being able to reuse a book instead of buying everytime and having the resources on hand are very valuable.
13424	7/10/2012	Keeping libraries regularly available, though with limited days/hours, AND keeping some of our money available for other human services is a sacrifice I'm willing to experience, IF longer library hours mean fewer services for other programs.
13425	7/10/2012	Every aspect of the community is serviced by the library.

13426	7/10/2012	Libraries provide the base level of information and communal services vital to a community. So many folks rely on our excellent public libraries for basic materials and services - books, web access, reference assistance, business information, job searches, education resources, storytimes, literacy and language support, homework assistance, a safe place to read, study and work, community meetings, etc.. The list goes on and on.
13427	7/10/2012	Libraries encourage learning - without access to learning we will not succeed as a country.
13428	7/10/2012	Literacy gives opportunity to everyone. Books bring joy and help educate the masses. Reading keeps kids out of trouble. The internet has a lot of this content now that is much more accessible.[] And e books seem to be the wave of the future. Just ask Borders or Powells. Or Amazon.com for that matter. []
13429	7/10/2012	I love libraries and bookstores and paper books - but I also liked going to tellers and now I pretty much do my banking thru ATMs or online just cause it's so much easier. [] You guys are fighting a rear guard action here. I don't think you can win long-term.
13430	7/10/2012	Firstly, I am a researcher by profession (historian) and rely heavily on library service to perform my job. Secondly, I take great pleasure from reading, and the library provides a source of recreation for me. Thirdly, I value the library as a public resource that makes information and information services available to a wide range of people in my community.
13431	7/10/2012	Education in this country, and Portland is no exception, is falling into the pits. As a result we are seeing more and more jobs being sent overseas. A look at the statistics that show how each individual school and the schools corporately are doing on test scores should indicate how important the libraries are.
13432	7/10/2012	Because the library provides a vital resource for those of us who are poor. It provides a means for social and economic mobility if a person wishes to use it. Without libraries poor people would have no access to information otherwise. We can't rely on just Google searches; we need access to books, articles, and video. The library opens up a world of possibilities beyond what you could read on the internet. And just for the record, by "poor" I mean people like myself who make around \$30,000 - not poor by federal standards, or what you might think, but after all bills are paid I have less than \$100 of disposable income.
13433	7/10/2012	The library levels the playing field - allowing all equal access to information.
13434	7/10/2012	Without a good public library we fail our children. It gives them a place to learn more about the world around us, a safe environment to go after school to do their homework if parents are working, a relaxing atmosphere to revel in the reading experience.
13435	7/10/2012	very high- the only reason I don't use the multnomah country library often is because I go to PSU and use their library
13436	7/10/2012	They provide so much to us and serve our broader education.
13437	7/10/2012	Cost, accessibilty, lifeline for information.

13438	7/10/2012	libraries have always been more accessible than other cultural institutions and they need to stay that way.
13439	7/10/2012	I have access to things I wouldn't otherwise be able to afford
13440	7/10/2012	Libraries have the opportunity to supplement schooling and make a significant change early in people's lives that will last with them forever.
13441	7/10/2012	Because people love to read and their knowledge increases
13442	7/10/2012	They are so varied in materials & makes it available to all economic levels to attain quality books, PC use & other services
13443	7/10/2012	They're not that important to me, but I'm a wealthy, college-educated person with similar parents. They're important to those who come from less-privileged backgrounds without the support and resources that are provided by superb parents and private education.
13444	7/10/2012	Hard to say, exactly - it's an institution and I partake of its services almost constantly. I don't know what I'd do without the library!
13445	7/10/2012	They are a key part of maintaining an educated, well informed population. When I was a kid (outside of Portland) my local library was a place where I spent a lot of time and it was great for my development as a citizen.
13446	7/10/2012	I want to live in a community that provides access to information and literature to everyone.
13447	7/10/2012	Libraries are knowledge repositories and dispensaries. Libraries enable any community member to bootstrap.
13448	7/10/2012	I love our libraries, but they are typically used more by affluent residents like me. I value social services for lower income residents (health clinics, food support, emergency housing, etc) more than social services for myself.
13449	7/10/2012	Because information and learning is accessible for free to all who need it or want to make use of it.
13450	7/10/2012	Because access to knowledge is the key to happiness, power, money, peace, sustainability and an egalitarian society. Equal access to intellectual resources is the only way to keep the rich from enslaving the poor.
13451	7/10/2012	It gives access to books and computers that some people would not have.
13452	7/10/2012	I read a lot for personal enjoyment and information. My son is kindergarten age and my daughter is 2 1/2. We got through a giant bag of books every week. My kids' growing literacy wouldn't be possible to this degree without all these great materials. There's no way we could afford to purchase all the books we read from a bookstore.
13453	7/10/2012	Nothing else replaces that level of access to so much media.
13454	7/10/2012	They are one of the few public services that provides citizens with the opportunity to grow, rather than protect existing property (like fire or police services).
13455	7/10/2012	Libraries are the great equalizer in society. They allow people from all walks of life almost unlimited resources for education, entertainment and social needs. Librarie are one of the things that make America the amazing place it is.

13456	7/10/2012	Access to written and electronic data and the Internet (and help making sense of both), is an essential part of being able to survive in this day and age. Right now, the libraries are the sole leveller in this domain, providing access to those things for a variety of communities who wouldn't otherwise have those resources.
13457	7/10/2012	my children look forward to going to the library and attending groups and story time.my family really enjoys reading and getting to check out a different variety of reading material
13458	7/10/2012	Libraries represent access to information for ALL social groups...and that is the cornerstone of democracy.
13459	7/10/2012	Knowledge is everything. The library is essentially a knowledge database and as such I see it as one of the most important attributes of our society. I enjoy being able to have free access to information instead of spending \$20-\$30 on a book. And I think everyone deserves that.
13460	7/10/2012	Where else can you go where unlimited literature is available to you for free, as much as you want to read? Not to mention the services the library provides such as helping people without a computer seek jobs and prepare resumes, teach computer literacy, and promote reading literacy. Society *needs* a well-working library system.
13461	7/10/2012	Gives access to learning and growth for all through a "dying breed" that of books.
13462	7/10/2012	Absolutely critical. I believe libraries and intellectual freedom are the cornerstones of a democratic society.
13463	7/10/2012	I use the library often and rely on it for my reading needs.
13464	7/10/2012	My kids and I love to read, learn, and watch movies and would not be able to at least read as often without the library.
13465	7/10/2012	I love to learn and the access to a variety of educational and inspiring materials is invaluable. I am grateful that I am able to learn and grow by absorbing materials whose cost would be prohibitive were I to attempt to purchase it myself, and which would ultimately end up in a landfill after I was done with it. It is also important to me that everyone in my community, especially those who are at a lower income and have even less financial resources to devote to reading materials, viewing materials and internet access, have the opportunity to learn and grow through the services and materials the library provides.
13466	7/10/2012	I don't think anyone would put libraries ahead of public services like police or fire personnel, but library services allow me access to databases that are vital for my business. The library allows people to be 'connected'.
13467	7/10/2012	Libraries are a vital part of our children's learning and should be worked in parallel to the school system. It is a place where one needs to think differently in finding what one wants, as opposed to the "Googling" feature we have all come to rely on. Requires a different type of thinking and interaction as opposed to a computer screen.[] [] Our children are our future and that future is today.

13468	7/10/2012	I make good use of them
13469	7/10/2012	Nothing is more powerful than knowledge.
13470	7/10/2012	General bettering and improvement of society as a whole.
13471	7/10/2012	knowledge is power. I love the internet and that most people have access to it, but nothing beats a good library with knowledgeable librarians.
13472	7/10/2012	compared to other public services, they are next in line to police and fire
13473	7/10/2012	They greatly enhance my well being and love of life, by providing free access to the priceless world of books, music, and film
13474	7/10/2012	Part of my lifestyle
13475	7/10/2012	Reading is an extremely important part of my quality of life.
13476	7/10/2012	people need to read and learn things that are new and exciting.
13477	7/10/2012	Currently using for Reference USA. Soon I will not using again.
13478	7/10/2012	Provodes me with all i need.
13479	7/10/2012	The library is one place that serves everyone and anyone. It provides a world (literally) of information, entertainment and learning resources that not even the internet can match!
13480	7/10/2012	I believe they fall beneath services such as fire, police, etc., but are very high on the list
13481	7/10/2012	I am able to check out books, etc. that I want to use but don't want to keep in my collection.
13482	7/10/2012	I am destitute but the library allows me to still function in society
13483	7/10/2012	Libraries aren't simply for checking out books anymore. They provide technology classes to seniors, story time to children, Internet access to job seekers, and so much more.
13484	7/10/2012	Cultural enhancement.[] Availability to all our citizens, despite their own personal resources...a sign of a civilized society.
13485	7/10/2012	I think they're a key influence in getting kids excited about reading. When I was a kid summer reading programs were a lot of fun, and motivated me to read and learn.
13486	7/10/2012	I have a young child who loves books and the library helps to keep that love alive. Without the public library, my child would have limited access to books.
13487	7/10/2012	A stong library system is one of the bed rocks of a free, open and educated society - and God knows we need that more than ever these days! The library acts as a social service provider, from providing information to recent immigrants about local government to providing shelter for homeless populations. With service cuts around the city and state, the library is taking over a lot of the slack.
13488	7/10/2012	It is important to me personally because I am writing a book on community philanthropy and the library is my main source of search engines. It also has an amazing collection of old magazines and journals on paper and microfilm that have proved invaluable. However, I think there is a more important issue generally. That is, we need to do every thing we can to raise a new generation of informed and involved citizens or our democracy will be in peril. The library is key to this effort.
13489	7/10/2012	

13490	7/10/2012	The library has ceased to become a place I want to visit and much of that is due to the way the library is now used as a hangout for people who don't have the resources to hangout elsewhere but just need a place to sit or sleep. I have worked in mental health. I am not afraid of the mentally ill. I have worked in rehab. I am not afraid of people who drink. I just don't feel the need to interact or try to keep away while I'm reading or doing research. It's so easy to find books and media elsewhere and at a reasonable cost or free electronically I don't really use the library the way I once did.
13491	7/10/2012	this is a public service that I use a lot.
13492	7/10/2012	learning, reading, community get together spot.
13493	7/10/2012	because i love to read and get new books and magazines
13494	7/10/2012	We are a family of readers and we would like our young son to also love reading.
13495	7/10/2012	An educated community is a healthy community.
13496	7/10/2012	Because we use it more than any other service
13497	7/10/2012	Democracy requires unfettered access to information
13498	7/10/2012	They are second to schools.
13499	7/10/2012	As a student and a professional, I use inter library loan services, access research resources, get new books and access books on every topic I need for free. Access to information should not be limited to only those that can pay.
13500	7/10/2012	libraries support communities in many ways, not just via book lending. being well-read and educated is important, and reading is a valuable skill that must be passed on to younger generations.
13501	7/10/2012	I can't imagine growing up without local library services. It is an integral part of learning and development.
13502	7/10/2012	They serve as a community center for positive interaction and growth in many different realms for all ages.
13503	7/10/2012	Free exchange of information is important in a democracy.
13504	7/10/2012	Services the public, all ages and income
13505	7/10/2012	It's important to me that all people have access to information regardless of income level
13506	7/10/2012	I am a writer, reader and publisher...stories and data are very important to me, and libraries have lots and lots of stories.
13507	7/10/2012	Very important
13508	7/10/2012	Libraries provide many services that help drive education and utlimatley the local economy.
13509	7/10/2012	The library provides access to info and knowledge, not just for me and my family, but for the entire community.
13510	7/10/2012	Because culture is more important now than ever. We're losing something important by relying solely on the internet for media, news. The library is also a gathering place - it contradicts isolation

13511	7/10/2012	I like the idea of borrowing books instead of buying. It's the oldest form of recycling. I also like to take my 4yr old to the library and let her pick books and look around. I could not continue to function without my local branch.
13512	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time and having a library that we can walk to encourages the kids to read more.
13513	7/10/2012	Because reading is a vital part of learning and opening of the mind so that a person can learn to think for themselves.
13514	7/10/2012	The library is the one resource that my entire family uses on a weekly basis. [] We have already felt the loss of the 7 day library access.[] The more funding is cut the more impact it will have on our family.
13515	7/10/2012	Education, roads and the social safety net are the most important. Then comes Libraries to support those core programs.
13516	7/10/2012	They're essential to a healthy democracy
13517	7/10/2012	They are a source of knowledge, and from knowledge all other practical services can stem. An informed populace can effectively prioritize. Google is a wonderful tool, but it doesn't vet information in anyway. Databases, research engines, access to books, magazines and newspapers give some sense of factual content. Not to mention just the sheer pleasure of reading a good book!
13518	7/10/2012	Having free, public acces to books for reading and research is essential to my son and me.
13519	7/10/2012	With out knowledge where would we be? Sadly a large group of children learn the love and escape of books/reading outside of the home and that comes from the library at an early age until they get to school.
13520	7/10/2012	The library is a resource for the community. Is provides access to so many things that the community needs. It has computer access for those that need it, books for all to read whether for pleasure, school, or learning. It provides different activities for all ages. The summer reading program is important to keep minds going in preparation for the next school year. It helps provide materials for educators in their classrooms as well as Books 2 U.
13521	7/10/2012	I use the library consistently and frequently for my personal education. While I don't always have time to take a class or money to view current films in theaters or purchase music I hear about, I can live my value of being a life-long learner by reading, viewing, and listening to quality materials.
13522	7/10/2012	Because they provide a sense of community and support open access to education and information for all in the community. These are important values for me as an individual and as a parent.
13523	7/10/2012	I believe that the library makes educational resources open to anyone who wants them despite their financial lot in life. As a middle income household we could not keep up with our current level of reading if we had to purchase all of the books ourself.

13524	7/10/2012	They provide information not based on income level. If you are motivated enough and I think library programs should aim at this, people will seek out information. The city will be only as vibrant as the population is educated. Cronyism will not keep us successful, you only have to look to Detroit, Chicago and Trenton to figure that out. Ignorance will not keep you a tax base. Already people are flocking to the better schools. Wake up and smell the coffee, and I'm not talking Starbucks.
13525	7/10/2012	As a retired public librarian I have seen first-hand how vital EVERY public library service and resource is to SOMEONE, from babies to senior citizens, the unemployed, students, and on and on. What people (including me) get from their public library, they can use in all aspects of their public and private lives. Other public services are crucial to our lives, but the public library gives us the knowledge and confidence to manage those other services effectively.
13526	7/10/2012	We have a three-year-old daughter who loves books. I want her to see the library not only as a source of great books but also an important part of the community.
13527	7/10/2012	Literacy is the basis for all other function in society.
13528	7/10/2012	The library is one of the few government funded programs that I utilize.
13529	7/10/2012	They are critical for community connectivity
13530	7/10/2012	they are an enriching and guiding force in my children's lives
13531	7/10/2012	it's a free service that every family can enjoy. kids learn a love of reading, need to have access to lots of new & rotating books as they grow
13532	7/10/2012	I think it is a social justice issue to make available for all, at a minimum, books, periodicals, and computers for free. The additional services the library has, like english language learning, is a bonus, though I believe these programs are underutilized.
13533	7/10/2012	Libraries function as the cornerstone of a neighborhood - a meeting place and learning center for all. It's important not to let libraries be lost in the shuffle during hard economic periods.
13534	7/10/2012	I love the library. I walk there every day. I check out books on gardening, cooking, home decorating. I get music and movies and novels. My son uses the library as a resource for Boy Scout merit badge work.
13535	7/10/2012	Reading opens doors. It's better than anything, including traveling. The Multnomah County Libraries have played an important role in my entire life, from checking out books at the Hollywood branch as a child, to studying and researching at the Central library during highschool. Now I use the library semi-regularly to check out books and CDs. I value the resource, and I think libraries are a fundamental part of a thriving, educated community.
13536	7/10/2012	Part of it may simply be emotional - my wife and I both value libraries for what they represent as much as for what they literally are.[]
13537	7/10/2012	[] It's good to have a place that can offer public programs that build people somehow; libraries still seem relevant in this arena.

13538	7/10/2012	Because it keeps me (a senior citizen) informed and entertained. Also, and very important, it teaches my grandchildren the importance of books and reading.
13539	7/10/2012	Reading, and community education are of vital import to the health of any community. Libraries (in conjunction with schools) are at the core of those programs, ensuring that information, entertainment and education are not isolated away from low income or under priveleged portions of the community. When information becomes the possession of solely the wealthy, the entire community suffers for it.
13540	7/10/2012	Libraries provide me with hundreds of times the return on my tax 'investment'. No other government agency gives me as much direct services. Unlimited books, movies, and music? That sure beats paying some deputy sheriff to sit around all day running up his PERS.
13541	7/10/2012	I use the library
13542	7/10/2012	My kids benefit the most from access to reading and programs in the summer.
13543	7/10/2012	We have poor results for many educational efforts. College credits are outrageously expensive. A motivated person can self educate using the library resources. Unfortunately, many youth aren't motivated to learn until they are in 20s or older and cannot take advantage of our "free" education system
13544	7/10/2012	Ready access to reading materials and other information sources is critical for all of us. In tough economic times, libraries provide an even more important role than usual because people are less likely to spend discretionary income on books, magazines, etc.
13545	7/10/2012	As an ordinary citizen, I make use of the library on a daily basis, and rely on it most particularly when I need information about specific matters such as a new piece of software or a home maintenance issue. I consider the library, and the habits of mind it fosters such as critical thinking and wide-ranging curiosity, more fundamental to daily life even than health care, the police, or fire departments -- although obviously, those serve critical functions that may be of overwhelming importance on those hopefully rare occasions when they're needed. But I often say that if I had to choose between libraries and police, I'd pick libraries.
13546	7/10/2012	Citizens need to have access to information of every kind. Informed citizens are the foundation for change and for maintaining quality of life in all areas: home, community, city and national and worldwide. We need to have access to information besides the television media and internet.
13547	7/10/2012	Through the public library I was able not only to teach my son the importance of reading, but also it allowed me to get material to improve my English skills. My son participated in all summer reading programs during his elementary school years. We spent at least three hrs a week in the local library. He is now in his way to college and thanks that he became a good reader he didn't struggle with reading during middle and high school.
13548	7/10/2012	They are obviously less important than public safety services such as police and fire department.

13549	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge and resources is important to maintain a fair and balanced society. Additionally, I believe that reading and exposure to new perspectives, ideas, and places unleashes creativity and allows an individual to grow the scope of their mental horizons. Without access to a library and its resources, I believe that the drought of mental growth would fall largely upon our poorer neighbors. I believe all citizens should have access to resources to grow, search for jobs, research a topic, investigate an idea, enjoy reading, etc.
13550	7/10/2012	It's the most relevant to my needs, I'm young and low-income and it's how I continue to learn.
13551	7/10/2012	We are avid readers and we use the library to explore new books before making any purchases. We have attended the library with our daughter since she was 5 months old. She first crawled during the baby story time and I met other mothers there that after 6 years, I still stay in touch with. Talk about community! I also see the need for checking out books vs. purchasing a huge environmental asset. We get most of our movies/children show entertainment from the library as well. I am a writer and I have use the library as a place away from home (and away from coffee shops) to write. When I received an Oregon Literary Arts Friends of Lake Oswego Library Fellowship, I spent my writing time at the Central Library three days a week. My libraries are an integral part of my life and community. I would be devastated to loose more services.
13552	7/10/2012	Knowledge is Power.
13553	7/10/2012	While unemployed, I used the library heavily for employment research, wifi access, and free entertainment. Similarly I know others while unemployed or low-income rely on the library's services. When I become a parent, I hope to teach my children the value of reading and exploration through the local library system.
13554	7/10/2012	Excellent libraries are absolutely necessary for strong community.
13555	7/10/2012	it is a huge resource of knowledge for all
13556	7/10/2012	I tend to use library services more than other public services
13557	7/10/2012	Because we can afford to buy books
13558	7/10/2012	Extremely important.
13559	7/10/2012	Accessibility to books and other information should not be taken away from citizens
13560	7/10/2012	Equitable access to information, knowledge, possibilities for self education for everyone, including those who couldn't otherwise afford to buy books, access the internet etc.
13561	7/10/2012	I am an artist, musician, director of a non-profit and an educator. I use the public library to support all of these professions.
13562	7/10/2012	We pay tax dollars for service, as property owners we are concerned with all dollars allocated from our budget. The library represents education, music, fun, classes and resources that help balance our lives.
13563	7/10/2012	The library is the most important public resource for my family, because the weather in Portland compels citizens to seek indoor activities/spaces for the majority of the year, and the library seems to fit that bill the best.

13564	7/10/2012	Of the highest importance along with road maintenance...everyone must have access to the library.
13565	7/10/2012	I have the most direct contact with them. I don't talk to my trashman
13566	7/10/2012	Users can accomodate reduced hours as long as different branches have different hours. Not everyone needs every thing or every convenience at every moment.
13567	7/10/2012	A civilized society should always have free access to knowledge and resources to EVERYONE, regardless of class or income level. Especially for our children.
13568	7/10/2012	I grew up reading and using libraries. I've watched them evolve from print media only to all kinds of services. I love that they are a resource for people who do not have computer access at home, for job searching, etc. Most recently I have used libraries as a resource for movies and television series that I'd like to catch up on.
13569	7/10/2012	Free access to all levels of information is a fundamental keystone for a literate, cultured, and self-responsible society.
13570	7/10/2012	Overall they provide a huge resource to everyone in the community no matter their financial situations: (1) free rentals of books & movie including new releases; (2) a place to get internet/computer access; (3) a place for children to interact with other children and learn about books; (4) a place to run into your neighbors; (5) a safe place to learn; (6) a very important community resource!
13571	7/10/2012	Police and fire rate above the library, but I use the library wkly and appreciate definitely appreciate the option to
13572	7/10/2012	I would like the libraries to be of the same use and importance as the school system in Portland. If linking or sharing resources/programs between schools and libraries is an option, it might enhance both public services.
13573	7/10/2012	Having a free accessible resource for seniors, low income, job searchers, etc. keeps citizens and society informed, educated and overall healthier. I currently am married without kids. My husband and I both work full time. We have plenty of money but not much time. In other stages of my life, there is more time and less money, which is exactly when I love the library the most. I am so grateful that the ones I use (Hollywood, Belmont, Central) are beautiful, well maintained resources for our community.
13574	7/10/2012	They provide life enriching and citizenship enhancing opportunities
13575	7/10/2012	Libraries serve as connecting points for communities and there is hardly any other place like them. They are not stores they are not churches, they are the best part of the public sector and even if people don't realize how precious they are, they should be funded and supported with deep commitment.

13576	7/10/2012	Not everyone can afford to purchase books, videos or cd's or go out to the movies. The library makes these things available for people who otherwise couldn't access them. Also, if library funding and availability continues to be cut, educational opportunities for lower income families will dwindle. It is important that all economic classes of society have access to books, computers, and media.
13577	7/10/2012	Personally, the library is my refuge from depression and inactivity. A portal of knowledge for me to progress through life from.
13578	7/10/2012	Not as high as police, fire, etc. but high on the list below these services--something for everyone!
13579	7/10/2012	All income levels can have access to information, literature, research, wonderful programs like storytime, computer access... So enriching, educating, and liberating for the whole community.
13580	7/10/2012	Having community access to programs and materials that encourage learning are quite important. Other public services such as trash clean-up, road maintenance, etc. may rank higher - but the libraries are an asset that many people enjoy and benefit from.
13581	7/10/2012	Maybe the brick-and-mortar libraries seem a little antiquated by today's standards, but no amount of internet-based research can compete with research conducted through a well-supported library. ¶ A book or other material checked out from the library is FREE, and it's guaranteed to be real--because it exists in the real world--unlike many things that appear on the internet. Also, "going to the library" is a fun activity!
13582	7/10/2012	They are places of much more than just books. They were where I spent most of my youth as my home was not a safe place to be and I could go there and escape. Now that they have computers it is for some people the only way they have of keeping up with the world. The programs for moms and children cannot be replaced anywhere else.
13583	7/10/2012	I can access most materials (books, articles, journals, etc.) through work, school, iTunes, PubMed, and google. I'm not sure what is meant by "local public services", but I'm guessing this means Portland Police Bureau, contracted security, trash services, road construction, etc. These services are more valuable to me because they ensure safety and good health. Libraries are more for leisure.
13584	7/10/2012	A library must be part of any civilized community. It provides hope and chances for all.
13585	7/10/2012	Libraries may not offer 'life and death' services, but they do offer just about everything else. In addition to being community centers and neighborhood anchors, libraries are crucial for people in tough financial times.
13586	7/10/2012	I primarily go to the library to get great books to read and many times the branch I go to does not have a book I am interested in but another branch does. That they are so quickly and easily able to share their books around multiple locations is a great benefit to me. Also, being able to return my books to any branch is very helpful.

13587	7/10/2012	Because I don't use most of the other local public services, but I do use the library. However, I could do without or with reduced library services.
13588	7/10/2012	Free access to books, computers etc is very important/helpful to students, children and adults
13589	7/10/2012	Access to educational resources is essential in a democratic society, ESPECIALLY when school funding is constantly threatened, the state of the economy threatens families' ability to buy books, and working parents have less and less time to read with their children. The library provides a place of learning, community, inspiration, and internet access, which is a precious resource for those who do cannot otherwise afford it and need to research medical information, hun for jobs, etc.
13590	7/10/2012	As one of the key social institutions that provide educational, self development and other information to citizens from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds libraries strengthen our potential to be good citizens and a strong democracy--the bases upon which we build healthy societies
13591	7/10/2012	Libraries are a community support system. They provide access to information that is not available to everyone in their homes or at work. They provide a service to the public and specifically youth.
13592	7/10/2012	Literacy and lifelong learning are critical to the success of our community. My mother took me to the library as a young child, and together we checked out books for many years. Books have been a huge part of my life, and I believe my love of reading played a part in me loving school and doing well. That, in turn, encouraged me to finish college and pursue an advanced degree.
13593	7/10/2012	The classes/events for children are a huge importance to our household. Our preschool is unable to attend preschool because we do not qualify for head start and can not afford to pay. She has attended storytime since she was 3 months old. She has learned from the experiences she may have never had elsewhere. She has also made friendships along the way. It was also very helpful for her dad (as a first time stay at home dad) to get out of the house and talk with other parents. The summer reading program has also encouraged our teenager to put down the video game controller and pick up a book. The library means the world to us!
13594	7/10/2012	Education and information availability are interrelated. ¶ It's one of the most powerful resources in our life.
13595	7/10/2012	Libraries make vital materials accessible to myself and the community, especially for those who strive to gain diverse opinions and knowledge without the ability or desire to privately purchase it. It is a critical necessity to building civic engagement and increasing social awareness.
13596	7/10/2012	Providing access to information, books, magazines, internet, etc, to those who may not otherwise have it is the cornerstone of a productive society. Without that, we become less-educated and in danger of moving backward.
13597	7/10/2012	I use the local library for work-related research, family outings, and pleasure reading as well.
13598	7/10/2012	Allows everyone access to unlimited books, etc

13599	7/10/2012	they are not more important than police, fire ect...but they are an integral part of our society, or should be.
13600	7/10/2012	Provide a level playing field for low-income students and others who otherwise would not have access to resources.
13601	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time - I can afford to just buy new books when they come out! I'm not sure what other services I'm supposed to be comparing the library to, though.
13602	7/10/2012	I enjoy the library as it is available to any and all who enjoy it!!
13603	7/10/2012	a library is the heart of the community, serving those who don't have extra in their budget...
13604	7/10/2012	The library makes reading accessible to people, regardless of their economic class. It's rare to have a powerful resource that is truly accessible to all.
13605	7/10/2012	We use library constantly. In addition to home use i use library materials in my classroom.
13606	7/10/2012	My husband and I are both writers and we depend on the books and other resources provided by the library to do our jobs and earn our livings.
13607	7/10/2012	its a great thing to have
13608	7/10/2012	Because I can't afford to buy books all the time and yet I love to read and need books as a valuable learning resource in my life and business.
13609	7/10/2012	The library provides boos and other resources such as internet to people who could otherwise not afford it. The library is a place of knowledge and learning which run our society.
13610	7/10/2012	Libraries have higher-quality and more accessible sources of facts and entertainment than other government programs.
13611	7/10/2012	love of learning/ knowledge/ information... leads to future economic impact w/ a more educated society, resulting in per capital income growth and local stability.
13612	7/10/2012	The library is my source for books, if it wasn't for the library I would have to buy my books. That would get very expensive.
13613	7/10/2012	The library is a center of literacy, self-education and culture for all citizens without regard to income level. It is a great institution of our democratic society, a beacon of equality, even during the toughest of times.
13614	7/10/2012	I have been at least a weekly library user since I was old enough to read - 55 years. I can't imagine who I would be without the love for reading developed at an early age.
13615	7/10/2012	I only use the library to get CD's to rip MP3s and to check out books. Since I often have to wait a long time for books, I sometimes buy them used from Amazon.com and am considering a e-book reader. Plus, the library SHOULD NOT be a substitute for local movie rental shops. I think you are going overboard on the number of music CDs and movies you carry... I do not consider that a core deliverable.

13616	7/10/2012	We count on the library for books to feed my son's love for reading. We have been reading to my son since he was four months old. Our night time routine ends with a book. When he was little, we would read 3 or 4 books a night. Now, we read several chapters. On most days, he wakes up and asks me to read him a book. When we have time, we start our day this way. We have been doing the summer reading program since he was 3. We love to read and love to use our library. Sharing books with our community is a beautiful experience.
13617	7/10/2012	The library is a very needed and useful service to the public. It's a resource that seniors, small children and all ages in between can use and benefit from. Small children learn to use the library and love books from an early age that can continue though out their lives.
13618	7/10/2012	I had to pick one answer for a fairly non-specific question.
13619	7/10/2012	I will always cherish libraries, and think of them first when I want to peruse a book or subject at length without spending a lot of money. But the proliferation of other means of information gathering, especially the internet, has made the library slightly less crucial than it used to be.
13620	7/10/2012	I went to the library almost every week from the time I was very young and just learning to read until I was in high school. Having access to a large variety of books and a staff of very knowledgable and helpful libraries was really important to me as a child and teenager (and is still still important to me as an adult) and helped shape who I am now.
13621	7/10/2012	Access to books and other resources. Also, a critical community center.
13622	7/10/2012	I believe in an educated populace.
13623	7/10/2012	I homeschooled and having resources outside of curriculum based has enriched my children's lives and my own. The internet has a lot of information but somehow I trust a book because you have information sources... What does it say about our society that does not value books and learning?
13624	7/10/2012	I would put libraries behind emergency services and utilities, but on par with public transportation, schools and parks.
13625	7/10/2012	Libraries are the cornerstone of civilization.
13626	7/10/2012	Libraries represent civilization.
13627	7/10/2012	Libraries promote learning and I value learning in my community.
13628	7/10/2012	I use them on a regular basis it is apart of my community and provides a safe place for the kids and all people in the area.
13629	7/10/2012	I love to read, and love having the access to many many books. I also think it's important for everyone to have access to books.
13630	7/10/2012	We must learn to do with less in all of our public services.
13631	7/10/2012	Because books are very very important to me.
13632	7/10/2012	education for my fellow citizens, especially those in underserved communities is crucial. we are all in this together!

13633	7/10/2012	In addition to being important to me and my family, personally, it is important to maintain a public facility that is available to ALL citizens on an equal basis.
13634	7/10/2012	community center/community building, increase knowledge of the population
13635	7/10/2012	easy access, times and availability.
13636	7/10/2012	The library connects and informs -- regardless of one's politics or prejudices.[] Ditto for newspapers.
13637	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important part of the community - they provide crucial free access to information and technology that not everyone is able to afford.
13638	7/10/2012	we do not own a computer and live on a budget. we could not afford to pay for internet services. the library is close to our home and it doesn't cost us much in gas to get there.
13639	7/10/2012	We use the library as a regular outing, as a resource for new books as well as classics, as movie resource, as access to educational computer games for the kids, as interesting special activities.
13640	7/10/2012	I view library services in the same way as art, museums etc. They perhaps improve your quality of life, but they can't really be called a basic service or right.
13641	7/10/2012	We use the library all the time, and not just to check things out. We are doing OK money-wise but libraries represent an important resource for people who need to stretch their budgets.
13642	7/10/2012	Libraries=educated populace. I once saw a poster in a library that read:[] Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries. [] [] Portland is a place where at least some of the people believe that and act on that belief.
13643	7/10/2012	Education seems to come behind economic growth for most politicians. I think they've got it backwards. The library contributes to both.
13644	7/10/2012	Intellectual growth/ community activity.
13645	7/10/2012	Really believe in the philosophy of "shared" resources...rather than everyone "owning" books, etc
13646	7/10/2012	Libraries allow for broad, free education, and a quiet place to think, which is an empowering asset to any community (especially for those who cannot afford private alternatives).
13647	7/10/2012	Police, fire, roads are probably more important.... but library services are critical to offer equal access to information
13648	7/10/2012	Because the library connects me to my friends and neighbors through common reading materials. Also, I do not have children yet, but it is a resource I know I will rely upon heavily when I do have them.
13649	7/10/2012	Libraries provide one of the few remaining places where you can go inside without having to buy something, and get access to information and viewpoints. A well-informed citizenry is key to proper working of democracy.

13650	7/10/2012	Libraries not only provide important, valuable resources to the community, but also they are a physical place for the community to gather. Libraries that provide classes and opportunities for learning are very important.
13651	7/10/2012	Ask Benjamin Franklin - he had the right idea on the why its of paramount importance.
13652	7/10/2012	I spent my childhood in the library, and have never really had the money to buy books at the rate at which I read. If I can't access the library, the number of books I am able to read takes a dramatic nosedive. For me, it always comes down to the books.
13653	7/10/2012	Libraries give all people access to information. A thinking society needs libraries.
13654	7/10/2012	Knowledge is: power, inspiration, comfort. The books and other materials in the library change lives for the better. I'm shocked that more people don't take advantage of the incredible riches contained there.
13655	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of the great outcomes of government. Sharing of knowledge and culture communally is becoming increasingly commercialized and therefore restricted. Most media access is commercialized now and the momentum is for more revenue generation. That a library system exists at all is kind of amazing. I want to keep a healthy library system as long as possible.
13656	7/10/2012	Libraries are an integral part of the knowledge of the community--particularly when our schools are so lacking. They allow anyone and everyone--no matter social ranking or economic status--access to expanding they're knowledge, education, and worldview.
13657	7/10/2012	Ties communities together and keep literacy as a high priority through books and reading. Literacy develops young minds, and keeps aging minds working and learning truths.
13658	7/10/2012	There are too few educational opportunities for people of middle and lower income levels.
13659	7/10/2012	A society does not last long without education and educational materials in order to improve itself. Making the library a top order of importance goes to the heart of the future of your culture as a successful society that can work in a civil and progressive manner, as the future becomes more and more difficult to navigate successfully.
13660	7/10/2012	Grew up going to the library.
13661	7/10/2012	High
13662	7/10/2012	Reading is important to me.
13663	7/10/2012	police, fire, public safety much higher
13664	7/10/2012	It is a form of public education and is open to all people regardless of income, status, job, neighborhood. It cultivates an educated populace and introduce children to books and help us all be live time learners.
13665	7/10/2012	Reading is a fundamental building block and access to local libraries is crucial for any community to support itself and to be able to grow.
13666	7/10/2012	I feel it's a major cornerstone in our neighborhood.
13667	7/10/2012	access to knowledge for people
13668	7/10/2012	Because they are one service that helps propell our society with little to no cost for the end user.

