



KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MASTER PLAN REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The City of Kyle and the Kyle Public Library are experiencing a period of unprecedented growth and opportunity. With ongoing progress and development, Kyle continues to evolve as a dynamic, forward-looking community poised for a bright future.

The Library is proud to be an important part of the community. Our mission is to facilitate access to information, inspire learning, enrich lives, and encourage community engagement. We strive to be a vibrant hub of opportunities for lifelong learning.

With a collection of physical and electronic materials, staff ready to assist, classes for all ages, and quiet—and not so quiet—spaces, the Library offers immersive experiences and interactive opportunities that bring people together to learn, explore, and grow, enhancing the lives of Kyle residents.

Throughout the past year, we have focused our efforts on gaining a deeper understanding of Kyle and the needs of its residents. We are eager to share what we have learned and how we intend to apply those lessons to further improve library service. The following document is the first ever official Library Master Plan for Kyle Public Library, guiding the development of a responsive, agile organiza-

tion that serves the needs and expectations of Kyle residents. The Master Plan charts a course for planning, building, and enhancing library services that support the community's needs today and anticipate those of tomorrow.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have participated in this project, especially the hundreds of Kyle residents who took the time to participate in the survey and vision board input. Your response was inspiring, and we value your comments, ideas, and suggestions. I would also like to thank the City Council, Library Board, the Friends of the Library, City Management, Library staff, and the community for their time and contributions toward the development of this plan.

The resulting Master Plan reflects a collaborative process shaped by the voices, ideas, and aspirations of the community we are proud to serve.

Sincerely,

LESLIE SCOTT,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR
KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Kyle Public Library Master Plan is shaped by the voices, needs, and aspirations of the Kyle community. Developed by 720 design in partnership with Library staff, City leaders, and residents, the plan focuses on understanding how people use the library today—and how it must evolve to serve a rapidly growing and changing community in the years ahead.

The process began with a close look at Kyle’s growth, demographics, and daily realities. With a fast-growing population, many young families, and neighborhoods separated by I-35, it became clear that the library is both deeply valued and increasingly stretched beyond what its current building can support.

Community input was central to the planning effort. Through discovery tours, hands-on visioning activities, leadership conversations, and an online survey with more than 600 partic-

ipants, residents shared what matters most to them—more space for children and teens, places to study and work quietly, flexible rooms to gather and learn together, outdoor spaces, and a library that feels welcoming, comfortable, and reflective of Kyle’s identity.

To ensure these ideas were realistic and achievable, the team compared Kyle Public Library to similar libraries across Central Texas and statewide standards. This analysis confirmed what many residents already feel: the current 20,000 SF library is working hard but simply too small to meet today’s needs, let alone the demands of a city that continues to grow at a remarkable pace.

The recommendations in this plan bring together community voices, real data, and proven best practices to outline a clear path forward—one that allows the library to grow with Kyle while continuing to serve as a welcoming place to learn, connect, and belong.

The library did not sit still during the master planning process:



What We've Already Accomplished:

- Improved website, program calendar, and signage
- Added additional quiet study rooms or furniture solutions
- Created lounge zones and reading nooks
- Built and furnished Maker Space
- Promoting Maker Space, Bookmobile, and new services
- Increasing Bookmobile service east of I-35



What's Currently In Progress:

- Adding acoustic separation between active/quiet zones
- Incrementally increase FTEs to reduce workload and meet benchmark goals
- Reconfiguring circulation desk and workspace layout
- Continuing collection reorganization and catalog cleanup
- Weeding and curating the collection
- Improving browsability, discovery tools, and signage
- Adding hotspots, check out laptops
- Updating Public Computers

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In addition to the immediate actions taken or in progress for the library, this plan outlines a phased, step by step plan for meeting the needs of the citizens of Kyle. The following page summarizes the Short and Mid-term actions.

SHORT-TERM ACTIONS (0–2 YEARS)

The short-term actions outlined below focus on immediately strengthening library services, improving operational efficiency, and expanding access—particularly for residents east of I-35—while laying the groundwork for future capital investment.

These initiatives prioritize high-impact improvements that can be implemented quickly, enhance daily user experience, support staff capacity, and position the City to make informed decisions about long-term facility solutions. Together, these

actions represent a pragmatic and responsive first phase in delivering meaningful progress for the Kyle community.

MID-TERM ACTIONS (2–5 YEARS)

Mid-term actions transition the City from planning to implementation by advancing key decisions related to service expansion, funding strategies, and facility development. This phase centers on selecting a preferred expansion strategy, securing funding, and completing the design and construction process for new or expanded library facilities.

These steps ensure that Kyle Public Library can scale thoughtfully and sustainably in response to rapid population growth, evolving community needs, and long-term service goals.



Short-term Actions (0-2 Years):

- Prepare for new ILS implementation
- East Side Options:
 - Explore Book Lockers on East Side
 - Explore Book Vending on East Side
 - Explore an Eastside Hub: Tech outreach – business area, reference area and small roaming collection, small meeting rooms with tech
- Complete Part 2 of the Master Plan: Concept Design
- Research funding sources for project
- Research Potential Sites for New Buildings



Mid-term Actions (2-5 Years):

- Select Option for expanding library services
- Identify and Finalize Funding
- New Building Design Process approximately 12-16 months
- Bidding and Construction 12-20 months

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CAPITAL PROJECT OPTIONS:

The capital improvement options presented below provide a range of flexible, scalable solutions to meet Kyle’s long-term library service needs through multiple facility configurations and investment levels. Each option responds directly to community priorities, projected population growth, and benchmark standards, while offering strategic choices related to location, phasing, and overall system development. Together, these options equip City leaders with clear pathways to align vision, service delivery, and fiscal stewardship as Kyle continues to grow.

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
SIZE (SF)				
Renovate/Expand Existing Library	36,600	36,600	36,600	
		or	or	
Downtown Library		50,000		
East Side Branch	10,000	50,000	50,000	
New Central Library	N/A	N/A	106,000 - 143,000	160,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST				
Renovate Existing Library	\$16 - \$20 million	\$16 - \$20 million	\$16 - \$20 million	
		or	or	
Downtown Branch	N/A	\$39 - \$45 million		
East Side Branch	\$4.5 - \$6 million	\$39 - \$45 million	\$39 - \$45 million	
New Central Library	N/A	N/A	\$88 - \$112 million	\$126 - \$132 million

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The following is a summary of fast facts about each option: **Response to Community Input**, the ability to **Meet State and National Standards**, and the **Timeline for Implementation**:

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
Responds to Community Input	Not Able to Meet Top 10 or Expand Physical Collection	Working Toward All Top 10 - Potential Duplications or Specialized Libraries	All Top 10 but Some Shared Spaces	All Top 10
Meets Standards	State Average 2030	Build out with (4) Branches	Buildout to Population 200,000	Buildout to Population 200,000
TIMELINE				
Renovate Existing Library	30-32 months			
10K Temporary Branch	11 months			
50K Branch Branch		30-32 months	30-32 months	30-32 months
Central Library		32-36 months	34-38 months	32-36 months

CONCLUSION

This master plan reflects the collective voice of the Kyle community, grounded in robust data, meaningful engagement, and best practices from peer libraries across Texas. By combining immediate operational improvements with a strategic roadmap for facility investment, the plan provides a clear, achievable path forward—one that ensures the Kyle Public Library continues to serve as a welcoming, dynamic, and essential community resource.

Through thoughtful implementation of the recommended Short-term actions, Mid-term strategies, and Capital Improvements, Kyle is well positioned to deliver library services that reflect its values, support lifelong learning, and strengthen community connection for generations to come.



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Vision Board Participants
Library Patrons
Community Members



Read 1,000 Books
Before Kindergarten

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GOALS AND CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS

The goals of the Kyle Public Library Master Plan are to provide a clear, actionable roadmap for 2026-2031 and into the future, updating the 2022–2026 plan with a strategy rooted in extensive community input and robust, comparative data. The plan is designed to guide library development, programming, and facilities in the context of rapid city growth and changing community needs.

SUMMARY OF GOALS AND SUCCESS CRITERIA

- **Vision and Guidance:** Create a road map for the future of library services in Kyle, showcasing possible improvements and helping the community envision new opportunities for learning, gathering, connecting, and accessing information.
- **Community-Driven Approach:** Conduct thorough engagement to understand and reflect the needs, wants, and cultural identity of Kyle’s diverse population, ensuring both short- and long-term recommendations are driven by public input.



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- **Data-Rich Analysis:** Deliver a master plan and report that is rich in demographic and comparative data based on key metrics and standards, identifies unique trends and service gaps, and supports decision-making with solid research rather than assumptions.
- **Innovative and Flexible Solutions:** Explore traditional and nontraditional service models—such as mobile library units, vending, pop-up locations, and lockers—and recommend where these solutions could expand reach, especially to underserved areas.
- **Facilities and Location Strategy:** Assess the potential for growth at the existing site, options for new branches or a single centralized location, and integration with other city initiatives.
- **Inclusive Planning with Action Steps:** Organize actionable plans by time frame (immediate, intermediate, long term), with recommendations for building scale, needed programs, community priorities, technology, and access to resources for all age groups.
- **Coordination Across City Initiatives:** Ensure the library master plan aligns with other city development efforts, like parks, facilities, and senior services, seeking opportunities for collaboration.



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- **Support for Lifelong Learning:** Emphasize expanded technology, rotating collections, business centers, and targeted programming for seniors, families, and job seekers, so all residents can benefit from library resources.

In addition, the library's master plan aligns with the City of Kyle's 2030 Comprehensive Plan's strategic focuses to create a:

- **Thriving & Prosperous Economy:** According to the Texas State Library, the return on investment for libraries in Texas is \$4.64 for every dollar spent on library services. Several factors were considered in this analysis: cost savings, workforce development, educational outcomes, and increased property values.
- **Sustainable & Resilient Infrastructure:** The future library has the opportunity to be designed with water conservation and strategic growth to meet the needs of the residents long term.
- **Excellent & Accountable City Government:** Over the last year, the library has implemented new and innovative services and engaged the community to ensure this Master Plan reflects the communities desire for 21st century library services.



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- **Safe & Welcoming Community:** The library is a place for community connections and new and expanded library services will create a sense of belonging for all.
- **Vibrant & Fun Destination:** The library represents a community destination for education, entertainment and innovation. An expanded library that meets library standards and community expectations enhances the quality of life for all residents.

The overarching intent is to create a vibrant, adaptive, and well-supported library system that is community driven, grows with Kyle’s population and remains a cornerstone for education, engagement, and civic life in the coming decades.

“[I’m looking forward to] space that supports people’s learning and creates a sense of community throughout all stages of life.”

- STATEMENT FROM ONLINE SURVEY



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ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

- Kyle’s population has experienced explosive growth, rising from approximately 5,300 in 2000 to over 65,800 in 2024, with a population of nearly 69,000 by 2025 and up to 100,000 within five years if current trends continue.

Buildout population expected to be 200,000.

2023 Population: 65,800

10-year projection: 95,000

15-year projection: 115,000

Population increases have been 4-5% per year.

- This makes Kyle the second-fastest growing city in the U.S. by percentage, and it’s poised to become the largest city in Hays County.
- The largest age group is between 25 and 64, and the median age is 31.4, indicating a community that includes many young families and working-age adults. This is reflected in the Kyle Comprehensive Plan as well - the Tapestry report indicates that nearly 88% of the Kyle population is Up and Coming Families:

Up and Coming Families

87.5%

Up and Coming Families is a market in transition—residents are younger and more mobile than the previous generation. They are ambitious, working hard to get ahead, and willing to take some risks to achieve their goals. The recession has impacted their financial well-being, but they are optimistic. Their homes are new; their families are young. This is one of the fastest growing markets in the country.

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	3.12
MEDIAN AGE	31.4
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$72,000

- The city population does not tell the entire story of the population served by the Kyle Public Library: In 2023, the Texas State Library assigned a service area to the Kyle Public Library of assigned 76,059 residents to include approximately 11,000 county residents and this continues to grow with the county’s growth.

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DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW:

- **Ethnic composition:** Hispanic residents are the largest group (49.3%), followed by White residents (41.1%), and Black or African American residents (about 5.1%).
- Kyle maintains diversity and a relatively young population, with family households on the rise—average household size is around 3.1 people.

Median household income has grown to \$72,000, reflecting a relatively affluent and economically stable community, though about 3.6% of families are below the poverty line.

EDUCATION + ATTAINMENT:

- **High educational attainment:** 90.8% of adults have a high school diploma or higher, exceeding state averages; 31.8% hold a bachelor's degree or higher.
- **College:** 24% of adults have attended some college, 9% hold an associate's degree, 21% have a bachelor's, and 9% have a master's degree.

Kyle falls under the Hays Consolidated Independent School District, which serves over 20,000 students and consistently earns strong ratings, suggesting a supportive environment for youth and ongoing educational initiatives.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES:

- Rapid growth is outpacing infrastructure—including public amenities such as the library and parks as well as critical infrastructure like building, water, wastewater, and roads.
- Systems designed for a town of 5,000 are now being challenged by a population approaching 70,000, risking resident frustration and straining city services.
- The diversity in ethnicity, age, and socioeconomic status means programming and resources must be accessible and relevant to all segments of the community.
- The community is divided by I-35 – the east and west sides of Kyle. There are no library services on the east side and city buildings are just beginning to be planned for the east side.





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OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARY SERVICES:

- Key opportunities include:
 - Expansion of youth and family programming to meet the needs of Kyle’s young, diverse population.
 - Increasing digital literacy and access, especially for residents who may have limited resources at home.
 - Supporting workforce development and adult education through partnerships, career resources, and technology access.
 - Creating more flexible spaces for community meetings and collaborative learning, responding to trends in library use and civic engagement. And, most important, additional space to become the community hub and support the growing community needs.
- Strong community engagement with library planning and the city’s overall 2030 plan suggests a clear desire for high-quality, adaptable public services.

CONCLUSION:

Kyle’s rapid demographic and economic changes create both urgency and unique prospects for public library development. Meeting these needs requires innovative, inclusive, and agile planning to ensure library services continue to serve as a cornerstone for education, community building, and equitable access in a city evolving at record pace.

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- **Space Repurposing:** Several original spaces have been converted for different uses to adapt to new demands. The former quiet reading room now houses administration, and what was once a large study room is being transformed into a maker space. Youth and teen staff, as well as support for outreach and mobile services, are accommodated in a repurposed shared workroom. These efforts have begun to address workflow and the balance of staff vs. public space in the existing building.
- **Visibility:** The original quiet room suffered from limited visibility, reducing its suitability for its intended purpose and is now the administration shared offices. Tall shelving and the configuration of shelving and interior walls also create a barrier to visibility.
- **Collection Flow and Arrangement:** The current flow of the library's collection is noted as unintuitive. There is an active staff project to standardize signage and group similar collections—relocating youth collections together (placing magazines in all use spaces in public, with comfortable seating) and bringing new books to a centralized location. The Spanish language collection is a priority, reflecting local demographics. There has been a focus on improving the children's area acoustics, which has effectively reduced noise levels.



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- **Service Desk and Multi-use Spaces:** The main service desk is significantly oversized and not functional – the library is in the process of replacing. The pre-function lobby provides versatile space for displays, tutoring, and community events. A multi-purpose room with a divider and a kitchen featuring service windows supports both indoor functions and outdoor community gatherings, though the divider’s sound separation is inadequate.
- **Technology & Infrastructure:** Updates to AV and technology are needed to meet current and future requirements, and additional acoustic and storage improvements are likely necessary for shared spaces like the multipurpose room.



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OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- The current arrangement highlights the library's ability to adapt, but also its spatial and infrastructure constraints as services expand.
- Ongoing renovations signal a commitment to improvement but also reveal the need for more holistic planning - addressing accessibility, space allocation, technology upgrades, and evolving program needs in a fast-growing city.

In summary, while the Kyle Public Library staff have creatively maximized use of the existing building's 20,000 SF, these changes underscore the need for a foundational reimagining to ensure the facility can truly meet community expectations now and into the future.



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DISCOVERY TOURS + COMMUNITY INPUT

As part of the Master Plan process, Kyle Public Library staff, City leaders, and consultants participated in Discovery Tours of two recently completed Central Texas libraries: Cedar Park Public Library and Round Rock Public Library.

The goal was to experience innovative service models, observe successful design solutions, and reflect on what could translate effectively to Kyle. These tours highlighted both current gaps in Kyle's facility and key opportunities to create a welcoming, future-ready library that reflects the community's unique needs.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM PEER LIBRARIES

Planning for Growth and High Demand

Both Cedar Park and Round Rock underscored the importance of designing for far more use than expected. Cedar Park welcomed 240,000 visitors in its first month, quickly realizing they needed more staff and stronger operational systems. For Kyle, this reinforces the need to plan boldly for population growth and design a facility that performs well on day one, and long into the future.



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Staffing, Storage, and Operations Matter

Tour participants repeatedly observed that great public spaces rely on equally strong behind-the-scenes support. Key insights included:

- Adequate staffing must grow alongside expanded services.
- Storage space is essential for programming, facility management, and circulation workflows.
- Automated Materials Handling (AMH) is now a baseline system for efficiency and high-volume returns.
- Height-adjustable workstations and organized staff zones support morale, ergonomics, and productivity.

Children's Areas Need Careful Balancing

Highly interactive children's areas attract families—but also require tailored design strategies:

- Durable furnishings and materials for heavy use.
- Clear sightlines for staff supervision.
- Thoughtful programming zones that avoid overstimulation.
- Fenced outdoor spaces and outdoor story times are highly valued, safe, and popular.

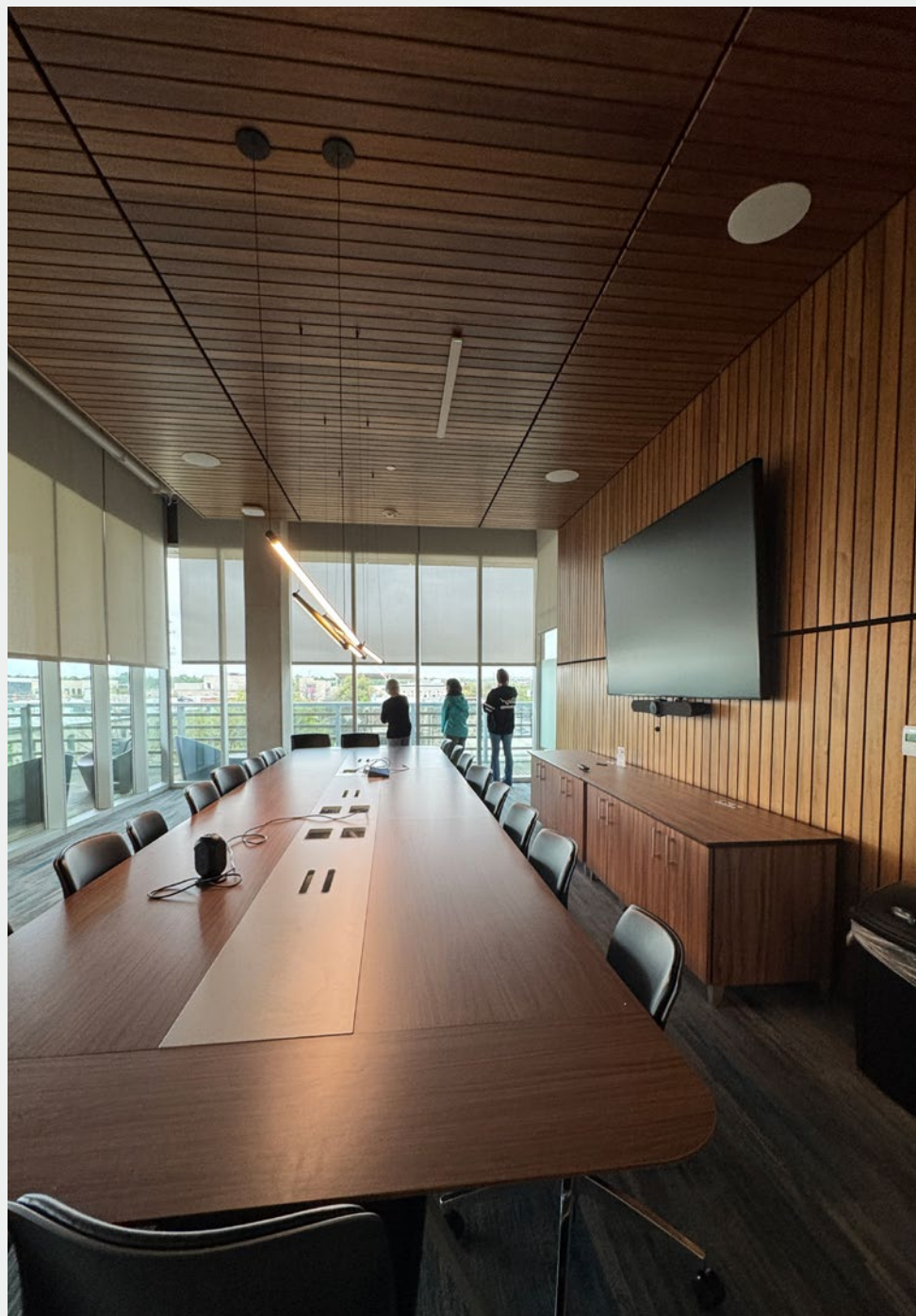


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Study Rooms and Flexible Spaces Are Essential

Round Rock's study rooms operate at nearly 100% occupancy, demonstrating a strong regional trend. Participants noted:

- A variety of study room sizes, furnishings, and writable surfaces works best.
- Skyfold and mobile walls provide acoustical separation and flexibility.
- Dedicated program-prep rooms for staff dramatically increase efficiency.



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WHAT WILL WORK WELL IN KYLE

Warm, Welcoming, Spacious Design

Participants responded strongly to Cedar Park’s airy, warm, wood-accented spaces. They expressed a desire for:

- Natural light in both public and staff areas, with thoughtful shading.
- Cozy elements such as fireplaces and club chairs in quiet reading rooms.
- A circulation desk that feels like a “Welcome Desk,” supported by self-check and AMH systems.

Modern, Multi-Generational Spaces

Kyle’s future library must support a broad range of users. Desired elements include:

- A more engaging, but not overwhelming, children’s area (no slide like Cedar Park’s).
- A dedicated teen zone, which Kyle currently lacks.
- Numerous study rooms with varied layouts.
- Indoor/outdoor program spaces including:
 - Fenced children’s outdoor area
 - Outdoor story time area
 - Adult storytelling/event space
 - Rooftop or elevated programming opportunities



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Maker Spaces Tailored to Activity Types

Rather than one large shared space, participants favored:

- Separate maker environments based on age or type of activity (tech vs. hands-on). This promotes safety, appropriate noise levels, and program versatility.

Technology, Training, and Bilingual Support

Reflecting Kyle's high bilingual population and heavy reliance on library technology, the library must prioritize:

- Bilingual signage and bilingual programming.
- Computer literacy classes (e.g., Computer 101).
- High-capacity printing, faxing, and scanning services.
- A "Learning Lab" environment for workforce, digital skills, and tutoring.



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TRENDS NOTED ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS LIBRARIES

Libraries as Flexible Community Hubs

Peer libraries are shifting toward adaptable spaces that support learning, discovery, and connection. Trends include:

- Indoor/outdoor program integration.
- Rotating exhibit space to celebrate local culture.
- Multi-functional rooms with movable walls and adaptable seating.
- Warm, natural materials, especially wood, to create hospitality-inspired spaces.

Growing Demand for Self-Service and Operational Efficiency

- Auto-check machines, AMH systems, and self-service holds are increasingly the norm.
- Space reservations are heavily used and require dedicated staff oversight.
- Workflow efficiency - from returns to program prep - is critical as library use grows.



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UNIQUE IDENTITY AS A DESIGN DRIVER

Participants appreciated design features that “make it just us.” Peer libraries incorporate public art, local storytelling elements, mascots, and architectural cues rooted in community culture.

The Discovery Tours reinforced a clear picture: Kyle is ready for a modern, spacious, welcoming, single-story library that blends the best features of its regional peers with elements uniquely rooted in the Kyle community.

This future library should:

- Prioritize natural light and warm materials.
- Support multi-generational learning and gathering.
- Offer flexible indoor/outdoor programming.
- Scale operations through staffing, storage, and AMH systems.
- Reflect the cultural identity and bilingual nature of the community.

The insights gathered will directly inform a Master Plan that positions Kyle Public Library as a vibrant, inclusive hub for discovery, creativity, and connection.



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STAKEHOLDER INPUT

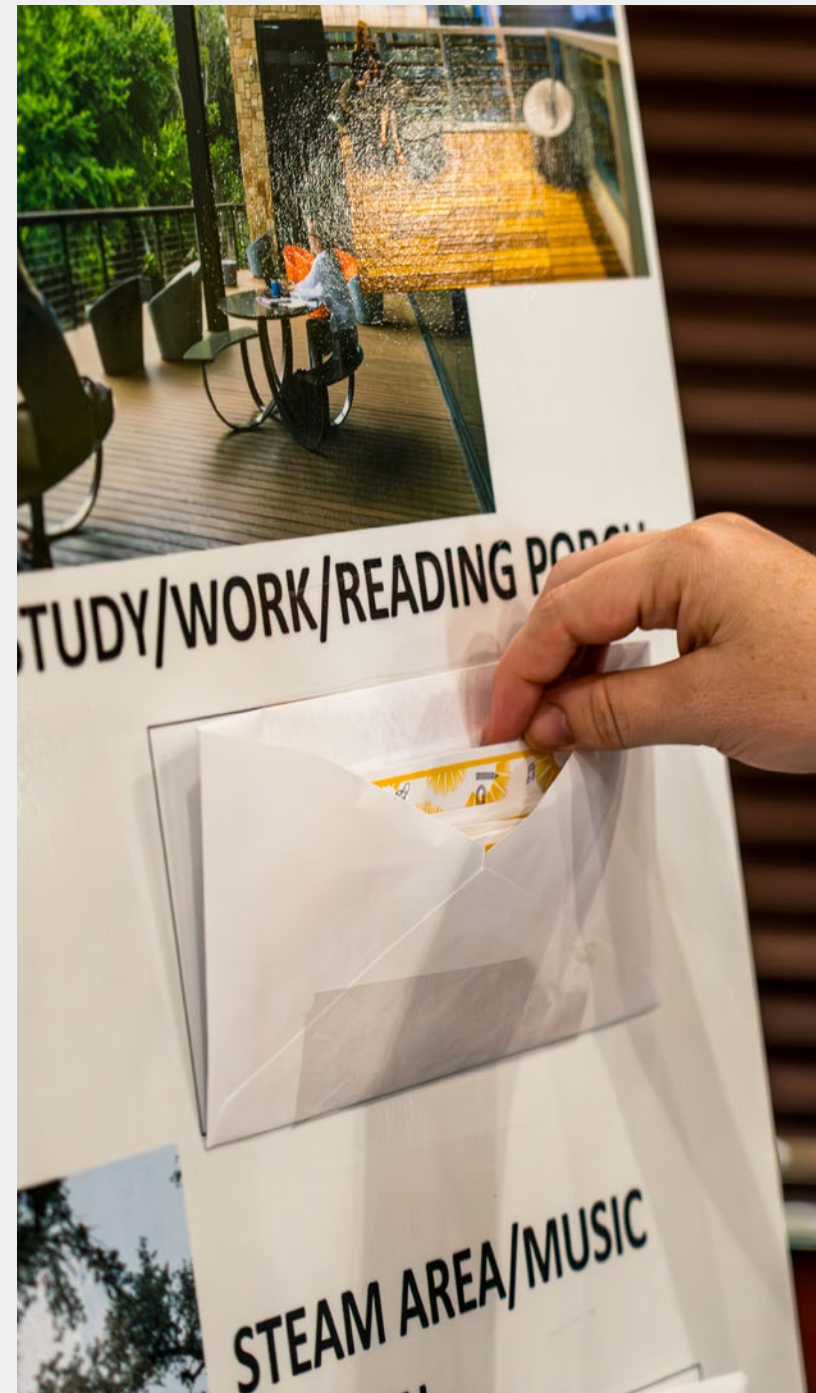
The Kyle Public Library master plan process included various methods for community involvement, including vision boards, an online survey, and leadership interviews.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Building on the goal to create a master plan for the Kyle public library led by a community-driven approach led to the team creating library vision boards based on trends, lessons learned, and key services and spaces observed on the Discovery Tours. The voting mechanism was a custom designed “Kyle Ticket” to allow the community to set priorities for an expanded library. Each attendee was given five (5) tickets to put in the envelope under the library space/service that they felt was most important to include in a new library.

- The kickoff event at the *Library* on May 30, 2025.
- Attended *Market Day* on July 12th, 2025.
- Attended a Senior Event on September 2, 2025.
- Allowed city and library staff to participate in voting on the vision boards on May 1, 2025.

Participants were generous in providing their time for this exercise. Over 148 citizens participated in the process in person that resulted in the following **top ten images**:



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NO. 1 | EARLY LITERACY LEARNING



NO. 2 | STORY/ARTS + CRAFTS



NO. 3 | TEACHING/LEARNING KITCHEN

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NO. 4 | COMMUNITY GATHERING



NO. 5 | STEAM/MUSIC GARDEN



NO. 6 | ART/CRAFT/DISPLAY



NO. 7 | READING NICHES

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NO. 8 | STUDY/WORK/READING PORCH



NO. 9 | IMAGINATIVE PLAY



NO. 10 | COFFEE CART

COMMUNITY BOARDS

COMMUNITY SPACES



MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



CONFERENCE ROOM



STUDY ROOMS



STORY/ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM

BOARD 1. | COMMUNITY SPACES

CHILDREN'S SPACES



IMAGINATIVE PLAY



READING NICHES



SOCIAL SPACES/FAMILY LIVING ROOM




EARLY LITERACY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

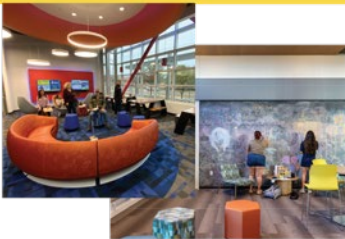
BOARD 2. | CHILDREN'S SPACES

COMMUNITY BOARDS


TEEN SPACES




VENDING/GATHERING




TEEN LIVING ROOM



GAMING/CODING SPACE/GRAPHICS



SEATING/STUDY AREA



ART/CRAFT AND ART DISPLAY

BOARD 3. | TEEN SPACES

ADULT SPACES



QUIET READING ROOM



COMFORTABLE INDIVIDUAL STUDY



ADULT NICHES



COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM




BUSINESS INCUBATOR SPACES


BOARD 4. | ADULT SPACES

COMMUNITY BOARDS


CREATIVE SPACES




HIGH TECH MAKERSPACE




LOW TECH MAKERSPACE



ART EXHIBIT SPACE




VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING




LEARNING/TECH LAB

BOARD 5. | CREATIVE SERVICES


TRENDS




ROOMS FOR REMOTE WORK



**TEACHING/
LEARNING KITCHEN**



**AFTER HOURS LIBRARY
MATERIAL PICK UP**



COFFEE CART

BOARD 6. | TRENDS

COMMUNITY BOARDS

OUTDOOR SPACES

DRIVE UP RETURN/WINDOW

STUDY/WORK/READING PORCH

STEAM AREA/MUSIC GARDEN

COMMUNITY GATHERING

PROGRAM/PERFORMANCE SPACE

BOARD 7. | OUTDOOR SPACES

What is important in a Library for Kyle?

BOARD 8. | WHAT ELSE

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RESIDENTS VOTING



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ONLINE SURVEY

The online survey, administered by The Ivy Group and was offered in Spanish, aimed to gauge the community’s current use of the library, identify key needs, and gather feedback on desired features for a future facility. Conducted in the summer of 2025, the survey was promoted through all of the city’s communication channels, including the library and city website, e-newsletters, social media, and in-person events in the building and the community.

It received responses from 628 residents of varying ages, library usage patterns, and backgrounds, providing a broad perspective on community sentiment. The key findings from the survey are outlined on the following pages.

“The library is vital to the health and wellbeing of humans...I hope this never changes.”

- STATEMENT FROM ONLINE SURVEY



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WHO RESPONDED

A total of 628 individuals participated in the survey between July 2 and September 2, 2025. The respondent profile shows a broad cross-section of Kyle and Hays County residents:

- **97.5%** live, work, or attend school in Kyle/Hays County.
- **Age:** A majority (54.5%) are ages **25–39**, aligning closely with Kyle’s median age of 33.5. Only **6.4%** were below the age of **24**.
- **Households:** **53.7%** represent families with young children; **20.1%** represent families with teens—indicating a strong youth-oriented demographic.
- **Library engagement:**
 - **74%** are library *users* (3+ visits/year).
 - **26%** are *non-users*, providing valuable insight into barriers to participation.



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WHAT RESPONDENTS VALUE MOST

1. Children's Services + Space

A resounding theme: **Kyle needs significantly more and better children's space.**

- **76.3%** rated a children's space as **"very important."**
- In open-ended responses, **children's space was the #1 request** (25.1% of all comments).
- Many families travel to Buda and San Marcos for larger, more engaging children's areas.
- Respondents want:
 - A **separate**, more spacious, acoustically buffered children's zone
 - Interactive play, hands-on learning, STEM elements
 - More programs with better capacity and scheduling
 - Indoor and outdoor play spaces

2. Space for Physical Collections

Even in a digital era, collections matter deeply.

- **76.6%** rated space for physical materials as **"very important."**
- Many open-ended comments expressed concern about limited selection, empty shelves, and the need for **more books, periodicals, and DVDs.**



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3. Quiet Reading + Study Space

Kyle's current facility struggles to balance family activity with quiet study.

- **61.8%** rated quiet space as “very important.”
- Respondents requested dedicated quiet rooms, more study rooms, acoustically separate areas, and small reading nooks.

4. Meeting, Collaboration + Program Space

Residents want spaces that foster community connection.

- Meeting room needs:
 - **45.5%** desire rooms for **6–8 people**
 - **45.1%** desire rooms for **up to 25**
 - **40%** want video conferencing/projection capabilities
- *Program requests:* more adult learning, homeschool programs, craft/maker activities, and multilingual offerings.

5. Outdoor Space

Respondents envision outdoor areas as essential extensions of library use. Top outdoor priorities include:

- **Children's play space (66.1%)**
- **Interactive experiences (62.4%)**
- **Porch for studying/reading (57.2%)**
- **Shaded areas and nature-based play**



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6. Desired Library Atmosphere

Residents overwhelmingly want the library to feel:

- **Welcoming (83.8%)**
- **Cozy (70.6%)**
- **Calm (61.6%)**
- **Light-filled (51.0%):** This reinforces the desire for comfortable seating, improved lighting, and thoughtful acoustics.

7. When asked their preference for library locations and service models, nearly 47% preferred one centrally located, large, full service library:

All	Responses
46.4%	One centrally located, large, full-service library
28.1%	One centrally located, large, full-service library and a small branch with limited services and offerings
25.5%	Multiple libraries throughout the city, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections



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KEY BARRIERS TO USE

For non-users and infrequent users, the top obstacles were:

- **Children’s area too small (19.7%)**
- **Lack of time (15.6%)**
- **Doesn’t occur to me to go (13.4%)**
- **Library doesn’t have what I need (6.8%)**
- **Hours not convenient (9.1%)**
- **Building doesn’t feel comfortable (5.3%)**

Open-ended comments cite frustrations with crowding, insufficient children’s play space, low collection depth, unclear communication, and the need for more diverse programming.

“A larger children’s space would keep us from having to go to other libraries.”

“The building feels small for the size of Kyle—we’ve outgrown it.”

- STATEMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY



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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE FACILITIES

TOP RATED NEEDS

1. Space for physical materials
2. Expanded children's department
3. Quiet spaces
4. Teen space
5. More flexible study and meeting rooms
6. Outdoor learning/play environments
7. Improved program/event space with greater capacity
8. More comfortable, welcoming seating and lighting
9. Better Spanish-language materials and programs (46.1% "very important")
10. Drive-up or remote pickup lockers (21.5% "very interested")

CONCLUSION:

The community sees the Kyle Public Library as an essential public space—and they want it to grow with the city's explosive population. Families, in particular, are eager for a library that provides room to play, read, learn, gather, and grow.



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LEADERSHIP INTERVIEWS

Over the course of nine leadership interviews—including city staff, city manager’s office, library board members, council members, and the library director—720 design gathered diverse perspectives on the current state and future opportunities for the Kyle Public Library. The interviews surfaced **unanimous agreement that the library is undersized, strategically essential to the city’s future, and poised for transformational growth.**

This summary distills **emerging themes, vision for the future, and recommended short- and long-term action items.**

WHO WAS INTERVIEWED

Interviews included:

- City Manager + Deputy City Manager
- City Staff across Parks, IT, Purchasing, Planning, and other departments
- Multiple City Council Members (three separate sessions)
- Library Board leadership
- Library Director + Assistant Director
- Library Staff Team (Children’s, Circulation, Programming, Technology)



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EMERGING THEMES

1. The Library Is Critically Undersized

Across departments and elected officials, the library's space challenges were acknowledged as severe:

- Insufficient **children's area, teen space, program rooms, study rooms, and staff areas.**
- Overcrowding, noise conflicts, and the inability to run simultaneous programs.
- The current 20,000 SF facility cannot keep pace with Kyle's rapid growth.

2. Geographic Equity + Access Are Major Issues

- Strong sentiment that the **east side is underserved.**
- Debate on whether Kyle needs:
 - **One expanded central library**
 - **A central library + a smaller branch, or**
 - **Multiple micro-branches.**
- Transportation barriers make the current site difficult for families and teens.

3. Children, Teens, and Families Are the Highest Community Need

Leadership echoed the survey's findings:

- Larger, more dynamic children's spaces.
- Dedicated teen room for gaming, tutoring, and social learning.



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- Outdoor learning/play environments to reduce noise inside.

4. Demand for Community Gathering + Multi-Use Spaces

- Meeting rooms for 6–8 and 25+ are needed across the city.
- Interest in an event center, flexible classrooms, workforce training rooms, business center, and quiet study zone.
- Outdoor plazas, covered porches, and green spaces were repeatedly prioritized.

5. Technology + Digital Access Are Core Services

Leaders repeatedly emphasized the need for:

- Expanded computer access and digital literacy programs.
- Stronger Wi-Fi, hotspots, laptops.
- A modern ILS, improved e-book/e-audio experience, and a maker/tech studio.
- STEM, robotics, and AI programming.

6. Workforce, Business, and Adult Education Are Growing Priorities

- Job readiness: resume help, interviewing skills, professional development.
- Small business support, entrepreneurial training, procurement 101.



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- Adult learning: ESL, financial literacy, cooking, and health programming.

7. Community Identity, History + Cultural Life Should Be Reflected

- Strong interest in a local archive, genealogy, rotating exhibits, and cultural programming.
- Desire for a library that maintains Kyle's homey, welcoming, small-town feel even as it scales.

8. Staffing, Operations + Internal Culture Need Support

- Lack of staff workspaces, meeting rooms, storage, and a functional break room.
- Cataloging inconsistencies and outdated workflow systems.
- Need for a modern circulation workspace and improved book return/processing system.

9. Safety, Parking + Site Constraints Are Major Considerations

- Parking is insufficient and cannot be expanded easily.
- Desire for improved security, sightlines, and controlled access to children's and teen areas.



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10. Enthusiasm for Partnerships + Innovation

Leaders see strong potential for collaboration with:

- Parks & Recreation (outdoor programs, gardening, cooking).
- Schools and ACC.
- Tech companies (STEM support).
- Nonprofits (health, literacy, workforce).
- County services (mobile health, precinct offices).

“A space where everyone can feel welcome and happy, to be able to learn and explore.”

- STATEMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY





**2 | BENCHMARKING SERVICE/
SPACE STANDARDS SUMMARY**

BENCHMARKING SERVICE + SPACE STANDARDS

INTRODUCTION

Benchmarking provides a critical lens for understanding how the Kyle Public Library (KPL) performs relative to peer institutions in the region, as well as against state and national averages. As Kyle continues its rapid growth toward an anticipated build-out population of 200,000, a data-driven approach ensures that future facilities, staffing levels, collections, and programming reflect both current needs and future demand.

The benchmarking study compares KPL to a peer group of 11 public libraries between Austin and San Antonio - institutions that tend to have larger populations, larger operating budgets, and significantly more square footage. These peers serve as aspirational models as Kyle plans its next generation library. The report also provides comparisons to the Texas state average, national averages, and a “Build-out Average” of libraries serving communities between 100,000 and 249,999 residents.

KPL’s performance must be interpreted within its unique context: a single 20,000 SF facility, a fast-growing and diverse population, limited staff, and a high-demand programming environment. Even within these constraints, the data shows strong usage, high program attendance, and a passionate community - reinforcing both the urgency and the opportunity of a new facility for Kyle.



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SUMMARY OF KEY BENCHMARKING METRICS

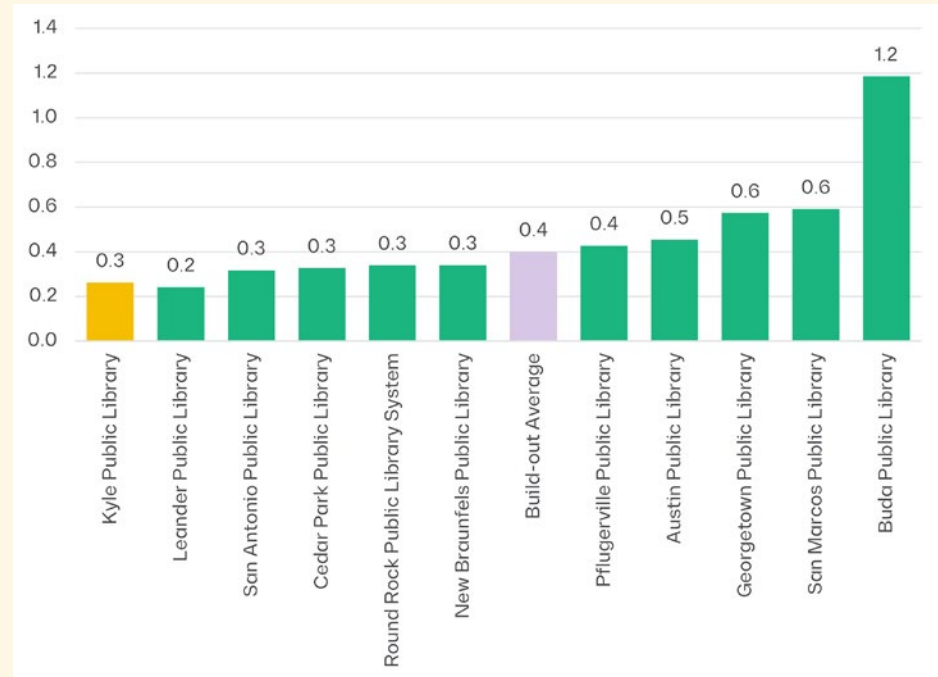
1. Facility Size + Space Allocation

A resounding theme: **Kyle needs significantly more and better children’s space.**

- **KPL provides 0.3 SF per capita, far below the National Standard of 0.8 SF and the build-out average of 0.47 SF.**
- KPL’s 20,000 SF facility is the smallest among its peers, all of which exceed 25,000 SF - and many are expanding or have expanded (Cedar Park opened November 2024 with 48,000 SF and Round Rock opened in January 2023 with 64,000 SF).

What this means: KPL is dramatically undersized for both current and future populations. The deficit limits collections, seating, technology access, program capacity, and staff work areas.

