



South Fayette Community Center: Recreation Facility & Library

Online Survey Results

As part of the overall scope of services B*K assisted South Fayette with the development of an online survey. SurveyMonkey is the platform that B*K utilized to collect data. The survey was available from November 5-31, 2021. In addition, there were approximately 12 paper copy responses that B*K entered. In total 1,538 responses were received at a completion rate of 88%. This is very strong response in comparison to other surveys B*K has assisted with.

The following are key takeaways from most of the survey questions.

- The top 3 programming areas that YOUTH would utilize, according to respondents are, Sports, Exercise/Fitness, and Summer Camps.
- The top 3 programming areas that ADULTS would utilize, according to respondents are, Workout/Exercise Fitness, Sports Leagues, and Personal Training.
- The top 3 programming areas that OLDER ADULTS would utilize, according to respondents are, Workout/Exercise/Fitness, Bingo/Cards/Board Games, Trips/Bus Excursions.
- The answers to the first 3 questions point to a community that is interested in promoting and maintaining both physical and mental wellbeing.
- Based on the time of day and programs respondents would most prefer the following can be offered based on future usage:
 - Toddler/Preschool Programs – highest demand on weekday evenings and weekends.
 - Youth/Teen Programs – highest demand on weekday evenings and weekends.
 - Adult Programs – highest demand on weekday evenings and weekends.
 - Older Adult Programs – relatively even distribution throughout options offered.
- Based on responses received, the top 4 recreation spaces that are most needed include:
 - Indoor Walk/Jog Track
 - Outdoor Trails & Park Amenities
 - Weight/Cardio/Fitness Equipment
 - Gymnasium



- When asked to prioritize their top 3 choices of recreation spaces, gymnasium was the first choice, indoor walking/jogging track was second, and outdoor trails & park amenities was third.
- Respondents identified the following as the top 3 uses of a gymnasium:
 - Open Gym
 - Fitness Classes
 - Basketball
- When asked to prioritize their top 2 choices of gymnasium use basketball was the first choice and open gym was the second choice.
- Respondents overwhelming indicated that their preferred method of membership or usage is a family membership and that if a new facility were developed that included the amenities most important to them 63% of respondents would visit several times per week.
- Based on responses received the following 4 are the highest rated services offered by the library:
 - Customer Service
 - Overall Library
 - Collection
 - Hours of Operation
- When respondents were asked to deem the level of importance of a variety of library service the following ranked as the top 4.
 - WIFI
 - Collection
 - Online Resources
 - Programs
- When asked to prioritize their top 3 library services or amenities the collection was the first choice, online resources was second choice, and programs was third choice.
- Most respondents hear about library programs, services or events through South Fayette Connect Magazine followed by library e-mails.
- The overwhelming majority of respondents were South Fayette Township residents.
- Most respondents were in the 31-49 years of age category.

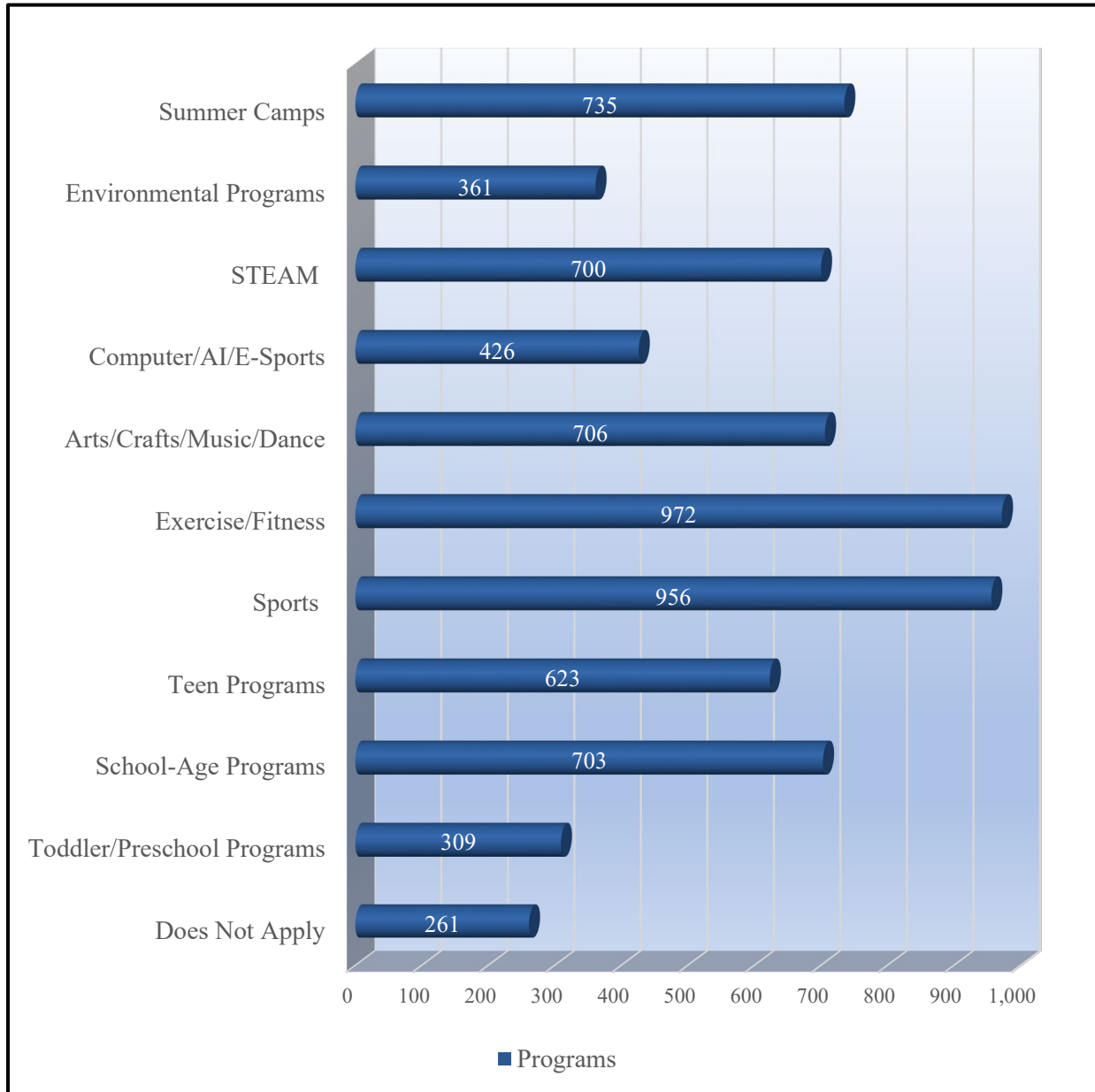


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- Based on responses received 77.7% of respondents indicated that the development of a new community center with a recreation facility and a library is a high priority.

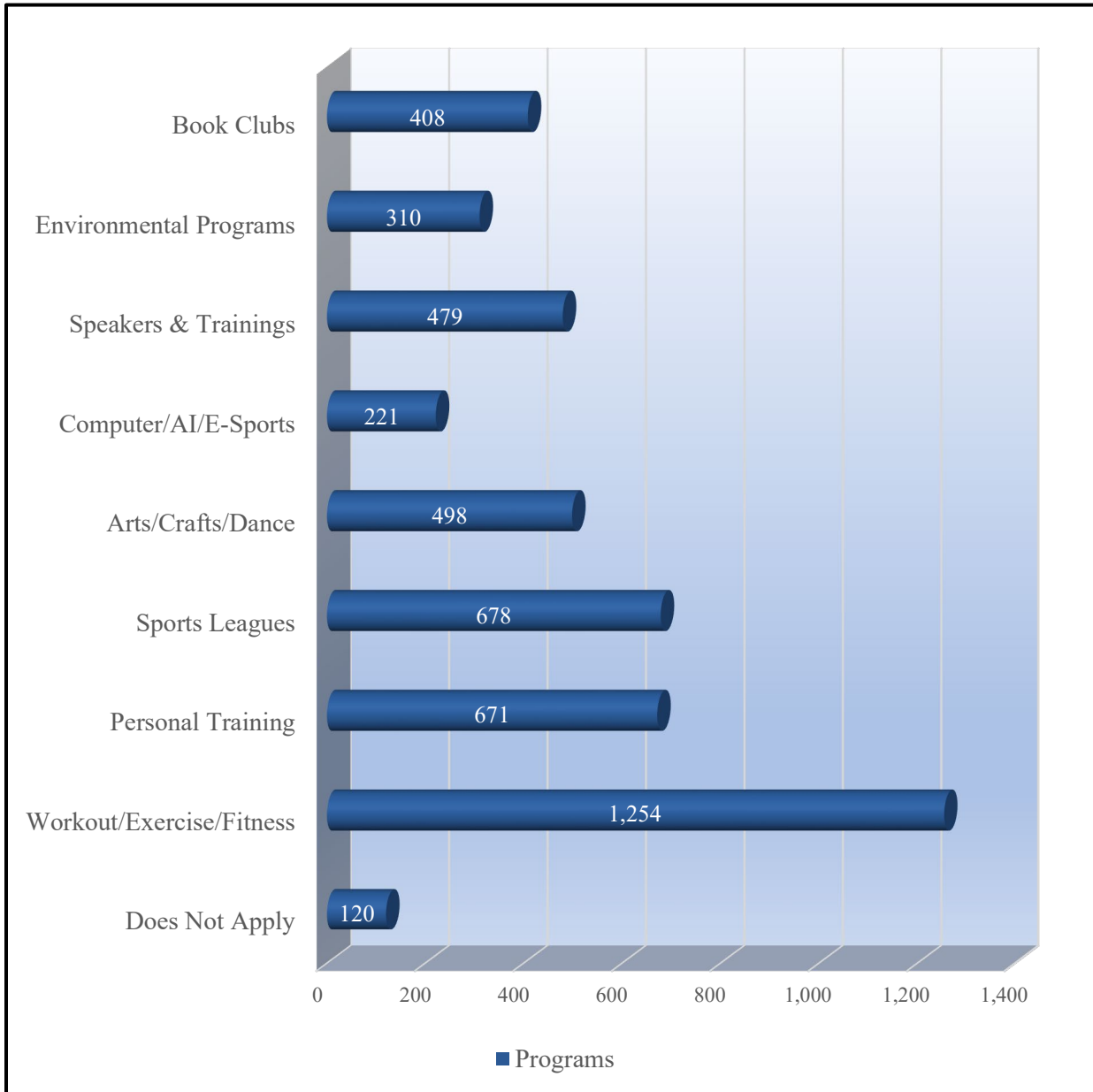


Question #1 – Listed below are programming areas that YOUTH (under 18) might use at an indoor community center. Please indicate what programming or classes your household would participate in. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.



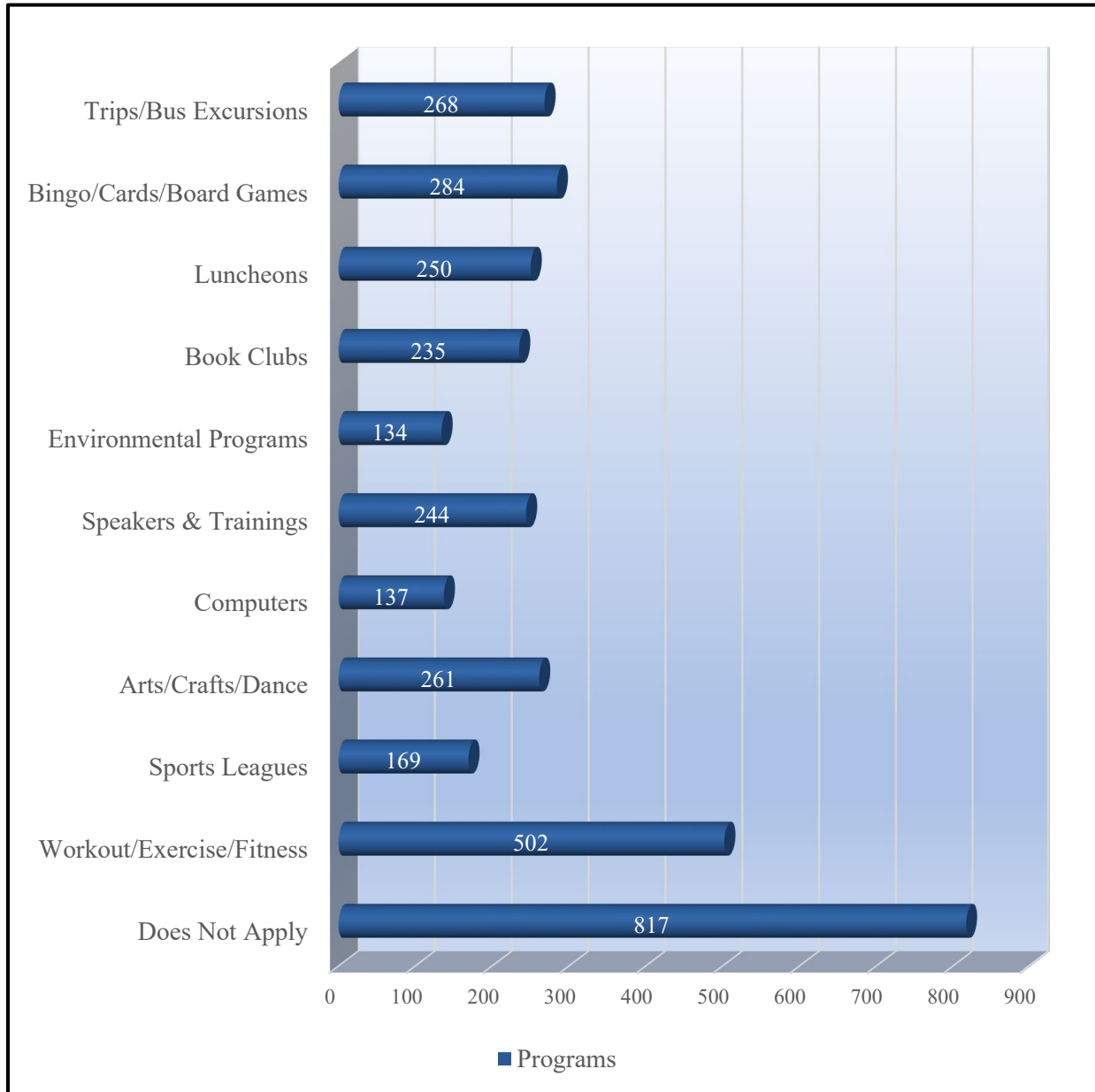


Question #2 – Listed below are programming areas that ADULTS (age 18-55) might use at an indoor community center. Please indicate what programming or classes your household would participate in. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.