13669	7/10/2012	Having access to a wealth of information that does not discriminate according to class is very important to me and my neighborhood. The library is a meeting place and an equal playing field.
13670	7/10/2012	Because it is a public service that reaches beyond just being able to check out a book for free. We need this source of ongoing education and learning available to our citizens.
13671	7/10/2012	Saves me money on buying books and introduces my toddler to the wonders of books/ story time/ interactions classes
13672	7/10/2012	While I consider library services very important I realize there are other life-threatening services that need to be addressed.
13673	7/10/2012	Because I can find FREE books that I enjoy to read. It is also important to have a place where children can gather to hear books being read to them. I used this quite a bit when my children were younger.
13674	7/10/2012	Because books are the source of our knowledge. Access to information is essential to a society.
13675	7/10/2012	The kids use the library at school as well and while I could see local branches getting closed I am assume Central would always be available.
13676	7/10/2012	I read a lot.
13677	7/10/2012	We are a democracy--we need an informed public. For most of us, the library will be the only consistent resource to insure literacy and access.
13678	7/10/2012	central to our democracy
13679	7/10/2012	I don't view access to a library as a necessity for me personally, as I can access books and media from other sources. But I do recognize that it might be more important for other people, such as children, senior and those without internet access.
13680	7/10/2012	An educated and informed community is one that can be involved in all areas of government, making wise decisions.
13681	7/10/2012	Reading is so important for our culture. Without experience reading and good reading skills you can't get a good job, your recreation is limited, and you just have so many fewer opportunities in life. To have institutions that encourages reading throughout our community is vital. I do have to say that I think public safety services (police, fire department) are more important than the library, because if we're not safe we can't really enjoy the benefits of reading. I also think that public parks are right up there with libraries.
13682	7/10/2012	i love the library system. allowing access to resources for everyone equally is very important. i am also amazed at the options at the library. you can learn anything you want to learn, if you are interested. i think that is incredibly valuable for those who may not know where to go for certain types of learning, or may not have the resources to participate elsewhere.
13683	7/10/2012	I don't have the money to purchase all of the books I'd like to read or the films I'd like to watch.

13684	7/10/2012	The service offered at the library save tremendous amount of money for my family because we can borrow resources as opposed to buying them. Additionally, since schools no longer have funding to support additional enrichment opportunities, tutoring, and access to educational materials for students it is essential for libraries to step-up and provide these services.
13685	7/10/2012	As a teacher, the library is one of the keys to my ability to educate children. As an avid reader, I lean on the library for most of the new books I read. As a writer, when I need to research anything, I always use the library's resources first.
13686	7/10/2012	Libraries have always been and will continue to be a key resource for the education of US residents and therefore the development of the nation.
13687	7/10/2012	Introduce my kids to reading. Save money by not buying books. Access to unique resources.
13688	7/10/2012	I believe programs that help with basic necessities (i.e. food programs) are more important than library services, but aside from these basics, library services are important.
13689	7/10/2012	I could not afford to buy the materials (including databases) I use at the library.
13690	7/10/2012	I grew up in libraries and feel that reading and having access to the wide variety of resources a library in this country normally contains is essential to both community awareness and development as well as language, writing, and reading skills, and an overall literacy of culture and communication. I think, of all the community institutions, libraries are a keystone.
13691	7/10/2012	I use the library weekly. The customer service is great. The library equalizes resources for all (computer availability for those who do not own a personal computer, homework help, etc), plus it's great to check out books and not have to buy them! It's fun to see the families bringing children to the library to help instill the love for reading and learning.
13692	7/10/2012	An accessible library is key to any vibrant community. It affords those who do not otherwise have the resources the opportunity to learn, grow, better themselves, and have some enjoyment. A local library is a beacon of inclusion, hope, and acceptance in a world that can often be harsh and unwelcoming. Getting a library card is the first thing I do when I move to a new place, without exception. Merely having that card makes me feel grounded and supported. I know that I can count on my local library, and its librarians.
13693	7/10/2012	provides important resources to people of all classes
13694	7/10/2012	Public transportation is most important, but libraries are important because they are free and accessible and safe for all.
13695	7/10/2012	Closer vicinity and direct accessibility.
13696	7/10/2012	highest of high
13697	7/10/2012	I love spending time in the library. The enviroiment and smell of the library are very important to my reading experience. I used the library very frequently when i was a student and without up to date materials and flexible hours I would have struggled to find the materials I needed
13698	7/10/2012	I use the library services; and I believe programs for young children help instill the love of reading and learning.

13699	7/10/2012	I believe in libraries as a free source of educational material, recreational material and informational material. It's important to me that the library resources are available to everyone in the community.
13700	7/10/2012	Because of all of the people who don't have alternative ways of getting information. Personally, I use audible, online bookstores and the University library to get access to materials, but not everyone has these options.
13701	7/10/2012	somewhat important, but I'd be equally as happy if the city would pave all the dirt roads in our city. what's up with that?
13702	7/10/2012	Good to see people in the area and use services at free or low rate.
13703	7/10/2012	It's a resource my family uses regularly. It enriches our lives and improves our literacy. Libraries improve the quality of life in a community.
13704	7/10/2012	I love books and reading, but not everybody does. That said, I do think it's important to keep our libraries vibrant and current.
13705	7/10/2012	I utilize the library and library materials daily. This gives me access to materials I wouldn't be able to access otherwise.
13706	7/10/2012	Nothing can replace it
13707	7/10/2012	The optional service I use most
13708	7/10/2012	we gots to have a literate electorate
13709	7/10/2012	I am not a ardent user, but appreciate the material when I need it.
13710	7/10/2012	Because I am able to check out (rather than buy) books that I read on my own or with my book club.
13711	7/10/2012	I do not buy books at all, but read an average of 1-2 books per week. All my books come from the library; without regular library access, my world would be a much more limited place.
13712	7/10/2012	It is an issue of quality of life. The more informed, enlightened and cared for a community is, the better they can take care of themselves and others.
13713	7/10/2012	I love to read
13714	7/10/2012	A well informed and educated public is essential to the Republic.
13715	7/10/2012	For many years, I was unemployed, and the library was my main source of information, art, and entertainment.
13716	7/10/2012	I value the materials and resources the library offers to all in our community that access it.
13717	7/10/2012	I read a lot and it is very nice to have the books avaialbe, both in print and online. I also appreciate the programs for kids, like my grandson who loves to go to the library.
13718	7/10/2012	Frequency of use. Value of borrowing kid's books rather than purchasing. Value of community in the library.
13719	7/10/2012	Sorry, but fire fighters and some other services for the very poor rank higher for me, but libraries are still near the top.
13720	7/10/2012	They are of average importance.

13721	7/10/2012	Public libraries serve many functions in a community. For the poor in particular, they are a crucial pathway to services, education, job hunting and self-improvement.
13722	7/10/2012	Because learning and higher education is what makes this country grow and tick. Without means to learn and grow: INFORMATION, We are doomed!
13723	7/10/2012	Good start to interest young people. Also that are low income to enjoy information
13724	7/10/2012	The materials and services they provide are available to everyone, not just those who can afford it.
13725	7/10/2012	Literacy and equitable access to information and tools is critically important to strengthen our communities by maintaining access to opportunities.
13726	7/10/2012	We need a local resource.
13727	7/10/2012	Because my family uses it regularly.
13728	7/10/2012	My kids love the summer reading program and love checking out new books every week all year long.
13729	7/10/2012	I love the library. It is a community space that I can go and spend time in without spending money. It helps me save money and reduce my use of resources by sharing books, magazines and DVDs. When I have kids, I know I will use the library even more often accessing the baby and toddler programs and spending more time at the library, especially in the winter and rainy seasons. I think libraries are key to a democratic society.
13730	7/10/2012	Difficult to list all the other public services. Some are clearly very important, such as police and fire protection. Many others are likely pretty unimportant. Local government services are generally poor.[] However, the library experience and the quality of the librarians is first rate.[]
13731	7/10/2012	I am a native Portlander and have always used the library system. When I lived away from Portland, I used Seattle and Sydney's libraries. Portland libraries are easily the best.[] I am just starting to use the e-book options which I find exciting that the library system continues to use technology to reduce costs.
13732	7/10/2012	Everyone can access the library for free. Many people can only use free services and it is a good place to accommodate those people.
13733	7/10/2012	Job seekers and others need assistance and resources to make ends meet and find opportunities. I use the library for reading books.
13734	7/10/2012	On par with access to nature and greenspaces for personal enrichment and inexpensive quality of life improvements or at least an few hours distraction from the grind of trying to get by in this economy.
13735	7/10/2012	Reading is probably the most important skill. Plus, reading expands the imagination and gives the reader experiences they wouldn't normally access.

13736	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time- being able to have access to books without having to spend money on them is very important to my budget and my quality of life. I belong to a book club that I could not afford to stay up with, if I had to purchase all of the books we read. The social contact I find from the book club greatly improves my outlook on life. I have not used many of the other services offered by the library but I would be interested in the small business classes, and I have a friend who passed his citizenship test with the help of your program.
13737	7/10/2012	Because everyone should have access to the knowledge and information that the library provides.
13738	7/10/2012	community building space that is open to everyone. a democratized source of information
13739	7/10/2012	Libraries are great resources for people of all ages! Libraries are important to community.
13740	7/10/2012	We value literacy, and want to instill curiosity and love of learning in our children. The library helps us do that.
13741	7/10/2012	Because we need the library.
13742	7/10/2012	I'm a voracious reader, freelance writer, and don't have to get internet service if I can use the library's.
13743	7/10/2012	Police and fire services are first, then road/public works, then the library.
13744	7/10/2012	Because the portland school systems are so behind compared to the rest of the country that we need another outlet to teach our children.
13745	7/10/2012	The services they provide, and the availability of those services.
13746	7/10/2012	No other places have books
13747	7/10/2012	They support literacy for all & build community in neighborhoods & citywide.
13748	7/10/2012	Education and knowledge are everything.
13749	7/10/2012	Obviously police and fire are of paramount importance.
13750	7/10/2012	As a family of 4 on a tight budget it allows my family to check out books and always be reading. My kids are excited to go to the library. It's a happy, inviting place to come.
13751	7/10/2012	“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization, and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right.... Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.”
13752	7/10/2012	Our library was such a great resource for me and my young child-I brought my baby to book babies at least twice a week (Albina and Hollywood branches)... My son is now 4 and loves the computer programs and taking new books home to read. It has been an incredible staple to his early years-one of the few places I could take an infant/toddler who his not in daycare for socializing.
13753	7/10/2012	being able to research at my own pace, not using the computer at home.

13754	7/10/2012	Literacy and free and safe access to literary resources are, I feel, a keystone to an educated public.
13755	7/10/2012	Bus routes here are very limited and of almost no use to us. We use the library all the time.
13756	7/10/2012	Resource for learning, entertainment, childhood development, family development, a community hub.
13757	7/10/2012	Libraries are the repository of history and culture. The electronic media deliver the news; libraries allow you to explore some of the reasons that shape current events.
13758	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and love going to the library. When I was a child I adored reading sessions and library reading programs. I am expecting my first child and hope that the library will be a source of joy for our child as well.
13759	7/10/2012	I believe access to information, including free access to books, periodicals, and Internet, is critical to all ages in our community. Further, like access to public parks, access to libraries provides an important meeting place within the community as well as a place to obtain specific services.
13760	7/10/2012	I want my children to be able to go to the library, locate a book or article and be able to work their way through it in order to complete a research project. [] [] Being able to take my children to the library to interact with others and respect what it is that librarians and volunteers do. Having them see what it takes to run a public service like this is very important to me.
13761	7/10/2012	I enjoy checking out audio books online and listening to them as I work. I don't use the physical library much these days, but do occasionally take my son there to check out books.
13762	7/10/2012	Because of my use of the library, while I see the need for other public services, the library is the one I use and interact with the most.
13763	7/10/2012	Because I believe nothing is more important than knowledge.
13764	7/10/2012	Because a free society needs to be an informed society and must have as much free literary material available to it as possible.
13765	7/10/2012	We love having story time and being able to check books out. This is our favorite place to go and we look forward to our weekly visit all week long.
13766	7/10/2012	access to books and information is fundamental to a knowledge-based society
13767	7/10/2012	The library provides important services to a broad range of people, but are less important to me than social services.
13768	7/10/2012	I use our local library several times a week. The only thing I would like to see improve are hours they are open.
13769	7/10/2012	I think this is more for our communities than for me personally. Libraries have always been a spot for resources, gathering and continued education. This shouldn't change.
13770	7/10/2012	Libraries enable continued learning.
13771	7/10/2012	I read a lot.

13772	7/10/2012	i love the library and its resources
13773	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy the books and videos I want. And I'm sure that's true for a lot of people.
13774	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of the best and only ways for the working poor to have access to modern technology and education.
13775	7/10/2012	It's about the most direct and tangible local service we receive.
13776	7/10/2012	I don't want to keep buying books as I have no space and I'm trying to downsize. Having books available at the library saves me a lot of money and space.
13777	7/10/2012	because it makes my life easier.
13778	7/10/2012	Access to books is a benefit to everyone in the community. It brings people together.
13779	7/10/2012	I utilize the Library to obtain reading materials, and hope others in my community do so also to sustain the practice of reading, education, and life long learning. I believe in keeping materials available to those of us who cannot afford to buy materials available in the library. I also believe strongly that there is no need to own all the books I or that anyone else reads, thus reducing and recycling.
13780	7/10/2012	It's a resource that has been available to us for generations. It helps build good, smart citizens.
13781	7/10/2012	Education is important. Reading is important. Without either, we all lose as a community.
13782	7/10/2012	Libraries although important, are becoming somewhat obsolete... and other public services can't be replaced by the internet, like the library has.
13783	7/10/2012	If the library system wasn't strong and up-to-date there would be no other place for citizens to receive information and access in the community without paying for it
13784	7/10/2012	Fire and police are much more important than checking out a book 7 days or even 6 days a week. I also do not use any of the other library programs. The toddler and young children reading programs are important even though I have never used them - having good reading skills provides success in learning their whole lives.
13785	7/10/2012	I was raised by a library staff in Alaska because my parents worked so much. I have a very soft spot for the organization and education through reading. I think availability of free educational and reading sources are the most important public service tool out there. Knowledge is power, if people can see that and use it, it will help raise our next generation up.
13786	7/10/2012	I think there is a real danger of irrelevance, particularly as you cut programs and hours. There are now numerous other sources for media and information, often available 24 hours/day. At a certain point people will consider other options first, because the library is always closed.
13787	7/10/2012	I am a native Oregonian and grew up going to the Multnomah County library and participated in many library programs. I have taken my children to many programs over the years as well. I remember seeing the reptile man when I was young and thought this was really neat. There is a nice sense of community at our branch when you run into others you know. This is a resource that needs to continue to be available in our community.

13788	7/10/2012	Too many reasons - knowledge is paramount to progression and the library offers access to books, popular media, programs, etc. Regardless of a person's socio-economic background. That's important.
13789	7/10/2012	Other than utilities they are top of the list for me. I want my community to have and support a local library system much more than I expect many other services that I see.
13790	7/10/2012	Well, how does one begin to measure the importance of public civility, ongoing learning, and preservation of history and information?
13791	7/10/2012	Everyone should have access to books and the internet.
13792	7/10/2012	I am there every 3 weeks to check out new books. very important
13793	7/10/2012	It allows me to check out materials, learn about new music, and not have to spend money on books I will read only once.
13794	7/10/2012	I use the library on a regular basis. I order books and audiobooks, and am constantly picking up/returning something . I long ago gave up on buying books, because I read so much and have no room for them. I far prefer using the vast resources of our amazing library.
13795	7/10/2012	They keep us educated and engaged with our communities.
13796	7/10/2012	As a schoolteacher and lover of books, the library is extremely important to me so that I don't have to use my own money to buy books for my students and/or myself. Summer reading is also incredibly important for students.
13797	7/10/2012	Books and reading are the single most important part of my child's development.
13798	7/10/2012	It is entertainment if you have no money
13799	7/10/2012	Important to have access to free books, computer access, programs to encourage literacy in kids.
13800	7/10/2012	Schools are more important.
13801	7/10/2012	Quality of life
13802	7/10/2012	They are all pretty important, I just think a library system is the most undervalued.
13803	7/10/2012	an informed electorate is essential to the proper functioning of democracy
13804	7/10/2012	The local library has always been an important place to me. As soon as I could write my name, my Mom took me to the library to get my first library card (she now volunteers for the summer reading program at Hollywood Library). The library can and should be a community center--a place that offers resources to all individuals regardless of age, ability or socioeconomic status.
13805	7/10/2012	Because they are central to the community, offer free services that don't discriminate and allow me an alternative to buying books, etc.
13806	7/10/2012	help create and support community, provide access to media/educational materials, foster spirit of love of learning for kids, provide safe place for teens/kids/adults to learn and study
13807	7/10/2012	I have rarely used the library in the past 2 years but I still feel the library is vital to the community, especially young readers
13808	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently, and of all the public services offered, it's the one I use most... along with parks.

13809	7/10/2012	It would change my financial situation if I couldn't get the movies and books from the library. I most likely would have to do without.
13810	7/10/2012	Obviously police, etc are important. After that, we use the library and pools the most.
13811	7/10/2012	Importance of information access to lower income groups, children, and seniors; also a public resource I personally use often
13812	7/10/2012	It's the service I use the most.
13813	7/10/2012	There are more important public services such as law protecting fields and medical fields that are more beneficial to the public but the library services provides children and young adults to make more informed decisions about their lives because they can use the library to further their educations, interact with people, read hobbies instead of dangerous activities. The library is productive and it provides knowledge, knowledge is power.
13814	7/10/2012	Libraries foster an educated public, which improves society as a whole.
13815	7/10/2012	high
13816	7/10/2012	I check out books frequently, and would otherwise not have access to those resources.
13817	7/10/2012	I like the library.
13818	7/10/2012	Because nothing is more important than education. Essential social services (emergency services, basic road maintenance) are also very important as are parks & public transit. But, education trumps all of these because of its crucial role in building good citizens - the foundation of all of the rest!
13819	7/10/2012	Without the interlibrary loan system and current collection I would be unable to work as a freelance writer.
13820	7/10/2012	I think we have a very good library system, I don't think we need the best system in the nation, status quo is fine.
13821	7/10/2012	The internet has made information more easily available
13822	7/10/2012	libraries are a keystone of every civil society.
13823	7/10/2012	I value dissemination of knowledge and art, music to everyone
13824	7/10/2012	Reading is education, and education is the basis of an informed electorate.
13825	7/10/2012	Libraries offer more than books - they offer resources and a meeting place to gather and share knowledge. Using computers, teaching young children the importance of the written word - they are a place of learning and research, whether for personal pleasure or academic pursuits - libraries are a wonderful place, an experience no one person should ever be denied.
13826	7/10/2012	Because the library is an essential educational tool for the public and a source of countless hours of satisfying ones curiosity, imagination, fun, and meeting people from your community.
13827	7/10/2012	It is important to me to have a carefully cultivated bias-free source of information in an age of increasing privatization, where corporate interests are trying (with excellent and bountiful resources) to direct conversations to the disadvantage of public interest on a regular basis. On a personal level, I enjoy having access to recent publications.

13828	7/10/2012	Creation of community; access to resources; promotion of education and fun re literacy for my child
13829	7/10/2012	because if we cannot make education accessible in schools at least we can have public libraries!
13830	7/10/2012	it's important for library resources to be available to everyone for free - it allows and encourages intellectual development and growth
13831	7/10/2012	Schools number 1. Gotta have cops and firefighters. Gotta pave roads and install water pipes. Libraries after that - somewhat important.
13832	7/10/2012	access to various media that is NOT on a computer screen :)
13833	7/10/2012	They provide direct opportunities for continuing education, public outreach.
13834	7/10/2012	Reading is knowledge!
13835	7/10/2012	Libraries are at the center, I think.
13836	7/10/2012	As a job seeker who has been unemployed nearly 3 years, I need these resources and have no money to spend on them. I feel my life would be much more dire without the public library!
13837	7/10/2012	I am a big reader. I would hate to have to buy all the books I read!
13838	7/10/2012	I like the library but other resources are available if necessary.
13839	7/10/2012	I use the library ALL the time. I always have the maximum number of things On Hold, I always have 10-12 books and dvds and cds checked out. And I refer friends there regularly. I LOVE the Multnomah County library system!
13840	7/10/2012	Having worked with children in the foster system and been involved with programs such as head start, I was appalled at how many families don't have books of thier own. Literacy for all is a passion of mine; the public library is the only way many children, even children you might not consider impoverished can access books to bring home and enjoy.
13841	7/10/2012	"Other local public services" is too vague for comparison. I, too, work for a government agency that is under funded and under recognized yet my job keeps people healthy and alive. We must stop pitting ourselves against each other and instead build up the community commons together.
13842	7/10/2012	I'm proud of them and I use them. A fine library system says something about a city. And we have knowledgeable folks staffing the libraries.
13843	7/10/2012	in terms of quality of life on par with electricity.
13844	7/10/2012	High.
13845	7/10/2012	Access to books and learning materials are the backbone of our democracy.
13846	7/10/2012	i love to read
13847	7/10/2012	They're a valuable part of our community, but then, so are fire departments and schools and road crews.
13848	7/10/2012	The libraries are some of the best resources for information, have great programs that I see throughout the neighborhood, even if I'm not currently active in it, the people are the friendliest, it's a great working and reading environment, and safe.
13849	7/10/2012	I regularly enjoy reading for pleasure, to gain info for travel planning & other purposes

13850	7/10/2012	the library is a great resource. You can't get everything on the Internet. Books for home projects are great. Illustrations are great.[]
13851	7/10/2012	Series books are way to expensive to have to buy but when the library has them it's great reading.
13852	7/10/2012	You need to define "other local public services" before I can accurately answer question 7. I really appreciate having access to a library to be able to fulfill my reading desires affordably. However, I wonder if there isn't some way for the library system to become privatized or have a secondary source of funding, instead of relying solely on the government funding that it receives.
13853	7/10/2012	Because I use them regularly. While I understand the need for need for the police and fire department, I get more regular use out of the library.
13854	7/10/2012	It allows all community members to have equal access to books, educational materials, entertainment materials, and all other resources a library offers regardless of their income or educational level.
13855	7/10/2012	Access to books, movies, programs, computers - everything the library has to offer - is the most cost-effective way to enrich people's lives and to reduce the need for some other public services, most significantly, policing.
13856	7/10/2012	Important for democracy--gives all people access to information (and arts and literature and history and...etc.). Makes life more affordable, richer, more pleasant. Provides resources for those who need them & might not be able to afford them otherwise.
13857	7/10/2012	Its part of being a civilized society
13858	7/10/2012	I think that schools and public safety are more important than the libraries.
13859	7/10/2012	libraries hold a community together
13860	7/10/2012	
13861	7/10/2012	I love books and music.
13862	7/10/2012	Libraries provide equal access to the foundation of self-improvement, namely knowledge. While I may have enough money to purchase books for my chosen format (Kindle), many do not and cannot. They deserve the same access to these resources as I do. For me, this is crucial and one the things I love about this area (it's value of this key resource).
13863	7/10/2012	This is the public service I use most often
13864	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to education and entertainment. They're important to me because they provide equal service to all members of our community regardless of one's personal wealth or education level.
13865	7/10/2012	It is important to me that my daughter sees reading as a fun activity. This means watching me read in addition to her reading/being read to. I can't afford to purchase the number of books we go through. The library is the only way for us to sustain our value of reading.
13866	7/10/2012	somewhat

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13867	7/10/2012	Obviously, garbage pickup is more important, for health reasons. Apart from that, a fine library is very important to all aspects of urban life.
13868	7/10/2012	Its all about the books! We teach our children to love learning and discovery by making a ritual out of visiting the library.
13869	7/10/2012	they offer access to critical community resources, knowledge, and entertainment
13870	7/10/2012	love to read...don't always have the money to purchase.[]
13871	7/10/2012	also like to have option to read or research away from home.
13872	7/10/2012	Free access to information is a foundation of a free society. An educated public is essential to the wellbeing of democracy. Libraries can be used by anyone, regardless of income or background. Many people rely on them to educate themselves.
13873	7/10/2012	Public libraries are important because they give people an opportunity to access the internet and educational materials, they also motivate people to be part of the community and help people get into reading.
13874	7/10/2012	Access to information and quality education is more valuable than almost anything.
13875	7/10/2012	I use our library the most out of any public service.
13876	7/10/2012	Essential component to a community
13877	7/10/2012	Because they offer educational opportunities for young and old no matter income. I think it's important to make reading a high priority in our community. Each generation needs to have a place where they can explore new ideas. It is a place where so many individuals can get their needs met. I love it.[]
13878	7/10/2012	I don't think it comes in front of fire and police but one of the things about Portland that I so love is the libraries and the buildings that we have for our libraries.
13879	7/10/2012	Right behind emergency/police/public health service
13880	7/10/2012	Information is considered by many to be the most important commodity on Earth. Libraries are a huge source of information and they are available to the public regardless of income level. In my opinion, libraries are a great equalizer and should remain available to everyone. for an educated populace[]
13881	7/10/2012	[] see Sallie Tisdale's paeon to PPL
13882	7/10/2012	I value the library services highly, but not above adequate services for youth and seniors, public safety, sewer/water, etc.
13883	7/10/2012	Looking at all levels of public services it is hard to place more value on one more than the others ,as I believe them all to be of equal importance . I wouldn't want roads or criminal justice to suffer from lack of funding anymore than I would like to see the libraries or education . They all go hand in hand in forming a strong community .

13884	7/10/2012	Literacy is essential to our quality of life, and to improving economically. Ignorance causes crime and poverty. □ And I really like books.
13885	7/10/2012	AS an avid reader, but with a fixed income, I cannot afford to buy books and still handle day to day expenses. The public library is the only place I can find enjoyment without the need to spend a fortune. Books are extremely important to children and the advancement of their imaginations. What a shame to curb that in children whose parents can not afford to buy them books that stretch their imaginations and their ambitions.
13886	7/10/2012	Access to information for the general populace should be available equally to all people, not just those that can afford it. Even in the computer age, the library is still the best source of information for many subjects.
13887	7/10/2012	Multiple excellent resources in a peaceful environment, what the library has always been to me.
13888	7/10/2012	Regardless of income it provides access to a level of education and services that build a foundation for a civil society. Learning to read, and having access to material to read is critical to human development (beyond the need for food and safety). It is the hub for voting in Oregon, the staff can help find the answers and information the people need. The resources at the library were invaluable when I was completing my undergrad degree and have been instrumental in helping promote reading for my child.
13889	7/10/2012	The library is very important to me because it allows all members of the community (especially low-income folks) equal access to information and programs to enhance their quality of life, which in turn makes for a happier community (I think. Hope.)
13890	7/10/2012	VERY IMPORTANT.
13891	7/10/2012	only thing i use
13892	7/10/2012	I am a voracious reader with a low income.
13893	7/10/2012	Heart and soul of an educated citizenry.
13894	7/10/2012	Access to free information is one of the foundations for modern democracy.
13895	7/10/2012	The local library branch ties the community together and is truly a place of equality. Job seekers, children, the well educated, etc. all end up at the library.
13896	7/10/2012	Universal access to information is as important as physical safety.
13897	7/10/2012	Because I worry about the effects of an uninformed, uneducated population. I think libraries help to extend and enhance our learning opportunities, letting everyone have access to information, books, etc.
13898	7/10/2012	Use electronic check out to Kindle.
13899	7/10/2012	I am retired and it has proven to be a great source of ways to fill my days.
13900	7/10/2012	"Those who seek be their own governors must arm themselves with the power that knowledge brings." -- James Madison
13901	7/10/2012	Probably the most used government service in my life, personally.

13902	7/10/2012	We access them frequently and there is something there for the entire family.
13903	7/10/2012	They provide education services and materials to everyone equally, and can help further peoples' lives.
13904	7/10/2012	It gives all the same opportunity to be educated
13905	7/10/2012	Libraries are currently the main form of voluntary education available to poor people, young people, old people, unemployed people, and people in general.
13906	7/10/2012	Because it's important to have access to information without having to pay for it as I am a low income person.
13907	7/10/2012	The library is part of our regular family routine. We love and use the library every week. It saves us thousands of dollars a year compared to buying all of the things we check out from the library.
13908	7/10/2012	To me, libraries are one of the core functions of government, along with police, firefighters, and health and safety regulation.
13909	7/10/2012	Education
13910	7/10/2012	reading is an important part of everyone's life. Not a lot of people can afford to run out and buy a book. It is convient & educational to go to your local lending library and check out a book to read.
13911	7/10/2012	Knowledge. The free library system is one of the building blocks of our society. We should strive towards making it better and better not endanger it with cutbacks.
13912	7/10/2012	Very important would be facilities I need to live in the urban area such as water, sewer, electricity, transportation, natural gas. I put libraries behind those, but pretty important.
13913	7/10/2012	The library offers materials and services that I cannot get anywhere else, for free. If I did not have access to the library, I would not have as much access to as many opportunities for learning, through books, reference materials, and databases that the library provides.
13914	7/10/2012	Public safety comes first. The libraries are used by many and benefit the community so I feel they are important to remain accessible and healthy.
13915	7/10/2012	I don't have small children but having this access is very important
13916	7/10/2012	Because it represents basic access to information, the ability for all people to gain knowledge and improve themselves. It allows those who are downtrodden the resources to pick themselves up. In an electronic age, it gives people a physical place to go and interact with resources and find information. It encourages reading and a curiosity about the world in children, which is one of the most valuable qualities we can cultivate in our nation's children - it will allow them to achieve more, be more productive, and approach problems in our world with more creativity and knowledge.
13917	7/10/2012	Not as important as emergency responders (police, firemen, EMT/ambulance), but very important to the general intellectual/emotional health of the community.
13918	7/10/2012	We all need access for information and help, whether through books or the internet. My children benefited from summer reading programs for years and now my elderly mother uses the senior resources frequently. I have recently discovered interlibrary loans and it's wonderful to know I can get any book I might need or want even if our library system doesn't have it.

13919	7/10/2012	For people who can't afford a computer they can do job searches, entertainment and learning activities for children, elderly support and contact with community. This is especially important for low income people who can't afford other community events. What a wonderful service and I am always amazed that people who don't value the services given. Thanks so much!
13920	7/10/2012	When I think about good programs funded by my tax dollars there is the library and . . . and . . . and . . . I can't think of anything else.
13921	7/10/2012	I get so much good use out of it-- books and cds mostly. Y'all have everything.
13922	7/10/2012	Vital resource for the community - provide things that no one else does for free.
13923	7/10/2012	Reading, writing, and thinking are at the center of my life.
13924	7/10/2012	School
13925	7/10/2012	Just below sanitation and transit
13926	7/10/2012	I feel that the library offers important access to books and other resources for our entire community
13927	7/10/2012	Public safety services are more important, but for my kids, the library is really important. I never used the library prior to having kids, though.
13928	7/10/2012	Because I do not use most other public services.
13929	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to books, DVDs, CDs, and internet, regardless of income or background.
13930	7/10/2012	Sharing books, computers, internet access & other resources saves the community (and me) lots of money instead of everyone having to purchase their own copies/services.
13931	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power and it should not be reserved for those who can afford the types of services libraries provide!
13932	7/10/2012	Personally, I use the library a great deal and would never buy as many books as I read from the library. But the library also serves an important community function for families and everyone seeking to educate and entertain themselves.
13933	7/10/2012	I have a family and my children love the library and it allows us adults to have access to books and other media that we don't have to pay for giving out much needed tight budget a break. We simply love the library.
13934	7/10/2012	You never go wrong with a book by your side.
13935	7/10/2012	A strong public library system is as important to a community as clean water, sanitation services, and safety - knowledge, and access to knowledge, is the intellectual lifeblood of a society.
13936	7/10/2012	They provide a common source of information which is available to all.
13937	7/10/2012	We use our library almost exclusively
13938	7/10/2012	Local library services are important because it is a central meeting place for all and should have all up to date information and services for eveything out there.
13939	7/10/2012	I love books and I think reading is important. Not enough children are interested in reading.
13940	7/10/2012	literacy, communication, free access to knowledge and information are fundamental to democracy

13941	7/10/2012	I have used the library system since I was very young. I have fond memories of checking out boxes of books. I love to read and want to instill that love of learning and reading in my daughter. When she was very young I was able to venture into the community to book babies. I met other parents and had time to socialize outside of the home. Now that she is a bit older, we continue to use the library for her, for me and for my husband. It is a vital service that we must support!
13942	7/10/2012	support community, develop children and ESL citizens, support continued learning, inspire!
13943	7/10/2012	I use the library more than parks, for instance, and roads always get funds,
13944	7/10/2012	Because I am a senior living on a limited budget and reading is one of my favorite things to do. I cannot afford to go out and buy all the books that I read in a year's time.
13945	7/10/2012	A democracy requires cheap unbiased uncensored public access to information. A democracy is our only hope, even if it is a thin hope.
13946	7/10/2012	See previous comment
13947	7/10/2012	My son is a very advanced reader who also reads very quickly. We would not be able to afford to buy enough books to keep up with his voracious reading appetite. Also, we believe reading is a very important education and lifetime skill. Everyone should have access to library resources to forward their education -- whatever their age and reading and level.
13948	7/10/2012	Information supports a free society. Information and services give people from all walks of life opportunities to survive (job-seekers) and better their lives. Serving children is essential to providing them with the possibility of living to their potential. I believe a well-functioning library actually cuts down on the need for other social and economic services by giving people the opportunity to learn and access resources.
13949	7/10/2012	Libraries are part of public education which helps make people better citizens by providing them with information and giving them tools they need to contribute as members of the community.
13950	7/10/2012	I am as liberal as they come, but it is time to take a pause from the capital improvement plans which have built and remodeled some fantastic libraries and readjust staff to the automation improvements.
13951	7/10/2012	Well, obviously no library ever put out a fire or paved a road, but a literate public is desirable for various reasons too lofty to go into here. It's certainly more important than the police, who seem to have nothing better to do than shooting the sort of fellow who uses the library bathroom to shave.
13952	7/10/2012	People need access to information to be informed members of society, to make decisions in a democracy, to improve their lives... Without the library bringing dependable information we would be left with unvetted internet sources and TV for our information.
13953	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge is essential to well functioning community.

13954	7/10/2012	I frequent the library several times a week to make book selections, get DVD's, read the newspaper and to use the computer I live on a fixed income and cannot afford the luxury of the items that I access at the library I now have a great-grand children who are learning to read and use the library as a resource as their parents cannot afford to purchase books .
13955	7/10/2012	In a time of increasing inequality, a good public library system helps open equal cultural and educational opportunities to everyone. I was raised in a poor mill-worker's neighborhood in Pittsburgh. I owe a debt I'll never be able to repay to the Carnegie Library system.
13956	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time and love the sense of community that is created. Also, I am able to access books/knowledge that I might not otherwise because I cannot afford to buy the books myself.
13957	7/10/2012	Democracy requires an informed electorate. Libraries are supposed to fill that need. I feel they need to do more in this area, frankly. But life is not all safety, bridges, and building permits. It's bread and roses: libraries are a gift we give to ourselves, one that supports culture, knowledge, learning, and aspiring to something better. I feel it would be best to place the library in a Cultural Tax District that includes other agencies that support quality of life: zoos, parks, museums, and libraries. Expand Metro to include libraries and museums.
13958	7/10/2012	I need the computer access,also the books are very useful in many ways.
13959	7/10/2012	affordable education and access to information are top priorities for me
13960	7/10/2012	We use it for continuing education and entertainment
13961	7/10/2012	Because information and access are an essential component to our free society.
13962	7/10/2012	Access to books and information is vital to a thriving society and civil government.
13963	7/10/2012	They save us money.
13964	7/10/2012	I rely on library to get latest magazines, journals and stay up-to-date with current news
13965	7/10/2012	They are quite important to me, but I realize that other public services may be more important to others.
13966	7/10/2012	Somewhat important
13967	7/10/2012	I love reading, am a student with not much money so the library is very important to me to study for school or read for pleasure or researching about where I want to travel etc.
13968	7/10/2012	For many people, the library is their only resource for books and computer access.
13969	7/10/2012	Opportunity for community education.
13970	7/10/2012	We use them all the time! Important, eco friendly and affordable access to books, media and information
13971	7/10/2012	FREE BOOKS. I'd say that education and self-betterment are pretty important.