SQUARE FOOTAGE PER CAPITA



“Build the space big enough for what Kyle will need in 10–20 years, not just for now.”

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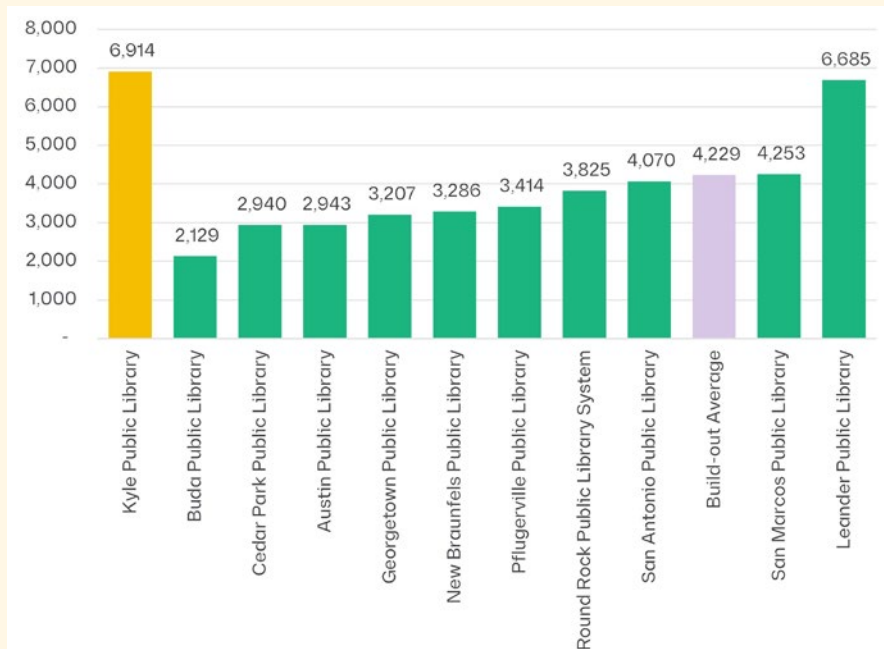
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2. Staffing Capacity

- KPL has the **highest population per FTE (6,914)**—nearly **50% higher** than the build-out average (4,253).
- KPL ranks **10th in volunteer hours**, indicating limited capacity to recruit and supervise volunteers under current staff constraints.

What this means: Staff are stretched significantly thin relative to community needs and peer institutions. A larger facility will require a meaningful increase in staffing levels and improved compensation packages to remain competitive.

POPULATION PER FTE



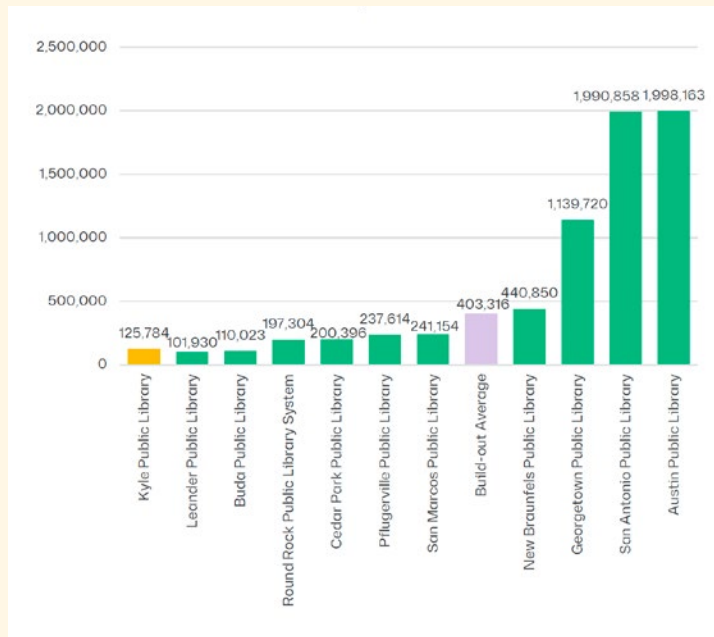
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3. Collections + Circulation

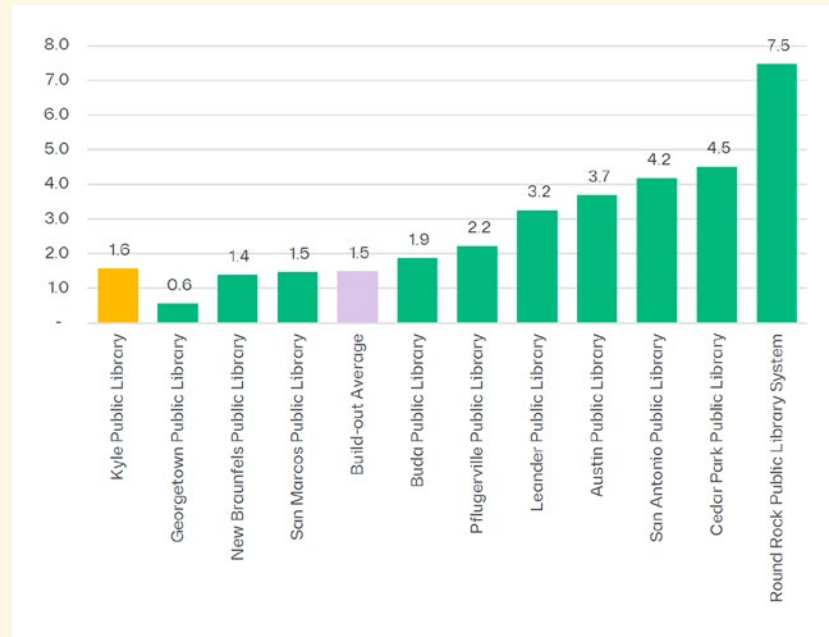
- KPL’s **physical items per capita (1.7)** exceed the build-out average (1.0) and align with large systems like Austin and San Antonio.
- Physical circulation per capita (**2.2**) aligns with build-out averages and aspirational peers.
- **Turnover rate (1.6)** is below the state standard (2.5), signaling a need for targeted weeding and collection refresh.
- KPL ranks **11th in digital circulation**, suggesting an opportunity to expand digital offerings.

What this means: KPL’s collection is appropriately sized (the community perception is that the collection is too small but this may be related to the turnover rate). A strategic shift toward curated physical collections and expanded digital offerings will better support future growth and free valuable floor space.

TOTAL PHYSICAL ITEMS



COLLECTION TURNOVER RATE



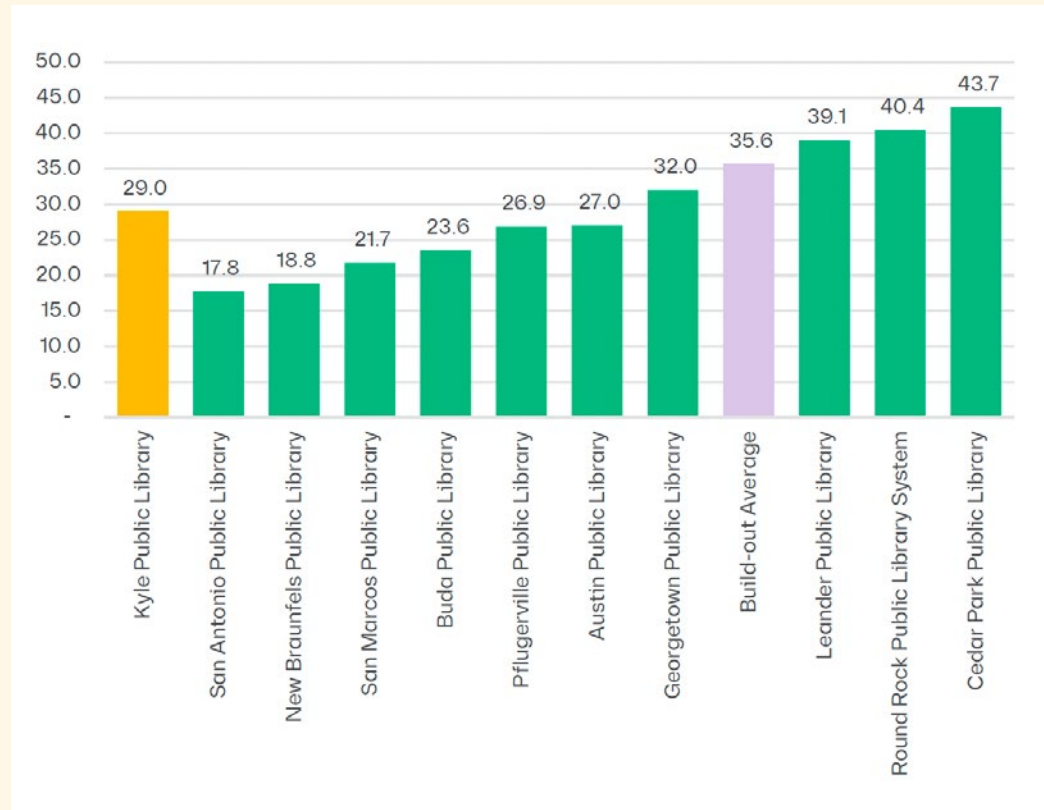
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4. Programming + Attendance

- KPL ranks **5th in attendance per program** and **1st for elementary school program attendance**, despite being one of the smallest facilities.
- KPL offers **11.7 programs per 1,000 capita**, above the build-out average (5.5) and close to high-performing peers.
- Staff are delivering **81 programs per staff member** - more than triple the build-out average (23.4).

What this means: KPL has exceptional programming demand and excellent reach, but cannot scale further without significantly more space and dedicated programming rooms. More data is required based on potential reporting flaws in following state data standards from previous administrators.

ATTENDANCE PER PROGRAM



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5. Technology + Digital Access

- Public computer uses per terminal (**282**) meet community need but fall below peer averages, suggesting higher demand than terminal availability.
- Wi-Fi sessions are well below peer averages, likely due to limited seating and workspace.
- Technology users need more outlets, varied seating, device-friendly spaces, and collaborative zones.

What this means: A new facility should incorporate expanded computer access through desk tops and laptop checkouts, robust

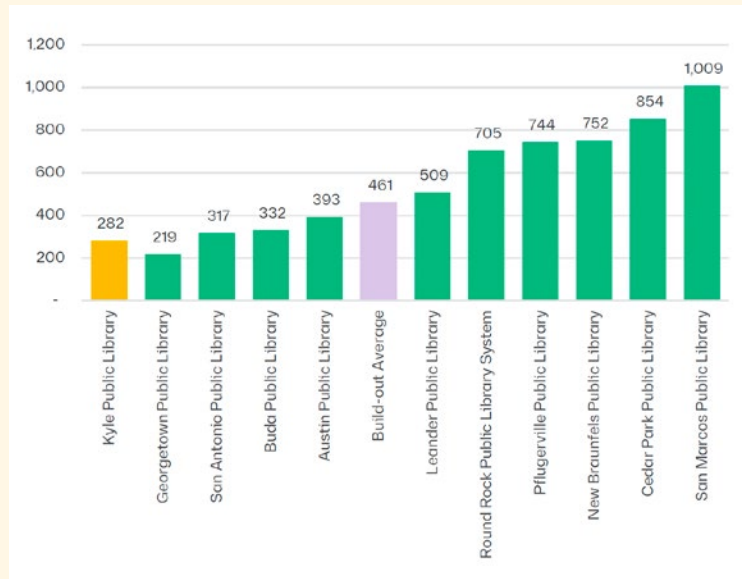
Wi-Fi areas, and thoughtful zoning to support remote workers, students, and families.

6. Library Use + Visitor Patterns

- KPL has **0.9 visits per capita**, one of the lowest in the peer set—largely due to facility size, non central location, and limited hours.
- Peer and build-out averages range from **2.6 to 2.8 visits per capita**.
- Geography and access issues (I-35 divide) likely depress usage further.

What this means: Demand for library services is strong, but constrained by a building that lacks space, visibility, accessibility, and amenity variety. A larger, strategically located facility could significantly increase visitation.

USES PER COMPUTER



CONCLUSION

The benchmarking analysis makes one message clear: **Kyle Public Library significantly outperforms what its building, staffing levels, and square footage should allow.** Community demand is outpacing capacity on nearly every metric - collections, technology, programming, and use.

A new, future-ready facility - supported by expanded staffing and modernized systems - is essential to meeting the needs of a growing and thriving Kyle community.

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INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY STANDARDS

The Kyle Public Library strives to deliver quality library services to all members of the community by adopting established standards that serve as a foundation for excellence. The State of Texas has created standards that aim to enhance the library's value as a community resource, raise expectations for library services, and provide an authoritative reference for justifying support and funding. By implementing these guidelines, the library can measure its success, grow its offerings, and ensure alignment with state accreditation requirements.

PURPOSE OF LIBRARY STANDARDS

The primary objectives of these standards related to library space include:

- **Promote Quality Service:** Ensuring that all patrons, regardless of background or circumstance, have access to high-quality resources and services.
- **Elevate Expectations:** Encouraging the community to expect and engage with exceptional library experiences.
- **Guide Administration and Advocacy:** Providing a framework for library administrators to plan services and for advocates to justify funding, staffing, and space requests.

PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE STANDARDS

The Kyle Public Library, guided by the Joint TSLAC/TLA Task Force on Public Library Standards and Accreditation, embraces the following imperatives:

- **Valuing Libraries:** Recognizing public libraries as essential community resources and reflections of diverse cultural heritage.
- **Celebrating Uniqueness of Each Community:** Respecting the unique needs of communities and the individuality of libraries within the state.
- **Meeting Community Needs:** Responding effectively to the evolving needs of Kyle's residents.
- **Appreciating Library Staff:** Recognizing the expertise and dedication of library staff as essential to delivering outstanding service.

CUSTOMIZATION + LOCAL APPLICATION

The following standards are tailored to reflect the population size and service levels set as a goal for the Kyle Public Library.

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LEVELS OF SERVICE: ENHANCED AND EXEMPLARY

The standards outline two advanced levels of service:

- **Enhanced Level:** Building upon the foundational services, focusing on continuous improvement.
- **Exemplary Level:** Representing the highest standard of progressive service development and excellence.

Libraries achieving these levels demonstrate a commitment to proactive growth and innovative service delivery, reflecting the library's dedication to exceeding the expectations of the Kyle Public Library.

The following narrative serves as a roadmap for applying library standards to create a thriving, dynamic, and inclusive environment that supports lifelong learning and community engagement.

In Texas, we utilize the *Texas Public Library Standards 2014 Revision* that was developed by the Committee on Public Library Standards in order to, “*promote the quality of library service to all Texas, raise the expectations of library clientele, and to provide an authoritative document by which library quality may be measured.*” However, because libraries have changed dramatically in the last 10 years we use this as a baseline for planning with updates on technology, collections (including eBooks and streaming that were little used in 2014), and the need for the library to serve as a community gathering space as indicated by the KPL community input.

In addition, the State Library of Texas assigns a service population to all public libraries. In the case of the Kyle Public Library (and most Texas Libraries) this is a formula driven by both the city population and an assigned percentage of the county population that



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may or may not contribute financially to library operations but are public library users.

See **Appendix D: 21st Century Library Whitepaper** for additional information on the changing nature of public libraries.

FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING SPACE ADEQUACY

Ultimately, square footage recommendations are most accurately determined by calculating the space required for the collections, seats, technology, and staff space required to offer services at the volume needed to meet the community’s demand for library service.

Functional element standards use formulas to calculate space needs for each aspect of library service (collection, seating, and technology) and for the staff areas required to support public services. These are totaled to determine the overall space requirements to meet the community’s needs.

The formulas are further informed by establishing the necessary spaces for the primary building components and data from an assessment of the Library’s service profile and local library needs determined by community feedback.

The consultants utilized both standards and functional elements to evaluate the needs of the Kyle Public Library.

The American Library Association established a three-tiered standard that included a “standard” service based on 0.6 SF per capita, 0.8 SF per capita based on an “enhanced” level of service, and 1.0 SF per capita to provide “exemplary” service. Early in the master planning process, the library and city agreed that 0.8 SF per capita is the goal for library space.

As of 2024, the library was well below any standard applied at .26 SF per capita.

SQUARE FEET PER CAPITA PROJECTIONS:

Year	City Population	Existing Gross SF	Gross SF Per Capita
2024	76,059	20,000	0.26
2030	102,059	20,000	0.20
2040	128,059	20,000	0.16
Mid-build out	226,000	20,000	0.09
Build Out	400,000	20,000	0.05

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At an estimated 200,000 build out plus 26,000 county residents, an additional 160,000 SF of library space is required to meet the stated goal of providing 0.8 SF per capita of library space. The chart below illustrates the needs based on standards:

SQUARE FEET PER CAPITA PROJECTIONS TO MEET .8 SF PER CAPITA GOAL:

Year	Population	Gross Square Feet	Gross Square Feet Per Capita
2024	76,059	60,847	0.80
2030	102,059	81,647	0.80
2040	128,059	102,447	0.80
Mid-Build Out	226,000	180,800	0.80
Build Out	400,000	320,000	0.80

“Really need a great third space. Love the current library but it’s a little small... We need a space people want to come to!!”

- STATEMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY



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If we include the Texas averages the additional square footage required is between 86,220 and 206,000 SF:

SQUARE FEET PER CAPITA BASED ON STANDARDS AND AVERAGES

Year	Population	Square Feet @ .47 SF Per Capita (Texas Average)	Square Feet @ 0.6 SF Per Capita (ALA "Standard")	Square Feet @ 0.8 SF Per Capita	Square Feet @ 1 SF Per Capita
2024	76,059	35,748	45,635	60,847	76,059
2030	102,059	47,968	61,235	81,647	102,059
2040	128,059	60,188	76,835	102,447	128,059
Mid-Build Out	226,000	106,220	135,600	180,800	226,000
Build Out	400,000	188,000	240,000	320,000	400,000

COLLECTION

76.8% of online respondents indicated that access to the collection was the top priority and the biggest reason for using another library was to have access to their collection. The size and availability of the collection will remain an important component of future library service. At the time of this report, the collection size was 1,039,100 with 50,518 print items and access to nearly 988,582 (digital), with the libraries curation project and joining the digital CloudLink Consortium.

The library’s stated goal is to grow its physical collection while increasing accessibility to its digital collection in order to better meet demand. The Library has set a goal of attaining the “Enhanced” level of collection size at 1.95 items per capita for libraries serving populations between 25,000 and 49, 999 over the next four years. Rapid population growth compounds the collection size challenge. The City is expected to grow to the next level of collection standards by 2030.

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Following is the chart that details the stepped collection requirements for Texas Libraries:

Population Size	Exemplary Collection/Capita	Enhanced Collection/Capita
50-99,999	2.79	2.04
100 - 249,000	2.41	1.52
	Account for Digital @	30%
	Physical Collection	70%

The discussion around digital vs. physical books in the collection and how to count them is an on-going one. The standards, written in 2014, were largely based on a fully physical collection. It wasn't until 2017 that eBooks were more available in public libraries and even then the collections were small and not as widely used. Since then, access to eBooks and other digital materials have expanded significantly. This year, the Kyle Public Library became part of a 74 library consortium that provides access to nearly 1,000,000 digital titles. Of those, the KPL owns 1,100, the consortium owns 314,000, and the rest are available

on pay per used basis controlled by each library and their budget. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year about 20% of the library's circulation was in the digital collection. This year has seen significant increases in usage due to the new check out power offered by the consortium, people are increasingly tech savvy, and demands of a growing population.

Therefore, for the purposes of space distribution, the team has made the decision to plan for 30% of the collection as required by the state standards to be digital and 70% of the collection to be planned as physical.

Based on the trends and conditions discussed, the charts below formulates the collection to square foot allowances for the future.

“We need more room for books—expand the collection and shelving space.”

“More quiet areas and more comfortable places to sit would make a huge difference.”

- STATEMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY



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COLLECTION ANALYSIS AT ENHANCED LEVEL

Population	Current Library Print Collection 1.65 Items Per Capita	Collection Format	Collection Size at Enhanced Level	Space Required (66" High Shelving @ 8 Volumes Per SF)*	Notes
2024	1,039,100 (Total)	TOTAL	155,160		
76,059	50,518 (Physical)	70% Physical	108,612	13,577	@ Enhanced Level
	988,582 (Digital)	30% Digital	46,548		
2030		TOTAL	155,130		
102,059		70% Physical	108,591	13,574	@ Enhanced Level
		30% Digital	46,539		
2040		TOTAL	194,650		
128,059		70% Physical	136,255	17,032	@ Enhanced Level
		30% Digital	58,395		
Mild-Build Out		TOTAL	343,520		
226,000		70% Physical	240,464	30,058	@ Enhanced Level
		30% Digital	103,056		

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COLLECTION ANALYSIS AT EXEMPLARY LEVEL

Population	Current Library Print Collection 1.65 Items Per Capita	Collection Format	Collection Size at Exemplary Level	Space Required (66” High Shelving @ 8 Volumes Per SF)*	Notes
2024	1,039,100 (Total)	TOTAL	212,205		
76,059	50,518 (Physical)	70% Physical	148,543	18,568	@ Exemplary Level
	988,582 (Digital)	30% Digital	63,661		
2030		TOTAL	245,962		
102,059		70% Physical	172,174	21,522	@ Exemplary Level
		30% Digital	73,789		
2040		TOTAL	308,622		
128,059		70% Physical	216,036	27,004	@ Exemplary Level
		30% Digital	92,587		
Mild-Build Out		TOTAL	482,000		
200,000		70% Physical	337,400	42,175	@ Exemplary Level
		30% Digital	144,600		

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SEATING

The community indicated in the online survey that a comfortable place to work, read, and study is the third highest priority (61.8%).

The consultants are familiar with a wide range of seating to population ratios. The most relevant guidelines are the *Texas Public Library Standards* (2014 page 41), which establish a guideline of 7-10 seats per 1,000 population and the *Whole Building Design Guide* from the National Institute of Building Sciences, which establishes 5 seats per 1,000 population standard. The consultants selected the more conservative 5 seats per 1000 as the guideline for the Library. These standards include general, undesignated reader seating and not seats designated for a specific purpose such as meeting rooms, study rooms, and conference rooms.

SEATING AT 3 PER 1,000 POPULATION

Year	Pop.	Current Reader Seats	3 per 1,000	SF Req.
2024	76,059	103	228	6,845
2030	102,059		510	15,309
2040	128,059		384	11,525
Mid-Build Out	226,000		678	20,340
Build Out	400,000		1,200	36,000

SF total requirement is based on an average 30 SF per seat and includes space for circulation around the seat. Obviously, this number can vary based on the type of seat (large lounge chair, compact meeting room chair, reader chairs at tables, and technology seats).

TECHNOLOGY SEATING

A high-tech building is the hallmark of a 21st century library. However, the need for library provided desktop computers has seen a dramatic decline post-pandemic. During the pandemic, it was necessary for people to have their own devices for work, school, and maintaining connections. However, while desktop computers aren't required to the degree they were pre-pandemic, they are still needed. It is for this reason that that technology device standards are based on the lower, "enhanced" level of the Texas Standards (page 31):

TECH SEATING AT 1 PER 2,000 POPULATION @ ENHANCED LEVEL

Year	Pop.	Current Tech. Seats	1 per 2,000	SF Req.
2024	76,059	24	38	1,521
2030	102,059		51	1,531
2040	128,059		64	2,561
Mid-Build Out	200,000		100	4,000
Build Out	400,000		200	8,000

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While library provided public computers are declining, the need for places to plug in personal laptops are a vital part of work, study, video conferencing use in libraries resulting in the critical importance of a robust WiFi network and places to plug in at every seat.

Reference **Appendix C** for the Technology Programming report.

STAFF

The standard method for determining staff space needed is to calculate 25% of Library's total "functional area" for Administration, Operations, and staff work space. Functional area is defined as the square footage for public services (collections, seating, storage, and technology).

NON-ASSIGNABLE

Industry standards call for a minimum 25% of gross square footage in a building program to be deemed "non assignable." These spaces include restrooms, corridors, wall thickness, vertical circulation, and mechanical and other support spaces. Subsequent design features of the building may increase or decrease the non-assignable ratio to total space.

SUMMARY OF LIBRARY SPACE NEEDS

By all measures, the Library is experiencing challenges of space limitations and expanding demand. The collection size has outpaced the capacity of the available shelving while falling short of Texas Library Standards. The public find seating limited, program space is limited in the library, and study space severely limited and inadequate to meet their needs. Study and program rooms are in high demand in every contemporary public library, and the lack of either of these types of spaces, do not meet the needs of Kyle Public Library users and potential users. Staff do not have adequate space to work. The library spaces, already past capacity, are critical issues.

"I love the little garden and would love to see it expanded into a bigger botanical space."

- STATEMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY



3 | DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED:

Over the past year, the Library with the support of the city, has made meaningful progress in advancing services, spaces, and visibility—demonstrating a strong commitment to meeting evolving community needs.

These improvements represent early implementation of master-planning priorities and provide a solid foundation for future investment.

Completed actions focus on enhancing the patron experience, increasing access to services, and better utilizing existing space through targeted, achievable improvements. Collectively, these efforts have strengthened day-to-day operations while building momentum for longer-term facility solutions.



What We've Already Accomplished:

- Improved website, program calendar, and signage
- Added additional quiet study rooms or furniture solutions
- Created lounge zones and reading nooks
- Built and furnished Maker Space
- Promoting Maker Space, Bookmobile, and new services
- Increasing Bookmobile service east of I-35

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

IN PROGRESS:

Several key initiatives are currently underway that address operational efficiency, staff capacity, and space functionality.

These actions reflect a thoughtful, incremental approach—balancing immediate needs with long-term goals while minimizing disruption to library services.

Work in progress emphasizes acoustic comfort, improved workflows, and modernization of technology and collections. As these initiatives are completed, they will significantly improve staff effectiveness, user experience, and flexibility within the existing building.



What's Currently In Progress:

- Adding acoustic separation between active/quiet zones
- Incrementally increasing FTEs to reduce workload and meet benchmark goals
- Reconfiguring circulation desk and workspace layout
- Continuing collection reorganization and catalog cleanup
- Weeding and curating the collection
- Improving browsability, discovery tools, and signage
- Adding hotspots, check out laptops
- Updating Public Computers

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SHORT-TERM ACTIONS (0-12 MONTHS):

Short-term actions focus on preparing the Library and City for strategic decision-making while continuing to expand access to services—particularly for underserved areas east of I-35. These actions are intentionally exploratory and preparatory, setting the stage for informed capital planning.

During this phase, the emphasis is on technology readiness, service pilots, funding research, and site evaluation. Completing Part 2 of the Master Plan—Concept Design—will translate these strategic goals into tangible facility options supported by data, community priorities, and implementation strategies.



Short-term Actions:

- Prepare for new ILS implementation
- East Side Options:
 - Explore Book Lockers on East Side
 - Explore Book Vending on East Side
 - Explore an Eastside Hub: Tech outreach – business area, reference area and small roaming collection, small meeting rooms with tech
- Complete Part 2 of the Master Plan: Concept Design
- Research funding sources for project
- Research Potential Sites for New Buildings

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

MID-TERM ACTIONS (1-3 YEARS):

Mid-term actions represent the transition from planning to implementation. This phase centers on selecting a preferred service model, securing funding, and initiating the design and construction process.

With a clear direction established, the City can move confidently into detailed design, procurement, and construction—ensuring that future library facilities align with population growth, service expectations, and long-term operational sustainability.



Mid-term Actions:

- Select Option for expanding library services
- Identify and Finalize Funding
- New Building Design Process approximately 12-16 months
- Bidding and Construction 12-20 months

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CAPITAL PROJECT OPTIONS

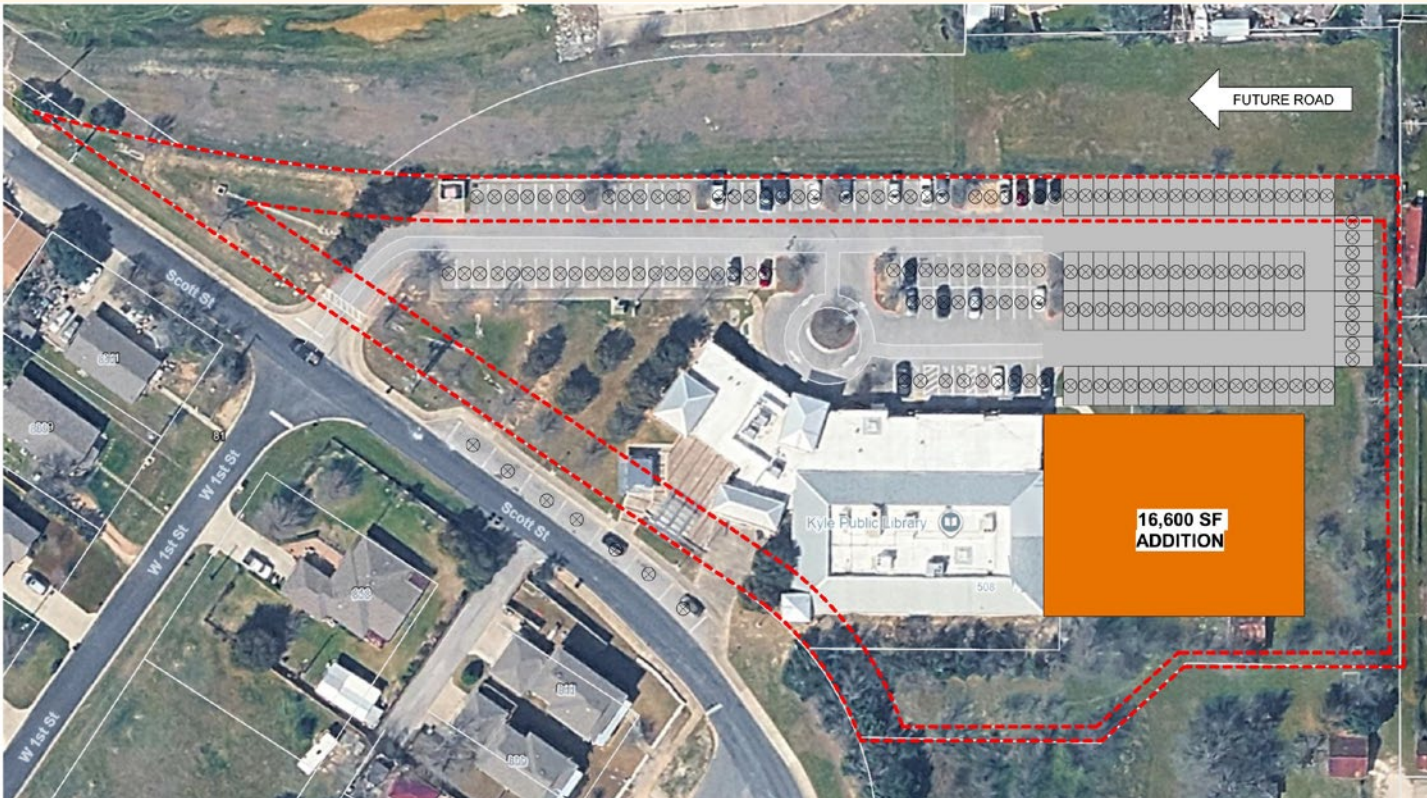
OPTION 1: RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE EXISTING LIBRARY AND FINISH OUT A 10,000 SF STOREFRONT ON THE EAST SIDE

Option 1 builds upon the City's existing investment by renovating and expanding the current library while adding a complementary storefront presence on the east side of Kyle. This approach leverages City-owned land and existing infrastructure to extend services incrementally.

While this option improves geographic reach and meets state average space for libraries serving similar sized populations through 2030, it presents operational challenges and does not fully align with national best-practice benchmark standards. Service disruptions, long-term inefficiencies, and limited downtown placemaking potential are key considerations in evaluating this option.



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS



ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA BASED ON PARKING:
 36,000 SF TOTAL
 19,400 SF EXISTING
 16,600 SF ADDITION

SITE DRAINAGE NOTES:
 ABILITY FOR WATER RETENTION ON SITE IS LIMITED AND WILL NEED TO BE STUDIED FURTHER. SOLUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:
 1. EVALUATE THE EXISTING POND FOR STORAGE POTENTIAL
 2. UTILIZE PERVIOUS PARKING
 3. UTILIZE ON-SITE STORAGE TANKS
 4. TIE IN TO ADJACENT DRAINAGE WAY
 5. REQUEST A WAIVER FROM ENGINEERING

SITE FACTS:
 3.2 ACRES
 19,400 EXISTING SF LIBRARY

ZONING (CBD-1) REQUIREMENTS:
 IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE: 65%

MAX BUILDING HEIGHT: 35'-0"

REQUIRED SETBACKS:
 FRONT: 25'-0"
 REAR/SIDE: 8'-0"

REQUIRED PARKING:
 CBD-1, 1 SPACE PER 200 SF

MAX SPACES ON SITE: 167
 7 STREET (EXISTING)
 82 LOT (EXISTING)
 78 LOT (NEW)

OPTION 1: Renovate and Expand the Existing Library

*20,000 SF Renovation + 16,600 SF Expansion
and add 10,000 SF Storefront on East Side*

Pros:

- Builds on existing library on city owned site
- Expands services to East Side of Kyle
- Matches the Texas Average per capita for library services through 2030 (.47 SF per capita)
- Expands space for potential existing library for other city purposes (community center, parks and recreation, city offices)

Cons:

- Some interruption of services
- No centralized library services
- Existing library is not ideally located
- Operational and maintenance inefficiencies
- Does not provide an anchor to Downtown Kyle
- Does not meet target national standard of .8 SF of library space per capita

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

OPTION 1: RENOVATE 20,000 SF AND EXPAND THE EXISTING LIBRARY BY 16,600 SF

Cost & Implementation Snapshot of Expansion/Renovation

- **Estimated Capital Cost Expansion/Renovation:**
\$13-\$15 million
- **Estimated Soft Costs (Design, FF&E, Contingency):**
\$3-\$5 million
- **Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$16-\$20 million
- **Estimated Schedule:**
Design: 10 months
Bidding: 2 months
Phased Construction to Minimize Service Disruption:
18-20 months
- **Note:** *Cost estimates will be refined following site analysis, scope confirmation, and Concept Design.*



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OPTION 1: FINISH OUT 10,000 SF IN AN EXISTING STOREFRONT

Cost & Implementation Snapshot of Expansion/ Renovation

- **Estimated Capital Cost Finish Out:** \$3-\$4 million
- **Estimated Soft Costs (Design, FF&E, Contingency):** \$1.5-\$2 million
- **Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$4.5-\$6 million
- **Estimated Schedule:**
 - Design:** 3 months
 - Bidding:** 2 months
 - Construction:** 6 months
- **Note:** *Cost estimates will be refined following site analysis, scope confirmation, and Concept Design.*

This estimate does not include negotiated rent or developer provided finish out.



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

OPTION 2: MULTIPLE BRANCH LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Option 2 envisions a distributed library model with multiple smaller facilities located in city quadrants, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections. This approach prioritizes proximity to growth areas and allows continuous service during phased implementation.

This approach could include:

Phase 1A: Expand the library (implement Option 1)

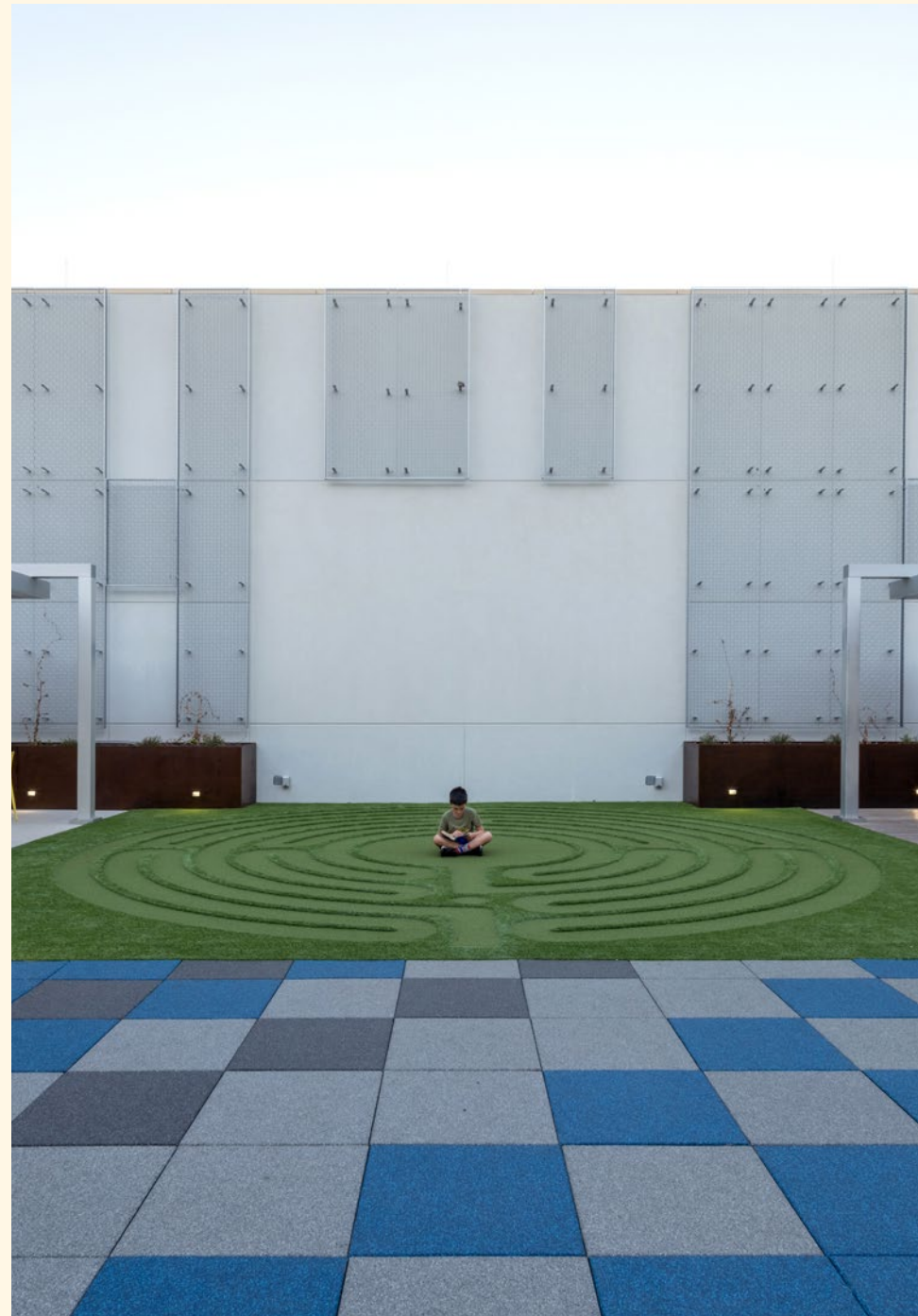
or

Phase 1B: Build a new 50,000 SF library in the Kyle Downtown

Phase 2: North Branch

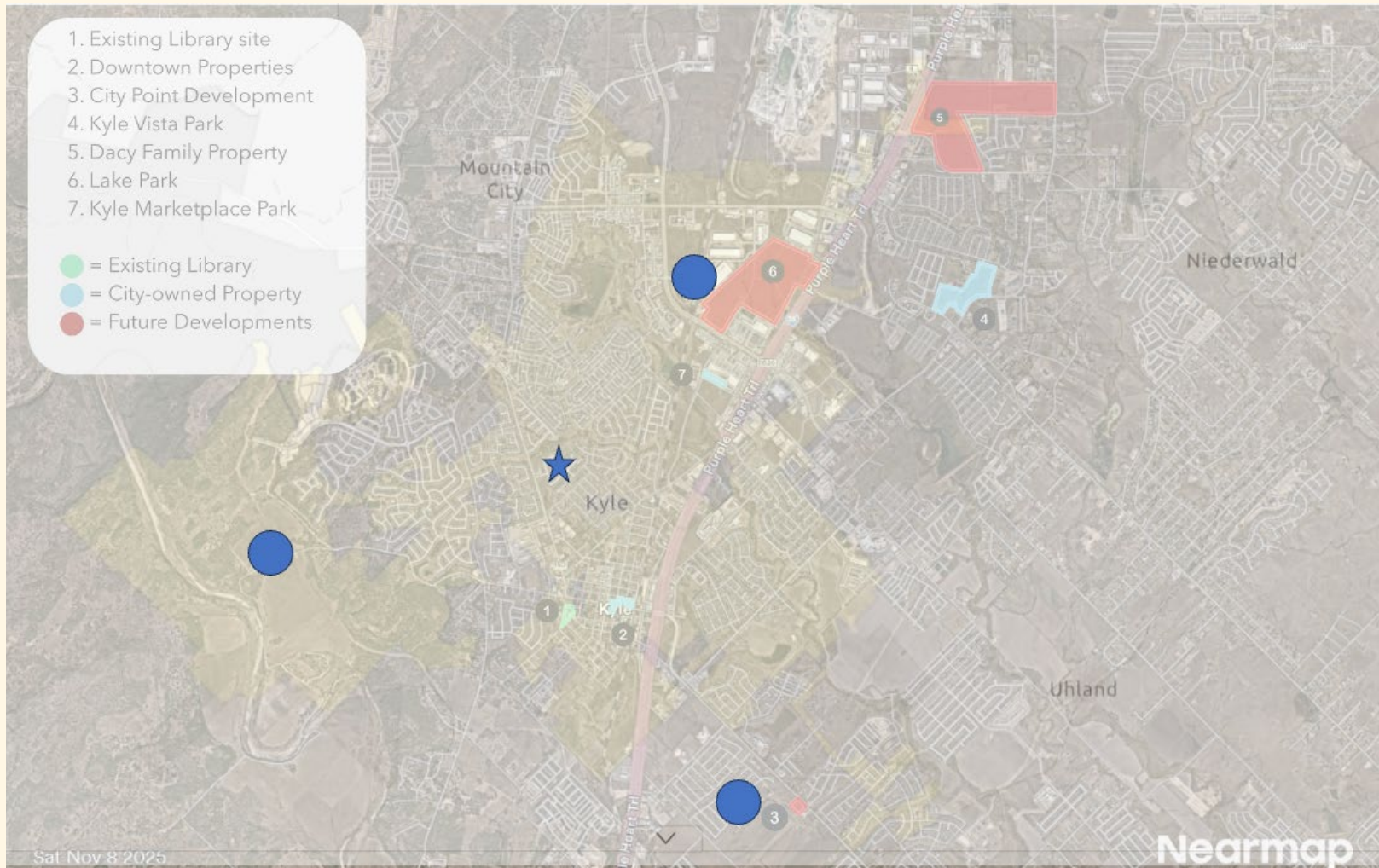
Phase 3: West Branch

However, decentralization introduces operational inefficiencies, duplication of resources, and a fragmented user experience. While initial costs may be lower for early phases, long-term complexity and reduced system cohesion are important trade-offs to consider.