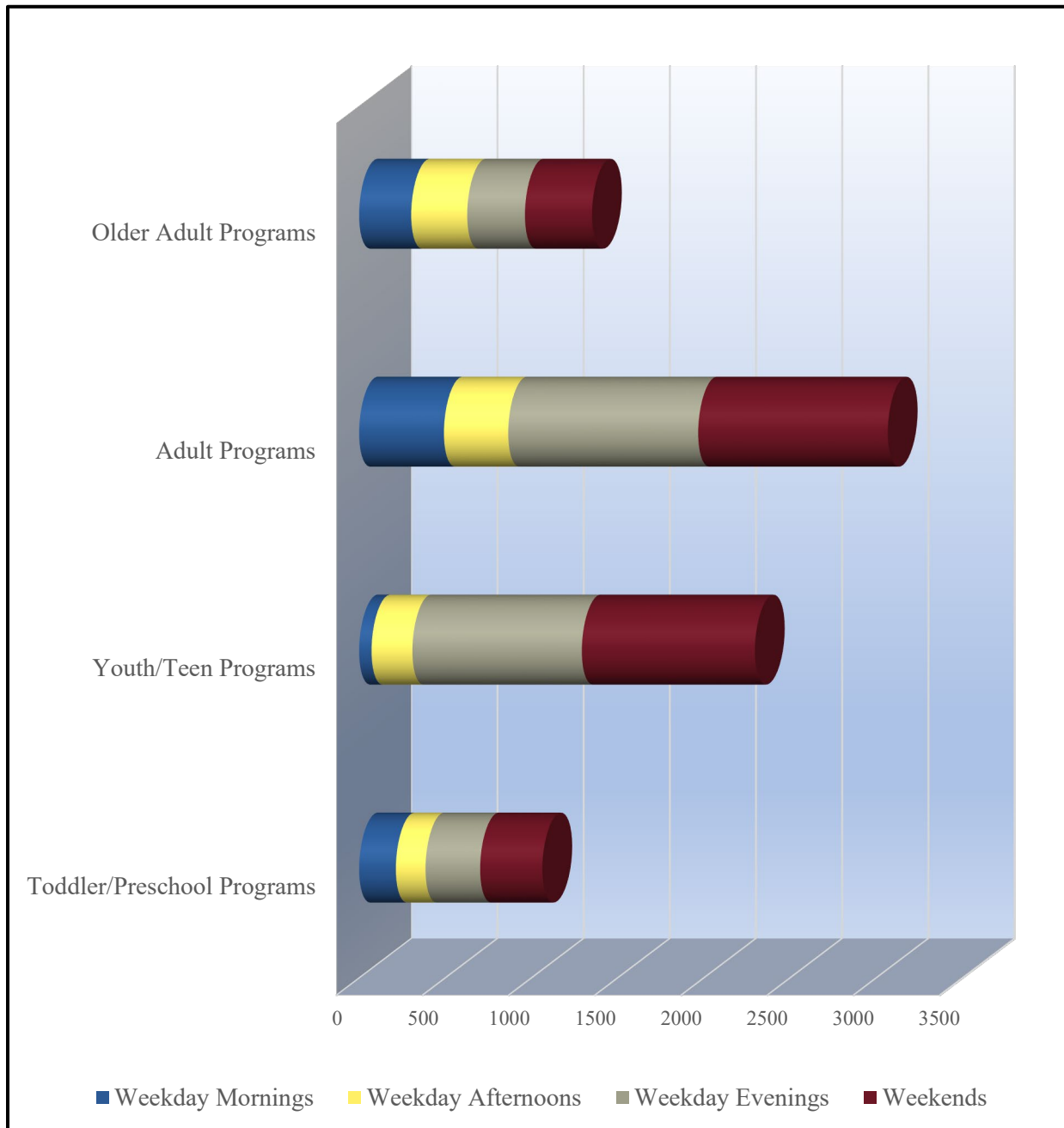


Question #3 – Listed below are programming areas that OLDER ADULTS (over 55) might use at an indoor community center. Please indicate what programming or classes your household would participate in. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.



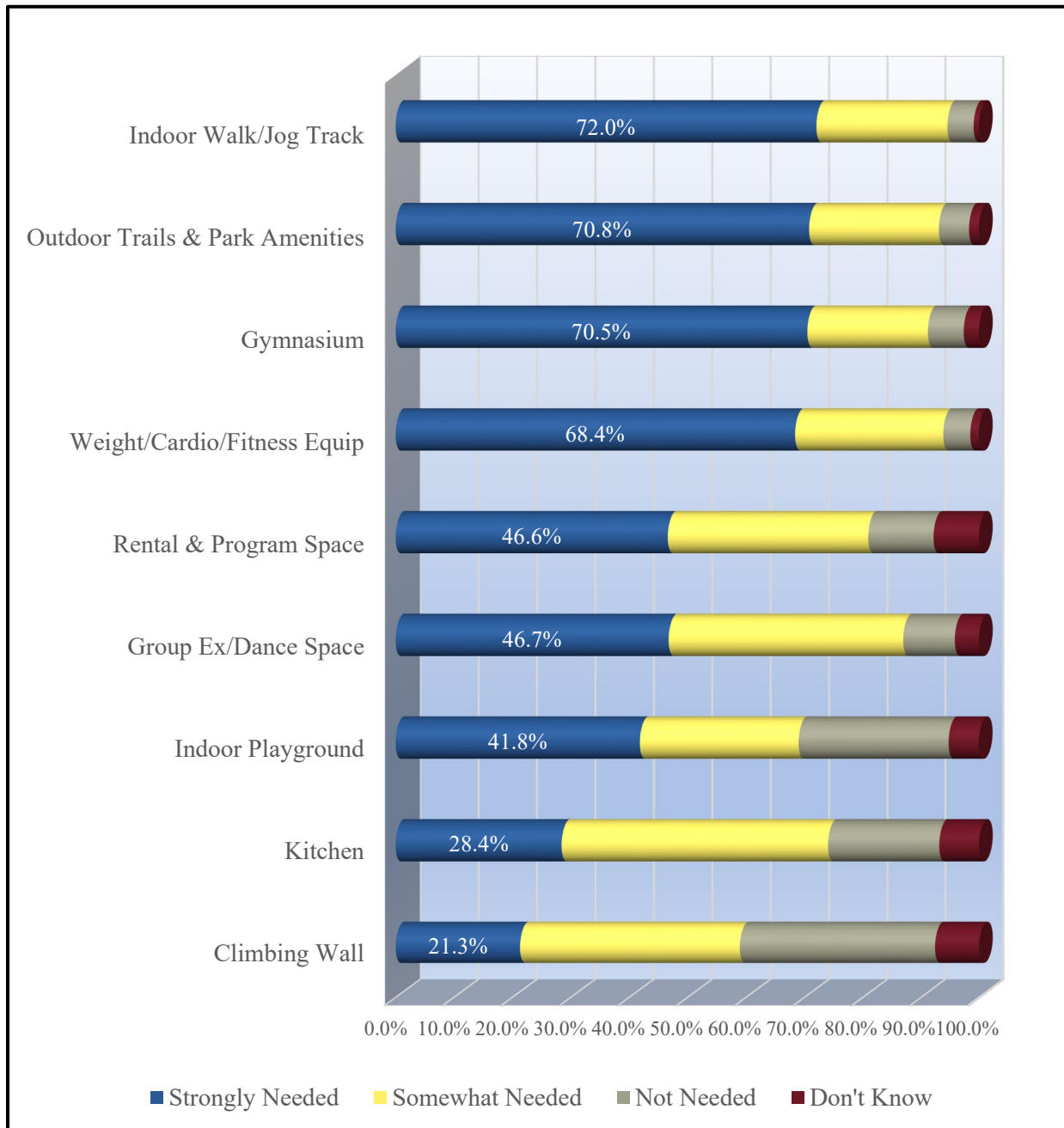


Question #4 – If the South Fayette Community Center had the features and programs you and your household prefer most, when would you use the facility? **SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.**



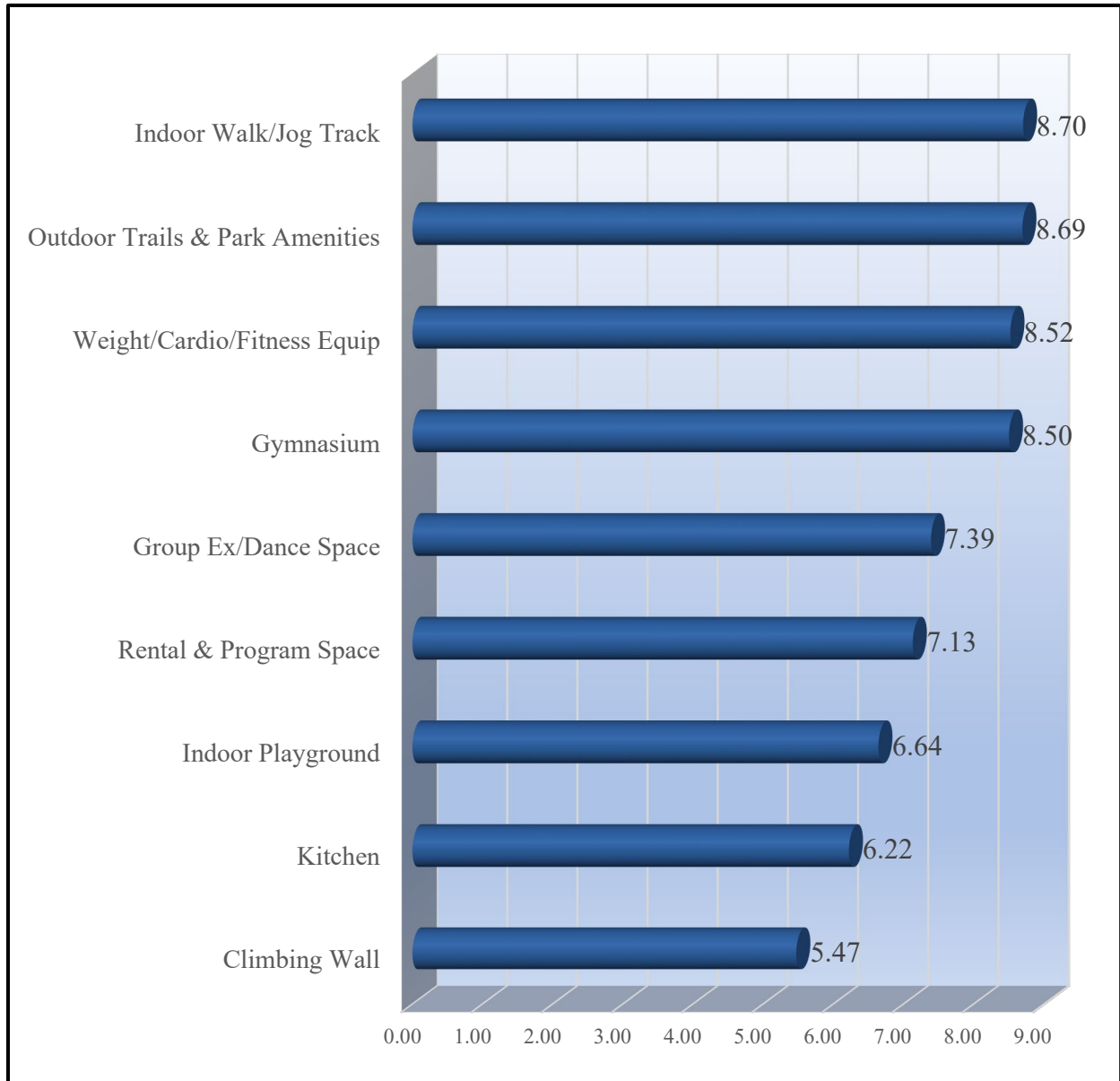


Question #5 – For each space, please indicate whether you think each of these features in strongly needed, somewhat needed, or not needed by your household members.



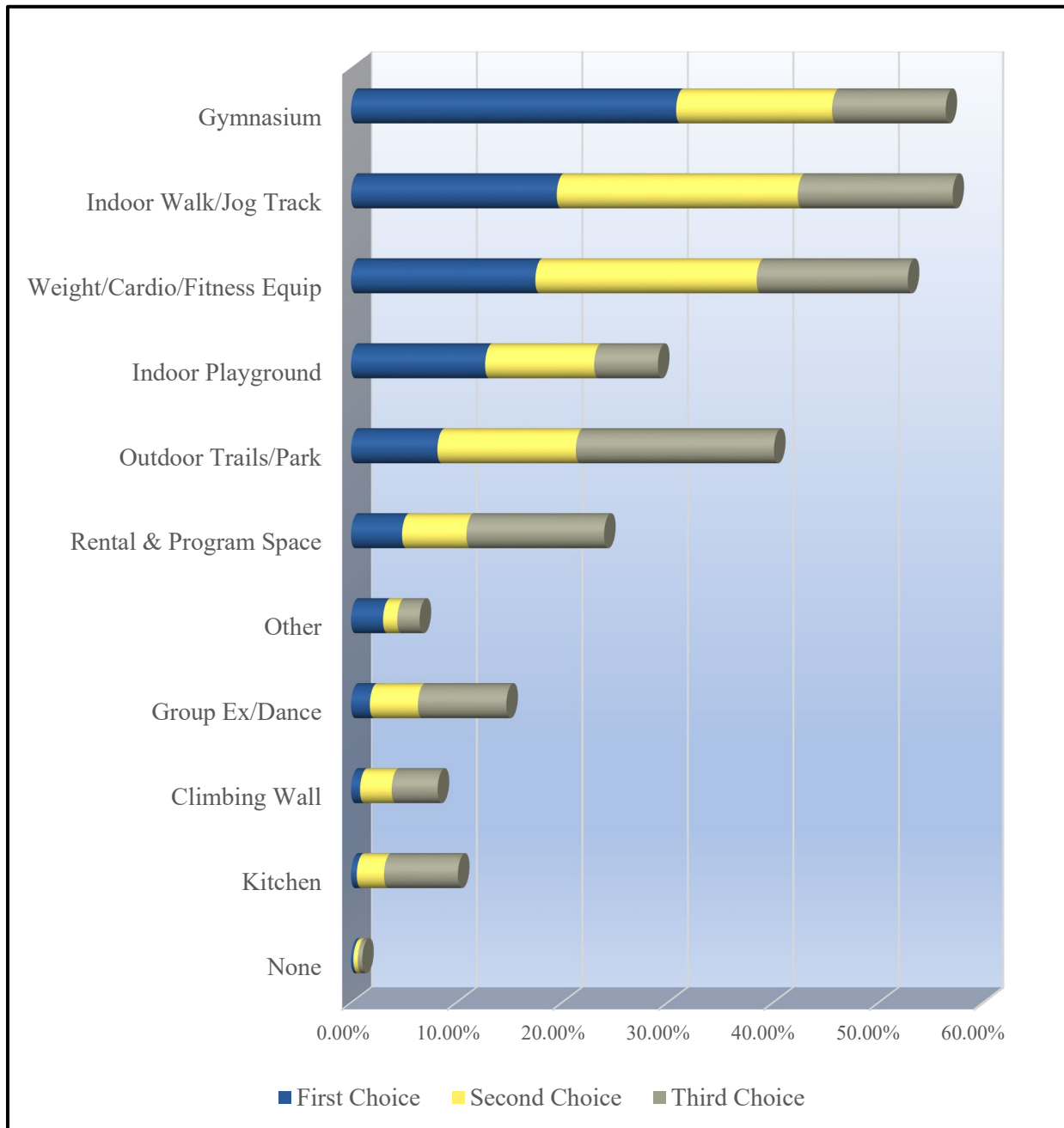


The following are weighted responses to the facility features.



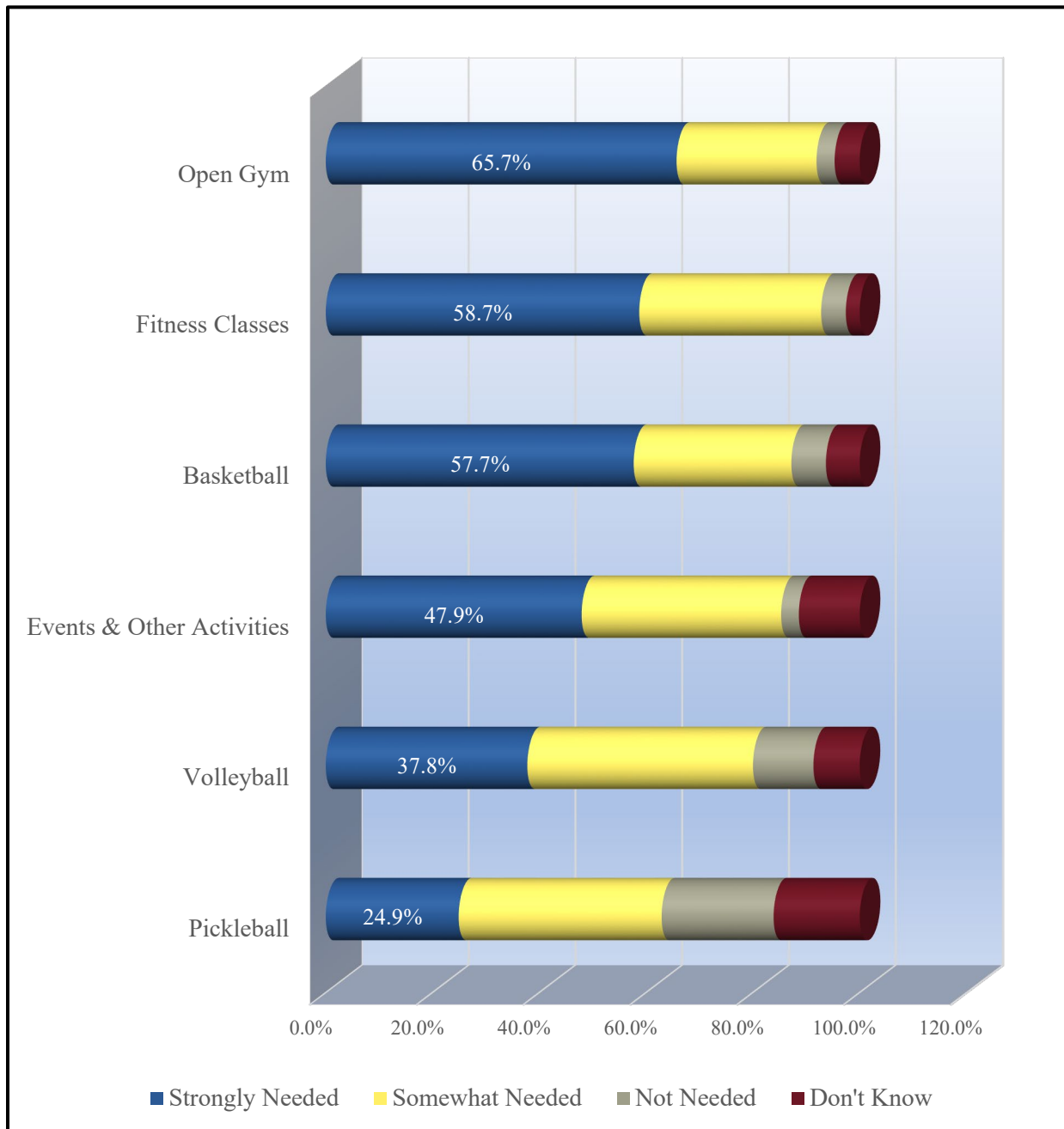


Question #6 – Which THREE of the features listed in the previous question does your household feel are MOST NEEDED in the recreation facility?