13972	7/10/2012	i live on an unimproved road way full of potholes, ducks swim in them and portland refuses to take care of even though pay taxes. i don't have any children in public schools but work for the school system and see how incredibly mismanaged it is, so my use of the library makes me feel like I get something for the taxes i pay.
13973	7/10/2012	I rely on the library. Beyond book, audio & dvd rentals, I also print documents quite frequently from the library or need internet access. I count on it being an available option when I need it.
13974	7/10/2012	I am a heavy library user. As one of Portland's many under-employed people, I depend on the library for news, research, and entertainment. The library literally saves me thousands of dollars on materials that I could not otherwise access. My library card is my favorite card in my wallet. I feel a rare sense of pride in our country every time I visit the library.
13975	7/10/2012	We love to read and the extremely wide selection of wonderful children's books is amazing
13976	7/10/2012	I use the library to read/listen/watch material that is either too expensive to buy or that I'm unable to find in local stores. I go in at least once a week and am on the website at least three times a week.
13977	7/10/2012	Books and music are very important.
13978	7/10/2012	The internet has become the real center of information access, but it's also important to have a community space dedicated to information
13979	7/10/2012	I use the library frequently for casual reading and for research. I also think a healthy library system contributes to a good community.
13980	7/10/2012	Libraries allow all citizens to educate themselves.
13981	7/10/2012	If we want to live in a society that values knowledge and learning, all of our members need access to materials with which to learn and grow.
13982	7/10/2012	Libraries and schools are necessary for the community functioning and for helping us understand the necessity of supporting other local public services.
13983	7/10/2012	They are a great foundation for learning. The ability to expose children to a lot of books and to an enjoyment of books. They are an excellent community resource. Also, a friend of mine and I are making our own podcast about movies and I don't think we would be able to afford to do that if we didn't have the library and access to the DVD collection.
13984	7/10/2012	Only source for historical research on a national basis with the interlibrary transfer system
13985	7/10/2012	Education is a key component in making the lives in our community better. Better educated people have less dependence on other social programs and are better equipped to contribute to the overall well-being of the community.
13986	7/10/2012	I believe that reading and literacy are very important in society, and being able to access different information and having the community of people in or working at the library that encourage children to read and learn, and help adults to gain more information as well.
13987	7/10/2012	I am an information junkie. The library system provides superb resources for a multitude of needs in every age group and ever socioeconomic group. The staffs at the Hillsdale and Central libraries are wonderfully positive, courteous and helpful.

13988	7/10/2012	The library is a location where members of the community can interact and meet. It is also a generally safe location for children and young people to meet. Encouraging reading and other scholarly habits generally benefits society and community at large. In our rainy climate, the library is an invaluable, integral part of my community.
13989	7/10/2012	The libraries keep people informed. Provides a safe place for students to study. Safe place for families to gather and participate in activities and provides material for all walks of life and for all ages.
13990	7/10/2012	Libraries are key to introducing books, reading and new ideas to a broad range of community members. Libraries support education for young and old alike.
13991	7/10/2012	I'm not sure what is meant by "other local public services." If it includes the Fire Dept, I would have to say that's more important than the library, but I actually believe the library to be very important.
13992	7/10/2012	Especially in economic downtimes, they provide a place for people to be quiet and calm, to read newspapers and magazines they cannot afford, to read for self improvement or relaxation, to do research, to type etc . All of this can happen in a peaceful environment and is an alternative to what might otherwise be chaotic or depressing days.[] [] In addition, the library is a place for "life long education" for everyone. It is where children and young people can develop the habit of life long learning and enrichment through all kinds of books and it is, of course, a place that provides that for adults as well.
13993	7/10/2012	Because they provide invaluable resources to people who wouldn't have access to them.
13994	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader. Although I don't use the library as frequently as others, I think it is of vital importance for books and information to be available to all. Libraries are an amazing resource for everything from being able to check out and read the latest best seller to having a place to quietly sit and write. I can not imagine a world without libraries.
13995	7/10/2012	Other than public roadways, I utilize libraries more than any other single public resource.
13996	7/10/2012	Libraries help people to gain strength through education, to build community, and to get connected with what other resources the neighborhood has to offer. Decreased hours will decrease accessibility to citizens who need the library most: those with limited money, time and/or mobility. Without free and accessible access to information, our community, state and nation are weakened as a democratic republic--- since our citizens lose access to the resources which are crucial to political decision making. News shows and magazines are no substitute for access to varied textbooks and the Internet.
13997	7/10/2012	At this point libraries are one of the last bastions of freedom in the u.s.[] They may be the last actual democratic institution we have left, i.e., for the demos...[] They provide access to information for people who can't afford it. [] They provide literal and figurative shelter from the storm for the lost and for the seekers...

13998	7/10/2012	Easily accessible and one of the best library systems I've witnessed. Educational materials should be available to those that seek them.
13999	7/10/2012	an educated society is beyond value. access to information is a cornerstone to democracy
14000	7/10/2012	Very - 4 on a scale of 1-5
14001	7/10/2012	Libraries provide much needed programs for youth and older adults. They also allow people to enhance their world with literature from many places.
14002	7/10/2012	Access to information is key to success in America.
14003	7/10/2012	Library is an integral part of a community, and a necessary institution for public knowledge share.
14004	7/10/2012	Vital for a vibrant community, serve all members of society but are particularly helpful to low-income and unemployed community members.
14005	7/10/2012	Safety and health are more important, but education (including library services) are a close second.
14006	7/10/2012	Reading helps in all aspects of life.
14007	7/10/2012	I cannot imagine a world without books
14008	7/10/2012	supplement for the resources that we're loosing with cuts to kids schools
14009	7/10/2012	Libraries can serve as an integral part of a community, a place to learn, educate and rejuvenate. The baby and toddler classes are really helpful to parents wanting to provide experiences for their children.
14010	7/10/2012	My family likes to read and the library saves me money.
14011	7/10/2012	Top 3
14012	7/10/2012	Literacy, being informed, love of literature, open access to all in our community
14013	7/10/2012	For many people this is the only option to get reading materials and access educational information
14014	7/10/2012	Not only do they provide me personally with a great deal of reading pleasure, literacy is made easier for children and those new-come to our community through library literacy programs, materials available in languages other than English, and the easy availability of these materials.
14015	7/10/2012	Libraries are proactive, positive - good things come from libraries. They are great equalizers - everyone in the community uses them. I love libraries.
14016	7/10/2012	Most important
14017	7/10/2012	It is just as important as Mass Transit or a school. Books are the key to anything in life.
14018	7/10/2012	Safety is critical. Education is important
14019	7/10/2012	somewhat
14020	7/10/2012	It is a service that can't be duplicated in private sector. We will need a very literate population as time goes on. Not one familiar with tv shows.
14021	7/10/2012	i'm a reader.
14022	7/10/2012	I feel a good library is just as essential as any other service the County provides.
14023	7/10/2012	The library is the heart and future of the community.

14024	7/10/2012	It would be impossible to raise a strong reader without the library. Kids (and adults) require new books to encourage them and excite them. I could never afford to buy all the books my family has read over the years - and it is critical for their pleasure as well as the development of their identify as a reader. Our schools can't (and don't) do it all. Parents need the support of the library to raise their kids to be readers, thinkers and citizens.
14025	7/10/2012	My family benefits greatly from frequent library use; it enhances our quality of life. I would, however, have to reserve the very important category for more essential public services (police, fire, etc.).
14026	7/10/2012	Libraries serve the education needs of all our people, from young to old, from rich to poor, from HS diploma to Harvard educated. Society should be judged based on the quality of its libraries and not the number of jails we have.
14027	7/10/2012	Too many libraries are open...costing us lots of money to keep them open. You hold the taxpayers hostage at voting time...people who are NOT paying taxes on these services are allowed to vote and raise my property taxes. The libraries should be run by volunteers only.....
14028	7/10/2012	The question instills "what is a city without a library?".....please figure it out.....all citizens deserve a current resource for information, data, and services.
14029	7/10/2012	I am aware that my life is library dependent. I can not imagine my life without libraries. The quality of my life is substantially improved due to my local library and it is an inspiring thing to look at how influential libraries are. Libraries are of Great Importance now and ever more.
14030	7/10/2012	I do not take part in all the services provided by the libraries, however, I very much enjoy knowing that I support with my dollars and time (am a volunteer at the Belmont library) others in my neighborhood and community no matter their background or needs.
14031	7/10/2012	The library is used to the fullest extent, by all members of the community.
14032	7/10/2012	Public Libraries are necessary to enable a civilized democracy.
14033	7/10/2012	Libraries are places where there is a reverence for the spoken/written word. It's a place to feel the satisfaction of knowing that there is a world of people with real interests who are actively engaged in exploring. It's a place to focus, relax and most of all, learn. It's a place to find ways to live many lives without ever leaving one spot. Printed books don't trash your vision the way the glare on a screen does. The list goes on and on and on.
14034	7/10/2012	I use it for all my reading material access
14035	7/10/2012	I mean, there are flexible levels of acceptable service depending on how screwed everything else is, but I'm pretty convinced that dropping below "good enough" library service levels has really non-linear, hard-to-predict, snowballing/self-reinforcing knock-on effects. You can calculate what reduction in any other service is going to do, but libraries are dark matter. Maybe I'm biased, though, being a bookish sort.

14036	7/10/2012	Very important, but, of course, the absolutely necessary-for-survival public services (fire, police, ambulances, etc) are the very most important. Library services are important to me because they are free and I find myself, now, w/a very ltd income. I have small grandchildren who love their programs and I think media delivery to housebound people is much needed.
14037	7/10/2012	The state of Oregon is divided into counties to provide services to the citizens, The purpose of the counties is to provide services to the citizens. The county should provide services to the citizens instead of the bureaucrats. The library is a basic service the county must provide. Please cut the budget for the board of county comisioners 10 times more than you cut the library budget.
14038	7/10/2012	What "other public services" do you mean? Like police and fire fighters? [] [] The library is a big part of Portland. without it, we all go to Powell's and sit around in the World Cup Coffee & Tea?
14039	7/10/2012	there are essential services like police and fire and then there are quality of life services like libraries and parks. Libraries are the #1 quality of life service that I receive from my state.
14040	7/10/2012	They help inspire children to read and give others somewhere to go/something to do.
14041	7/10/2012	libraries provide many services and everyone can access them
14042	7/10/2012	We use it so consistently. Our kids read voraciously, as do we, and I couldn't imagine life without the library.
14043	7/10/2012	I read a lot.
14044	7/10/2012	Supports citizens in their self-education.
14045	7/10/2012	When buying a house, I always want to be in convenient (preferably walking) distance from a library and a grocery store.
14046	7/10/2012	I use the library very very often....it saves me from buying books, saves trees, is very convenient
14047	7/10/2012	The library gives me an opportunity to read and gather information important to my changing life.
14048	7/10/2012	I am a teacher in a low-income school and the library provides a place for my students to do research, find books, and have a safe place to go on a rainy day.
14049	7/10/2012	I read, I think, and, I write.
14050	7/10/2012	Without libraries no one can learn. Education is at the basis of any successful society.
14051	7/10/2012	I cannot afford to buy books and I read a lot. Libraries build community and help those less fortunate.
14052	7/10/2012	dont need them 7 days a week.
14053	7/10/2012	Libraries matter because an educated public votes.
14054	7/10/2012	I love to read and I don't like to own books or pay for them. But they don't seem more important than, say, dance lessons or parks.
14055	7/10/2012	Libraries are crucial information centers available to all members of the community. They give all of us access to all types of media. They are especially important for those who don't have home access to the internet and for students.

14056	7/10/2012	I have always enjoyed reading books and the library was always a safe place that I could go and discover the world without leaving the city. It is a place of imagination and wonder and for people who can't afford to buy books everyweek it is an escape from our troubles and a look in to happier times.
14057	7/10/2012	provides all community members with important resources, from books that inspire and educate to internet access and trainings to a warm place to sit and read the paper. if the library does not support these tools and resources, who will?
14058	7/10/2012	The community needs space and resources to organize. Education is key to creating a better multnomah county.
14059	7/10/2012	Police, fire protection, road maintenance water and sewer rates more important. Composting to make Sam Adams feel good is WAY less important. Frankly, can't think of a whole lot the county does except libraries and jails.
14060	7/10/2012	I am a voracious reader, music listener and film-watcher. I make very little money and the library keeps me informed and provides a valuable service. Knowledge is power, knowledge should be free to all.
14061	7/10/2012	The library is sometimes the only thing poor and/or aging and disabled folks can afford to do recreationally. It promotes literacy and provides valuable resources to the community. I think the library is of great importance and my dream is to serve the community working at the library.
14062	7/10/2012	They provide critical information, enhance education at all levels, offer enjoyment to counter our stressful lives, and improve community connections.
14063	7/10/2012	Well connected on the web now but when I could not afford the internet due to medical expenses the library was a god send!
14064	7/10/2012	Meeting the basic needs of people: food, shelter, water, clothes, human safety, health services comes before the library, in my opinion.
14065	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot and would be at sea without it.

		The library is a critical cultural American institution. It provides free information to anyone who seeks it. It provides a free opportunity to learn. It is especially important to families, because it provides opportunities for parents to supplement their children's learning as our schools get weaker and weaker.[] []
14066	7/10/2012	The library supports everyone in the community - the young, the elderly, the poor, the affluent, people who are native born, and people who are foreign born. It provides a wide variety of services - entertainment, education, self-improvement - that aren't available anywhere else. It ties the community together in a way that no other institution does.[] []
		Defunding the library may provide some short term financial gain. Losing the library's services takes a huge chunk out of our neighborhood and our community. I am proud of the way the city of Portland takes care of its neighborhoods and communities. I hope I can continue to be proud.
14067	7/10/2012	Knowledge is power. We need to educate the masses.
14068	7/10/2012	Because infrastructure services are more important
14069	7/10/2012	They are very important, but not more so than healthcare related services and public safety
14070	7/10/2012	Knowledge from books, and I love the classes offered even if I don't always get to attend them, its nice to know they are there.
14071	7/10/2012	Education and access to that and knowledge has no price value on it- it is priceless in this day and age and more so with the economy being what it is and the resources for those on low incomes to learn. It gives opportunity to those who want to and need to self learn in order to help themselves and therefore their community and resources.
14072	7/10/2012	Huh? You want to end up like Texas?
14073	7/10/2012	Want my kids to have access to the library.
14074	7/10/2012	Libraries foster a love of reading and lifelong learning. They are a democratizing force in our society, ensuring that people from all backgrounds and income levels have access to information.
14075	7/10/2012	Access to knowledge and information is essential to our democracy.
14076	7/10/2012	Access to books is necessary to promote education and literacy in our community.
14077	7/10/2012	Because of the library, my kids have been exposed to so many stories, books, media, and activities that they otherwise might not have had. Also, for a lot of low-income families it's an important supplement to their education.
14078	7/10/2012	It is important to me and the community to be well read.
14079	7/10/2012	Many people I know use the library to read a wider variety of books than they have on their bookshelves. It's important to have the library as a strong resource for knowledge and learning.
14080	7/10/2012	Libraries are important because they provide access to knowledge and an opportunity to learn to everyone who wishes to seek it out.

14081	7/10/2012	its a place where we can be quiet, lose ourselves in some books, randomly wander down ailes of art history books we would not normally look at. It is a sanctuary! It is church for a modern world without churches! My daughter is 6 now and we would go every week, picking out new books, saving us tons of money on store bought books. I love the library!
14082	7/10/2012	Cause it's something I rely on daily and it's good for seeing people in my community
14083	7/10/2012	Not everyone can afford internet or to buy books. The library is a centralized location for citizens to access a wealth of information.
14084	7/10/2012	Public libraries are crucial resources in this country. Where else can regular people get access to books for free? Nowhere, that's where.
14085	7/10/2012	Because there are so many public services that I value. To rank them seems impossible.
14086	7/10/2012	Education through books is extremely important. My 10 year old grandson LOVES going to the library.
14087	7/10/2012	Safety (Police, Firedepartment) are more critical.▯ Libraries are similar to public education criticalness.
14088	7/10/2012	The library system provides access to knowledge and information in an affordable way. The library is a sacred community asset. It is a safe place to learn and spend time. It is one of the greatest public resources.
14089	7/10/2012	It's important to have available access to books and media for people who might otherwise not have that access because of their financial situation. Also in a larger sense, it's good as a community that we share resources like books, dvds, etc instead of everyone buying them individually.
14090	7/10/2012	The library system is more than just a service; it's both a community asset and an institution that can help support and improve our community.
14091	7/10/2012	I believe in shared resources. We needn't all buy a book etc. or own a fire engine or educate our children at home or build roads or raise our own armies...education of the citizenry is hugely augmented by the availability of materials through a library.
14092	7/10/2012	It's a place of equal access for everyone. Cultures can meet in one place. Opportunities for a safe place of learning are priceless. Places for kids to go after school. Places that are quiet or orderly and safe.
14093	7/10/2012	Free access to educational materials and internet is an important public service. Especially when so many people are out of work.
14094	7/10/2012	Local public libraries provide resources that equip individuals to improve their lives. Often these benefits are long-term, and require dedication over time. A strong focus today is placed in the moment. Other public services address current situations and relieving strain immediately (financial, sustenance, medical, etc.). Our society does not emphasize investment as it used to, and seeks instant solutions to long standing problems. There is great value in a dedicated, long-term investment.

14095	7/10/2012	the importance of reading materials/information/community cannot be overestimated
14096	7/10/2012	The library is an essential part of community.
14097	7/10/2012	they provide vital services to the community, bringing people together, binding people together, working together.
14098	7/10/2012	<p>An educated populace is the cornerstone of a functioning democracy. When I was a curious child, it was to the Public Library I went looking for information; as a curious adult, I have sought out information about the world in that very same place. An educated public is safer, cleaner, more polite, and reaps all the associated benefits of a more-educated populace (higher wage earnings, better taxation returns, stronger infrastructure investment).[]</p> <p>Additionally, the well-funded Public Library is a particular asset to those among us living in poverty. Children's reading hours give harried parents an hour's solace to browse the stacks; book delivery for seniors keeps older minds active, staving off the ravages of dementia, and harboring this wisdom-resource in our communities; computer-access and employment assistance programs for those seeking are a necessary asset in our down-economy; a free place to enjoy learning is the only thing in the world young minds need to do well in school, stay off drugs, and boost their successes academically.</p>
14099	7/10/2012	I have two kids. Other public services are important as well. Why is this a zero-sum game? If it were a question of whether funding should go to restore school funding vs. restore library funding, however, I would choose to fund schools.
14100	7/10/2012	I think they are very important for a community, particularly as they can be an essential service for poor, disadvantaged and/or young citizens. However, I consider such things as public health and safety as critical, so can't realistically rate libraries at the same high level.
14101	7/10/2012	When compared to emergency services such as police and fire, libraries are of little importance. A basic social safety net also ranks higher as those type of services are required by some for immediate survival. For me, the library is a nice to have service, but I could survive without it. I lived overseas for over two years in a place where I did not speak the language well enough to use a library, and I really did not miss library access. For some, such as people who are looking for a job and do not have computer access, the library can be a necessity. With the advent of e-books, libraries will change. I doubt if they will be mainly the storehouse of contemporary books as they once were. They will probably retain their use as a gathering place to study (either individually or in groups) and they will be a computer access point for those without Internet access. For me, the "gathering place" is not needed. I suffered through several weeks of a lack of adequate home computer access when an old computer was dying and before I got a new. The library was a stop-gap place to keep me in touch with the outside world.
14102	7/10/2012	At a very personal level, I use library services constantly and consider the public library to be a central community institution.
14103	7/10/2012	The access to so many different books and movies.

14104	7/10/2012	Everybody needs to read or at least know how!
14105	7/10/2012	I don't know what I would do without my libraries. They are a big part of my life.
14106	7/10/2012	Free access to information is important for our community
14107	7/10/2012	because without a sales tax (when will Portland grow up?) everyhting is always screwed for funding to put it bluntly
14108	7/10/2012	I feel like it's so important to have the programs for young kids more for people who don't have many oppourtunities. The more activities that are free for kids in the community the better.
14109	7/10/2012	They provide me with the ability to obtain books / films / tv that I do not have room for or the money for. Libraries are essential to the fabric of the society, the education of society, and is a public service where everyone is on the same playing field.
14110	7/10/2012	We use the library for our home school. We check out books instead of having to purchase them all ourselves.
14111	7/10/2012	They give me and my family access to books, magazines and newspapers, which we would otherwise have to buy. In these times where books are becoming redundant, libraries play an important role in educating people and keeping the tradition of reading books in print.
14112	7/10/2012	A literate society is a more tolerant and productive society.
14113	7/10/2012	their local, and i can trust them
14114	7/10/2012	On a limited income book purchases are prohibitive; I am an avid reader for enjoyment as well as learning.
14115	7/10/2012	Because it's important for everyone to have access to books and information to continue a culture of reading and learning.
14116	7/10/2012	Libraries are a public source for educational materials. They provide a resource available to everyone who desires to be educated by reading and gaining knowledge. An educated public goes a long way.
14117	7/10/2012	Because I don't believe it's possible for people's lives to improve without the resources the library system provides, which they often can't get anywhere else. Internet access is becoming more and more necessary, and books will always be a way to help people grow, learn and open up new opportunities.
14118	7/10/2012	The library is a nice-to-have resource, but not a vital service. When tax dollars are distributed, schools, law enforcement and infrastructure should receive funding priority to libraries.
14119	7/10/2012	because i use it so frequently! i tried going to the library yesterday, and it was closed! its no good to close the library!!! my family has used it, and relied on it for very important occasions. parties, children education, school age resource, entertainment, job resource! it has so much to offer all of us! don't close it! not even for one day a week!
14120	7/10/2012	everyone finds the library useful - and free
14121	7/10/2012	Very important. My children have a great love of books and the library has played a big role in developing that love.

14122	7/10/2012	This is a service that is helpful to a wide variety of people.
14123	7/10/2012	because I believe everyone should have equal access to library resources. Library's are important to people in many different ways, and they should be available and accessible to all people regardless of where they live or how much money they have. I believe that a library is a wonderful community gathering place as well. It brings cities, neighborhoods, and families together.
14124	7/10/2012	I believe strongly in the access to information that libraries provide. Library programs and services are used by the entire community and social/economic spectrum; a rarity in public services. I believe they are a statement to our population's commitment to information access, personal growth and education.
14125	7/10/2012	reading is very important and it build up people to would feel dumb and that's a bad feeling to have cause people to rob and do things for survival because they can't get a job if they can't read
14126	7/10/2012	While not life or death, for the most part, library services enrich everyone in the community and create a leveling effect on the distributions of benefits across income levels. As a relative of four firefighters and a fire inspector, I don't devalue their services or those of police or educators (I was one for over 40 years), so I'd have to say the library system is on a level with those services because our civilization would be quite different without a free library.
14127	7/10/2012	Need books
14128	7/10/2012	Because that is where i get my reading material. I hardly ever buy a book.
14129	7/10/2012	Health and safety are first.
14130	7/10/2012	Great service that promotes learning, community and development in the area.
14131	7/10/2012	because i use them
14132	7/10/2012	They provide a resource for community members who may not have access to such resources in any other way.
14133	7/10/2012	I love to read
14134	7/10/2012	I learned to love books because my mother took me to the library all of the time when I was kid. I am now a published author
14135	7/10/2012	The amount of materials possible to check out makes my life much more enjoyable, entertainment and education wise.
14136	7/10/2012	It's centralized and convenient for me to use.
14137	7/10/2012	Good to have fire and police and water, but the library gives you context for how and why we have fire, police, and water.
14138	7/10/2012	For many people, they provide their only access to the internet. Advocate literacy and learning. Stimulate community building and civic responsibility. Libraries are crucial.
14139	7/10/2012	I have internet access at home and can get the content I need. However this is not the case for everyone
14140	7/10/2012	I don't want to purchase books EVERYTIME I would like to read one.

14141	7/10/2012	I think that the library services really are in a category of their own. There is really no way to compare them to other public services. I've never met a librarian unwilling to help, and there seems to be a passion to those who work in a library as opposed to those working in other public services. They see it as more than a job, and that translates to the environment and help offered.
14142	7/10/2012	Using the library helped me love reading and learning as a child, and as an adult, I rely on the library for books and other resources. It's a good use of our tax dollars!
14143	7/10/2012	Education that is available and free is of utmost importance to me. Everyone has the ability to learn as long as the resources are available. Education can only improve the world. As long as it is free, anyone can use the facilities. No excuses for ignorance.
14144	7/10/2012	Libraries were a lifeline for me, growing up in an impoverished household and dealing with frequently abusive family and school situations.
14145	7/10/2012	The library is one of those resources that really can be used by all the members of Multnomah county. Unlike say, the police or the fire department it's something people want to be able use, not something that they'd prefer to never have to deal with. The strength of our library system is one of those things that makes the area so great to live in.
14146	7/10/2012	They should be right after water, roads, fire,schools, and police.
14147	7/10/2012	We (a family of three) use the library for most of our entertainment and spend hours reading, watching DVDs, and hanging out. When we bought our house, we made sure it was within walking distance of a library, and it is (.6 miles!). We don't buy books or subscribe to Netflix, thanks to our wonderful library system. We'd hate to give up this lifestyle.
14148	7/10/2012	education, safe place for kids and seniors, information resources. I like seeing the school age kids using the library because knowing how to find information is more important than learning it.
14149	7/10/2012	to provide access to literacy for all citizens
14150	7/10/2012	I put education services higher - public schools win my top "very important" vote. But on the theme of education, access to a library is super important for self-educated folks. [] I can afford to buy books; my friends can, too; and we share. However, with the library, I am exposed to and read things that I might not buy and consequently it broadens my knowledge and outlook. [] [] On the one hand, it is priceless; on the other, people cannot afford all the services at an ideal level.
14151	7/10/2012	For the reason I already mentioned in #6.
14152	7/10/2012	While I really, really like local libraries, and have been a library patron since I was a small child, I don't think I can honestly say they're as important as clean water, plentiful electricity, and waste collection.
14153	7/10/2012	I like the library for entertainment, research and it surely gives me a place to go with my granddaughter.

14154	7/10/2012	I grew up with the library system being the only access I had to adventures in reading
14155	7/10/2012	First, it's a way to educate our citizens, regardless of age or income level. Second, it's one of the few non-commercial places our community can utilize. This is important to many in our neighborhood, especially those with kids, the elderly, those without computers, and those who just want a quiet, non-commercial place to do some work.
14156	7/10/2012	Literacy and access to information are absolute necessities in maintaining an educated citizen population. There's no point in giving people the vote if they can't be informed.
14157	7/10/2012	Access to resources we cannot/will not purchase on our own, access to knowledge & ideas for children, libraries have potential to level the playing field for all families
14158	7/10/2012	I enjoy reading, and books are expensive - the library system is the absolute best for entertainment, research, child development, and community outreach.
14159	7/10/2012	Education and learning are vital to a healthy society.
14160	7/10/2012	Libraries provide equity. By being available to all, any person can improve their station in life. Libraries promote a culture of learning and inquiry-- two characteristics that have served our nation well.
14161	7/10/2012	Behind public safety services, I believe that library services are very important to the community and offer crucial services and programs.
14162	7/10/2012	I am an able-bodied person with a home computer. I can access what I need from home. Compared to other aspects of my very busy life, the library is somewhat important.
14163	7/10/2012	I have a hard time putting a financial value on something as important as education and knowledge.
14164	7/10/2012	There is nothing more important to a civilized society than free access to information and literacy development. As our culture relies more heavily on computers for communication, it is vital for people of all income levels to have access.
14165	7/10/2012	It is a great resource for continually learning new things with my tax dollars. I take advantage of the library since it offers so many great opportunities.
14166	7/10/2012	provide a level of accessibility to knowledge for the community regardless of income, social status, etc
14167	7/10/2012	They help bring the community together with literature and culture.
14168	7/10/2012	Reading, thinking, learning is a lifetime goal. Only with a healthy library system can we attain our highest abilities.
14169	7/10/2012	Safety comes first, including infrastructure as well as safety services. Then comes education and social services.
14170	7/10/2012	Where the library is not able to serve (i.e. job seeking, small business startups etc) it seems that there are other government/ngos to take up the slack (SCORE, Employment agency).

14171	7/10/2012	Next to schools and along with parks, libraries are most important to me. Access to books and research materials is critical for education, job creation and social welfare. While we could chose to purchase books, we believe using books from the library and supporting a healthy library system is vital to community well-being.
14172	7/10/2012	They provide knowledge and access to learning. Other than basic life services, what is more important?
14173	7/10/2012	They provide access sto educational and entertainment materials that otherwise would be unavailable.
14174	7/10/2012	Roads, bridges, schools and public safety are more important. But, the library is one of the most salient public services provided by our tax dollars. My family enjoys and relies on its services
14175	7/10/2012	they are important but not as important as social services that fulfill basic needs such as food, shelter, and health care.
14176	7/10/2012	I feel that it is important to the local community to be able to come into a local library.
14177	7/10/2012	Free public libraries are the foundations of democracy - an informed citizenry can make informed decisions.
14178	7/10/2012	Access to a good library is critical for fostering a love of reading and discovery in my kids.
14179	7/10/2012	After food and shelter and safety, intelligence matters, probably more than clean sidewalks and well-maintained parks.
14180	7/10/2012	The library provides the resources that have educated and entertained me since I was a child and I can't imagine this city without its libraries.
14181	7/10/2012	They are the point of access for the community of all relevant information--whether regarding community resources, learning materials, literacy, job success, or any number of individual or community needs. Fostering a commitment to our public libraries is a statement of our values that shows we support access to education for our community.
14182	7/10/2012	People of all ages use the library and depend on access to information and materials. Many families are able to teach and learn with their children thanks to all the reading materials we have and programs that are available. It is one of the great things you can do when the cash is low. It can be family time. It makes memories.
14183	7/10/2012	Because they are used frequently and provide a great deal of value. Public libraries are a hallmark of a free, civilized society that values education and the arts... isn't that what we aspire to be?
14184	7/10/2012	Near the top!
14185	7/10/2012	We have over 50 books checked out at any given time. My kids are all avid readers, and spend much of their time lost in a book.
14186	7/10/2012	The internet.
14187	7/10/2012	For my Daughter and I it is an amazing resource

14188	7/10/2012	While I value schools I do not yet have children, so the library is one of the primary services I use. I am a voracious reader and cannot afford to buy every new book I want to read- nor is that environmentally responsible! I believe in collective resources... the library is a prime example and it works.
14189	7/10/2012	Extremely important
14190	7/10/2012	They are not a necessary service to daily life. It's nice to have the service if I need it but that need is very infrequent. I am a big believer in those that use a service should pay for it. Not certain why those of us that can afford to pay are paying for people who do not pay for the services they use.
14191	7/10/2012	Because ready access to information is critical to a free society.
14192	7/10/2012	Free access to information and culture is a must in a democracy.
14193	7/10/2012	libraries are becoming obsolete. all can be done on-line.
14194	7/10/2012	I use the library more than ant other social services.
14195	7/10/2012	It is important for everyone to have access to books, material, and other services available at the library. I sometimes use other resources for similar services, but I think it is still very important that these services be available to everyone free of charge.
14196	7/10/2012	Mostly research for school.
14197	7/10/2012	Because without accessibility to knowledge, we can't even call ourselves an advanced civilization.
14198	7/10/2012	It is the most visible public service that I use, though i do appreciate knowing police and firemen are on the job.
14199	7/10/2012	Information is a very low-cost, high-reward public good that benefits rich and poor alike.
14200	7/10/2012	I utilize the services of the library daily. It is a place to come and enjoy reading and learning.
14201	7/10/2012	Let's face it. Schools, city, county are all more important. Libraries are secondary.
14202	7/10/2012	Kids who are introduced to books at a young age do better in school, turn out better. Less violence, less teen pregnancies, etc etc. I have a young child and I want her to grow up in a better world and the library is part of that. It's available to everyone, and most programs aren't, which is why it's more important to fund this than other things.
14203	7/10/2012	I use the library almost daily, stop on the way home from work, and drop in on walks in the neighborhood. It's a small library, so I find that I often reserve books online, but I always find something in the stacks. It's a great resource, particularly now that we buy far fewer books because of our finances. I love it and rely on it.
14204	7/10/2012	I want the roads fixed and sidewalks everywhere as a priority. [] There has to be pension reform for fire fighters, police, and fix PERS.[] TriMet drivers are overpaid.
14205	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a multitude of different avenues of service, from providing reading material, to giving access to computer and internet, and support for job searches. However, reasonable transportation cost is probably more important. I guess it is a given that we need police, fire, road repairs, garbage.

14206	7/10/2012	This isn't much of a selection. Libraries are not as important as police and fire, but they are still very important. I guess my answer is something like, Because free access to information is important to anyone regardless of income and resources.
14207	7/10/2012	It's a cliché but knowledge really is power. Access to information is a basic human right and the library system is a cornerstone to that access.
14208	7/10/2012	I love libraries. They are the most democratic institutions. I use the library for my work.
14209	7/10/2012	Only ranked #2 because in my view we need police officers, firemen and teachers more but it's a close call.
14210	7/10/2012	Because they're not not too important, yet I don't feel like they're VERY important. If someone (like this survey) asked me how important the library services were, I'd say, "somewhat".
14211	7/10/2012	Very important when I do research for speeches
14212	7/10/2012	I'm an avid reader. The library saves us thousands of dollars by making books available that we'd otherwise purchase.
14213	7/10/2012	I use it
14214	7/10/2012	I love having access to so many books without having to buy them. I'm a frequent reader.
14215	7/10/2012	We are becoming a nation of non-readers. The library give the opportunity for people that cannot afford to buy books, to borrow them.
14216	7/10/2012	I use my library. My 2 year Old loves it. It's a big part of our neighborhood and community
14217	7/10/2012	I go to the library at least two times a week. I obtain most of my books there, although I buy some too. I also think it is a reflection of equality and community.
14218	7/10/2012	We use the library every week, but emergency services would clearly take precedence for funding.
14219	7/10/2012	Because it's a way for people to access books, movies and music, and reading programs for kids - all of which make for a healthier, happier and better educated public. Not to mention the internet and computer access, public gathering place, and other resources that our community needs
14220	7/10/2012	Reading is the most important skill you can teach young children
14221	7/10/2012	Multnomah County Library is way up there among the top five reasons I live in Portland.
14222	7/10/2012	I have always loved to read, and I know a lot of that was fostered through the public libraries when I was a kid. And...as schools cut back on librarians and other library services, kids need even more outside (non-parent) encouragement to read and to learn on their own. Plus, I remember doing hours of research (even as an elementary student) in the public library. Google cannot be the only way our kids learn to research!
14223	7/10/2012	By reducing investment in our youth and community, we increase our long term commitments to the public.
14224	7/10/2012	Reading and learning is fundamental. A lot of people can't afford to buy books or pay for the services libraries provide.

14225	7/10/2012	I'm not entirely sure what else falls in the category of "local public services" so I reserved "very important". I feel the Libraries are very important but without something specific to relate this opinion to, I choose "somewhat important"
14226	7/10/2012	I appreciate the access to current books. I know that the library is a vital resource for students, jobseekers and the general public. It is a symbol of a literate, educated society. It provides access to information for people who can't afford to buy books, cds, etc. It provides access to WWW for those without computers. Need I go on?
14227	7/10/2012	With access to the internet and other sources of free literature, legal or illegal, library are not as high a priority as some others.
14228	7/10/2012	The library is still the best resource for doing research and leveraging generations upon generations of knowledge.
14229	7/10/2012	because I think they are the type of facility that encourages learning and community members to gather on neutral ground and find and define what they have in common.
14230	7/10/2012	I appreciated at place to bring my children. A place to enrich them and let them socialize that was also free. I loved all the programs and story times.
14231	7/10/2012	The library has been important in my family for generations. It was my inspiration to learn to read before kindergarten. Otherwise, I wasn't allowed to go to the library with my mother.
14232	7/10/2012	right under life safety services, like police and fire. i would rank them even with our parks services. it make a neighborhood a neighborhood.
14233	7/10/2012	It's important to have an open and informed population, and to encourage interaction and discussion with others. Of course people need necessities, but in order to appreciate life, we also need time to learn and explore.
14234	7/10/2012	I think it is crucial that community members have no fee access to books, Internet, and resources that are otherwise costly.
14235	7/10/2012	I don't use the library as often as many other people do, but I do not rank the important of social services based on how often I personally use them.
14236	7/10/2012	Publics libraries serve the vital role of keeping the public informed and educated, regardless of their economic status.
14237	7/10/2012	The library is a place that can be accessed by anyone in the community. Some people can't access these services any other way because they can't afford the. Others who can afford to go to a book store or own their own computer still use the community aspect of the library. For many, it is the most important part of their neighborhood because it is open to all.
14238	7/10/2012	To allow everyone access to books, media ,place for kids to interact.