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

OPTION 2: MULTIPLE BRANCH LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY



OPTION 2: Multiple libraries throughout the city, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections

Pros:

- Continuous Library Services (existing library can remain open during design and construction)
- Easiest option to phase the project with proper planning
- Lower first cost for the first new build and renovation/expansion of the existing library
- Located close to the growing population
- Can use the existing library for other city purposes (community center, parks and recreation, city offices) or as the second location if downtown library is desired

Cons:

- Library services and materials are duplicated or only available in one of four locations.
 - Less efficient and user friendly for the public
 - Not efficient for operations or maintenance
 - Many duplications of materials, programs, offerings
- Requires four properties, located in quadrants of the city, sized for up to 45,000 SF and 135 parking spaces
- Everything is divided by four (smaller collection, technology, meeting spaces)
- If the city grows beyond 226,000 population, will still need additional locations or, ideally, purchasing sites that allows future expansion at each location

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

OPTION 2: MULTIPLE BRANCH LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Cost & Implementation Snapshot to Expand the Library

- **Estimated Capital Cost (Phase 1):** See Option 1 to expand the existing library.
- OR
- **Estimated Capital Cost (Option for new library in 50,000 SF Kyle Downtown):** \$30-\$34 million
 - **Estimated Soft Costs (Design, FF&E, Contingency):** \$9-\$11 million
 - **Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$39-\$45 million
 - **Estimated Schedule (for new 50,000 SF Kyle Downtown Library):**
 - Design:* 12 months
 - Bidding:* 2 months
 - Construction:* 18-22 monthsReference Option 1 if Phase 1 is expanding existing

Note: *Costs will vary by timing (escalation factors for extended timeframe), site, phasing strategy, and branch size; lifecycle and staffing impacts are a key consideration.*



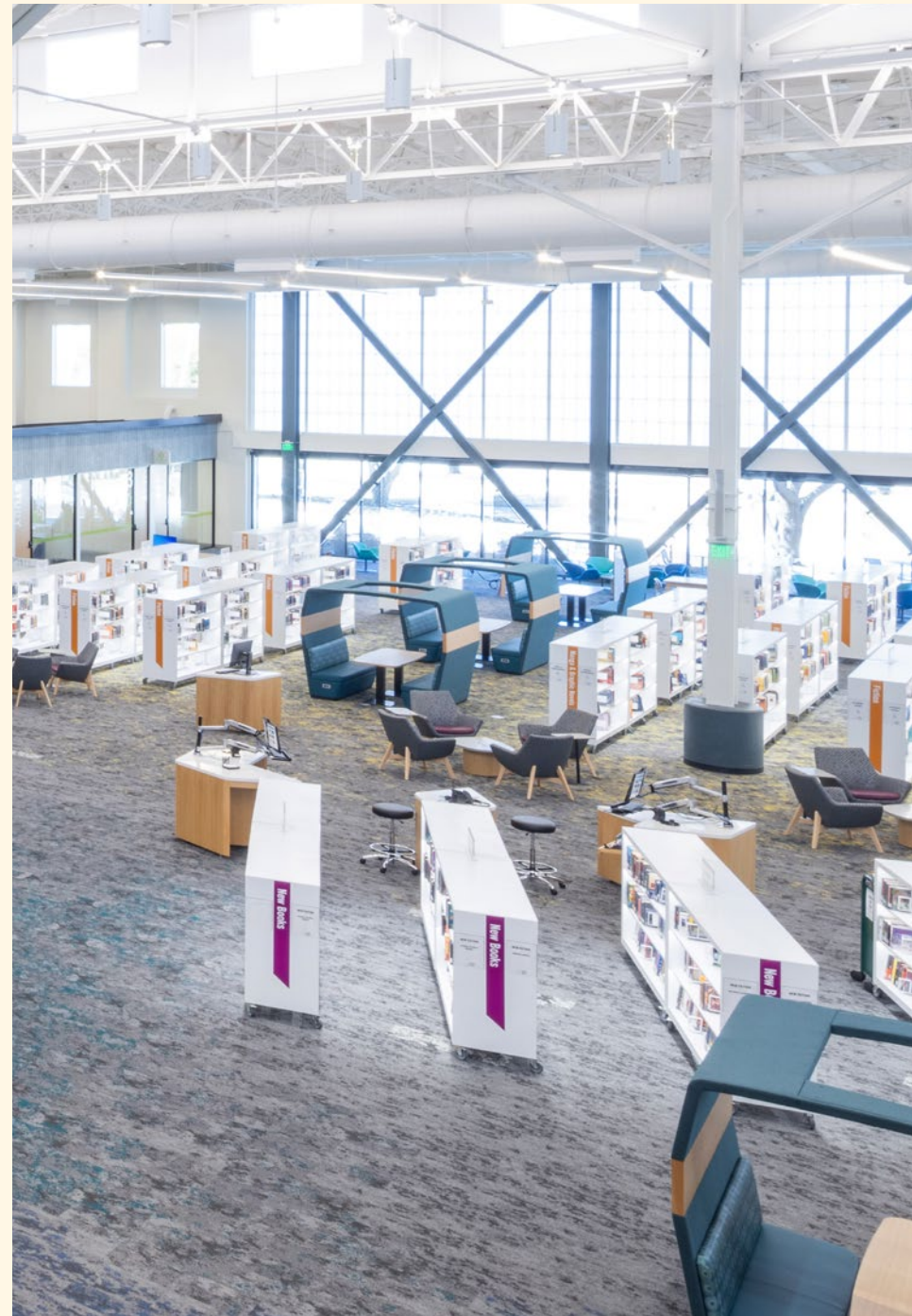
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OPTION 3: ONE CENTRAL LIBRARY WITH A BRANCH

INTRODUCTION + NARRATIVE

Option 3 combines a centrally located, full-service 106,000 to 143,400 square foot library with a future secondary branch—balancing access, scale, and service continuity. This model allows the existing library to remain operational during construction and offers flexibility for phased development.

Although more efficient for the public than a multi-branch system, this option still presents operational and maintenance challenges. It also requires significant site capacity and investment, particularly as population growth approaches long-term projections.



OPTION 3: One Centrally located, large, full-service library with a branch (approximately 106,000 - 143,400 SF if existing library expanded and is used) to projected population of 200,000

Pros:

- Continuous Library Services (existing library can remain open during design and construction)
- Most services and materials are not in one location
 - Fairly efficient for the public
- Can phase the project with proper planning
 - Shell/future space can be used by other departments
- Can use the existing library for other city purposes (community center, parks and recreation, city offices) or as the second location

Cons:

- Not efficient for operations
- Not efficient for maintenance
- Requires a large property, centrally located for up to 143,400 SF and 432 parking spaces
- Significant first cost for a new build and renovation/expansion of the existing
- If the city/library service area grows beyond 226,000 population, will still need additional locations

STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

OPTION 3: ONE CENTRAL LIBRARY WITH A BRANCH

Cost & Implementation Snapshot

- **Estimated Capital Cost (Central Library):**
\$68M (@ 106,000 SF)
\$92M (@143,400 SF)
- **Estimated Capital Cost (Branch):** TBD
- **Estimated Soft Costs (Design, FF&E, Contingency):**
\$18.6M (@ 106,000 SF)
\$24.8M (@143,400 SF)
- **Estimated Total Project Cost:**
\$88M (@ 106,000 SF)
\$118M (@143,400 SF)
- **Estimated Schedule (Phased):**
Design: 14 months
Bidding: 2 months
Construction: 18-24 months
Reference Option 1 if Branch is existing library

Note: *This option balances access and scale but introduces duplication of some services and staffing.*



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OPTION 4: ONE CENTRALLY LOCATED, LARGE, FULL-SERVICE LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION + NARRATIVE

Option 4 represents a long-term, best-practice solution: a single, centrally located, full-service library designed to serve a projected population of 200,000. This 160,000 SF model creates a true “one-stop” community hub where all collections, programs, and services are housed under one roof.

While this option requires the largest upfront investment and a substantial centrally located site, it offers the greatest operational efficiency, flexibility, and long-term value. By consolidating services and allowing for future expansion, Option 4 provides a durable framework capable of supporting Kyle’s growth well into the future.



OPTION 4: One, Centrally Located, large, full-service library 135,000 -180,000 SF to projected population of 200,000

Pros:

- Continuous Library Services (existing library can remain open during design and construction)
- One stop shop –all services and materials are in the one location
 - Efficient for the public
 - Efficient for operations
 - Efficient for maintenance
- Can phase the project with proper planning
 - Shell/future space can be used by other departments
- Can use the existing library for other city purposes (community center, parks and recreation, city offices)

Cons:

- Requires a large property, centrally located for up to 180,000 SF and 540 parking spaces (3/1000 SF based on typical city ordinances)
- Significant first cost (but overall savings over time –construction prices will continue to increase)
- If the city/library service area grows beyond 226,000 population, additional locations may be required

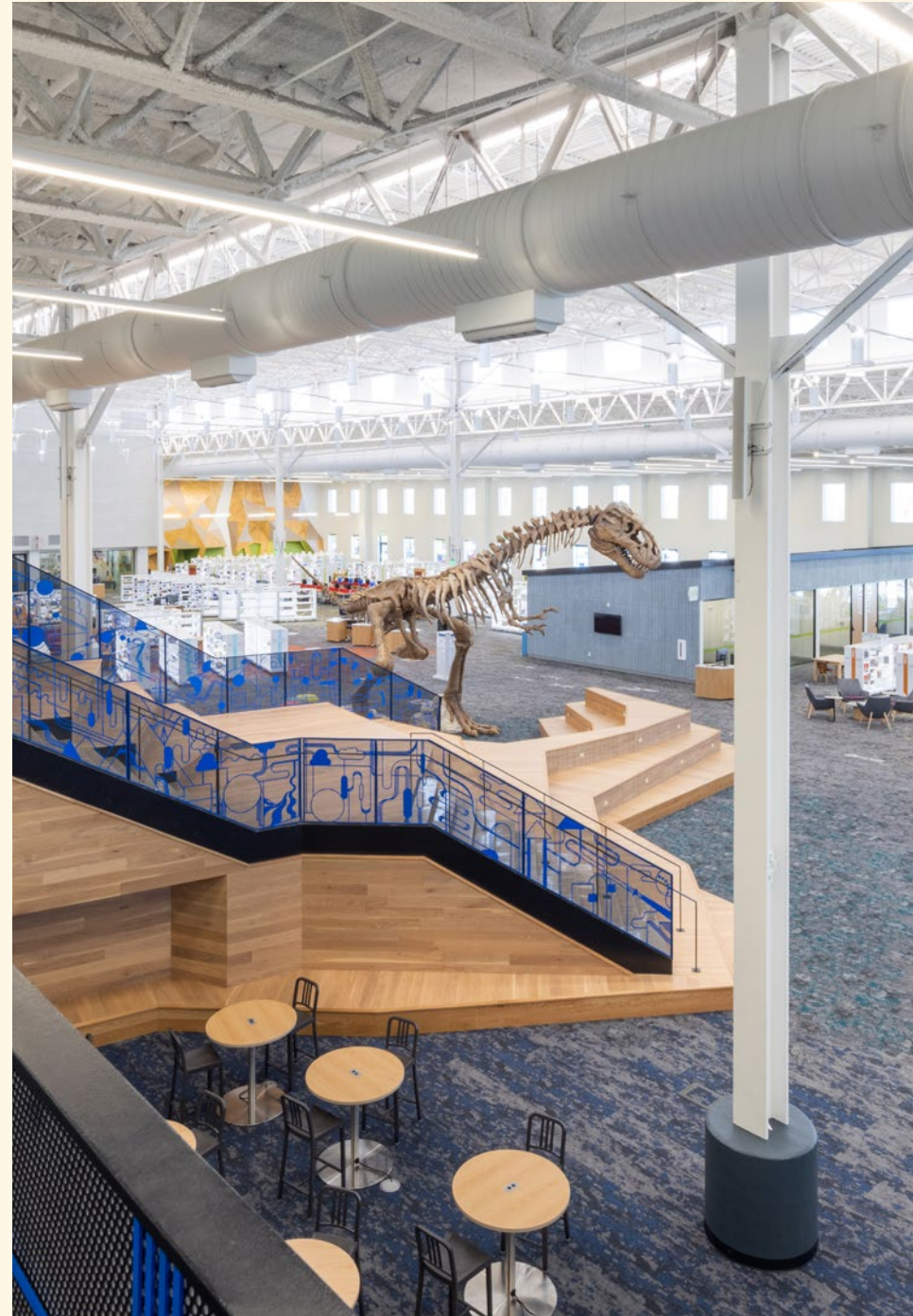
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OPTION 4: ONE CENTRALLY LOCATED, LARGE, FULL-SERVICE LIBRARY

Cost & Implementation Snapshot

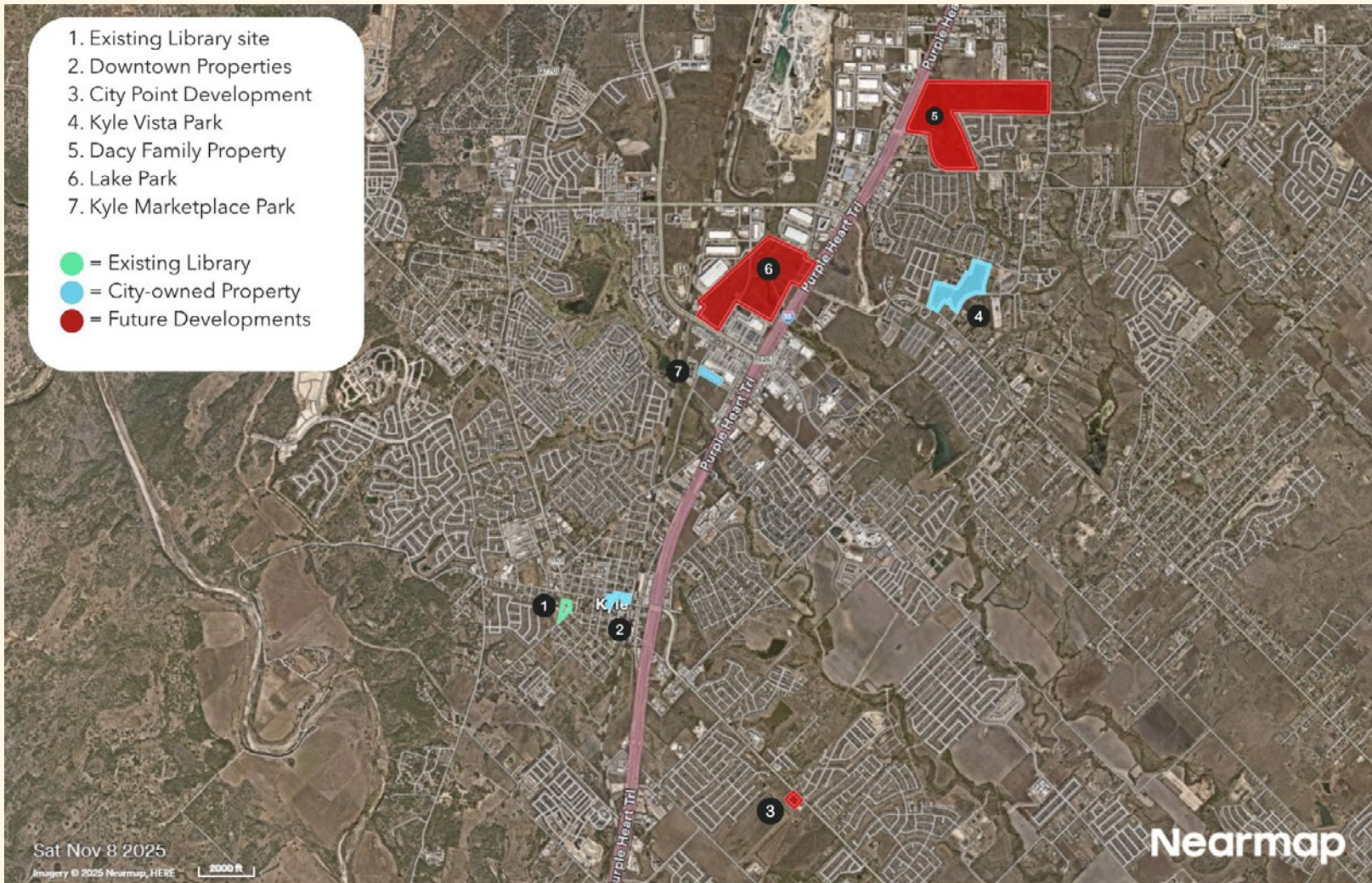
- **Estimated Capital Cost:** \$100-\$104 million
- **Estimated Soft Costs (Design, FF&E, Contingency):** \$26-\$28 million
- **Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$126-\$132 million
- **Estimated Schedule:**
 - Design:* 14 months
 - Bidding:* 2 months
 - Construction:* 20-26 months

Note: While this option represents the highest initial investment, it provides the strongest long-term value, operational efficiency, and flexibility.



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

POTENTIAL SITES: ALL KYLE



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

POTENTIAL SITES: ALL KYLE

Block 1:

- 100 W Center
- 108 W Center
- 110 W Center
- 111 N Front

Block 2:

- 201 W Lockhart
- 106 N Burleson
- 104 N Burleson
- 102 N Burleson
- 210 W Center

Block 3:

- 300 W Center

Block 4:

- 104 S Burleson



STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SPACE + FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

CASE STUDY 1: CELINA GOVERNMENT CENTER + LIBRARY:

In addition, several of the options presented can be **strategically phased** to align capital investment with population growth and departmental needs. The **Celina Government Center/ Public Library** serves as a highly relevant case study. The City of Celina—growing at a rate comparable to Kyle—used this model as a cost-effective way to incrementally meet the long-term space needs of multiple City departments while maintaining flexibility for future expansion. The project was master planned to evolve over time, allowing the City to make disciplined investments without overbuilding in early phases.

The Celina facility will be approximately **110,000 square feet with a 400 space parking structure** at full build-out and was intentionally designed to ultimately function entirely as library space. In the initial library phase, roughly **30,000 square feet** is dedicated to library services, with the remaining space temporarily used for City offices. As Celina continues to grow, a new City Hall is planned, and library services will expand vertically into floors two through five—demonstrating how shared civic facilities can adapt over time while preserving long-term library goals.



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CELINA LIBRARY CASE STUDY

DAY 1: SHARED USED PLANS



10 YEAR LIBRARY PLANS



Celina Public Library: Updated 10 Year Floor Plans

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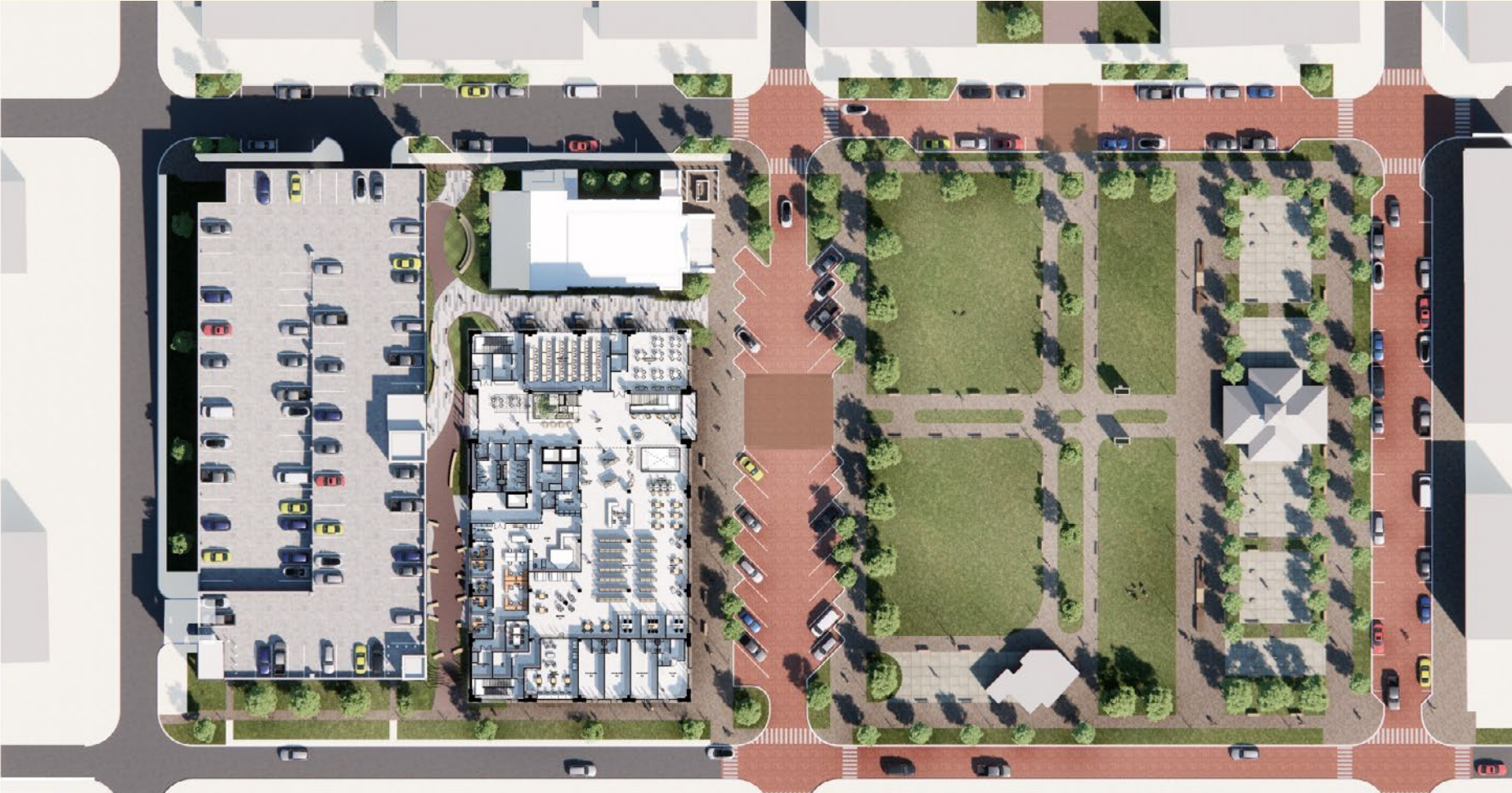
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Construction Cost Data:

Celina Government Center:
\$59 million // 110,218 SF

Celina Parking Garage:
\$19.3 million // Spaces: 400

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CASE STUDY 2: ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY:

When evaluating **downtown sites where land and parking are constrained**, the **Round Rock Public Library** provides a second instructive case study. This approximately **68,000-square-foot** urban library is strategically integrated into Round Rock’s historic downtown and supported by a **shared parking garage** that accommodates roughly **300 vehicles**, serving both the library and surrounding civic and commercial uses.

The Round Rock model illustrates how a centrally located library can function as a civic anchor without requiring expansive surface parking or a single-use site. By leveraging structured parking and compact urban design, the City was able to deliver a high-performing, full-service library that supports downtown revitalization while making efficient use of limited space—an approach worth considering as Kyle evaluates potential downtown locations.



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ROUND ROCK LIBRARY CASE STUDY

ACREAGE: 2-ACRES | PARKING SPACES: 300 SPACE GARAGE



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CONCLUSION:

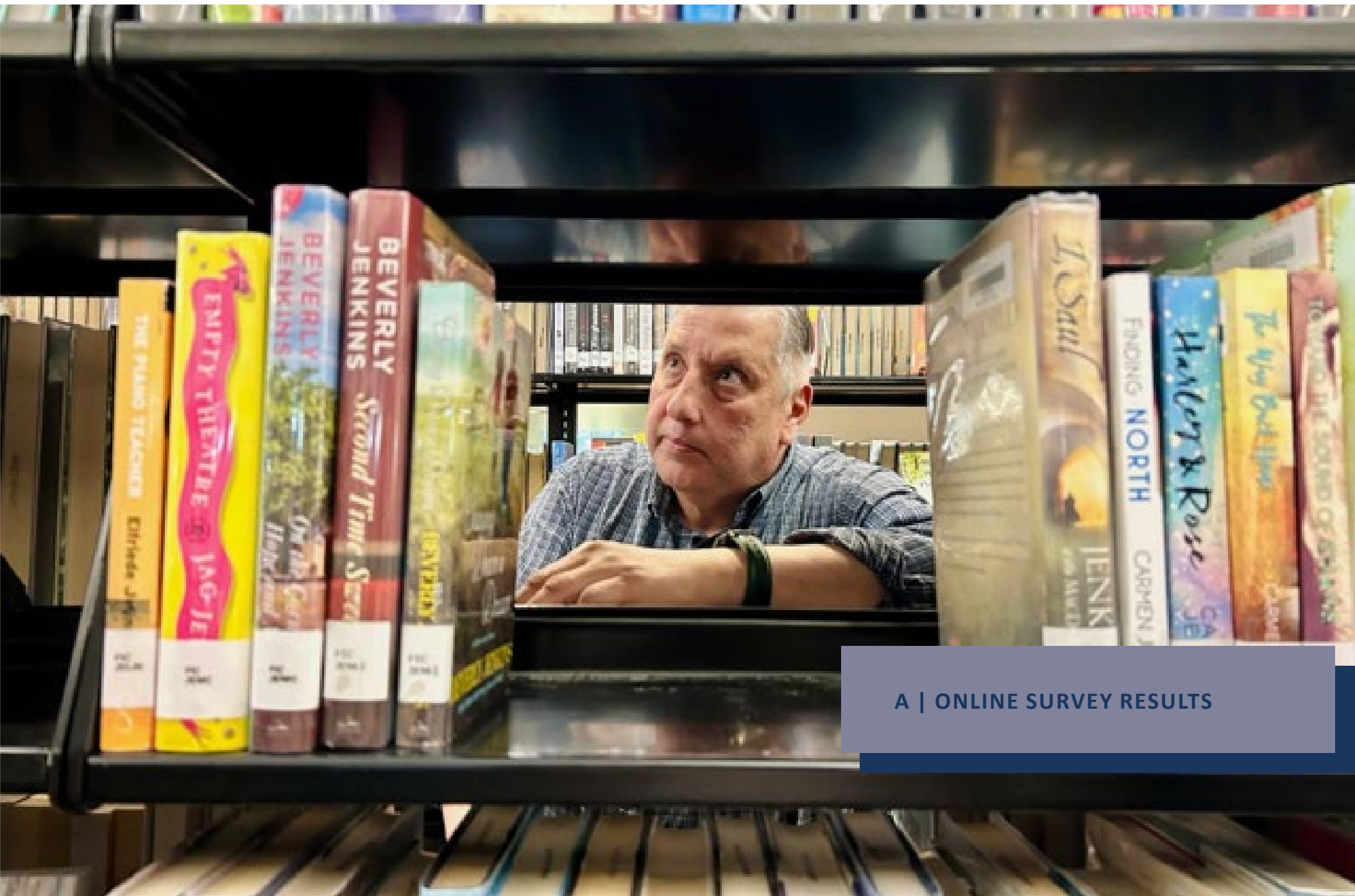
Ultimately, these options are not simply about building size or location—they represent different ways of delivering library services to the Kyle community. Each path responds to documented community input, projected population growth, and benchmark data indicating increased demand for flexible meeting space, technology access, quiet study, early literacy, and teen services.

Selecting a clear direction will allow the City and project team to more fully explore opportunities for **exemplary library services**—translating community priorities, usage trends, and long-term growth projections into a facility solution that is welcoming, equitable, and positioned to serve Kyle residents for generations to come.





APPENDICES



A | ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS



COMMUNITY SURVEY

Kyle Public Library

09.15.2025



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Background

To gather feedback from many voices, in the summer of 2025 The Ivy Group surveyed people who live, work, or attend school in Kyle or Hays County with the goal of determining how residents want to use their library facilities. The findings will inform future building plans.

Research Objectives

The specific objectives of the survey are to:

- ◆ Assess user satisfaction with Library resources, services, and facility
- ◆ Identify barriers preventing the use of public Library services
- ◆ Assess user satisfaction with Library service offerings and the facility
- ◆ Determine how community members prefer to receive Library communications
- ◆ Learn what Library spaces would most benefit the community

Research Methodology

Working closely with Library leadership and 720 Design staff, the consultants developed a questionnaire for the community survey. Upon approval, the team built the questionnaire within the Sogolytics survey platform in two languages and made it available via a link, a QR code, and in print. The Library promoted the survey on social and traditional media, within the Library building through partnerships, and at community events.

A total of 628 individuals participated in the survey effort between July 2 and September 2, 2025.

Research Highlights

628 Total Survey Respondents

612 live, work, or attend school in Kyle or Hays County

26.0% Nonuser Respondents

Respondents who patronized the Library two or fewer times in the past 12 months

74.0% User Respondents

Respondents who patronized the Library three or more times in the past 12 months

Visit Frequency

51.6% patronized the Library 7+ times in the past year

23.9% are “power patrons,” having used the Library 20+ times in the past year.

User Satisfaction | 34.4% of users are “very satisfied” with the Library overall.

Visit Reasons | The top reasons that users cite for patronizing the Library are:

to check out physical materials (76.8%)

for entertainment or hobbies (75.9%)

to attend a program (48.8%)

Users & Non-Users

Reasons for Not Visiting | The top reasons cited for not patronizing the Library or not using it more often are:

children’s area is too small (19.7%)

don’t have time (15.6%)

doesn’t occur to me (13.4%)

Use of Area Libraries | 40.1% of respondents do not use other libraries in the area. The most popular other libraries and reasons for use are:

Buda Public Library (32.2%)	San Marcos Public Library (28.8%)	Austin Public Library (18.5%)
for items not available at the Library (49.5%)	for programs, etc. (45.0%)	for services not available at the Library (21.2%)

Off-site Material Delivery | 21.5% of respondents are “very interested” in convenient ways to pick up and return library materials such as remote book drops, Amazon-style lockers, or kiosks.

Library Spaces and Offerings | Respondents rate the following spaces as “very important:”

space for physical materials (76.6%)	space for children (76.3%)	quiet space (61.8%)
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Meeting Spaces | Respondents would most like the following amenities in meeting spaces:

space for 6-8 people (45.5%)	space for up to 25 people (45.1%)	space for video conferencing and projection (40.0%)
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Outdoor Space | Respondents would most like the following amenities in an outdoor space:

space for children to play (66.1%)	space for interactive experiences (62.4%)	porch for studying, reading, or working (57.2%)
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Library Atmosphere | Respondents would most like the Library to feel:

welcoming (83.8%)	cozy (70.6%)	calm (61.6%)
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Library Location Service Levels | Respondents indicated their preference for the following service levels:

<p>One centrally located, large, full-service library (46.4%)</p>	<p>One centrally located, large, full-service library and a small branch with limited services and offerings (28.1%)</p>	<p>Multiple libraries throughout the city, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections (25.5%)</p>
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Best Ways to Communicate

<p>social media (64.0%)</p>	<p>email (54.1%)</p>	<p>library website (51.3%)</p>
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Future Library Spaces | Respondents’ open-ended recommendations most often mentioned:

<p>children’s space (25.1%)</p>	<p>collections space (10.2%)</p>	<p>program space (8.7%)</p>
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Survey Findings

Demographics

Q1. Do You Live, Work, or Attend School in Kyle or Hays County?

All	Responses
97.5%	Yes
2.4%	No
0.2%	I don't know

Q2. We Want to Ensure That Library Services Are Accessible Throughout the City. Do You Live In:

All	Responses
14.5%	Downtown Kyle
17.0%	Northeast Kyle
18.8%	Northwest Kyle
26.6%	Southeast Kyle
14.3%	Southwest Kyle
8.8%	Other

The 55 individuals who responded “other” were given the opportunity to share their locations. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted below:

Number	Responses
8	Plum Creek
7	Buda
6	San Marcos
5	Kyle
5	Uhland
3	ETJ
3	Hays County
3	New to or originally from Kyle
3	Six Creeks
2	Maxwell
2	Niederwald
1	Austin
1	Blanco Vista
1	Lockheart
1	N/A
1	Talavera
1	Tobias

Q15. Use of Spanish Language

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
62.7%	I do not speak, read, or write Spanish.
29.0%	I speak Spanish.

26.0%	I read in Spanish.
19.3%	I write in Spanish.
4.8%	Prefer not to answer

Q16. Age

All	Responses
1.0%	Up to 17
5.1%	18 to 24
54.5%	25 to 39
29.3%	40 to 64
9.6%	65 and up
0.6%	Prefer not to answer

The median age in Kyle is 33.5, according to the latest Census data.

Q17. Household Composition

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
53.7%	Family with young children in the household
27.2%	Family/adults without children in the household
20.1%	Family with teens in the household
10.2%	Single-person household
0.8%	Prefer not to answer

The average household size in Kyle is 2.8 people, and the average family size is 3.6, according to the latest Census data.

About Library Usage

Q3. In the Last 12 Months, Approximately How Many Times Have You Visited the Kyle Public Library or Used Its Services?

Includes calls or visits to the building, using a study room, visits to the library's website and catalog, and using digital services like Libby or Hoopla.

26.0% of survey respondents (163 of 628) are classified as “non-users” of library services, having patronized the Library two times or fewer in the past 12 months.

9.6% 0 times

16.4% 1–2 times

74.0% of survey respondents (465 of 628) are deemed “library users,” having patronized the Library three times or more in the past 12 months.

22.5% 3–6 times

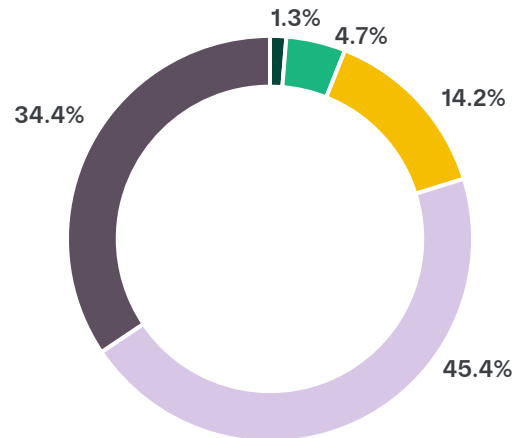
27.7% 7–19 times

23.9% 20+ times

Asked of Users Only

Q4. How Satisfied Are You with Kyle Public Library Overall?

Respondents were asked to rank their satisfaction with the Library overall on a 5-point scale from very dissatisfied to very satisfied.



■ Very dissatisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ Neutral ■ Satisfied ■ Very satisfied

Q5. Primary Reasons for Using the Library

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

Users	Responses
76.8%	To check out physical books, magazines, movies, etc.
75.9%	For entertainment or hobbies (books, programs, kits, craft guides, etc.)
48.8%	To attend a program
44.1%	To download digital materials from services like Libby and Hoopla
29.0%	To read, work, or study in a quiet place
26.9%	To print/copy/scan/scan-to-email

23.4%	To use the Library's computers
22.4%	To find study or research materials
18.7%	To see friends and other people
10.5%	To use the Library's Wi-Fi
7.5%	To host or attend a meeting
6.7%	For one-on-one help from Library staff
5.8%	To study or work in a small group
4.5%	To take online classes or complete an online certification
3.0%	To search or apply for a job
1.7%	To charge a device
1.5%	To provide or receive tutoring
6.2%	Other

The 29 individuals who responded "other" were given the opportunity to elaborate. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted by primary theme:

Responses	Comments
9	To attend a program
5	To check out physical books, magazines, movies, etc.
4	For entertainment or hobbies
4	To visit the Children's area
3	To see friends and other people
1	N/A
1	To download digital materials from services like Libby and Hoopla
1	To find study or research materials
1	To host or attend a meeting

Asked of All Respondents

Q6. Primary Reasons for Not Using the Library, or Using It More Frequently

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
19.7%	The children's area is too small.
15.6%	I don't have time.
13.4%	It doesn't occur to me to go there.
11.9%	I use the Internet to get information.
9.4%	I have other places to obtain books, DVDs, etc.
9.1%	The Library's hours are not convenient for me.
7.8%	The Library is too far away.
6.8%	The Library doesn't have what I need.
5.3%	The building doesn't feel comfortable.
4.8%	I don't read a lot.
3.8%	I can't find a place to study.
3.7%	Parking is limited.
3.2%	The library doesn't have enough offerings in Spanish.
2.7%	I can't find a place to sit and read.
1.9%	I owe money for lost or damaged materials.
1.8%	A health condition prevents me from going.
0.8%	I don't have a way to get to the Library.
30.3%	None of the above

10.7% Other

The 66 individuals who responded “other” were given the opportunity to elaborate. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted by primary theme:

Comments	Responses
27	The Library doesn't have what I need.
11	The building doesn't feel comfortable.
9	I'm not aware of all the Library has to offer.
4	Library policies and procedures affect my use.
3	It doesn't occur to me to go there.
3	The Library's hours are not convenient for me.
3	The staff was unhelpful.
2	I can't find a place to study.
1	I don't have a way to get to the Library.
1	I don't have time.
1	Parking is limited.
1	The Library is too far away.

Q7. Do You Use Any Other Public Libraries in the Area?

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
40.1%	I do not use other libraries
32.2%	Buda Public Library
28.8%	San Marcos Public Library
18.5%	Austin Public Library

3.3%	Wimberly Village Library
1.8%	New Braunfels Public Library
5.6%	Other

The 35 individuals who responded “other” were given the opportunity to name the other libraries they visit. Their responses are tabulated below.

Comments	Responses
6	Houston Public Library
5	Dripping Springs Community Library
5	Academic or school library
5	Unnamed libraries
4	San Antonio Public Library
3	Cedar Park Public Library
2	Bee Cave Library
1	Austin Public Library
1	Bastrop Public Library
1	Lockhart Public Library
1	San Marco Public Library
1	Westbank Community Library

Q8. Reasons for Visiting Other Libraries

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
49.5%	To check out books and other items not available at Kyle Public Library
45.0%	To attend a program, class, or workshop

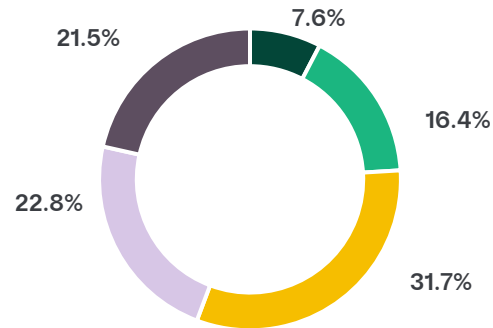
21.2%	For services not available at Kyle Public Library
14.7%	To use study or meeting rooms
12.6%	The other library or libraries are more convenient for me
10.7%	Other libraries have shorter wait times for popular items
23.8%	Other

The 91 individuals who responded “other” were given the opportunity to elaborate. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted by primary theme:

Comments	Responses
30	To use the children's space
16	The other library or libraries are more convenient for me
10	To check out books and other items not available at Kyle Public Library
9	I like the other libraries' buildings
8	For services not available at Kyle Public Library
8	To attend a program, class, or workshop
6	To use study or meeting rooms
4	N/A

Q9. Interest in Convenient Ways to Pick Up and Return Library Materials (Remote Book Drops, Amazon-Style Lockers, Kiosks, etc.)

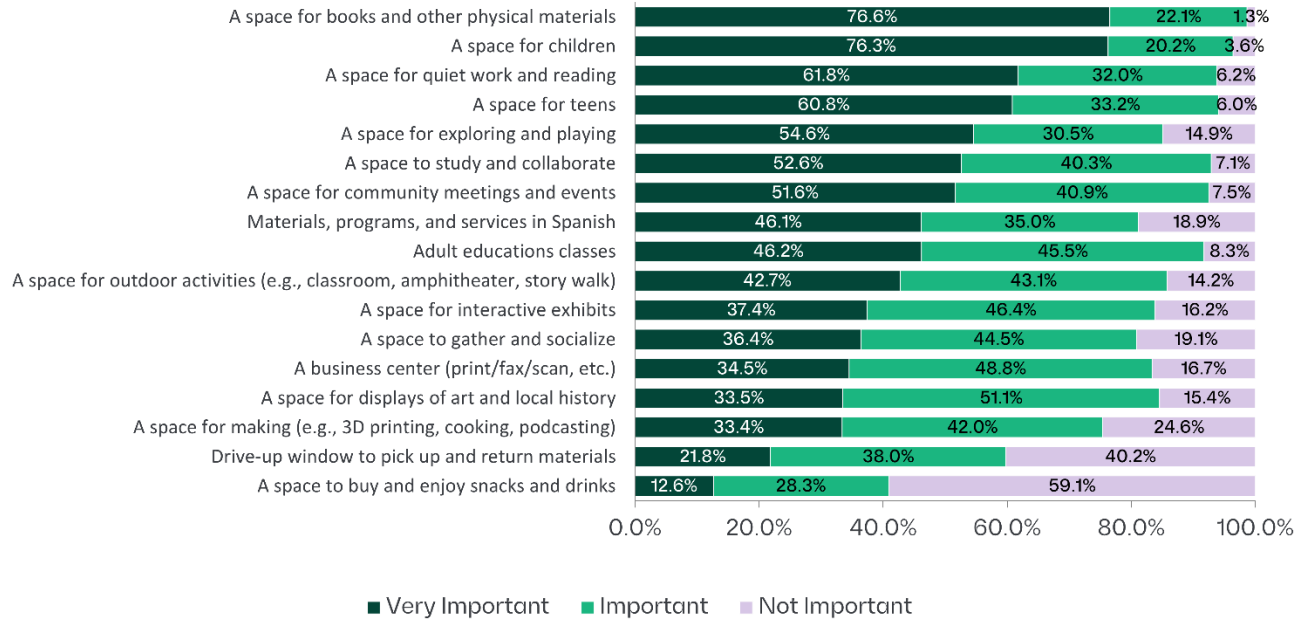
Respondents were asked to rank their interest in materials delivery options on a 5-point scale, from extremely uninterested to very interested.



■ Extremely uninterested ■ Uninterested ■ Neutral ■ Interested ■ Very interested

Q10. Importance of Library Spaces and Offerings

Respondents were offered a “Don’t Know” option for spaces and services with which they did not have an opinion. These responses have been deducted from the question’s overall respondent base of 628.



Responses	Number Able to Rate	% Very Important
A space for books and other physical materials	606	76.6%
A space for children	615	76.3%
A space for quiet work and reading	612	61.8%
A space for teens	605	60.8%
A space for exploring and playing	590	54.6%
A space to study and collaborate	606	52.6%
A space for community meetings and events	614	51.6%
Adult education classes	591	46.2%
Materials, programs, and services in Spanish	557	46.1%

A space for outdoor activities (e.g., classroom, amphitheater, story walk)	590	42.7%
A space for interactive exhibits	588	37.4%
A space to gather and socialize	596	36.4%
A business center (print/fax/scan, etc.)	594	34.5%
A space for displays of art and local history	603	33.5%
A space for making (e.g., 3D printing, cooking, podcasting)	581	33.4%
Drive-up window to pick up and return materials	577	21.8%
A space to buy and enjoy snacks and drinks	594	12.6%

Q11. What Would You Like in a Meeting Space?

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
45.5%	Space for 6-8 people
45.1%	Space for up to 25 people
40.0%	Access to video conferencing and projection
35.0%	Space for 2-5 people
31.8%	A large conference table
20.5%	A kitchenette
14.2%	Space for 100 people or more

Q12. What Would You Like in an Outdoor Space?

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
66.1%	Space for children to play
62.4%	Space for interactive experiences (e.g., story walk, play area, sensory garden)
57.2%	A porch for studying, reading, or working
57.0%	Access to Wi-Fi
54.0%	Space for outdoor programs
53.3%	Walking trails
47.3%	A STEAM/music garden
45.1%	An amphitheater for events
44.4%	Café space or seating
33.1%	Space for informal gatherings
3.7%	No preference
1.6%	Other

The 10 individuals who responded “other” were given the opportunity to elaborate. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted by primary theme:

Comments	Responses
3	Shade
2	A porch for studying, reading, or working
2	Space for interactive experiences (e.g., story walk, play area, sensory garden)
1	Café space or seating

1	No preference
1	Space for outdoor programs

Q13. How Would You Like the Library to Feel?