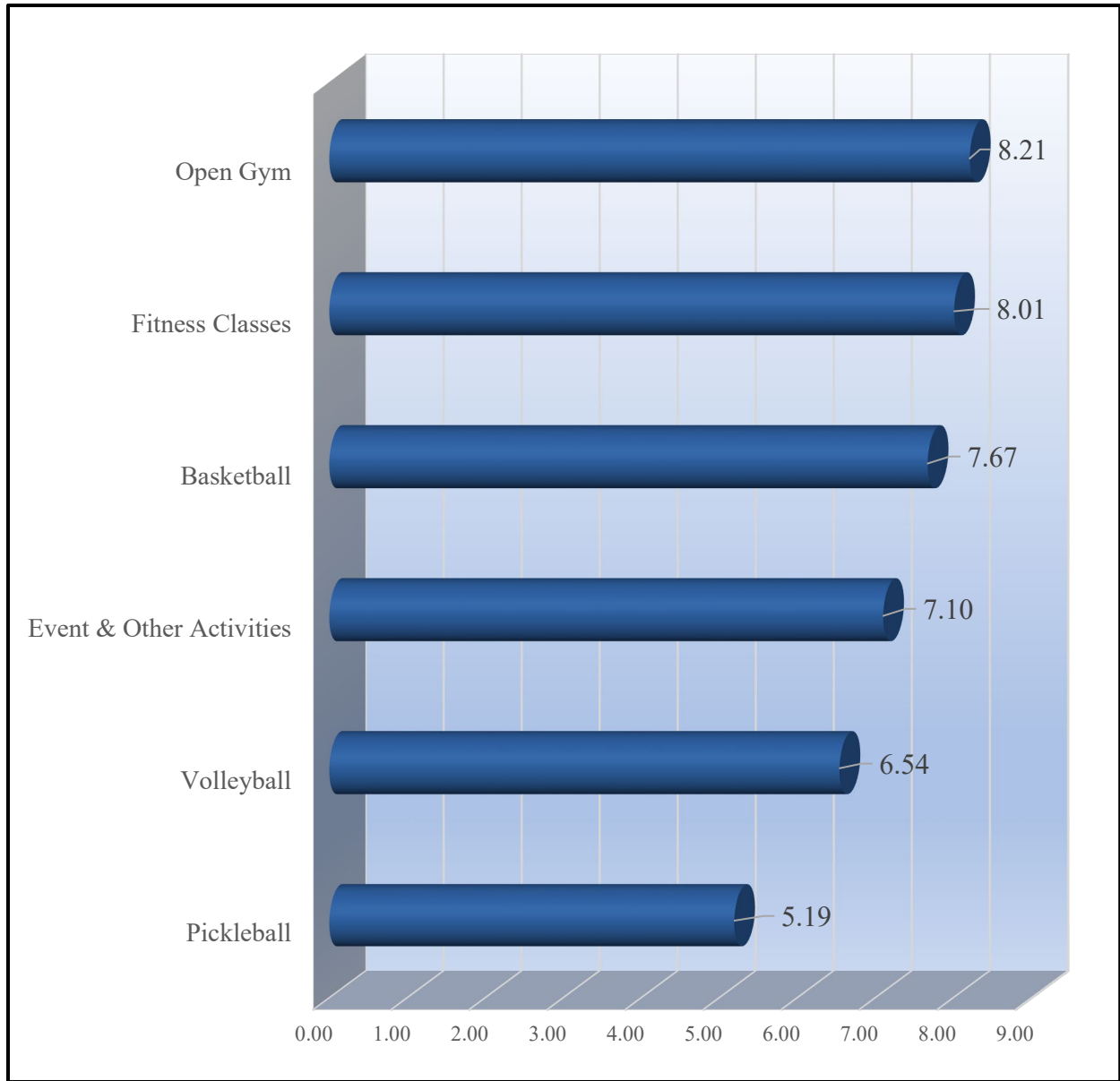


Question #7 – A possible area of focus is a gymnasium. Listed below are various gymnasium-related activities that could possibly have an emphasis at the recreation facility. For each one, please indicate whether you think that the activity is strongly needed, somewhat needed, or not needed in the community.



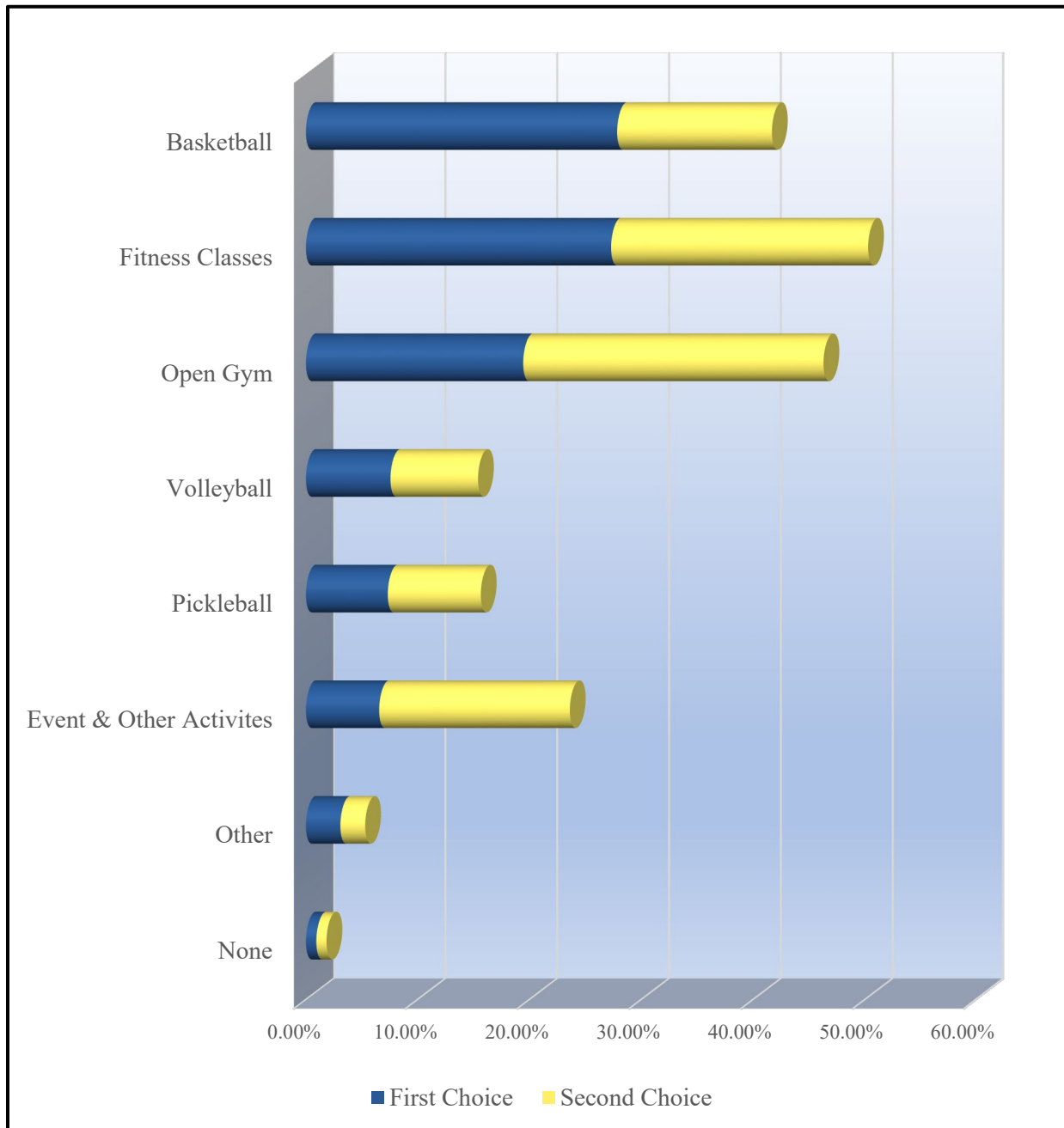


The following are weighted responses to gymnasium usage.



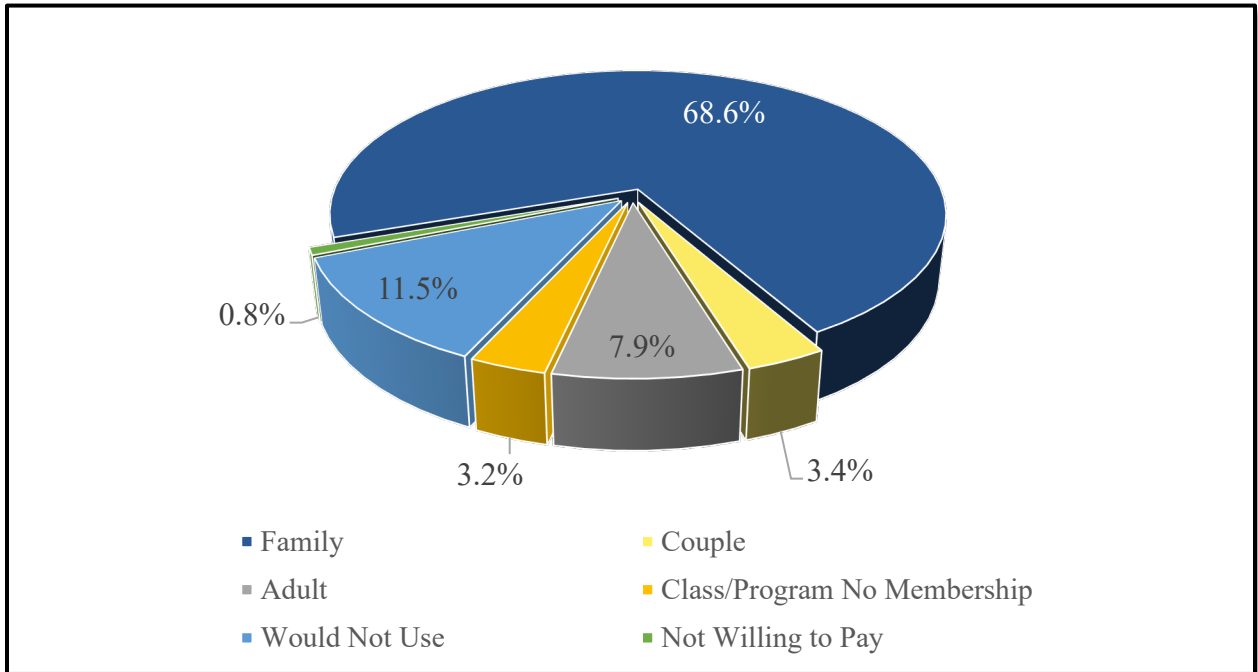


Question #8 – Which TWO of the gymnasium activities listed in the previous question does your household feel are MOST NEEDED at a recreation facility?





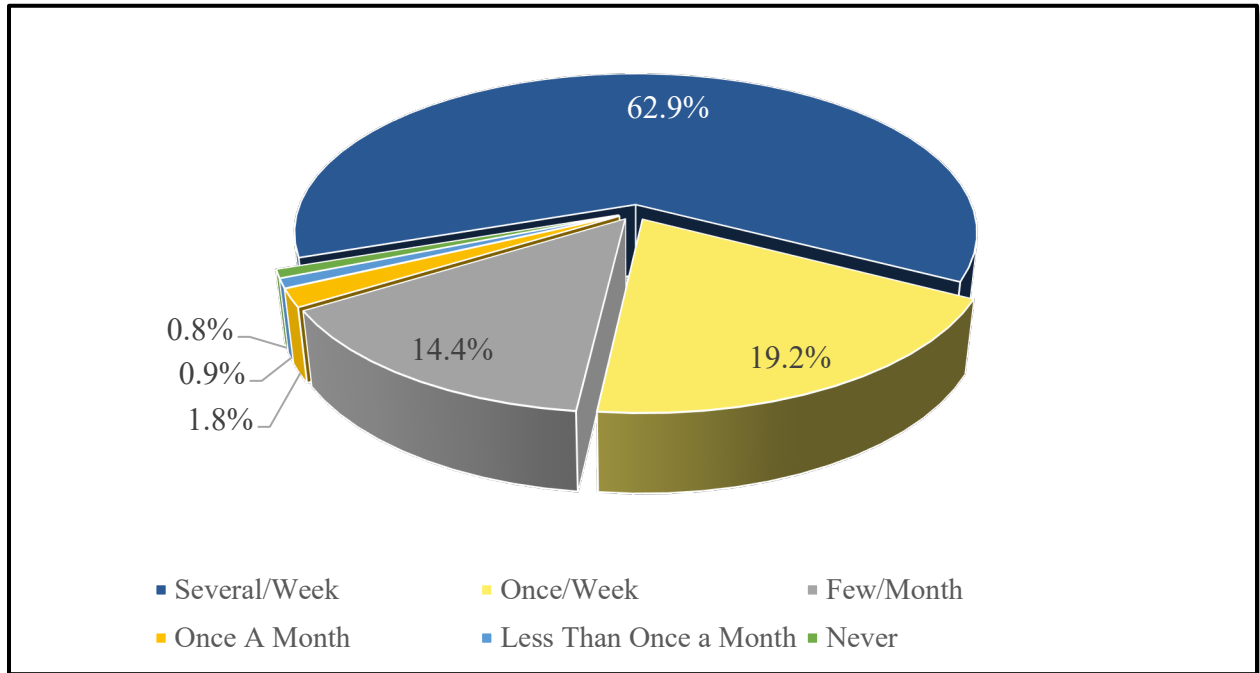
Question #9 – A portion of the operating cost for a new Recreation Facility (NOT INCLUDING THE LIBRARY SPACE) would need to be covered by user fees. Please indicate the type of membership or usage that you or your household would be likely to purchase.



Options	Responses
Family Membership	976
Couple Membership	48
Senior Membership	112
Adult Membership	46
Pay for Classes & Programs only, No Membership	163
I Would Not Use the Facility	11
Not Willing to Pay Fees to Use	66



Question #10 – If a new South Fayette Recreation Facility were built with the features that your household desires, how often would your household use the facility?