14239	7/10/2012	<p>A literate population improves many things.[]</p> <p>The library provides a safe and enriching environment for youth as well as adults, and provides a community meeting/gathering place.[]</p> <p>The decline of bookstores and convergence to digital leaves a gap in culture that the library helps to fill, especially by preserving printed materials.[]</p> <p>Sharing materials reduces consumption.</p> <p>(Unclear question, by the way: if you mean, other Mult Co resources, that's one thing; but if you mean all public (city, city, metro, state, fed) services...like, say, water.....well, obviously, I value clean drinking water and a working sewer system more...)</p> <p>[]</p>
14240	7/10/2012	<p>I use this [non-essential-to-life] service more than any other. My family relies on the libraries for a better quality of life; for teaching our children/modeling for them how we expect them to be in the world; for community and feeling connected to our neighborhoods; to read more than we could afford to if we had to only get books at Powell's; for programs for young children to improve social relations and beginning literacy; for free materials, flyers, etc., about our community; for the "safety net" of knowing, should I need it, I could use the computers and help myself find a job; as a safe place for our children, when older, to go for homework and after-school pursuits; as an air-conditioned and bathroom-ed destination when faced with the "what to do" doldrums with small kids; as entertainment and education that is friendly, stimulating, peaceful yet engaging and energizing, happy-making, and outrageously important to our well-being. We are so proud of our libraries. Keep 'em!</p>
14241	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries are common spaces open to all. Yes, social services are important, BUT having worked with the homeless community, library services are on the top of their list. Libraries are safe places to go & more importantly give them access to services to help their situation.</p>
14242	7/10/2012	<p>used</p>
14243	7/10/2012	<p>Do not a life or death matter like fire, water, electricity, police, road maintenance, utilities... Much less important than public schools, health codes, and the criminal system. The public library is about as important as community gardens, the public park system, city recreation activities, and parades</p>
14244	7/10/2012	<p>Continual lifelong learning is one of the most important aspects to living a fulfilling life. Libraries provide this service for every single person in our community regardless of socio-economic status.</p>
14245	7/10/2012	<p>Well, when compared to emergency services I'd rather have those funded than books. Books are so accessible now and certainly more affordable, whether through stores or other free services (Project Gutenberg). I check the library first for electronic copies of books, but have yet to be able to borrow one in a timely fashion - I end up going somewhere else. I haven't had kids yet, but when I do - summer reading programs and such will be very important. I remember doing that as a kid! But if it doesn't exist through the library, I'd find something similar within my neighborhood. I guess the libraries feel replaceable. I like them, but don't need them.</p>
14246	7/10/2012	<p>Its a great resource it should stick around for everyone to use.</p>

14247	7/10/2012	I think they bring the community together and offer valuable resources to those who might not otherwise have an alternative way to access the internet, read, etc.
14248	7/10/2012	good for all ages
14249	7/10/2012	Access to books that we cannot afford to buy.
14250	7/10/2012	It is the one I think I use the most Because I was too poor to buy books for a very very long time, and a voracious reader. Libraries feel like home to me.
14251	7/10/2012	They are bind communities together and create a sense of togetherness. They are a cornerstone to strong, safe neighborhoods. The library has always been an important part. It is where the community can feel like they are close to one another and share a common interest, that of learning new things together. That would be one of the saddest things to happen if it were ever to close
14252	7/10/2012	After police and fire type of service, they are top of the list.
14253	7/10/2012	Most other public services benefit my body, while the library benefits my mind. I'm a more informed, engaged citizen of the county thanks to local library services.
14254	7/10/2012	
14255	7/10/2012	They are a community equalizer: they provide information and space to everyone, regardless of income.
14256	7/10/2012	I like seeing people read on the bus
14257	7/10/2012	The internet allows you to access data on line and find the information that books used to do. The only thing they have that you don't have on-line is the microfilm of newspapers.
14258	7/10/2012	One of the few places left where information is not necessarily dumbed down
14259	7/10/2012	Free access to learning and literacy resources keeps information (and therefore society) democratic. Access to knowledge should be a right, not a privilege reserved for those who can afford it.
14260	7/10/2012	I use the library for work (I am a job developer for disabled individuals), and as a student (I am a Master Student). I NEED MY LIBRARY!!!!
14261	7/10/2012	Democracy/freedom depends on education and being informed
14262	7/10/2012	Libraries are essentially free knowledge & self-education centers that are available to every single person in the community regardless of age, financial standing, and native language. Absolutely integral to the overall health of a community.
14263	7/10/2012	The library is a resource that has no alternative. Also the fact that it's "free" is important to me. I grew up going to the library often and it's a place my family and I like to go together.
14264	7/10/2012	We need a literate society and I believe libraries contribute to that!
14265	7/10/2012	Libraries are a physical manifestation of our community. Also, I love to read, and would do much less of it if libraries were not available.
14266	7/10/2012	we need something of value to continue for the people to have some semblance of why well work and that taxes are about the peoples choices not a select few.....

14267	7/10/2012	Libraries offer almost unlimited opportunities to help people of all ages. From the youngest infant just learning communication to our senior citizens who can continue to learn and remain active. Books are so important. There are not enough words to describe why this is so.
14268	7/10/2012	The ability to read, and have access to reading material, is fundamental to my professional success and personal satisfaction. Having not had a television in many years, I turn to books for entertainment and edification. Access to a public library makes my life richer and more complex.
14269	7/10/2012	No everyone has access to technology, literature, education, community. Libraries are the hub for this. They give EVERYONE a place to go. When these spaces start to disappear or limit their access we as a city are diminished.
14270	7/10/2012	Not only does the library provide me personally with books and movies that i don't have to pay for, I also see it as a hub of the community, a place for people to connect, to meet, for children to learn, for people without internet access to have internet access, it's a shared public space, it's "our" library, etc,etc..
14271	7/10/2012	Because it is a public service I want to use and am aware of it. I am not as aware of others.
14272	7/10/2012	Libraries serve as centers of education and community. They are meeting places. They are inclusive and non-judgmental public spaces where community members (employees, volunteers, and patrons) can assist one another and strengthen the bonds of community. Libraries are a universal and well-recognized resource for academic, popular, and public information. Many library programs bring art and literature to member of the community who are excluded from other programs - home-bound patrons, patients, inmates. Inclusive access to information increases feelings of empowerment and engagement, which supports the physical, mental, and social health of individuals. Through volunteering, the Multnomah County Library also allows me to give back to my community in a meaningful way.
14273	7/10/2012	They are as important as our schools, roads, and water/sewer systems. They provide access to information, fellowship, and opportunities for growth to all in our communities.
14274	7/10/2012	I always go to the library to do research and studying for school or for personal exploration. I don't have internet at home so I also go to the library to use the internet as well. I am sure a lot of people do the same thing and to cut back on the library services would have a negative effect on everyone who does not have the resources at home such as internet and books. In conclusion, the local library services are of the up most importance to the community and it would be unfortunate to cut back on the library's availability.

14275	7/10/2012	<p>The Library allows me to use resources for a variety of information, historical and current. Unlike the use of the Internet for answers, books and their references serve a legitimacy of time and accuracy the Internet does not afford a user. Research into a problem, situation, event, idea or theory can be done with out fear of inaccuracy, false information or lack of siting for source. There is no substitute for tracing an idea throughout it's historical creation and fruition through research, and that can not be done accurately on the Web. []</p> <p>Another asset I value is the system itself. My local may not have the book i need, but the System can [] provide it. Having used books from all over the country on this lending system, i cannot stress enough [] how fantastic it is to share and use. []</p> <p>Another asset: having the current novels and books available. A limited budget does not allow me to purchase new books, or even used. The Library serves me admirably and It's GREEN. []</p> <p>thanks</p>
14276	7/10/2012	<p>I wouldn't place them above police or fire departments, but they definitely should be considered important - in the top 5 priorities</p>
14277	7/10/2012	<p>Our local libraries are an external classroom for all families!! They help families supplement school education with access to media & reading material. This is SO important for our family, on a daily basis we have books and videos in our home, thanks to our libraries. Everyone can go to Amazon.com but there is no way any Portland family could buy enough to personally own what our library system has on offer. Besides that, the library is a place to go on rainy days & after school and feels like a home away from home.</p>
14278	7/10/2012	<p>The library is very important to me, but I also think a lot of our social services are underfunded.</p>
14279	7/10/2012	<p>free education</p>
14280	7/10/2012	<p>Access to knowledge</p>
14281	7/10/2012	<p>They are a resource above and beyond what each family can provide within the home. They encourage education and literacy.</p>
14282	7/10/2012	<p>I find libraries to be an important resource for learning, for community, for having access to materials that otherwise I wouldn't have access to.</p>
14283	7/10/2012	<p>I frequent the library, and it is a resource for the whole community. I appreciate being able to put books and movies on hold. I am not financially able to buy all of the books I'd like to read, and I also don't feel the need to do so. Reading most books once is enough.</p>
14284	7/10/2012	<p>I rely on the library to find information.</p>
14285	7/10/2012	<p>Literacy is responsible for community strength and growth. Our children love books, and the library has played a huge part in that.</p>

14286	7/10/2012	I am a readaholic. I cannot afford to buy all of the books that I read. The library is extremely important to me and I do vote on it's issues every time. I also expect that in my retirement, it will be even more important to me, so keeping library services for the future is also extremely important.
14287	7/10/2012	Reading and learning are my majof sources of entertainment as a senior citizn living on a fixed income.
14288	7/10/2012	Access to information and the pride of having a terrific library system.
14289	7/10/2012	They allow public access to knowledge -- and entertainment -- for people from every strata of society.
14290	7/10/2012	I love the library and think it is a big part about what makes Portland great. Public safety takes the "very important" category," but I see the library as a part of a well-rounded education system.
14291	7/10/2012	I think the library performs a great public service to people.
14292	7/10/2012	My wife and I use the library each a least once a week. We are both retired professors. I read at least two books a week, and my wife mainly listens to recorded books.
14293	7/10/2012	Free education is extremely important to maintaining a democratic society.
14294	7/10/2012	Educational resources are very important. The only resources I feel are more important are basic ones such as clean water and safety.
14295	7/10/2012	Literacy and education are the key elements to a democratic society. - not police, not fire, not rescue, not paved roads.
14296	7/10/2012	Something I use and depend on very frequently
14297	7/10/2012	Because our education system is not competitive with the rest of the world. So at least people that seek knowledge will be able to have an excess.
14298	7/10/2012	Knowledge and learning are power and life! If we stop learning we become stagnant. Not everyone is able to access intellectual stimulation via other sources (formal education, buying books, on-line references and media), a public "free" source to furthering our learning is essential to furthering our culture and development as people.
14299	7/10/2012	Need the fire department in case the library burns down. Need the police to keep peace. Need the library to people can improve their lives by learning throughout their lives. All other services lower than that, even parks and schools which are next on my list. Roads and sanitation are important, but access to educational materials can make even more of a difference in people's lives.
14300	7/10/2012	As a teacher i utilize the library as part of my job, very important
14301	7/10/2012	I think library services offer exceptional educational opportunities to people of all walks of life, regardless of their income. Since I place a high value on education, library services are very important to me.
14302	7/10/2012	they are part of my daily life. i could never afford to read as many books or see as many movies.
14303	7/10/2012	I love the moment that I can go pick up the holds I have, and have many fond memories of going to the library as a young child, so I would say the library is incredibly important..

14304	7/10/2012	I cherish being able to use the library.
14305	7/10/2012	I think libraries are the best.
14306	7/10/2012	There are other services that are more crucial to basic needs (e.g. emergency police/fire, health care for the needy, food stamps, etc.)
14307	7/10/2012	I do most of my research online and have my own computing resources. I also am now mostly reading electronic books which I buy rather than borrow.
14308	7/10/2012	I read a lot
14309	7/10/2012	Free libraries provide anyone tools to improve their own lives - by educating yourself you can find a new career, save money on home improvement, and learn skills to thrive in this country (i.e. English skills).
14310	7/10/2012	Personally, I love to read, and am on a tight budget. In general, thriving libraries are important to the health of communities.
14311	7/10/2012	we have one of the BEST library systems in any state that i've lived in. it's critical to try and maintain access for all communities.
14312	7/10/2012	They have provided me with limitless knowledge and learning experiences.
14313	7/10/2012	I use them SO often.
14314	7/10/2012	Free access to information
14315	7/10/2012	Education is high on my list of importance and libraries are a big part of public education. And on a personal level, I enjoy reading and would prefer to borrow books (vs. purchasing them).
14316	7/10/2012	Libraries are safe spaces and gathering places for the community, perhaps especially to vulnerable members of our community (children, the elderly, the jobless, etc.). They provide access to knowledge and information for ALL of Portland. In this, they are second only to schools in their importance to our community.
14317	7/10/2012	Reading is essential to my existence.
14318	7/10/2012	A community profits greatly from literature and media.
14319	7/10/2012	I don't use it that often, but I know others do. I think access to information is very important!
14320	7/10/2012	Although, I do not take full advantage of the classes offered I think its very important and useful to others.
14321	7/10/2012	Although I do not use them frequently, I am very appreciate having them their when I need them the most (research, job hunting, quiet study space, wifi).
14322	7/10/2012	I cannot imagine life without free access to the public library
14323	7/10/2012	They serve the community in a way like no other service.
14324	7/10/2012	its very important, but not life sustaining.
14325	7/10/2012	Only things that meet the basic human needs of people qualify as very important in my opinion. Libraries fall into the second most important category to me.
14326	7/10/2012	The library is great but not a necessity in times of need.

14327	7/10/2012	I've used libraries all my life, for a number of reasons that change as my circumstances have changed. It's always my first stop for reliable information on travel, medical issues...and "People" magazine gossip!
14328	7/10/2012	The very idea of a library is sheer genius. If it hadn't existed previously, no one would vote today to spend the funds to create the system. I am a voracious reader. I am encouraging my children to be voracious readers. The most fundamental and basic aspect of education relies on books and a love of reading. I cannot stress enough the importance of the library - the very concept of a library - to anyone and everyone. I get overly emotional just thinking about libraries being threatened or (god forbid) disappearing from our culture.
14329	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read, especially new material. The variety of books and the hold system are necessary to reading the books I want to read. Reading is my # 1 source of entertainment. I live on a fixed income.
14330	7/10/2012	They help me keep out of trouble and keep me on top of my school work while my son listens to their store time with the other kids and daycares
14331	7/10/2012	I think the library provides enhanced quality of life, but is less important than critical basic services like police, fire, basic infrastructure and utilities, etc.
14332	7/10/2012	Public services such as police and fire fighters are of utmost importance because it's a safety issue.[] Library services are not a safety issue so are ranked a little lower. A library is not just a place to check out books, it is also a place to learn and to encourage literacy. An informed citizen is a good citizen.
14333	7/10/2012	A good library system is a cornerstone of a democracy. Libraries help society function and uphold important values. They are also fun! A trip to the library when I was young was the best treat. If my neighborhood was better served by public transportation (I don't drive), I would be visiting our local branches much more often. They also help the environment by providing materials people can borrow instead of buying.
14334	7/10/2012	Free education and quality entertainment for both kids and adults
14335	7/10/2012	Information is critical, and entertaing.
14336	7/10/2012	Not as important as public safety or health but up there on my list!
14337	7/10/2012	Such a good library system...only comparable to New York's.
14338	7/10/2012	books are very important with young readers.
14339	7/10/2012	information and books are valuable part of an abundant and healthy life
14340	7/10/2012	I feel they offer lots of options for stay at home Moms, and others who may not get out of the house much. It gives them a free place to go and gain an education for themselves and their children, no matter how young they are. Same goes for senior citizens.
14341	7/10/2012	We use books daily for research and pleasure.
14342	7/10/2012	Everything libraries stand for is important; education, information, community, fun, etc.

14343	7/10/2012	keeps you engaged intellectually
14344	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of a few key pillars for the community.
14345	7/10/2012	I use the library to stay informed on current information as well as research history. Those are two of my main activities, next to various forms of exercise and family interaction
14346	7/10/2012	I read constantly, and I work across the street from Central Library, which I go to ALL the time, except now not Mondays.
14347	7/10/2012	Not as important as public safety but pretty high
14348	7/10/2012	For those who don't have access to e-readers, I feel access to books and the ability to read what interest you, it extremely important. I am and have also been a very big reader, and I think it's important for the younger generation to have this option. There is more to the world than just video games, TV and movies.
14349	7/10/2012	We live in an information society and all that entails for school, work, and play. Libraries are key nodes of information resources, particularly for youth, elderly, and disadvantaged, but for the whole of society as well.
14350	7/10/2012	Because they have free resources and access to information, both professional and leisure. I used to work at a low-income property (social work) and the n. portland library had a program that brought books to each floor of the apartment building. kids that would never have been brought to the library by any adult in their lives were READING for the first time. it was awesome to see.
14351	7/10/2012	We are nationally known for our libraries. The system works extremely well. Elderly people and shut-ins can order books to be picked up or delivered. The library system keeps us connected as a community. Job seekers can get help. People without internet access can use the system.
14352	7/10/2012	Libraries offer an outlet to people who need to stay current. Whether it is a class, an accessible computer or a helpful employee. The library has always been a constant option for someone who needs consistency within their community. Especially if that consistency does not rain true in their personal life. The library is always there and is always an option... until now.
14353	7/10/2012	Some services are more important and some are less important. I feel lucky that we have public libraries in this country.
14354	7/10/2012	There are few things in the community that bring the community together, and allow for everyone in the community to participate and benefit from its services. The library does all these things.
14355	7/10/2012	Library services are less important than water, garbage, safety buy more important than bike lanes and public loos.
14356	7/10/2012	Reading and the resources provided by the Multnomah County Library system can give opportunities to people that would otherwise go without. I think public libraries can provide the "leg up" to empower individuals to expand their knowledge-base and their opportunities in life. As someone that uses the library daily, this institution is very important to me, but I can only imagine it is that much more important in the lives of those with fewer resources at their disposal.

14357	7/10/2012	Libraries are a center for information gathering, learning, sharing, and being creative. The more access we have as a population to these services and opportunities, the more we are aware of each other, the smarter we become, the more compassionate we become, the better our society and communities become.
14358	7/10/2012	Reading is a huge part of my life, and the library allows me to read voraciously, when I couldn't afford to buy the books. I also love the fact that we are all sharing the books. It keeps our footprint smaller. On a purely selfish level, I'm a reader. I read, constantly. The library, in that regard, is simply an economic issue for me. I love books, and I love the library.[] []
14359	7/10/2012	Beyond that, it's a focal point for the community and allows the community - of varying degrees of ability and socioeconomic status - access to resources that would be very difficult to come by otherwise. Computer access, job resources, local reading programs, the ability to check out Writing A Resume for Dummies, these are all things vital to a community's enrichment. I use the library almost every day. The library, next to computer access, are two of the most important ways to disseminate knowledge and information. I was honestly rather sad to see the new electronic book check out system put into place. I think the human contact with librarians is very important. I really think the library is the heart of a community!
14360	7/10/2012	The library is one of the few places where education and learning can take place with little or no cost to the consumer. Reading opens up a world that, while it can't take the place of personal experience, offers experience, travel, imagination, fun, learning, thinking, etc at a local level, available to anyone.
14361	7/10/2012	Because education and access to it, enrichment, programs that keep people busy who might otherwise do something less productive, books and media, and general resources that allow people to come together and learn are tantamount to our success as an educated society.
14362	7/10/2012	People need to be able to have resources that might not be anywhere else.
14363	7/10/2012	Having free access to books/library service and encouragement of reading for young people is very important to me. Communication is key in our evolution and reading is the catalyst of communication.
14364	7/10/2012	Having economically viable access to resources (written, electronic, etc) for the purpose of educating oneself/others, creating a sense of community and cultural development are paramount to creating a vibrant and successful city.
14365	7/10/2012	it's the library. nuff said.
14366	7/10/2012	our kids love it
14367	7/10/2012	Great resource for books and media (CDs DVDs)
14368	7/10/2012	Information and resources unavailable anywhere else
14369	7/10/2012	

14370	7/10/2012	Because they are one of the few public services that I have grown up using and still use as an adult. I can't say that about any other public service. When I was a kid I used to go to the library all of the time and check out lots of books...I would be very disappointed if that service wasn't available to other kids.
14371	7/10/2012	I think that services that provide for our health and safety are the most important, but that education in all forms (schools, libraries) are a close second.
14372	7/10/2012	Considering that I use the library on a weekly (or even more than once a week) basis, I think they're very important. Obviously, not as important as police and fire department, which are vital, but I think the library system we have is WONDERFUL, and it adds to the quality of life in Portland.
14373	7/10/2012	It's actually quite difficult to compare, but I chose "Very Important" because I love the library so much. I just love the ritual of going there to pick up a book (I often place holds on books), to return a finished one, and to just sit and read awhile. I love it when I see lots of people there, because I know we're having a shared experience. I love safe public places for disparate parts of the community to come together.
14374	7/10/2012	Spreads a sense of community and encourages intellectual growth.
14375	7/10/2012	We use the library to enrich the lives of our two boys. We go to storytimes, and through this our toddler has gained a love for books, and also many friends.
14376	7/10/2012	Relatively important to me in that I check out current DVDs to watch now that we dropped our netflix subscription, I can read current and new releases easily via the lucky day selections, and now that I have a baby I enjoy checking out a wide variety of children's books to read with him
14377	7/10/2012	Because my kid loves to read, and I see reading as the gateway to learning about almost anything that interests you.
14378	7/10/2012	I don't have the information necessary to compare the efficiency and level of service that all public services provide so I can't compare.
14379	7/10/2012	Libraries provide an important resource for all members of society -- across the socio-economic spectrum. They provide a central meeting place for programming for both young and old, and access to knowledge to all. They are an especially important service for those who cannot afford a computer, internet or to purchase books on their own, allowing equal access to these critical resources.
14380	7/10/2012	I use the library for my research papers. I check out books monthly to do my reports. I need the library for this resource or else I will not be passing my classes.
14381	7/10/2012	My wife and I use the library a lot. There are books and videos we do not need to own but which are valuable to us and the library allows us to read and see them and then return them to the library for others likewise to read and see them. It provides an important means for the Portland community to collectively husband its resources.
14382	7/10/2012	Access to information is a pillar of a democratic society
14383	7/10/2012	because you didn't mention the names of the other local public services.

14384	7/10/2012	I use the library weekly as a source of information (research via computer) which is very important to me.
14385	7/10/2012	Access to free literature and internet has kept our community, and society at large, thriving. With a lack of these resources the education level will diminish. With a diminishing education level, other social and local public services will likely bear the brunt of an increased demand. Poverty will deepen and knowledge will become a privilege of the wealthy. Thus, I believe that library services are on par in importance with other social and public services.
14386	7/10/2012	i think the free access to literature and media as well as the social programs that the library provides are vital to the cultivation of a free thinking, literate and forward thinking society
14387	7/10/2012	Access for all (regardless of income or lack thereof) to the resources of the library system are essential to a free and educated society.
14388	7/10/2012	Personal use. Community value of all services provided for literate citizens.
14389	7/10/2012	Even if not used daily, I think libraries have a symbolic/cultural importance that is hard to quantify. Personally, having access to pretty much any book on the planet, in a week or two, allows me to be much more minimal in possessions, which is important to me.
14390	7/10/2012	Library service is not essential such as safety and health.
14391	7/10/2012	In order for all students or anyone needed access to information (especially those without internet access) it is imperative we keep our libraries open and have current information available to all.
14392	7/10/2012	Libraries are crucial for providing equal access to information, and their high use (like here in Multnomah County) is the sign of an educated society.
14393	7/10/2012	To be well read and educated on the resource that are available
14394	7/10/2012	Because all can have access to books and computer services. Knowledge is your super power.
14395	7/10/2012	I think they are an integral part of a healthy and well educated society.
14396	7/10/2012	The libraries are central to community development and improvement
14397	7/10/2012	it's extremely important that everyone in the community have access to knowledge: newspapers, books, internet
14398	7/10/2012	It is a great resource for me.
14399	7/10/2012	I feel infrastructure and safety are top priorities.
14400	7/10/2012	I love the library so much I have library cards in three counties. They are a valuable resource for me as a teacher, and something I like to encourage my students to use. I can't imagine life without the library.
14401	7/10/2012	I use the library a lot, all of my life! It's a great resource to get current books for "free". I read 2-3 books a month.
14402	7/10/2012	Only an educated society has any hope of persisting let alone prospering.
14403	7/10/2012	This question is impossible to answer without more specifics. WHAT other local public services are you talking about??? ALL of them? National, state, local, school?

14404	7/10/2012	It is important for people to be well educated and it is especially important for children to be exposed to literacy at a young age.
14405	7/10/2012	I don't use library for that
14406	7/10/2012	Knowledge!
14407	7/10/2012	I like the service they provide to the community.
14408	7/10/2012	I need the wide range of books and media they provide that I wouldn't otherwise buy for myself.
14409	7/10/2012	I feel libraries are important assets for the community, but I also recognize basic services like sewer and water or public safety are more vital.
14410	7/10/2012	Every week I check out an armful of books to read that week.
14411	7/10/2012	I think everyone should have access to books and resource material. An educated informed public is important to me. Books provide a means to self-education and entertainment.
14412	7/10/2012	They have the ability to level the playing field for job seekers and general knowledge seekers. You eliminate economic status as a factor with a strong public library.
14413	7/10/2012	Access to life resources
14414	7/10/2012	I'd say that of all the public services available to me, the library is my #1.
14415	7/10/2012	Police, fire, schools, and infrastructure maintenance are of higher importance.
14416	7/10/2012	Libraries are a core component to communities. Both as a place to gather, meet, and learn with others, but also a level playing field for access to information, whether in the form of news, computer access, databases, CDs, movies, or books. Libraries are a huge responsibility of the public to maintain for a smart and intelligent population. Libraries provide such a huge range of services to a huge population across many socio-economic levels. I love the library, and grew up visiting libraries and utilizing many services they offer. It would be a huge detriment if the libraries role were diminished in any way.
14417	7/10/2012	Because they are information disseminating sources.
14418	7/10/2012	Invaluable...
14419	7/10/2012	It's the only way I can read books!
14420	7/10/2012	The library was a critical part of my childhood/youth and is now important in my adulthood. I am expecting a baby in October and look forward to introducing my child to the joys of the library. The library promotes so many wonderful things - literacy, community, responsibility, etc.
14421	7/10/2012	I have children and education/learning/reading are very important to us. I'm a writer who depends on the library for research, not just pleasure. I have volunteered in libraries and hold a degree in Library Science -- it's kinda my thing. I think the library is the most important public institution we have in our community, because it's a shared public space devoted to learning and knowledge for everyone. That's an extremely rare thing these days.
14422	7/10/2012	
14423	7/10/2012	For the kids
14424	7/10/2012	I like having access to the library, but issues involving safety are much more important.

14425	7/10/2012	we love to read and read a lot individually and as a family. The bounty of free literature and resources is a wonderful thing.
14426	7/10/2012	All citizens need access to information if the city is going to work. Using other resources effectivly requires and informed population.
14427	7/10/2012	We use the library every week instead of buying books, because it seems wasteful to have a shelf full of books at home that you only read once. It's a great opportunity to read whatever you want! And less wasteful.
14428	7/10/2012	Education resources elevates everyone's culture and tolerance in this modern day stress.
14429	7/10/2012	Good place for youth to go, and people who cannot afford home computers
14430	7/10/2012	Free and fair access to information is the cornerstone of not only democracy, but civilization itself.
14431	7/10/2012	It is most important to our family because we use the library the most, more than any other serivces. We enjoy parks and recreations but it rains so much in Oreogn so we use the library year around for enjoyment and entertainment
14432	7/10/2012	I am a teacher. I have used the library for research materials and for sets of books that my schools could otherwise not have afforded. Not having an extensive library in some charter schools where I have worked, we would make weekly trips to the library so that the kids could check out books of interest, do genre studies, or research. Also, rather than accumulating more "stuff" in my house, I've reached a point where I'd rather enjoy a book and then return it to the library for others to use, rather than have it clutter my home.
14433	7/10/2012	On a scale of 1-10. 10 being a place to stay and food to eat. 1 being something trivial, that wasn't needed. I would say a 5. I could live without it sure, but having the library in the community is such a big selling point for me and my wife. It's one of those things that greatly improves the quality of life for us as we're big readers.
14434	7/10/2012	Very, very high. I use the library more than any other local public service. I would only put public education above library services in order of importance.
14435	7/10/2012	public health would be more important. police and fire keep me alive in time of need. the library helps me grow, but the essential services are more important. that's not terribly philosophical, but it's reality.
14436	7/10/2012	knowledge is power
14437	7/10/2012	Libraries, along with schools and museums, are the foundation of literacy and knowledge in our society.

		What are we comparing them to? Fire fighting? That's vital when your (or your neighbor's) house is burning. Schools? Far and away the most consistently important public service, in my mind. Safety? Of course important, especially when effective and fair.[]
14438	7/10/2012	Libraries are terrific places because they represent discovery and possibility - for so many people, across so many groups, classifications or backgrounds. I think the biggest competition will come from increasingly digital publishing. Keeping libraries robust physical places people from all parts of society will continue to use with vigor and pleasure is a key piece to keeping our communities actual communities. I would like to see digital publishers recognize public libraries as partners, not sources of revenue. I would like to see that happen on a local and national scale.
14439	7/10/2012	i love to read
14440	7/10/2012	I'm a freelance writer and the library provides me with a wealth of research materials for my work. Also, I love to read.
14441	7/10/2012	I think they're a great resource for the community. Not only do they broaden education, but they offer so many services to so many different areas of the community.
14442	7/10/2012	As someone with a limited budget, the library is a major source of my entertainment with book and DVDs to check out.
14443	7/10/2012	Highly important! We use materials from our local library in our homeschooling curriculum.
14444	7/10/2012	It is most applicable for me. A middle class, working adult who is reads and consumes a lot of media but doesn't want to always purchase books, etc. I don't use a lot of other public services.
14445	7/10/2012	Less important than things like the Fire Department and schools.
14446	7/10/2012	Without knowledge and education, it is impossible for social mobility to exist.
14447	7/10/2012	Important to have access to reading materials for family.
14448	7/10/2012	They are a crucial part of our educational system.
14449	7/10/2012	I think everyone should have access to information through books, videos, media, and computers.
14450	7/10/2012	Libraries are for borrowing books and for providing a silent place to read or study. Thats all.
14451	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read and all the movies I want to see. Although I read a lot of books and see a lot of movies, there are very few that I want to keep in my house forever.
14452	7/10/2012	The library provides access to information and resources to the most marginalized segments of our society. It serves a critical role in integrating our community.
14453	7/10/2012	Access to books for all. It is also becoming very important as a source for downloaded books on iPad and kindle.
14454	7/10/2012	Libraries are so vital to the life and learning of the community as they offer services across all age groups, races, etc.
14455	7/10/2012	Important to children's education

14456	7/10/2012	the library is part of my life and has been ever since i can remember. i'm 59, not that old but not that young either. everyone i know goes to the library, it's part of our lifestyle, our fabric. i guess i take it for granted, the library will always be there, meeting my needs.
14457	7/10/2012	public health and safety services are more important, but a community without a thriving library system is failing
14458	7/10/2012	An educated population is more equipped to handle the problems that other public services curent;y handle. It is an investment in our future.
14459	7/10/2012	Access to books, especially for underprivileged kids (of which there are many in the Kenton neighborhood) and lower-income adults, has the ability to change lives.
14460	7/10/2012	It's very important; We are a family on a budget and the Library offers something for each of us. No matter what I want to learn about, the Library usually has a book on it. My husband loves movies and we always take the kid there to get him engaged in reading and entertainment.
14461	7/10/2012	There are other sources available to me for the library services that I use
14462	7/10/2012	It's very important to have a reading, informed public. Nobody should lack access to literature, newspapers and internet.
14463	7/10/2012	Many people do not have access to books any other way. Reading is extremely important for anyone trying to learn or better themselves. Not to mention the computers that the libraries offer where someone could look for work and learn about skill or training. They are a great source of community and intelligence, a wonderful place for children to start their education and continue it while studying throughout their educational years. I'm someone who went to the library and met friends there through all my school years and I feel it was a great resource in many ways. Thank you for this.
14464	7/10/2012	Because all areas of public services are very important, and they are a public service.
14465	7/10/2012	This is the only public service that I use on regular (weekly) basis. Personal bias aside, education and literacy are an integral part of a successful community/economy.
14466	7/10/2012	For one thing, having access to libraries, and in particular, librarians, helps people learn about resources beyond the library. For instance, someone wanting to start a small business may go to the library, and through books, publications, the Internet, or most importantly, speaking to a librarian, may learn about the SBA and other governmental or non-profit resources available to help them with their business plan or funding.[] [] Also, we need to be able to read to learn more about ourselves, learn about others, learn in general, and relax!
14467	7/10/2012	I believe there are students that depend heavily on the resources that libraries provide, and students are our future. If a student can't afford a computer or access to specific books they need for school, the library fills that need.

14468	7/10/2012	<p>Many users of the library would lack access to crucial means of education, and many patrons might occupy themselves in less desirable ways. Libraries kindle and keep dreams alive, spark new interests, help make all manner of projects happen, and foster community.</p> <p>What exactly is the purpose of this survey? I can't tell...[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Why don't you have a comments section at the end of the survey for comments indirectly related to specific survey questions? For example, I was at the Central Library yesterday and there was no computer available to use the library catalog. All computers were dedicated to internet access except two which were in use. I had to walk to another part of the library to use the library catalog. That's ridiculous. When I said something to the librarian, she totally sympathized. As much as I love the library, I resent the majority of computers being used to provide free internet access. Somehow the priorities have gone awry.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Rather than making the survey questions so specific, why aren't you asking people what works and what doesn't? Isn't that what matters? Library funding is exceptionally good in the Portland area. Having the libraries closed one day/week is no big deal.</p>
14469	7/10/2012	<p>Libraries, in addition to making reading materials available for all ages, have the facility and ability to provide other community services including various types of classes and social activities for children and seniors, i.e., crafts, computer skills, enhanced reading and language skills. These programs do not need highly certified professionals to provide "teaching" or guidance to persons interested in learning, but rather talented volunteers. These services could be delivered for a very low cost without any additional overhead expense. They would expand the library's benefit to the community.</p>
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14471	7/10/2012	I really value being able to go and get materials I'm looking for
14472	7/10/2012	education and literacy are paramount to a healthy society
14473	7/10/2012	For me it's about picking up books I request from the system. That's what I use Albina for - picking up books, returning them, and occasionally using the computer.
14474	7/10/2012	I use the library often and would use it more often if I did not have internet access at home.
14475	7/10/2012	we need a well read, informed society
14476	7/10/2012	I feel that this is a place that offers people the ability to require knowledge.
14477	7/10/2012	It helps build community.
14478	7/10/2012	Access to literature and reading resources is of the utmost importance to any civilized society
14479	7/10/2012	Access to library materials for every citizen is a cornerstone of a functioning democracy. Giving the community the resources to read, to research, to learn, to keep informed - it's a basic premise of a functioning electorate and community.
14480	7/10/2012	the library is my main information and reading source.