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
83.8%	Welcoming
70.6%	Cozy
61.6%	Calm
51.0%	Light-filled
50.7%	Inspiring
45.9%	Spacious
38.1%	Colorful
32.3%	Innovative
22.4%	Modern
19.7%	Energetic

Q14. Preference for Library Location Service Level

All	Responses
46.4%	One centrally located, large, full-service library
28.1%	One centrally located, large, full-service library and a small branch with limited services and offerings

25.5% Multiple libraries throughout the city, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections

Q18. Best Ways for the Library to Communicate

Percentage totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

All	Responses
64.0%	Social media (Instagram, Facebook, etc.)
54.1%	Email
51.3%	Library website
42.8%	Text message
35.4%	Digital newsletter
18.0%	Library handouts
17.5%	Mailings from the library
13.9%	In-library display screen
11.5%	Word of mouth (library staff, friends, neighbors, etc.)
5.4%	Local radio, newspapers, TV
0.3%	Other

The verbatim responses of the two individuals who responded “other” are reproduced below:

Responses

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Calendar easel works well already

Q19. What Type of Space Do You Think the Library Should Emphasize in Future Plans?

322 respondents (51.3%) took advantage of the opportunity to share their thoughts on future Library facilities.

Individual responses often covered multiple attributes. The verbatim comments can be found in the appendix. Their responses are sorted by primary theme:

Number of Comments	Responses
81	Children's space
33	Collections space
28	Program space
25	Quiet space
22	Outdoor space
19	Comfortable space
17	Interactive space
17	Meeting space
15	Workspace
13	Accessible space
12	Café space
10	Technology
9	Location
7	General support for the Library and facility
7	Teen space
7	No recommendation

Appendix

Open-Ended Answers

Multiple questions allowed respondents to give open-ended answers, which are reproduced below. These responses have been parsed and sorted by primary theme. The comments are verbatim.

Q2. We Want to Ensure That Library Services Are Accessible Throughout the City. Do You Live In:

Plum Creek

- ◆ Plum Creek
- ◆ Plum Creek
- ◆ Plum Creek
- ◆ Plum Creek
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- ◆ Plum Creek

Buda

- ◆ Buda
- ◆ Buda
- ◆ Buda
- ◆ Buda
- ◆ Buda
- ◆ Buda
- ◆ South buda

San Marcos

- ◆ Sa Marcos
- ◆ San Marcos
- ◆ san marcos
- ◆ San Marcos
- ◆ San Marcos

Kyle

- ◆ Homeless - Southeast temporary
- ◆ South

- ◆ West Kyle
- ◆ Work in Kyle. Not live.
- ◆ Work in NE Kyle

Uhland

- ◆ Kyle/Uhland- East Kyle
- ◆ Uhland
- ◆ Uhland
- ◆ Uhland
- ◆ Uhland

ETJ

- ◆ Buda ETJ
- ◆ ETJ
- ◆ West ETJ

Hays County

- ◆ City of Hays
- ◆ Hays County
- ◆ Just outside city limits

New to or originally from Kyle

- ◆ Hometown Kyle
- ◆ Hometown Kyle
- ◆ Moved here in January and don't know what is considered the difference in Kyle.

Six Creeks

- ◆ 6 creeks
- ◆ Six creeks
- ◆ Six creeks

Maxwell

- ◆ Maxwell
- ◆ Maxwell

Niederwald

- ◆ Niederwald
- ◆ Niederwald

Austin

- ◆ Austin

Blanco Vista

- ◆ Blanco Vista

Lockheart

- ◆ Lockheart

Mountain City

- ◆ Mountain City

N/A

- ◆ N/A

Talavera

- ◆ Talavera

Tobias

- ◆ Tobias

Q5. Primary Reasons for Using the Library

To attend a program

- ◆ I would come weekly for the intro to Spanish class, but it has since been discontinued
- ◆ Kid activities they host
- ◆ Kids events hosted by library
- ◆ Loved the summer kids program
- ◆ Story time
- ◆ Story time for kids
- ◆ Summer activities
- ◆ Teen Clubs

For entertainment or hobbies

- ◆ I like the master gardener info table
- ◆ Master Gardener info table, saw it listed by Garden club
- ◆ Puzzle swap
- ◆ To purchase or browse sale items

To check out physical books, magazines, movies, etc.

- ◆ Borrow the sewing machine.
- ◆ DVDs, hoopla, Seed Swap are some favs!
- ◆ Garden advice from the area with seeds that has packets of information to start your own garden local!
- ◆ love seeing the seed garden.
- ◆ Take my kids to check out books

To visit the Children's area

- ◆ Kid entertainment!
- ◆ Kid play
- ◆ Primarily for my children.
- ◆ Toddler to play in toddler area

To see friends and other people

- ◆ To get out of the house!
- ◆ To have a break from my daily routine (break from home).
- ◆ visit the garden

N/A

- ◆ -

To download digital materials from services like Libby and Hoopla

- ◆ Hoopla and Libby

To find study or research materials

- ◆ Expand children's learning reading for all ages

To host or attend a meeting

- ◆ To teach homeschool children appropriate social behavior in a specific setting. The library is a specific setting which requires self discipline and self awareness to share the space in public differently than a park or other social venue.

Q6. Primary Reasons for Not Using the Library, or Using It More Frequently

The Library doesn't have what I need.

- ◆ Buda library offers homeschool hangouts and seems to have more programs for small children
- ◆ Buda public library has a better selection of children's books
- ◆ does an offer language class for learning Spanish
- ◆ Doesn't have a good selection of books.
- ◆ I constantly use Libby!
- ◆ I didn't like the books offered
- ◆ I go to Buda's library more. They have Saturday classes i like to attend.
- ◆ I mostly use the library digital resources
- ◆ I wish I could have more Libby holds. New Braunfels offers up to 20 holds on libby.
- ◆ I wish more French books for kids
- ◆ Kyle library quit The Teen Anime and Pokémon Clubs
- ◆ Limited adult or all ages programs
- ◆ My teenagers have been very discouraged by going into the library and seeing people just sitting at screens and seeing more and more empty shelves.

- ◆ Need more kid programs on weekends and evenings . Wish there were Sunday hours
- ◆ Needs more kids attractions
- ◆ Nook
- ◆ Not as many offerings for adults as other local libraries
- ◆ Not enough activities for kids or programs offered for homeschoolers
- ◆ Not enough books in print form, too many online
- ◆ Not enough books. Sadly libraries are digital. Just sad
- ◆ Not enough young kids or toddler activities. Small kids play area. Not great storytime
- ◆ The selection is better at the Buda library, so we go there.
- ◆ There are not enough titles for what I need. More Texas history and American history books. More travel and references books. More outdoors and hunting books.
- ◆ They canceled the knit and crochet group when the last activity organizer left.
- ◆ Use Libby for ebooks
- ◆ Would like more gardening and Conservation classes and info tables
- ◆ Would like programs that focus on Latino culture

The building doesn't feel comfortable.

- ◆ dated design, I prefer Buda or San Marcos.
- ◆ Events for kids are too crowded. Air quality could be improved with HEPA filtration to make safer for immunocompromised
- ◆ I have a baby and a toddler and am afraid they'll make too much noise.
- ◆ I like to read at coffee shops. It just feels cozy to me to sit on a comfy chair or comfy couch with a cup of coffee and maybe a pastry while you're reading. We also used to do the summer reading club every summer, but chose not to do it this year because we did not care for the new format at all! I would like to attend art classes, gentle, yoga, classes, gardening classes, etc. things of that nature, but they would have to be after work or on the weekend
- ◆ I love the computers and books in the children's area, but it is hard to keep my littles quiet in that area. I'm not a big fan of screen time when my kids are younger than 2. If there was an area my kids could be louder, we would come more often.
- ◆ Loading up 4 kids 7 and under is a lot when going to a "be quiet no running" kind of place but trying to take them more!
- ◆ More space is needed. Feels cramped with the amount of people living in the area.
- ◆ My 3 year old can be loud. She only last an hour at most.
- ◆ My children are autistic and while I try to teach them how to be quieter, sometimes they can be a bit loud and I feel they will be too disruptive as the children's area is expected to be quiet being in the main library area.
- ◆ While we live in Kyle, we travel to the Buda Library as we are a family with children. We prefer the Kyle Library book selection but the environment, atmosphere, and accessibility for families is limited at the Kyle Library.
- ◆ I go to another library most of the time.

I'm not aware of all the Library has to offer.

- ◆ I don't see events in time to plan and go. I'd like to be on a mailing list through email to get alerts.
- ◆ I just moved here.
- ◆ I just recently moved to Kyle and need to make time to start visiting.
- ◆ Just got a card recently
- ◆ Just haven't visited since we moved to the area
- ◆ Just moved here in July 2025
- ◆ Just recently moved here
- ◆ My family is moving to Kyle next month, so we have not been here yet.
- ◆ We are new to the area

Library policies and procedures affect my use.

- ◆ I don't like having to constantly re-rent something before I finish it.
- ◆ The catalog is so hard to use and figure out
- ◆ Wish I could reserve more books since I'm running in with littles.
- ◆ Your not tied into other libraries and don't have many books

It doesn't occur to me to go there.

- ◆ i didn't know it existed until recently
- ◆ I didn't know there was a library
- ◆ I forgot there was a library

The Library's hours are not convenient for me.

- ◆ Business hours do not align well with my schedule
- ◆ Not enough early (hours)
- ◆ Sometimes the activities conflict with the activities at the San Marcos Library

The staff was unhelpful.

- ◆ The few times I've gone, the staff have been rude and unhelpful.
- ◆ The registration for kids event is very chaotic. One of the staff for when I went for a bubble show for my child was very rude she thought I cut the line mind you I was in line and the next one up for a ticket .
- ◆ Very few of the staff acknowledge my child. When I go I go with my child to explore books. But when we go to check out or talk with the staff, they always seem very awkward around children.

I can't find a place to study.

- ◆ They removed the room with closed doors that you could study or work in. You can't talk in the open library but you could in that room.
- ◆ We would love more classrooms for homeschool co-ops to rent and use.

I don't have a way to get to the Library.

- ◆ I want me and my kids to be able to safely bike to the library

I don't have time.

- ◆ My family's schedules make coming for events difficult.

Parking is limited.

- ◆ there are no car chargers on site

The Library is too far away.

- ◆ Buda public library is close and had the book I wanted when Kyle didn't

Q8. Reasons for Visiting Other Libraries

To use the Children's space

- ◆ A fun interactive children's area
- ◆ bigger children's area
- ◆ Bigger kids area, more kids computers, activities, etc.
- ◆ Buda Kyle has a great play area, Bastrop has amazing kids offerings
- ◆ Indoor play for kids
- ◆ It's more open, less dark. The youth section isn't as far away from the children's computers
- ◆ Kid rooms and verity
- ◆ Kids area
- ◆ Kids area at the other libraries is separate from the adults area.
- ◆ Kids area is larger
- ◆ Kids play area
- ◆ Kyle is our favorite although it is the farthest. Mrs. Judy is Amazing and the reason my granddaughter excels in school.
- ◆ Look, appeal, design, activities of the kids area in SM, however, we do love that Kyle has added some cool additions like the wonderbooks
- ◆ Much better children's play area
- ◆ Playground outside of library
- ◆ Take grandkids
- ◆ The buda library has much more to offer for small kids, toys and nice books
- ◆ The buda one is bigger. Feels like a mini museum so we walk around and talk about what we see! Plus an area for kids to play with toys.
- ◆ The children's area has more to do and more books/activities.
- ◆ The children's book area is much larger larger, they also have a children's playroom you can rent which we love for our toddlers or to meet up with friends
- ◆ The kid is area is amazing
- ◆ The San Marcos Library has more space, including a much larger, closed off children's space.
- ◆ Their children's areas are larger or separated from the "adult" library and children are allowed to be children and be a bit noisier.
- ◆ Their children's area is larger and we they have events where tickets can be retrieved earlier than day of.

- ◆ Their kid area is a little bigger
- ◆ They have a more accommodating kids area for young kids. They also have larger meeting rooms where they don't require reservations for special programs for kids.
- ◆ They have a nicer kids area and more kids computers
- ◆ They have toys.
- ◆ We appreciate the SM library children section. But also appreciate the updates that the Kyle library has complete recently. Thank you for doing that!
- ◆ Wimberley library has a bigger toddler space with more toys

The other library or libraries are more convenient for me

- ◆ Just depends on what area I'm in at the time
- ◆ location
- ◆ Closer to home
- ◆ More locations and use one card.
- ◆ My daughter lives in Austin
- ◆ My kids attend Austin schools so they get an austin library card so we go there sometimes too.
- ◆ Open on Saturday and Sundays
- ◆ They are closer.
- ◆ This library is close to my work so I enjoy going to sit during lunch and enjoy a coffee
- ◆ to meet friends
- ◆ To meet up with friends
- ◆ Used to live in Buda. Visiting friends.
- ◆ We use our current local library or their mobile library service every week, but are moving to Kyle soon.
- ◆ We used to live a five minute walk from the Dove Springs APL branch and our child loves to visit libraries
- ◆ When we happen to be in the cities with those libraries
- ◆ The open hours

To check out books and other items not available at Kyle Public Library

- ◆ Better book selection
- ◆ Cannot check out enough books at a time from Kyle
- ◆ Enjoy the environment and larger children's section.
- ◆ I am on Libby through them
- ◆ I join additional libraries to get more Libby holds. I do not check out physical books from other libraries.
- ◆ Larger digital book selection
- ◆ More books in Spanish
- ◆ More hold books in libby
- ◆ The selection at KPL is so small you don't even have complete series
- ◆ The size and the greater amount of content to check out
- ◆ I like the other libraries' buildings
- ◆ Formerly attended other libraries

- ◆ Just to see more libraries
- ◆ More appealing/updated feel
- ◆ Plenty of different comfortable seating areas like outdoor shaded areas with nice views and comfortable temperatures. Also just different levels that allow for you to move to different levels and areas of the building and have different options of seating and being with friends and family and socializing
- ◆ Skate park at San Marcos
- ◆ So spacious and for the ambience
- ◆ The SM one is bigger
- ◆ Travel
- ◆ Austin public library is large and just wanted to see what it looked like.

For services not available at Kyle Public Library

- ◆ Better scanning equipment, more magazines, cheaper color printing
- ◆ Book sales
- ◆ It's much easier to use their public computers.
- ◆ Just want to clarify further on 'services not available' -- I really like the Kanopy streaming service.
- ◆ they have evgo car chargers
- ◆ their website is better and i can access my log easier
- ◆ They have Master Gardeners there for me to ask questions
- ◆ They have weekly Master Gardener info table

To attend a program, class, or workshop

- ◆ Events for Kids at Library
- ◆ For their homeschool programs and for a better selection of books.
- ◆ More activities for the kids to do
- ◆ Story time
- ◆ Support social/academic classes and clubs for our children
- ◆ They have regular gardening and Conservation classes and weekly info tables on gardening
- ◆ Variety on children's programming
- ◆ We enjoy bringing our children to events. The events that Kyle puts on are over crowded or very limited.

To use study or meeting rooms

- ◆ For variety of space when doing homeschool lessons using library tables.
- ◆ I use the library to work remote or study, i prefer the environment there.
- ◆ More room to sit and do work
- ◆ Much nicer atmosphere to go to and more places to sit. Newer everything.
- ◆ Reserved kids rooms
- ◆ Some of the other libraries have more interesting study spaces.

N/A

- ◆ .
- ◆ .

- ◆ .
- ◆ Austin

Q12. What Would You Like in an Outdoor Space?

Shade

- ◆ None it's too hot most of the year
- ◆ plenty of shaded options, outdoor fans or misting fans, access to electric outlets for charging laptops, good lighting for studying/reading if sun isn't out, different types of seating options and arrangements
- ◆ Shade. Outdoor spaces are not usable here without lots of shade.

A porch for studying, reading, or working

- ◆ Having a space for both an adult and a child little free library for books the library no longer wants
- ◆ Seating/tables

Space for interactive experiences (e.g., story walk, play area, sensory garden)

- ◆ Community herb garden, little free library, geocache, shade, fans/misters for summer, water feature for kids to play
- ◆ Splash board?

Café space or seating

- ◆ Coffee shop

Space for outdoor programs

- ◆ Bible study

No preference

- ◆ I want a library not a convention center

Q19. What Type of Space Do You Think the Library Should Emphasize in Future Plans?

Children's space

- ◆ A better space for homeschooling communities, a better selection of kids/teens books and a bigger space for kids. This library doesn't feel inclusive for children. Storytimes are great, especially the bilingual ones!
- ◆ A bigger children's space
- ◆ A children space where you don't have worry about them actively trying to destroy the books in the library and being too loud so others can't read at peace.

- ◆ A children's only area that is welcoming and inspiring. A space for 0-12 year olds to enjoy books, open ended toys, computers, and coloring pages. A space where children can be children while being supervised by a parent.
- ◆ A children's space where they are allowed to be children and noise is not seen as bothersome. Continued additions of children's classes and activities.
- ◆ A comfortable, family friendly space where learning is encouraged and reading is fun. Physical books should be a priority at the library.
- ◆ A great play space for kids (like Buda), with outdoor playground (like the old library in San Antonio). Lots of meeting spaces for students, committees, etc. Would love to see something architecturally modern but I think the components (reading/story times, computers, software, training) are more important than the building.
- ◆ A kids area that is somewhat separated from the rest of the library and that has a variety of smaller spaces - for reading, playing and books. A great example would be the Menchaca Austin Library, Twin Oaks in Austin, Yarborough library in Austin and the Buda Library. A space where kids can be louder and not disturb everyone else.
- ◆ A larger interactive area for children
- ◆ A larger play space for children
- ◆ A multi functional library containing a space for small children so parents can go without worry and can take them to enjoy reading time or planned activities. Also with a space for quiet reading and study for teens and adults. Outdoor spaces for reading, social collaboration or activities like chess/checkers or table games. A conference area or space where groups of adults or teens can come together to reflect on their reading materials or even gather to collaborate on materials, projects or have events like poetry night, adult book reading night etc..
- ◆ A place for my kids to play not have to be quiet.
- ◆ A playground next to it so parents can make a combo day of it, I think there would be more traction
- ◆ a safe space for any/everyone to come be together and enjoy. the youth needs a safe space and so do adults! i think if yall implemented more hangout/chill spots and nooks in the space, it would bring in more people frequently also having 3D printing program classes, ESL, art classes, or spanish classes would be a huge bonus for the community
- ◆ A separated children's area where children can read, play, and be noisy without disturbing the main library. More organization for programming instead of last minute announcements such as the planetarium sell out (when advertised as tickets 30 minutes before) and no mention of Santa not showing until children were seated in the room for the Santa reading program. These changes should be addressed and announced through social media so that families can plan accordingly.
- ◆ An area for kids to play like the Buda library offers.
- ◆ An individual library space for children apart from the adults.
- ◆ Better kids area.
- ◆ Bigger kids play area

- ◆ Carpet squares instead of chairs might be helpful for storytime. Also having snacks allowed, but maybe a rule for not nuts so kids with allergies can still come. You can have signage of that in the kids' area and storytime area.
- ◆ Children activities and play area with seating for adults as well.
- ◆ children programs and meet ups. I loved the summer activities being so open in long time frames. more like this. common toys so children can play with and socialize. maybe a set time frame for open play in a meeting room.
- ◆ Children's
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- ◆ Children's area, outdoor area, and study spaces
- ◆ Children's play area Comfy (coffee) nooks for adult reading/studying!!
- ◆ Children's space
- ◆ Children's spaces Community organizing spaces Sustainable education
- ◆ Creating more of a seperate play area for little ones to enjoy goign to the library more.
- ◆ Definitely a larger childrens area.
- ◆ For our family, I think a big emphasis on more children's spaces and activities Inside and outside. We love going to the library when it's hot outside and we just need somewhere to cool off and something to do but my kids get very bored at the Kyle library after a few minutes. We love supporting the Kyle library however we do choose to go to the San Marcos library more not only for the indoor children's space, but the summer food program meets there and my kids can have lunch in their outdoor garden space during the summer
- ◆ Fun spaces dedicated to children.
- ◆ I think children/teen areas are very important to give kids a "third space" and somewhere to read and chill. A cozy seating area for adults to read would also be nice! PS: Hats off to y'all and thanks for all you do for the community!
- ◆ I think that a replica of the Buda library would be ideal for our growing population in Kyle. They are certainly a prime example of a welcoming and accommodating library and I know many moms with young children who live in Kyle that take their kids to the Buda library instead of the current one in Kyle.
- ◆ I think the library should have a bigger kid zone, and more things for teenagers to do.
- ◆ I would like the children's department be a bit bigger. More interaction things for children.
- ◆ I would love to see a space for kids and teens to hangout and have activities to do. There isn't much for kids to do here other than use the computers. More programming and resources for those with neurodivergence, such as autism.
- ◆ I would love to see the Kyle Library create more spaces designed for children. The Cedar Park Library is a wonderful example to draw inspiration from, with its engaging areas for kids to play, explore, and learn. Right now, Kyle has very limited offerings for children, and adding a dedicated space would make the library an even more welcoming and enriching place for families.
- ◆ Improvement to toddler and young child events, storytime, play area. Maybe more sectioned off from the adult areas to help not bother people there for quiet

time v people there to social young kids and check out books. Less focus on the kid computer games and more hands on learning options. Summer events and reading challenges are great but we have not been able to get in a few because of wait times and the reading prize option this year isn't as motivating as last years smaller prizes as they reach each milestone of books read

- ◆ Inspiration from the cedar park library kids section. It is amazing!
- ◆ It needs to be open but have cozy themed areas for different needs. The kids area needs to be up front and bigger but more set apart to minimize noise to the rest of the patrons. Give it a theme, an aquarium and a cozy hideout area with cushions to read books and play with puppets. I would love a focus on homeschool programming throughout the year. You can even include simpler stuff like a homeschool class on the Dewey decimal system, how to research using books, an around the world class possibly with food for kids to explore other cultures, and more. There are so many homeschool families here that crave good quality classes that will pay for them. A cafe area with both covered and uncovered tables that overlooks a play area would be a really nice spot to unwind, visit or read a book while our kids play or read. I would absolutely pay for drinks, snacks and meals. Things like coffee, tea, bottled drinks, salads, sandwiches, chicken tenders, fruit, boxed lunch options, cookies, snack boxes with things like cheese, crackers and fruit, packaged snacks, ice cream or something else that's a nice cold treat, etc. We don't need it to fancy but just something. Thank you for taking the community into consideration for what we want and need.
- ◆ Kids areas
- ◆ Kids play area like Buda. More local events tied into the downtown Kyle area. More young kids activities.
- ◆ Kids play area with toys
- ◆ Kids programs are so popular at kyle library, so I think just having a couple more computers and a bigger kid area would be great. Or a semi closed off area (like san macros library) for kids because sometimes the kids are loud and rowdy in the quiet library.
- ◆ Kids space
- ◆ Kids space! Coffee shop with games!
- ◆ Kids spaces and more books. More private study space.
- ◆ Kids spaces, access to parents room with change stations, cafe with snacks/coffee, play area indoor and outdoor (fully fenced with both toddler and kid options)
- ◆ Kyle definitely needs a bigger kid area. I think it should be moved to the back of the library with calm, quiet, sensory toys. There needs to be more teen program. A lot of kids are not interested in Pokémon or DND. Maybe add football/baseball trading cards, board game teen nights, or a social outdoor event. For adults, more classes in the evening. There's a big homeschool community in hays county/Kyle. Please make room for them to organize events, weekly classes
- ◆ Kyle has such a huge need for more child/family friendly spaces. Cedar Park library is a wonderful example of what would be so needed. Buda library area with toys and seating would be the bare minimum example. If there's an outdoor

space coming there should be plans for lots of shade, natural colored structures for kids, seating for parents/tables. Turf! Climbing structures are very popular right now. If there's a need for representation from the public I'd love to be involved. Also I wish Libby had more options with my Kyle library card, there's not much in terms of newer books.

- ◆ Larger children's area with toys to play with and more story times
- ◆ Love having a place to bring my grandkids to read/learn and do activities. Thank you
- ◆ More areas for kids to explore and play. It would be really nice if it was away from the quiet area so kids wouldn't disrupt the quiet space.
- ◆ More children's programs without age restrictions. Partnership between school district free kids lunches at libraries for summer (San Marcos Library does this). Larger children's area. Children's programs you currently have are great!
- ◆ More classes/children experiences, indoor play area for children due to heat
- ◆ More kid friendly areas, like a closed off space for them and a walking path
- ◆ More kids space
- ◆ More room children and family actives would be amazing!
- ◆ More space for children
- ◆ More space for children's activities
- ◆ More welcoming for kids and maybe a seperated kids area so that they can make age-appropriate noise without bothering adults. Would be great if they're were more programs like buda
- ◆ Place for kids to have fun and have fun activities for parents to take their kids on the weekends for working parents
- ◆ Place for young children to learn and explore on their own, space for study/read/work, and maybe a small venue.
- ◆ Please, please have a dedicated children's space! I actively go to the San Marcos Library because of this. It was how I connected with other families when my kids were very young, it gives us a free place to gather that is indoors, and allows my children to explore on their own. I would also love to see Sunday hours as that's my only free day of the week and would love to spend it among books. :)
- ◆ Private play room for kids, a maker space for crafts and projects, private meeting rooms for up to 15
- ◆ Robust children's area. Closed study spaces available to reserve. Additional offerings on evenings and weekends for the high working population of Kyle
- ◆ Something better for children so we don't have to travel to Buda and San Marcos for that.
- ◆ Space for children's programs and play
- ◆ Space for kids. I have too homeschool kids and all the moms I know wish the kyle library had more for us.
- ◆ Space for young children and teens with good lighting. Even though we find more books at the Kyle Library the natural lighting is poor and the library itself feels dreary and gloomy. The child area needs more open space for young kids to manipulate toys, move their bodies, and create. The space for adolescents is limiting. Again, dark and dringy. Better lighting is needed throughout the entire library. In addition, the family programs we have attended could use more work.

There are many families in Kyle and in the summer, for example, families utilize programs to keep their kids active and engaged. Kyle has very limited offerings and often only one offering for the hundreds of thousands of families that live in Kyle. (Eg. The magic show put on in the summer.) We have attended both story time and kids yoga class and it felt it was put together very last minute where my children who generally can easily engage found it to be quite boring.

- ◆ Spaces for small children.
- ◆ The children of the community are extremely important. To help them grow. As a senior citizen I would enjoy a quiet, calm space to read. The library that we have now have improved. I can definitely see that new growth would require more facilities.
- ◆ The Schertz library is a good example where the library interfaces with play areas and the YMCA making it a great community center. The Kyle library should follow a similar model.
- ◆ There are so many young kids in the area. Please make this a library with a better kid section!
- ◆ Toddler indoor play/learning area is very important to me. An outdoor area of any kind would be very nice - we love the garden! A musical or sensory water garden/pond would be so cool, like what the lady bird wildflower center has. The walking trail you mentioned would be great too. Kyle needs more nature areas for kids besides parks
- ◆ We have always been most drawn to libraries that have hearty kid spaces with lots of group activities to participate in. STEM engaging toys, stories, or activities are one of the few ways we have been able to have regular kid-to-kid social time before school age comes around the corner. We have also been happiest to see an equal size between english and Spanish sections for books
- ◆ We love the children area!
- ◆ Young children's space. Many stay at home moms would visit the library during the day if there was a designated space for younger kids, especially those that are not school age 0-5 since moms are always looking to find ways to get them out of the house and doing something that aids their learning and development. I also believe that many people visit libraries because of their kids more so than themselves so it makes sense to have spaces for kids of all ages. Of course there should still be adult spaces and quiet areas for those needing to study or work. At the UT library, they have a floor where it's specifically for groups and people can talk. They dedicated a floor so that others in the library won't be disturbed by the talking. So maybe thinking of something like that, where there's a quiet area and then there's an area where it may be louder which would be where the younger kid section would be.
- ◆ Young kids/toddler area!

Collections space

- ◆ A space for a small special collection on the history of Kyle and some Hays County history. Once had items but disappeared. Please return & augment
- ◆ A space for information tables for master Gardeners. They provide a vital service to the community. Informing folks how to conserve water, use less pesticides,

education on native plants etc. They are the only ones doing this in a easy convenient way for folks at the other libraries in Hays County. Need this in Kyle

- ◆ A space for information tables in the lobby. The master gardeners provide so much information and benefit the community greatly. They taught me how to set up rain barrels to use less water. They also taught me about native plants and biodiversity so now I have less pests and also need to use less water and less pesticides. There is nothing more important than protecting nature. We only have one planet!
- ◆ A space in the lobby for information tables (especially for Master Gardeners; those ladies are amazing!) Why can they be at San Marcos and Buda all the time but I never see them at Kyle?!?!?
- ◆ A space that keeps getting lots of new books and periodicals + A space where kids can go to have fun and learn + A space where really anyone can go to escape the craziness of daily life and relax with books!
- ◆ Anything that would widen the collection bc the current offerings are not on par with other local libraries.
- ◆ At a time when the literacy rate is rapidly declining, I think it is vital that the library emphasize that reading is fun. Please keep physical books, CDs and DVDs on the shelves and promote reading over screens. I would love to see more on the library's social media promoting book talk or what the librarians are reading or what they'd recommend kids read. My young teens have asked me to stop going to Kyle Library and just go to San Marcos Library even though we live in Kyle because it looks like Kyle Library is getting rid of SOOOO many books and making it more of a screen friendly community center. Make Reading Fun!!!! I will keep checking out physical books and supporting KPL!!!
- ◆ Better magazine area. When the new library open the magazine area was so nice. I miss it.
- ◆ Build community via more classes. The birds of Kyle class was so great. Kore gardening and bird and local history and weather knowledge and ways to be involved locally could really help people become educated and informed about stuff they might usually disregard as political when really it is about community health and community best initiatives and ways to make life better for everyone. It would also be great to have a lot more books and a lot more new releases. Y'all are doing a great job with what you have to work with. Great staff!
- ◆ Expanding reading selections.
- ◆ Honestly, I go to a library for book and newspapers. The rest is waisted on me and my family. We do not go due to the clicking on keys and people talking.
- ◆ I am not sure, it seems the library has it all. The only thing I request is more available copies of books that seem to be popular so we don't have to wait on the reserve list so long
- ◆ I feel like right now the library mostly has events for kids or senior citizens. I would like to see more for adults. Since physical books and movies are fading out I think libraries should be used for more community services and rentals of other things besides books like basic tools, (which you have started with the cricut and guitar)Free classes on real world needed things like budgeting, anger

management, hobby introductions. Hobbies are so mysterious to some people and they are proven to help people be happier

- ◆ I just want a focus on books. Rather than expanding all these extra resources, I would just like the money to be spent on a wider variety of reading material in the books and digital offerings (audiobooks specifically). Do one or two things and do them really well.
- ◆ I recently went to the library and thought it was very clean, quiet, and had a great baby lap sit story time. I also noticed that many of the shelves were bare and the selection of books was a bit small, as well as the children's area was small. However, the room where story time was held had plenty of space. If possible, I would make the children's area larger and a bigger selection of more "newly released" and popular books. An outdoor amphitheater and an overall more modern look would be wonderful too, but the biggest priority in my opinion should be the children's area.
- ◆ I would love to see a space dedicated to archives and other resources on local history.
- ◆ I would love to see more space for books and a larger selection of DVDs and audiobooks. I would also love a place to learn new skills as an adult who loves learning new things
- ◆ Increasing the variety of books available and providing a well organized space to enjoy them and discover new things
- ◆ It would be nice to see more for gardening. Community garden, food forest type space on and around the grounds.
- ◆ It's a library it would be nice if you concentrated on books and tying into other libraries to share services. ALL THE OTHER IS GREAT BUT I WOULD RATHER SEE THE MONEY GO TO BOOKS
- ◆ Libraries are increasingly defaulting to ebooks and audiobooks. I realize I'm increasingly in the minority, but I only read physical books, and my biggest issue is libraries not buying enough contemporary literature (not genre fiction, but actual literature) in physical copies. Also physical children's books -- my young kids are big readers. The other stuff is all nice enough, but we go to the library for the books!
- ◆ More books and quieter spaces for adults.
- ◆ More books in Spanish.
- ◆ More physical books
- ◆ Safe and comfortable space for everyone. Invest in clean air systems and cleaning so immune compromised patrons can safely visit. Enough duplicate children's events that they can allow everyone who wants to attend (possibly using eventbrite or similar to allow spaces to be reserved in advance for some events so kids won't be turned away at the door because events are at capacity and they weren't early enough to get a ticket at the door) We'd love to see more homeschool offerings like educational/skill building (not core subjects, but specific skills) and community building/social programs for kids over 5/6 *during school hours* and materials physical and digital curriculum, subscription services, etc We'd love to see money go to more resources/offerings over physical space (some cities' libraries have passes to local parks or attractions or

physical items - board and video games etc for rent at home or in the library, or access to online subscription services through the library)

- ◆ Space to expand present offerings... physical books, periodicals, reference material. Area for more computers, printers etc Area for expanded food and beverage service. Patio... covered, shaded and lit for outdoor gatherings, study, eating etc.
- ◆ study, reading. books, books, books. keep the library a library. the community center run by recreation department can deal with other forms of activity & museum & arts. just keep it books. thanks. there are kids and adults that just need a quiet place to access books and read books. thanks. the staff at Kyle Public Library are fantastic and I know they love books. Literacy programs would be great and citizenship classes would be great. But keep it to reading and books.
- ◆ The Kyle Public Library should emphasize the following in future plans: Increased funding for incorporation of more library materials (digital and print) created by diverse authors. *Increased funding for access to resources in multiple languages. These resources being readily accessible in print and available digitally. Additional private spaces added throughout the library for quiet reading and studying. Additional soundproof meeting rooms added to provide extra space for quiet reading and studying. Incorporating an open floor plan that allows for flow and openness. For example, computers being placed in one area of the building instead of all in the middle of the main room in the library, as is currently. Increased funding for additional outdoor spaces like a garden.
- ◆ They have a mobile library in the creedmoor area. Because the Kyle library is a bit far for me having a mobile library would be nice.
- ◆ Very small selection of books to check out. I had to go to Buda's library to check out books. Buda has a good large selection of books.
- ◆ We love having an excellent selection of children's books ranging up to teen literature, with areas for kids to play, create, read, and work on homework. We also love having a studio space for scheduled classes and craft times. A cafe is a nice bonus to be able to meet up with friends.
- ◆ We love the library. I recommend it to all my clients who have kids of all ages as a resource when they are new to the area. More selection would be nice, but I love the access to LinkedIn learning and hoopla and other services the library provides.
- ◆ We want Buda's library, in KYLE! We love going there we love all the resources and activities and programs that they have their kids. There is a much better selection in the books are in much better shape. The kids do not need to be tempted by screaming at the library they need to unplug and get back to the basics

Program space

- ◆ A space that brings more events to adults. Both Austin, San Marcos and Buda, all have libraries where adults have a range of events specific to them. The get to know you event that Kyle had (last year?) was great, but as far as I know they

never had it again, and people came to it. I come to the library often to check out books. That part's fine, but the activities part of the library is lacking.

- ◆ Anything that encourages social interaction and adult continued education.
- ◆ Bring back the Pokémon club. Focus on what the community wants not what the people in charge want.
- ◆ Community programming - crafts, mental health sessions, how to classes
- ◆ event space big enough you dont have to do elaborate ticketing procedures for events that require everyone to stand in line an extra hour before each event
- ◆ Homeschool programs
- ◆ Homeschool programs.
- ◆ Homeschooling days
- ◆ Homeschooling programs!
- ◆ I am so disappointed there is not a fiber arts group. Knit and crochet are becoming so popular would love to see that group again. Was create and movie watching was super fun. Older teen activities maybe 18+ speed dating single mingle I have an 18 yr old and 20 yr old who would probably go to that.
- ◆ I have attended some events there and would like to see more variety and frequency of activities that target more families with teens, young adults, and single adults. I like the feel of the current library and would like to see Kyle have other branches with a similar vibe but maybe a different interest/focus.
- ◆ I think offering more classes or activities for adults would be really fun.
- ◆ I would like for the library to become the cultural center of Kyle. So I think there should be a variety of spaces and offerings. There should be quiet and calm spaces, but there should also be playful and energetic spaces. I would like to see free concerts there and I would like to see more things for older people that are not during the workday. As a senior, I find so many things geared for people my age are during the workday. It's like society hasn't caught up to the fact that many older people are working later in life. I noticed the same thing with Kyle area, senior zone and quit my membership for that reason. I know that sometimes things are offered on the weekend but when you work five days a week many times your weekends are full with errands chores, keeping up with friends and family so I really would like to see some things later in the workday
- ◆ I would love to see more reading challenges for the kids! My kids love to read!
- ◆ I'd love to see the library continue to grow as a space that celebrates diversity in language, arts, and activities. It would be wonderful to have more inclusive programs for all ages. Multilingual storytimes, cultural arts events, or even something like a drag story hour with music and performance. I think it would also be great to preserve and offer classes in skills that are often lost but so beneficial to the community. Such as calligraphy, knitting, or other hands-on creative workshops. Having activities that welcome and reflect the whole community would make the library an even more vibrant and engaging space for everyone.
- ◆ Larger room for programs Larger/separate kids section Teen section More unique space that draws people in and want to visit.

- ◆ More bilingual area, not just Spanish. More young teen activities/programs that also include younger siblings. Healthy snack options so parents aren't left feeling guilty about what they give their kids.
- ◆ More spaces for art classes, and an inviting outdoor space
- ◆ Multiuse, sustainable and designed to foster community building and participation
- ◆ Nice spaces for classes, clubs, programs. A space for creating digital content ie videos, podcasts, photography. A space with 3d printers, and other modern making technology. Nothing political and nothing regarding genders or sexuality.
- ◆ Organized programs, like the theater, or events that have kids interacting and learning "how to" skills as a team. Whether group projects/programs where kids are learning skills at age appropriate level; learning to participate in community, and of course fun because it's being and helping one another. Appreciate y'all!!
- ◆ Personally, I think the space is not bad. I think resources just need to be reallocated properly. Our community has a ton of young families that are looking for something to do. Especially in the city it's summer. When it comes to an event at the library, we have been told to show up an hour or so early to events to try to grab a seat. It is unacceptable to expect families to be waiting that long to get into a library program. It sounds like you need to cut funding for some of the things that are not working and reallocate funds to what people want activities with their families. Maybe having multiple shows/activities a day.
- ◆ Space for community programs. For example, I love the community yoga class. There should be more classes like that. Good communication about library events & offerings is so important, realizing that not everyone is on social media.
- ◆ Space to support community events and collaboration- like classes, workshops, book clubs, story times Spaces that support people's learning and create a sense of community throughout all stages of life- childhood, teens, adults - including parents
- ◆ Spaces that are multipurpose
- ◆ STEAM program.
- ◆ The work of local artists; a space for local musicians to perform; club meetings that aren't necessarily library-sponsored; quiet activities like yoga.
- ◆ Would love programs for different aged homeschooled students !

Quiet space

- ◆ A calm space to relax and read. A study area with separated desks and personal lamps . Separate rooms to hang out in as a group with a large table to play board games or study as a group without interrupting the other people at the library.
- ◆ A cozy corner to read quietly A outdoor shaded garden/porch area
- ◆ A cozy space for reading/studying. For reference, something like the flag room at the MSC in College Station. Also spaces for programs such as sewing classes and gardening classes.
- ◆ A place to read and enjoy books peacefully.
- ◆ A quiet place to read and spend some time inside and out.
- ◆ A two story library, with adult, reference, quiet business, cafe and study space on lower level. Upper level more colorful, sensory focused, youth focused children's

library on upper level. The current library does not suit all needs. Kids run wild while others are trying to focus. Separate spaces in one building would be ideal. This library also has such a small inventory of books compared to the growing population of Kyle. Would like to see many more titles and offerings. Sound eliminating furniture and fabrics too to minimize echo.

- ◆ Creating a calming space that can keep distractions out but also feel included in the environment
- ◆ Future plans should include more spaces to relax for reading, studying, etc. These spaces could offer seating for smaller groupings (teens) and also for individuals desiring more private areas dispersed in the larger spaces. Furniture in an outdoor area with shade, for families with young children, near a play area. Also an area to relax and enjoy the outdoors away from a play area. Tables/surfaces for some seating is necessary, but other types of furniture such as club chairs, bean bags, rocking chairs, etc. would be nice.
- ◆ I always felt the library needed more "private" study rooms so that individuals could work/read in a room and not be interrupted by the sights and sounds around them in the library.
- ◆ I believe in they should focus on creating break off spaces. Sure the larger spaces are great, but some intimate seating tucked away cozy to enjoy your reading throughout the library would be delightful both inside and out. Y'all have so much wall space that is not being utilized as well. Highlighting local artists would be amazing. As well as local kid artists in the the children's area on a rotating basis. I think that while I love the Kyle library it really is hurt by being tucked back in the corner of town on a road that is not on a main thoroughfare. This does mean that any social media team y'all or the city has needs to work almost double time just to make sure Kyle citizens remember y'all are back there! I posted about the library just last week and folks were surprised to hear about all the services y'all offer 1, and 2 were shocked that as a person who lives in Buda that I'm allowed to visit the Kyle library. There seems to be some misunderstanding of how libraries even work!
- ◆ I think a designated quiet area opposite of the children's area would be nice. Some more seating around the children's area big enough to accommodate a parent and child reading together. Reading and work areas outside near the butterfly garden.
- ◆ Loosen Up with kids in the library or create more distance between a quiet area and the area for them to play
- ◆ More quiet seating/tables for studying and reading. I love to come here to study but there's usually only one table that is quiet and its usually taken.
- ◆ More quite comfy reading nooks
- ◆ not sure. I enjoy the quiet space, and going back to physical books.
- ◆ Of course, i enjoy the library. It is a wonderful place to get study done and to find a great book. One of the things I would hope to possibly see is having a space completely quiet where minimal talking is only permitted. Because the library is a bit small with not much of a "back" area where it could be more quiet, it would be great to have a zone of the library where noise is at a very minimal level.

- ◆ Quiet areas/ study areas for small groups, or a designated area for children away from main areas for better volume control
- ◆ Quiet room for reading/studying/working that you're able to lock (like SMPL) so that you can leave your things unattended if you need a break (and it gives you a chance to go browse the shelves). (Wishful thinking), some kind of beautiful garden area outside with seating for reading/journaling/thinking (with sign saying quiet zone so it can be a refreshing spot not have people being noisy). Just a small plot, doesn't have to be a big area. A secluded/quiet area for reading/studying with signage it is a quiet zone.
- ◆ -Quiet study/reading room -area for Master gardener info table
- ◆ Reading books not electronic devices
- ◆ Reading books, lounge area for reading that is away from the noise, teens only area, private quiet rooms
- ◆ Reading nooks, and a roof top garden
- ◆ Reading spaces with common areas to do activities and to interact with others
- ◆ Space for quiet reading. It's not always easy to concentrate when there's children being loud in a quiet reading space. I say that with love :)
- ◆ Space to read in the library

Outdoor space

- ◆ Large, engaging and fun indoor and outdoor play areas for children - A casual, open cafe area with affordable dining - Dedicated cozy quiet spaces - Dedicated vibrant working spaces
- ◆ A greater outdoor space and space for children
- ◆ A more interactive, sensory friendly space for children inside and a walking trail with a larger garden would be wonderful with more seating. We love walking the little rock trail around the garden pretending it's a jungle in a story book. I think more families would be drawn to more outdoor space with shade. I know many families enjoy story time at La verde park especially being outdoors and under shade. Outdoor story time weather permitting opportunities would be great for both children, teens and even adult activities/events.
- ◆ Afternoon kids activities. Shade outside and programs outside.
- ◆ An area for children with sensory toys An outdoor area
- ◆ Gathering spaces, outdoor space for children and events
- ◆ Having a Green space, having a separate kids wing with sound proofing, a good selection of adult books in fiction and digital content. With an update library and Elibrary with new releases. Ability to be a third space for the community
- ◆ Indoor and outdoor play areas, cafe sitting reading, place to work remote while kids read
- ◆ Lot of kids indoor and outdoor play spaces. Like th liberary in North Austin
- ◆ More outdoor space. And perhaps a cafe. There used to be coffee you could buy. Why don't you do that anymore? Thank you
- ◆ Need place for kids to play and run around outside
- ◆ Outdoor nature space for reading/studying
- ◆ Outdoor play activities for children
- ◆ Outdoor reading areas with shade.