Options	Responses
Several Times a Week	896
Once a Week	273
Few Times a Week	205
Once a Month	25
Less Than Once a Month	13
Never	12



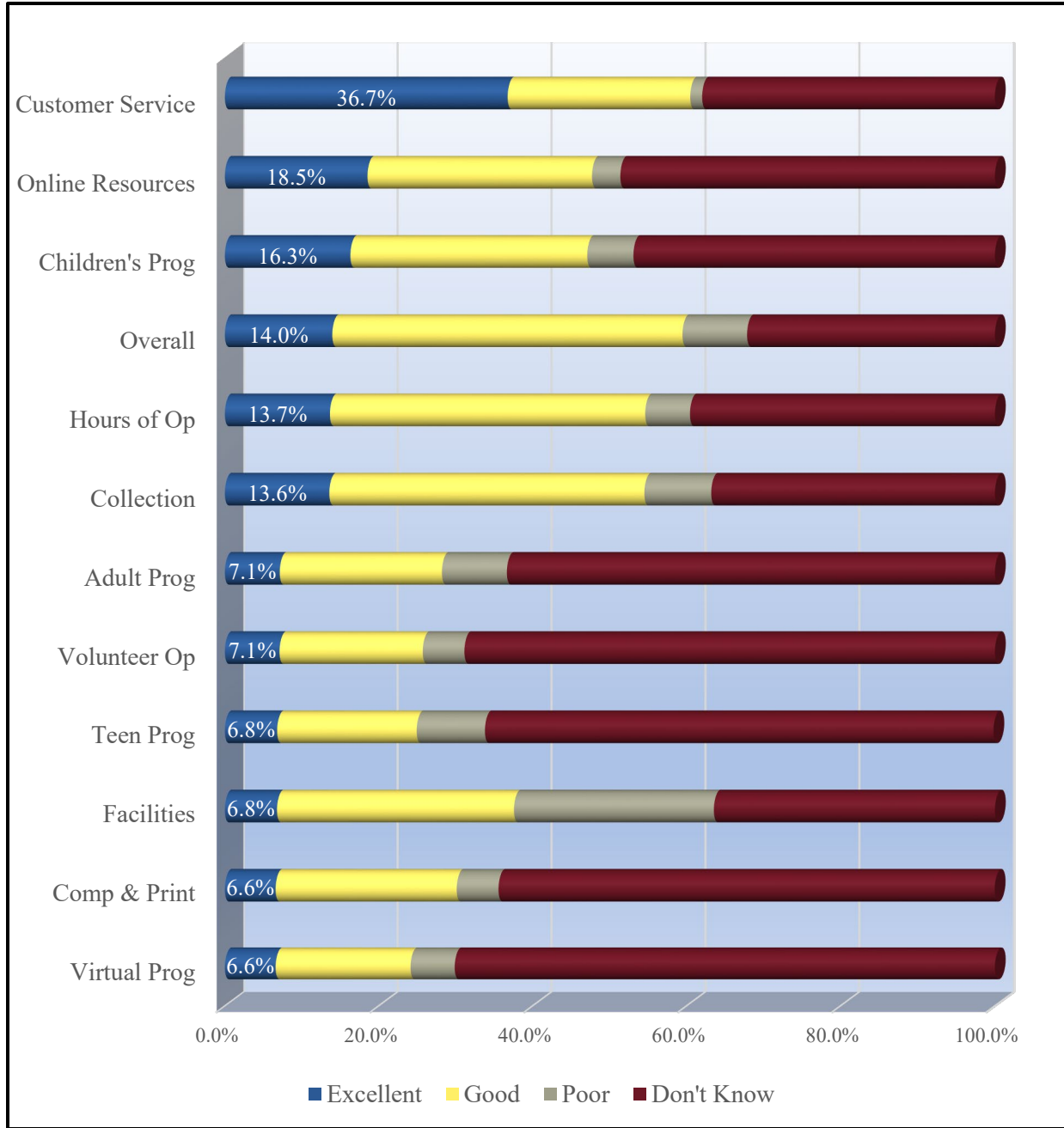
Question #11 – DREAM BIG! Please provide any other unique amenities, features, or programs that you would like to be considered in a Recreation Facility.

Themes:

- 494 of 951 responses include pool, indoor pool, outdoor pool, etc.
- Artificial Turf (indoor and outdoor)
- Tennis
- Splash Pad
- Rental Spaces
- Significant Comparison to Upper St. Clair

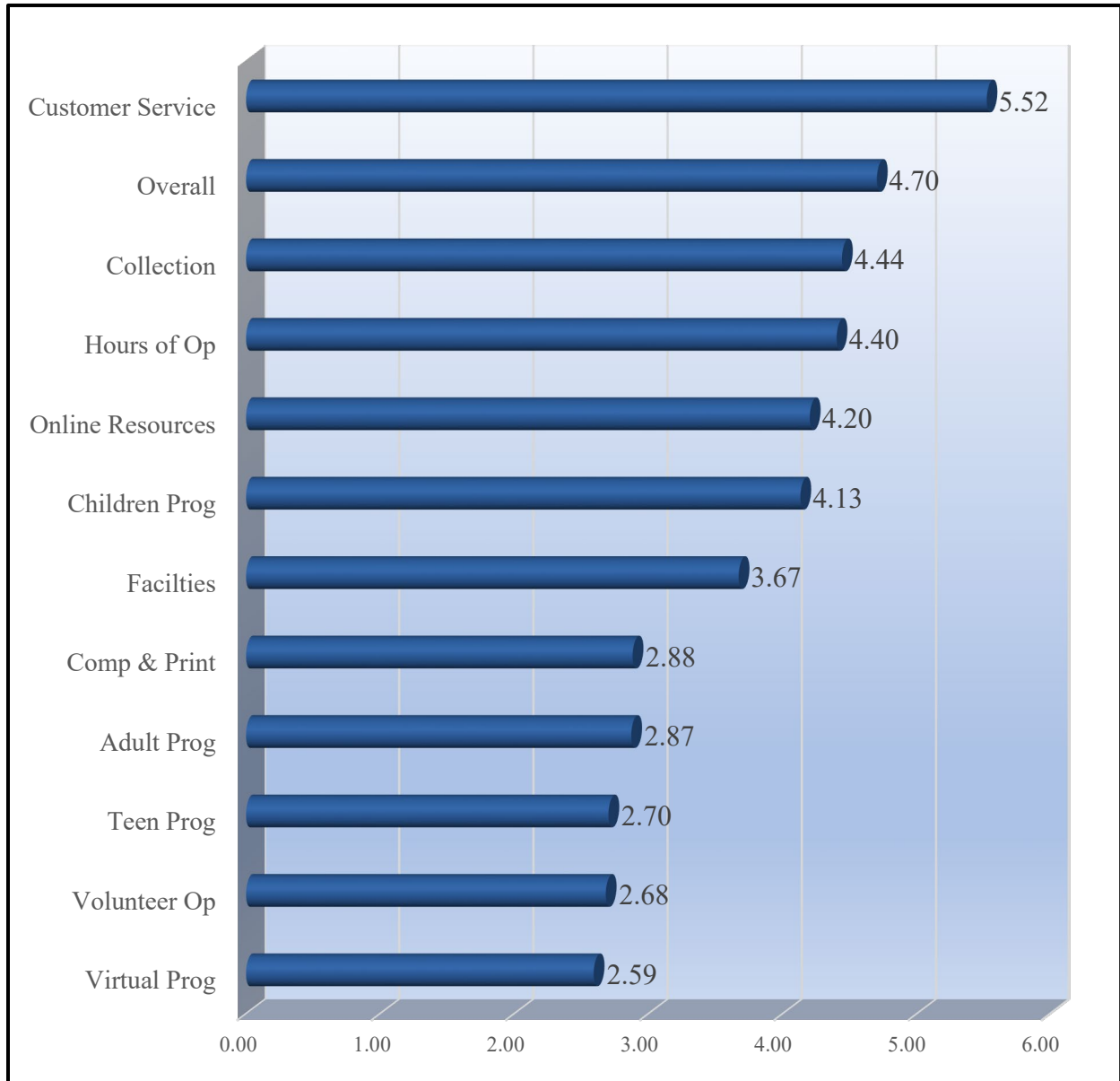


Question #12 – How would you rate each of the following CURRENT library services?



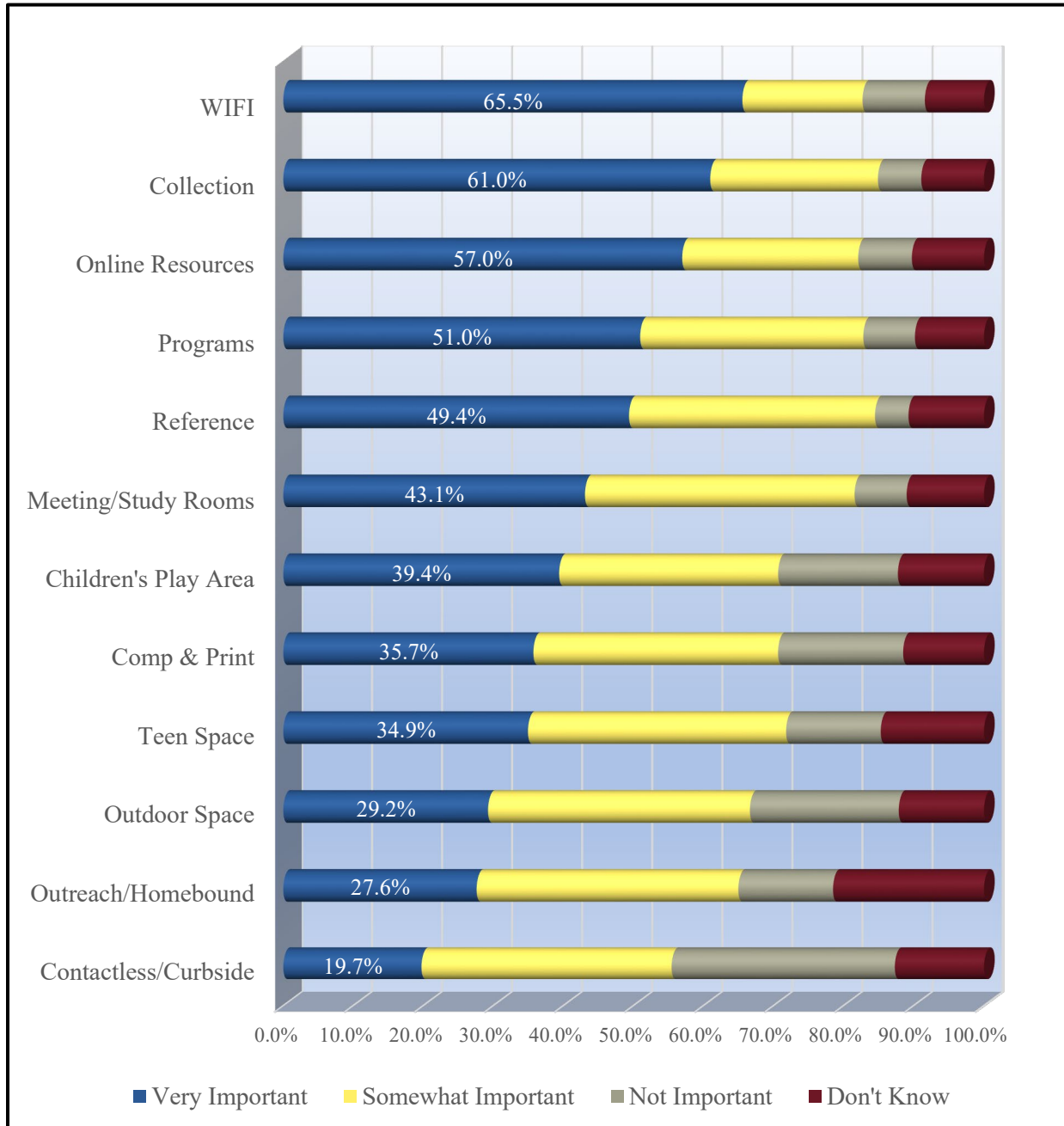


The following are weighted responses to current library services



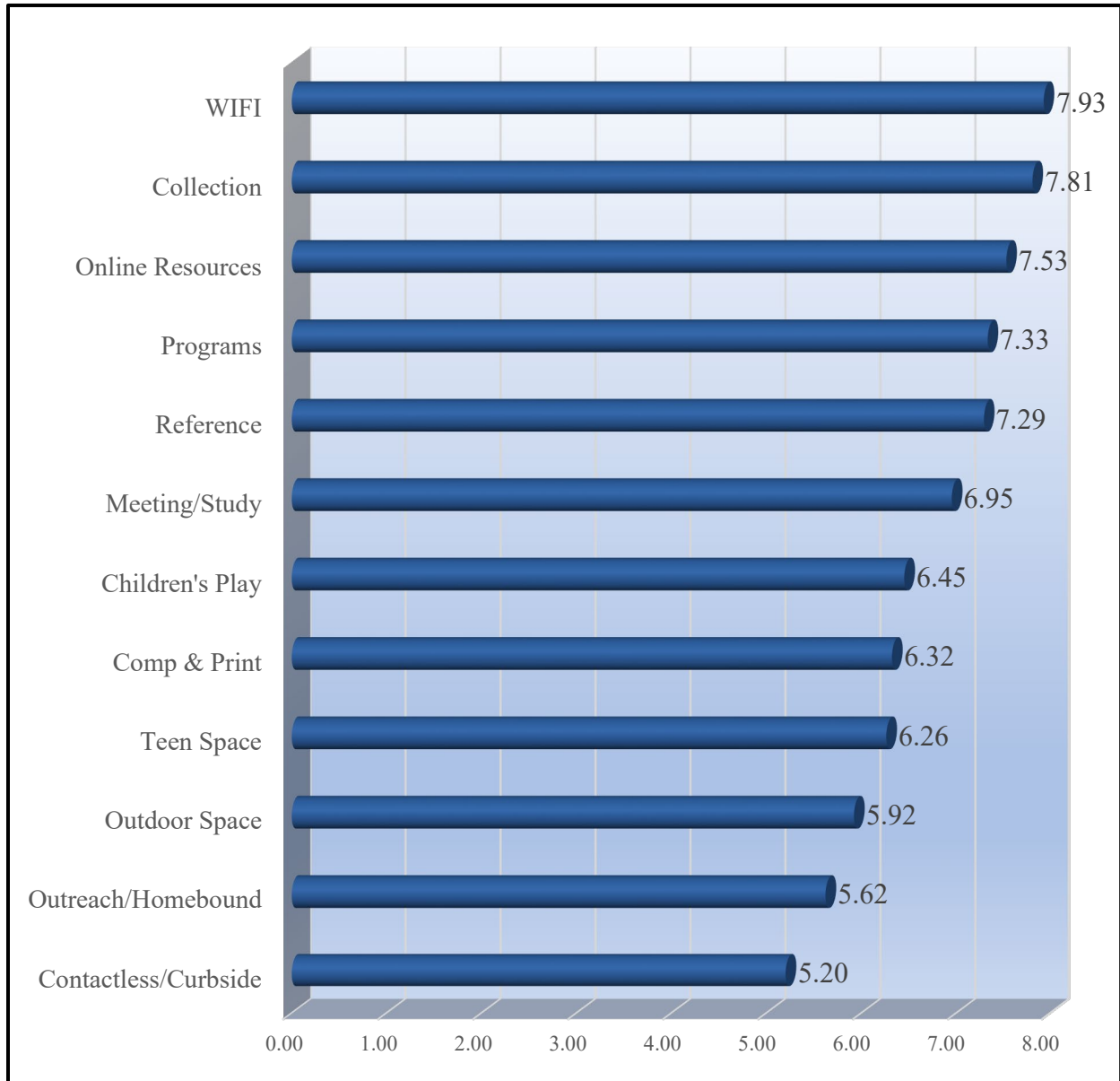


Question #13 – For the future planning, please indicate whether you think each of these library services or amenities are very important, somewhat important, or not important to your household members.