14481	7/10/2012	I've always been an avid reader.[] []
14482	7/10/2012	Access to resources for low-income individuals Fire, police, water & sewage rate higher for daily living.
14483	7/10/2012	Because it is a great resource on so many different levels. Studying there as an adult is great. Checking out library books is great especially in this economy because we dont have to buy them and it is another way to stay green. I group up using the library and I share that experience with my kids.
14484	7/10/2012	I love reading and I don't have the money to spend on buying them and the library lets me choose from a variety of books and lets me get how much books I want.
14485	7/10/2012	Throughout history it has been instrumental in providing all citizens with access to information
14486	7/10/2012	Because they help inform and entertain while providing basic services like internet access that many people do not have at home.
14487	7/10/2012	For me, I simply enjoy borrowing books and reading as much as possible. But I also like to see that people who cannot afford their own internet access are able to use libraries. I like to see students of all ages have a place to study. I like to know that there is a community place where people who need services can go and ask questions. Everyone knows where their library is, even if they do not know where other places are...there are forms for public services in most libraries or they can be gotten from the internet. Children benefit from having reading groups and the elderly benefit from having book delivery. To me, a library is the hub of the community where ideas and learning are passed around--for free.
14488	7/10/2012	Libraries are the backbone of a civil and free society. Free access to information is almost a basic human right for me.
14489	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to books and computers that I could not afford otherwise.
14490	7/10/2012	Because the libraries serve all of us. Schools serve parents with children, roads serve those who commute.[] Education and reading is life-long and rises above practical values to truly support and nurture the most important dimensions of life. That it can offer this as a free public service is, like our national parks, one of the few remaining redeeming facets of American society.
14491	7/10/2012	Libraries = real democracy because access to information is key to any attempt to equalize access to anything else.
14492	7/10/2012	I value learning; and I believe all people should have access to the sort of information and cultural goods that free public libraries make available. Making further cuts to the library system is a step toward the decline and fall of civilization in America. Let's not go down that road, but instead fund our libraries adequately!

14493	7/10/2012	Education is the highest priority in any community. By educating ourselves and our neighbors we are better able to understand and get along in the world around us. I cannot afford to buy 10 new CDs every week, and a new book every 2 weeks. With the public library I am able to continue my education and learn about any topic that strikes my interest. When books are free and easily accessible, I read constantly.
14494	7/10/2012	I began reading at age 4. My five children were all early readers as were my grandchildren and now the great grandchildren. Because I took them to the library and bought them books and read to them this has been passed down in our family. The ability to read is of utmost importance, especially for the middle class and lower class. It is also a wonderful way to dream big dreams and escape what may, at the time, look like a hopeless way of life.
14495	7/10/2012	an educated and well-informed public that has access to information and librarians who can guide visitors to good information is what makes a strong democracy. we need strong libraries in our communities!
14496	7/10/2012	While not as immediately critical to everyday life as police or fire protection, libraries offer important educational/enrichment opportunities to a broad spectrum of people in our community. And in the long-term, having a better educated population benefits us all. It may even positively impact (reduce) our need for some social services.
14497	7/10/2012	I have children who love to get to the library weekly and get a new book. But more importantly having such an active library in the community proves to our children that learning is extremely important not just to them but to the community as a whole.
14498	7/10/2012	N/A
14499	7/10/2012	We visit the library weekly to get books and other forms of media. It is the key way we continue to be active readers in our home. We love our library!
14500	7/10/2012	its the thing i use the most
14501	7/10/2012	Somewhat
14502	7/10/2012	The public library provides valuable services that affect many different populations across the entire metro area.
14503	7/10/2012	Emergency services are more important, but libraries are extremely valuable to the community.
14504	7/10/2012	They provide resources for everyone.
14505	7/10/2012	I use their services constantly
14506	7/10/2012	We are not using much of other public services.
14507	7/10/2012	Most important are fire, police, humanity and emergency services. Then comes education. Because the library holds a plethora of knowledge. It is a source for personal growth, for exploration, for finding one's way in life. They are quiet temples in the business of a city. It also provides people with access to information and computers that is very necessary.
14508	7/10/2012	
14509	7/10/2012	I grew up spending lots of time in libraries - reading/learning is very important to me!

14510	7/10/2012	It's a place my whole family, all ages, can enjoy together. In my neighborhood in particular, it is one of the few places for family-friendly leisure activities. It's also an important community gathering space.
14511	7/10/2012	I like having an easy and cheap way to get popular reading materials!
14512	7/10/2012	Free access to information that I couldn't otherwise purchase is very important to me.
14513	7/10/2012	I really feel that Library's provide a sense of community to the neighborhood. Its a wonderful resource that should be enjoyed by all, I really feel sorry for people who do not live near a library branch.
14514	7/10/2012	It's my contact with the outside world!
14515	7/10/2012	Libraries are the single most valuable resources to travelers and/or people new to a city. They provide and assist with information on everything from finding food & jobs to locations and homes.
14516	7/10/2012	The public library is a treasure chest and an avenue of potential interaction among local citizens.
14517	7/10/2012	Because, as a computer nerd, the world is changing, so that information normally found only in libraries can be found easily on the Internet. This is changing the whole culture of going to the Library to study.
14518	7/10/2012	I'm a teacher and the library makes it possible for me to teach what I teach. I could never afford to purchase all of the books I use throughout the school year.
14519	7/10/2012	We have enough dumb people out there . This at least gives them a chance . We all need to keep learning
14520	7/10/2012	i place fire fighters and police in the very important category, followed by libraries. in hard times libraries can operate on a six day a week schedule, but firefighters and police cannot. having said that, i don't think libraries should be cut beyond that ever and i do not want to live in a community that doesn't value its libraries.
14521	7/10/2012	because libraries mean education.
14522	7/10/2012	Because it gives underprivileged people access to a lot of information that the middle class can pay for. But his benefits *everyone*.
14523	7/10/2012	Provide an important place for the community to gather, and provides access to knowledge for free to everyone.
14524	7/10/2012	Access to information (regardless of demographic) is an important service for society
14525	7/10/2012	It saves money. It gives me access to things I wouldn't otherwise have access to. It is a community-oriented activity. I see and interact with people I otherwise wouldn't.
14526	7/10/2012	Ability to access books is great but would like more online books.
14527	7/10/2012	We use them, they're free for everyone. It's a positive place.
14528	7/10/2012	Personally, I like being able to read books without having to buy them. On a community level, giving access to technology and educational resources to people who might not be able to access them otherwise is a critical social service.
14529	7/10/2012	I think the library plays an integral role in our community.

14530	7/10/2012	A friendly place for members of the community to learn to love learning and reading.
14531	7/10/2012	Because libraries give any and all the resources to make changes in their own lives. Not everyone has the privilege of a home computer, personal internet, ready access to buy from Amazon or Powells. Information is power and the libraries make it available to everyone.
14532	7/10/2012	We live in a low-income area. Without our local library, kids (and adults) wouldn't have easy access to books and computers.
14533	7/10/2012	Library resources are critical for educational, social and cultural development and sustenance
14534	7/10/2012	I need convenient, easy access to both pleasure and reference books at no cost.
14535	7/10/2012	Parks and libraries are big priorities for me.
14536	7/10/2012	Libraries promote reading, writing, literacy and education in general. Educated citizens are our cities' greatest assets.
14537	7/10/2012	I believe everyone should have access to information and that is what libraries provide.
14538	7/10/2012	I have the resources to obtain what I need without the library for others it's more important to have the library. Therefore to me it's somewhat important because I understand other's are in need of what the library offers.
14539	7/10/2012	Local libraries are super important.
14540	7/10/2012	Everyone deserves access to information.
14541	7/10/2012	Because the library takes picks up the slack for our children as PPS libraries are lacking, if even existing in some of our lower economic neighborhoods. I need information to support my research goals.[]
14542	7/10/2012	[] I want to live in a well-educated, literate society.
14543	7/10/2012	literacy (and availability) are required for true democracy. Because to me, education means alot. When I have children, they will be going to the library alot because that is where I learned most of the things my drunken dad couldn't teach me adn i am incredibly successful. These libraries are very important to our communities and some of us rely in the more than others, but doing this is like shutting it down. Dont do it.
14544	7/10/2012	
14545	7/10/2012	I read a lot and the price of books is prohibitive
14546	7/10/2012	knowledge is power
14547	7/10/2012	I am a strong supporter of the library system.
14548	7/10/2012	Important source of reading material
14549	7/10/2012	Extremely important. Having the Albina library near was a decision in my home-buying. It's also one of the first things I tell people who are new to the area.
14550	7/10/2012	Libraries were key to my growth as a child. I grew up very poor, but I read constantly and that saved my young mind.
14551	7/10/2012	Free access to information is the definition of a dmocracy
14552	7/10/2012	I utilize a closer non-Multnomah county library weekly. I love what it provides to the community.

14553	7/10/2012	Because they are one of the only things fighting literacy in this country, and they are the last entity to provide free services to knowledge-seekers.
14554	7/10/2012	I am a librarian. (Not in the public libraries, but still, I'm biased.)
14555	7/10/2012	Because it is a resource that is open to everyone and allows people to be creative and have the resources to find the information they are looking for.
14556	7/10/2012	We are already cutting education. An educated society is a healthier society, a safer society, and a wealthier society. If we prioritize education and the access to life-long learning, we will all benefit in the long run. Additionally, it is clear that Benjamin Franklin, at least, felt that a public library was instrumental to the good of society.
14557	7/10/2012	Some library resources are duplicated in other places but others are unique. Also, without libraries some people would be entirely cut off from access to basic resources and information. Everyone needs to have basic access to certain resources and when they don't everyone will be effected directly or indirectly.
14558	7/10/2012	<p>I'm a big reader and all my books come from the library, i.e., I don't spend money buying books. I think it is very important to have access to books regardless of ones income. On the other hand, there are other very important public services for the county - crime prevention, roads etc. And there are many unmet needs among the poor that probably rank above the needs of the library. □</p> <p>I think further cutbacks in days & hours are the best way to deal with the budget shortages. People don't need access to libraries every day of the week. They can adjust their schedules to find a time to go to the library. It's a little inconvenient but we can do it. I don't think we should increase property taxes in this economic environment. There are too many low and middle income homeowners (and renters in that they end up absorbing the property tax increases too) that are struggling to pay their property taxes already.</p>
14559	7/10/2012	The library provides means of education and entertainment. It also helps people find jobs, among other things. These services, and the benefits receive from them, help keep people away from harmful activities, such as violence, drugs, etc... that cost the tax payers more money. Knowledge is power and a means to put fort efforts into more "productive" pursuits.
14560	7/10/2012	I think a library is central to a community.
14561	7/10/2012	I appreciate having the health and safety services such as fire, police, water, water, sewer, etc however in my life I utilize the library as an optional service more than any other optional service such as parks and recreation locations.
14562	7/10/2012	Libraries are fantastic resources, reading is important. I want real books, not ebooks even though I am tech savvy. It's important to be up to date on current book selections and I love the library!
14563	7/10/2012	When I go in to pick up something, I see how many people use the library.
14564	7/10/2012	They are free resources to the majority who cannot afford to pay otherwise.
14565	7/10/2012	Because I pay taxes for this service I feel that I should be able to use it. I use this public service more than others.

14566	7/10/2012	Because of the access you have with the people working there. They are very knowledgeable and can help out with most things
14567	7/10/2012	I use the online resources weekly, and it's the best way to get access to research and kindle books.
14568	7/10/2012	Because I rely on the libraries for affordable (free) resources- the amount of reading I do, it is so wonderful to have a free place to find books I love and am looking forward to reading. And when I have children, I am looking forward to bringing them to our local branch for reading groups, etc...
14569	7/10/2012	I love to read, and always have, and libraries made a huge amount of reading material available to me that I would not have otherwise had access to. A library is a portal to information access, and the assistance and curation that libraries and librarians provide only becomes more true as information becomes more varied and difficult to search and understand and at the same time more vital to our daily social functioning and decisionmaking.
14570	7/10/2012	I am an avid reader and music lover. I love the feeling of visiting my library. As a child I checked out stacks of books and read constantly. I would be a different person had I not had the access to so much through my public library -- less curious and compassionate.
14571	7/10/2012	Great source for learning materials. It is also a center for our community. I meet other families and find community notices.
14572	7/10/2012	Reading, education and job services are vital, especially in lower income areas such as North Portland. The library supplements where schools and family cannot.
14573	7/10/2012	I'm a student and a voracious reader. I can't afford to buy every book I want to read. If I get it from the library and I fall in love with the book, then I purchase it to add to my permanent collection. I usually have at least 6 books checked out at any given time. The library is one of the top resources in my life.
14574	7/10/2012	Resourceful in many ways
14575	7/10/2012	There are public services that I believe are of more importance such as "public works" (water, sewage, traffic control, etc.), yet access to books and educational resources are arguably the next step below the aforementioned services that are crucial for societal function.
14576	7/10/2012	free access to books, media, and computers is important!
14577	7/10/2012	Libraries help to build strong communities. They build literacy in children at young ages and help them to be school-ready by the time kindergarten arrives.
14578	7/10/2012	I'm an eager lifelong learner, and library is a prime source for learning materials.
14579	7/10/2012	They are a great resource for the community and something that makes Portland special...
14580	7/10/2012	Utilities and roads are infrastructure but I spent hours as a teenager in the library several times a week, reading and writing, and libraries provide a gathering space, a refuge, and access to knowledge and research.
14581	7/10/2012	Water, roads, public safety, and schools are of higher importance. Libraries are quite important, but not at that same critical level.

14582	7/10/2012	i still think that a library can serve as one a hub for our local communities. On the other hand, i do not believe in continuing to load up the already very high property taxes with library related subsidies.
14583	7/10/2012	Because I use the library and I think it's important in the overall scheme of things for people not to purchase everything-books, cd's, divd's-and store them. That they circulate through many hands is a much more sensible ways of living. Why cut the funding to libraries and fire depts, and transportation-things that matter?
14584	7/10/2012	I have been using the Capitol Hill branch since I was 5 years old. I will be 33 next month. The library helped me learn to read and has kept books an important part of my life to this day. Literacy is one of the human race's greatest gifts. I cherish that gift throughout the day, everyday. I want the community to continue to have access to our library system for enjoyment and enrichment.
14585	7/10/2012	Can't consider them "essential" in comparison with other public services
14586	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a crucial community base where people can access important information, share and build literacy with young and old, and improve the quality of life for everyone regardless of socioeconomic status or family situation. We depend on the library for education and entertainment for our family. Now that we have a child, we've come to love the programs for wee ones.
14587	7/10/2012	For people who can't afford higher education, or internet in their home, a local library is very important. For me though, it's just because I love the library. It's a wonderful place and the best way to affordably explore new books.
14588	7/10/2012	Libraries are important, but compared to police, fire, and other vital services, I'd rank them lower. The library provides a valuable service to all parts of our community from young to old. It provides a place where all are welcome, learning resources are available and information is free to all.
14589	7/10/2012	□ The library is an investment in our present and our future.
14590	7/10/2012	Free access to knowledge is key to the community.
14591	7/10/2012	Because it is a resource for everyone to use. Seeing the kids, older folks and people looking for work using the library is important
14592	7/10/2012	I have visited the library all my life. It is a vital source of entertainment and learning for me. I would be lost without it!
14593	7/10/2012	I use it a lot but I believe there are other service that are more vital to the community.
14594	7/10/2012	because other forms of entertainment are too costly (can't afford newspaper subscription, cable or internet subscription, can't afford magazine subscriptions, and without libraries we are as mushrooms under the rocks-

14595	7/10/2012	People must be encouraged to learn and grow, and the libraries are one of the key tools for self-motivated seekers of learning. I grew up in east Tennessee. My mother had a 7th-grade education, raised on a farm by illiterate parents; my father was the high-school educated son of a semi-literate mill worker and preacher. An excellent public school system and the indispensable public library in my hometown were the two key resources that led me to college, travel, and a broad view of reality.
14596	7/10/2012	I need the access to research funders for my non-profits! It's important to my job as well as my volunteer work. Couldn't do it without the library!
14597	7/10/2012	I have the means to purchase what I want so I don't have to worry about returning it at a specific time.
14598	7/10/2012	Having an excellent library system helps to educate the general population who may not have access to formal educational opportunities, provides access to information for folks who may otherwise have huge barriers to accessing information, and helps to instill a love of learning and reading in all people, young and old and in between.
14599	7/10/2012	The library is important to me in the sense that I use it frequently and it allows me access to literature.
14600	7/10/2012	while they don't rank quite as high as public protection (police, fire) they are a huge resource for all people in the community to learn and have access to information - that's a tremendous public need and there are no financial or cultural restrictions in our public libraries
14601	7/10/2012	Libraries are a huge resource for people whether it be for jobs, reading, English, computer access.
14602	7/10/2012	Reading is one of my top leisure activities. Having the resources to help me decide what to read is an ancillary benefit of the library.
14603	7/10/2012	Because I am a reader and a teacher, and I depend on the wealth of material available to me through the public library.
14604	7/10/2012	I think that libraries are critical in providing equity in our society. Libraries make resources and information available to all.
14605	7/10/2012	People need access to reading material
14606	7/10/2012	With the current services, including computer access, etc, the library is one of the few places that span all cultural and economic boundaries in serving the community.[] [] Also, it would cost a fortune to buy all the information available in library books
14607	7/10/2012	In this time of economic hardship and surplus of highly educated and underemployed people (of which I am one), the library makes it possible for me to have a continued sense of culture. I can't afford to travel, take classes, or find particularly challenging work but the library makes books, films, graphic novels, etc. available to me and gives me a better and more excited sense of the world. I'm very grateful for that.
14608	7/10/2012	I use the library constantly. I love the library. Literacy is extremely important.

14609	7/10/2012	Because they help educate with minimal cost (taxes). I prefer not wasting paper and space by renting books. And for free no-less!
14610	7/10/2012	I use them frequently and it's a point of civic pride to have an excellent library
14611	7/10/2012	Because reading helps keep a community vibrant. Additionally libraries are a way that those who are less privledged can improve themselves.
14612	7/10/2012	Education is the foundation of any great nation.
14613	7/10/2012	Because it helps to educate and gives people of all ages something to do
14614	7/10/2012	Libraries are really important to a strong, vibrant community, but services to seniors and children, and public safety, are slightly more important.
14615	7/10/2012	Using the library regularly makes me feel connected to my community
14616	7/10/2012	I am a home-schooling mom so the services and materials that the library provides are of utmost importance to me and my family.
14617	7/10/2012	anyone & everyone has access to book & computers on a dailey basic. knowledge is power.[] free entertainment. everyone can find something to do or enjoy at asges.
14618	7/10/2012	Research and culture bonuses.
14619	7/10/2012	My children devour books and we would never be able to afford buying them all. Without the library we'd be doing a lot less reading and I suspect that means a lot more screen time. Also, my children have learned that the books are a community resource, that they must be treated with respect because they aren't ours.
14620	7/10/2012	I'm a fast reader. As a kid during summer, I would check out 10-12 books every two weeks and read most of them. There is no way my family or I could have afforded to support my reading habit without the library. I'm sure I owe a gooc deal of my vocabulary and critical thinking skills to that book intake. Free public libraries are an integral part of how our society should function, knowledge should not be withheld from anyone on the basis of cost.
14621	7/10/2012	They provide quiet places to read, internet access for people who can't afford home internet and/or computers, and access to reading/educational material for those who can't afford it. The programs for kids are also important since they encourage kids to read, learn, and be creative.
14622	7/10/2012	Access to information, ideas, and culture are vital to a well-informed, thoughtful society.
14623	7/10/2012	The library is a great source of information. Our local system has kept up with the times with computer access, online movies, CDs and DVDs. Knowledge is the great equalizer in our society.
14624	7/10/2012	They reach all ages of the community on many levels.
14625	7/10/2012	high priority
14626	7/10/2012	Besides roads and water, it's probably the public service I used the most.
14627	7/10/2012	Because libraries provide education to the people - all people - and that is the only thing that will help advance our society.
14628	7/10/2012	books and knowledge should always be free for all
14629	7/10/2012	Because public libraries are keys to public education.

14630	7/10/2012	What other local services - Police? Fire? Less important than those. Watering the lawn in local parks? Way more important than that.
14631	7/10/2012	Libraries provide equal access to information to people across all socioeconomic backgrounds. Information access leads to the betterment of society as a whole.
14632	7/10/2012	Without libraries ignorance will increase.
14633	7/10/2012	I am a big reader. I can afford to buy plenty of books but I am trying to declutter my house, not bring in more. Although I am NOT reliant on other library services, they are important for the community as a whole, especially for children getting into reading at a young age and those who would not otherwise have access to reading materials, computers, etc.
14634	7/10/2012	Books / reading / learning are all critical to the community.
14635	7/10/2012	People need access to information, if they have internet or not. Families need a place to teach their families the importance of reading.
14636	7/10/2012	The only need we have is to occasionally check out books. If we could checkout e-books from a wider selection and inventory, we'd have literally no need to visit the local library. Most everything else we need that the library offers, we can find online on our own.
14637	7/10/2012	I believe the library is extremely important not only because of lending books and media, but because of the resources offered to the community. The library helps people of all ages in a plethora of ways. To lose or downsource this immensely important institution would degrade our community.
14638	7/10/2012	Education, entertainment, resources.
14639	7/10/2012	Lead to an educated populace
14640	7/10/2012	Libraries are the depositories of our collective intelligence. They represent the best of us.
14641	7/10/2012	Because an educated, literate public makes better decisions than an ignorant one
14642	7/10/2012	Library is not partisan. Library serves all ages, backgrounds, etc.
14643	7/10/2012	To have an educated, literate society
14644	7/10/2012	very helpful
14645	7/10/2012	They provide useful information and tools at times when people need them.
14646	7/10/2012	The library, accessible knowledge, is fundamental to learning. And learning never ends.
14647	7/10/2012	I think everyone should have free access to a wide variety of cultural and educational material.
14648	7/10/2012	Source for information & materials
14649	7/10/2012	The local library's services not only encourage literacy & learning but it provides a central gathering place for the community
14650	7/10/2012	As a professor, avid reader, and a parent, I use the library's resources frequently. I also believe in the unique and extraordinary benefits libraries offer to their surrounding communities. Libraries are a crucial part of creating essential community spaces and connections.
14651	7/10/2012	I love the service and access the libraries provide
14652	7/10/2012	I use the library religiously and would not be as well read as I am without it.

14653	7/10/2012	reading = education = more opportunity for all, better economy, better society
14654	7/10/2012	Reading is one of the best treasures of life. Getting books from the library is free.
14655	7/10/2012	Personal and community use.
14656	7/10/2012	I use the library weekly for personal and professional use making it very important to me. I would like to see it open seven days a week again.
14657	7/10/2012	I use the library every week for books I want to read. Seems a bit simplistic, but it is what is is (as they say).
14658	7/10/2012	I've used the local library since I was a young child - although not here in Oregon all of that time. There are resources available that I wouldn't have access to otherwise. I think that it's important to teach people that the library is there as an invaluable resource.
14659	7/10/2012	Libraries are a fundamental necessity in society
14660	7/10/2012	Libraries provide a means of self-education for everyone. They make information available to all regardless of income. An educated populace is in everyone's best interest.
14661	7/10/2012	Libraries are one of society's main civilizing influences, and a way to bring knowledge and education to the masses regardless of income level. Libraries help level the playing field, and make information available to everyone who wants it.
14662	7/10/2012	It is hard to compare libraries to education or health care. They are all very important.
14663	7/10/2012	They are the keepers and sharers of our cultures.
14664	7/10/2012	Knowledge is empowerment
14665	7/10/2012	Books and knowledge are very important.
14666	7/10/2012	As an avid reader and a family on a budget, we value the resources of the library. We have a young child and the storytimes are delightful and will help foster a love of reading in our daughter. as she grows, I hope we can continue to try out new book selections and programs on a regular basis. the library also serves an important bond for people in a community.
14667	7/10/2012	we use because we do a good deal of research.
14668	7/10/2012	Cannot afford to buy or even find as many books as I like to read, the library is a must.
14669	7/10/2012	Once basic needs are met, I think public education and access to information is most important to building and maintaining the society most of us want to live in.
14670	7/10/2012	Because I sometimes need it for school or, seeing as I read a lot, I need it for looking for new material to read
14671	7/10/2012	Libraries are archaic. We should devote that money to helping people secure internet access to materials.
14672	7/10/2012	Education raises any community.
14673	7/10/2012	I used the Public library often
14674	7/10/2012	because they help to maintain an informed community and provide educational opportunities that are more important than television or social media.

14675	7/10/2012	The library gives everyone access to information, for free. This is a highly valuable public commodity, especially in a city as economically varied as Portland.
14676	7/10/2012	This is a way that the public can be educated and even interact with other people, the library is an important entity for every community, especially here in NoPo.
14677	7/10/2012	The education of reading books - continuing throughout life - is vital to have fully functioning adults in society and books and libraries are needed to counteract the web and media based culture kids are exposed to everywhere else to stimulate reasoning
14678	7/10/2012	Library services are a common denominator across society. Libraries have something for everyone through all stages of life.
14679	7/10/2012	Access to information - books, magazines, journals, newspapers, internet, videos, ESL materials, classes, reading programs, community programs, etc., etc.
14680	7/10/2012	It encourages reading, and it's accessible to virtually everyone.
14681	7/10/2012	Most library print materials are outdated while more current material is available electronically e.g. on the Internet.
14682	7/10/2012	Access to information and education is vital for the growth of people's minds and empowerment. It enables people to become citizens.
14683	7/10/2012	Literacy is essential to the well-functioning of a society. Not only that, but literacy ensures technological advancement. In the words of a beloved former teacher, "our entire society is a celebration of illiteracy," and the removal of funding from the public library is indicative of this.
14684	7/10/2012	It is the only public service that I use that is free. All other public services are pay-per-use (buses are an example).
14685	7/10/2012	The Multnomah County library system supports my education - as a college student, I use the resources in the library quite often for research and writing. Without the library, I would be required to purchase many books, and simply wouldn't have access to a lot of periodicals.
14686	7/10/2012	Provide arts and a place for people to go. Allows people to stay away from bad and dangerous activities.
14687	7/10/2012	expanding and updating knowledge
14688	7/10/2012	Library is not as important as Schools, Police, Fire & Transportation.
14689	7/10/2012	I grew up with the library at home, and I think it's important. It's an important community resource.
14690	7/10/2012	I have not less than 10 books checked out at any given time for my children and me. Buying books today (even electronic) is not fiscally feasible.
14691	7/10/2012	They are the most accessible public service that I know of, and they encourage intellectual and personal growth.
14692	7/10/2012	Libraries provide access to information, learning, and technology for people of all socioeconomic levels. They provide safe study spaces for students and educational opportunities for adults who are not enrolled in school.

14693	7/10/2012	They provide a sense of community pride and an invaluable resource for the education of the general population.
14694	7/10/2012	Because frequent use of the public library helps to grow an educated, thoughtful, and respectful citizenry.
14695	7/10/2012	On pension.
14696	7/10/2012	Long term, education is more important than even fire or police services.
14697	7/10/2012	The strength of the library system is a measure of the quality of life in the community. A community that cannot prioritize libraries is dying.
14698	7/10/2012	basic education foundation
14699	7/10/2012	As seniors on limited budget, we depend on books as our source of entertainment and information. Being able to access audio and large print books as well as regular print is extremely helpful and very important to us.
14700	7/10/2012	My kids would not read as much if it were not for the library. I could not afford to buy that many books for them to read. They know so much about so many subjects thanks to the library. They will ask how is paper made. I will say I am not sure, but the library probably has a book on it! Let me order one.
14701	7/10/2012	They provide people with access to information, direct human contact and in some cases a safe place to be. The ability to get online, look at a newspaper or magazine and check out literature seems like it should be a right for every single person. If you don't have the funds to own a computer, have a newspaper subscription or purchase books the library should be there for you. Information should not be available to only those who can pay for it.
14702	7/10/2012	It is in that higher public good category of public education, basic utilities.
14703	7/10/2012	Libraries are something we take for granted--expecting them to be there when we need them. If we don't keep them funded at a useful level, they will slowly fade away, like so many of the services and freedoms we are losing daily due to the lack of willingness to fund public support systems.
14704	7/10/2012	The access to reading materials and the reading programs they support.
14705	7/10/2012	It is a such a great resiourec for young and old. There is a real sense of community within its various walls. Actually, having a "place" to go for aii its resources to is a joy
14706	7/10/2012	Both are important because each serve the community in a unique different way
14707	7/10/2012	Free and open access to information is essential to a literate democratic society.
14708	7/10/2012	I read.
14709	7/10/2012	I believe....reading....spending time in a library.....being quiet, reading, listening.....are great skills.....a great use of time.....and a great way to learn and collect information.....it is something anyone can do at any age....I hope libraries are always.... []
14710	7/10/2012	I do not know what a Library District is...and means... Reading opens doors.

14711	7/10/2012	Libraries are an important part of our community. They guarantee that all of us will have access to resources, not only for economic pursuits, but also to learn and grow more as people.
14712	7/10/2012	I use the library system regularly, but I am also realistic about other needed services. I believe the reduction in open library hours is part of the strategy to get County voters to approve the funding district. It is an "in your face" strategy. There were other reductions that could have been made. Public agencies (I once was part of a large one) have choices. They can make reductions in peripheral services or hurt the public enough to get them to vote for increases in taxes. It is a shameful strategy.
14713	7/10/2012	Every level of society must have access to the necessary tools to become functioning adults in a complex world. These tools include art and information found in books of all kinds as well as access to the entire world of the internet. Libraries make it possible for the poorest to have a more level playing field and thus, all of us benefit.
14714	7/10/2012	Libraries help build a community. I am a reader and retired. I try not to spend money where I don't have to, so the library is a perfect place for me to get books that I want to read. ☐
14715	7/10/2012	☐ Also, I just like being in libraries -- good childhood memories and a life-long love of books. Central Library has some wonderful architecture.
14716	7/10/2012	KNOWLEDGE SHARING
14717	7/10/2012	They are open to all, they provide educational services at no direct cost to participants; they teach, they entertain, they inform. The library is a place where everyone can feel welcome and where information is readily available. These are important things in a society.
14718	7/10/2012	I can't afford to buy all the books & media I'd like to. It's great that the library can & I can borrow it.
14719	7/10/2012	Everybody can access local library services, whereas, local public services have more of a specific target audience.
14720	7/10/2012	The library is a great resource for the entire community. The library system offers many free resources that would simply be too expensive to get other at other places. The library is a wonderful and free educational resource for all members of the community.
14721	7/10/2012	You can depend on getting the material you need for home, school, research etc.
14722	7/10/2012	The services provided by our libraries reach all levels of our community with underserved folks having access to programs they would not have otherwise.☐ Our libraries have become community centers offering resources to help us all become better citizens.
14723	7/10/2012	Reading is my hobby and very important to me. I use the library constantly. Also, my husband has had a stroke and has difficulty reading so he listens to audio books from the library EVERY morning.

14724	7/10/2012	I see the need and heavy use in two vastly different neighborhood libraries, Rockwood and Hillsdale. All walks of people use this library system, and depend on it for many reasons.
14725	7/10/2012	because I use the library all the time for many tasks. Because the library offers a healthy alternative to the mind-numbing consta-texting I see among the younger generation. Because I see homeless and jobless people online searching for homes and jobs that might turn their lives around.
14726	7/10/2012	Because I use it all the time for work and personal items. For example, without the ILL system, I would be severely hampered in my job, as I require access to scientific literature and my only other option would be to make regular trips to Corvallis to use the OSU library. My partner and I read all the time, and we get most of our movies from the library as well.
14727	7/10/2012	Because they are a major resource for educating citizens
14728	7/10/2012	Because libraries are the way we preserve who we are as a people and culture. Libraries represent the best about us.
14729	7/10/2012	Schools are very important and should be put at the top of the list of public funding, and libraries are also crucial in the development and furthering of childrens' education.
14730	7/10/2012	Libraries are essential part of the community, they provide a safe environment with great programs for kids to learn to love reading. If we want the next generation of children to work harder in their education, we need to provide them with the tools to do it.
14731	7/10/2012	They are of that level of importance to me because the most essential part of a good community is shared access to a common fund of high-quality intellectual and cultural works. The best part of the library is how much it is used, and it is used so much because it is both comprehensive, easy-to-use, and unafraid.
14732	7/10/2012	The library offers me movies, books and music that I would not be able to afford on my income. I think this is what a library should do.
14733	7/10/2012	They serve the all of the community including the young and old.
14734	7/10/2012	Free and equal access to cultural resources and knowledge.
14735	7/10/2012	Libraries are crucial, especially to children - they support reading and citizenship
14736	7/10/2012	Access to a vast array of materials to improve my mind and my appreciation of what government does to further a feeling of community
14737	7/10/2012	It is a resource that my family uses every week, and helps to keep our education & enrichment growing
14738	7/10/2012	The best example of civic virtues
14739	7/10/2012	They're the only public service that everyone uses
14740	7/10/2012	Library services are a main component in a program of 'coping skills' that I use to deal with symptoms of mental illness.
14741	7/10/2012	I'm a heavy reader whose thirst for books outstrips his bank account.
14742	7/10/2012	because it is a big world out there, and our library serves as a window and bridge to that world.
14743	7/10/2012	A strong library system helps foster stronger communities.

14744	7/10/2012	Because books are something I, and many other people hold close to our hearts.
14745	7/10/2012	Akin to public schools, they are a free public service that promotes education for all.
14746	7/10/2012	Because a well-staffed and well-funded public lending library is a HUGE resource to me. Having access to databases, to inter-library loan materials, to reference library staff, to computers and printers-- these are all exceedingly relevant and important to me. I've always loved libraries and been a patron since I was a child.
14747	7/10/2012	They are essential to a literate and well-informed public
14748	7/10/2012	Having free reading material available is very important to me. Libraries are the repository of so much information; people need free, easy access to all the library has to offer.
14749	7/10/2012	The libraries provide a place for learning, culture and connection for me and my family. It is extremely important for my daughter as she grows.
14750	7/10/2012	Community relies on services. More hours open mean more people are able to use the services. If the trade off is a reduction in activity sessions etc, then so be it. Library must be open as much as possible to allow as many people to visit. We are fortunate that staff are able to help patrons.
14751	7/10/2012	I simply can't afford to buy books or pay for cable TV. Most of my self-education and entertainment comes from the library. Also, I can always access the computers when mine is not working or printing. I know that libraries are extremely important to parents with small children, who are trying to instill good reading habits and a love for books. Also, people without computers are almost totally disenfranchised. Without a computer, people can not search for and apply for jobs. The library also has newspapers and magazines that people can't afford to subscribe to, and databases that are far too expensive for most people. Libraries are essential to maintain an informed population, educated voters and a democratic society.
14752	7/10/2012	Reading and curiosity are the bedrocks of civility.
14753	7/10/2012	That how I'm able to use the Internet without charge. Kids could enjoy free programs or other helpful programs. Its distracting for them without spend money. Huge help for my family. It's sucks to see that Monday is close wish it could be to how it use to be.
14754	7/10/2012	I'm a reader, a book blogger, and a book lover. Being able to receive information and materials is extremely important to me. With the economy at a virtual standstill, the public needs our libraries for job searches, communication, and as a thriving community center.
14755	7/10/2012	Literacy and access to resources are a crucial aspect of a democratic society. The library is the one place that anyone can have free access to information, literature, media, history, culture, et cetera. In Multnomah County, our libraries are a major contributor to our quality of life.
14756	7/10/2012	We use the library constantly as a source of learning and pleasure. I cannot imagine a better way to get my kids excited about reading. They LOVE story time. Every few days we go and check out bags full of books. I usually have at least 35 books checked out at a time. I LOVE LOVE LOVE the library.
14757	7/10/2012	High

14758	7/10/2012	Because books are expensive and reading is so important and such a joy. We love to go to the library. It is such a staple in our lives. We love that we can walk there, be there, check out books, and return the next day.
14759	7/10/2012	if you are low income or on a fixed income the library has services and access to services
14760	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time. We get all our movies and books for the family there. I also recognize the value it offers other members of the community; people with no internet and a need for skills training can get these at the library.
14761	7/10/2012	Holgate library is the nerve center for our neighborhood. It serves as a de facto community center (since our 'hood doesn't have one!) so it's a critical place for East Portland to connect and get services.
14762	7/10/2012	Library provides materials for people at no cost. Services for job seekers, seniors, & kids. These are all essential resources for people to better their lives.
14763	7/10/2012	The library is an invaluable community resource which is FREE to all members of the community and benefits everyone regardless of age, financial or job status, plus encourages education and literacy at all levels. This cannot be said of ANY other local public service.
14764	7/10/2012	I feel like my neighborhood relies on it, and my family sure does--we find so many things of interest we never would thought to look for in a book shop, online, etc. Also a lot of our staff (small biz owner) have used the citizenship and GED material to improve themselves, it's the cheapest easiest way to move up in our society.
14765	7/10/2012	Libraries are the foundation of civilization - they are the repositories of our culture and a large part of how that culture is transmitted. There have been empires that lacked roads, police, almost everything we take for granted, but the written word is the sine qua non of civilization.
14766	7/10/2012	Libraries offer a chance to grow, learn, research and enjoy books, CDs, videos. Especially needed for young children.
14767	7/10/2012	Library has been an educational resource for my children and family, encourages reading
14768	7/10/2012	Libraries provide universal free access to -- and kind, nonjudgmental, expert guidance in the use of -- our vast cultural and intellectual resources. In our increasingly polarized times, libraries provide a community gathering place that is, by its nature, welcoming to all ages, creeds, races, and so on. Libraries support schools in educating the young people who will help keep our communities vibrant in the future. Libraries are full of a diversity of viewpoints and a wealth of information - and great stories! And librarians will help you answer absolutely any question -- and relish the chance to do it! When you stop to think of it, libraries are an astonishing and valuable community treasure.
14769	7/10/2012	We use it a community base in our neighborhood. It is a place for us to connect with other families. Storytimes for the children is the most important aspect for us.