- ◆ Outdoor trails/adventure garden Private study rooms Children's section divided from adult space
- ◆ Outdoor/nature space.
- ◆ Outside areas, for children to interact, covered - also inside options for kids
- ◆ Outside garden space.
- ◆ Place of gathering the way i remember the old library would do with outdoor activities and fun stuff for the children
- ◆ Seats with shade outside
- ◆ Shaded outdoor space where children and parents can play and explore. The biggest challenge when taking kids into a library space is making sure they do not disrupt the other patrons. The show garden at the Kyle library and the patio at the San Marcos library are both great places for kids to enjoy books without having to be quiet and still.
- ◆ Trail, outdoor shaded areas

Comfortable space

- ◆ A cozy, welcoming space. A lot of modern design is very sterile and unwelcoming, and I would be sad to see that in a new library. Natural light, warm colors. Comfortable places to read and study and meet with others. A colorful and fun space for children to play and explore.
- ◆ A thoughtfully designed space with lots of flexibility for future change. Build the space big enough for what Kyle will need in 10-20 years, not just for now.
- ◆ As a remote worker and parent, I'd love to see the library prioritize spaces that support both productivity and family life. A designated area where children can safely play or engage in creative activities while caregivers work nearby would be a game-changer. I also think a combination of indoor and outdoor environments—perhaps with open-air patios or garden nooks—could help foster both focus and relaxation. A calm, modern aesthetic that emphasizes natural light, quiet zones, and creativity would make the space feel like a true retreat and a hub for all ages.
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Cozy and welcoming. Not strict. Accommodate patrons not rules.
- ◆ Focus on what the community needs and what supports that the best
- ◆ Free ASL classes Cooking/sewing classes. Garden with water features. More comfortable seating areas for adults that are away in quiet spaces.
- ◆ Get inspired by the Buda library. It's not a dated "only be quiet" space. There's a place for everyone to enjoy.
- ◆ I think that the library should be trying to cultivate "third place" energy and create a fun & chill space for adults, and families, and more to congregate and be a community. Being open late, encouraging bringing food to eat in a lobby or cafeteria space, hosting "cooler" events like popular/trendy game tournaments, novel musical performances, and ultimately have a social environment that allows children and adults the freedom to use library resources for their own projects, hobbies, interests, and more.
- ◆ I would like the library to emphasize a space on the new Vybe Trail with large windows to bring the outdoors inside, creating a welcoming, calming

environment that connects visitors with the surrounding landscape. Incorporating natural light and views of the trail would make the library a destination for walkers and cyclists while encouraging a sense of openness and community. I think the library should emphasize flexible, multi-use spaces that can adapt to changing community needs. For example, open areas with movable furniture can serve as meeting rooms, study spaces, or activity zones depending on demand. I would also like to see dedicated areas for children and teens to encourage early literacy and social engagement, as well as quiet zones for individual study and reading. Technology hubs with computers, charging stations, and internet access are important, along with comfortable seating throughout to make the library an inviting place for all ages.

- ◆ More natural lighting in the library.
- ◆ More shelves and cozy sitting areas
- ◆ Open and light-filled
- ◆ Open space, wide aisles, stools scattered in the shelves and lots of light.
- ◆ Space for all ages. Modern, light filled, comfortable seating/reading corners, quiet spaces. Space for community interaction/events.
- ◆ The library should feel welcoming. There should be lots of places to sit and explore. Why the sitting places should feel cozy, the space shouldn't feel cramped or overcrowded. All shelves should be reachable for the average height person. There should be enough space between the book cases that two average sized adults can walk side by side. Too many times i've had to stop and hug the bookcase so a person can pass in the current space.
- ◆ A bigger building with multiple levels and lots of areas with different types of seating. More things for adults to do or interact with like outdoor seating or maybe even trails nearby. The Austin Public Library is a great example since they have outdoor activities readily available nearby (like walking trails and nature) and plenty of seating areas to be in, as well as a cafe. Taking inspiration from local cafes could be another great way to know how to create an inviting and comfortable space for adults to be in. Gathering spaces aimed towards adults are overall a great idea to think about including
- ◆ Better chairs
- ◆ Welcoming with comfy chairs. No materials on the lowest shelves cause they are too hard to see and get to!

Interactive space

- ◆ A space for interactive game area, a place with lots of natural landscapes flowers plants and a sunset view/sunrise view. A coffee shop or local vendor near the library.
- ◆ Area for art displays or competitions
- ◆ Art exhibit spaces Arts and crafts spaces Adult spaces
- ◆ As a family, we love crafts, programs, and to listen to stories. Bed time Interactive story time with bubbles was the best!
- ◆ Craft station
- ◆ Create innovative library spaces such as the Frisco, tx library.

- ◆ Creative and interactive children's area. Many preschool age children use the library and library offerings. Would be great to have a fun and large area for children to go that is indoors. Think Frisco library if Kyle could have some version of that.
- ◆ emphasize space that keeps kids engaged and away from the distraction of cell phones. get them outside, walking, biking to the library. get them excited about innovation, technology, or the arts.
- ◆ I personally think anything that would pull kids to begin the love of reading and community at an early age. Interactive learning, play, STEM, reading clubs, storytime. I think it's important to encourage young readers just at the foundation for a lifetime.
- ◆ I think the Kyle Public Library should emphasize more flexible, multi-use community spaces in future plans. As Kyle continues to grow, having areas that can adapt to different needs such as quiet reading zones, study rooms, creative workshops, children's story times, and community meetings will be essential. Adding more tech-access spaces (like computer labs or podcast/editing rooms), cozy seating areas, and shaded outdoor reading nooks would also support diverse ways people use the library today. It should feel like a welcoming hub for all ages, backgrounds, and interests.
- ◆ Interactive spaces for programs
- ◆ Interactive STEM
- ◆ More interactive fun things for the kids
- ◆ More interactive spaces for children
- ◆ more kid interactive areas
- ◆ Space for social events.
- ◆ Spaces for creativity and art, larger kids book selections (more diverse), and more non-media items to check out

Meeting space

- ◆ A community space.
- ◆ Adult meeting spaces that are kid free
- ◆ Allow political groups to use library meeting areas
- ◆ An easy to reserve community meeting space would be a good thing. The space should be free to non-profit groups and be available outside normal library hours. Kyle really needs an indoor space that's easy to reserve, easy to use, and free (or very low cost, like \$10.00)
- ◆ Community spaces and more small gathering/meeting spaces with table and chairs. I love libraries and every time I visit the main APL I'm inspired. The inside is diverse and the outside top floor is gorgeous and restful. Respecting nature.
- ◆ For a growing community.
- ◆ I appreciate the variety of different experiences happening at the library at once. Events, meeting rooms, quiet browsing, and very quiet study rooms. I'm excited by some of the things brought up in this survey. It's good that there's events for people of all ages.
- ◆ I love the idea of the library having a large enough space to accommodate 50 or more people due to the lack of meeting spaces in Kyle. I was at the library last

week and it was quite loud. I like that libraries aren't the super quiet places they were when I was a kid; however, I'd still appreciate a quiet reading space as the sounds can be overstimulating sometimes.

- ◆ I think there needs to be more activities for middle-aged people like me. I see things for kids, teens, and elderly but I'm a 45-year-old mom who's a big kid at heart and loves to scrapbook, make crafts, watch movies, play bingo, do trivia, learn new things like how to knit/crochet, etc. One big thing that is a turn off here is not being able to reserve/use meeting rooms for free as a Kyle resident. My sisters and I do scrapbooking retreats but have been looking for a neutral, local space to get together for a Friday night and all day Saturday to scrapbook. I'm also part of a homeschool co-op so having a meeting room to have classes as needed would be awesome. I do like the quadrant cubby workspaces so maybe more of those. I would love free or reasonably priced cooking classes, as we are a one-income family. It would be amazing to have a large kids area that was divided into age-appropriate sections...maybe a little play area for babies and toddlers with some safe equipment, an older kids area (5-8 yrs or so) with a mini museum like area similar to McKenna in NB like a grocery area, bank, doctor office, stem activities, etc. Maybe an enclosed teen-only game room (games should be monitored, no inappropriate ones) and one for us with vintage/retro games like Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, etc...I'd most likely be here every day and spending money at the cafe (see below)!!, a specific art room designed and designated for coloring, painting, drawing, building, etc., exercise classes, date night or marriage events, maybe a small outdoor skate park, would love a little cafe with eating area indoors (we're in Texas, it's hot most of the year). The best thing and nostalgic one, would be to have a planetarium!! We need to bring these back! Kyle would be the best library ever lol! My favorite school-related memories were field trips to our local planetarium!! Anyways, that's my two cents and it was a lot 🙌 thank you for allowing the community to give input and contribute!
- ◆ Kyle in general does not have enough indoor meeting spaces for non-profits / youth groups. We need more places to have meetings. The library also needs to more purchase books and purchase entire sets of books. There have been many times where the library offers partial series, for example 3 books out of the 5 that exist.
- ◆ Meeting rooms with great wifi.
- ◆ Perhaps something similar to the Buda Library that includes a large multi-space for classes and small meeting places. Definitely an interactive children's area and a quiet space for reading/studying away from the children's area.
- ◆ Place for people to tutor or get tutoring
- ◆ Rooms for people to engage in Zoom meetings using their own laptops or using a device borrowed from the library for joining Zoom meetings are needed.
- ◆ The current library needs to make meeting spaces more available and not just to non-profits. There are lots of important meetings to the community, e.g., Weight Watchers meetings that require space. It should be ok for this type of organization to meet at the library. It's for the good & health of Kyle's/Hays county residents.

- ◆ Tools, kitchen appliances, seeds, sewing equipment should be available to lend to help people learn a trade. A space to encourage younger kids to learn, with computers included. Many people use the library to meet with therapist for occupational or speech therapy while playing with the toys available. A space for community classes.
- ◆ When I lived in Colorado Springs, CO I would take visitors to Library 21C because I had never seen a library like that and I loved it! Maker space, business space, interactive displays, art, meeting rooms, etc. <https://ppld.org/library-21c>

Workspace

- ◆ A place to work remotely to focus.
- ◆ Appropriate gathering spaces for Kyle homeschoolers to hold classes, some for book work, and some with the option to get a little more messy. Kyle has a rich and diverse homeschooling community, and most of us are driving to other locations to meet, play, socialize and learn.
- ◆ flexible spaces where people could read, write, meet, or work. lots of generous light, views & connection to nature.
- ◆ For me, i'd love a work space away from home. I work from home and sometimes I'd like to get away and work somewhere else that is calm and quiet without distractions. With a lot of people working from home or doing hybrid, I think it'd be a nice offering.
- ◆ I miss the study room that anyone could use without having to check it out. It feels like only one person can use the study room at a time. I love everything else<3
- ◆ Lots of study spaces Computers Clean Organized Open on Saturday and Sunday Meeting rooms with A/V for presentations Wi Fi Coffee Water Tea Copy/Fax/Printing Movie Days CONT Edu It's a library not a museum for exhibits. People should go there for one purpose to check out books, to read, to study, to learn, but not as a tourist attraction
- ◆ MANY comfortable reading and working areas – with plentiful plugs for electronics. Technology enabled, collaborative working areas. A place for people to handle private calls or video meetings. Surround us with books & nooks!
- ◆ Modern study/reading rooms, a space for teens, a classroom to learn specialized skills or classes, improved children's area.
- ◆ More individual spaces for quiet study and work. More areas for children to read and play. More spaces for teens that are just for them. An outdoor area would be lovely. Indoor reading steps would be a dream.
- ◆ More options for studying and reading. Less open concept.
- ◆ More private study spaces! More room for reading and working on projects. A specialized kids and teens space would help make kids feel welcomed and excited to read with their peers. The current library is great for basics but it feels rather small and the book selection could be expanded. More adult focused community events like trivia, group movie screenings, or other game nights.
- ◆ Multiple study rooms, More sessions for children
- ◆ Study rooms,

- ◆ study rooms, and obvious enough signage. at the san marcos library, I have a hard time finding where everything is and I dont know all they offer
- ◆ The library should emphasize more casual work and reading spaces indoor and outdoor and a cafe area. Would love a pet-friendly area.

Accessible space

- ◆ A space where everyone can feel welcome and happy, to be able to learn and explore.
- ◆ Access for all. Security for our children which I don't see addressed here. I think this may be an issue soon. Keeping them, whether it's screen time or physically.
- ◆ Accessibility
- ◆ I believe the library should emphasis accessibility for marginalized communities, especially those living far from the library. Many families and students could benefit from all the programs and services the library provides, however, transportation can be an issue. Especially when Kyle does not have public transportation.
- ◆ I would consider the demographics of the city and ensure accessibility and resources that are useful to those communities such as 1. various languages 2. programs for children (if I had children I would significantly consider the library a place to take them regularly to learn about programs and enhance their reading skills and meet other parents!) 3. unique teen-related programs 4. adult programs like yoga, cooking classes, certification courses 5. a place for the arts (outdoor music area and collections inside) would be wonderful! (I visited a couple months ago and LOVED the youth art. I believe it was Santa clause letters that were displayed. It was very joyful and sweet to see and read.)
- ◆ I would like to see a more diverse place
- ◆ I would love more option for my ten year old boy for extra get together groups for kids with autism or special needs as well
- ◆ Library space should be community oriented and should focus on being welcoming and educational. It should emphasize access and have programs to bring more people into reading. Literacy is at an all time low, our libraries are critical to our community. The space should be engaging and accessible with spaces for people to read quietly or meet for book clubs or reading circles.
- ◆ More libraries as Kyle continues to grow, including longer weekend hours or even just being open on Sundays. I'm very busy with kids Monday-Friday and the current Saturday hours can feel so short with all the other errands I have to squeeze into the short weekend.
- ◆ Safe, welcoming, accepting, inclusive.
- ◆ Safe, welcoming, comfortable, inclusive
- ◆ The library, and access to it, are vital to the health and wellbeing of humans. This political climate wants to limit and control public information and I hope this does not touch our library. I need to go more. I digress. The future space should be accommodating to special needs (mental and physical), attractive to children (interactive space, quiet space, nursing room, etc), and viable for community retention by including adult spaces, too (meeting room, cafe, quiet space, game room). I know funding is required for all these things and this is ambitious.

- ◆ Welcoming and available to all patrons with proper ADA access and a large selection of books. Perhaps more spanish language youth books?

Café space

- ◆ A cafe area where food and drink can be purchased/enjoyed while still being able to use library services.
- ◆ A café like space for gatherings, study/work, and reading
- ◆ An informal cafe and a place for teens would be nice. Also, we are looking for a free GED in person class for next year. Do you have such offerings ?
- ◆ Cafe-coffee and books
- ◆ Cafeteria , area de juegos
- ◆ I have never considered a cafe space/snack or coffee offerings in a library. I think I would never leave if that was offered. I really think emphasizing community classes and professional development initiatives would be beneficial as it could bring in a lot of traffic from the newer young professionals in the area. I love the idea of having a walking trail or covered outdoor seating with wifi. I would make plenty use in the fall/winter time or during hotter months if it gets too cold inside (auto-immune condition makes me perpetually cold lol). Lastly, the drop-box/drive up services would be excellent for our differently abled population. Thank you, Kyle Library team for all you do!
- ◆ It would be great to have a café space be part of the library. I think y'all are doing a great job as is.
- ◆ More plants, a cafe, free book exchange please.
- ◆ Outdoor cafe that is kid friendly. I'd love to drink a coffee while my kid reads and plays with toys and meet others in the community.
- ◆ Really need a great third space. Love the current library but it's a little small, outdated, and lackluster. We need a space people want to come to!! A cafe with good coffee and cozy seating. Awesome events, more kid things, free or cheap classes...outdoor space for events and reading when the weather is nice.
- ◆ Reuniones informales y café
- ◆ Snack/coffee option, more cozy spots to sit and read/study, more classes/educational experiences. I love the little garden and would love to see it expanded into a bigger botanical space.

Technology

- ◆ definitely a maker space with area to create art and scan/ print.I would happily spend every day at the library if there were car chargers. I have to hang out other places that are way more boring just to wait on my car. a snack area could be beneficial financially. I'm not sure if this is established already, but i'd like to be able to request titles that aren't available and get them sent to the kyle location. My old library in SA would do that and it was so convenient.
- ◆ Maker space
- ◆ Makerspaces and handyman classes: arts & crafts, woodworking, general home repair tips/tricks, etc.
- ◆ 3-D printer Content creation area Cooking classes Musical area/studio More access of books on Libby/hoopla

- ◆ A makers space and a covered outdoor reading place.
- ◆ A space to help adults learn the technological ways of the work life if they haven't been in the workforce in a while. Those who are looking to return to the workforce after having a family. Preferably at least twice or more a week.
- ◆ -Having 3D printing machines and classes for kids/teens -more STEM programs/events for kids during the year -More variety of new books, specially non-fiction and graphic novels, encyclopedias for kids -More cozy reading spots for older kids/teens
- ◆ I would like classes to assist in phone skills - shortcuts, organizing data and various tips on how to handle certain issues.
- ◆ Maybe something with tech and have themes throughout the year. Like depending on the season and holidays, maybe a Harry Potter month. Stuff like that.
- ◆ Video and photo creation, maybe a studio with different backgrounds and props

Location

- ◆ A library on the East side of Kyle.
- ◆ A space that serves all areas of Kyle. The location isn't bad now but another location on the east side of Kyle is needed.
- ◆ Flexible meeting space (sizes). Outside conversation benches. Parking for bicycles. Outdoor drinking fountain plus pet fountain. Walking access. Location convenient to more of the population. Current isolated location was a poor choice and limits access. Area very dark at night. With no city bus service, Uber gets expensive. Convenient to other community places like restaurants. Convenient to schools. Outside wifi access.; We have a very nice library with a location that makes no sense.
- ◆ Libraries have always been my safe haven. I was a member of Red River Library in Clarksville Tx. Here, the traffic is abysmal so I rely on other media to get my book fix. I read a lot! Thank you
- ◆ Multiple locations to accommodate the growing population of Kyle .
- ◆ Please remember the families and children on the east side of town.
- ◆ Preferably one that makes biking there feel less like a journey or a commitment and more of a place I'll just visit on a whim. Miss that above anything from when that library used to be on Blanco.
- ◆ We are interested in reading the new mangas ans hope to be able to find copies available for check out. I would love to see a map like of the outside garden and what plants are planted where to use as an example for my garden. I wish we had a library closer to our community so we could visit more often. My teens are avid and fast readers. They are homeschooling and having a closer library could possibly help us find more local friends.
- ◆ I would like to say that I LOVE KYLE Public Library. The programs are always amazing, well done and organized. My kids and teens love to come to every activity and just to read a book. All the personnel is always nice and kind of part of our family. Ms. Judy, Ms. Bri, Michael, Jesus, Joel, ... etc... They always welcome us by name and make us feel like home. One of our kids said that Ms. Bri is like an auntie for her. They are always redy to help with a smile on their faces and

that's something I love to have in our city. This is what makes our community a family.

General support for the Library and facility

- ◆ I have no current ideas but wanted to let y'all know we appreciate you and think you are doing a great job! We love all of the programming you offer (in addition to being able to get books, of course!) and look forward to more!
- ◆ I think the current library encompasses everything that makes a library great! Keep this model and, if possible, have a bigger building to enlarge the current model.
- ◆ Libraries are foundation of our democracy. They should be a welcoming space for all!
- ◆ Nothing I can think of; but just wanted to say that this library is very nice as is, and the librarians are very nice, helpful and courteous.
- ◆ Please continue story time and activities. They are wonderful and teach kids plus help them learn to share and meet new friends (Thanks to Mrs. Judy) and she helped the other storytellers learn so much. Her love and care and knowledge of all things is beyond helpful.
- ◆ I love kyle public library. The staff are so sweet and encouraging.
- ◆ We're actually very pleased with the library right now.

Teen space

- ◆ A kids and teen area. Not just a space for books but a space for activities like story time and crafts. Homeschool weekly events would be great—just like in Buda. Overall just more family friendly and with space to play in and outside
- ◆ Bigger kids area Reptiles Beanbag chairs Music
- ◆ Community rooms, computer spaces, larger children space, AND A SPACE SPECIFIC FOR TEENS!!
- ◆ Focus on educational classes for school age-Adults. Please bring back classes/clubs for Teens! There are so many things for the younger population but not for the teens. Typing Spanish Anime Club Pokemon Club Math Creative Writing Teens & Volunteering
- ◆ I love youth involvement year round in things like battle of the bands, workshops, ect. I lived at my local libraries in Kansas City growing up and I got to check out CDs that was very influential for me as a kid
- ◆ Spaces for teens or children (more separate from the main area). A coffee shop or bakery in the library. Puzzle space. Maker space. Two story with an elevator. Job search area. The gardening part is cool. I do wish there were more programs outside of the work day. Like Saturday offerings or evening things.
- ◆ Teen Advisory Group brank - might improve community outreach for young folks between 12-16 yrs of age.

No recommendation

- ◆ -
- ◆ I do not have a preference at this time. I will leave that up to the people who frequent it more.

- ◆ Leave as is
- ◆ Na
- ◆ No specific idea at the moment.
- ◆ The new cedar park library would be a wonderful example to follow.
- ◆ Unsure.

Data Tables

Kyle Public Library (KPL) Online Community Survey

Data tables for full respondent base

Q1. Do you live, work, or attend school in Kyle or Hays County?

Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes	612	97.5%
No	15	2.4%
I don't know.	1	0.2%
Total Responses	628	

Q2. We want to ensure that library services are accessible throughout the city. Do you live in:

Responses	Count	Percentage
Downtown Kyle	91	14.5%
Northeast Kyle	107	17.0%
Northwest Kyle	118	18.8%
Southeast Kyle	167	26.6%
Southwest Kyle	90	14.3%
Other (Please specify)	55	8.8%
Total Responses	628	

Q3. In the last 12 months, approximately how many times have you visited or used the Kyle Public Library or used its services? Please include calls or visits to the building, using a study room, visits to the library's website and catalog, and using digital services like Libby or Hoopla.

Responses	Count	Percentage		
0	60	9.6%	<i>non-users</i>	26.0%
1-2	103	16.4%		
3-6	141	22.5%	<i>users</i>	74.0%
7-19	174	27.7%		
20+	150	23.9%		
Total Responses	628			

Q4. How satisfied are you with Kyle Public Library overall?

Responses	Count	Percentage
Very dissatisfied	6	1.3%
Dissatisfied	22	4.7%
Neutral	66	14.2%
Satisfied	211	45.4%
Very satisfied	160	34.4%
Weighted Score	4.07	
Total	465	

Q5. Why do you or members of your household use the Library? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
To check out physical books, magazines, movies, etc.	357	76.8%
For entertainment or hobbies (books, programs, kits, craft guides, etc.)	353	75.9%
To attend a program	227	48.8%
To download digital materials from services like Libby and Hoopla	205	44.1%
To read, work, or study in a quiet place	135	29.0%
To print/copy/scan/scan-to-email	125	26.9%
To use the Library's computers	109	23.4%
To find study or research materials	104	22.4%
To see friends and other people	87	18.7%
To use the Library's Wi-Fi	49	10.5%
To host or attend a meeting	35	7.5%
For one-on-one help from Library staff	31	6.7%
To study or work in a small group	27	5.8%
To take online classes or complete an online certification	21	4.5%
To search or apply for a job	14	3.0%
To charge a device	8	1.7%
To provide or receive tutoring	7	1.5%
Other (Please specify)	29	6.2%
Total Unique Responses	465	
Total Responses	1,923	

Q6. Why do you or members of your household not use the Library, or use it more frequently? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
The children's area is too small.	124	19.7%
I don't have time.	98	15.6%
It doesn't occur to me to go there.	84	13.4%
I use the Internet to get information.	75	11.9%
I have other places to obtain books, DVDs, etc.	59	9.4%
The Library's hours are not convenient for me.	57	9.1%
The Library is too far away.	49	7.8%
The Library doesn't have what I need.	43	6.8%
The building doesn't feel comfortable.	33	5.3%
I don't read a lot.	30	4.8%
I can't find a place to study.	24	3.8%
Parking is limited.	23	3.7%
The library doesn't have enough offerings in Spanish.	20	3.2%
I can't find a place to sit and read.	17	2.7%
I owe money for lost or damaged materials.	12	1.9%
A health condition prevents me from going.	11	1.8%
I don't have a way to get to the Library.	5	0.8%
None of the above	190	30.3%
Other (Please specify)	67	10.7%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	1,021	

Q7. Do you use any other public libraries in the area? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
I do not use other libraries	252	40.1%
Buda Public Library	202	32.2%
San Marcos Public Library	181	28.8%
Austin Public Library	116	18.5%
Wimberly Village Library	21	3.3%
New Braunfels Public Library	11	1.8%
Other (Please specify)	35	5.6%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	818	

Q8. What brings you to the other library or libraries? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
To check out books and other items not available at Kyle Public Library	189	49.5%
To attend a program, class, or workshop	172	45.0%
For services not available at Kyle Public Library	81	21.2%
To use study or meeting rooms	56	14.7%
The other library or libraries are more convenient for me	48	12.6%
Other libraries have shorter wait times for popular items	41	10.7%
Other (Please specify)	91	23.8%
Total Unique Responses	382	
Total Responses	678	

Q9. How interested are you in convenient ways to pick up and return library materials (remote book drops, Amazon-style lockers, kiosks, etc.)?

Responses	Count	Percentage
Extremely uninterested	48	7.6%
Uninterested	103	16.4%
Neutral	199	31.7%
Interested	143	22.8%
Very interested	135	21.5%
Weighted Score	3.34	
Total	628	

Q10. How important are these library spaces and offerings?

Responses	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Total
A space for books and other physical materials	464	134	8	606
	76.6%	22.1%	1.3%	
A space for children	469	124	22	615
	76.3%	20.2%	3.6%	
A space for quiet work and reading	378	196	38	612
	61.8%	32.0%	6.2%	
A space for teens	368	201	36	605
	60.8%	33.2%	6.0%	
A space for exploring and playing	322	180	88	590
	54.6%	30.5%	14.9%	
A space to study and collaborate	319	244	43	606
	52.6%	40.3%	7.1%	
A space for community meetings and events	317	251	46	614
	51.6%	40.9%	7.5%	
Materials, programs, and services in Spanish	257	195	105	557
	46.1%	35.0%	18.9%	
Adult educations classes	273	269	49	591
	46.2%	45.5%	8.3%	
A space for outdoor activities (e.g., classroom, amphitheater, story walk)	252	254	84	590
	42.7%	43.1%	14.2%	
A space for interactive exhibits	220	273	95	588
	37.4%	46.4%	16.2%	
A space to gather and socialize	217	265	114	596
	36.4%	44.5%	19.1%	
A business center (print/fax/scan, etc.)	205	290	99	594
	34.5%	48.8%	16.7%	
A space for displays of art and local history	202	308	93	603
	33.5%	51.1%	15.4%	

A space for making (e.g., 3D printing, cooking, podcasting)	194	244	143	581
	33.4%	42.0%	24.6%	
Drive-up window to pick up and return materials	126	219	232	577
	21.8%	38.0%	40.2%	
A space to buy and enjoy snacks and drinks	75	168	351	594
	12.6%	28.3%	59.1%	

Q11. What would you like in a meeting space? Please select all that apply.

Responses	Count	Percentage
Space for 6-8 people	286	45.5%
Space for up to 25 people	283	45.1%
Access to video conferencing and projection	251	40.0%
Space for 2-5 people	220	35.0%
A large conference table	200	31.8%
A kitchenette	129	20.5%
Space for 100 people or more	89	14.2%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	1,458	

Q12. What would you like in an outdoor space? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
Space for children to play	415	66.1%
Space for interactive experiences (e.g., story walk, play area, sensory garden)	392	62.4%
A porch for studying, reading, or working	359	57.2%
Access to Wi-Fi	358	57.0%
Space for outdoor programs	339	54.0%
Walking trails	335	53.3%
A STEAM/music garden	297	47.3%
An amphitheater for events	283	45.1%
Café space or seating	279	44.4%
Space for informal gatherings	208	33.1%
No preference	23	3.7%
Other (Please specify)	10	1.6%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	3,298	

Q13. How would you like the new library to feel? Please select all that apply.

Responses	Count	Percentage
Welcoming	524	83.8%
Cozy	441	70.6%
Calm	385	61.6%
Light-filled	319	51.0%
Inspiring	317	50.7%
Spacious	287	45.9%
Colorful	238	38.1%
Innovative	202	32.3%
Modern	140	22.4%
Energetic	123	19.7%
Total Unique Responses	625	
Total Responses	2,976	

Q14. Which would you prefer:

Responses	Count	Percentage
One centrally located large full-service library	289	46.4%
One centrally located large full-service library and a small branch with limited services and offerings	175	28.1%
Multiple libraries throughout the city, each specializing in different programs and rotating collections	159	25.5%
Total Responses	623	

Q15. The library serves a diverse population. Please tell us about your knowledge of the Spanish language. *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
I do not speak, read, or write Spanish.	394	62.7%
I speak Spanish.	182	29.0%
I read in Spanish,	163	26.0%
I write in Spanish.	121	19.3%
Prefer not to answer	30	4.8%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	890	

Q16. Your age:

Responses	Count	Percentage
Up to 17	6	1.0%
18 to 24	32	5.1%
25 to 39	342	54.5%
40 to 64	184	29.3%
65 and up	60	9.6%
Prefer not to answer	4	0.6%
Total Responses	628	

Q17. Which description best fits your household? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
Family with young children in the household	337	53.7%
Family/adults without children in the household	171	27.2%
Family with teens in the household	126	20.1%
Single-person household	64	10.2%
Prefer not to answer	5	0.8%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	703	

Q18. What is the best away for the library to communicate with you? *Please select all that apply.*

Responses	Count	Percentage
Social media (Instagram, Facebook, etc.)	402	64.0%
Email	340	54.1%
Library website	322	51.3%
Text message	269	42.8%
Digital newsletter	222	35.4%
Library handouts	113	18.0%
Mailings from the library	110	17.5%
In-library display screen	87	13.9%
Word of mouth (library staff, friends, neighbors, etc.)	72	11.5%
Local radio, newspapers, TV	34	5.4%
Other (Please specify)	2	0.3%
Total Unique Responses	628	
Total Responses	1,973	

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Introduction

This study is a comparison of Kyle Public Library's with public libraries in Texas, and against state and national averages. By comparing output measurements, Kyle Public Library can set goals based on the expected build-out population size of Kyle and in contrast to existing library services in the area.

Findings must be viewed within a library's unique context—including its community demographics, facilities, finances, and management structure—and be approached with an open mind and curiosity. They should be used in concert with other tools, such as surveys and customer feedback, to accurately profile institutional performance.

As an example of the importance of context, benchmarking tends to show that the majority of high-performing libraries are well-funded, serve highly educated and affluent populations, offer large collections, and operate multiple outlets. Of course, it is possible for a library to excel without any of these elements, but the reasons will vary and are still based on local conditions.

The data available can be overwhelming to gather and process. It's best to "start small" and look at the statistics most important to the planning initiative, vision, concerns, and projects at hand. Above- or below-average performance can be the result of unexpected factors. For example, public libraries in college towns often have below-average reference numbers due to the presence of academic libraries and tech-savvy customers in their service area. Other libraries can have relatively low program attendance if they are in communities with a wealth of cultural and recreational offerings.

Library statistics reflect transactions and outputs, whereas patron outcomes—or the actual changes in user behavior that libraries create—are the most compelling measures of library success. Outcome assessments are more difficult to conduct and are typically applied to specific projects or grants as opposed to overall library operations. For example, a library can collect and benchmark the number of children registered for Summer Reading (output), but the change in reading ability and scores after participation (outcome) requires additional data from schools or parents. Benchmarking does not include outcome measures.

Many statistics have hidden "cause-and-effect" relationships. For example, libraries with short loan periods and automatic or multiple renewal options will tend to have larger circulation numbers than peers with longer loan periods and fewer renewals. Another example is personnel costs, which often reflect the size and number of floors in a building, as well as the hours a facility is open to the public. It is always important to consider and explore the causes of comparative statistics of concern.



Research Objectives

The specific objectives of the study are to:

- ◆ Compare KPL's performance to public libraries in the region
- ◆ Set goals for the use a potential new KPL facility
- ◆ Highlight areas that may require further study or attention
- ◆ Provide concrete and persuasive data for advocacy, reports to elected officials, fundraising, and grant applications

Research Methodology

Peer Set

Kyle Public Library provided a list of ten public libraries throughout the region. These peer libraries tend to be larger, and two libraries have far more locations: Austin Public Library (22) and San Antonio Public Library (30). With nearly all peers having larger budgets, the peer set in total is aspirational and provides direction as Kyle reaches build-out population size and the library grows.

Data Set

Data reflects past performance. The study's basis is statistics collected by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Texas Public Libraries Annual Report for 2023, the most current information publicly available at the time this report was prepared. More information about the data set and variables can be found at tsl.texas.gov/ldn/statistics.

Calculations

Data for Kyle Public Library and peer libraries was retrieved from the Texas Public Libraries Annual Report for 2023 in March 2025. For each variable, a mean, median, and rank were calculated for comparisons. Calculated variables are noted with an asterisk (*).

The "Build-out Average" is a calculated average of all libraries in Texas serving a population between 100,000 and 249,999 that report data to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The Build-out Average can be considered the average of all Texas public libraries that serve populations of the same class as Kyle's expected future maximum of 200,000.

The state average is calculated from the average of all libraries in Texas submitting data for the annual report, regardless of size. The national average is derived from the average of all libraries reporting data to the Institute of Museum and Library Services' most recent publicly available Public Library Survey (FY22). Some statistics may need to be supplemented with additional information to be meaningful and actionable. For example, the number of holdings



alone does not take into account the age, condition, or other attributes that fully describe the quality of the collection.

Peer Set

Benchmarking begins with identifying neighboring peer institutions that serve communities comparable to Kyle’s anticipated build-out size. KPL provided Ivy Group with a self-selected peer group of public libraries between Austin and San Antonio, Texas. All data was self-reported from the libraries to the Texas State Library and Archives for fiscal year 2023.

	Total Locations*	Service Area Population	Total Expenditures	Reported Total Sq. Ft.**	Current Total Sq. Ft.***
Kyle Public Library	1	76,059	\$946,463	20,000	-
Austin Public Library	22	974,447	\$65,581,513	443,336	-
Buda Public Library	1	21,289	\$779,365	25,230	-
Cedar Park Public Library	1	77,912	\$2,562,344	25,500	44,000
Georgetown Public Library	1	86,507	\$3,526,265	49,625	-
Leander Public Library	1	74,375	\$942,380	18,000	-
New Braunfels Public Library	2	104,707	\$2,964,032	35,650	-
Pflugerville Public Library	1	65,556	\$2,305,114	28,000	-
Round Rock Public Library System	1	126,697	\$4,203,162	43,000	68,000
San Antonio Public Library	30	1,841,492	\$49,744,609	585,373	-
San Marcos Public Library	1	93,039	\$2,201,475	55,000	-

*Total Locations includes central and branch libraries.

** Reported total square footage is the square footage of central and branch libraries as reported to Texas State Library and Archives

*** Some libraries have opened larger facilities since the FY23 reporting period

As with Kyle, many of the cities in the peer set are experiencing rapid growth. In response, Leander Public Library is planning a future branch and New Braunfels Public Library expects to add 25,000 square feet.

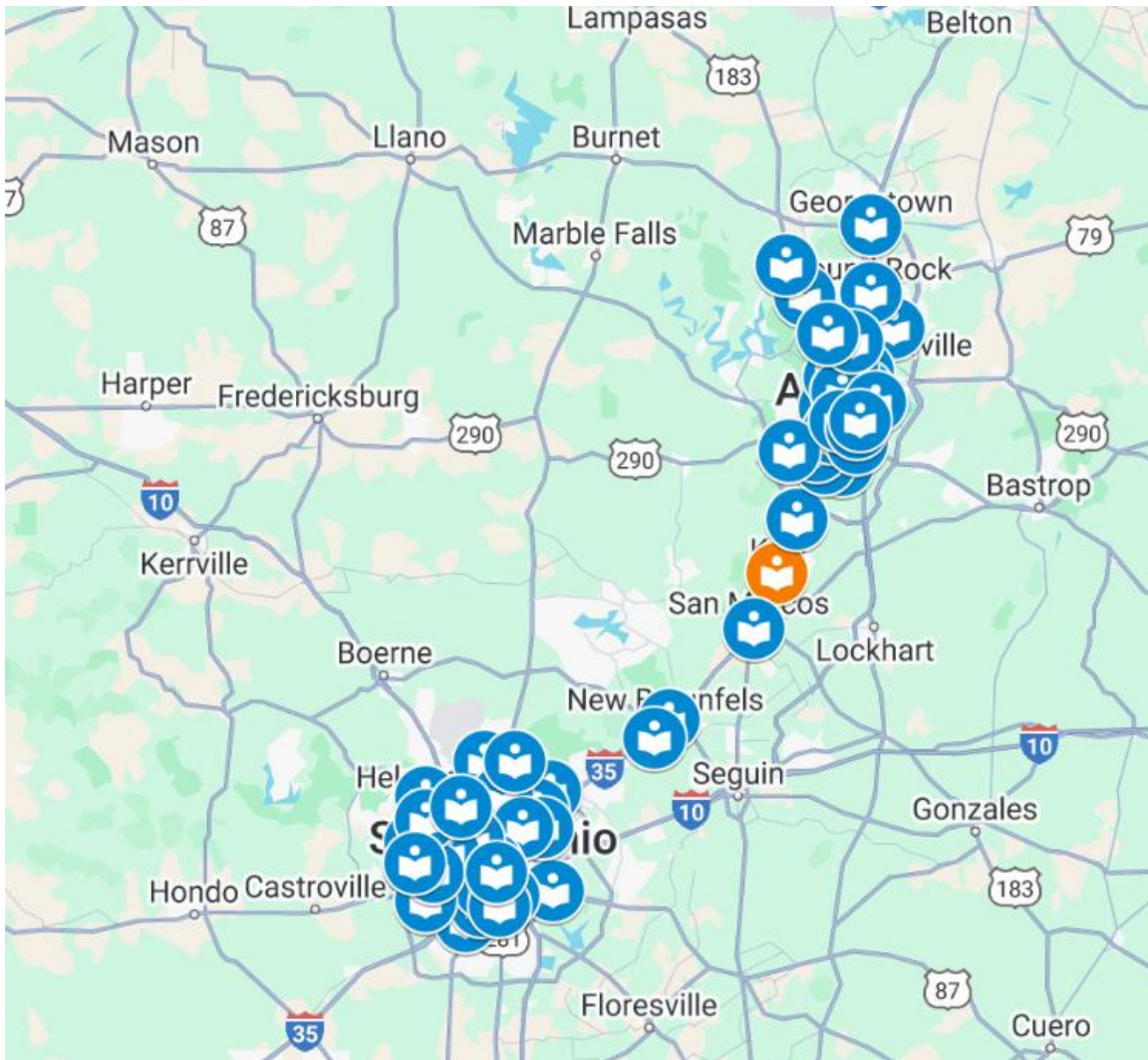


The build-out average is valuable for comparing KPL to libraries serving similar population sizes to Kyle’s anticipated build-out size but is not considered part of the peer set.

	Total Locations	Service Area Population	Total Expenditures	Total Sq. Ft.
Build-out Average	1.2	153,108	\$3,155,559	63,417

Peer sets have value beyond this report. Sharing information on a regular basis with peer libraries can be a worthwhile activity, providing more precise and comprehensive benchmarks and facilitating productive discussions about best practices.

Map of Peer Locations



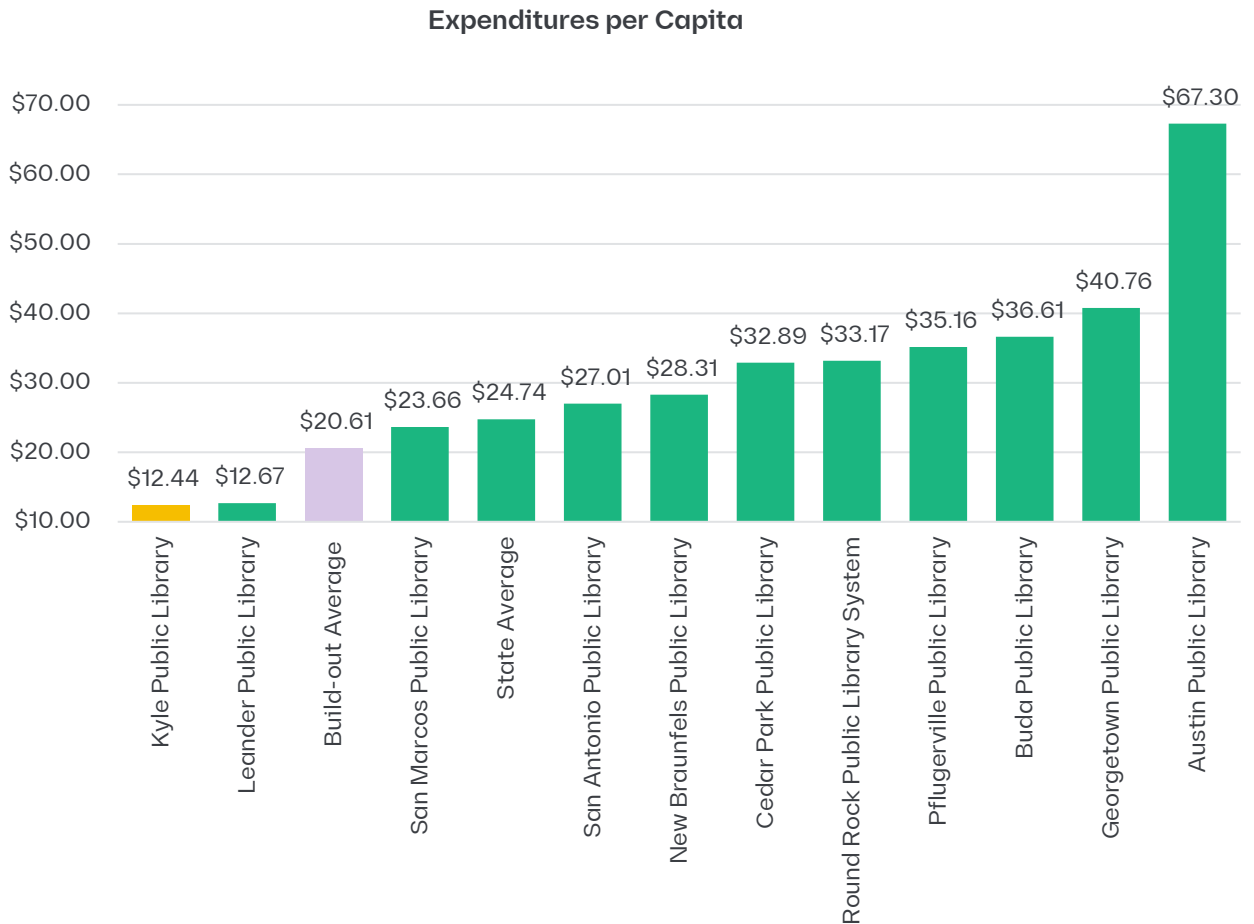
Kyle Public Library is marked orange. Peer set libraries are marked blue.