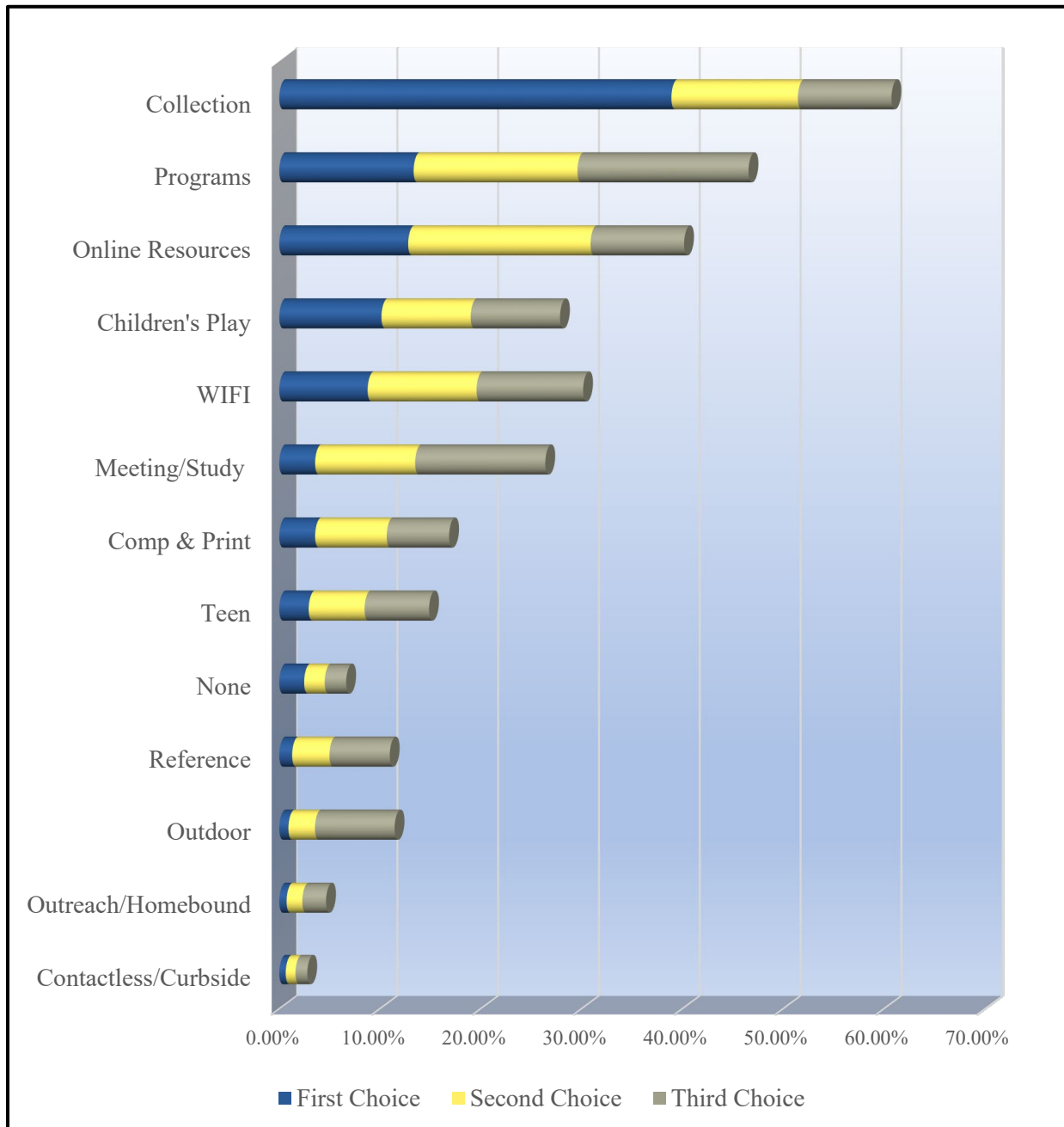


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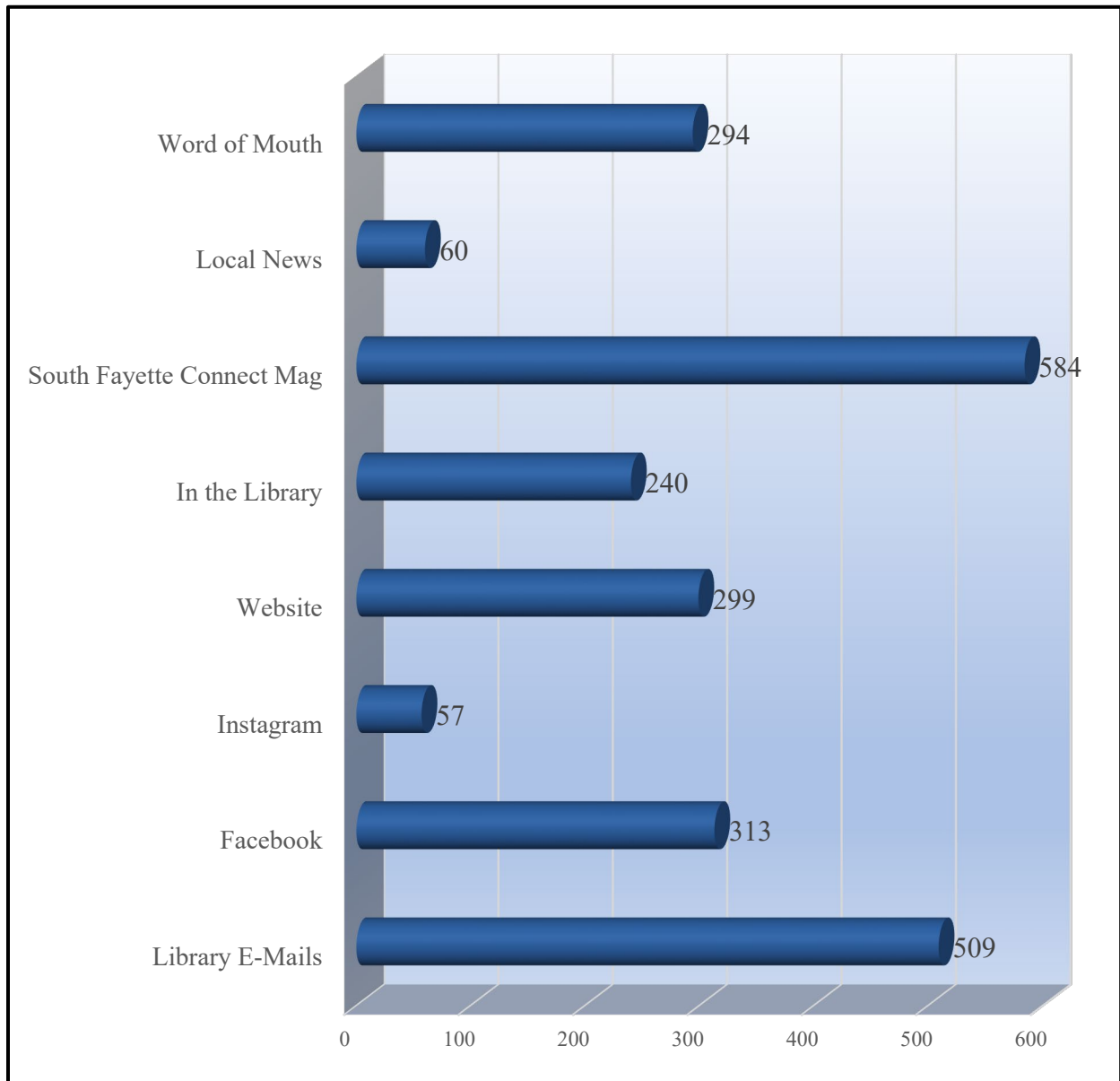


Question #14 – Which THREE of the library services or amenities listed in the previous question does your household feel are MOST NEEDED at a new library?





Question #15 – How do you hear about library programs, services, or events? Select all that apply:





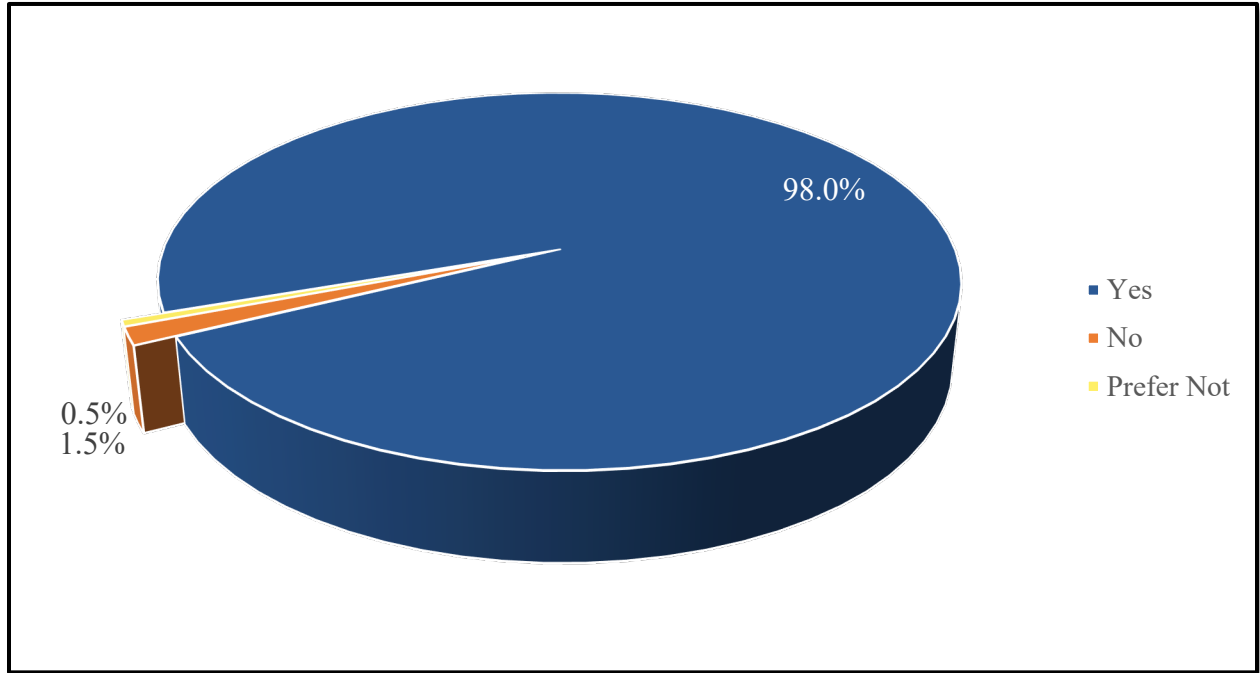
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Question #16 – What suggestions do you have to improve your library experience and the library’s role in the community (services, collections, and/or programs)?

Responses included in Appendix A.



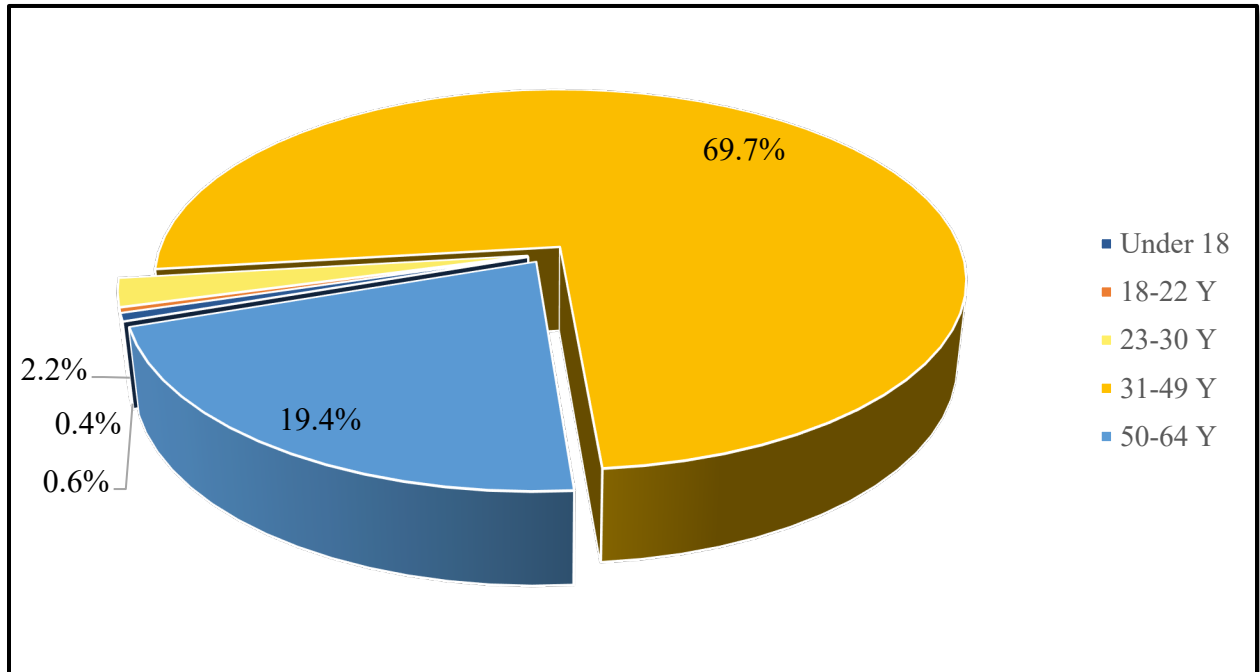
Question #17 – Do you live in South Fayette Township?



Options	Responses
Yes	1,320
No	20
Prefer Not to Answer	7



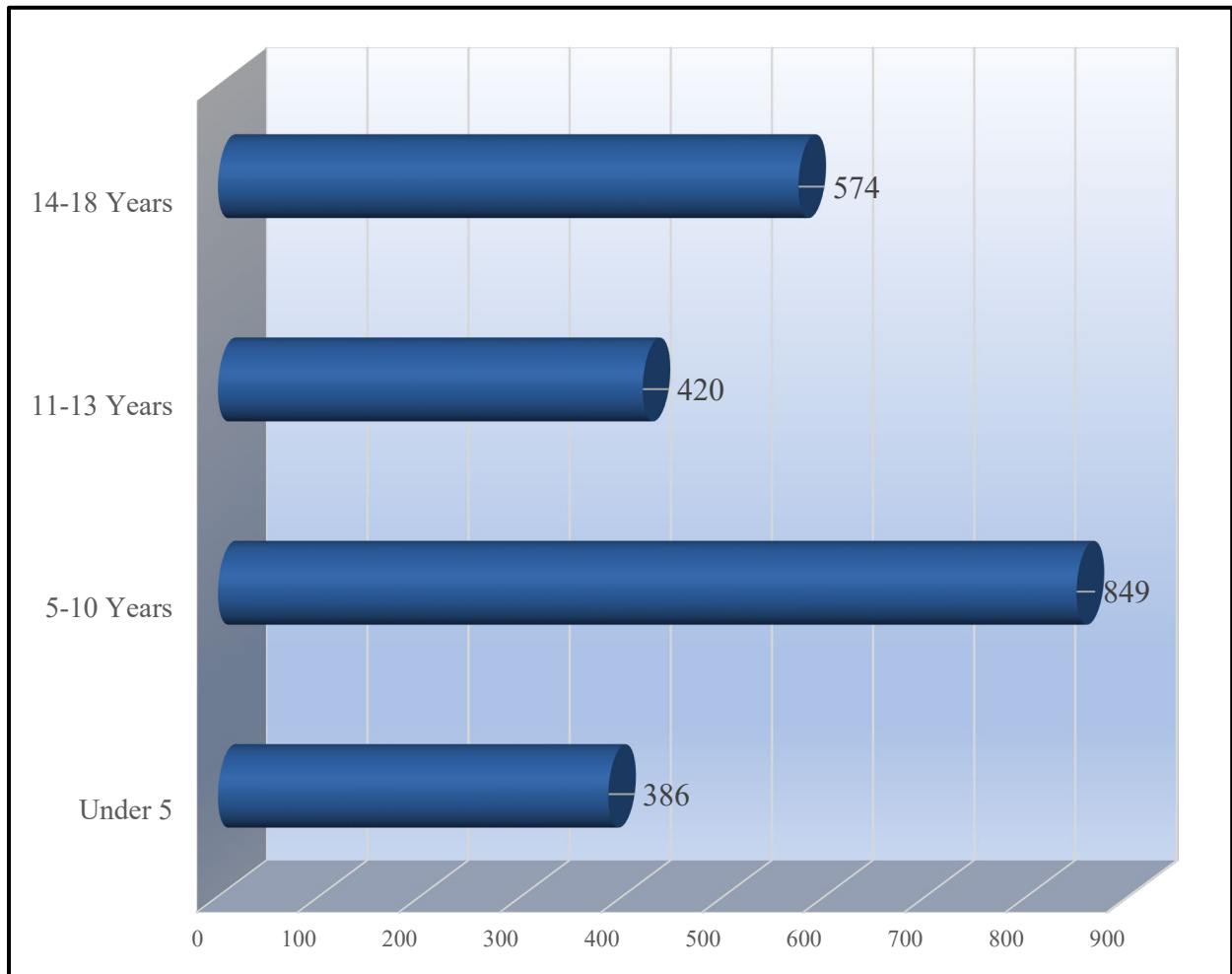
Question #18 – What is your age?