14770	7/10/2012	As a stay at home mom I am always looking for activities to do with my toddler. I have fallen in love with toddler story time: it's a wonderful way to connect with other parents in the community and to help my daughter establish positive associations with books and readings. She already loves books and it's so much fun to walk to the library with her to check them out. The library has also been a wonderful resource for me. I read approximately a book a week and the library has really helped me to save money now that I'm not working!
14771	7/10/2012	Reading is a HUGE part of my life. MCL is an amazing resource to our community and I would be lost without it.
14772	7/10/2012	Schools and public safety are more important to me but the library takes priority over most everything else.
14773	7/10/2012	I can my reading and media material there without having to buy them and read then once.
14774	7/10/2012	An air conditioned place to be in the summer months, ability to interact with staff, ability to browse lots of materials for possible checkout or just to read from, and be a volunteer at.
14775	7/10/2012	I use the library all the time for a variety of reasons. I go to the library more often than I go to public parks and other community establishments.
14776	7/10/2012	Because the services I and my family get from the library have an impact on our daily lives in a way we don't actually experience with anything but public school.
14777	7/10/2012	For me personally, they are very important because I use the library a ton to access books I want to read. I also think strong libraries are very important to the health of our community and each neighborhood - they contribute to an educated, informed population/
14778	7/10/2012	Libraries are a place where citizens can congregate to improve their lives. There is an indescribable elegance to library services that is felt throughout the community.
14779	7/10/2012	they are a key resource for maintaining an informed community at all levels of income and status. Effective government and other local public services need this informed community to keep the services effective and to change them intelligently when needed.
14780	7/10/2012	I think people can live without libraries, and there would be something important missing, but we can't do without police and firemen.
14781	7/10/2012	They not only provide me with reading material they are a community focus.
14782	7/10/2012	I'm a fast, serious reader and can't afford to buy a steady stream of reading material.

14783	7/10/2012	I use the library extensively and always have, since I was a child in Philadelphia, PA. I have used the library system in many cities, but I've been here 11 years now and Multnomah County's library system is the best, due to many factors, including variety/number of materials available, ease of obtaining materials, multitude of locations, accessible hours for people with a wide variety of schedules, special collections like the Wilson Room and zines, etc. etc. I can't imagine living somewhere with a substantially lesser library. I borrow a wide variety of books and dvds, use reference books at the Central branch, access the closed stacks regularly, read magazines and newspapers at the branches, utilize interlibrary loan, and--until recently--used the computer lab and internet computers regularly. It's a truly invaluable resource.
14784	7/10/2012	Security, roads, fire are the most important. Libraries are a luxury. Perhaps having fewer branches and being open 5 days a week would be better than adding an additional tax burden on property owners. Schools also have their own libraries.
14785	7/10/2012	Literacy is crucial to informed participation in the community - and literature is crucial to the human spirit.
14786	7/10/2012	My family uses the library frequently for personal enrichment and education. Library services are also very important to my community. It is one of the reasons I live here.
14787	7/10/2012	the library is a fabulous resource which gives my family access to a wide range of materials and media which might be difficult or expensive to obtain elsewhere
14788	7/10/2012	PROVIDES UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
14789	7/10/2012	because this is one of the best ways to ensure a well educated population.
14790	7/10/2012	Schools, libraries, fire and police, roads, bridges...what kind of civilization (yes, I said it!) are we without them?
14791	7/10/2012	It may be the only access many lower and middle income people have to the latest educational books and media and internet because it is the only free service for these services in the community.
14792	7/10/2012	Poor people need them (more than I do).
14793	7/10/2012	Very important.
14794	7/10/2012	Free access to information - for all - is the basis of our democracy.
14795	7/10/2012	An educated society has the ability to recognize and right its wrongs. The education my children will receive in school is only a portion of what they will need to navigate the changing scapes of our world - the library goes a long way in offering the ability to pursue knowledge unattainable in school, home, etc. This resource opens imagination, cognition, and helps in asking and pursuing the answers to any variety of questions. That knowledge base and the ability to access it is critical to our future.
14796	7/10/2012	The presence of books is a necessary antidote to the digital world

14797	7/9/2012	Having access to the world of knowledge, information, and artistic expression found in books and other media is one of the most important attributes of the "good life" and being able to borrow these materials free of charge is also extremely important. No one can afford to purchase all of the items one might want to read or need to know about. Being able to read different viewpoints is important for me and other voters as citizens to participate intelligently in our democracy. I cannot imagine life without a good, well-stocked library. As a senior, I have time to read more than ever before, and I also appreciate the importance of raising children who read and know how to access information through libraries and databases. This is essential to the future of our democracy, too. Having librarians who can get children and their parents interested in reading and who are available to help everyone find information, including how to use the Internet in a more sophisticated way than just by checking Google, is essential. As I age, if I ever lose my sight and cannot read printed books, I will appreciate knowing that I can get audio books at the library.
14798	7/9/2012	Access !!!
14799	7/9/2012	Best foundation of democracy around
14800	7/9/2012	Libraries are the gauge of the intelligence of a community. Libraries are meeting places for a community/neighborhood Libraries instill in young children the importance of books and reading.[] If a child can't read, what can he/she do as an adolescent, teenager right on up to adulthood?[] If a community doesn't have a library, it doesn't have much.
14801	7/9/2012	I can access educational and informative materials for a very reasonable cost since the resources are shared. This is particularly important for educating my children by helping me supplement the public school curriculum, which is also suffering from lack of funding.
14802	7/9/2012	I put "somewhat important" because your question doesn't specify what the "other local public services" are. I wouldn't choose the library over necessities of life like the police or drinking water. But I like to think that Portland is place where citizens are educated and involved, both politically and culturally. A good library is a central part of that.
14803	7/9/2012	I think, therefore I am. [] [] life, liberty and the <i>pursuit of happiness</i> [] [] Libraries are essential to the American Dream. If we want a true meritocracy, then we need equal access to information. aka library
14804	7/9/2012	Again, it is a sense of community for ALL the people.
14805	7/9/2012	Right after fire and police services.
14806	7/9/2012	Because limiting the spread of knowledge on a free or low-cost basis is absurd.

14807	7/9/2012	<p>Literacy--especially helps instill a love of reading in young children</p> <p>Access to a wide variety of information and ideas and entertainment accessible to ALL (not just those who can afford to buy books or attend university). This is an extremely rich community resource.</p> <p>Libraries are community meeting places -- public spaces that we all hold in common. Visiting a library feels very different than places that require one to spend money (cafes or stores), to subscribe to specific beliefs (churches or temples), or limited mainly to families with children (schools). Libraries are special because they are free and open to every one of our citizens.</p>
14808	7/9/2012	<p>Very high.</p> <p>Free sources of information insure a democratic form of government. Without free information of all sorts, our very nature of government is challenged. A democracy is impossible with out free flowing information. If we lack our democracy, we are no longer the United States of America. That's the first reason.</p>
14809	7/9/2012	<p>Libraries serve all citizens through providing knowledge and the opportunity of knowledge. They serve older citizens, job seekers, school children, teenagers, and everyone else. They provide universal access to information and are the bedrock of our form of government.</p> <p>On a more personal note, I save thousands of dollars by using the library.</p>
14810	7/9/2012	<p>I value their being open to all Multnomah County residents--young, old, well-to-do, low income etc. They are a great and low user cost source of learning and inspiration and entertainment.</p>
14811	7/9/2012	<p>A free society needs open access to library services. Job seekers need info to become paying citizens. An illiterate electorate votes stupidly.</p>
14812	7/9/2012	<p>I love the library but there are other services that people can not live without, such as health services. Those deserve a priority over the library. I and I believe many other patrons can afford to buy a book or have a computer at home so would be able to live with reduced library hours and days. There are some services that should be accessible 7 days a week.</p>
14813	7/9/2012	<p>Because it helps create a well educated society!</p>
14814	7/9/2012	<p>Because the written word is the best of all media for education and the continuity and development of culture. It's the medium which, more than any other, promotes contemplation when it's in use.</p>
14815	7/9/2012	<p>Libraries help foster what I think of as the foundation of an intelligent, aware, and forward-thinking community. Libraries do this by providing access to a huge amount of information and entertainment (music CDs, novels, DVDs, etc) which, taken together, reveal a wide variety of cultural, political, and spiritual viewpoints. The fact that these resources are provided free and to everyone encourages an equality among people; it also encourages individuals to expand their horizons -- something critical not only for children, but also for people of all ages.</p>
14816	7/9/2012	<p>for me it's the highest as it is the one I use most frequently as I am a voracious reader :-)</p>

14817	7/9/2012	I read a lot and belong to two book groups. Not only can I not afford to purchase all the books, but I don't have space to store them. I try to buy only those I can't get from the library or can't get in a timely manner. Then I try to buy from Thriftbooks.com or other low-cost sources. I recently had to buy an important book from Powell's but used a gift card funded by sales of my books.
14818	7/9/2012	There are emergency and basic services that are more important than the library, but I feel the library is a vital part of the community. Access to reading material is extremely important to me and for my family.
14819	7/9/2012	No where else can everyone be welcome to participate and partake of an amazing array of services.
14820	7/9/2012	Everybody needs access to the information that the library has to offer
14821	7/9/2012	An informed and literate populace is the cornerstone of a democracy.
14822	7/9/2012	I am an avid reader and I don't want to have to buy every book that I want to read. because of the free access to the world... my dad was an english teacher & literature we always being discussed in our home. the library was a treat to me growing up. it's difficult for me to imagine an american community without a public library though i hear that it's happened in some places, including within oregon! i have accepted libraries as one of the gifts being a citizen of this great country presents us with... we would be a lesser country without our libraries.
14823	7/9/2012	Libraries are very important for the resources, the information made available to people who cannot afford or don't want to used computers; they provide important "free" space for groups to meet, classes and events for people, encourage learning and concentration, and they are a safe gathering place for lonely folks, especially the retired and the tired senior citizens (like me) - a respite from the pace of the business world and traffic and noise pollution. I have always used libraries to study as a student and for de-stressing and research as an adult. They are hugely important to me.
14824	7/9/2012	Libraries encourage literacy, offer opportunities to the poor, function as a community hub, and encourage civic engagement.
14825	7/9/2012	The Library is a trememdous support to other County services. It certainly is an integral part of our educational system. The Library, in particular, is extremely important in providing resources (outside of the classroom) in support of ESL.
14826	7/9/2012	I use the library for work.
14827	7/9/2012	More important than building new prisons, to start with. They are co-equal with public education in my mind. A library is a school that is open to everyone regardless of age or income or accomplishment. They need to be open every day and funded to purchase new materials, and FULLY STAFFED.
14828	7/9/2012	I love to read.
14829	7/9/2012	

14830	7/9/2012	Libraries give EVERYONE the opportunity to have access to reading materials and technology. There is a huge tendency toward creating an underclass in this country. Removing access to the libraries is like ending free and appropriate public education for all. That to me is one of the best defining tenets of US culture.
14831	7/9/2012	because libraries and tri-met are the services i use most
14832	7/9/2012	I cannot think of a public resource that I use more often than our library. We rely on it for books for our son and to keep ourselves informed of the current issues.
14833	7/9/2012	They do not rise to the same level as human services, but they are an important part of the fabric of our community. They help improve access to good reading materials for people of all means and ability/disability. This is important.
14834	7/9/2012	Democracy will only work if our citizens are informed and have access to truth. We need to keep a wide range of materials and information available to the public. And, we need to be sure folks get out of the home and interact with some sort of community, see others, hear others, etc. An electronic service only will further isolate citizens.
14835	7/9/2012	hard to answer without having other "other local public services" to consider
14836	7/9/2012	Libraries provide all kinds information to any and all citizens, and informed citizens are better citizens and voters.
14837	7/9/2012	I believe the library is right up there with immediate services. It serves the broader community in ways no other organization in the county can.
14838	7/9/2012	They are essential for me. I rely on the library for knowledge, for books, the internet, and most importantly as a safe, comfortable place to do work and to spend time. As a new resident of Multnomah County, the Library is a critical resource for me.
14839	7/9/2012	The local libraries is a place for all socio-economic and ethic groups to learn and interact with others. I grew up in poor, but my mother always sent me to the library and every summer, I participated in the summer read programs. Because of the libraries I enjoy reading all types of books, learned about different cultures, and participated in various activities the libraries have to offer. Lastly, I was grade levels ahead in reading because of our local libraries. I say all this to say that our libraries are creating a bright futures for the individuals that use them. Please continue to support the libraries!
14840	7/9/2012	I like to be entertained for free.
14841	7/9/2012	I love to read, but can't afford to purchase the books myself. If there were no public library, I would start watching a lot more TV, and would end up going crazy!
14842	7/9/2012	Seems like the best investment you can make in a democracy. Open the doors to everyone, help them draw on the riches the library has to offer, and there can be nothing but upside to the investment.
14843	7/9/2012	Core community need. Serves everyone regardless of income or social status.

14844	7/9/2012	I certainly believe in public libraries (which is why I have always voted for the levies, tax districts, etc.) but I am not happy with the way the question is worded. A better question would have a list of the local public services and ask one to rate them in order of importance. This question relies on a person immediate recall of all the local public services. Does this include comparisons to water services, street repair (DOT), police, fire ...? or the parks?
14845	7/9/2012	I prefer paper books for leisure reading, I also borrow DVDs. I purchase books from Powells and online, but there are some that I do not want to buy. I also think the elderly benefit from library services.
14846	7/9/2012	I use them to be a lifelong learner and wouldn't be able to afford all the books and databases on my own.
14847	7/9/2012	Beceause our family does a lot of reading and enjoy access to public computers and free wi fi
14848	7/9/2012	First, because they are the service that I personally use the most. Secondly, because they provide ways for people to educate themselves and enrich their lives in ways that if they did not, society would suffer for it greatly.
14849	7/9/2012	Because education/reading/access to information is at the core of our society. Multnomah County has an excellent library system that is extremely important to the population--particularly the poor and others on the outskirts of society. In short, people depend on the library and it is a unique resource. I don't want to live in a place that does not place the appropriate emphasis on those resources.
14850	7/9/2012	Libraries help fuel learning and knowledge; I believe books are a necessary part of a well-lived life. And, the Multnomah County Library does so much more than just offer books. It's a place for people to learn new skills, whether through a class offered or through a book. It's also a great resource, through computer and internet use, for job-seekers.
14851	7/9/2012	The Multnomah County Library is an amazing community resource. I believe it allows people of all ages and socioeconomic levels access to a wide variety of books, cds, dvds, and computer (internet) access.
14852	7/9/2012	Public access to information is second only to safety issues (Police and Fire) in terms of quality of life
14853	7/9/2012	The library puts teeth into the concept of democracy, providing free, confidential information and information access to everyone within the county.
14854	7/9/2012	The county has other things to do that are very important to people receiving social services.
14855	7/9/2012	Very important.
14856	7/9/2012	I think they are key to helping underprivileged, under-served community members have access to knowledge and services. Personally, I depend on them for research as well as entertainment.
14857	7/9/2012	Very important
14858	7/9/2012	We need to have a literate educated population to maintain or recover a democracy.
14859	7/9/2012	Free access to and use of information is necessary in society. The library guarantees this access.

14860	7/9/2012	I address this in my previous written answer.
14861	7/9/2012	While they are not quite as immediately valuable as police, fire, basic infrastructure, and education, libraries are very important in keeping the population generally educated and up-to-date. I love to read and it's not to not have to spend \$10 every time I want to enjoy something new.
14862	7/9/2012	I believe in literate citizens and the idea of supporting community ("the commons"), not just rugged individualism.
14863	7/9/2012	The library provides me access to valuable and entertaining resources I could otherwise not afford as a college student on a budget.
14864	7/9/2012	Without public access to information and the tools for building life literacies, egalitarian society will erode.
14865	7/9/2012	I believe in the power of access to knowledge. I believe it is the poor, people of color, and children that need the library the most due to inequities in education funding and a generally unfair, unjust nature of our society. People need to be able to educate themselves. People need internet access. People need somewhere they can go to get the information they need to find jobs, vote, learn, grow. The library provides all of these and so many more.
14866	7/9/2012	They are the only really equally accessed public learning place for those outside of the k-12 education system. Early learning, homework help and access and post schooling adult learning is crucial to a better society. I am a teacher and need high quality books for my classroom. I also need to be able to change the books in my classroom on a regular basis. I do not have the money to buy this many books. [] Also, I am teaching my own daughter how to use the library as a resource and how to ask the librarians for help in finding answers to her questions.[]
14867	7/9/2012	The Spanish story times are helping her learn Spanish and they are so fun and engaging (stories, music, dance, games).[] Libraries are about books, but they also are about culture.
14868	7/9/2012	I love to read and I can't afford to buy books
14869	7/9/2012	Because they have allowed me to overcome my families low-income growing up and flourish in my school and society. was able to learn how to read at an early age because we were able to check out books from the library, and ever since then I have used it often to get extra help on school work and explore my interests.
14870	7/9/2012	Please see my comments in #6.[] [] Also, personally I would be bereft without my library. I grew up in a very small town in Calif.and browsing the library opened the door to the wide world to me. 60 years later I continue to explore new worlds, places, and concepts.

14871	7/9/2012	The library is a center for gathering, study and community cohesion that is inclusive without boundaries of any sort. It is a system of public spaces in which we practice the most essential values of our democracy.
14872	7/9/2012	VERY IMPORTANT! - I love to read, but don't want to purchase all my books. I love love love the local library, and honestly don't know what I would do without it.
14873	7/9/2012	The library provides materials that are not necessarily commercially viable and as such can't be found somewhere else.
14874	7/9/2012	The Library has been an important place for me through the different stages of my life. As a child I would sit with other children and listen to a volunteer read stories, then carefully choose what two books I would take home that week. I high school, I spent hours pouring through vintage fashion magazines at my local library. As a undergrad, I used the library as a place to study and to check out records to listen to in my dorm room. I always check the Librarian's choices area for good books to read. Now, finishing my master's thesis, I use the library resources to help my research. □ Without Libraries, my life would have been less interesting. Libraries have helped be explore and define who I am.
14875	7/9/2012	I think having books available for all ages and community book or learning experiences and meeting spaces or study spaces are just a critical element of life and pleasure and self development. I have always voted for every library levy even though my property taxes are outrageously high. I wish we had a sales tax that provided for library services.
14876	7/9/2012	Busy brains are important!
14877	7/9/2012	Everyone in my family has something that they value in the services of the public library, including access to books, the internet, music, etc, for toddlers and adults. It's also very important for me especially because I am a student who relies on the library for all my research needs. It's also very important that the library remains a free resource for our community.
14878	7/9/2012	We love books in our family and use the library extensively to get new ones on a regular basis.
14879	7/9/2012	n.a
14880	7/9/2012	making books and research material available to everybody is the foundation of our society. it is very important that those services are available without charge and for access to everybody.
14881	7/9/2012	Having public access to resources helps level the playing field for people that don't have resources. Libraries are community centers that many rely upon and benefit from programs and human contact. People don't need to own every book they read. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
14882	7/8/2012	Because I'm not in school anymore, but I still need to learn and be connected with society.
14883	7/8/2012	Fire, police and health care are more immediate needs.

14884	7/8/2012	The most important. The library provides a way to connect with anyone, everything and anything, including other local public resources. The library is the expertly rendered knot in the rope that binds us to each other as a community. It's what makes us a community, proactively. Every other resource seems reactive or proactive. The library is both proactive and reactive. It means everything to me and my family. I would happily pay whatever asked to keep services going at a fully funded level.
14885	7/8/2012	It's where I learned to read and love books and be the person I am now. It's important to share resources and inspire people.
14886	7/8/2012	Libraries are our most important educational community resource because they offer free and equal access to everyone. The Librarians at Hollywood and Belmont are the best, and probably not paid anywhere as much as they should be. I always feel sad when I encounter anyone who tells me that they do not enjoy reading. My guess is that they were not introduced to the joy of reading for pleasure at a young age. I feel grateful that in my lifetime I will never run out of great books to read. And as I age, I am also grateful that there are so many books on tape.
14887	7/8/2012	Libraries are important for education, people seeking employment, people on limited incomes who need access to technology and books in order to be successful in life.
14888	7/8/2012	Because I am of an income level that does not allow me access the resources available to me at the library.
14889	7/8/2012	Because knowledge is power. People need access to information and the library system provides that for anyone who is willing to get themselves into the building and to read or even just attend a program. They are one of the few institutions that give a glimpse of equality to the diverse population that makes up Multnomah County
14890	7/8/2012	Libraries are an essential source of information. It's the only place I can get books as I cannot afford to buy them. There are books on every conceivable topic and libraries can be used for entertainment, education, personal growth, research, etc... The library is also a place for building community, connecting with other people, and learning new things. I cannot imagine life without the library. It would be very lonely and quite dull.
14891	7/8/2012	1) A democratic society needs to be well educated. [] 2) Because our public schools are having so much trouble at present, the library must serve as an oasis of learning for many people of all ages. [] 3) For some during these hard economic times, the library is a refuge for the imagination, a source of practical information, and an important social and cultural place. The culture of the library helps young people and new immigrants learn by observing and doing.
14892	7/8/2012	They are a public service that I actually use. I feel like my tax dollars are being well spent. And I appreciate that they are available to everyone.
14893	7/8/2012	The library is a teacher of the community.

14894	7/8/2012	I believe they contribute immensely to our city and our neighborhoods. There are programs and materials for all ages and all interests.
14895	7/8/2012	Having equal access to libraries for the rich and poor is vital for the citizens and friends of every community.
14896	7/8/2012	I use the library weekly and sometimes daily for business, personal and research purposes
14897	7/8/2012	As a person with limited income, having access to library media vastly improves my quality of life, and having access to computers and library resources has been very important in helping me seek, gain, and sustain employment.
14898	7/8/2012	There is a lot of competition for local public services, and very often they are not sufficiently staffed or funded to provide for the needs of all who seek them. Libraries offer another avenue for finding resources, and a safe place where people can have access to resources they normally wouldn't, such as materials, computer access, educational programs, etc.
14899	7/8/2012	they have information that no one else can give...
14900	7/8/2012	The library is a vital center in our neighborhoods. They provide so many services. And at this time of economic challenge, they provide a place where everyone can have access to books and information.
14901	7/8/2012	Libraries provide a direct benefit to whoever wants to use them, not just a sector of the population. It provides informational services, books for learning, books and other materials to entertain and computer access for those who can't afford it at home. Libraries provide everyone with an equal opportunity to learn, have access to technology and be entertained in an affordable manner. It's more important now during these hard economic times than ever before.
14902	7/8/2012	I see the library system as a central and the ultimate reference and entertainment source. It's my home library on steroids. It houses a nearly endless source off books, both for entertainment and serious research, movies, music, magazines, etc. It's efficient for the community in that we all pay, through our property taxes, for the materials and staff to monitor those materials. For those of us who can't afford to buy all the materials we would like to have the library is the place to go. Just as the police department is necessary to protect the community, the library is just as necessary to educate and serve the community. I could probably live without some of my local public services but I could not live without my library.
14903	7/8/2012	Libraries provide so many services important to the public, not the least of which is free access to information. I am a retired senior and cannot afford to buy books - the library is my main source of reading material and multi-media. The loss of even one branch library in a community is a huge loss for everyone.
14904	7/8/2012	Because they are used by all kinds of people at all income levels in all parts of Portland. They're cross-cultural, they do not discriminate, the goal is to help people of all ages have access to all kinds of things.

14905	7/8/2012	They are very important to help people without other access to Internet, books, etc., but human services such as health and housing are essential too.
14906	7/8/2012	I would rank libraries above new police cars and equipment, and just below new firefighting/lifesaving equipment
14907	7/8/2012	The library is one of the only "free" public convening places left in America. It is an essential resource for information and literature to adults no longer in school. It is a monument to education and a beacon of enlightenment in a time of increasing ignorance.
14908	7/8/2012	they provide a door to advancement and options for many people. Getting kids to love reading at an early age is critical to our society.
14909	7/8/2012	My family and I use the library at least three times a week. I run a preschool in my home and constantly check out books for the school. We love our library!
14910	7/8/2012	The library does so much for the whole community. It serves people of all income levels and levels of literacy. It brings our community together
14911	7/8/2012	The library isn't just extremely important to me, personally. It's important to the kind of community I want to live in in Portland, OR. The free and public nature of the library enriches our lives--from the most wealthy (whether they know it or not) to the most poor. The library levels the playing field and fills in gaps that very few institutions can.
14912	7/8/2012	digital access is important
14913	7/8/2012	I love to read, and I depend on being able to get books from the library on a daily basis.
14914	7/8/2012	Libraries represent knowledge and access to learning. The worst threat to society is ignorance.[]
14915	7/8/2012	Police, fire, and emergency services are the only things that rank higher for me
14916	7/8/2012	Reading is a fundamental aspect of experiencing life and fruitfulness.
14917	7/8/2012	They provide services that in my opinion are indispensable in that they are for the most part free, although we do pay for them with our taxes. But it is an institution that we have just always been able to rely on and it would be a HUGE loss to let them go. I can't even imagine that. There are cities in this country however that have few if any library services and what they do have is sorely lacking. We are very fortunate to have such a great system and we need to fight to make sure they remain here for generations to come.
14918	7/8/2012	I don't regularly call on the police or fire & rescue departments but very very rarely, but they need to be available for life and death situations, and, like navigable streets, enable my getting to libraries for what's not life and death materials but things that enrich my life.
		Library services provide a wide range of civic supports to the community.

14919	7/8/2012	<p>There is no democracy without public libraries. I'll say it again - there is no democracy without public libraries.[] MCL is a huge asset to both the city of Portland and the entire county. [] As librarians, media specialists and even the libraries themselves have been cut from our public schools MCL is more important than ever to our children and their teachers. [] MCL serves the most vulnerable members of our community - the homebound, new immigrants, the poor, the houseless, the unemployed, young children and their families.</p>
14920	7/8/2012	<p>My wife and I frequent local libraries on a weekly basis (hers is near home, mine is near work)...the library has been a big part of our routing since moving to Portland 15 years ago - and borrowed materials (books, music, movies) have provided countless hours of education and entertainment for our family of four.</p>
14921	7/8/2012	<p>It's like the marketplace for information!</p>
14922	7/8/2012	<p>The library services provide a constructive and educational activities for youth</p>
14923	7/8/2012	<p>I am a teacher. I want my students to have access to books and lots of enrichment opportunities offered by the library</p>
14924	7/8/2012	<p>Libraries fill a critical need, serving users of all ages, users with no other access to books, information, and the other resources the library provides.</p>
14925	7/8/2012	<p>My children are excellent readers, and they thrive in school. We could never afford to buy all the books they consume. We parents are also hugely avid readers, and it's the same thing. We love Powell's, but we can't afford to buy books as fast as we read them.</p>
14926	7/8/2012	<p>They are important because of the low income people in the community that depend on them to be there. Where else are they to go?</p>
14927	7/8/2012	<p>I grew up in a library, going from Peanuts to Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys, to tween books. If there is a library nearby for other children, they might have the same chance to enjoy Finklehopper Frog, Nancy Drew, and other books to take their minds off of boring summers or whatever might be going on in their lives.</p>
14928	7/8/2012	<p>I'm retired and can't afford to buy books any longer -- need to borrow them. And eventually I won't be mobile enough to get to the library and will need home delivery of books. Also, the library programs at Midland are essential to the needs of the diverse multi-ethnic and multigenerational community where I live.</p>
14929	7/8/2012	<p>I enjoy having a library that i can go to, I like to read and I would prefer to actually check a book out instead of having to buy it from a book store until I find out if I like the book or not.</p>
14930	7/8/2012	<p>The library provides free and uncensored information to EVERYONE. It's one of the key components that makes our society function -- as a democracy, and as an educated populace.</p>

14931	7/8/2012	The library should be one of the central hubs of any neighborhood and city. It is a place where there is equitable access to resources -- where all people can become informed, dream, educate their children, have access to technology, etc. I think that the library is one of our public institutions that really lives up to its social justice mission.
14932	7/8/2012	Reading level and books help with lives of all.
14933	7/8/2012	Because without access to knowledge, people are easily manipulated. Libraries are crucial for children, especially!
14934	7/8/2012	I personally use the library's resources. I check out a lot of books and music, sometimes DVD, I use the subscription databases, I use the buildings for quiet places to work. But I think that the library also plays a critical role in serving everyone in the community, whether they use the collection like I do or the senior computer classes like my father. I have a suspicion that, as schools cut pretty much everything from the budget, the library becomes even more important for students as well. □ □ This is more esoteric, but I think there is something valuable in having an institution like our library, that works to relate to the general public and to respond to public needs, to reflect the our civic values of access to knowledge and community and self improvement and support. A library is about so much more than books, especially at a time when so many people have so much need.
14935	7/8/2012	I feel the library is an important source of knowledge to all people. I'm for education...
14936	7/8/2012	Access to a plethora of current reading materials for free and other media.
14937	7/8/2012	Not everyone has access to what the library has to offer if the libraries aren't open.
14938	7/8/2012	Our family would not be able to afford to buy all of the books and materials that we use.
14939	7/8/2012	An educated populace is essential to both a free and democratic society and a technologically advanced one.
14940	7/8/2012	former librarian who treasures access to information for all
14941	7/8/2012	I use the library more than most other public services. This is a service that everyone can utilize whereas some services are limited to populations.
14942	7/7/2012	I don't need to use the others very often
14943	7/7/2012	The library opens up the world to people who have no resources, i.e., home, computers, money, etc.
14944	7/7/2012	Free library services and access to information is absolutely necessary for our community. It's even more important when economic times are tough. All people need the library, seven days a week!
14945	7/7/2012	To me the library is almost as important as fire and police service. If my house burns to the ground, I know where I can still get books to read for free and how I can stay connected with my family through email and social networks.

14946	7/7/2012	Libraries are a place to gather, a place of safety, a place to come after school and a place of solace, in addition to having books. But, I don't have the \$\$\$ to fund everything myself and I know others are in worse situations than I.
14947	7/7/2012	My business. I won my own business and there are times I need internet access and printing from the internet services. and copy machine services. also the air conditioning in summer is a life saver when it is over 90 degrees. Our home /office has no air conditioning
14948	7/7/2012	See number six. I am happy to rent things vs buying them and I value that MCLS (and esp those whose job it is to figure out what to order and how much) have such a far-flung selection.
14949	7/7/2012	free access to information and the assistance to find that information is primarily available through our libraries.
14950	7/7/2012	They give me a place to go. The resources. The staff and community.
14951	7/7/2012	I like to read. I live 5 blocks from my library. I can come here whenever I need a book. I like the quiet atmosphere and the friendly people who work here.
14952	7/7/2012	I think things that take care of basic human need are the most important, but libraries are second to that. Libraries give people a place to be. They give education for free to the community. They create life long learning opportunities. There is almost nothing more important than instilling a love of reading in the future generations, especially considering how far we as a culture have strayed from educating our children in communicating.
14953	7/7/2012	Police and Health and Social Services are more important.
14954	7/7/2012	libraries provide services to many different needs
14955	7/7/2012	I would consider very important to be public safety - such as fire dept, police, emergency response.
14956	7/7/2012	I count on my library to have the resouces that I need.
14957	7/7/2012	Access to information is crucial.
14958	7/7/2012	I guess if I had to choose I would rather have repaired roads and reliable electricity and water.
14959	7/7/2012	The library provides services and resources that many people in our community would have no access to on their own. Library services are the most "democratizing" services in our community. The vast majority of us are unable to purchase all the books and resources that interest us. The library makes self-education possible, is a safe and growth-inducing environment for people of all ages, encourages critical thinking and celebrates knowledge, humor, creativity and insight. It empowers the disenfranchised. I appreciate very much the fire department, police and roadbuilders. But the library is essential for our humanity and quality of life.
14960	7/7/2012	They serve every kind of person at every income level and allow for self education on every subject.

14961	7/7/2012	The library is vital to our community! It's an important way for us as individuals and families to continue learning, for members to come together in a place that is dedicated to encouraging education for everyone, for resources for all. If I didn't have access to our library, I would certainly be worse off. I cannot afford to purchase all the books, media, and audio materials I so much appreciate, and I don't think a large population of folks would either. Certainly not at the rate that we can borrow them. The library is for everyone. We need it.
14962	7/7/2012	The library is a community center of learning and information. The youth services alone would justify keeping the libraries fully funded, fully staffed to run programs like Story Time and Summer Reading.
14963	7/7/2012	They are important resources for the homeless to get computer access, job hunt, learn skills; they provide young people a place to learn at their own pace, a place for all ages to find information on things of interest; they provide a safe place for people with inadequate heating or cooling to go in extreme weather. They are a major resource for the community.
14964	7/7/2012	Access to books & DVDs; resources for local children.
14965	7/7/2012	Freedom of information, and self education. If we can't keep free access to information we are doomed to an unjust worldview dictated by the owing class ;-)
14966	7/7/2012	The library is something I use all the time. It can bring me new knowledge and learning, fun or entertainment. It can make me think, or make me laugh. Also, for those without much extra money (and I have been there) it is so uplifting to know it is there for the things I mentioned above especially for children. Keeping our minds open and exposed to new things is what helps us grow up and also keeps us young and a valuable person. It keeps us from being mired in unproductive thoughts about our situation. Instead it may enrich us with real knowledge or facts that can help us, or just encourage our mind to flutter free of those every day things. ☐ Sorry to go on, but I think what the library represents and provides is almost as important as food.
14967	7/7/2012	Reading/Writing is a fundamental right for a democratic society, Without it, people cannot exercise their free will, row, learn and educate others. I use the library all of the time for all sorts of things. There is no possible way I could afford to buy the resources that I use. If I didn't have access to them, how would I educate myself?☐
14968	7/7/2012	☐ While I am not wealthy, I have steady employment and make an okay living wage. If I can't afford the resources I use, think of even how more vital the library is to people who have less than me.
14969	7/7/2012	See my answer to question 6.
14970	7/7/2012	An informed and cultured public is a safer and healthier public, which benefits all other forms of public service.
14971	7/7/2012	Other social services do important work - they protect people, they keep things clean and safe, they keep us healthy - but libraries provide opportunities for our community. The public sector's job isn't just to be a safety net, its roles is to help the community thrive.