Summary of Findings

Within the peer set, Ivy Group calculated the mean and median performance for each measure, as well as the Kyle Public Library's comparative ranking among the selected libraries.

The majority of the peer libraries serve large populations with large budgets, leading to higher expenditures per capita than the state average. Currently, KPL spends 49.7% less than the state average in expenditures per capita.

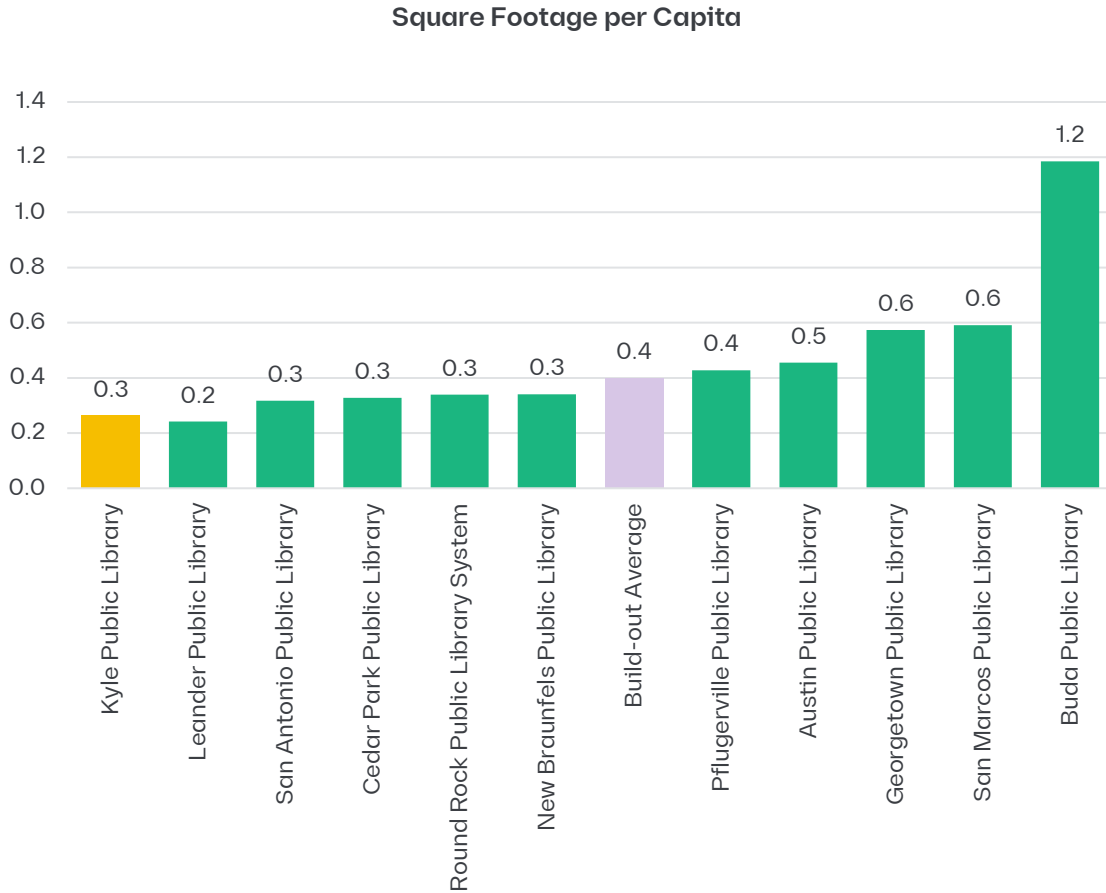


	Total Revenue per Capita	Total Expenditures per Capita
Kyle Public Library	\$12.69	\$12.44
Austin Public Library	\$69.51	\$67.30
Buda Public Library	\$35.79	\$36.61
Cedar Park Public Library	\$32.92	\$32.89
Georgetown Public Library	\$43.64	\$40.76
Leander Public Library	\$12.67	\$12.67
New Braunfels Public Library	\$28.31	\$28.31
Pflugerville Public Library	\$37.16	\$35.16
Round Rock Public Library System	\$33.35	\$33.17
San Antonio Public Library	\$27.40	\$27.01
San Marcos Public Library	\$24.09	\$23.66
Mean	\$32.50	\$31.82
Median	\$32.92	\$32.89
KPL Rank	10	11
Build-out Average	\$21.32	\$20.61
State Average	\$25.84	\$24.74
National Average	\$47.32	\$42.61



Facility

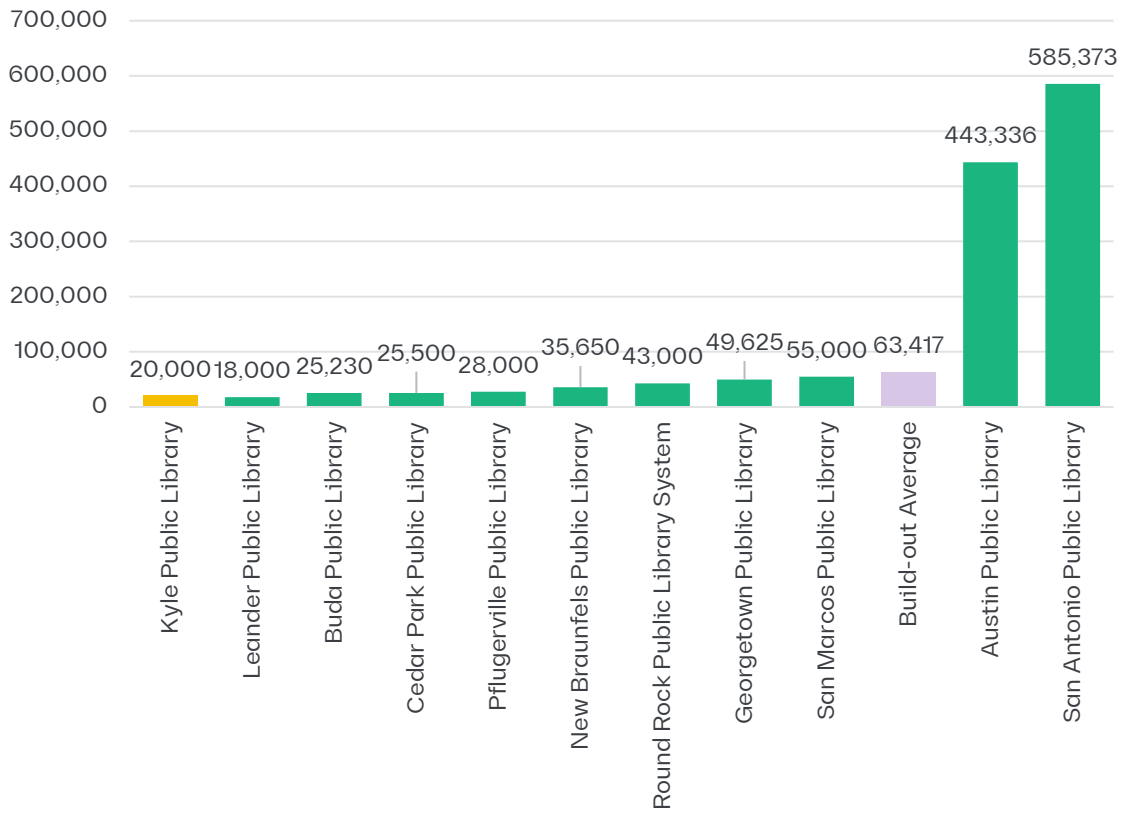
The peer set and build-out averages offer helpful goals for KPL's larger facility size and capacity.



The state recommends that public library facilities offer 0.8 square feet per capita. Only Buda Public Library meets the state guideline, with two others close at 0.6 square feet per capita. KPL's current facility does not meet the state guideline. Because Round Rock and Cedar Park libraries' facilities have expanded since the time of this data set (FY23) and New Braunfels and Georgetown libraries are in the process of planning larger buildings, their square footage per capita will increase when FY24 and future data are released.



Total Square Footage



Total square footage combines the square footage of main and branch locations, accounting for the difference between the two systems with multiple facilities and the rest of the peer set. Georgetown Public Library and New Braunfels Public Library have bookmobiles, which increase their penetration into their communities without adding to their overall square footage. The build-out average, which is the average of all Texas libraries that serve communities similar in size to Kyle’s expected maximum population, is 63,417. While this does not result in the suggested 0.8 square feet per capita, it does offer a useful minimum measurement as KPL plans a new facility.

Facility size has implications for staff and collection sizes, programming capacity, seating options, and access to technology, among other offerings. Each will be explored in more detail below.

Recommended areas for investigation:

- ◆ As Kyle grows to an estimated build-out population of 200,000, can KPL generate community and financial support to expand to 160,000 square feet to meet Texas accreditation guidelines of 0.8 square feet per capita?

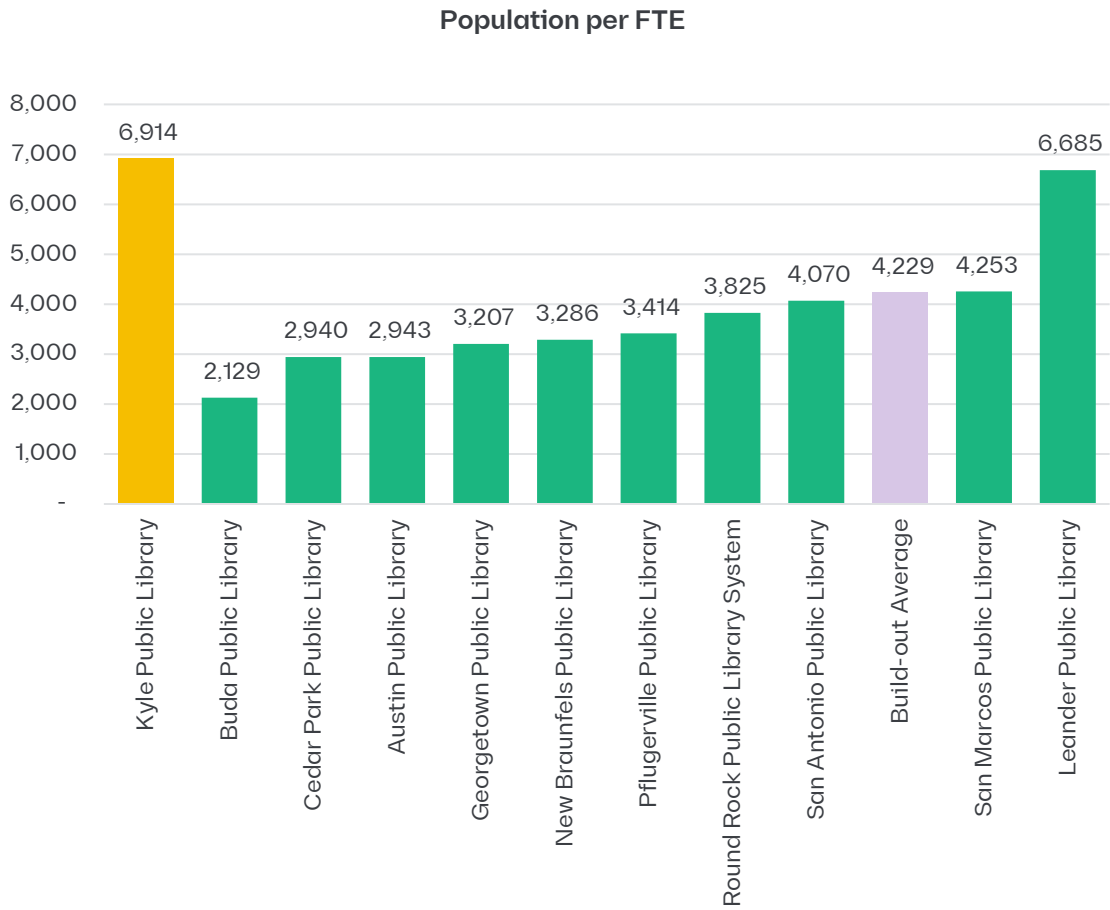


	Total Facility Sq. Ft.	Service Area Population	Sq. Ft. per Capita
Kyle Public Library	20,000	76,059	0.3
Austin Public Library	443,336	974,447	0.5
Buda Public Library	25,230	21,289	1.2
Cedar Park Public Library	25,500	77,912	0.3
Georgetown Public Library	49,625	86,507	0.6
Leander Public Library	18,000	74,375	0.2
New Braunfels Public Library	35,650	104,707	0.3
Pflugerville Public Library	28,000	65,556	0.4
Round Rock Public Library System	43,000	126,697	0.3
San Antonio Public Library	585,373	1,841,492	0.3
San Marcos Public Library	55,000	93,039	0.6
Build-out Average	63,417	153,108	0.4



Staff

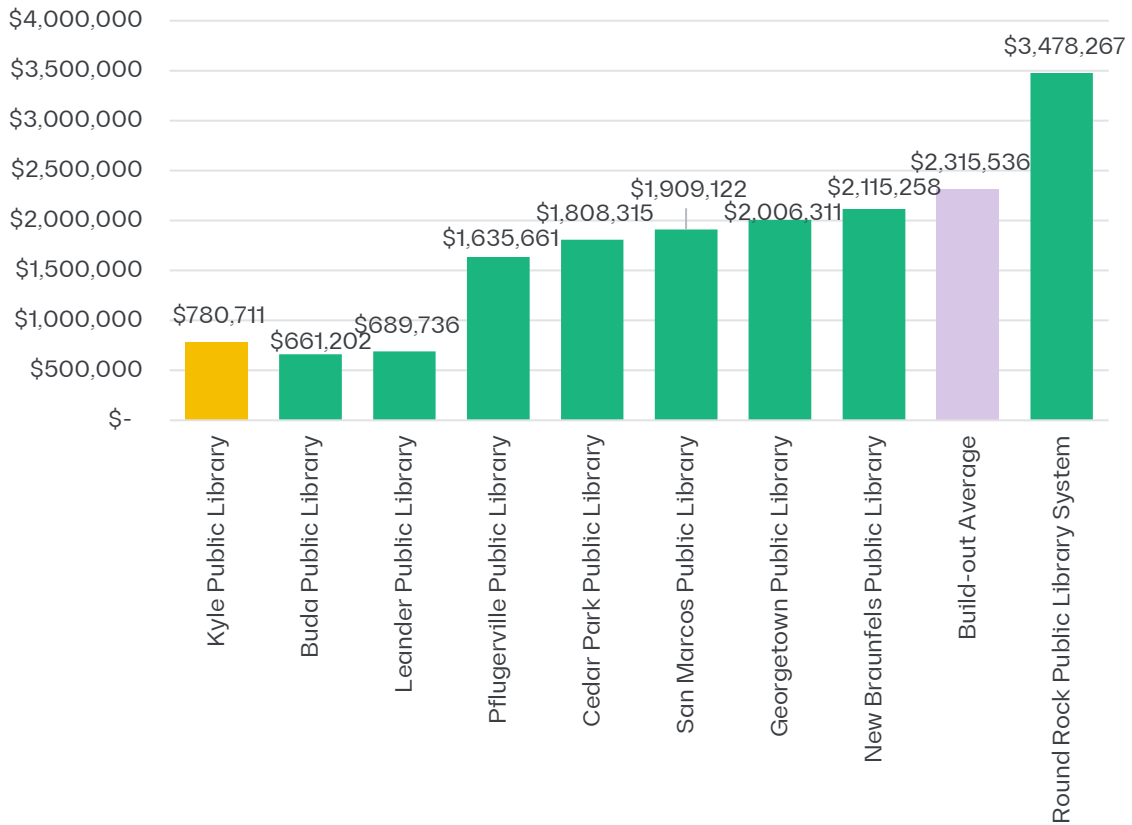
KPL will need to make changes to its staff size as it looks to recruit and retain employees to serve its growing population and larger building.



At current square footage and population size, KPL has the highest population per FTE in the peer group, and 48.2% higher than the expected build-out population size average. As Kyle continues to grow and its facility expands, KPL should aim to add employees to near the peer set average of 3,970 residents per FTE. Currently, KPL ranks 10th in volunteer hours, indicating that growing its capacity to recruit and supervise volunteers may help build capacity in the short term.



Total Staff Expenditures



While planning for additional staff needed to serve a larger population and maintain a larger facility, KPL should examine the difference in salary and benefits across the peer set, combined here as total staff expenditures. Because Austin and San Antonio Public Libraries operate a combined 52 locations, requiring many more employees than libraries with one to three buildings, their total staff expenditures are not helpful comparisons. By removing them from the peer set for this measurement, KPL ranks 7th in total staff expenditures and salaries, and 6th in benefits. The peer set average is \$1,676,065 for total staff expenditures, \$1,124,420 for salaries, and \$426,710 for benefits, without Austin and San Antonio Public Libraries. The peer set represents libraries to the north and south of Kyle in an area of Texas experiencing growth and population movement, indicating that there could be competition for library staff among the peer institutions.

Recommended areas for investigation:

- ◆ How can KPL rethink its compensation packages to attract and retain leading candidates as it staffs up for the larger expected population and facility size?
- ◆ Can the Library identify tasks or initiatives that can be handled by a corps of reliable volunteers to increase KPL's capacity as it continues to grow?



Staffing Data

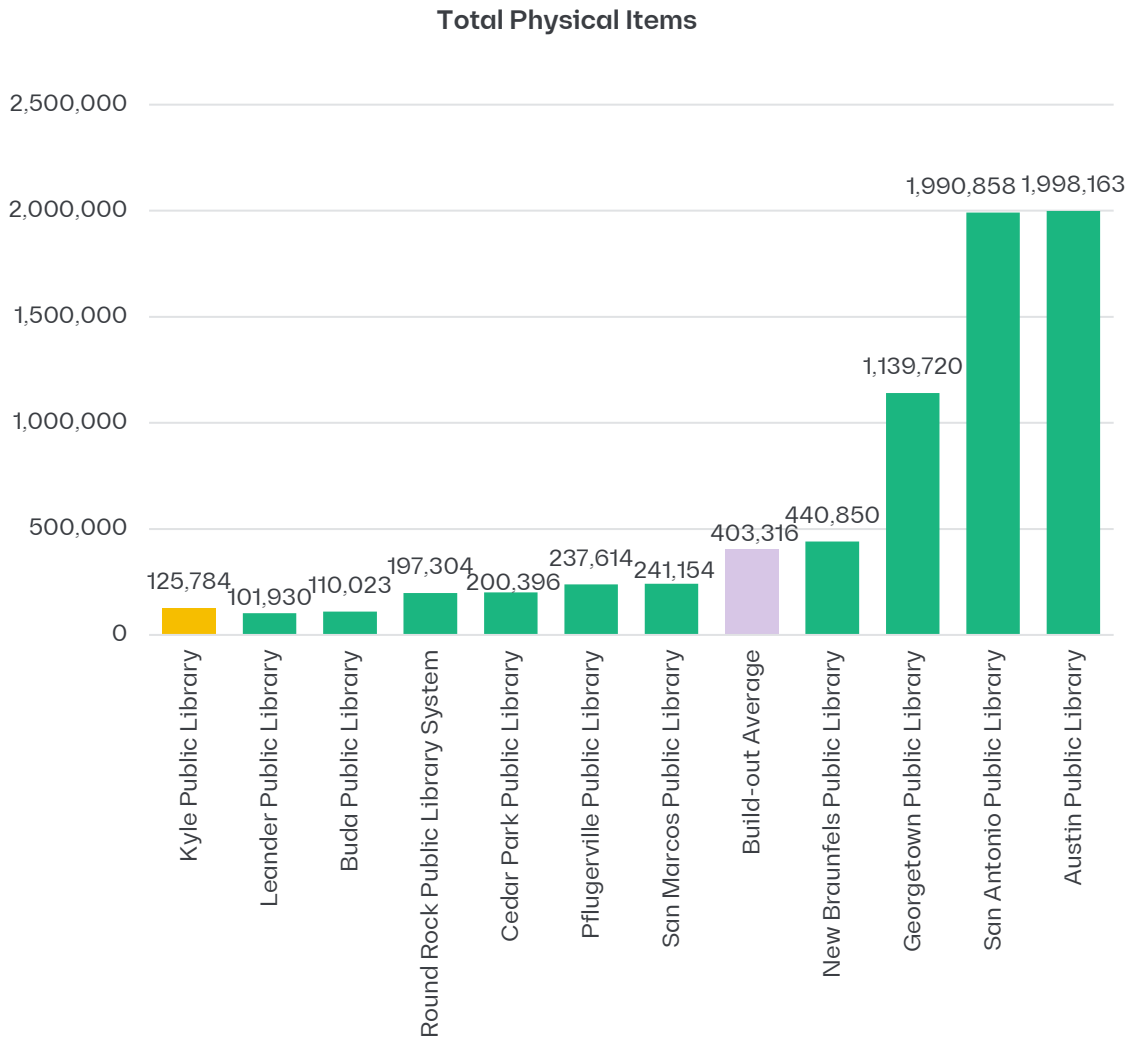
	Kyle Public Library	Austin Public Library	Buda Public Library	Cedar Park Public Library	Georgetown Public Library	Leander Public Library	New Braunfels Public Library	Pflugerville Public Library	Round Rock Public Library System	San Antonio Public Library	San Marcos Public Library	Mean	Median	Rank	Build-out Average	State Average	National Average
# LIBRARIANS W/MLS	3.0	83.3	3.0	7.0	10.0	5.5	10.0	8.0	14.5	151.5	9.0	27.7	9.0	10	10.0	3.5	3.7
# LIBRARIANS	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	3	2.2	1.4	5.6
SHARE OF LIBRARIANS W/MLS*	100%	100%	100%	77.8%	100%	84.5%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96.6%	100%	1	82.4%	70.7%	39.8%
# OTHER FTE STAFF	8.0	247.8	7.0	17.5	17.0	4.7	21.9	11.2	18.6	301.0	12.9	60.7	17.0	9	24.0	8.8	9.8
# TOTAL FTE STAFF*	11.0	331.1	10.0	26.5	27.0	11.1	31.9	19.2	33.1	452.5	21.9	88.7	26.5	10	36.2	13.7	15.4
SHARE OF FTE STAFF = LIBRARIANS*	27.3%	25.2%	30.0%	34.0%	37.1%	58.0%	31.4%	41.7%	43.8%	33.5%	41.1%	36.6%	34.0%	10	33.7%	35.9%	60.4%
POPULATION PER FTE STAFF*	6,914	2,943	2,129	2,940	3,207	6,685	3,286	3,414	3,825	4,070	4,253	3,970	3,414	1	4,229	3,857	2,347
SALARIES FOR ALL STAFF	\$ 588,322	\$ 26,726,152	\$ 486,774	\$ 1,366,799	\$ 1,495,105	\$ 534,668	\$ 1,508,644	\$ 1,448,191	\$ 2,487,351	\$ 21,083,245	\$ 1,328,342	\$ 5,368,508	\$ 1,448,191	9	\$ 1,669,290	\$ 639,880	\$ 719,729
BENEFITS FOR ALL STAFF	\$ 192,389	\$ 13,092,708	\$ 174,428	\$ 441,516	\$ 511,206	\$ 155,068	\$ 606,614	\$ 187,470	\$ 990,916	\$ 7,980,020	\$ 580,780	\$ 2,264,829	\$ 511,206	8	\$ 646,246	\$ 258,729	\$ 281,108
TOTAL STAFF EXPENDITURES*	\$ 780,711	\$ 39,818,860	\$ 661,202	\$ 1,808,315	\$ 2,006,311	\$ 689,736	\$ 2,115,258	\$ 1,635,661	\$ 3,478,267	\$ 29,063,265	\$ 1,909,122	\$ 7,633,337	\$ 1,909,122	9	\$ 2,315,536	\$ 898,609	\$ 1,000,841
STAFF EXPENDITURES AS % OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES *	82.5%	60.7%	84.8%	70.6%	56.9%	73.2%	71.4%	71.0%	82.8%	58.4%	86.7%	61.9%	74.5%	4	73.4%	68.6%	65.0%
STAFF EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA*	\$ 10.26	\$ 40.86	\$ 31.06	\$ 23.21	\$ 23.19	\$ 9.27	\$ 20.20	\$ 24.95	\$ 27.45	\$ 15.78	\$ 20.52	\$ 23.71	\$ 22.07	10	\$ 15.12	\$ 16.97	\$ 27.69
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	490	12,813	1,615	907	7,337	2,930	2,008	-	4,426	15,191	4,105	5,182	3,518	10	3,021	1,377	-

*NOTE: Celina Public Library is not included in the staffing data while their new 21,000 SF building is under construction. The total staff planned for that building is 22 FTE's.



Collections

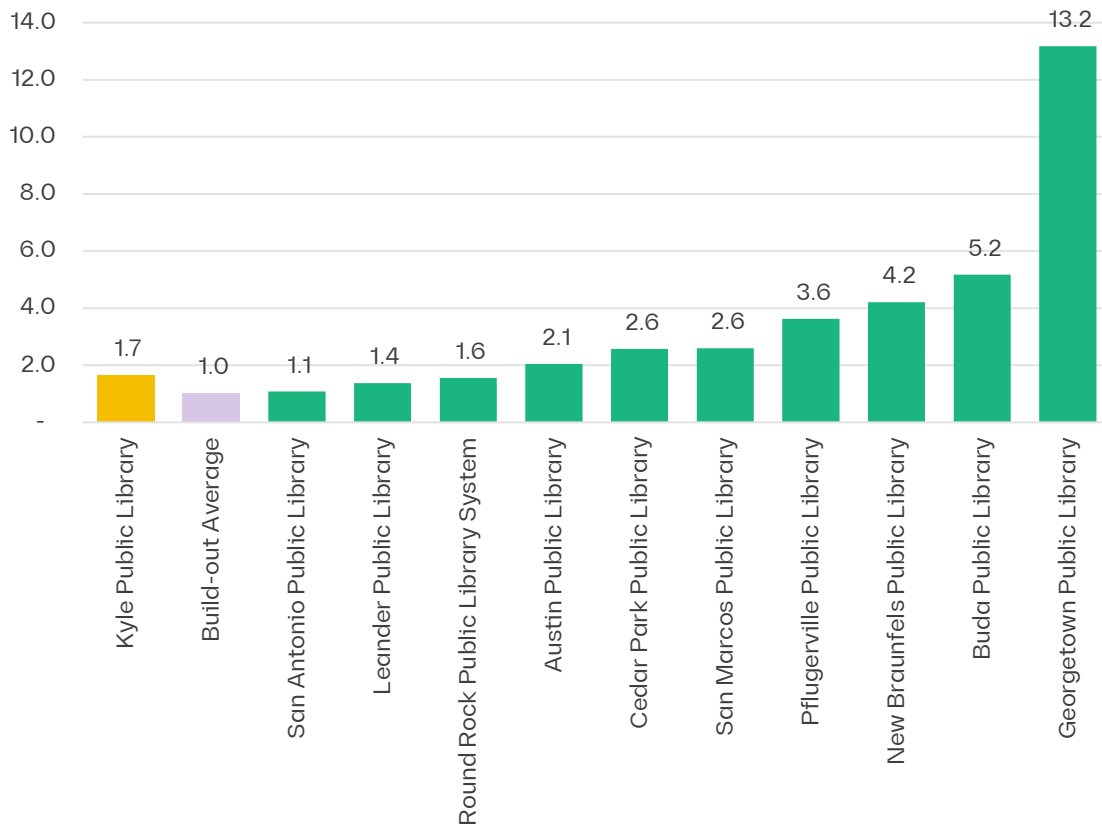
Peers with larger facilities are better able to meet public demand for popular items by housing larger collections.



The category of total physical items includes not just circulating books in print, but also hotspots, cake pans, and any other non-digital object that users can check out. The average size of the physical collection of the peer set is 616,709, while the build-out average has 403,316 items. For context, the peer set's average facility square footage is 120,792 and the build-out average is 63,417.



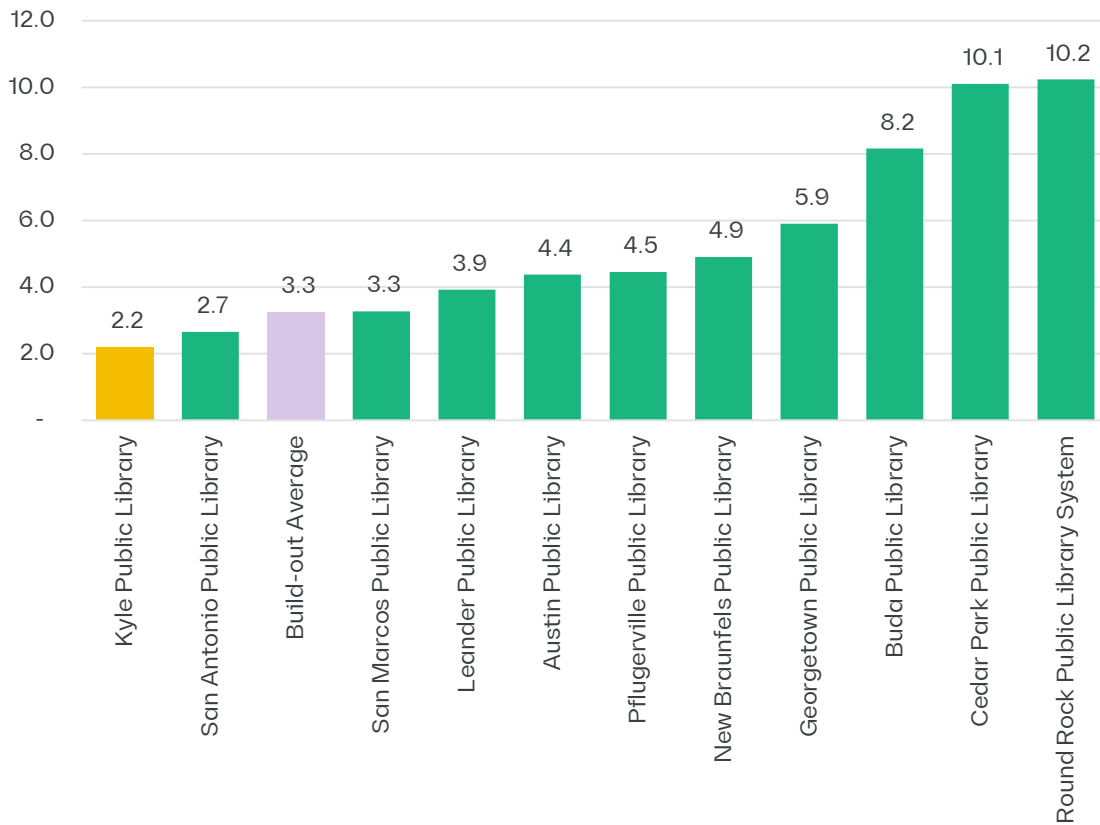
Physical Items per Capita



Physical materials per capita is a measurement that can offer KPL a way to estimate future collection size. The peer set per capita average is 3.6 while the build-out average is 1.0. Currently, KPL’s physical items per capita are above the build-out average and in line with the two largest library systems in the peer set, Austin Public and San Antonio Public. This may be due to KPL’s comparatively large physical video collection, which may be phased out as consumer technology and preferences trend toward streaming. Instead of drastically increasing the number of physical materials in the new larger facility, KPL can instead look to these aspirational peers for models on how public floor space can better serve residents as work, programming, or collaborative spaces instead of shelving.



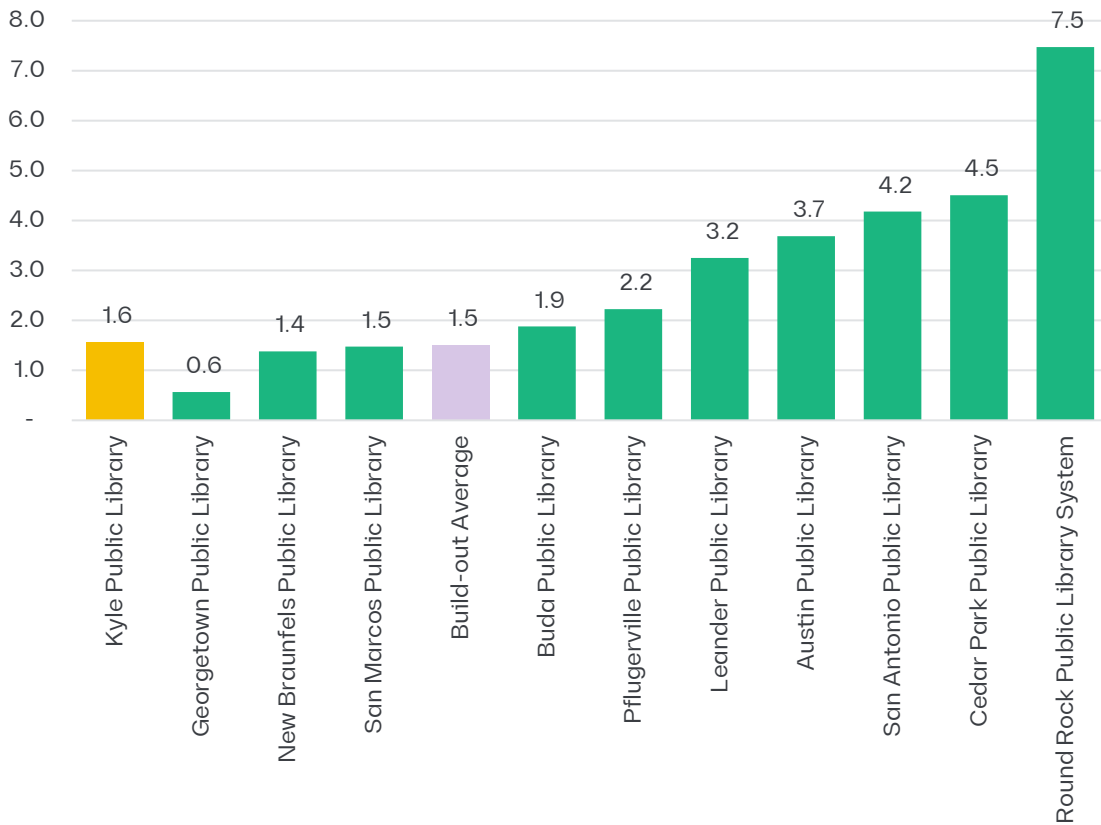
Physical Circulation per Capita



Circulation per capita can be a window into the relevancy of the collection, or public awareness of a library's offerings. Again, KPL is already in line with the build-out average and the aspirational peers by this measurement. As KPL develops the collection with an eye to changing community demographics, the Library may consider how to measure local interests, expanding kits that support popular hobbies, and continuously weeding.



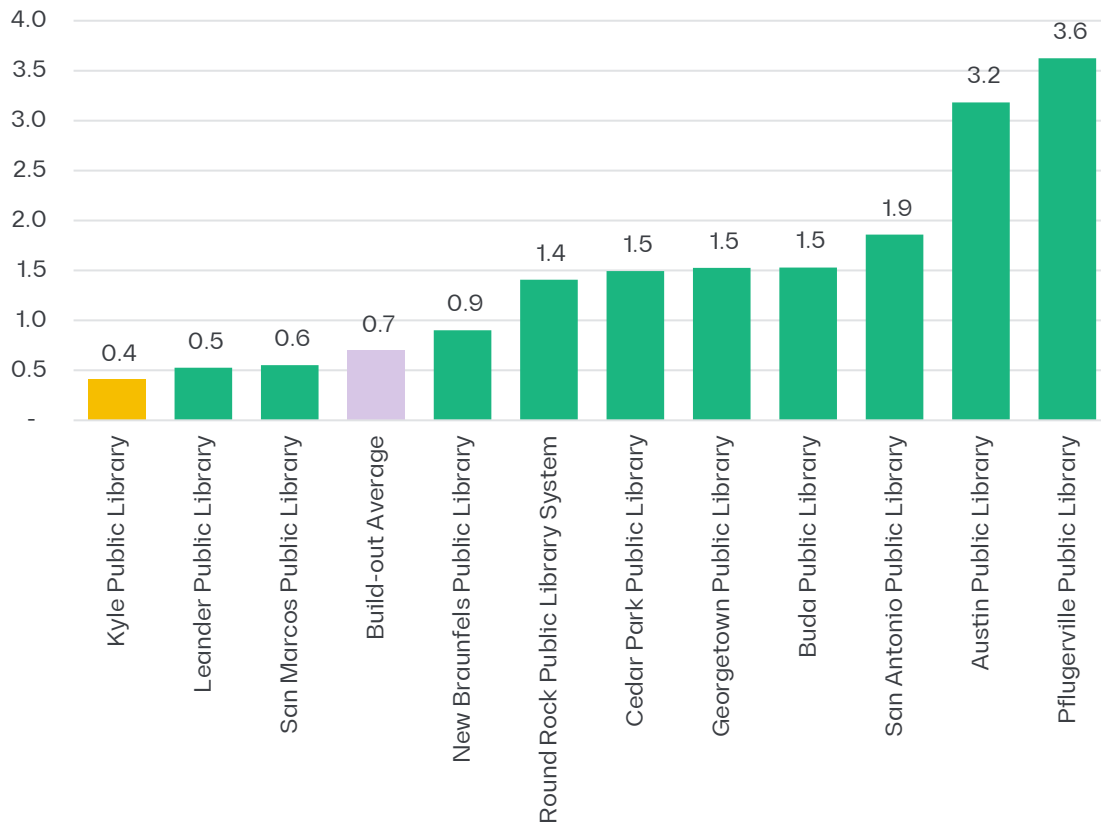
Collection Turnover Rate



The collection turnover rate is calculated by dividing total physical circulation by the number of physical items in the circulating collection. Measuring how often the average item is checked out is a helpful indication of the relevance of the collection as a whole, especially when viewed in tandem with physical circulation per capita. The current state standard for collection turnover is 2.5. KPL ranks 8th in the peer set, indicating that there is cause to deselect lower-circulating titles before moving into a new building and focusing on multiple copies of high-demand items.



Digital Circulation per Capita



KPL diverges from the largest libraries in the peer set in digital circulation per capita and ranks 11th in total digital circulation and digital circulation per capita. By marketing KPL’s digital offerings and growing the number of digital titles, the Library can meet increasing demand and save floor space in the new building for more experiential learning.

Recommended areas for investigation:

- ◆ How can KPL leverage marketing campaigns to highlight its unique collections to drive up circulation per capita and turnover rates?
- ◆ Can KPL leverage existing data sources or add tools to the ILS to determine which subjects and authors are most appealing to Kyle residents, increasing access to popular titles without expanding the size of the overall print collection?
- ◆ By shifting collection expenditures to digital resources, can the Library meet growing demand and attract new users who prefer the convenience of a digital branch?
- ◆ What innovative services and amenities (such as telehealth pods, indoor play space, interactive displays) can the Library add if a smaller percentage of the floor plan is devoted to stacks?