Options	Responses
Under 18	8
18-22 Years	5
23-30 Years	29
31-49 Years	934
50-64 Years	260
65+ Years	104

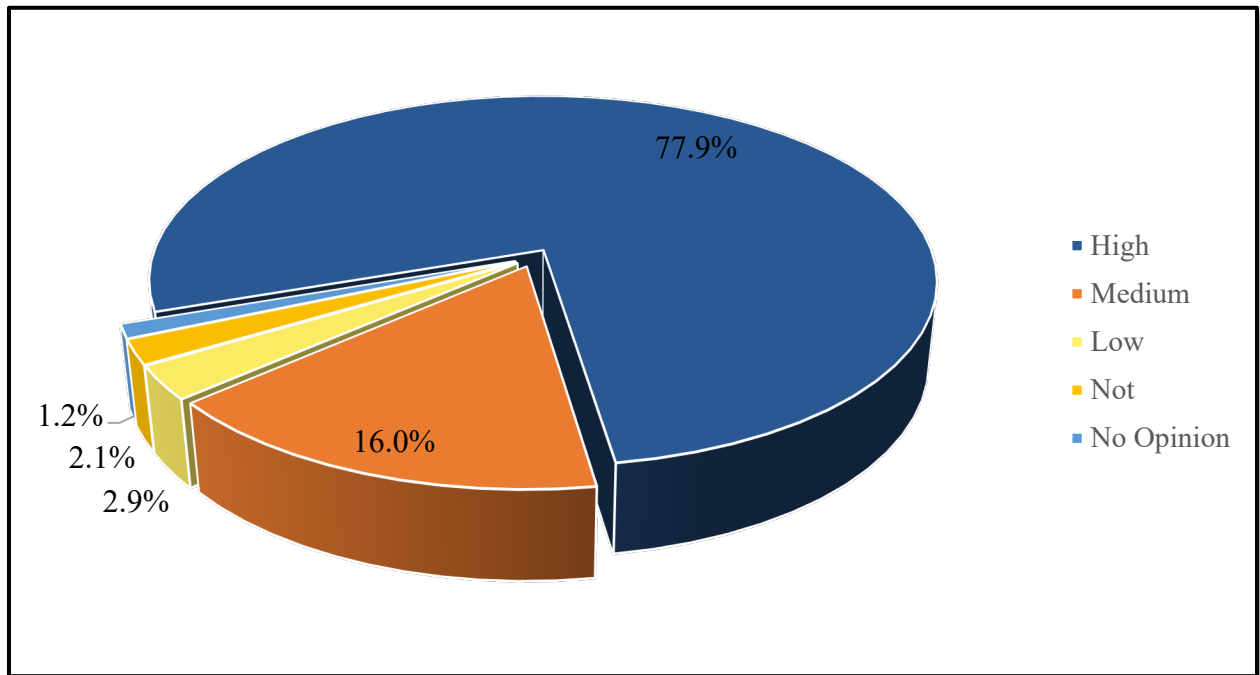


Question #19 – Please indicate the number of CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD in the following age groups.





Question #20 – In your opinion, how important is it for South Fayette Township to develop a new Community Center with a Recreation Facility and Library?



Options	Responses
High Priority	1,042
Medium Priority	214
Low Priority	38
Not a Priority	28
Do Not Have an Opinion	16



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Question #21 – Please provide additional input or comments that the Township should consider in planning for a new South Fayette Community Center with a Recreation Facility and Library.

Responses included in Appendix B.



Appendix A – Represents the actual text received

- A beautiful and inviting space where one would feel like grabbing a book or a magazine and settle down for a good read. An accompanying coffee shop, like in Barnes and Nobles shops, will be a great addition.
- A better facility with more parking would do wonders.
- A bigger and updated space
- A bigger space
- a larger space - with a separate children's library
- A much larger children's and teens area please.
- A suggestion box at the library
- A wider selection of books and movies would help a lot. Offering a quiet room where students and adults can go to to study or work would be very helpful as well
- Add more quiet study areas Add plenty of outlets for laptops and gadgets charging Maintain strong Wi-Fi network
- Additional study areas & quiet areas (politely enforced!) for those reading, studying, or taking online tests. The ability for library staff to proctor tests when needed (by appt.) would be a good service.
- Admittedly, I am not a user of the SF library. I used my local library as a young adult a lot, so I think it is truly valuable, even with today's technological resources. It was a huge part of my academic experience as a child and although different today, I still think libraries are essential.
- Ample parking area.
- As long as the new South Fayette library is just as good as the current Bridgeville library, that will be a great improvement for South Fayette.
- As part of Allegheny Cty Library system (including universities/colleges), delivery service to outlying libraries was very good bc the customer received his/her requests within 1 week. But since CV 'scamdemic', delivery now takes nearly 3+ weeks - pls correct this issue!
- Be more diverse with selections
- Become involved in the experience passes that many other libraries offer.
- Being a larger space with more selection
- Better communication
- Better communication of resources available on line
- Better facility
- Better kids programs
- Better study space and larger facility
- Bigger
- Bigger area, more news book collection, more kids program.
- Bigger Space and more opportunities for enrolling into summer programs or after school programs
- Bigger space.
- Bigger space. Easier to use.



- Bring back in-person children's programs!
- Build a larger library with more programming and resources for families and community members.
- Bulletin to neighbors
- Can have many children programs
- Can't think of any right off hand.
- Can't think of anything the library doesn't do other than have more space to do the above.
- Children programs should be offered in the evening and/or weekend to accommodate so many working families.
- Children's program. More inviting space for children's programs. Offering better indoor play resources and options for children.
- Children's programs and play area
- Children's programs in the evenings or weekends would be greatly appreciated. With two working parents in the household, we aren't able to participate during the day and feel these programs are extremely beneficial to the children.
- Collections
- Comfortable places to sit with children and read
- Comfortable quiet places to read
- communication to all registered users.
- community involvement by organizing more programs, events, challenges
- Compared to other neighboring communities, our library is laughable. Zero reason that South Fayette should have the resources look like we live in McKeesport. The staff is wonderful however and make due with very little.
- Conduct Chess, STEM related activities, Math, Science and Robotics classes/teams
- Conduct more activities for Kids..
- Continue to expand opportunities for adults.
- Definitely a separate space for a children's library!
- Drive thru book drop off and computer systems for children to look up books
- Easy access or reminders. I forget about the library and what it offers
- Educational movie showings for kids Planetarium
- Email to members like Mt Lebanon Rec center do
- Establish areas for high school students to study/work on projects until 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. (most students work/play sports/activities and sometimes do not have a quiet space at home to complete assignments)
- Even though my household would not need it, children's programs and resources are important.
- Event calendar does not list adult programs including upcoming book club books. Cannot join in if you don't know what next book is. Please update. Very frustrating.
- Excellent staff, always cheerful!
- Expand - current facility is too small
- Expand the collection for adults, and have areas where adults can work or read



- Expand the space Make it conducive for teenagers to come to study and then check out some books Expand programs to include awareness of diversity and cultures in the community - for all age groups Diversify teen programming to attract children with different interests
- expanding the space in order to expand the collection would be wonderful so that we don't have to wait for books to arrive from other libraries in the county. increased meeting rooms in order to hold multiple programming at the same time would be wonderful. we love the existing library staff!! they give the BEST customer service
- Expansion
- Facebook and other social media
- Faster delivery of requested items/books from the Allegheny library system.
- Field Trips for students to see the library
- Flexible hours
- Get a more inviting space/building. The current one isn't up to the mark. And, of course, should be spacious enough to have a few dedicated areas for a few programs.
- Get kids involved early on. Take fields trips to the library.
- Have a Facebook posting and/or emails sent out. Get schools involved as well and make teachers aware of resources.
- Have a lot of reading space, keep chess and other games available, children/teen programs, study aid
- Have boom clubs based on age groups or interest areas.
- Have more programs for kids with disabilities during the weekends
- Have NO idea what Outreach consists of. Compared to USC and Bridgeville library, SF is dull. I would like to see more space, airy looking, I think we do have a place for just coming in and reading the newspaper, something like the other 2 libraries I visit
- Haven't used library.
- Honestly, when my boys were younger, we would go to the Bridgeville Library because it was more spacious and had more of the books they wanted to read. Also- the outreach programs fit our schedule better at the time.
- I am sorry to say that I have not visited the library in a very long time! I would like to drag my teenage son there.
- I am sorry to say, I do not patronize the library, but contribute thru Friends of the Library. It is not easily accessible to me, however if it is eventually on Hickory Grade Rd, I will be closer and would use it more. Right now, my library of choice is the Bridgeville Library as it is much more convenient to me.
- I do not go to the library
- I don't know.
- I don't currently use the library.
- I don't use the SF library. I order books online for pickup at the USC library as this location is most convenient to where I live and drive.



- I enjoy programs that involve meeting authors or speakers talking about health and nutrition. I would also enjoy some how-to craft classes, possibly crocheting, knitting, etc. My husband would enjoy speakers on history topics, gardening, etc.
- I greatly appreciate the ability to get books from other libraries delivered to our local library, but I would like it even more if I could walk into our library and have more titles available.
- I have always been able to get what I needed from the library, even if the book I needed wasn't there they were able to get it for me quickly.
- I have been using Bridgeville library site, but will switch to use the S. Fayette site once it is open because it is closer to where I live. I like the used books for sale at Bridgeville and the spaces available for meetings, classes, programs.
- I have been working full time and caring for my elderly parents so I have been out of the loop for the library.
- I have literally never been
- I have never been to the SF library. USC library is closer to my home.
- I have not used the library in years. Not sure what it needs to even get me back there.
- I love how well Bridgeville and SF libraries support/complement one another :-)
- I love the library and am happy with all the services that I use.
- I rated the library "poor" overall - the staff is wonderful, but the library space is too small to contain enough for me to rate it "good".
- I spend a lot of the time in and out of the library. I love it. I use the online hold system to get most materials, but would love to have a larger local collection and bigger space. Staff are excellent with programming and could do more with bigger location
- I think it is extremely important to have evening hours, as well as children's activities, children's programs. We currently travel to West Allegheny's library because of their hours and the programs they offer for kids.
- I think it would be great if the library was able to work more closely with the school to provide youth programs that are more accessible to students and families. I think it would be awesome to have a book club that could operate during recess (especially during winter months) or as an enrichment activity for students who are interested.
- I think the library is shockingly small for the size of the area. Selection was unimpressive, it doesn't feel like a place I would stay and read or study. I visited twice and decided to travel further away to go to other facilities.
- I think the people that work there are amazing! I think the space is too small. I would love to see small areas to study, provide/receive tutoring/private rooms
- I would do what Peter's library does
- I would love a bigger and better children's section.
- I wouldn't build a new library when we already have one.
- I'd love to see it expanded and come into the 21st century. It's so small and dated, I have no desire to spend time there.
- I'd like to see bins for collections be set up outside in the parking lot. Like paper recycling, glass Collection, clothing, etc.



- Improve assistance from staff.
- Improve communications.
- Increase programs
- Increase the space and categories of books
- Increased hours and staffing.
- Increasing the size of the library would allow our amazing library staff to further reach the community. They have been truly remarkable working around the profound limitations of the current size of our library.
- It just needs to be bigger so there is more selection.
- It would be nice to have areas for tutors to meet with students. If you get these students into the library, you expand your reach in them seeing what is offered. Plus, it is not fair to others in the library to have to listen to the tutoring session.
- It's 2021, a small library is needed, a rec center is way more important for this growing area
- its time for south fayette's library to mirror Bethel Parks.
- Just more space for patrons to expand out, like desks with power outlets, meet rooms, empty work stations.
- Just more space for teens and to be able to have study rooms and meeting rooms
- Just moved here, so unsure.
- Just needed more space.
- Larger and more visually appealing.
- Larger collection of books needed.
- larger facility with space for community activities
- Larger gathering spaces. Comfortable atmosphere to read/study/hang out
- Larger library or use of larger community space in the recreational building will allow for better adult programming, author book talks/signings, speakers series, etc. Our community has grown so much. Provide the space that is needed to engage the community so that we don't have to go to other communities. Larger community events leads to PARTNERSHIPS!
- Larger selection of books
- Larger space with a larger onsite collection
- Larger space with a more extensive collection; areas for reading in the library.
- Larger with more seating
- Let's get new space for our Library.... SF deserves renovated library that can attract readers of all ages.
- Libraries are obsolete. A small collection of computers with WiFi and a few story time events should cover it. Everything is done virtually.
- Libraries in the traditional sense are and will continue to be less important. Workspace areas, WiFi and computer resources collaboration capabilities are what will be needed.
- Library collection needs to improve. Reading corner or lounge area.
- Looking forward to in person classes/events returning. Could use a larger space with more books.
- Lots more space



- Love the staff and programs, hope to be able to do more with kids getting vaccinated
- Mainly just the size-it's small but mighty currently
- Make it be as great as Mt. Lebanon or USC's library. This has been discussed and surveyed for the last 10 years and, while the current space is an improvement over the space of 20 years ago, nothing further to REALLY IMPROVE has been done or built
- Make it bigger
- Make it very easy to volunteer (for example a pop in single day volunteer opportunity on a weekend or evening) and to contribute (food and clothing drives etc). Also have more opportunities for kids classes in evenings or weekend for working parents. The library should also have later hours and be open on Sundays.
- Make the library a more welcoming environment.
- Many more programs (specifically youth programs), and many more evening programs for two-working parent homes - by far the biggest need.
- Many times we have used the library for a tutoring area and it is much too noisy and small. There needs to be a location where teens and young adults can go and meet and study together in a quiet, clean and safe area free from children yelling and screaming.
- Maybe have a monthly topic and hold an educational event with a video montage or invite an expert to speak virtually on that topic - it'll build engagement with kids and teenagers especially.
- Modernization of the whole library concept. Do we need physical books anymore? Can we have a digital library and more social spaces for people to get together?
- Modernize the interior design
- More activities for 0-5 year olds
- More Chess clubs and chess training during summer and weekday evenings.
- More communication
- More community reading programs.
- More computers for use and seatings
- More diversity in collections and programs
- More global collection
- More in person activities for scho qge children 3rd-8th grade. There are a lot of "little kid" activities but not enough that would appeal to 3rd-8th graders. There are also a lot of activities geared toward girls. We need more gender nuteral activities!
- More in person offerings for children programs. Frank Sarris library has amazing kids programs and has recently started in person again. Little artists. Wiggles and giggles. And story time.
- More in person toddler classes
- More info about programs and when and where they are held.
- More kid, family, and teen programs.
- More older teen programs, please.
- More online presence especially to advertise program or class offerings.
- more programs and publicity so more people know about library services



- More programs for adults with diversified group
- More programs for adults. Specifically monthly book club and activities for those who stay at home
- More programs for every age
- More programs for middle school kids
- more programs for toddlers and elementary school kids
- More programs required
- More programs that provide opportunities for community to come together and interact in a calm setting
- More programs, especially those beyond the ones for young children.
- More programs. Also, perhaps a maker space?
- More selection and bigger area
- More space
- More space
- More space inside to sit and enjoy searching for books. More space for a bigger collection.
- More space! It's so crowded in the small space.
- More STEM opportunities, either in the library or virtually, for Intermediate/Middle school aged children.
- more than one phone line
- more volunteering awareness and programs
- More weekend programs for toddlers.
- Most of the children's books ordered are coming from other libraries. So they are taking long in transit. If we increase book collection especially for elementary school kids will really help read good books for kids.
- Moving the location to an area that the township visits on a regular basis will help improve visibility. I don't think a lot of the township goes to Morgan. I always thought it would be well placed near the school.
- Much bigger and newer library so people want to be in there
- Multiple genres and collections
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- na
- Na
- Na
- Na
- NA
- Need more kids programs.
- Need more room



- Need more space available for study rooms.
- Need more space so there are more books, etc in the local library instead of waiting to get a book from another library.
- Need to do a better job broadcasting the library's programs. It just seems really small so I never know when events are happening.
- Need to get the word out and provide online services for access.
- Needs a larger space
- Never been to library
- New, BIGGER building. It's kind of embarrassing. Staff deserve it and so does the community.
- No
- No current suggestions. Community and childrens programs physical and virtual to inspiring learning and reading. Carry only physical copies of best sellers, magazines, computers, and storage of everything you already own and the ability to obtain needed materials on request. Being a public library in a virtual age requires creativity and planning in resource allocation. I thank you and wish you success with this.
- none
- None
- None
- none
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None at this time
- None at this time
- None at this time.
- None we love Miss Nicole!!!
- None, love the library
- None...they are excellent. Just need an excellent space!
- Not very big, could use more space and a larger collection. We go to Bridgeville library bc it larger and has a better collection/nicer facility.
- Offer more kids programs in the evenings or weekends to accommodate working parent families.
- Offer more programs, provide a wide range of books
- Offer passes to local museums
- Open bright and inviting space to take PRIDE in here in South Fayette..... IT IS LONG OVERDUE
- Our library is super tiny and a little outdated. If you let your kids hang out in the kid area and people are working on the computer I am sure it is a distraction. You want to bring kids to the library to build a love of books. Check out Mt. Lebanon's and Bridgeville's. Very nice!
- Our library is wonderful. I encourage them to continue to build upon their children's programs. We often visit other libraries (Mt. Lebanon, USC, Robinson, Bridgeville/South



Fayette) as we chase after those story time/music experiences in the community. Having more of them offered locally would be phenomenal.