14972	7/7/2012	They are the foundation of communities and the most important public building behind schools for building an intelligent, respectful community
14973	7/7/2012	I read to live, and can't afford to buy books to support my habit. They preserve literature and literacy, make information available to those who can't do their own research, they have Actual Physical Books--all of which I feel very strongly are vital to preserve in an increasingly chaotic culture.
14974	7/7/2012	People need to be able to access the library and learn more about their services in their own community.
14975	7/7/2012	The ability to borrow practically any book for free is an amazing resource.
14976	7/7/2012	As a child growing up with lots of difficulties in a typical classroom setting, yet no lack of intelligence or motivation, I was able to learn a lot of things because of my access to books at the public library. Reference materials, technical books, etc are often very expensive, and the library makes these materials available to all. The internet can offer a lot of resources as well, but it still does not contain anywhere near the amount of specific information that a library is able to provide access to.
14977	7/7/2012	Ver Important. I cannot afford to buy new books. I don't like/want to read books on the computer.
14978	7/7/2012	Access to information is essential for a democratic society. Our libraries do an excellent job serving the community at all levels.
14979	7/7/2012	The library is a community gathering place. It is a source of enjoyment, learning resource. People of all ages benefit
14980	7/7/2012	freedom of information and self education along with guidance in finding those materials are at the top of my list of importance. Without these things, the quality of life and chance to improve our level of awareness, will be lessened greatly
14981	7/7/2012	Our local libraries make up for the lack of library's in schools and lack of school resources for books. Our library does a great job, engaging and supporting kids as growing readers and in the exploration of the world through literature.
14982	7/7/2012	The library has everything I need to learn about anything at all. I learned to use a computer there and it has books on how ot fix things or how to use a computer program or how to rewire the headlight on my old car. I cant tell you how much money it saved me but it saved my job when I coundnt afford to have my car fixed and had to get to where the bus doesnt go. Plus I get my movies and books and everything there.
14983	7/7/2012	highest
14984	7/7/2012	I cannot afford to buy books, but I believe my daughter NEEDS the daily reading that we do together. I also can't afford cable, or to go to movies, but the library makes it possible to be entertained for free!

14985	7/7/2012	The library is a womb to tomb service, there for ALL residents to benefit from no matter their citizenship status, age or socio-economic status. the lubrary's excellent and far-reaching outreach services ensure that kids, teens, students, non native English speakers and incarcerated teens and adults learn about and use the library.
14986	7/7/2012	it's one of the few tax funded services from which I get a direct benefit, so I can see where my money goes. from a societal perspective, libraries are so fundamentally egalitarian that to me, they represent freedom.
14987	7/7/2012	Because they support literacy efforts and provide resources to people who need them the most in a difficult economy.
14988	7/7/2012	Libraries have always been a kind of sanctuary for me. They symbolize a kind of miraculous civic trust - freedom of information and public access to all - that is no accident, and we can easily take for granted the amount of courage they actually represent. The mere physical presence of a library lets me know that my values are being defended within a given community. And a good library means I'm welcome.
14989	7/7/2012	Because all the materials are free. This contributes more to a democracy than any other single institution. It levels the playing field so that ALL patrons have access to services and information. It's life-changing.
14990	7/7/2012	i have two children and i want them to understand how important reading and access to information is.
14991	7/7/2012	Access to material and important resources for the communities within the city.
14992	7/7/2012	The library is on a small list of govt. services that I directly interact with.
14993	7/7/2012	I can't afford to buy books, or even rent movies (or pay for a movie service). I and my son read a significant amount every day. I always have a huge amount of books checked out, and have my hold list full (with a document on my desktop full of books waiting to be put on hold). Because of all of this, I visit the library at least 3x/week, often more.
14994	7/7/2012	Libraries serve all. Education is the foundation of well-being for our community. This is a long-term benefit which deserves to be a high priority. The benefits will be with us for years to come with a well-informed community.
14995	7/7/2012	I love the library I use it to the max and I never have any money so it is free and I enjoy it.
14996	7/7/2012	Because we are readers.
14997	7/7/2012	Without literacy, a civilization perishes. Without information, a free society cannot exist. The free public library is the cornerstone of modern American culture. It is obvious when I visit my branch, the Midland Library, that many of the people there are recent immigrants, poor or elderly. For them, it is a lifeline. For the rest of us, it provides access to books and information that only the wealthy could otherwise afford.
14998	7/7/2012	library services are used by all sectors of the population in multnomah county. library services are the true safety net of our society.

14999	7/7/2012	Libraries are the citizenry's most importance source of books and information.
15000	7/7/2012	Libraries' connection to education, whether teaching a child to love learning or facilitating an adult's bettering him or herself, makes them that important.
15001	7/7/2012	I check out many fiction books - about 250 mostly mysteries per year. I could never afford to buy these books on my own. Many are "new" books that are new releases, that I have reserved, by using the online catalog search from my preferred authors list, to put these books "on hold". The library system is very effective in providing such services.
15002	7/7/2012	An educated, literate population is crucial to democracy.
15003	7/7/2012	Public libraries are the hallmark of an educated and vibrant society. They represent freedom of thought and expression, of improving oneself. In other words, they represent the most fundamental values of our community. In these difficult economic times, it is clear we must do something to ensure stable, long-term funding for our libraries. They are a necessity; we cannot afford to cut corners.
15004	7/7/2012	The public library is a community gathering place, a center of learning, and an economic equalizer in that its services are available to all. Good libraries upgrade a community's quality of life and increase property values. They are important for a community's literacy, from birth to old age. Babies learn pre-literacy skills, children learn about reading for pleasure, parents learn how to support their children's growing literacy, teens learn social and leadership skills as well as the pleasure of reading, and adults find job help, recreational reading, and a deepened knowledge of everything from cooking to investing to history to hobby skills to literature. New immigrants learn about this country and improve their English. The library is a cultural center and a crucial gauge of a community's health. A good library is integral and indispensable to a good community.
15005	7/7/2012	Using Maslow's hierarchy of needs, of course police and fire and medical services are going to come before libraries - but once the basics are taken care of, without knowledge and access to knowledge, character development and quality of life are stunted.
15006	7/7/2012	We are a family that home schools. The public library is a huge part of our curriculum. We go to the Hollywood Library at least twice per week most weeks. The librarians make a big difference in my son's interests and interest level for the material. We can't say enough good things about the people and the materials at our library.
15007	7/7/2012	They are free for anyone to use.
15008	7/7/2012	We wouldn't otherwise be able to afford the amount of books to ourselves or our child without the library.
15009	7/7/2012	Libraries are the great equalizer. No thinking society can get along without them.
15010	7/7/2012	Media of all kinds is expensive and not always accessible. The majority of Americans cannot individually provide the services and media that libraries can. Libraries help ensure an informed and educated populace. It takes a community to ensure what libraries provide. Together, we can do more than individually.

15011	7/7/2012	I read for pleasure and information. I value literacy and support it through my volunteer efforts at my local elementary school. (I'm a retired teacher.) For example, providing preschool and toddler story times can be a first or early contact to get parents involved in their child's early education and show what is developmentally appropriate for young children. I know that libraries are a very important resource to those who are trying to find work, succeed in school and learn both skills and information to help them succeed in their personal and professional lives.
15012	7/7/2012	They are the lifeblood for continued learning.
15013	7/7/2012	They provide free access to knowledge and learning.
15014	7/7/2012	I use the library to continuously learn. I use the library to bring books to the young children and teens I work with.[] Having the library available as a resource keeps me, as well as many students, going throughout the year. Without it I would miss the opportunity of finding quality literature.
15015	7/7/2012	I think literacy and avid readership are incredibly important because it inclines people to be more informed, to participate more and think creatively
15016	7/7/2012	Without libraries our communities are in danger of falling to ignorance. Information and knowledge are the keys to a successful civilization.
15017	7/7/2012	Libraries are the only free space open to the community for various activities and discourse. This is the foundation of democracy.
15018	7/7/2012	Fundamental. I am a library employee. Even when I have not been a library employee, I have been an incredibly active, positive user of the library services. This library system is a cornerstone of our great city/region.
15019	7/7/2012	Ouch-how do you answer this? I want fire, police, schools and all the other services. Since schools are getting rid of staff in libraries, we need public libraries to fill in.
15020	7/7/2012	They are important to my family
15021	7/7/2012	It is a great resource to the community. I see the computers being used all the time by all ages, some people cannot afford access to Internet or computers. It is just a great place for information.
15022	7/7/2012	They help me learn and also save money.
15023	7/7/2012	I don't have as much income to rent movies or buy books. I really like to supplement my knowledge now that I no longer in school.
15024	7/7/2012	We use the library every week for books and media.
15025	7/7/2012	I think services that actually save lives may be more important-the safety net or actual emergency services. It is hard to imagine living in a community that does not support the public library.
15026	7/7/2012	Free, regular access to education through libraries is as critical as any other gov service.
15027	7/7/2012	Kids need the library as a safe place to go to study and get material.
15028	7/7/2012	Right up there with clean water, reliable energy sources, and practical waste disposal services.
15029	7/7/2012	i don't have children, and i live very close to work, so the library is the most significant bang for local tax dollars bucks.

15030	7/7/2012	As a frequent library user, once a week, it is my single source for material I want to learn about but can't afford to buy the book or download because I do not have an electronic reader. Plus I enjoy the physical contact of a real book that I can turn the pages. I'm old school. I don't use the computer resources because I have a computer at home - but I recognize the vital need for these services for those who can't afford a computer and monthly internet service. An informed society is very important to me.
15031	7/7/2012	The library provides resources to all people, even people looking for a way to pay for the other local services.
15032	7/7/2012	Free access to literacy materials is vital!
15033	7/7/2012	constant use that adds to my quality of life and brings joy. increases the human capital of our community as people are able to educate themselves for free. increases the literacy level of young and immigrant citizens.
15034	7/7/2012	Out of all the county's resources, I use it the most frequently and derive much satisfaction from doing so.
15035	7/7/2012	I believe the library can be the central foundation of a vibrant, educated community. A library is a safe place, a community gathering place, a supplement to education, a place to go when you are new to a neighborhood. A library assumes and assists a certain level of civility to exist in a given place. I rank libraries up with police, fire and education as mandatory expenditures in a tax system.
15036	7/7/2012	The library offers so many valuable services (access to an array of reading materials, different types of media, classes on different topics, and face-to-face help) provided to families and those who often cannot afford to access them any other way.
15037	7/7/2012	I value what they bring to the community, accessible for all income levels, sources of current and historical information, and I no longer have the money to purchase books/CDs/DVDs, etc. like I used to, so I appreciate having a wide variety of materials available to me.
15038	7/7/2012	information is the lifeblood of democracy
15039	7/7/2012	Because of everything I said in #6.
15040	7/7/2012	where else can people go to get free internet access to fill out their unemployment forms, or learn how to make a resume and find a job. where else can they find resources to expand their mind, create something, search for long lost relatives, research a multitude of topics, meet new people, participate in interesting conversations, and truly feel like a part of this community.[] []
15041	7/7/2012	all of this for free, in whatever language you want, no matter your political or religious persuasion, the library folks are there and are so excited to help you.
15042	7/7/2012	Other public services do not provide the same level of wrap-around support and unconditional access that our library does.
15043	7/7/2012	Information source and community connector Fundamental for every aspect of life - useful for every citizen.

15044	7/7/2012	We are a highly literate city. We Portlanders place a high value on information and engagement. The library is the place where those values are most clearly expressed. Portland is exemplified by its libraries.
15045	7/6/2012	Equal access to information and opportunities help to continually strengthen communities everywhere.
15046	7/6/2012	The library is not only a place to check out books and use computers, but to feel involved in the community and to connect with other people. The library helps people find jobs, recover from adverse situations, learn to read, and stay warm and dry. It's not just a big building(s) full of books.
15047	7/6/2012	If people do not have access to a variety of information sources, they are more easily controlled by the media and politicians who do not usually act in their best interest.
15048	7/6/2012	Very high
15049	7/6/2012	If people care to take advantage of them, libraries can supply so many of the requirements of a competent, informed citizenry: information by many different media, entertainment, a public gathering place that is safe, where children can learn and practice how to behave in public spaces with consideration and respect for all, services that are interactive.
15050	7/6/2012	The library is critical to ensuring that citizens are well informed, that children are ready for school, and that immigrants and others are able to improve their position in society.
15051	7/6/2012	Libraries help stave off stupidity. Public libraries are essential to the citizens of our Republic & an educated electorate is essential to the survival of our Republic. The feel good programs are all well and good but not as vital as excellent collections.
15052	7/6/2012	Education is the key to empowerment and getting ahead in life, and libraries offer that to everyone, free of charge.
15053	7/6/2012	The library helps us raise our daughter surrounded by wonderful classic and current books of all kinds. The family programming is a great community builder, and the staff are wonderfully helpful and friendly. The electronic book services are fantastic for me. We go to the library weekly, but I love being able to access ebooks anytime.
15054	7/6/2012	Free education! Entertainment! Value put on reading and education and the written word.
15055	7/6/2012	They're right up there with good policing, fine education from Headstart through graduate school, excellent fire patrolling.....I can't really say which is most important.
15056	7/6/2012	i rely on the library for assisting with my work as a Montessori teacher for classroom works. and my own education, interests and research. i would be lost with out the library!
15057	7/6/2012	Libraries are a flexible resource that help everyone. When you're poor, you do a lot of agency time. It's great to have an agency that doesn't make you spill your guts on a form and answer a bunch of questions to get help.
15058	7/6/2012	Libraries are an expression of democracy--equal rights and literacy. I believe the institution of public libraries is one of the best manifestations of American culture.

15059	7/6/2012	Because education is not high quality in Oregon, kids don't have places to go after school if their parents work, and libraries can fill in many gaps. Also because I use the resources enormously and cannot afford to buy all the books I want to read or use for research.
15060	7/6/2012	They don't trump fire and police, but they provide a wonderful point of civic involvement.
15061	7/6/2012	The library contributes to the livability of the community for all the members of the community -- even those who do not use the library -- by making life-long learning resources available to all regardless of socio-economic level.
15062	7/6/2012	I believe that free public libraries are a crucial resource for educating our citizens of all ages. I have volunteered providing books to inmates who have lower literacy levels ~ it's important to be able to read to get a job and to be able to function in our society in a multitude of ways. Libraries are wonderful places for children and adults to learn about the wonders of the world through a wide variety of printed materials and Internet access for those who don't have a computer at home. Personally I live alone and often enjoy going to my neighborhood library to browse the shelves or sit and read a magazine, often meeting folks that I know. When it's rainy and dreary in the winter, the library is an inviting place to go without needing to spend money to buy a coffee in a coffeeshop. I know that other public services are important, but none of them benefit me as directly as the libraries do on a regular basis.
15063	7/6/2012	Open to everyone no matter what income level or even where they are from. People who are traveling use the library too.
15064	7/6/2012	It provides something to do everyday...reading, using a computer, meeting place.
15065	7/6/2012	i think it's incredibly important for social equity to have information and information-gathering-technology - as well as literature and other reading materials - available to the public with no/minimal barriers-to-entry, in an environment that's welcoming to all.
15066	7/6/2012	When I need a book or magazine, or other similar information, the library catalog is the first place I check
15067	7/6/2012	Libraries are a proactive service that keep citizens out of reactive services such as health and public safety. Literacy is a key foundation of democracy.
15068	7/6/2012	Literacy and education are vital for the sustained development, and even the existence, of western civilization.
15069	7/6/2012	Books and media are very expensive and I am on a fixed income
15070	7/6/2012	Libraries serve everyone in the community. They support school children (especially now, when school libraries have been decimated and there are almost no trained school librarians left to teach our children), job seekers, immigrants learning English and working on citizenship, people who are home-bound, everybody who is cash-strapped in these hard times.

15071	7/6/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer, I think. Anyone can go, anyone can read and check out media. I feel that librarians and pharmacists are our most underutilized and extremely well-trained professions. I think that libraries are vital to the community. They provide a safe place to share information and to learn. I think a place like that is more important now than ever.
15072	7/6/2012	I use the library system the most.
15073	7/6/2012	Probably because I can't imagine a life without a library! I've been going to Hollywood for 40 years.
15074	7/6/2012	very important
15075	7/6/2012	Public libraries are a basic right.
15076	7/6/2012	Health, schools, and police are more important.
15077	7/6/2012	Because I read A LOT!
15078	7/6/2012	Because I use the library all the time, it is the one place where I really can see how my tax dollars are spent and where can directly benefit from them. I save thousands of dollars a year by reading books I get through the library.
15079	7/6/2012	I read a lot of books, both novels & historical. Having access to local branch to pick up books requested is very important part of my life. Also, check out many movies & music and check for local events happening.
15080	7/6/2012	I use the library for internet access since I don't have a computer at home and get materials (books, CD's, and DVD's).
15081	7/6/2012	Access to information is critical, especially for minorities and underserved communities. Libraries provide educational programs that some folks might not otherwise be able to participate in. Books can save lives. Stories help us to understand who we are as human beings. Libraries can be a haven.
15082	7/6/2012	Everyone in our family reads, so it's important to have a good rotating supply of books at a reasonable cost (paying taxes for libraries seems better to us than buying books that we might read only once or twice).
15083	7/6/2012	The library does so many things for the community. My son enjoys books, story times, the summer reading program and other programs. My husband and I get books, DVDs, music CDs, etc. My elderly parents get materials from LOS also. It has something for everyone.
15084	7/6/2012	I think that emergency services tops the bill, but libraries are next.
15085	7/6/2012	We love books and appreciate the opportunity to read them without having to buy them. I am a writer, and without access to written material at libraries I would find it very difficult (and expensive) to conduct research.
15086	7/6/2012	Access to books and other reading materials is essential to a healthy community
15087	7/6/2012	most
15088	7/6/2012	An uneducated public is dangerous.
15089	7/6/2012	I'd rather have my roads fixed. However, libraries are more important than bike lanes.
15090	7/6/2012	They fulfill a need you can't get elsewhere; great for low income people

15091	7/6/2012	It's an amenity that makes a good city great.
15092	7/6/2012	because they provide something that other public services do not, "Free access to all and everything"
15093	7/6/2012	This is a difficult question and I'm not sure that "very important" is the right answer. I don't know if we should equate libraries with the same level of importance as fire and police protection, K - 12 education, health care, the judicial system, and social services. Libraries are, however, the gateway to knowledge and information for so many people that it's possible to make the case that they are of equal importance to the other things I listed.
15094	7/6/2012	Personally, because I use the library often, and love having free access to so many books and audiobooks. But the library also serves people who might not otherwise have access to so many things--it's a public necessity!
15095	7/6/2012	they are a symbol of trust & offer a level learning playing field
15096	7/6/2012	Books are so important to the growth of a person, being able to read, reading comprehension, as well as being able to access computers and being able to learn new skills
15097	7/6/2012	Libraries are available to everyone. They provide the knowledge we need to have successful communities and enrich our lives more so than any other educational/cultural institution.
15098	7/6/2012	because it contributes very powerfully to our collective sense of well-being. it is a shared resource.
15099	7/6/2012	The taxes I pay to support the library more than cover the materials and programs I have access to.
15100	7/6/2012	If I had to choose only one public service it would probably be the library.
15101	7/6/2012	My husband and I use the library quite a bit. We use the online databases and electronic books and audio-books. With the exception of reading material in German, we rarely purchase books and rely on the library. We also borrow almost all of our movies from the library.
15102	7/6/2012	I use it frequently it's a great resource for exploring new educational opportunities. Also provides entertainment at a low cost.
15103	7/6/2012	Education and the access to knowledge and learning can help raise the level of our society. It is very important for materials and computers and classes to be made available - especially to those who cannot afford to pay for their own.
15104	7/6/2012	I love that the library offers resources for the community. Resources like job searching help, computer access, new materials, database access, literacy programs for children, etc, etc. The library is such a beautiful place, and I believe that it upholds the belief that everyone has a right to information of any kind.
15105	7/6/2012	Libraries provide countless services to all citizens, regardless of status.
15106	7/6/2012	I think the library serves as the one place where the playing field with resources for the haves and the have-nots is level.

15107	7/6/2012	Educated citizens are the core of civil society. We need to have free access to information to function as a healthy democracy.
15108	7/6/2012	important for citizens to have free access to internet & wifi and materials to watch and read
15109	7/6/2012	Literacy paves every child's path toward opportunity. The library provides access to literacy and community resources to children and vulnerable populations which can open doors for these people. It also provides one of the only free community gathering places besides churches, which plenty of people don't belong to.
15110	7/6/2012	I love to read and I am on a very limited budget.
15111	7/6/2012	VERY!
15112	7/6/2012	they're free and useful to EVERYONE
15113	7/6/2012	Information is a powerful commodity, and making information publicly available is essential to a liberated society.
15114	7/6/2012	Because they serve everyone regardless of income levels
15115	7/6/2012	I use the library frequently to help me find information for both my business and my hobbies.
15116	7/6/2012	Because in this tough economy they provide resources for those seeking jobs, those who can not afford internet access and for me personally, they provide free entertainment! I'm a student and the library also offers me yet another resource to do my research for school.
15117	7/6/2012	Democracy is based on the idea that the average person is, or can be, educated. Libraries provide that education - for free - through many avenues: early childhood programs so that youth enter school ready to learn; support for school-age youth to succeed academically (and a safe place to be after school); adult classes ranging from GED & learning English to personal enrichment.
15118	7/6/2012	Because the library is the last bastion of free public service available to all.
15119	7/6/2012	Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy, like public schools, and benefit all citizens.
15120	7/6/2012	Libraries promote growth and learning which is vital!
15121	7/6/2012	It's great to be able to have up-to-date resources available to me if I'm not able to purchase them or obtain them through any other forum.
15122	7/6/2012	free services to all people. free computer access.
15123	7/6/2012	Compared to police, fire, and water, they are less important, but in general I think a healthy library is the sign of a health community.
15124	7/6/2012	OK, the library is not the police or fire department or even garbage pickup ... but it's more important than leaf removal. An educated community (in whatever way people wish to educate themselves) is critical in these times of too-rapid information without time to pause and think.
15125	7/6/2012	Libraries are essential to the local and global community! I can't imagine a world without libraries...
15126	7/6/2012	Libraries are a key source of information and learning that is available to everyone. They also help people be giving them access to materials that they would otherwise need to purchase.
15127	7/6/2012	it's called democracy. An educated, informed public is what makes a democracy work.

15128	7/6/2012	Who else gives you free access to so much awesome stuff?
15129	7/6/2012	My passion is the library. Without the neutral space of the library, we lose something huge. Namely, democracy. Eventually we would be "owned" by corporate America.
15130	7/6/2012	The library is a place where all aspects of society can come together, plus feel civic pride in something that belongs to every body in the community.
15131	7/6/2012	It works for my children. Special activities, especially through the summer.
15132	7/6/2012	The library is everything! It's the center of our community, a symbol of democracy, and an amazing way to leverage resources to have access to books and online information.
15133	7/6/2012	Libraries are the last place where anyone can learn and improve themselves and their situation, regardless of their circumstances.
15134	7/6/2012	The Library provides free services for all. Not only does it provide entertainment, but it is a good resource for all people at all socioeconomic levels.
15135	7/6/2012	It is one of the only places where the entire community is served without judgement. Access to information is fundamental in a democracy.
15136	7/6/2012	The only truly free public internet access, support for schools with shrinking resources, keeps the public informed
15137	7/6/2012	I've seen burned out neighborhoods left to their fate, while the library was rebuilt after the fire: I guess everyone needs the library.
15138	7/6/2012	The ability to read and have access to information is a key part of an informed democracy.
15139	7/6/2012	At our library, folks from the entire neighborhood come together, to learn, to connect, to discover. The summer reading program keeps kids engaged with reading and helps diminish the gap between the end of one school year and beginning of the next. Literacy is the most important skill children will develop, and it's fun.
15140	7/6/2012	I love libraries and love books. It is a treat to see the Northwest library so busy all the time. With books and internet access, kids have a more level playing field.
15141	7/6/2012	Keeping the community connected, knowledgeable, and certain of the civic backbone of our city is a huge and important task. Libraries say we're all in this together and we care about each other. We share, we educate, we don't care how much money you have. Come in and drink in the thoughts of others: learn, enjoy, and be a part of our community. What's more important?
15142	7/6/2012	Other local services fire and police, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing all seem vastly more important on a daily basis. Students generally have access to K-12 and university libraries. I'm an avid reader and I want access to books but there are other resources for books.
15143	7/6/2012	I use the library to supplement what our school is or isn't teaching. I also use it for personal reading, but I think how I use it for and with my children is extremely important.
15144	7/6/2012	Libraries feed the mind, educate, entertain, sustain, and are key to a healthy democracy. Access to learning is fundamental. In addition, with reduction in K-12 educational services, libraries are increasingly an important resource for students.

15145	7/6/2012	I have very little money and being able to access things through the library means a great deal to me.
15146	7/6/2012	"reading is fundamental"
15147	7/6/2012	Personal and professional needs.
15148	7/6/2012	equal access to information and information resources
15149	7/6/2012	I love books and I love movies. I think having easy access to both is incredibly important. With the economy what it is, buying books and movies is a luxury that a lot of people can't afford. The library makes them available to everyone.
15150	7/6/2012	I have frequented the library since I was five years old, and I do not want library services to be cut or diminished.
15151	7/6/2012	The library in our neighborhood is a community resource. It is a place that strengthens our sense of community. It is difficult to compare with fire, police and other neighborhood services, but it is very important.
15152	7/6/2012	Services like Police and Fire are top priority obviously. Now, more than ever we need the resources of the library for education, career resources and entertainment.
15153	7/6/2012	Reading is knowledge and knowledge is power. Don't take away our power!
15154	7/6/2012	The library can serve every echelon of society equally. When times are tough financially, more people turn to the library for much-needed resources and information. It's open to everyone who needs it and everyone who wants it.
15155	7/6/2012	It is important to me because of what the library allows people to further themselves with knowledge no matter how rich or poor that person is. It is also part of our education system that complements our public schools and our public universities.
15156	7/6/2012	it's the cornerstone of a democratic society
15157	7/6/2012	I could never afford to purchase all the books that I want to read. If only the rich people could afford books and other materials, then those who couldn't afford it would not have access and would therefore be at a disadvantage educationally.
15158	7/6/2012	Because I use the library often
15159	7/6/2012	My income has fluctuated quite a bit over the years. Having MCL providing great services means I never have to go without when it comes to reading material, internet access, or programming for my children. Having a branch nearby is a major component for my quality of life to the point where it's a major factor in where I choose to live. I don't think I would buy or rent living space that wasn't within walking distance of a library branch.
15160	7/6/2012	Libraries are a key piece of our community's educational system. They're as important as schools. They're the lifeblood able to services and support for virtually every citizen.
15161	7/6/2012	Libraries are the foundation of a free and informed citizenry.

15162	7/6/2012	I love to read and with my reading appetite, my family can't afford to keep up with that cost. It is also important that our toddler gets opportunities to experience a variety of books to prepare him for education early on.
15163	7/6/2012	Without knowledge, or access to knowledge, the people will perish.
15164	7/6/2012	They fall right under the essentials (police, schools, roads), but maybe are even on the same level. They provide a lot of important services that fill important gaps in the community (providing access to books and DVDs, helping people with literacy, providing PCs for job-seekers). They are there to help with many things. For instance, summer reading for my reluctant reader - it keeps her going all summer reading. Helps with research for travel...enjoyment of books and music also on homework. Where else do you get resources about a bridge report for Portland bridges. Schools have such limited resources they rely on the public library for this curriculum.
15165	7/6/2012	Apart from fire/life/safety, having free and unrestricted access to information and services in support of education is a cornerstone of our society.
15167	7/6/2012	They serve everyone and provide services that go far beyond warehousing books.
15168	7/6/2012	Only thing like it.
15169	7/6/2012	I have a limited budget for books and entertainment. With the library I can have a steady stream of reading material at no extra cost to my budget. I can try books that I might not otherwise buy and expand my horizons.
15170	7/6/2012	Police, fire, schools, planning, streets, jails, utilities and parks are all important. We need to figure out what is important and then be willing to pay for it.
15171	7/6/2012	Local library services are the only local public service that I actively seek out on a weekly basis. Libraries are where I learned about myself and the world. Having a place to go to make discoveries was immensely important to me as a child, young adult, and is still important to this day for me. As a nanny, I took children there for story time. When I moved out of my parents' house and didn't have internet, I went there to check email, to make photocopies, etc. And most importantly, I went there to discover new authors, to research topics that interested me, and to have a quiet, clean, safe place to hang out as a teenager.
15172	7/6/2012	The library is the center of the community- provides access to information, books and resources, social connection, learning, service and civic discourse.
15173	7/6/2012	Libraries support reading, which enables a smart community, which is better for the community.
15174	7/6/2012	Because a well informed public is the first and best defense against tyranny.
15175	7/6/2012	I started using my local library as a tiny child with my mother for reading hours. As I grew, I rode my book there at least once a week to look at books and check out books to take home. It meant everything to me. I've continued to use my library primarily for books, media, and research and I'm approaching 60. Libraries have always been a huge part of my life, and I expect that to continue. Thanks.
15176	7/6/2012	
15177	7/6/2012	They are an extension of schools

15178	7/6/2012	they are essential, right below police/fire dept/water, but up there with public schools
15179	7/6/2012	public safety, education, and infrastructure are more important than libraries, but we do need them. I wish there was greater integration of schools, parks, recreation, libraries, and public services together in neighborhoods. These should also take full benefit of technology and increase positive social interaction among residents.
15180	7/6/2012	Free sources of books, magazines, information from staff, programs for readers, outreach services to retirement and assisted living residences.
15181	7/6/2012	Libraries connect people to KNOWLEDGE. If used (correctly??), libraries are an ESSENTIAL TOOL TO MAINTAIN AN ENGAGED CITIZENRY. We need libraries for access to information, despite our digital world. We need libraries to connect us to each other. Libraries are free community connections where people are looking for knowledge. They are integral to a thriving community.
15182	7/6/2012	I believe information (books, magazine, how-to's) should always be free access.
15183	7/6/2012	The dumbing down of this country is a crying shame. When the working class no longer has access to library services it will surely be a sharp decline from there. Everyone deserves access to the knowledge and enjoyment provided by the public library system.
15184	7/6/2012	My family has access to books, DVDs, CDs, and online information we could never afford on our own. They help us relax, stay informed, make good decisions. I trust the web sites you have on the topics pages,
15185	7/6/2012	The library is where I get much of my reading material, and serves a hugely important purpose as a place to introduce my young child to the pleasures of reading. The public library is the only publicly funded entity that supports the literacy development of children before kindergarten. That's a very big deal! All kids should have easy access to free, high-quality library services. Also, many, many people who are looking for work need the library as a source for internet and help in using it. A free public library is really an essential element of democracy.
15186	7/6/2012	Provide books and other services to all, even those who can't afford them. Advocates literacy and love of reading, life long learning. Was my favorite place to go as a child. Still love it.
15187	7/6/2012	As stated in previous questions, the combination of access to books and media, and resources for job, business, educational and other research, and programs for children and education/self-improvement.
15188	7/6/2012	I feel that the more people read, the better off we are. Informed people make better decisions.
15189	7/6/2012	Very important in the current financial times. Still want to read, but books continue to increase in cost and are now too expensive to buy.
15190	7/6/2012	A quality library system reflects the quality of life in the community in which it is found. In supporting the public library system the public argues for the importance of books, information, and learning; the institution is a cultural marker.
15191	7/6/2012	Access to books and periodicals I'd otherwise not have.

15192	7/6/2012	Well known and available for multiple resources
15193	7/6/2012	Because when people can use the library's options and resources they will need other public services less.
15194	7/6/2012	The library is a cornerstone in creating equality of opportunity. Everyone needs access to all kinds of information. It's hugely important to have a public institution that makes our common heritage, culture, and knowledge available to everyone.
15195	7/6/2012	They are a cost effective way to provide information and services in all its various forms, (books, CDs, children's programs, senior programs) to the largest amount of people.
15196	7/6/2012	Because of the way libraries are run now days. (I know I am a librarian who worked for Seattle Public Library and other special libraries). Way too much emphasis is placed on delivery systems and not enough on good content. There are NOT ENOUGH LIBRARIANS in the system and patrons think they are talking to a librarian when they are talking to an LA, I've worked with a lot of good LAs but I would want to know if I went to the Dr. whether I speaking to the doctor, or a nurse or the receptionist. I know this is a cost saving measure but it does not serve the patrons. Leave books in the system that important books even if they circ only occasionally. And cut back on mgt. Yes we can do without you Ms/Mr big shot. Working librarians know that the patron comes first and that there is a difference between a book and a good book. Educated people by and large only use the library to put video businesses out of business because they can't find the books they want.
15197	7/6/2012	They provide a sense of community. They offer access to reading material and all that has to offer. Going to the library and picking out books is one of my child's highlights of the week. Book babies, and now tiny tots, is an activity that we participate in since she was an infant. Being connected to a library throughout childhood was very important to me.
15198	7/6/2012	Libraries are equal-opportunity resources that can benefit EVERYONE, of all ages and abilities. Libraries make it possible for people to help themselves and rise above their current levels of cognitive, social, emotional, or even physical state. Without libraries there would be only stagnation.
15199	7/6/2012	Because the library serves everyone- with a special emphasis on people who would normally not have access to what they offer. People of all ages, all economic levels, all education levels- whether they are new to our country or whether their family has lived here for generations. Whether they can speak English or not.. Free libraries are one of the great things about this country. Its right up there with free education and free speech.[] Its one of the best ways that I can think of for my tax dollars to be spent.
15200	7/6/2012	It is a place where everyone can access the knowledge that they seek without judgement.

15201	7/6/2012	I don't have to prove a need to come into the library and access what's there -- I can just do it. Lots of other local public services are because I am in trouble, or because I have to qualify or have a problem. No matter what, I can use the library, and I can use it to make my life better and more rewarding. It is so positive, and such a wonderful way to connect with my community.
15202	7/6/2012	When everyone has free access to information, we are all better off.
15203	7/6/2012	The services are very important to me because of its accessibility to all in our community and the the support that it gives to promoting and encouraging the literacy of all.
15204	7/6/2012	I am retired and on social security. I do not buy books anymore because of the cost -- or very few but I read about 2 to 3 books a week. Also, I like to browse for books of many different genres.
15205	7/6/2012	Very
15206	7/6/2012	Libraries are vital to communities. They equalize access to resources by providing computer access as well as loaning books and DVDs, they offer support to job seekers, English language learners and seniors, they encourage kids to develop lifelong reading habits, and are central to an informed public that is a keystone of democracy.
15207	7/6/2012	Use the library as my main source of reading materials
15208	7/6/2012	I don't have a lot of money and I appreciate being able to access learning materials for free. It has helped me so much in my education. I appreciate the way the library offers new books and great media for me. I also love that the library has cultural and family activities. It is a staple in our community
15209	7/6/2012	We use library frequently.
15210	7/6/2012	Libraries bring the community together. They provide access to information and culture. It is crucial to have an informed community for democracy to work. Schools can do this too, but for people who aren't connected to a public school like the elderly the library serves that role.
15211	7/6/2012	Almost everyone I know uses the library - how many other community entities so 'effortlessly' bring together such wide swaths of class, culture, income, employment,...
15212	7/6/2012	everything in the community is better because of the library--the library is an absolute positive influence on the community
15213	7/6/2012	The Multnomah County Library offers so much more than just books -- though books are incredibly important too, obviously. Our libraries promote early literacy, aid the jobless in finding sustenance, provide community meeting space, offer resources for continuing education, on and on. In a nutshell, our libraries offer us myriad ways to educate ourselves, which is an incredible public service. The library is extremely important to my family and has definitely instilled a life long love of books and learning in my kid.
15214	7/6/2012	Many of the services the county provides are very important. I believe the library is the glue that holds the community together. It's used by such a wide cross-section of our community. It's one of the few places that is truly welcoming to all comers. It should be open every day with convenient hours.