Collections Data

	Kyle Public Library	Austin Public Library	Buda Public Library	Cedar Park Public Library	Georgetown Public Library	Leander Public Library	New Braunfels Public Library	Pflugerville Public Library	Round Rock Public Library System	San Antonio Public Library	San Marcos Public Library	Mean	Median	Rank	Build-out Average	State Average	National Average
PHYSICAL BOOK ITEMS	63,694	1,262,373	42,096	111,537	88,807	63,201	97,301	76,708	149,572	1,211,548	165,509	302,941	97,301	9	158,394	65,207	71,311
PHYSICAL AUDIO ITEMS	944	101,410	3,562	7,153	6,714	5,756	5,955	7,480	7,500	104,916	3,781	23,197	6,714	11	5,793	2,657	4,053
PHYSICAL VIDEO ITEMS	6,878	176,119	1,791	8,042	8,922	4,617	12,310	8,653	11,824	181,737	15,096	39,635	8,922	9	14,990	6,470	7,099
PHYSICAL COLLECTION TOTAL ITEMS	125,784	1,998,163	110,023	200,396	1,139,720	101,930	440,850	237,614	197,304	1,990,858	241,154	616,709	237,614	9	403,316	209,407	85,149
PHYSICAL COLLECTION PER CAPITA*	1.7	2.1	5.2	2.6	13.2	1.4	4.2	3.6	1.6	1.1	2.6	3.6	2.6	8	1.0	1.2	2.0
EBOOKS	23,255	274,185	30,441	43,108	868,329	21,179	168,335	57,649	18,529	294,251	27,378	166,058	43,108	9	126,397	64,958	143,466
AUDIO DOWNLOADABLE UNITS	11,047	157,544	12,798	29,456	44,837	7,168	132,234	36,149	9,275	166,658	23,906	57,370	29,456	9	83,338	59,169	71,486
VIDEO DOWNLOADABLE UNITS	633	26,483	-	1,097	102,770	-	5,362	31,603	589	31,726	5,475	18,703	5,362	8	9,975	3,381	5,745
DIGITAL COLLECTION TOTAL UNITS*	34,935	458,212	43,239	73,661	1,015,936	28,347	305,931	125,401	28,393	492,635	56,759	242,132	73,661	9	219,709	127,508	220,697
DIGITAL UNITS PER CAPITA*	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.9	11.7	0.4	2.9	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.6	2.0	0.6	8	1.4	2.4	6.1
TOTAL ITEMS (PHYSICAL + DIGITAL)*	160,719	2,456,375	153,262	274,057	2,155,656	130,277	746,781	363,015	225,697	2,483,493	297,913	858,840	297,913	9	623,026	336,915	305,846
LOCAL-LICENSED DATABASES	4	49	6	3	12	7	24	42	15	22	8	17	12	10	10	4	11
STATE LICENSED DATABASES	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	1	139	120	40
OTHER LICENSED DATABASES	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	0	-	4	1	1	-
TOTAL LICENSED DATABASES*	147	192	149	146	155	152	167	186	158	165	152	161	155	10	150	126	51
TOTAL MATERIALS PER CAPITA*	2.1	2.5	7.2	3.5	24.9	1.8	7.1	5.5	1.8	1.3	3.2	5.5	3.2	8	2.6	4.0	2.4
PRINT MATERIAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 57,319	\$ 2,128,009	\$ 39,104	\$ 156,625	\$ 168,827	\$ 93,455	\$ 154,970	\$ 194,600	\$ 184,878	\$ 1,989,965	\$ 150,460	\$ 483,474	\$ 156,625	10	\$ 187,435	\$ 69,040	\$ 78,190
ELECTRONIC MATERIAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 41,368	\$ 3,449,706	\$ 25,513	\$ 150,726	\$ 139,391	\$ 53,479	\$ 62,306	\$ 170,000	\$ 249,322	\$ 4,043,164	\$ 50,197	\$ 766,834	\$ 139,391	10	\$ 158,129	\$ 76,030	\$ 67,411
OTHER MATERIAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,928	\$ 324,554	\$ 4,430	\$ 10,257	\$ 21,871	\$ 5,263	\$ 31,705	\$ 10,400	\$ 41,175	\$ 939,450	\$ 4,212	\$ 127,022	\$ 10,400	11	\$ 43,505	\$ 11,986	\$ 19,551
TOTAL COLLECTION EXPENDITURES*	\$ 102,615	\$ 5,902,269	\$ 69,047	\$ 317,608	\$ 330,089	\$ 152,197	\$ 248,981	\$ 375,000	\$ 475,375	\$ 6,972,579	\$ 204,869	\$ 1,377,330	\$ 317,608	10	\$ 389,069	\$ 157,056	\$ 165,151
COLLECTION EXPENDITURES AS % OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES*	10.8%	9.0%	8.9%	12.4%	9.4%	16.2%	8.4%	16.3%	11.3%	14.0%	9.3%	11.4%	10.8%	6	12.3%	12.0%	10.7%
COLLECTION EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA*	\$ 1.35	\$ 6.06	\$ 3.24	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.82	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.38	\$ 5.72	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.79	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.75	11	\$ 2.54	\$ 2.97	\$ 4.57



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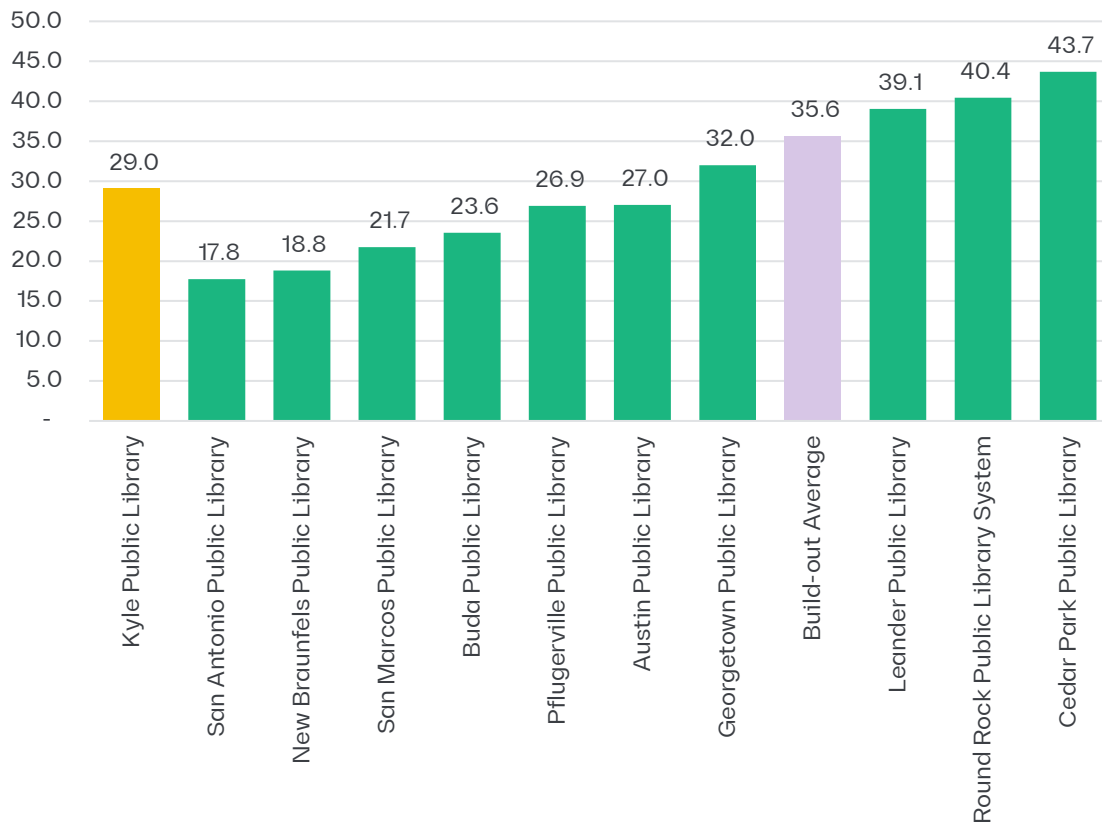
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CIRCULATION CHILDRENS PHYSICAL	96,512	2,337,549	114,004	359,433	246,959	218,861	314,884	192,621	734,799	2,437,819	161,551	655,908	246,959	11	303,476	89,749	73,178
CIRCULATION PHYSICAL ALL OTHER AGES	70,110	1,926,089	59,802	427,784	263,639	73,117	199,101	99,139	561,895	2,460,187	143,005	571,261	199,101	10	195,449	64,721	145,849
TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION*	166,622	4,263,638	173,806	787,217	510,598	291,978	513,985	291,760	1,296,694	4,898,006	304,556	1,227,169	510,598	11	498,926	154,470	199,167
TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION PER CAPITA*	2.2	4.4	8.2	10.1	5.9	3.9	4.9	4.5	10.2	2.7	3.3	5.5	4.5	11	3.3	2.9	5.5
TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION AS % OF TOTAL CIRCULATION*	84.2%	57.9%	84.2%	87.1%	79.3%	88.2%	84.3%	55.1%	87.9%	58.8%	85.6%	77.5%	84.2%	7	82.4%	73.0%	61.2%
ANNUAL CIRCULATION CHILDRENS DIGITAL	3,817	322,192	3,568	18,501	8,092	6,607	11,867	17,482	32,714	415,291	4,684	76,801	11,867	10	15,007	7,372	-
ANNUAL CIRCULATION CHILDRENS DIGITAL PER CAPITA*	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	11	0.1	0.1	-
DIGITAL CIRCULATION ALL OTHER AGES	27,182	2,779,137	29,023	97,901	123,815	32,606	82,481	220,009	145,495	3,009,765	46,600	599,456	97,901	11	91,260	49,555	50,418
TOTAL DIGITAL CIRCULATION*	30,999	3,101,329	32,591	116,402	131,907	39,213	94,348	237,491	178,209	3,425,056	51,284	676,257	116,402	11	106,267	56,927	53,297
DIGITAL CIRCULATION PER CAPITA*	0.4	3.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.9	3.6	1.4	1.9	0.6	1.5	1.5	11	0.7	1.1	1.5
TOTAL DIGITAL CIRCULATION AS % OF TOTAL CIRCULATION*	15.7%	42.1%	15.8%	12.9%	20.5%	11.8%	15.5%	44.9%	12.1%	41.2%	14.4%	22.4%	15.7%	6	17.6%	26.9%	21.1%
CIRCULATION PER DIGITAL MATERIAL*	0.9	6.8	0.8	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.3	1.9	6.3	7.0	0.9	2.5	1.4	8	0.5	0.4	0.2
TOTAL CIRCULATION	197,966	7,364,967	206,483	903,619	644,190	331,191	609,495	529,251	1,474,903	8,323,062	355,840	1,903,724	609,495	11	605,338	211,529	252,464
TOTAL CIRCULATION PER ITEM (PHYSICAL+DIGITAL)*	1.2	3.0	1.3	3.3	0.3	2.5	0.8	1.5	6.5	3.4	1.2	2.3	1.5	8	1.0	0.6	0.8
TOTAL CIRCULATION PER CAPITA*	2.6	7.6	9.7	11.6	7.4	4.5	5.8	8.1	11.6	4.5	3.8	7.0	7.4	11	4.0	4.0	7.0
TOTAL CIRCULATION PER STAFF*	17,997	22,246	20,648	34,099	23,881	29,770	19,127	27,565	44,525	18,394	16,267	24,956	22,246	10	16,720	15,405	16,394
TOTAL CIRCULATION PER HOUR*	74.3	114.7	77.7	262.9	182.5	123.7	110.4	169.6	447.9	104.6	103.3	161.1	114.7	11	101.2	59.0	127.6
TOTAL CIRCULATION PER VISIT*	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.3	1.9	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.8	1.4	2.7	2.8	7	1.4	1.6	3.5
COLLECTION TURNOVER RATE*	1.6	3.7	1.9	4.5	0.6	3.2	1.4	2.2	7.5	4.2	1.5	2.9	2.2	8	1.5	1.0	3.0
ILL RECEIVED	42	1,534	255	809	1,136	47	919	926	407	5,598	34	1,064	809	10	1,013	940	6,424
ILL PROVIDED	95	1,396	60	247	180	174	378	82	1,519	9,010	142	1,208	180	9	994	849	6,458

Programming

KPL’s popular and numerous programs will need physical space to meet the demand from a growing community.

The IMLS defines a program as “any planned event which introduces the group attending to any of the broad range of library services or activities or which directly provides information to participants.” The data in the Texas Public Libraries Annual Report is reported to IMLS and follows the same definitions. Programs may cover use of the library, library services, or library tours. Programs may also provide cultural, recreational, or educational information, often designed to meet a specific social need. The intention is to gather data on group activities instead of passive programs, such as distributing make-and-take craft kits.

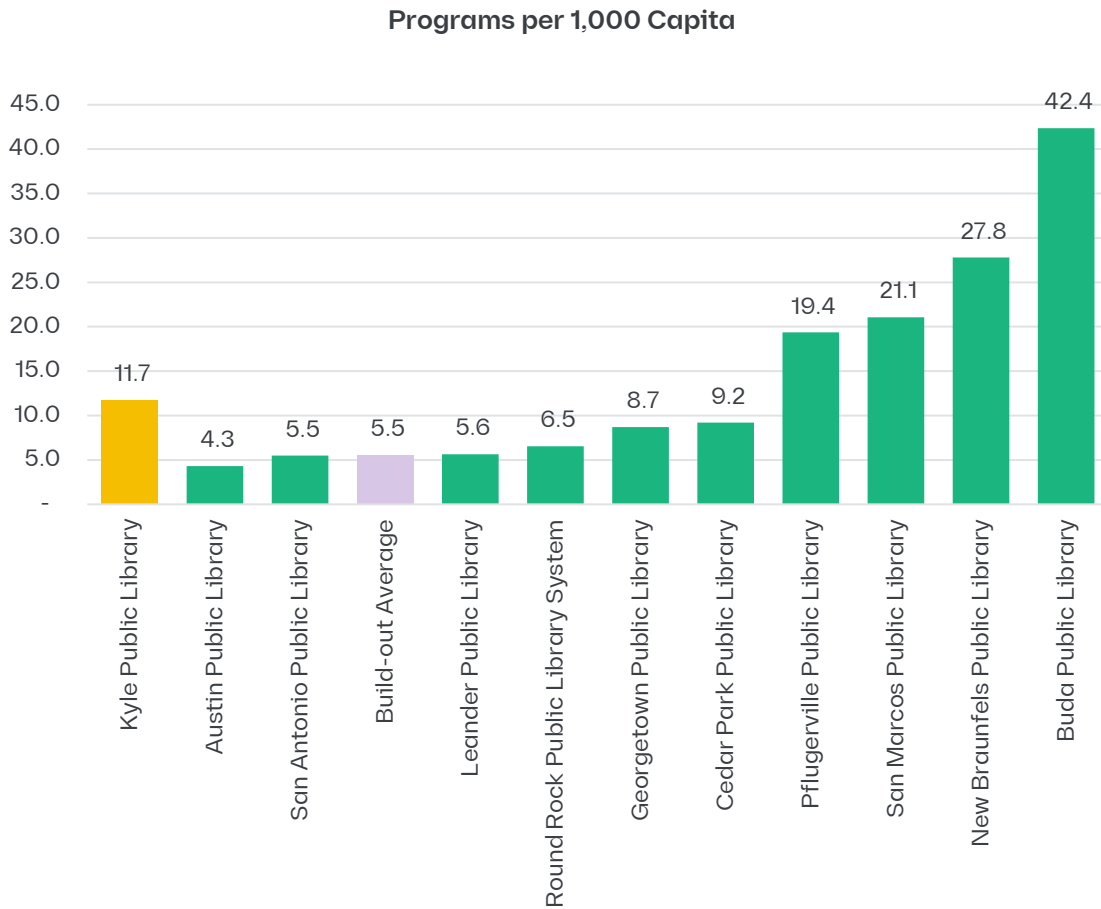
Attendance per Program



With a population below the anticipated build-out size of Kyle, KPL is already hosting more people per program than many peers, ranking 5th overall for attendance per program. The audience size for the build-out average is even higher at 35.6, indicating that KPL can expect more attendees in the future. By audience, KPL ranks 1st in attendance per program for



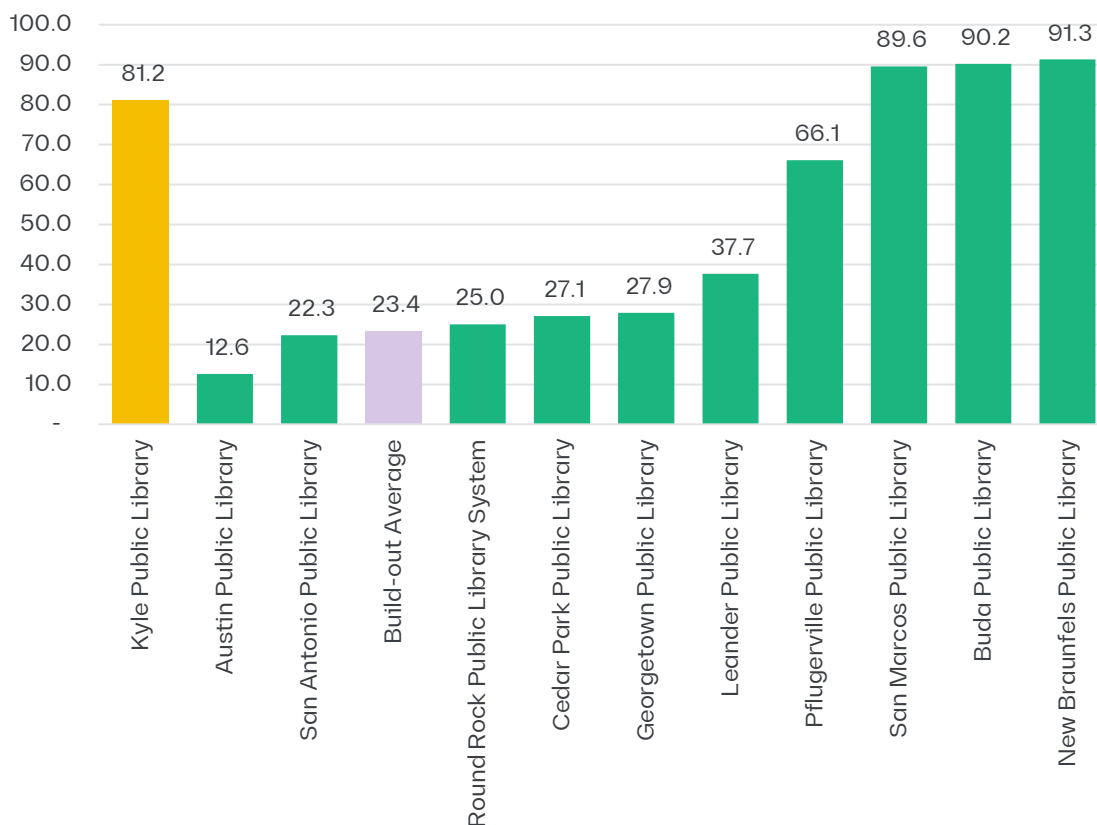
elementary-school aged children. With a small staff, this can be accomplished by hosting large-scale programs such as a petting zoo, relying on paid performers to build capacity, and partnering with local organizations as cohosts. Large audiences require large meeting rooms, and programs can efficiently scale up if those rooms have program-specific equipment and storage.



Programs per 1,000 capita is a helpful measurement of a library’s reach and evens out the discrepancies in service area populations found in this peer set. Ranked 5th in the peer set, KPL is offering programs to more of its residents than the build-out average, but slightly less than the peer set average of 14.7. Peers may be expanding their facilities’ capacity for programming by holding events at off-site partner locations or, like Buda Public Library, in a shared facility.



Programs per Staff Member



Offering many programs has implications besides facility capacity. The peers who offer the most programs per 1,000 capita also require a high commitment from staff to plan, advertise, conduct, and evaluate those programs. KPL averages 81.2 programs per staff member, while the peer set average is 51.9, and the build-out average is a much lower 23.4.

Recommended areas for investigation:

- ◆ As KPL allocates meeting spaces in a new library, how can it balance the need for dedicated programming rooms reserved for staff use and multi-use rooms available for public use?
- ◆ Can the Library expand its capacity for programming by building on the success of popular off-site programs by inviting more partners to co-create and manage events?
- ◆ When increasing the overall size of staff in a larger building, can KPL create positions with explicit programming responsibilities?

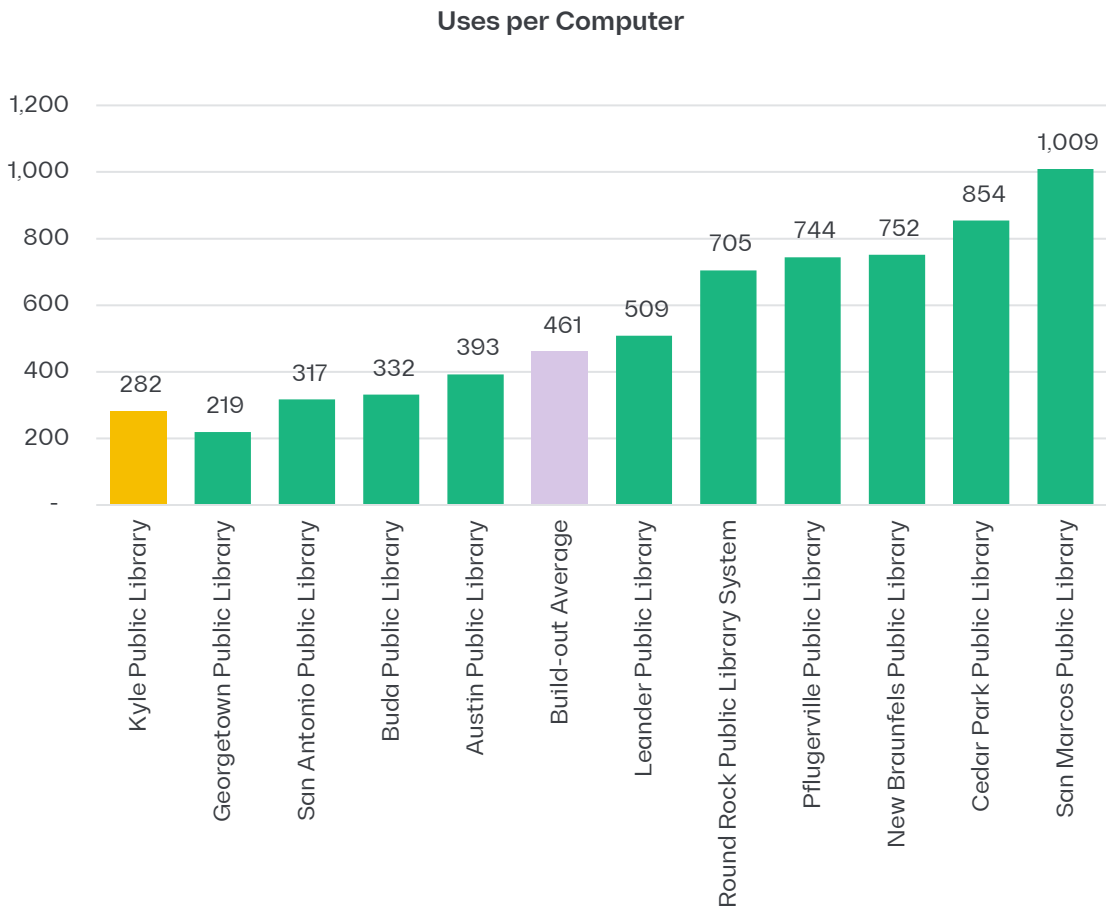


Programming Data

	Kyle Public Library	Austin Public Library	Buda Public Library	Cedar Park Public Library	Georgetown Public Library	Leander Public Library	New Braunfels Public Library	Pflugerville Public Library	Round Rock Public Library System	San Antonio Public Library	San Marcos Public Library	Mean	Median	Rank	Build-out Average	State Average	National Average
EARLY CHILDHOOD SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS	313	1,838	290	387	105	96	550	256	325	2,212	345	611	325	7	261	127	107
EARLY CHILDHOOD SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE	9,889	51,884	9,386	21,000	2,905	6,236	17,530	7,858	15,201	63,890	10,216	19,636	10,216	7	9,289	3,611	2,170
ATTENDANCE PER EARLY CHILDHOOD SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAM*	31.6	28.2	32.4	54.3	27.7	65.0	31.9	30.7	46.8	28.9	29.6	37.0	31.6	6	35.6	28.5	20.3
YOUTH SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS	55	1,047	225	80	20	84	411	181	70	2,194	145	410	145	10	146	80	80
YOUTH SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE	6,613	38,591	2,518	3,542	395	2,975	10,801	3,276	2,194	56,493	10,376	12,525	3,542	5	7,178	2,343	1,894
ATTENDANCE PER YOUTH SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS*	120	36.9	11.2	44.3	19.8	35.4	26.3	18.1	31.3	25.7	71.6	40.1	31.3	1	49.1	29.4	23.6
YA SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS	113	358	61	59	57	64	343	108	36	2,559	83	349	83	4	101	43	39
YA SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE	1,276	5,102	515	415	633	1,725	3,594	703	496	21,325	726	3,319	726	5	1,792	553	467
ATTENDANCE PER YA SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS*	11.3	14.3	8.4	7.0	11.1	27.0	10.5	6.5	13.8	8.3	8.7	11.5	10.5	4	17.8	12.9	11.9
ADULT SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS	390	828	246	99	187	125	1,559	618	314	2,706	1,383	769	390	6	261	124	119
ADULT SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE	3,849	11,548	2,257	1,367	4,946	1,518	18,419	8,322	4,101	22,737	21,101	9,106	4,946	8	4,150	1,574	1,538
ATTENDANCE PER ADULT SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS*	9.9	13.9	9.2	13.8	26.4	12.1	11.8	13.5	13.1	8.4	15.3	13.4	13.1	9	15.9	12.7	13.0
GENERAL INTEREST SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS	22	113	80	93	384	50	46	106	84	428	4	128	84	10	78	42	35
GENERAL INTEREST SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE	4,306	6,021	6,572	5,033	15,206	3,910	4,400	14,006	11,534	14,912	168	7,824	6,021	9	7,724	2,140	1,302
ATTENDANCE PER GENERAL INTEREST SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS*	195.7	53.3	82.2	54.1	39.6	78.2	95.7	132.1	137.3	34.8	42.0	85.9	78.2	1	99.5	51.4	37.4
TOTAL SYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMS*	893	4,184	902	718	753	419	2,909	1,269	829	10,099	1,960	2,267	902	7	846	415	380
TOTAL SYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE*	25,933	113,146	21,248	31,357	24,085	16,364	54,744	34,165	33,526	179,357	42,587	52,410	33,526	8	30,134	10,221	7,357
ATTENDANCE PER PROGRAM*	29.0	27.0	23.6	43.7	32.0	39.1	18.8	26.9	40.4	17.8	21.7	29.1	27.0	5	35.6	24.6	19.4
PROGRAMS PER 1000 CAPITA*	11.7	4.3	42.4	9.2	8.7	5.6	27.8	19.4	6.5	5.5	21.1	14.7	9.2	5	5.5	7.8	10.5
STAFF EXPENDITURES PER PROGRAM*	\$ 874	\$ 9,517	\$ 733	\$ 2,519	\$ 2,664	\$ 1,646	\$ 727	\$ 1,289	\$ 4,196	\$ 2,878	\$ 974	\$ 2,547	\$ 1,646	9	\$ 2,736	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,637
PROGRAMS PER STAFF*	81.2	12.6	90.2	27.1	27.9	37.7	91.3	66.1	25.0	22.3	89.6	51.9	37.7	4	23.4	30.2	24.6

Technology

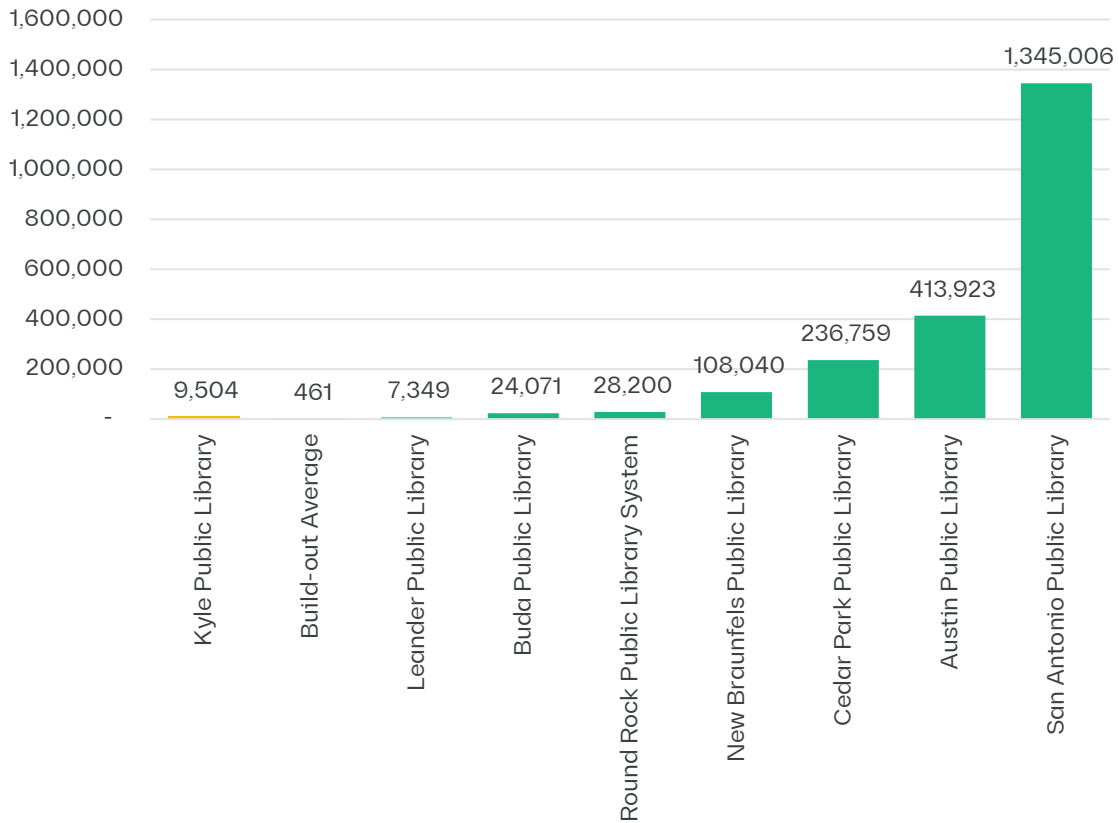
KPL is likely to continue to be Kyle's access point for technology and connectivity even as the city grows, and the demographics change.



Peers may use different definitions when reporting the number of public computers, which may account in variances between the data set and observable terminals. Despite residents' relevant prosperity, many still rely on the Library for computer and internet access. Even peers serving well-sourced communities continue to see uses per computer above KPL's 282.



WI-FI Sessions



Three peers did not report any Wi-Fi sessions. Within this limited set, KPL ranks 7th for total Wi-Fi sessions and sessions per capita. People who bring in their own devices to use the Library’s Wi-Fi have different needs from those who primarily use KPL terminals, such ample opportunities to charge, varied seating options, multiple zones for collaborative or quiet work, and the ability to sync their devices with KPL-provided technology such as smart boards and projection.

Generally, libraries with ample space for users to sit and work have higher Wi-Fi session outputs. Within the peer set, the average is 197,532 sessions a year, or 0.6 sessions per capita. Likewise, the build-out average is 118,395 sessions and 0.8 sessions per capita.

Recommended areas for investigation:



- ◆ Can KPL narrow the digital divide by including enough public terminals in a new facility to ensure short wait times and access to specialized software?
- ◆ As more residents work from home, can the Library bring in new users by marketing free, robust Wi-Fi and coworking spaces?
- ◆ Will the new facility offer a variety of seating and working spaces that encourage users to work on their own devices at the Library?



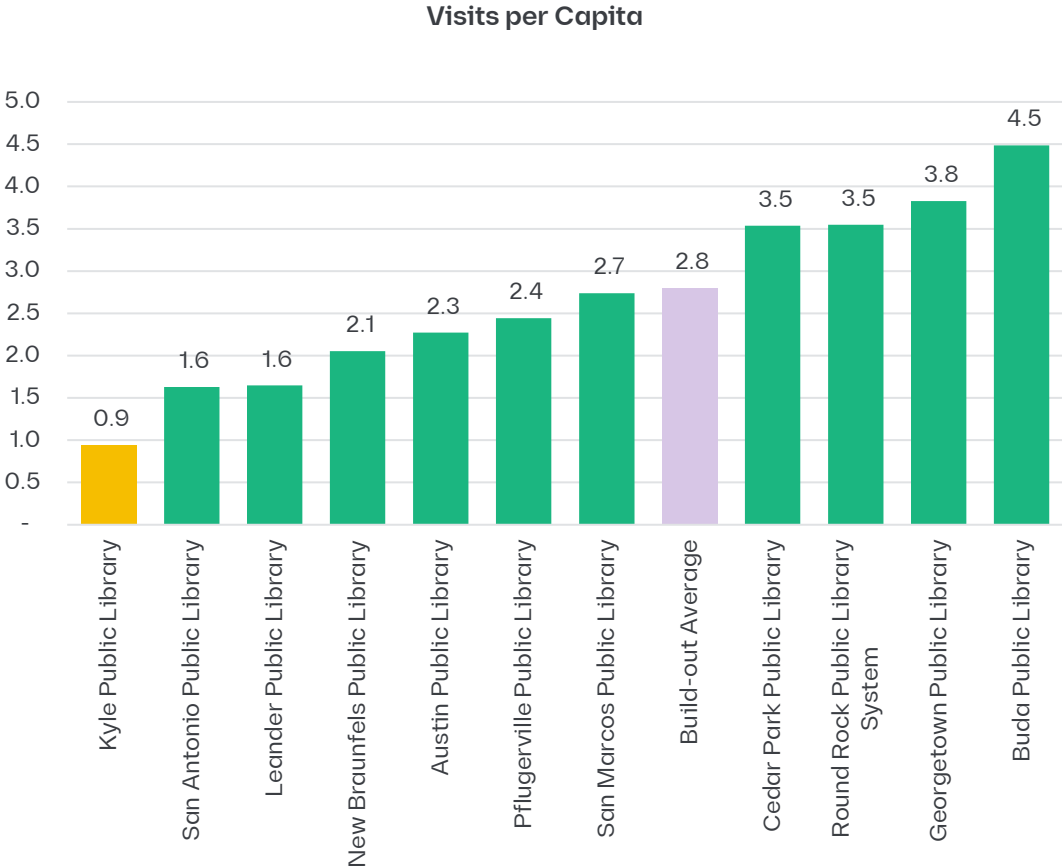
Technology Data

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PUBLIC COMPUTERS	38	745	22	30	68	24	26	16	45	862	38	174	38	5	69	32	31
PUBLIC COMPUTER USES	10,724	292,442	7,296	25,619	14,904	12,211	19,549	11,900	31,706	273,181	38,327	67,078	19,549	10	31,630	10,023	9,090
POPULATION PER COMPUTER*	2,002	1,308	968	2,597	1,272	3,099	4,027	4,097	2,815	2,136	2,448	2,434	2,448	8	2,232	1,632	1,180
USES PER COMPUTER*	282	393	332	854	219	509	752	744	705	317	1,009	556	509	10	461	309	297
COMPUTERS USES PER CAPITA*	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	11	0.2	0.2	0.3
WIFI SESSIONS	9,504	413,923.0	24,071.0	236,759.0	-	7,349.0	108,040.0	-	28,200.0	1,345,006.0	-	197,532.0	24,071.0	7	118,394.9	85,754.5	48,048.1
WIFI SESSIONS PER CAPITA*	0.1	0.4	1.1	3.0	-	0.1	1.0	-	0.2	0.7	-	0.6	0.2	7	0.8	1.6	1.3
WEBSITE VISITS	21,342	5,356,668	60,681	-	-	-	85,367	224,189	459,159	1,727,666	-	721,370	60,681	7	223,311	144,681	169,585
WEBSITE VISITS PER CAPITA*	0.3	5.5	2.9	-	-	-	0.8	3.4	3.6	0.9	-	1.6	0.8	7	1.5	2.7	4.7



Use

KPL’s current facility size and staffing limits the number of resources and offerings available to the public. A larger building or branches closer to population centers would result in higher use outputs.

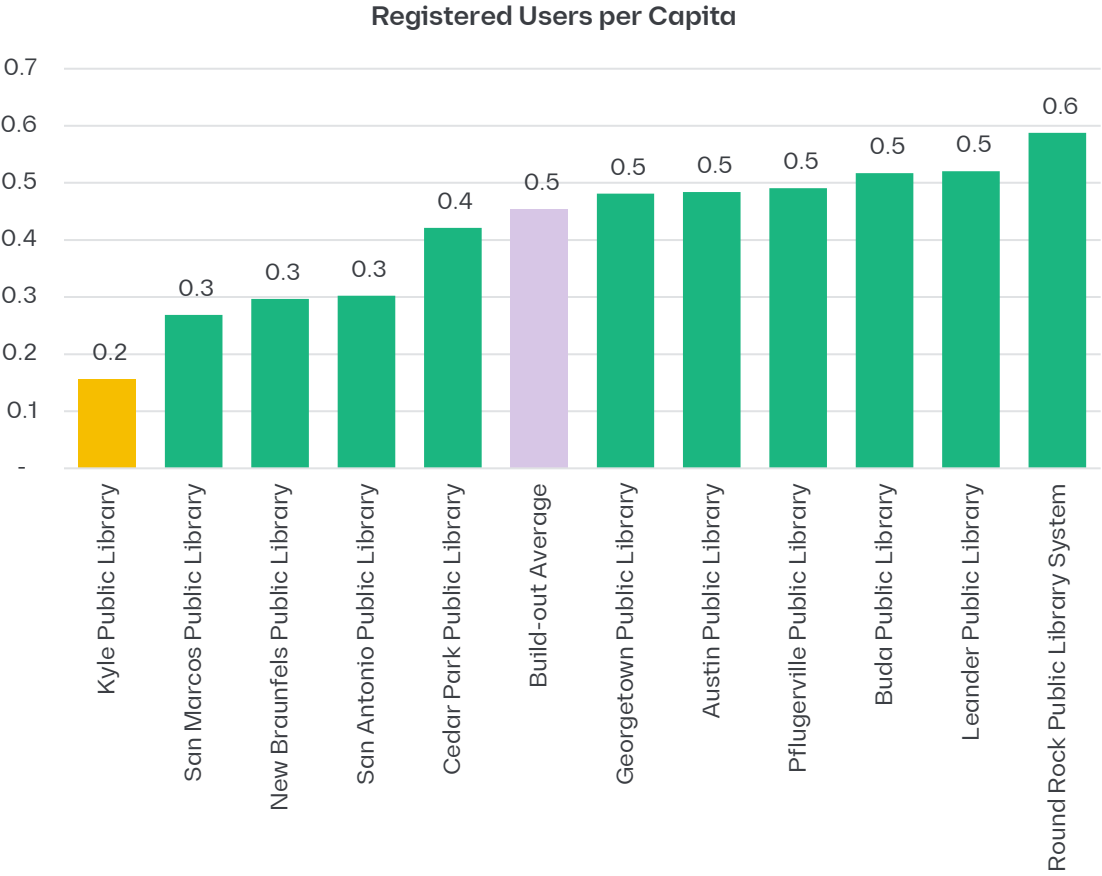


Buildings with multiple zones for users to work, study, collaborate, play, and explore without interrupting others will have higher visitor numbers. KPL’s peers have more foot traffic. Visits per capita are 2.6 for the peer set average and 2.8 for the build-out average. The peer set is open for an average of 15,830 hours a year, when combining the hours the central and branches of each library are open, while the build-out average is 5,979. The average peer sees 225.4 visitors per hour open, and the build-out average is 147.4 visitors per hour.

If Kyle Public Library’s new facility includes interactive installations, outdoor amenities, indoor play spaces and other attractive offerings, the visits per year could exceed these benchmarks.



Staffing implications for open hours increases when a library system has multiple branches and facilities are spread across several floors. For instance, the two largest systems in the peer set, Austin and San Antonio Public Libraries, also have much larger staff, reducing their hours open per staff to 9.5 and 5.8 respectively, compared to 139.2 for the entire peer set and 80.8 for the build-out average.



The Library will have the opportunity to introduce itself to many new users as the city grows in population in the near future. While users do not necessarily need a library card in order to access the breadth and depth of KPL’s offerings, registered users provides an insight into an aspirational penetration rate. The build-out average is 0.5 registered users per capita, with 0.4 for the peer set average.

Recommended areas for investigation:

- ◆ While touring peer locations, what can KPL learn about zoned usage, interactive space, and other facility amenities that will drive statistics close to the peer set average of 2.6 visits per capita and 225.4 visits per hour open?



- ◆ As Kyle grows, how can the Library meet the demand for more hours by increasing staff levels?
- ◆ How can KPL market relevant and responsive offerings to attract new residents and reengage with lapsed users? Which partnerships can help the Library penetrate target underrepresented audiences?
- ◆ What impact does geography have on usage statistics? Would a second location on the other side of I35 improve overall KPL usage?



Use Data

	Kyle Public Library	Austin Public Library	Buda Public Library	Cedar Park Public Library	Georgetown Public Library	Leander Public Library	New Braunfels Public Library	Pflugerville Public Library	Round Rock Public Library System	San Antonio Public Library	San Marcos Public Library	Mean	Median	Rank	Build-out Average	State Average	National Average
ANNUAL WEEKS OPEN	52	52	52	52	51	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	1	51	50	48
ANNUAL HOURS OPEN	2,664	3,132	2,656	3,437	3,192	2,678	3,203	3,120	3,293	2,607	3,445	3,039	3,132	9	2,924	2,105	3,823
UNDUPLICATED HOURS OPEN	54	64	54	69	66	54	65	62	71	48	70	62	64	8	62	43	-
TOTAL ANNUAL HOURS OPEN MAIN+BRANCH*	2,664	64,225	2,656	3,437	3,529	2,678	5,523	3,120	3,293	79,559	3,445	15,830	3,437	10	5,979	3,587	1,978
LIBRARY VISITS	71,705	2,214,197	95,515	275,398	331,087	122,460	215,122	160,135	449,234	3,002,253	254,850	653,814	254,850	11	430,874	128,974	73,056
VISITS PER CAPITA*	0.9	2.3	4.5	3.5	3.8	1.6	2.1	2.4	3.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	11	2.8	2.4	2.0
VISITS PER HOURS OPEN*	26.9	707.0	36.0	80.1	103.7	45.7	67.2	51.3	136.4	1,151.6	74.0	225.4	74.0	11	147.4	61.3	19.1
HOURS OPEN PER STAFF*	242.2	9.5	265.6	129.7	118.3	240.7	100.5	162.5	99.4	5.8	157.5	139.2	129.7	2	80.8	153.3	248.3
EXPENDITURES PER VISIT*	\$ 13.20	\$ 29.62	\$ 8.16	\$ 9.30	\$ 10.65	\$ 7.70	\$ 13.78	\$ 14.39	\$ 9.36	\$ 16.57	\$ 8.64	\$ 12.85	\$ 10.65	5	\$ 7.32	\$ 10.16	\$ 21.08
REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS	-	23,948	544	38,453	134,200	21,792	1,318	-	36,322	687,505	48,919	99,300	30,135	10	50,573	16,156	14,023
REGISTERED USERS	11,850	471,594	11,008	32,834	41,650	38,697	31,046	32,165	74,490	557,015	24,985	120,667	32,834	10	69,443	27,231	17,109
REISTERED USERS PER CAPITA*	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	11	0.5	0.5	0.5





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INTRODUCTION

The City of Kyle Library is planning a new facility to meet the growing needs of its community. The goal is to create a distinctive building that offers functional, versatile, and adaptable spaces within a timeless design. The overall approach emphasizes flexibility and practicality while maintaining an intimate and welcoming atmosphere.

NV5 Engineering and Technology, Inc. has been invited by 720 Design to join the design team and develop technology systems that meet both current and future requirements for the City and its library patrons.

This narrative outlines the preliminary functional requirements for the proposed technology systems. These recommendations are based on discussions with representatives from the City and 720 Design, as well as NV5 Engineering and Technology's experience with similar projects.

The program serves as a planning tool to guide decision-making and supports the stated planning assumptions. The functional requirements section highlights key system components only and is not intended to replace a comprehensive systems design.

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

This Technology Program is organized by categories referenced from the architectural program. This section will provide descriptions of the audiovisual functionality for each space type.

At the end of each of the space types is a short listing of "Space Planning" comments which are primarily intended for the design team and "Discussion Points," an interactive component which will require additional input from the City. Neither listing is intended to be exhaustive. At some point in the planning process, we will need further input on the questions or options raised here.

The bulk of the document is comprised of discussions of the audiovisual systems for specific spaces, followed by recommendations for the Building-Wide Audiovisual Systems, Information Technology, and Security systems. Brief discussions of Design Team and Owner considerations as related to the technology systems are included.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

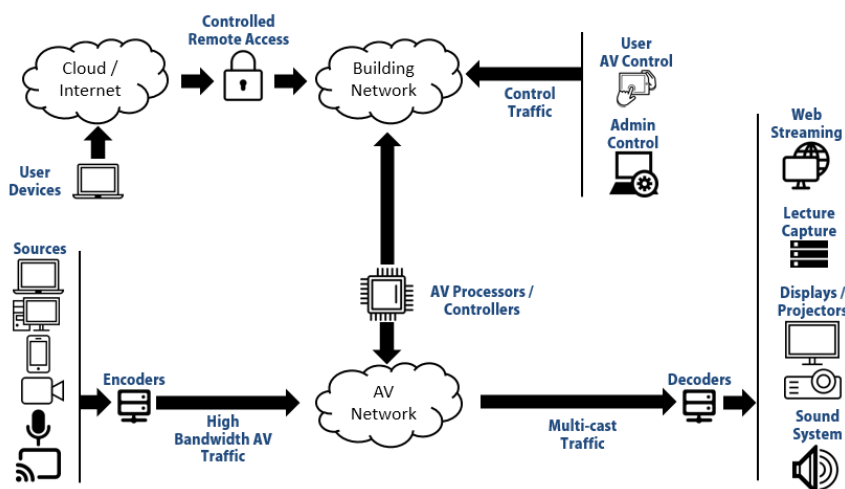
Technology systems for today's building projects should adhere to basic principles of prudent planning: flexibility, adaptability, scalability, supportability and so forth. In addition, these more unique principles should guide any future planning and design of the systems:

Enterprise Architecture	Technology solutions should be designed from the perspective of an enterprise-wide architecture. With an approach offering scalable centralized management and support.
Ease of Operation	Whenever possible, technology systems should require a minimal amount of training to operate effectively. A "universal" user interface for technology systems control is necessary. This facilitates user training, technical support, and long-term systems evolution.
Cost Effectiveness	The solution will use resources effectively, efficiently, and strategically.
Adaptability	The facility should enable the systems and spaces to adapt over time in response to changes in technologies. We refer to the short-term changes to the systems and spaces as "flexibility" and the long-term changes to the systems and spaces as "adaptability."
Scalability	The solutions must meet the long-term needs of the library. Since technology integration is integral to the teaching and learning process, the long-term needs of both the staff and the library's patrons will be increasingly reliant on scalable solutions.
Full Infrastructure	The project should strive to identify and plan for technology systems that meet the full functionality wishes of the users. If a full audiovisual system installation is not feasible it is recommended that the infrastructure to support the full program be included during construction.