- Perhaps highlight new book additions to the collection
- Pre-Covid, the programming was amazing. I think the library adapted very well under the current circumstances. Can't wait for in person programs again!
- Programs for toddlers to be bigger and more interactive.
- provide more children programming on the weekends or after work for working parents
- Put a swimming pool in it
- Quiet the children and teens, they are too noisy!! Focus more towards older adults.
- Reading nights for children
- Reading space, magazines, computer programs for kids
- School posting for kids and parent to get involve
- Send emails
- Sensory story time or activities for special needs
- Separate monthly schedule mailed out to all households
- separate spaces for teens, kids, and adults
- Services and programs
- Share the available services and how to access online resources
- Sign up for online educational services like masterclass, national geographic, etc
- Space is the most important factor. Our library is just too small.
- space just needs to be bigger.
- Speakers, including author lectures
- Study Mt Lebanon and peters township They have first class facilities and programs
- Substandard facility, our library has so much potential in the right facility
- Such a small library. Barely has anything.
- Summer Reading Program Study Rooms Tutoring
- Sunday hours would be nice. Even if only limited.
- Switch up the hours of operation: some days open early, some days close later, offer a shortened availability on Sundays
- System for inter-library exchange is so slow AND it links you to only one book even if there's another one closer that becomes available sooner.
- Team up with PTA
- The current library is much too small. Also, the shelves are too tall for young children to browse and find their own books.
- The current SF library is way too small. It needs to be bigger.
- The current space is too small. Otherwise the library is great.
- The facility needs to be improved and inviting
- The hours need expanded, what good is a closed library. Staff is awesome
- The librarians do an excellent job. They are hampered by a facility that is too small, lacks visibility and has inadequate parking.



- The library definitely needs an expanded space. The current space is completely inadequate for the growth our community has gone through. Comparing to other communities such as Upper St. Clair, it is not on par at all with what is expected for a community of our size. The staff is excellent and do a good job with what they have available, but we need and deserve more. With a larger facility, use will increase. Our kids and teens need a space to play and learn, and we need more space for adults to come together as a community for activities and events.
- The library deserves to have a larger, updated space.
- The library has a great online book lending program as well as the relationship with the Carnegie library. Since this exists, the library's resources seem very good. This should be taken into account.
- The library has been sorely lacking resources and funding. The people are amazing, but they need a major upgrade to their facility and their resources. The library has barely changed since I moved here 25 years ago. It's a shame. As an affluent community with LOTS of children and families, we deserve better.
- The library is so small and have not heard anything about it so we have never been and use other local libraries. Weekend hours would be important for students needing to study or tutor.
- The library is too small to spend any amount of time. We go to alternate libraries when necessary.
- The library isn't something that children are evenly remotely interested in going to. Everything is online, I don't know of any children that want to go to the library and honestly think you should reconsider having one.
- The library needs more space so that there can be a larger area for children, teens and adult alike. Space for creative play for the children and socialization. Meeting rooms for teen and college students.
- The library needs to be bigger with more resources and friendlier service. A library to model from would be Upper St. Clair's library, that library is very well done.
- The library really needs adult programs, it's extremely frustrating how much focus is on toddlers. I'm an adult and my kids are grown up and I would love to go to the library but there's nothing to do there!
- The only reason I haven't used the library much in person is the pandemic. But every experience I have had with the library has been positive!
- The staff and programming is amazing. The site needs major improvement. More space and new facility.
- The staff is good, but the facilities are bad. Improve the facilities, maybe add additional staff.
- The staff is great, but they need more space to fit a bigger collection, more seating areas, meeting rooms, and more space for additional activities.
- The town has outgrown the current library, which does try really hard to serve SF. I think families will use a larger library and programs to get the kids away from their ipads.



- There is low visibility. I do t know where the library is in SF. They need to market to the community
- There needs to be more of a library presence.
- To advertise various programs more effectively
- Tutoring for children or adults who need extra help because of ESL or lack of expertise with computers
- Updated design. Chess lessons and other lessons for children
- Use volunteers to make up for the lack of staff
- Vending machine for books
- Very good service. Friendly and helpful
- We don't hear enough about the current library and their offerings. The building itself looks very uninviting. We have chosen other community libraries to visit instead.
- We have been going to the Bridgeville Library with the exception of 1 visit to the South Fayette library 10 years ago. Don't expect to change.
- We have not used the library for several years, but consider it a necessity in the township and are grateful for it
- We just moved here, but I haven't heard much about the library here. Bethel Park, Peters, St. Clair, and Mt. Lebanon all have wonderful, and consequently, well known libraries. Take what works well in these places as a model. I know many have wonderful children's programs.
- We just need a bigger nicer library. See Peters Twp or USC
- We love our library! The services and programs are excellent! The collection doesn't have everything, but we can always request it from another library. A bigger space is vital for the library to improve on it's already excellent services! More space to contain the collection without the shelves being crammed full, more space for programs, more space for kids to learn and play at the library and also more space for quiet areas for people to work.
- We love the library but my son is school age and doesn't have time to participate in programs as much as he did when he was preschool. It was invaluable as preschool. As a school age, the selection of books is important for an avid reader.
- We love the library programs! Great job!
- We would love it if the library offered daytime homeschool programs which are offered at many other local libraries like Bethel Park, Robinson, and West Allegheny to name a few.
- Would be nice to have space for 'work from home' people to go to with Wifi, electrical outlets, and privacy, sound proof to have video calls.
- You need to permit more than 5 kids there, make cleaning accessible to accommodate. Preschool should make an impact on their lifelong use of library. Preschool books are squeezed in and hard to find any subject to even start looking at books.



Appendix B - Represents the actual text received

- A community indoor pool would be a great addition to the recreational center and a tiny Cafe or eating space.
- A community pool would be great!
- a game room with several pool tables would be great for my family, offer cooking classes, art classes
- A gymnasium/exercise area, and rink could be used to generate additional revenue from outside our community to help pay expenses.
- A new facility would be great, but honestly if it comes at the cost of higher taxes I'm not interested. They are already insane for the school and I don't want to pay more for an indoor basketball court! We have plenty of parks and trails in the area for outdoor fun.
- A new library is a MUST. A rec center not so much. Also, has any thought gone into traffic? With 50 the way it is and adding Newberry and the that new shopping center and Dunkin Donuts and now a rec center how are the residents that have lived up here suppose to get to Bridgeville and 79?
- A new library is more important then a recreational center. USC rec Center is close by with a lot of nice features. However better outdoor tennis or pickle ball courts would be great
- A new SF community center is vital for this growing community. Finally a step in the right direction with this plan.
- A pool aquatic area
- A pool indoor and outdoor with a slide.
- A pool is really needed as well as evening and weekend classes/programs
- A Pool would be nice too
- A pool!
- A similar facility as USC- Indoor and Outdoor usage
- a swimming pool would be fantastic
- A township of this size should have a much better space for the community, comparable to surrounding townships (i.e. Peters, etc). However, this must be done without raising taxes, as taxes are already too high.
- Access
- Add a place for gardening and trails combined together along with a place to have farmer's market would be nice.
- Add pool
- All of our neighboring communities have these resources (i.e. Upper St. Clair, Collier) and I think this is a worthwhile investment for our community.
- Although I have no children at home, I have been using library for grandchildren (also in SF twp) as I babysit them last 10 years.
- An area large enough for our growing community Outdoor Pool We pay taxes higher than surrounding neighborhoods that DO have these facilites (peters township, upper saint clair, canon mac)



- An Indoor and outdoor pool would be very much needed in the community as well as a larger more accessible library.
- An indoor and outdoor swimming pool should be high priority.
- An indoor pool
- Another idea: a performance space would be awesome!
- Anything new and additional to be added to the library and the creation of a new community center would be beneficial!!!!
- As a former Parks and Recreation professional I know that the following are important: Programming space is important for the center to pay for itself. Storage space is VERY important. An area for loading/unloading deliveries that is away from the main entrance and lobby is necessary. More facilities are moving towards increased Unisex or Universal restrooms and changing rooms with banks of lockers. This serves many needs, including being accessible to members of the LGBTQ population as well as caretakers who need to assist family member of the opposite sex.
- As a growing community, we don't have a lot of amenities like USC or Mt Lebanon. For SF to remain an attractive place for families, the amenities are very important.
- As a hilltop community with limited safe space to walk/bike without going to Oakdale or McDonald I would love to see sidewalks installed on main arterial roads connecting the developments (Oakridge, Battleridge, 989, 978, etc)
- As I stated before an indoor swimming pool and indoor tennis courts would be excellent!
- As indicated earlier, a babysitting service is vital to having adult participation in your evening/weekend programs. Many YMCAs around the country and other private gyms offer this service, and it would be highly beneficial for South Fayette's community members.
- As previously stated; I think we should already have something as the taxes are so high. We love the new playground but as a new resident (2 years) we are extremely underwhelmed with playgrounds, community centers, etc. compared to townships around us.
- As someone who recently moved to South Fayette and doesn't know the area well, we would appreciate anything that provides for public meeting space for us to meet others in the community.
- As stated previously, I feel indoor facilities for pets should be considered for use in inclement weather as no such facilities exist in our area that I have been able to find.
- Available Childcare or activities for young children while parents participate in adult activities at the center.
- Believe a swimming facility with a schedule for swimming open to all as well as groups would be a draw to the community. For instance, Adult water aerobics as well as offering swimming lessons for children would certainly be a draw to the community.
- Belong to USC rec center as a non resident and enjoy the facilities as well as opportunities to meet and socialize with others of all ages.
- Better gym, better sport areas, and kid and teen space.
- But I don't want taxes to go up to get it



- By building a new community center with a recreation facility and library, the township would generate income from all the family memberships that will be purchased as it current residents have to purchase memberships from other township community centers to enjoy using these types of facilities since we currently do not have one in our township.
- Can't think of anything to add. Thanks for asking!!
- Collier, North Fayette, and Upper St Clair created facilities for their current environment (in last 5-10 years) and all but USC fill partial community needs. Please consider building something that provides all amenities and enough space for all of the growing community needs.
- Community Center and Library could be in two different locations or buildings ..unless there is a compelling synergy.
- Community center is definitely missing and we have to travel to moon or upper stclair for any of the activities for kids snad adults too.. It would be really beneficial for our family.
- Community Center needs to pay for itself, so it needs to be designed around activities people really need. Township residents should have lower fees, just like USC. The building needs to be LEED certified so that it has low operating expenses. Please don't build a 19th century building in the 21st century.
- Community golf course
- Community is growing. So, it is important to have a facility like this to keep us occupied with various programs and engage all families in activities
- community pool
- Community pool
- Community Pool
- Concerned about cost and tax impact
- Conduct interactive programs and events to encourage and identify young talents.
- Consider a community pool.
- Consider how to manage the additional traffic flow, especially at the bottom of the hill by Dunkin' Donuts.
- Considering our current tax rate in this township, I would expect the cost of membership to be LOW. If it's high, I can tell you that we would not join as a family, and would prefer that the center isn't even built. Don't raise taxes for this. Not worth it. As far as the library is concerned - it's a waste. Libraries won't exist in a few years. Don't spend money on it.
- Convenient for all in South Fayette, parking, good outdoor lighting, fields, outdoor children's playground
- Cost
- Cost to the patrons/citizens of south fayette. We already pay VERY high taxes. Not everyone living here is rich. There are older neighborhoods with lower income people. Please consider us!
- Create access to the library and Recreation center from Hickory Grade Road. I believe a road should be built that gives access from Hickory Grade through to Able business park.
- Design it so that future expansion would be simpler versus harder.



- Different fee options should be charged for membership based on the number of people in the household using the facility. This facility should also have some free activities.
- Do not increase taxes. Lot of seniors live here
- Do not limit access to only paid memberships. Certain things could be add-ons or membership could be an option. But there should still absolutely be free access to play areas and other amenities for township residents.
- Don't want rise in taxes.
- Don't see a real need for a Community Ctr...We wish NOT to PAY additional taxes, nor will we pay 'general membership fees' to use, as you've asked in this survey. Question: Can the Twp afford to build AND properly maintain this structure for the 'long-term', and WITHOUT TAX INCREASES; the latter including regular police patrols, and other safety measures, for the benefit of the users? --- If not an affirmative 'yes' to this question, we request that the Twp NOT proceed on this 'luxury'. We wish our taxes to be spent wisely! (BTW: When is the portions of Millers Run in disrepair, and 'propped up with temporary traffic control', going to be repaired? - It's been over 2 years in its present state! --- NO, we believe the Twp CANNOT AFFORD a Community Ctr, based on this simple, yet ridiculous, comparison with a often-traveled road that has yet to be repaired!)
- Events for children please!
- Every other too community around us has one. We need one too.
- Everyone else has a community center. USC, Peters and Mt. Lebo. SF needs one too
- Everyone here uses USC rec center. It's a shame to see our township with nothing comparable. Pleaseeeee help!
- Explore surrounding areas. See what they are doing right. Talk to the employees. See where they would make improvements. Use neighboring resources to build it right the first time, not the way leadership THINKS it should be built. The indoor recreational pool is a must have.
- Facility to accommodate all ages, so everyone feels happy to live in this township
- Find a balance between a manageable facility and meeting the community's needs while also considering room for future growth. Thank you!
- Find a way to complete the project and appropriately staff it without increasing property taxes. Also, it should be flexible and user friendly....unlike the "No" Center in Upper St Clair where any request for accommodations are met with "NO".
- First priority for SF should be commercial development in order to increase tax revenue. We can't keep spending until non-residential revenues increase.
- Focus on expanding and improving the LIBRARY! Enlarge collection, more work areas for research, provide more for serious research and reading. Presently too much "little kid emphasis", and too much "fun/recreation emphasis. Model the Carnegie Main, not a basically "child/parent entertainment resource", which is what it amounts to right now.
- For south Fayette to qualify as a desired place to raise families , recreational facilities are a no brainer
- Functional, well designed and able to expand as the township continues to grow. Think big, not small. Where will we be in 10-20 years.



- Get business involved. Not just local. Also people will be willing to pay a membership if the facility is good enough. We were driving an half hour away to use the Upper st Clair facility and paying over \$1200 per year because it was worth it.
- GET ONE BUILT finally after 10 years of surveys and discussions OR work with USC to get free admission to their stuff
- Give the community a space there we can enjoy and use in all seasons
- Gives the community a chance to come together and our older residents somewhere to go and get them involved in the community.
- Good idea but no tax increase to pay for it
- Good luck!
- have more OPEN space to read books..and have a coffee shop as well
- Having a safe place for kids to play, learn, and exercise is always high priority
- Having an outdoor ply area and a swimming pool
- High need for a township with our tax rate. Current facilities are highly disappointing
- I am a current member of the USC rec center and I would need an indoor lap pool and group fitness classes to even consider switching.
- I am in favor of a recreation facility, however in this day and age of online resources being widely available I'm not sure that we need a dedicated community library.
- I am so sad that my children will not get the opportunity to experience a rec facility and larger library in the community as they are grown and gone. We waited for years and years. Do it! Do it for the families that have chosen South Fayette Township to raise their families. It's not just about the educational pluses at the school. It's about the community too! Thank you to the commissioners and township manager that are finally able to provide these much needed resources to our community!
- I am very excited to see this thru fruition. Where I grew up we had a very large YMCA and used it frequently, after school care was offered along with many activities for all ages. I would love to see this offered in our community.
- I been a resident for 22 years- thus dialogue is exhausting. It has been promised and never delivered. Do it right. Be competitive. Don't cut corners
- I consider it a high priority given the number of new developments in So Fayette and the influx of families, not necessarily for my own personal use though my grandchildren may enjoy it too.
- I don't think you need to add a new library when there is already a library in the township. I recommend a community pool.
- I don't want to see the library get lost in the planning of this facility. A good library is vital to the community.
- I feel that it is very important for our own community to develop a community center / recreation facility and library. We should not have to go to neighboring communities to use their facilities.
- I feel that the community will definitely benefit from having a center put in. Also, having a pool would be great as the only place to be able to go you have to have a bond or know



someone who does. You can't just pay or go whenever you want if you don't belong.