15215	7/6/2012	Help me stay up to date on new information. Gives avenue for reading new books, mags
15216	7/6/2012	It gives so much. Its there when you need it, with out fail.
15217	7/6/2012	A free resource for all the people, crucial when economic times are hard. Great job search resource. Also, focus on education in a society that seems to value that less and less.
15218	7/6/2012	Previous question is such political b.s. The library is an integral component of an enlightened community. Why is it being held for ransom?
15219	7/6/2012	I'm a small business owner and I depend on your paid databases to conduct necessary research. If knowledge is power, then the library is the most egalitarian portal to dispense that knowledge. ¶
15220	7/6/2012	¶ I guess I would also like to know what you consider "other local public services". I may not rank it above police or fire departments, but I would still rank it highly.
15221	7/6/2012	I'm not sure what you mean.
15222	7/6/2012	Without information, democracy cannot survive. It's the service I use.
15223	7/6/2012	Literacy offers people more opportunities to succeed.
15224	7/6/2012	Because reading and education are incredibly important, especially for children in a time when school funding and programs are being gutted. It also provides resources to those who cannot otherwise afford them, acting like a social equalizer.
15225	7/6/2012	The public library is a resource my family turns to almost every day. We use the library to learn and better ourselves and our lives, for entertainment, and we meet people of many walks of life, all in our neighborhood. There are few or nc cost barriers, unlike cultural events or 'institutions of higher learning.' Since the library doesn't operate with a profit motive, people of modest means can access books and services they'd otherwise be denied. I certainly could never afford to buy all of the books I read in a week, let alone a year! But I can share that cost with my neighbors, and have access to materials to last for the rest of my life.
15226	7/6/2012	Libraries provide critical free access to knowledge to citizens at a time when our democracy and education systems are in decline.
15227	7/6/2012	Information is power. The library is the place where I feel that I have access to open and unbiased information.
15228	7/6/2012	I got most of my education from books. I grew up with over-burdened public schools. Now, I'm a writer and a teacher of writing. I use my library daily. My grandmother always said- if you can read- you'll never be lonely.¶ The written word transports you and teaches you in ways you just can't get anywhere else.
15229	7/6/2012	I love to read, but don't have the resources to buy as many books as I want. Thus, using the library affords me the opportunity to read what I want when I want.
15230	7/6/2012	"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." -Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451

15231	7/6/2012	It is at somewhat important, in that I feel that public safety is at very important (fire, police, public health). It is something I enjoy (helps me be sustainable personally), and an equalizer of opportunity. However, since I am not an audience of senior or family, the prominence is less than very important.
15232	7/6/2012	What would we do without a Library???? Hello - we all grew up at the Library! The written word-new and old-must be accessible to all for free! That is what libraries were originally designed for, I believe. My local library got my hesitant nose in books each summer as a child and helps me get my students noses in books everyday in the classroom and at home. But besides reading materials, the library is a community location to meet and connect with others, learn a new life skill (ie languages, computer/internet navigation, etc.), and a safe place for kids to find their interests, hobbies, and knowledge about the world around them.
15233	7/6/2012	
15234	7/6/2012	i read library books every day. and seriously, as someone with a mental illness, not only have the materials themselves provided invaluable information, but just going to the library to browse has become a really important coping skill for me when i'm upset. i know that's really specific and random, but it's true.
15235	7/6/2012	Libraries are a huge resource for education and opportunity for all segments of our community. They level the playing field for lower-income people, encourage literacy and community engagement at all ages, and support our community's economy, civic life, and culture.
15236	7/6/2012	Libraries are fundamental in a democratic society, a foundation that supports all citizens in every aspect of their lives.
15237	7/6/2012	I use the library for education, entertainment and connecting with my community. The days/hours are important because they allow me to work the long hours I do, and still access the resources at the library.
15238	7/6/2012	They are an important component of public education
15239	7/6/2012	The library is the one of the only non-commercial community spaces left. It is the soul of this place, really.
15240	7/6/2012	Without libraries and access to information, there is no democracy.
15241	7/6/2012	Because they instill a level of literacy in our whole society, not just people who can afford books and computers, but everyone. They are the ONLY place in our society open and free to all, to pursue their own educational and enrichment goals, to bring a love of reading and learning to their children and to offer a real commons for everyone to enjoy. They have been important to me for my entire life, which is closing in on 60 years, and they are important to my children and every current generation.
15242	7/6/2012	Public libraries serve everyone and are free. They provide tremendous value to the community.
15243	7/6/2012	Very important.

15244	7/6/2012	I recently went to the Belmont location on a Monday and found out that the library was closed. I wondered what our society would be like if we were not to have access to free information and knowledge and I felt depressed. Like the many public services we enjoy in Portland, the library is essential in sustaining the quality of life and a sense of livability we are used to and want in our city.
15245	7/6/2012	My family uses the Multnomah County Library (and places nearly the same level of importance on) as we use any public utility -- water service, electricity, etc. If we didn't have the library, I believe life would literally have less meaning for us. We LOVE the library.
15246	7/6/2012	We use the library regularly. We also use the roads, my child will go to public school, we recycle and compost via City programs. My sense is there are many critical public services that we rely on and take for granted and only notice once they get cut.
15247	7/6/2012	They provide a ground-zero entry point into human being - ultimately continuing into more concrete avenues of local and national being (citizen, educated, critical thinking, technological). Not to mention the open space of an engaging and welcoming public commons.
15248	7/6/2012	It's a service that I use often. I would have to spend alot of money buying books, dvds, magazines and subscriptions to databases if I didn't use the library.
15249	7/6/2012	It's the only thing that's there to serve everyone -- regardless of your ability to pay. No paperwork, no membership fee, no religion, no hassle. And it provides the things that really matter in maintaining a healthy community -- IDEAS!!
15250	7/6/2012	The library is so much more than just checking out a book (although that's important, of course - not everyone is able to or wants to spend money on a book or DVD they'll only read/view once); it's about community. It's helpful for language learners, children interacting with other children before preschool, school-age kids getting help with homework. The very fate of the future is at stake! If we don't help invest in the children's educational future, they may eventually end up in gangs on the street. I don't want that. Also, with the continuing job recession, folks still need help searching for jobs. Many people had to cut back expenses, including internet. If the library provides them with help (a computer and internet for at least an hour) that's better than feeling hopeless about the future.
15251	7/6/2012	Not life sustaining, but important for local culture
15252	7/6/2012	I learn about things I otherwise wouldn't have access to because I would have to buy books.
15253	7/6/2012	Well we need roads, water, and electricity. But providing a place where people can learn and grow is important to communities as a whole.
15254	7/6/2012	My husband and I rely on the library for almost all of our entertainment needs. We visit the branch multiple times a week and have for years and years. We choose not to own a TV, so the DVDs, books and music we get from the library are our mainstay, something we enjoy and find enriching.
15255	7/6/2012	Access to reading/materials for free gives every person the opportunity to learn and seek knowledge equally. This is very important to me in that all people can have access regardless of their social, economic status.

15256	7/6/2012	I feel the library is the last democratic institution that exists in this country-all people have access to the materials offered and services are offered in many languages
15257	7/6/2012	Because Multnomah County Library is the best city or county service. I need my sewer. I love my library.
15258	7/6/2012	Books and other media along with programs keep the community literate and well served.
15259	7/6/2012	To me, reading books is almost as important as drinking clean water or breathing clean air or living in a safe community - I can't imagine life without it.
15260	7/6/2012	Libraries are very important for children, families, and the local economy. People go to the library and then other businesses nearby to spend money.[] Libraries are key to public education and informing citizens. [] Also, libraries provide books and readers are not bored or lonely, because we hac e our local library for books !
15261	7/6/2012	It's personally important because I use them. More importantly they are one of the only places that people have in the community to gather, use wifi and get information or help finding resources for free (well through taxes).
15262	7/6/2012	The library is a tool I use daily to learn and entertain. The library makes learning affordable
15263	7/6/2012	The library is essential to a vibrant, educated, proactive society. It's one of the foundations of our community.
15264	7/6/2012	Libraries are preventative care for our communities. Superior access to libraries, health care, and education means that communities need fewer policing, jailing, rehabilitation, and emergency care services. They also provide a useful and pleasant place for folks to go during the day when it's very hot, cold, or wet out.
15265	7/6/2012	gt4rbg4rg
15266	7/6/2012	Libraries are the one public service that its customers use by choice, for free, and serves every single person equally.
15267	7/6/2012	Intellectual vitality being available to everyone is an important thing, but not as important as, say, the fire department. It's close though!
15268	7/6/2012	high importance
15269	7/6/2012	I go to the library fairly often for a variety of reasons.
15270	7/6/2012	My children are avid readers and we have no more room for us to buy books. It is also very expensive. To be able to check out books for them is great. We can check them out and are able to read a lot more.
15271	7/6/2012	Question 7 is poorly worded. Would have been better to define what all the other services are. The library isn't a matter of life and death but it is a matter of community and public access to information and resources
15272	7/6/2012	An informed public has at least a chance against any tyranny. Knowledge shared isn't lost....
15273	7/6/2012	Stupid people make the world stupid.

15274	7/6/2012	I value free access to all community members to reading materials, internet access, music, and other media.
15275	7/6/2012	Based on the lack of long term effectiveness and dependability of a resource system such as this.
15276	7/6/2012	Access to information, literature, recorded music, etc. is important for all of us, individually and as a society.
15277	7/6/2012	Because I'm able to access media, books and online material. It's a community hub for all types for the community. You also feel safe there
15278	7/6/2012	There's nothing like the library. Unique services, all for free.
15279	7/6/2012	Libraries are the single most important access of information a community has and "information" is a pretty big umbrella. It's important to have a resource like this that is free and open to the public. A community is stronger when it's empowered by the influence of libraries. Anyway Multnomah County libraries are run so well that it would be a shame to see that cut. I mean, if I had to choose between a fire department and the libraries, I'd pick the fire department. Maybe that's selfish. But libraries are SO important. Libraries make our communities better places to live. Libraries open up worlds to people![]
15280	7/6/2012	[] They're not just essential for our community either! They're essential to our liberty. A library at its most basic level is free access to information! That's beautiful! That is a beautiful thing. And plus, all the schools are being defunded, so where else is there for kids to go to learn?
15281	7/6/2012	Books are a way of life.
15282	7/6/2012	Since I utilize the central library mostly, I am aware of the fact that not only does this library serve the community with research, internet access, job resources, reading programs, etc, but it also acts as a shelter, and a buffer for homeless and folks without a great deal of resources. There are huge gaps in service delivery, and the library is perhaps the only resource in town that allows and encourages "loitering" in the winter. I am very grateful that this exists.
15283	7/6/2012	Society cannot succeed in any other way without literacy and access to literacy.
15284	7/6/2012	Because I want to keep in tune with the world around me. The library does exactly that. If I can't afford to buy a book, I can borrow it. In the past, I could not afford any books and I grew up enjoying all that the library could give.
15285	7/6/2012	I use the library to find books to read, do research, check out movies and music. I run into friends at the library and it is central to my being. I depend upon the library since I do not have the internet at home.
15286	7/6/2012	The library system is for the people, not for the profit. I like other for-profit services, but I depend on the library.
15287	7/5/2012	Libraries provide free access to information and learning tools for ALL people in Multnomah County.

15288	7/5/2012	I use the library so often, that it would be an inconvenience if it was open fewer hours or fewer days. Also, I feel like my family would suffer from less availability. Other services would have a much less immediate impact on my life.
15289	7/5/2012	Because it is one of the few community services that you can go to have a quiet place to be rain or shine. Parks are a close second for me, but they are not as comfortable in inclement weather. Also, while there, you are surrounded by resources that can teach, amaze and/or entertain you. We have used the meeting spaces for planning meeting, book clubs and social family events. Our library adds quality to our community and gives my children and myself access to materials we would not be able to get otherwise. I cannot name another public service that gives us so much, especially space to be.
15290	7/5/2012	Use it all the time; makes living in Mult Co desirable; great value for the public investment
15291	7/5/2012	The resources available at the current level of convenience have been very useful to me and my family
15292	7/5/2012	Because I know I am a more active and self reliant citizen when I can find out information for myself.
15293	7/5/2012	Because I use them on a regular basis and always have. I have a child who has grown up using the library programs, as well, and know a host of people in my immediate family, neighborhood and social circle who utilize many of the library's offerings, too. It's imperative that the focus on literacy, and free access to multi-media are available for all of our citizens, whether they can afford to take advantage of technology advances on their own, or not.
15294	7/5/2012	Because I use, understand and value local library services.
15295	7/5/2012	all people should have access to books / internet / etc..
15296	7/5/2012	Education is the heart of a community. And our libraries also bring people together. :)
15297	7/5/2012	I have to get information on things I want to know and use.
15298	7/5/2012	It's somewhere below police and fire, somewhere above street sweeping.
15299	7/5/2012	Access to information and community programs available to all is vital.
15300	7/5/2012	I have lived in three different states and have belonged to several different local libraries. By far, the Multnomah County Library is superior to all others that I have known. They are organized, and well thought out. The on-line services are resourceful and very helpful, and if needed there are always real people who can point me to another source if the library does not have access to something, or if they simply do not know the answer to my question.
15301	7/5/2012	They offer families a way to engage themselves without breaking the bank!

15302	7/5/2012	The library serves the entire community; every neighborhood, every person of every age, every nationality, regardless of religious or political beliefs. Every single person in Multnomah County and the "free service area" can find useful and meaningful resources in the library. The library doesn't only serve a subset of people, such as people in need of particular services -- although I don't know how to put a value on any of the important and even more urgent services that the county and local government provides. They are all important, including schools, health services, and many others.
15303	7/5/2012	I believe very strongly in the availability of reading materials to all citizens - especially children. Reading is the most important ability to making informed citizens.
15304	7/5/2012	Always had a love of reading and information. I believe that people should have simple access to information. My wife is a librarian (not in Multnomah County), and I am an historian. So the power of books is important to us. Parents as well, child learning to read.
15305	7/5/2012	The public library saves me a huge amount of money every year. Without the library, I could not afford to read all of the books (and watch the movies!) that I read in a year and I would be unexposed to many subjects and authors that I would not encounter without the library.
15306	7/5/2012	I am a voracious reader on a fixed income, and I want to promote reading for everyone.
15307	7/5/2012	I want to live in a community that values literacy, and a free public library is the best way to facilitate that. I also want to live in a community that provides access to information for all of it's citizens, and welcomes people of all languages and backgrounds to access information and literature. Our libraries are the living rooms of our community - they provide meeting spaces for community events, shelter for those who need a warm dry space during the day and computer access to those who can't afford it themselves.
15308	7/5/2012	Because I wouldn't be able to indulge in a good book otherwise. The community around my local library is not a wealthy one- so a lot of kids go there to read because their families can't afford to buy them books.
15309	7/5/2012	With out an informed and educated community, nothing else will work well.
15310	7/5/2012	The library is the only place where people can access books from all over the world, and have access to computers and the internet regardless of their income level, because the library is free for EVERYONE.
15311	7/5/2012	Public libraries give everyone equal access to materials and services. When all people do not have access as individuals, they can get access at the public library.
15312	7/5/2012	I am an educator and a big proponent of services like the ones that libraries provide to families and children throughout the summer and during school breaks.
15313	7/5/2012	Essentially free access to literature which mobilizes communities
15314	7/5/2012	Because as a limited income senior citizen, it's where I can find the latest magazines and books.
15315	7/5/2012	because not everyone has internet access
15316	7/5/2012	Community services, education, meeting place, shelter.

15317	7/5/2012	I think that literacy and education are the cornerstone of an informed, successful and flourishing community.
15318	7/5/2012	The library provides one of the only free public spaces open to all people. Knowledge can be built in our community, children can learn to appreciate books and how to read. Unlike parks, libraries provide free resources.
15319	7/5/2012	Libraries give a place for people to turn to --- kids and senior citizens. In addition, we have a large digital divide in this country and libraries balance that divide.
15320	7/5/2012	our family uses the library almost daily- we are all avid readers kids & adults alike- we can't purchase every book we want to read...we use the library to fill our voracious reading appetites..We use our library to do research for homework, for the garden, for the kitchen, for hiking & camping guides, we use it check out PBS series like reading rainbow that you can't rent anywhere else. we use our library to go to story times and for the summer reading program, and to stock the shelves of our in home preschool so we can keep up with the theme of the week or current season. we go to the library when it is too rainy or too hot to find refuge in a peaceful place where we can find a corner, open a book, and step into any world the author has dreamed up for us...
15321	7/5/2012	because the library is a great resource for books, computer access, and homework help along with its many other uses
15322	7/5/2012	Libraries are critical for providing access to information for all citizens, including vulnerable and marginalized populations.
15323	7/5/2012	They maintain and foster the intelligence, culture, and job-finding capabilities of the citizens of our city.
15324	7/5/2012	They provide resources to people regardless of class, race, background, age, and other factors. Libraries make a better future possible.
15325	7/5/2012	They are one of the only public services that provides programming and services for all ages and all economic levels in our community.
15326	7/5/2012	Because "Behind every stack of books is a flood of knowledge" (do an image search, it is a really cool picture!)
15327	7/5/2012	Libraries are an important part of having a well educated and this productive community. Libraries help level the playing field between different socio-economic conditions. They can provide the means and abilities for people (old, young, poor, unemployed and everyone in between) to better themselves -- education and access to resources (books, classes and internet) are fundamental to achieving this. Libraries can stimulate a love of books in young children, can provide a safe place for children to study and stay out of trouble, provide internet access to those who can't afford it but need it to help land a job. And for those of us who are lucky enough to be able to afford books and internet ourselves, they give us a "happy place" to go to to remind us of those carefree childhood days spent at the library and gives us excellent access to a wide variety of books.

15328	7/5/2012	Libraries provide a vital resource for families who cannot afford to purchase a large number of books and access to the internet. They also allow parents to support their child's learning at home through reading. [] [] However, the library is less important than fire and police services.
15329	7/5/2012	Libraries are the places where we enjoy level playing fields, where everyone has access to information, escape, knowledge, and a warm, cozy setting.
15330	7/5/2012	Free access to information, regardless of ability to pay or mobility, is the hallmark of progressive society.
15331	7/5/2012	Because reading is fundamental! It helps people to learn and develop critical thinking skills. Libraries also provide a lot of other important services that make our communities better, and provide a place to congregate.
15332	7/5/2012	Most of Multnomah County's services don't apply to me or affect me. Libraries are something I need every day. That and bridges that don't fall down.
15333	7/5/2012	I think libraries are necessary for so many people- students and others alike.
15334	7/5/2012	It's close enough to be walkable, has a great selection of books... and Interlibrary Loan is available for books not in the MultCo Lib system. I receive a small stipend as a religious and access to books and articles is a boon both for personal reasons and professional ones.
15335	7/5/2012	Just below safety and security providers are libraries. They bring a whole community together.
15336	7/5/2012	Libraries are the most democratic of all institutions. Anyone can use the computers, borrow books and other media, and learning is free to be had by all.
15337	7/5/2012	these questions, this survey in general, sounds like it was written by an illiterate. So, on the basis of that being the most important thing to me, literacy, I would say figure out how to write a survey, please.
15338	7/5/2012	See #6. They are equalizers in our increasingly have/have not world, making ideas and information available to everyone.
15339	7/5/2012	i love books and love to read and the first thing of importance in a town is the library and getting a library card. it lets everybody learn[] and read!!!!!!
15340	7/5/2012	My friend is blind. I copy books on cds for her. I have copied almost 200 books for her. She can read one book a day.[] I buy used books from the Title Wave and send them to [it WAS Afghanistan and] Iraq for the troops. Sometimes, that's the only way they can get the books.[] My granddaughter is 3 1/2 and is beginning to read. What kind of importance do you think the library has to her?
15341	7/5/2012	I believe that public libraries are the foundation for healthy and sustainable communities.

15342	7/5/2012	Libraries perform and promote the basic educational building blocks for those in our community and keep access to education and materials to those in the community.
15343	7/5/2012	The library is the great equalizer as it's a community resource that's available to everyone without regard to income. It is one of the public services that strives to do what is essential: Make us better, more educated citizens. The library is a civilizing influence.
15344	7/5/2012	Because I don't understand what the question is asking. Is Multicolib more important to me than compared with the Sheriff or Human Services? It's not. It's as important as the other local public services, but 'As important' isn't an option on question 7 of this survey.
15345	7/5/2012	The library helps my girls grow up with a love of reading and a respect for books. I attend 2 pagesturners meetings as well as use pageturners to go with my friends so it is a social outlet. Also, I love being able to get all of my favorite authors through the library.
15346	7/5/2012	I know that the library provides many more services to people in Portland than to me... While I relish the ability to check out good, new books in a timely manner, but there are many other important things – like resources for job seekers and free/affordable classes/activities for families who can't afford to pay the cost of such services at a private organization – that I value, even though I don't take advantage of them. I see the library fulfilling a need that no other public services really can.
15347	7/5/2012	I use it a lot. And it is really incredibly important. But in the end, not as important as health and safety. Almost though!
15348	7/5/2012	because libraries give community members access to critical resources: jobseeking assistance, educational programming, research assistance, tutoring, language assistance, senior and youth programming, and a public space to read, write, and seek information.
15349	7/5/2012	Literacy, access to information and social center spots are invaluable to our community, large and small.
15350	7/5/2012	Libraries are both a lifeline and an equalizer. They provide access to those who would not have it otherwise as well as a safe space.
15351	7/5/2012	They help the entire community: all ages, income levels, gender, all language speakers.[] They help people find jobs by providing computers for searches and creating and sending resumes.[] They provide programs and books for young people to help create the love of reading at a young age.[] They provide up-to-date information through periodicals and online materials and recently published books, etc.
15352	7/5/2012	We love getting new books weekly and going to the kids' storytimes.
15353	7/5/2012	Libraries provide access to a wider world of information and community than is otherwise available to many of us. Even when you have access to the internet, there are some things that can only be handled locally. Libraries provide a hub where everybody in the community, regardless of where they are economically, can meet and share knowledge. Libraries help bind communities together.

15354	7/5/2012	Libraries offer valuable services to EVERY member of our community, regardless of their social or economic status. Not everyone has a computer or internet access. Unemployed folks need help finding work - the library offers REAL opportunities to learn, grow, and improve your life. The library teaches children social skills (how to behave in public,) financial skills (fines,) a sense of responsibility (how to take care of something that doesn't belong to you,) and the importance of community. You can always turn to the library in times of need.
15355	7/5/2012	Libraries provide an opportunity for everyone in the community regardless of economic level to have access to reading materials, AV materials, downloadable books, programming, and reference services to name a few of the services offered.
15356	7/5/2012	Libraries are a great equalizer in society.
15357	7/5/2012	Because I cannot afford to buy the books my daughter and I read.
15358	7/5/2012	They allow me to experience things I wouldn't otherwise.
15359	7/5/2012	They allow me to enjoy books, movies, and magazines free of cost, which is a huge savings for everyone. They allow equal access to information and education. They ensure that children have a variety of ways to engage with books and learning.
15360	7/5/2012	Especially with the poor state of the Portland Public Schools, the libraries are more important than ever. With the influx of people moving to Portland every year, we should be able to have fully funded libraries.
15361	7/5/2012	Without my librarian getting a certain book for me (there was one copy in the state of Oregon, at the University of Eugene), I would not not have been able to complete my last art and writing project to my satisfaction. I have and always will vote for library funding.
15362	7/5/2012	Libraries allow children to have free access to books and early literacy services. I also make extensive use of library materials as a teacher. While we may have to pay taxes to keep them open, I save hundreds of dollars a year by using the library for books and entertainment. They are extremely important for the community!
15363	7/5/2012	Meets so many needs and vital for those who are most vulnerable, the unemployed, elderly, English as second language, kids
15364	7/5/2012	I love to learn, at my own pace and time... & I love libraries as local information centers!
15365	7/5/2012	As a user, it is because they are a service that is available to everyone. Anyone who has a desire to access the libraries media can. Also, I would more prefer to have the Library closed on Sundays and open on Mondays.
15366	7/5/2012	Trumped only by emergency services.
15367	7/5/2012	An educated populace is a great civic treasure and libraries help educate people.
15368	7/5/2012	As a teacher, I am strapped for cash, yet want to provide my classroom with up to date, relevant resources. The library is very important to making that a possibility.

15369	7/5/2012	Our libraries provide free books and other materials for both educational and recreational purposes, for all ages. They provide computer access to everyone, particularly important for those who don't have that access at home. They provide wonderful materials and programs for preschoolers, school-aged children, and teens, including support for the parents, teachers and caregivers of those children. Libraries are also a gathering place for ALL neighborhood people. Unlike other County services, you don't have to be a certain demographic, certain income level, etc. - literally everyone is welcome at the library. That is huge!
15370	7/5/2012	i use them every day and having so many books available to my children has helped them to be literate and appreciate reading - Libraries anchor communities, they provide space for study, children's programs, senior programs and common interest groups to gather. [] []
15371	7/5/2012	- They provide access to books to all people. Reading is not only a source of entertainment but it is educational, whether you are reading fiction or non-fiction. [] [] - They allow me to read at the level and speed at which I am most comfortable - I finish 2 novels a week, I could not afford this on my own.
15372	7/5/2012	They help maintain an educated and well read populace.
15373	7/5/2012	"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." --Anne Herbert
15374	7/5/2012	Great pre-school educational activities and resources, good access to books, music, films, etc., close enough that we don't have to get in the car to visit -- we always walk or ride our bikes there, and there are always super friendly staff on-hand to help with whatever we need.
15375	7/5/2012	They are my connection!
15376	7/5/2012	It equalizes access to books and other forms of media (cd, dvd) and also access to computers.
15377	7/5/2012	I use them on a regular basis
15378	7/5/2012	Gives access to literature and other reading resources to those who might otherwise struggle to afford it. Supports youth literacy.
15379	7/5/2012	Public safety and basic maintenance should come first.
15380	7/5/2012	Library services encompass so many services to various community members.
15381	7/5/2012	Access to information, and the ability to educate oneself for very little cost
15382	7/5/2012	It is a upstream way of helping people- it is teaching a man to fish.
15383	7/5/2012	Knowledge should be open and accessible to everyone without hindrance.
15384	7/5/2012	Clean water is an essential as well as waste disposal. Besides those, the library is the most important public service/resource that I use.
15385	7/5/2012	access to books, media - increased knowledge!

15386	7/5/2012	I am an avid reader and access to the library allows me to be able to check out new books often. Going to the library and picking out books is a fun activity that my pre-school age son looks forward to. I feel as though this excitement will translate to a lifelong love of reading for my son.
15387	7/5/2012	They are a great community resource accessible to everyone.
15388	7/5/2012	I can't imagine living in a city without police and fire services. Too many crazies out there. It would be unpleasant to not have at least as good a library as we have today, but I could adjust.
15389	7/5/2012	I cant say they are more important than public safety and such, so not #1, but that are important to a vibrant community They are the only resource to keep the poor online, and that desperately important.
15390	7/5/2012	Access to information, help keep household costs down
15391	7/5/2012	All public services are needed and of importance to me, but the library is unique and vital in a variety of ways.
15392	7/5/2012	For me, the library ranks just behind police, the fire department, and food assistance. The library provides access to information and entertainment, which is a basic human need. The library also provides a connection between the public and some of the other services that the state offers. I can't tell you how many times I've heard of someone coming to the library to get help with food stamps or other government programs.
15393	7/5/2012	I believe all of the world's problems can be solved through education. The library is nearly the only resource available currently, to educate oneself freely.
15394	7/5/2012	Libraries are one of the basic public services, right up there with water and sewers.
15395	7/5/2012	Schools are in much more need of funding right now (need updated infrastructure)
15396	7/5/2012	they provide an unlimited source of information without having to wade through the political crud that colors other government agencies.
15397	7/5/2012	If it comes down to cut the fire department or the library, I think most people would say we need emergency services. I would agree. Libraries are great, and they enhance the community a great deal.
15398	7/5/2012	essential part of the community
15399	7/5/2012	Libraries are the heart and soul of the community. By providing access to knowledge and information they are a gateway to opportunity, or even just a way to escape for a little while. I can't believe our luck in having free access to an unlimited assortment of media. I love my library!
15400	7/5/2012	Education and free access to information for all are critical to civilization and our survival globally and locally.
15401	7/5/2012	knowledge is power.

15402	7/5/2012	I feel that where other organizations and institutions fall short, the library is there for you to step into and help find your way back on the right path. ¶ ¶ You can also see what a community's values (education) and what some of its ongoing issues (homelessness) are from the state of its libraries.
15403	7/5/2012	ALL Public Services are important, figure out a new tax system, people.
15404	7/5/2012	I think that libraries are less important than things like police and the fire department, but still very important because they provide learning opportunities to the community that would otherwise not be available.
15405	7/5/2012	As a teacher, I believe libraries are essential for providing access to lower income individuals and families.
15406	7/5/2012	I think they are crucial to an engaged, informed, connected community. Schools can provide some of that for our youngest citizens, but libraries are really for ALL.
15407	7/5/2012	Literacy and education are extremely important for a successful economy, the backbone of our society.
15408	7/5/2012	I'm not sure exactly what "other local public services" refers to. Obviously I want a fire department and such first, but after not having a burning house books are the most important thing. If I didn't have access to the library growing up, to quantities of books I would never have been able to afford, I would not be who I am today. Library services must be preserved for future generations.
15409	7/5/2012	We Just need Them
15410	7/5/2012	Knowledge betters the body and the soul. With a more education populace, we'll have lower healthcare costs (better nutritional knowledge and less use of hospital facilities), a safer city (education lowers crime rates), etc. By investing in our libraries, we will reduce costs elsewhere.
15411	7/5/2012	Because libraries are the foundation of a democratic society, providing access to materials and information for all people equally.
15412	7/5/2012	A population without equal access to knowledge for everybody would be a disaster.
15413	7/5/2012	The local libraries serve a wide range of the population. Many other services don't affect as many people
15414	7/5/2012	I utilize the library very heavily. I seldom buy books--relying on the library, even if it means I have a long wait for something new/popular.
15415	7/5/2012	Libraries are as vital to our community as schools, fire departments....you name it, they are just as important. They give everyone in the community access to information, internet, research materials, and a large variety of reading materials. This is especially important for the underprivileged, who otherwise may not have access to many of these materials.
15416	7/5/2012	Because I use the library several times a week, both for personal reading as well as for materials for homeschooling

15417	7/5/2012	All citizens should have access to the information and resources provided by the library system. I see it as an important component of our democratic society.
15418	7/5/2012	The library allows an equality and access to resources regardless of income. Reading opens so many doors.
15419	7/5/2012	I love reading, and I've always been a big library user. I also love how many free movies and CDs are available through our local library!
15420	7/5/2012	provided services to everyone, not just special groups
15421	7/5/2012	I have the money to replace library services, but it hasn't always been that way. We need libraries.
15422	7/5/2012	My family and I live for books! We use them for recreation, learning, research. We are grateful that we can access the library, because otherwise we could not afford to read as widely as we do now. it raises the bar for everyone. it equalizes things. if you don't have your own computer, you can go to the library and find the job, or the home, or the information you need. it's an amazing shared resource, re: pay tax money and SHARE the resources... we don't need EVERYONE in the city to have a copy of the Notebook. Have 30 copies and circulate them. Same with movies, music. and it's a centrally located place where people can get together over these things. I think it's just great.
15423	7/5/2012	I have been a library patron my entire life. Now that I am retired, I use it more than ever. I probably read 3 - 4 books a week including histories, biographies, novels, self-help and so much more. I watch movies and informational DVD's, get the latest music. I am able to get the latest books and able to try books, movies and music that I wouldn't take a chance on if I had to purchase. For what I pay in taxes to support the library, the world is open to me. Would I pay more? Absolutely!
15424	7/5/2012	It is one of the few obvious benefits of paying taxes
15425	7/5/2012	If education is the key to ending poverty, schools and libraries are the most important services we have.
15426	7/5/2012	Education and access to information is at the very foundation of what helps the most under-resourced and most needy in any community. The library is a critical "way out" for so many.
15427	7/5/2012	I am a high utilizer!
15428	7/5/2012	the library plays a critical role in this community. it's one of the only places left where you can talk to a real person and find reliable information.
15429	7/5/2012	Provide services for our family but it is an important community resource
15430	7/5/2012	Libraries are second only to public schools with regards to educating our citizens. Without an educated populace, there is no chance for a healthy economy.
15431	7/5/2012	I've always been a heavy user of libraries - for those not in the social safety net, they may be the only county program that gets used regularly.
15432	7/5/2012	Access to information and the ease with which knowledge is disseminated is a hallmark of a flourishing society.
15433	7/5/2012	Crucial social infrastructure.
15434	7/5/2012	

15435	7/5/2012	Because I use the library more often than I use parks, public transportation and anything else you can think of combined. I would happily pay taxes (go library bond measure!) to support my library because it couldn't come close to totaling the amount I would need to pay to buy all the books I read or resource.
15436	7/5/2012	Free access to most books, movies and music.
15437	7/5/2012	Libraries are economic engines of our community. job seekers, small business owners and students go further with a strong library system.
15438	7/5/2012	Our Democracy depends on free and open access to learning and knowledge. Quality public libraries and quality public education go hand-in-hand in getting us there.
15439	7/5/2012	Lots of resources available for the less-privileged. Access to information is crucial to an educated democracy.
15440	7/5/2012	I use the materials on a regular basis and would miss them immensely if there were gone.
15441	7/5/2012	They are very important. They are part of a broad range of public services which are critical to our communities health and quality of life.

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QUESTION 9: Looking forward to the future, here are options for consideration for public library funding. Please rank the following three choices: ("1" being the most desirable) *Your rankings will automatically be reordered upon your selection.

Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
<p>MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVY & LIMITED Library SERVICE - The current three-year levy (passed by voters in May at a rate of \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value) resulted in a fourteen percent cut in hours and staff, even with a special subsidy from Multnomah County. All libraries have shortened hours and are closed on Mondays. Weekly, the library is open only 44 hours - down from 57 hours/week. Property tax levies, like that for the libraries, are subject to compression by other tax measures (meaning not all taxes can be collected due to property tax restrictions) and reserves have been used up.</p>	25.4% 4695	23.0% 4257	51.6% 9541	2.26	18493
<p>INCREASE COST OF LEVY FOR FULL SERVICE RESTORATION - Multnomah County voters can restore library hours and services by renewing the temporary local option levy and increasing the rate to \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value (because the full rate cannot be collected due to property tax rules) , this levy requires at least \$10 million in subsidy from Multnomah County's General budget which is also funded by your property tax dollars.</p>	13.1% 2428	61.3% 11337	25.6% 4728	2.12	18493
<p>Establish a LIBRARY DISTRICT to restore library services and fully fund library services into the future - Multnomah County voters can establish a library district. The district under consideration would establish a permanent funding rate of \$1.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Because a district is subject to very little "compression" from other property tax measures, it would be a more stable funding source and would not require additional funding from Multnomah County's general fund budget.</p>	61.5% 11370	15.7% 2899	22.8% 4224	1.61	18493
				<i>answered question</i>	18493
				<i>skipped question</i>	1871

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QUESTION 10: If the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners decides to place a measure to establish a Library District they could choose to put it on the ballot in November 2012 or November 2014. Some people say that we should vote on a Library District sooner so we don't have to suffer an additional 2 years of reduced library hours and services. Other people say that we should wait until 2014 because voters just passed a renewal of the levy and there will be other funding measures for schools on the ballot this fall. Tell us what you think.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Place a measure to establish a Library District in 2012	49.7%	9120
Place a measure to establish a Library District in 2014	38.7%	7093
Don't place a measure to establish a Library District	11.6%	2130
	<i>answered question</i>	18343
	<i>skipped question</i>	2021