OWNER CONSIDERATIONS

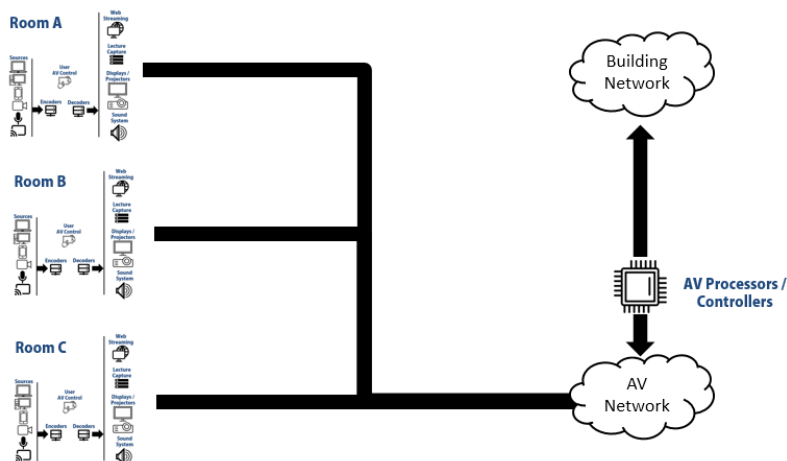
IP-BASED AUDIOVISUAL TRANSPORT

The audiovisual industry has almost completed the transition from the traditional HDBaseT transport of audio and video signal to an IP-Based system. As with HDBaseT, each source and display connect to a wall plate or connection point within the room, but instead of a variety of wire types and the need for multiple pieces of equipment located within the room, behind the connection point is a small encoder and decoder that connects to category cable (typically CAT6A). In this type of system, each source's audio/video signal is converted to an IP Ethernet network stream, which is then decoded at each display. Just like a typical network design, all encoders and decoders connect to Ethernet switches in centralized data rooms. A central controller switches the sources audio/video signals to displays by routing the desired encoder's IP address to the display's decoder IP address.



A major benefit to IP-based transport is its scalability. All processing and switching equipment are centralized and only the encoders and decoders or a smaller amount of equipment are in the rooms. If an extra source is needed, you simply add another encoder and connect it to a switch on the network. Since networks are scalable by design, the system can grow along with changing needs in a way that is very familiar to your Information Technology team.

Another significant benefit to a centralized IP system is it natively allows routing of any source to any display on the entire network – not just routing of the sources and displays to which the individual switch is connected. This allows the ultimate flexibility within the building making it possible to have the source from any room to be seen on any connected display.



AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS

LOBBY



The library lobby serves as the initial gateway for visitors, setting the tone for their entire experience. The Lobby should greet visitors and highlight library programs, activities, and events. There are many ways to accomplish this including the deployment of technology. An interactive digital display is an excellent way to convey information including library offerings, wayfinding and visitor assistance. Interactivity functions will be planned in a manner that allows easy cleaning and sanitizing. Source device inputs for the display will be a digital signage player and small form factor computer. Simplified control for the system will be available to staff via the web based digital signage interface.



With the open nature of the Lobby, a freestanding showcase display would be a recommended approach. This freestanding display would also allow the Lobby to be an overflow space for event gathering. The display could be a video wall, or a single large interactive display built into architectural elements.

Space Planning:

- ◆ Recess the digital signage flat panel display and mount to meet ADA protrusion requirements and provide a clean installation. Coordinate interactive displays and mounts to meet ADA height and reach requirements.
- ◆ Specialty wall back box and/or floor boxes will be used; general coordination will be required.
- ◆ Control architectural and ambient lighting to minimize glare/reflection onto the display.
- ◆ Plan for space in central IT location to support source & control equipment.



TUTORING/SMALL GROUP OPEN SPACES



Strategically located throughout the library, several spaces could be used for ad-hoc collaboration, tutoring and huddle spaces. These systems could be either a wall mounted flat panel display with simple direct connection or flat panel on a mobile cart for ultimate flexibility to turn any space into a small meeting space.

Audio could be provided by the display's built-in speakers. Control of the display will be simple either by a remote or if installed on a wall through a small wall mounted keypad.

STORYTIME



The Story Time space will be a highly flexible space that can serve as a story time area, multi-generational activities, and light performance for music and movies. Some events will require presentation capabilities while others will not.

The audiovisual system should consist of an extra large flat panel display, projector/projection screen or a small direct view LED video wall for when large groups are present, or the program dictates the need. A location to allow either a portable lectern with a computer, a simple laptop, or other portable source equipment to be connected is provided. The sound system can support program audio and voice only is typically installed with the option of more robust audio for either a small musical performance or a movie

provided. Provisions either installed or portable to be able to capture and stream story time or other family focused events should be planned

A small, wall mounted touch panel serves as the interface for controlling the audiovisual system and lighting. A room schedule panel or dedicated digital signage directly outside the space can show occupancy and event information. When hearing assistance is required, a portable ADA 2010 compliant system can be utilized.

Additionally, when a Comfort Room, is programmatically connected with this space, a small flat panel screen and ceiling mounted speaker attached to a local volume control could be installed to allow a parent or guardian to retire to this location and still be able to view/hear the event in the Story Time/Activity space.

MULTIPURPOSE



The multipurpose room is planned to provide a meeting space for various meetings and events with multiple seating configuration. The audiovisual and lighting systems for this space will be controllable from a room touch panel and adjust and adapt automatically based on the room configuration and program.

Because these spaces will often be used by the public, the user interface for the audiovisual system should be very simple and intuitive. In-room functionality should be as simple as system on/off controls, volume adjustment, and source selection. More advanced controls will be accessible by library staff only through a separate control interface.

The main presentation display will most likely be a large format direct view LED but projector/screen combo may also be used depending on final architectural approach.

Each room will have multiple floor boxes that have power and technology (data/AV) to support a lectern, simple tech cart or direct connection of a laptop/source.

Source device options will be kept minimal to ease operation with hardwired and wireless video connections in each room. A complement of wired and wireless microphones will be included to support multiple presenters or panel discussions. Program source audio and speech reinforcement will likely be played through speakers located overhead in the ceiling to allow the most flexibility and complete coverage of the seating area. Given the size of the space, the room will also be equipped with a hearing-assist system, in line with the most current ADA standards for accessible design.



TEEN AREA



The Teen Seating Room is designed to be open and completely flexible in programming and portable huddle/gaming carts or strategically located displays are typically planned for these spaces.

These displays or huddle carts allow for simple presentations via a connected laptop. A huddle cart typically has a 65" flat panel display on a mobile stand. Audio is presented via a sound bar with an integrated camera and microphone. This sound bar allows, via web-based applications, a session to not only be recorded or streamed live as the need arise. Additionally, these display stations/carts would allow the connection of a gaming stations like PlayStation, X-Box, etc.

When hearing assistance is required, a portable ADA 2010 compliant system will be utilized.



GROUP STUDY ROOMS/HUDDLE



Several rooms will be provided for private or group study, collaboration, or small meetings with rooms for one or two people, and larger rooms for groups of four to six people. These spaces will be present both in public and back of house areas.

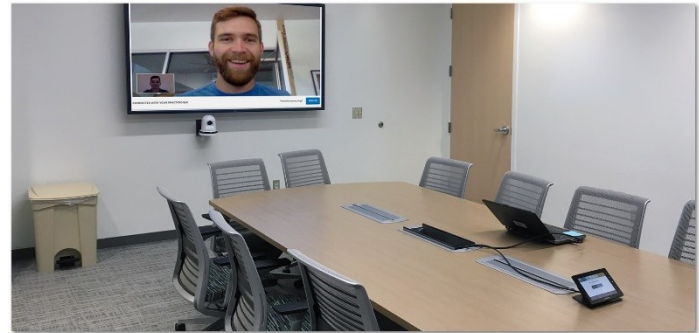
The rooms will be equipped with a wall mounted flat screen display and a connectivity plate for connection of laptops and other peripherals.

Audio will be provided by the display's built-in speakers. Control of the display will be simple and could be by either a touch panel or keypad.

CONFERENCE ROOM

The Conference Room can provide seating for medium to medium-large library staff and/or patrons to conduct meetings and conference calls.

The display system will consist of a room appropriately sized flat panel display mounted to the wall. A camera for web-based video conferencing (Zoom, Teams, Skype, etc.) will be mounted near or on the flat panel display or on the flat panel display and be aimed to capture the entire table area. Conferencing audio will be provided by either overhead ceiling speakers or a soundbar. Participant speech will be picked up by either ceiling mounted or soundbar integrated microphones.



The Conference will be equipped with a dedicated room computer to support more complex conferencing requirements. This is to be determined as further discussions are had. The Board Room will provide a wireless presentation device to allow use of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) such as personal laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

Control of the audiovisual system will be "pre-set" by library technology staff to eliminate public end-user interface with the systems. Trained library staff may be provided with a tablet or other device for basic control.

A room scheduling panel is planned to show daily events and open time slots. An indicator on the room schedule panel will show occupancy status.

BOARD ROOM



The Board Room can provide seating for 30 library staff and/or patrons to conduct meetings and conference calls.

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display and be aimed to capture the entire table area. Conferencing audio will be provided by either overhead ceiling speakers. Participant speech will be picked up by ceiling mounted microphones.

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AUDIO/VIDEO MEDIA LAB



The Audio/Video production space is a space that allows patrons to create content or learn to create content in an enclosed or open space. A technology heavy production space has not been requested by the patrons so this space will be a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) set up with some upgraded lighting and green screen.

CHILDREN'S IMAGINATIVE PLAY

The Children's Area will include a technology space. Technology is meant to be minimal, but experience driven. Beyond educational AV, the immersive opportunities in this space are endless. With budget in mind, below are a few options for consideration and also to spur conversation as the design of the project progresses:

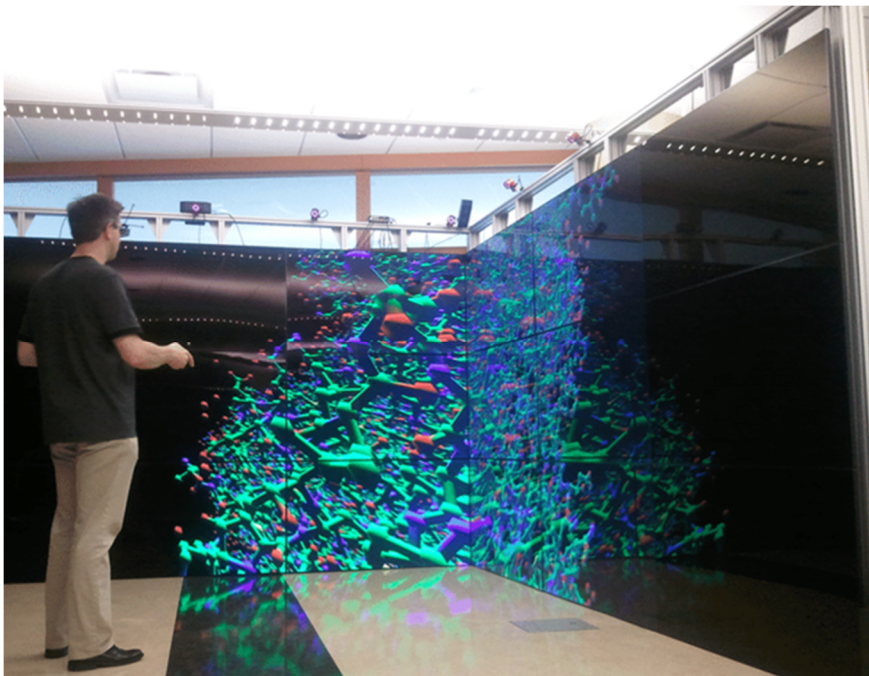
- LED Activated Walls: Reduced technology and refreshing required but activates learning opportunities with motion, LED Lights and Learning Content.



- LED Activated Painted Glass or Scenery: Reduced Technology and refreshing but activates immersive scenes. Can activate with motion sensors.



- Interactive media: Wall, Floor or interactive display



CREATIVITY LEARNING LAB/MAKERS SPACE



The Creative Lab and High Tech Makerspace will be a highly flexible space that can serve as true makerspace as well as support educational content. Some events will require presentation capabilities while others will not.

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BUILDING-WIDE AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEMS

Audiovisual Systems Enterprise Management Software/Control Systems

Each room-specific audiovisual system described above will contain a control system with a standard user interface like an easily cleaned and sanitized touch panel or keypad to facilitate ease of use. While this equipment is assigned to each room-specific system, all control system processors will be connected to the building LAN and thus will have Internet Protocol (IP) capabilities. The information carried by the LAN is low-bandwidth control command only and does not include high-bandwidth audio or video signals.

This capability will allow remote management by authorized support staff of technology assets and could even provide email notifications of required service or breaches of security. This approach will enable the use of mobile devices such as Android phones, tablets, iPhones, and iPads to provide alternative control possibilities. Additionally, all push-button and touch panel control functions for each system should be replicated on HTML-based web pages.

The cost of this capability is highly dependent on existing practices and software agreements.

Public Information Display and Digital Signage System

If the library has an established standard for digital signage that is effective, that approach should be followed with this building as well. This will require close coordination as design progresses.

Public displays may display information such as:

- ◆ Digital Bulletin Board: informational digital signage for listing news and events within the library and community
- ◆ Entertainment: broadcast television in lounges, break rooms or lobbies
- ◆ Directory / Interactive way-finding
- ◆ Display Wall: digital storytelling and displaying creative content.
- ◆ Room scheduling displays.
- ◆ Emergency Alert messaging



You may also choose to select certain locations of the Digital Signage system to act as ad-hoc group collaboration. For these locations, the display may default to signage but switch to a local laptop input (either automatically or with the press of a button) when needed for collaborative work. Further discussion of this idea is warranted.

Digital signage may be capable of displaying broadcast television, computer graphics, digital video, and any associated program audio. Content most likely will come from a Web-centric system which is user-friendly and allows the option for library-generated content creation, but may also include custom elements requiring additional, specialized development.

Each display can be individually assignable, so programming can be displayed on any or all the displays independently. Grouping the displays into zones that will share the same content can save on hardware costs and may serve the function well.

The form of these displays can fall into any of the following categories:

- ◆ Non-interactive displays of various sizes
- ◆ Interactive touch screen displays with easy cleaning and sanitization methods

The key to any of the display types is having the resources to create, maintain, update, and deploy content. Therefore, staff will need to be deeply involved in the selection of display types, hardware, and software for content deployment.

As we move into further phases of design, we recommended the following process:

- ◆ Determine the anticipated flow of traffic based on the current floor plans.
- ◆ Define the desired user experience.
- ◆ Identify appropriate locations for signage displays.
- ◆ Determine the intent, content, and interaction of the various displays.
- ◆ Select the content development software solution.
- ◆ Assign ownership responsibilities for the content generation and maintenance.
- ◆ Select hardware solution.
- ◆ Design the architectural integration of the hardware.

Room Scheduling and Display System

A room scheduling system places touch-panel displays outside of various gathering spaces. In addition to displaying information related to when the room is scheduled and for what purpose, the system allows users to reserve the space based on availability, either at the panel, through common scheduling platforms, or from a dedicated kiosk. All touch panel displays will be of the type to be easily cleaned and sanitized.

It has become more common for room scheduling displays to connect directly to a facility scheduling application, but some solutions require connectivity through a server or network appliance running specialized software.



Discussion Points:

- ◆ As the design progresses the facility will need to determine an acceptable solution for reserving rooms for public users.
- ◆ Dependent on the type of scheduling panel selected, users may be able to reserve rooms using the scheduling panel's touch screen interface.

Portable Equipment Pool

A pool of portable equipment to be used for meetings and events: The exact contents of this pool need to be determined through further discussions with library staff as design progresses, but could likely include any of the following:

- ◆ Document Cameras
- ◆ Microphones, microphone mixer, portable loudspeaker system
- ◆ Portable ADA Hearing Assistance Systems

Portable Streaming Station(s)

- ◆ This station will allow the live streaming of any event within the library and consist of a small form factor computer with keyboard and mouse to connect to a streaming appliance and the building network via wi-fi and two portable cameras on tripods.

Portable Digital Editing Station(s)

- ◆ This station will allow patrons to create and edit digital media projects. The station will consist of a mobile workstation to hold a small format computer with wi-fi and a wireless keyboard and mouse. The computer would be loaded with owner furnished audio and video editing and creation software for small digital media projects. A headphone amplifier and a Blu-Tooth repeater will all the user and two or three friends to listen to the audio via headphones. A small 4k desktop flat panel display will provide video playback. A small custom

panel with a connection point for a laptop or other devices and small touch panel to allow selection of source and turn the workstation power on/off.

- ◆ Can turn any Study Room into a Digital Studio

Portable Gaming/Huddle

- ◆ This station will allow users to play various video games of different formats (computer or game station like X-Box, PlayStation, etc.). The Gaming Station will consist of a 65" 4K flat panel on a cart with an integrated locking cabinet with a small AV rack. The station would have a consumer gaming station(s) with wired controllers as well as CPU with wired data connection with wireless keyboard/mouse for online gaming. A Bluetooth repeater would be part of the equipment to allow a user to use their own Blu-Tooth controller or headphones. A small custom panel with a connection point for a laptop or other devices and small touch panel to allow selection of source and turn the workstation power on/off.
- ◆ This station can double as a huddle system when not used for gaming with the addition of a soundbar with integrated camera/microphone or with removal of gaming connections described above become a portable huddle/conference system.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

The information technology systems will be designed in accordance with the City of Kyle's technology requirements.

Modern communication has evolved to encompass all aspects of our lives from voice to video. Information technology's prime objective is to facilitate communication and collaboration, and the transfer of information. The communication infrastructure envisioned for the City of Kyle Library project will include:

- ◆ Pathways and Spaces
- ◆ Telecommunication Rooms
- ◆ Structured Cabling throughout building
- ◆ Connection points to the City-Wide Network.

INCOMING SERVICES

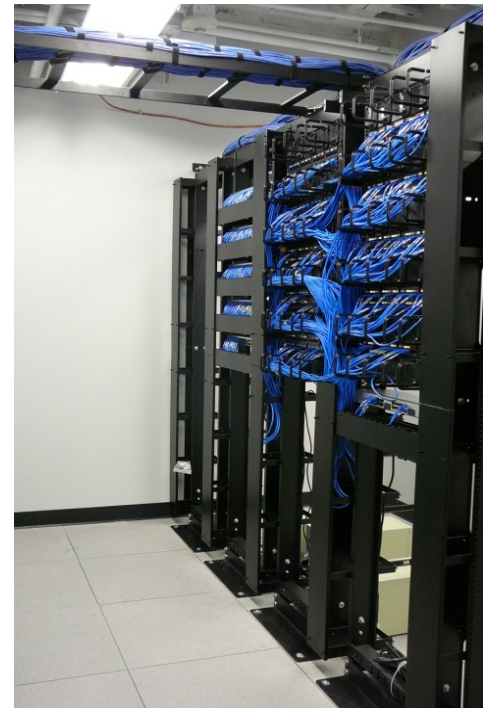
Incoming network services, also known as Outside Plant (OSP), is planned to be supplied by the library's current service provider. The fiber will be installed from an outside pull-box to the Main Distribution Frame (MDF). Outside Plant (OSP) conduit infrastructure from library to nearest pull box will be coordinated with City and Library IT and the project's civil engineer.

PATHWAYS AND SPACES

Information technologies require dedicated rooms on each floor to house equipment racks, network switches, optical fiber terminations, copper cabling patch panels, and so on. These spaces are known as Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) Rooms to facilitate organized and logical distribution of low voltage communications signals within a building. All spaces will be designed as per ANSI/TIA/EIA and BICSI standards along with recommendations from the City of Kyle.

Primary Components

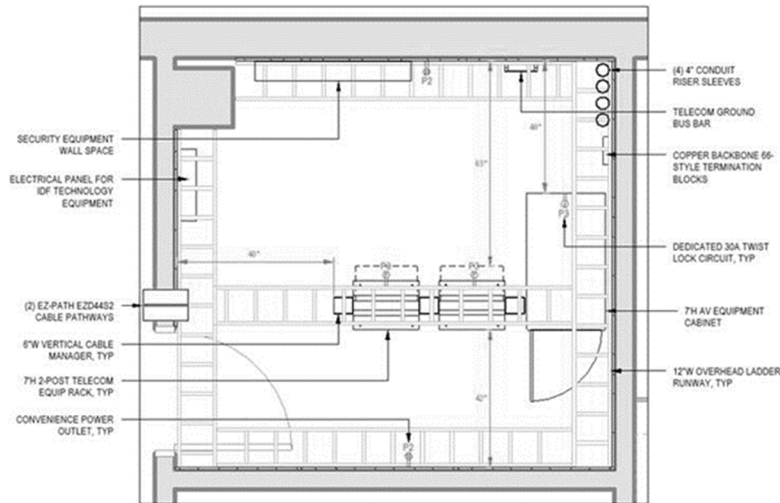
- ◆ Connection to existing City network within MDF Room.
- ◆ Single model Fiber connections between MDF and each IDF.
- ◆ Floor mounted equipment racks equipped with both vertical and horizontal wire management.
- ◆ Floor mounted AV cabinet (where required) to house Audiovisual Systems equipment.
- ◆ Overhead racking system for management of flexible connection cabling and providing additional structural support for the racks, cabinets, and systems.
- ◆ Patch panels for all horizontal cabling.
- ◆ Adequate floor space and growth potential
- ◆ Independent telecommunications grounding system
- ◆ Dedicated power circuits supported by City provided UPS units.
- ◆ Dedicated HVAC cooling system 24/7; maintain ambient temperature at 68-77 degrees F.



- ◆ IDF rooms centrally located within floor plate such that horizontal network cabling distances do not exceed 290' to any location within the facility.
 - ◆ Size: MDF - minimum 10'x12', outswing door
 - ◆ Size: IDF - minimum 10'x10', outswing door

Note: * The IDF rooms shall be vertically stacked as per City of Kyle's Technology Requirements.

* Additional IDF rooms may be required if horizontal cabling distances exceeds 290 feet and the conduit crossing the bridge cannot accommodate the required category cabling.



Sample IDF Room Equipment Layout

- ◆ Audiovisual Systems equipment could be co-located within IDFs as part of the overall AV over IP system. This will require a dedicated AV cabinet within these spaces.

STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEM

The Structured cabling systems originate in the Telecom Rooms and extend throughout the building from MDF to IDFs (backbone) and from IDFs to the end users (horizontal). The backbone cabling system between Telecom Rooms consists of fiber and connects each IDF via home-run cables to a MDF within the building. The horizontal cabling system will consist of twisted pair Category 6A cables and is visible to the end user in the form of wall faceplates. All horizontal cabling routes to the IDF Rooms will be through cable baskets located in corridors and other approved support systems as required.

The wired building network system uses a common cable that supports all communications needs for various independent systems such as computer networks, voice system, surveillance, video, and building automation system. These diverse systems run on the same cable infrastructure, which offers ultimate flexibility; the same cabling supports all network requirements indifferent of the system.

Backbone Cable

The Kyle Public Library building will be configured with the MDF being connected to IDFs via fiber cables. All fiber cabling is terminated in rack mounted housings to provide complete flexibility for cross-connecting of various networks and equipment and to provide redundancy.

The building backbone will consist of the following:

- ◆ 24-strand single mode (SM) fiber capable of supporting 100 Gbps.

Horizontal Cable

All horizontal cabling should be a minimum of CAT6A dependent on the current industry standards to support expanding Power over Ethernet (POE) capabilities. All areas of the building will follow similar design standards regarding the number of cables per workspace as established by the City of Kyle along with industry codes, standards, and best practices. This aspect of the horizontal cabling design should be reviewed later in the building design phase.

Horizontal cabling is planned to:

- ◆ Utilize CAT6A cabling at a minimum including all cabling, patch panels, patch cables, termination modules, and wiring blocks.
- ◆ Utilize CAT6A cabling for all wireless access points following the current manufacturer recommendations.
- ◆ Terminate on rack-mounted patch panels regardless of the application using the cable – email, phone call, fax, video, etc.
- ◆ Utilize the same cable regardless of the device using the cable – computer, telephone, surveillance camera, etc.
- ◆ 2 drops to each faceplate as minimum.

Patch Cables

Effective patch “flow” is an integral part of the Structured Cabling System design to be planned according to the specific rack and wire management layouts.

- ◆ Patch cable assemblies will be provided and warranted as a part of the Structured Cabling System based upon a quantity twice that of the installed and available horizontal cabling channels plus an additional 5% to provide for varying needs at both cable ends.
- ◆ Patch cables will be color-coded according to the City of Kyle standards.
- ◆ 2 Patch Cables per CAT-6A.
- ◆ Patch cables will be provided as part of the Structured Cabling package and installed by the Contractor at direction of City IT staff.



WIRELESS NETWORK

Wireless technologies have been embedded into modern society. Some wireless technologies are used every day such as radios, cellular phones, smart phones, tablet PCs and laptop computers. As such a very robust and dense Wi-Fi network is being planned.

Today's public buildings must accommodate a wide range of user needs and expectations to foster free flowing access to various formats of information. Many libraries struggle with a desire to support the ever-evolving BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) environment that is now expected by patrons and staff.

A building-wide wireless network will be designed into the City of Kyle Library to augment the traditional wired network. Wireless coverage will be provided throughout all interior areas, and for exterior building adjacencies and commons public areas.



Access points locations will be coordinated with the interior design and will provide full building-wide coverage. The wireless infrastructure design will be based on the latest IEEE-802.11 standard (802.11ac) and can adapt to and supporting future standards such as 802.11s wireless mesh networks, 802.11v with improved wireless network management, and 802.11aa video transport stream.

Power over Ethernet (PoE) technology is deployed to simplify installation and increase system flexibility by centrally locating all power requirements for wireless access points. This design methodology greatly increases the availability of network bandwidth by adding the capability of connecting to the network via multiple frequencies and channels. The ultimate goal of the wireless system design is to allow for wireless coverage for the entire facility, including adjacent exterior areas, utilizing high density and dynamic load balancing wireless network standards.

The City will be handling procurement of all wireless network equipment. Wireless Access devices will be City furnished; Contractor installed. Wireless network design and criteria for final locations of wireless access data outlets will be provided by the design team, as coordinated with City IT staff. Data outlets for wireless access points are typically provisioned with 20' service loop to allow for flexibility during final commissioning and testing.

NETWORK ELECTRONICS

The data network systems provide transport and communications for a multitude of applications. Ideally, there should be a single, common data network system for all applications as opposed to individual data network systems that are single application based. A common data network allows for cost savings of equipment and supporting infrastructure (space, power, cooling, etc.) while also providing better utilization of network equipment. By using network protocols such as virtual local area networks (VLANs), applications such as voice can share a common network switch with applications such as email or video surveillance yet still ensure proper quality of service (QoS).

The structured cabling systems described in the previous section make up the passive components of the data network systems. The active data network electronics will include the following:

- ◆ All switches will support Power over Ethernet (PoE) for all ports supporting the latest PoE standards.
- ◆ Common network switches across all departments and applications utilizing VLANs for QoS and security

The City of Kyle will be handling procurement and installation of all network electronics and associated equipment.

PHYSICAL SECURITY

The safety and security of the inhabitants and assets of the City of Kyle Library requires special consideration in light of the following key design issues:

- ◆ The Library is a public facility and may include special events afterhours.
- ◆ The main building will have multiple entrance and/or exit points.
- ◆ Financial transactions may occur in several locations within the building.
- ◆ The library will include expensive and desirable items such as laptops, computers, projectors, and other audiovisual equipment.

We will coordinate with the appropriate city and library entities as required throughout the programming and design phases of the project to confirm the planned security systems coordinate with any City standards or integrated systems.

In general, building security systems are intended to control or monitor pedestrian flow throughout the building based on certain flexible criteria. Themes such as individual pass card holder permissions and time of day access control are key to the design. Access system and cards will be per City standard.

Video Surveillance devices in the form of networked security cameras will augment the access control system by linking door events with video footage. To complete the design, devices such as duress alarms, door sensors, and motion detectors will provide duress and intrusion alarm monitoring for the facility.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

The design team will be utilizing an approach to security that provides for both real and “perceived” boundaries, as well as a “full scope” security approach which includes the concepts of CPTED.

CPTED is defined as a multidisciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. CPTED strategies rely on the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts by affecting the built, social, and administrative environment. The basic CPTED strategies are Natural Surveillance, Natural Access Control, and Natural Territorial Enforcement.

Natural Surveillance

Natural Surveillance is the design principle, which calls for creating an environment where the occupant has an enhanced ability to observe the surrounding environment and the potential offender will have a heightened perception of their increased risk of being observed. The design principles involved include creating good sight lines and minimizing visual obstacles so that from a given location the occupant has a high degree of visual control. People will always feel safer when they can easily see and be seen.

From the perspective of Natural Surveillance, these items are ideal in that they offer no real hiding places. They provide a level of deterrence but little to no visual obstruction, which raises the probability of detection for the potential intruder.

Proper lighting will also create an effective deterrent to crime, because good lighting (no areas of glare from lights and no dark areas) discourages criminal activity, improves visibility, and reduces fear. Visibility in design can also be enhanced by including windows that look directly out on public sidewalks and parking.

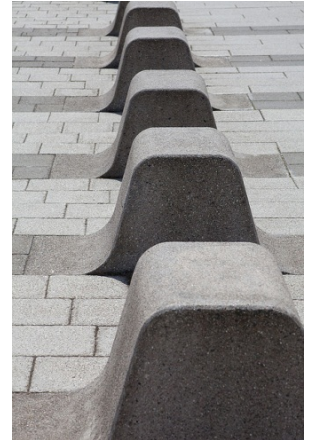
Sidewalks, plazas, and other pedestrian areas should be evenly lit by pole mounted lighting, providing no shadowed hiding places for a would-be criminal to use to their advantage. Sufficient lighting levels will also enhance the capture and storage of evidentiary quality video, enabling recognition of perpetrators in covered areas. Steadily increasing lighting levels as one approaches the building will improve the sense of safety and the video quality at the appropriate locations. Additionally, the observable presence of video surveillance cameras will in and of itself have some deterrent capability, as potential offenders are less likely to act if they know they will be observed and recorded.

Natural Access Control

Natural Access Control limits the opportunity for crime by clearly differentiating between public and private spaces. Location and design of entrances and exits, which tend to guide people in the appropriate direction, will provide Natural Access Control. Natural Access Control recommends that the facility have only one primary, clearly identifiable entry point, or at a minimum utilize the architectural design to route people to a central security location before they have access to stairwells and elevators.

Natural Territorial Reinforcement

Natural Territorial Reinforcement utilizes architectural design to increase the sense of ownership, which increases the likelihood that intruders will be challenged and reported. It creates an environment where strangers or intruders stand out and are more easily identified.



ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

An Access Control system will provide card access for designated non-public entry points of the building or departmental perimeters or at any other space deemed a priority by the Library and project stakeholders. Ideally, traditional keys would be only utilized and issued to staff for their individual offices, storage rooms, and other unique spaces that are under their control.

The Library would incorporate the City of Kyle standard for the Security Management / Access Control system unless directed otherwise during the subsequent design phases. It is anticipated the Library access control system will likely communicate with a centralized City server. The Library security and access system will then be connected to the building LAN/WAN infrastructure and communicate over a City configured Security VLAN.



The typical security door configuration will include provisions for a reader, interface to the electric locks, door position switches, and request to exit components. In addition, each door configuration will include a pull box located above the door on the secure side for the interconnection of the various door control and signaling components. Multi-technology card readers will be incorporated to allow for use with existing standard 125kHz cards, more secure 13.56MHz smart cards, and compatibility with mobile (virtual) credentials. Card readers may incorporate keypads for dual authentication utilizing card + PIN. The potential use of biometric identification access devices for the Library is yet to be determined and will be reviewed based on City standards.

Operation of the system will be such that time of day features may be utilized. Some doors may be unlocked by the system during regular business hours or for special events while others remain as pass card access only. Doors may go into an alarm state when opened immediately, such as in an emergency exit, or when a perimeter door is held open for an extended period of time.

In general, the access control system will seal off the building perimeter and restrict access to certain spaces at certain times. There may be a need to control access to elevators and stairwells based on occupants' requirements and work schedules. Additional features of the system include holiday schedules, visitor credentialing, access groups, and database segmentation to name a few.

The access control system and the video surveillance system will either be a single unified platform or a fully integrated solution. This will allow for timestamp management of video records tied to security system alarms and entry/exit access events.

The manufacturer and model numbers outlined in the City of Kyle's technology requirements will be reviewed again during the design stages to ensure that the most current equipment is procured at the time of project completion.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

A system of fully integrated digital security cameras will monitor exterior building adjacencies, interior public areas, entry/exit points, commons areas, high traffic and transition areas, and other critical spaces as deemed necessary by the City and project stakeholders. The networked IP security cameras will communicate to the video surveillance system via the Library LAN infrastructure. Each camera will require a Category network cable, installed to the nearest IDF room.



Security camera types will be standardized on high-definition IP PoE type cameras. The cameras may also implement technologies such as megapixel, 180 or 360-degree multi-sensor panoramic view, pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ), and integration of video motion or analytics alarms. Camera housings will be primarily domes with other housings provided based on environment, architectural goals, or space limitations. The camera products and manufacturers shall be consistent with City security standards. The video system and IP cameras may incorporate motion sensing software to activate recording only when certain conditions are met such as human movement. Analytic software is also available to trigger alarms and for people counting.

The video surveillance system cameras and devices will likely communicate with centralized City video management system server and recording devices. The video system will also likely be connected to the building LAN/WAN infrastructure and communicate over a City configured Security VLAN.

The video surveillance system will be integrated with the access control, intrusion detection, and emergency call station systems. This will provide optimal situational awareness for security operators with respect to incident response, to provide more effective safety and security within and around the Library and can, if desired, could allow the City of Kyle Police Department to have the ability to remotely access and view security cameras from the Library.

ASSET PROTECTION

The Library will require Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) Book Security Gates at main entry/exit locations. The Security Gates will be furnished by the City and installed by the general contractor. Necessary power and data infrastructure will be provided by the project to support the City supplied RFID gate equipment. It is understood the City and project stakeholders desire a more aesthetically appealing solution than traditional book security gates. The preference would be to evaluate new technology and integrate the RFID equipment into the adjacent walls if possible.

The RFID alarm system may be employed to tag and protect other building assets such as computers, flat panel displays, projectors, etc. These devices communicate wirelessly with the equipment placed at the exit points. Like the book system, when the RFID tag passes through the RFID gate system, an alarm will be triggered.

PRODUCTS

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

ACOUSTICS

Briefly, particular care must be taken to acoustically isolate adjacent spaces, and to establish appropriate listening environments. Proper acoustic design may be required which could impact room geometry, finishes, and furnishings.

To that end, the following aspects of acoustic design should be addressed:

- ◆ Internal Room Acoustics – selecting the proper interior architectural materials to provide the suitable reverberation time for each space.
- ◆ Sound Isolation – determining the proper construction methodologies for the walls, ceiling, and floors of acoustically critical spaces.
- ◆ Mechanical Noise and Vibration Control – controlling unwanted sound and air turbulence that is generated by the building’s mechanical systems. This will be critically important in rooms with ceiling-mounted microphones, such as the Simulation Center.



Room Acoustics



Sound Isolation



Mechanical Noise Control

NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

Numerous studies have shown that day-lighting increases productivity and is preferred by employees and virtually all users of the facility. Unfortunately, uncontrolled natural light can degrade or possibly ruin the contrast ratio of projected images and cause misleading or unflattering colorimetry effects for video cameras. While this creates some challenges for the audiovisual system and lighting designers, the benefits of day-lighting far outweigh the disadvantages.

Window treatments may be required for any spaces that use a screen to display video projector images, particularly those that allow natural light into the room. Although true “black out” shades are often not required, the degree of opacity must be balanced with the performance of the projection systems and lighting systems. Control window treatments may be coupled with the audiovisual system.

The lighting system should also be coordinated with the audiovisual systems. Careful attention must be paid to the balance of natural and artificial light, color temperature, interaction with various displays, heat generation, and noise generated by dimmers and ballasts, operational costs and so on.

It is recommended that the use of specialized lighting fixtures be utilized in any spaces that may be used for video recording or videoconferencing to prevent the participants from appearing two-dimensional and flat. With the use of video cameras, this specialized lighting will provide the lumen levels and color temperature necessary to produce clear images of the instructor.

TECHNICAL POWER

Due to the sensitive nature of electronic equipment that is being used, a clean source of power is required. Clean power requires that there be no equipment loads, such as those with transformers that generate electrical noise on the power lines shared with sensitive technologies. This would include, for example, air conditioning equipment, large motors that stop and start regularly, uninterruptible power supplies, air compressors, welding, or other heavy industrial equipment, or dimmed lighting loads; all of which create transients, harmonics, surges, and spikes.

To ensure power quality, dedicated “technical power” distribution panels should be provided. Where concentrations of sensitive electronic equipment occur, a dedicated technical power circuit may also be specified. All technical power circuits for equipment within a room should be on the same phase to ensure proper equipment timing within the system. For additional power quality, transient voltage surge suppression devices must be installed on the panels serving technical power circuits.

INTERFACE WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Audiovisual components such as digital signage displays, paging loudspeakers, and even projectors can be interfaced with the building’s emergency communications systems. If desired, this should only be considered as a supplement to required emergency communications systems designed by others and cannot be relied upon for life safety.

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21ST CENTURY LIBRARY: TRENDS + BEST PRACTICES

FROM COLLECTION WAREHOUSE TO COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Over the last two decades, public libraries have been described as community centers, cultural hubs, and civic living rooms.

Today, the most relevant comparison is that of a **community kitchen**—a place where residents gather tools, resources, knowledge, and people to collaboratively create new opportunities. This shift moves libraries away from the traditional *store–circulate–distribute* model toward a *connect–create–collaborate* model of service.

For Kyle Public Library, this transformation must be grounded in the **distinct identity, growth trajectory, and diversity of Kyle**. Kyle is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, transitioning rapidly from a small town to a major regional center within Hays County. The library must evolve accordingly—scaling services, spaces, and delivery models to meet the needs of a young, family oriented, multicultural community while remaining flexible enough to grow with the city over the next 20+ years.



21ST CENTURY LIBRARY: TRENDS + BEST PRACTICES

COMMUNITY IDENTITY AS THE FOUNDATION FOR LIBRARY DESIGN

Extensive community engagement and planning efforts reveal a clear picture of how Kyle residents see themselves and what they value:

- **Values:** education, affordability, active lifestyles, community history, and local entrepreneurship
- **Assets:** proximity to the Austin metro area, strong schools, medical and educational facilities, growing businesses
- **Aspirations:** managed growth, preserved city center, improved mobility, expanded offerings, and a more unified east and west Kyle

The library is uniquely positioned to support these values and aspirations by serving as a **unifying civic anchor**, offering equitable access to education, technology, and gathering spaces across the community.



21ST CENTURY LIBRARY: TRENDS + BEST PRACTICES

COLLABORATION AS A CORE SERVICE MODEL

*Kyle's population is dominated by young families, working adults, and students—many balancing school, work, and caregiving responsibilities. As a result, **collaboration space** is not a luxury; it is essential infrastructure:*

Key implications for Kyle Public Library include:

- Flexible group study rooms and meeting rooms that support students, families, entrepreneurs, and civic groups
- Spaces that encourage informal collaboration among patrons, library staff, schools, and community partners
- Opportunities for cross sector collaboration with Hays CISD, local businesses, workforce agencies, and cultural organizations

Experience from comparable communities shows that libraries consistently **cannot provide enough small group rooms**, and Kyle is no exception.



21ST CENTURY LIBRARY: TRENDS + BEST PRACTICES

COLLECTIONS: SMALLER, SMARTER, AND MORE ACCESSIBLE

While physical collection sizes are stabilizing or shrinking nationally, circulation and engagement increase when collections are curated, browsable, and user-centered. Kyle's community feedback and demographic profile suggest:

- Continued strong demand for physical books, especially children's and family materials
- A need for clearer organization, lower shelving, and improved wayfinding to make collections easier to browse
- Increased publicity and use of digital collections, databases, and shared resources that reading for pleasure, support students, job seekers, and lifelong learners

Collections should reflect Kyle's linguistic, cultural, and age diversity, ensuring materials are relevant, inclusive, and easy to discover.



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TECHNOLOGY EVERYWHERE: SUPPORTING A MOBILE, CONNECTED COMMUNITY

*Kyle residents are digitally connected but not equally resourced. The library must provide both **robust infrastructure** and **equitable access**:*

- Strong Wi Fi and power at every seat (BYOD ready)
- Reduced reliance on fixed desktop stations in favor of device checkout, laptop bars, and technology vending
- Flexible infrastructure that can adapt as technology changes

In a high growth community like Kyle, technology investments should prioritize **scalability and adaptability**, not permanence.



21ST CENTURY LIBRARY: TRENDS + BEST PRACTICES

MAKER CULTURE: FROM EXPLORATION TO WORKFORCE READINESS

Maker spaces are now an expectation in modern public libraries, but in Kyle they must be carefully defined to complement—not duplicate—school and private offerings.

Opportunities include:

- Entry level maker and STEAM spaces that support youth creativity and family learning
- Homework and project rooms stocked with low cost, high impact materials
- Technology supported creation spaces for video, audio, and digital content
- Workforce oriented maker tools tied to job skills, certifications, and entrepreneurship

These spaces should emphasize **access, exploration, and confidence building**, supported by trained staff and community partnerships.



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FLEXIBILITY BEYOND THE BUILDING SHELL

*Flexibility in today's library is less about structural grids and more about **mobility and adaptability within the space**. For Kyle, this means:*

- Moveable furniture and collections that allow spaces to shift throughout the day
- Meeting rooms that can open into public areas to support large programs or overflow use
- Spaces that can serve multiple functions as community needs evolve

Given Kyle's growth rate, flexibility is not optional—it is essential to long term relevance and fiscal responsibility.



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MEETING + PROGRAM SPACES: THE HIGHEST DEMAND USE

Across engagement efforts, flexible meeting and program space consistently emerges as the most requested library feature. These spaces support:

- Youth and teen programming
- Adult education and workforce development
- Community meetings, civic engagement, and nonprofit activity
- Quiet study, tutoring, and small business use

As Kyle continues to grow and diversify, these spaces will be among the most heavily used areas of the library.



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SERVING A DIVIDED GEOGRAPHY WITH INNOVATIVE MODELS

Kyle's east–west division across I 35 presents both a challenge and an opportunity. While the main library remains a critical hub, future service strategies should include:

- Mobile libraries, pop up services, and lockers
- Partnerships with schools, parks, and future city facilities
- A long term evaluation of branch vs. centralized service models as population approaches 100,000+

These approaches align with Kyle's goals for equitable access, managed growth, and unified community identity.

CONCLUSION: A LIBRARY THAT GROWS WITH KYLE

Kyle Public Library's future lies in embracing trends that **fit the community**, not adopting one size fits all solutions. By grounding best practices in Kyle's identity, demographics, and aspirations, the library can remain a cornerstone of education, connection, and opportunity—today and as Kyle continues its extraordinary growth.



Story Time



E | ACTIONABLE ITEMS CHECKLIST

TASK	ASSIGNED	SHORT-TERM	MID-TERM	LONG-TERM	COMPLETED
Update Website					
Program Calendar					
Library Signage					
Add Quiet Study Rooms					
Provide Soft Seating					
Provide Reading Nooks and Lounge Zones					
Build and Furnish Maker Space					
Promote Maker Space					
Promote Book Mobile					
Promote New Services					
Increase Book Mobile Service East of 1-35					
Add Staff/FTE's					
Replace Service Desk					
Re-carpet the Library					
Re-paint the Library					
Add Acoustic Solutions					
Collection Re-organization to Improve Browsability					
Clean-up Library Catalog					
Continue Weeding + Curating the Collection					
Add Hot Spots for CheckOut					
Add Laptops for Checkout					
Update Public Computers					
Prepare for New ILS System					
Explore East Side Options					
Complete Part 2 of the Master Plan					
Update Outdoor Spaces at the Existing Library					
Research Funding Sources for the Project					
Research Site for Future Library or Libraries					
Select Direction for the Future of KPL					
Identify and Finalize Funding					
Design New Building or Existing Expansion					
Continue to Grow the Library System					