Something affordable for the community to be a part of will have interest. Many families here have more than one child and already have set budgets. So to offer something that they can be a part of without breaking the bank would be amazing!

- I have been going to Mayview for swimming but if that is available in my community that would be great
- I have lived in SF for 52 years. We are just now beginning to expand businesses. I think bringing business revenue into the township is a greater priority than a recreation center. The purpose of a recreation center is to attract new people to the area. SF doesn't need more people it needs another tax revenue source. Many surrounding townships are able to have rec centers because they have business tax revenue to support it. Building business revenue should be priority.
- I hope is located near main roads.
- I hope that the township is forward thinking in their planning of the facility and creates one that doesn't just serve the current needs of the community, but also looks ahead to future needs. The Recreation Center and the Library are also two very different types of facilities - I hope that the building is designed so that the activities of one don't intrude on the other.
- I live in Cecil, but would absolutely use this community center. I do not have any desire to go to USC community center because I don't like the traffic over there, I feel like you would have a lot of people from Cecil use the center, is there a possibility of partnering with Cecil Twp or partner with them to develop a center for both communities? Just a thought.
- I live in SF but pay USC to use their Rec ctr. I could be putting money back into SF if they would open up their own Rec ctr. I'm sure a lot of other people are doing this also. But I swim laps everyday, so if SF Rec ctr does not have a pool, I will not join.
- I love living in SF and appreciate all the township does to make it great! I look forward to a place the kids can go.
- I love the idea of having a Community Center, but I honestly don't know how much I personally would use it.
- I love the USC rec center.
- I prefer to keep the library separately from the recreation Center. If your new building for library is planned, we prefer to have it on Millers Run Road (near the current location).
- I probably should have mentioned this in the previous "Dream Big" section, but an outdoor waterpark/pool area would be a nice addition to the township. Similar to St. Clair Rec Center. I understand that introduces a whole slew of other things to factor in, but something to keep in mind.
- I really hope that this is located on the side of SF by the school. The other side of SF had many opportunities for programming through Fairview, and we really don't have many at all on the other side, especially given how the school has limited access post-Covid.
- I recommend an indoor pool as senior citizens, adults and children can all use this amenity.
- I see Collier as an example, with less taxes they have a better community center. As one of the high taxes school districts with poor to cheap facilities is what concerns me.



- I seriously think considering an ice rink would not only provide a valuable amenity for our community, but would generate a lot of revenue if it was managed appropriately.
- I think a Recreation Facility & Library is a necessary addition to our growing community. I also feel it would be helpful to add a community pool if the space allows. Finally, I would like to see a paved road between Abele and the community center / Hickory Grade Road to minimize some traffic flow. It would be helpful to those who work in Abele, and for community members who use the services provided in those offices.
- I think everyone in South Fayette probably feels that we need to be more competitive with our surrounding areas (ie USC Rec Center). I belong to the rec center and love it. However, SF is growing and it would be wonderful to have something in our community. I love our SF library in Bridgeville. The staff are wonderful, the facility is clean, and modern looking. But it would be GREAT to have a library right next to the rec center. Also, another "dream big", what I really like about the USC rec center is their lobby. It is wide open with many tables (pre-pandemic) where people could sit, have a coffee and just work. I sometimes go up there in the Winter to do a little work on my laptop because the area is so open, has great lighting, and very high ceilings. I almost feel like I am outside without dealing with the weather. It just feels very welcoming especially in the Winter.
- I think it is extremely important that we build a new Community Center. It is LONG overdue!
- I think keeping the police, library, senior center and municipal bldg. ALL in one place is a good idea
- I think that a new library is more important than a new recreational facility.
- I think that it would be extremely beneficial to create an area similar to USC's recreation center. Being able to provide a membership where we can have access to indoor and outdoor swimming would be great and also keep money in our community instead of going to USC for swim lessons or other activities.
- I think the park facilities need an upgrade before this. More baseball fields. Turf soccer fields. Turf football fields. Our facilities pale in comparison to all nearby townships
- I think this would be great! My family and I are new to the area and we already frequent the USC Community Center on Mayview road. I'd love to have a great facility in SF.
- I think this would be great. However I also don't want to spend an arm and leg to be apart of it. If we live in SF and kids in school and daycare no need to have crazy extra costs
- I wish it was going to be located at the present site. Not sure what happened to the expansion plans from prior years.
- I would like to see South Fayette have a Community and Recreation Center comparable to the surrounding communities of USC and Peters Twp.
- I would like to see us have a focal point for the community as whole. We don't have downtown, so we need some other home base that can bring the township together...it would be nice if we could again hold community fireworks in a single location like we use to when fireworks were at the school. Additionally, and I should have put this in the "Dream Big" category, it would be wonderful to have a community pool. I know a lot of SF individual plans or SF communities have pools but they are limited to the residences in that plan. It shouldn't just be a building but really a complex for SF.



- I would love to see this happen in our community!
- I'd love to see a badminton court and I know many SF folks love it too. The field can be shared with other activities like volleyball and basketball, and scheduled properly.
- If an outdoor pool is not in the immediate plans a property should be selected that can accommodate one in the future.
- If only have cost for one. Do the rec center. Our library is sufficient. We have no rec center for families
- If the space on Hickory Grade road is not sufficient to house both a Rec center and a library, could the library go somewhere else? Ease of access and sufficient parking will need to be main priorities. Preservation park and Morgan fields are two examples of township facilities that lack ample parking for the participants who attend. It is particularly difficult to ask grandparents to go to kid activities when there isn't anywhere to park.
- If we want to pay we could join Upper St. Clair's very fine rec center. It is actually closer for many of us, has indoor and outdoor pools, hiking trails that are well-kept and free.
- I'm not interested in a community center if it's going to raise our taxes.
- Im not sure about a new library portion since we don't currently use the current one
- In terms of the indoor space and size, this facility should hopefully rivals the Collier rec center in almost every way. I don't think anyone is thinking the rec center in USC on Boyce/Mayview, there just isn't that much land. But less than what Collier has, sans the outdoors space would be a huge disappointment.
- Increase home values and justify our tax rate
- Indoor and outdoor pool
- Indoor and outdoor space. Volunteering opportunities, maximum benefits for tax payers
- Indoor outdoor water facility or pool
- Indoor pool
- Indoor/outdoor pool
- It has to be big enough for our growing community. It has to be well staffed, and maintained. It's so exciting that this could be the center of our community!
- It is essential that our community has a community center. Now, many families have to go to other neighboring rec centers. It would bring everyone together in the community and allow our children to hang out together in one safe place.
- It is important to have a community center for get togethers, voting, speakers, luncheon, i.e., what the fire halls often provide. The gym, fitness, pickleball are not a priority in "the center" because they are provided in many cases elsewhere and we don't need to duplicate.
- It should be a central core for current residents plus a selling point to enhance our township. Really missed the boat by not having it at the Star City location as a visible and accessible "Welcome to South Fayette" asset
- It should be different from the one in Upper St Clair.
- It should be taken up on high priority. For the amount of taxes the residents pay in South Fayette, its a shame that we dont have our own Community and Rec Center, No Swimming pool or Bubble covered tennis courts to keep kids involved throughout the year.



- It would be a great attribute to our community. It would be so nice if we could get a facility like USC. Pool, fitness, track, fields, gyms. It would benefit the community so much
- It would be a nice addition to the community BUT not if local taxes increase to fund. Taxes are already quite high and overall we are satisfied with the schools and community at large.
- It would be an excellent addition to South Fayette. I moved here 12 years ago and love the Township but that is one thing that has been missing that could really make the township a better community.
- It would be great to have the opportunity to pay for a resident rate for one within our community verses an expensive non-resident rate at USC Rec.
- It would be great.
- It's a great place for community development and gathering. It should be planned for everyone's use not just for one purpose but for multiple purpose in mind and should be fully resourced and staffed for maintenance and up keep. For example, Upper Saint Claire community & recreational center has a nice facility that could be viewed or explored as an example at Boyce Mayview Park.
- It's a useless center if it doesn't include an indoor pool
- It's got to have an indoor lap pool, and it has to be walkable (have connecting sidewalks) for the residents of the neighborhoods near it.
- It's important to have hours for everyone's use. It would be nice to have a 24/hour gym.
- Its over due!
- I've done this survey at least 2 other times over the last 9 years I've lived here. Just build it similar to USC & Peters Twp. Please just build it already.
- Just that I am very excited that this is a project that might happen while I live in this area.
- Keep per month costs low to make it affordable
- Kids need a fun and safe place to attend.
- Let's give teens lots of positive places to spend their time and hang out with their friends. If we give them options of nice libraries to meet up to study together, well -kept trails to hike, and fun places to play their favorite activities, it will help them make good choices.
- Let's have a state of the art community center& library to match our schools and the high taxes we pay! Work harder at spreading the tax burden... new businesses!!
- Library may be sufficient as is. Recreation facility is highly needed.
- Location that is easily accessible and provides something that the community does not currently have.
- Long in coming. Start investing in the people paying the bill and taxes instead of people only using the schools!
- Long overdue.... We need community center to bring our Township up to the standard in which we all want to represent
- Look at USC and North Fayette-we would love facilities like theirs!
- Looking forward to it. And would like to know a time frame for grand opening.
- Make it a place where youth and teens want to go to hang out and do things as well as other generations



- Make it a real community center - not the archaic old quiet library environment. The library can be isolated but the atmosphere needs to be inviting (doesn't have to be buzzing).
- Make it affordable
- Make it worthwhile but not over-the-top - it's not a competition. Make it affordable to all residents.
- Make sure it is fair in building this facility. Too often the boys needs take precedent over the girls in relationship to sports programming and activities.
- Many people are using neighboring community center like Collier and USC that could be using their own is SF.
- Many residents utilize Upper St. Clair's recreation center, so a study of what it is being used for would be useful in identifying what will cause people to use the recreation center.
- mission should be to create and promote community within SF.
- Mone
- More activities for children and adults
- More programs and resources for people from different cultures.
- More up to date facilities and resources
- Most neighboring communities (both larger and smaller) with similar socio-economic makeups have impressive rec centers (e.g., USC, Collier, Peters, etc.) To remain a community of choice for existing and new families, this should be a priority.
- Most services are already available close to South Fayette
- My family is primarily concerned about the Library. We do NOT support a Recreation Facility WITHOUT a greatly improved Library. We've been promised this before with NO result. Very disappointed with constant lip service with no follow-up action taken.
- My family, we use the facilities of the Upper St Clair recreation center.
- N/A
- Need an outdoor & indoor swimming pool.
- Need this bad
- Needs to be affordable and a outdoor pool would be great for the kids to have somewhere to go during the hot summer.
- No
- No fee for South Fayette residents. Taxes should pay for it. Especially 65 and over.
- NO TAX INCREASE!!! The district residents are already overtaxed (mainly due to school district). We all have to live within our means, the township should also
- Not needed
- Not needed given close public and private resources (USC, trails, Bridgeville, Mt Lebanon, Peters, fitness clubs, school facilities). This survey did not ask what people are willing to pay in terms of increased taxes or user fees. It is biased by asking for a wish list without understanding how that would be impacted by cost.
- Not willing to pay to use the community center if built.
- Nutrition and cooking classes for all ages.



- Offering transportation to senior events Consider swimming pool Bring south fayette's wholeness up to what other communities offer residents that pay high taxes Our schools are there but not other services or sense of community that Mt Lebanon has
- One thing this township lacks is a recreation center. It would be lovely if we had a place to take our families to enjoy closer to home.
- Only have one chance to do it right. Reach for the stars!
- Opportunities for volunteers!
- Other communities are ahead of south Fayette. We need to stay current in community to attract talent and retail
- Other neighboring communities have done a great job with their community centers, offering space inside and outside, pools and event spaces. This is exactly what South Fayette is lacking.
- Our area needs a updated place where kids can play and gather inside during the cold month's and stay active and see friends. A workout facility for adults so we don't have to join the Rec Center this would be our own community place.
- Our community will be blessed to have Recreation facility and outdoor trail/park area so that our people can enjoy without having to drive too far. Great idea, very supportive!
- Our family has a membership at a neighboring community center. It would be nice if SF would provide our own center so we can remain in our community.
- Our taxes! I know neighboring communities have one, which we've used, and never even realized, why don't we?
- Our township is fast growing and we don't have a rec center or any nice fields with lights. Our sports facilities are some of the worst in the area . Do what Upper St. Clair did. SF has the land.
- Our township should have our own community center as it would provide a more community based atmosphere for the residents. All other nearby townships have their centers. Many SF residents have to go to USC or Mt Lebanon centers for their needs which is too far away. This also leads to capital outflow to other townships.
- Outdoor area and swimming pool
- Outdoor pool/indoor pool, splash pad
- Outdoor trails would be a huge hit with my family. We currently go to the USC rec center and walk around the building/trails there.
- Parking!! Sf has horrible parking lots and hope this would be planned much better! Several restroom stalls indoor and outdoor with hot water, mirrors, etc. Concession stands or vending machines. Trash and recycling bins indoor/outdoor.
- Personally would rather use facilities in my own twp vs others. Much more convenient
- Plan more for the ADULTS that pay the taxes, supporting all the progress and needs; and less catering to the children who have unlimited resources at their disposal.
- Plan what you can afford and residents will support.
- Please add a pool!
- Please add badminton courts



- Please add multiple basketball/volleyball courts for teens.
- Please be mindful of the outcome of traffic
- Please begin work on this as soon as possible. Our facilities are lacking.
- Please build a center like usc's library and usc's rec center.
- Please consider an outdoor pool, space for work from home workers to go to.
- Please consider indoor vollyball area to keep the sports going in winters
- Please consider late hours of operation (11:00 p.m. closing) for some areas of the rec center. Some people have non-traditional hours and also need access to a community facility. There are also people who would like to work non-traditional hours.
- Please consider our community's growing population in order to create a facility that has plenty of space that can be enjoyed by all!
- Please consider the needs of everyone in SF and create a space where we can all come together and grow into a great community!
- Please do not add a swimming facility
- Please do this
- Please get this done ASAP. SF govt could be the definition of inertia. How many bid requests and reviews do you do to install a stop sign? Perhaps that is a bit hyperbolic to make a point but not too far off. With SF school ranking falling behind, Mt Lebo, USC, and Peters I wish I moved my family to one of those townships over SF. All those townships have parks and recreation amenities that SF doesn't.
- Please have a reciprocity agreement with the Upper St Clair Recreation Center. Many of us stay on the border between South Fayette and Upper St Clair and logistically it is more convenient for us to go to Upper St Clair Rec Center. Having reciprocity will help us not to have to pay the higher fees that USC charges non-residents.
- Please include a pool!!!
- Please include indoor/outdoor pool. We need more co-ed recreational leagues for teens and adults. Sport can be just for fun...not always high stakes competition.
- Please include residents and experts from communities that have these facilities to understand lessons learned and needs.
- Please keep family pricing reasonable so all community members can enjoy and use the space.
- Please put in a swimming pool with swim lessons.
- Please put it near or in the Newbury Market area near BJs for a most centralized location and avoid having anyone have to commit to crossing 50 or dealing with that traffic that is sure to get worse.
- Please select a location closer to the new communities near the school
- Please, please, please, please consdier traffic. Please consider the traffic around 50, 79 and washington pike.
- Pool
- POOL
- pool not a library



- Pool we should not have to go to other communities
- Pool would be nice
- Pool would be nice
- Pool!
- Pool, pool, pool!!!
- Pool, this area has nothing for teens or a pool to host SF families that isn't a old run down neighborhood pool.
- Possibly add racquetball courts
- Professional Tennis, Swimming, Golf lessons for kids would be nice
- Proper, safe lighting at dark.
- Public Swim facilities
- Recreational facility is very important -- Library space and services should be combined more fully with Bridgeville Library
- Rental space for residents to use to help generate revenue. Collier has a nice room for party rental, etc. their facility is great model
- replicate USC facility on a smaller scale. has everything a community would want. I would be more than happy to pay a monthly fee and cancel my gym memberships for something like this.
- Safety, spacious parking
- seniors need a place to use daily
- SF needs lighted outdoor turf field for sports and rec programs. All of the other top schools have turf fields for general use within the community, specifically youth travel sports. All of our fields are muddy and worn out with too much use all year. Better third party maintenance and grass care is needed. Please look to outsource these services away from the Township.
- SF seems to be focusing on business growth but it's also important to improve community resources for those who need it (our seniors, low income residents). I recommend a sliding scale for a rec center fee based on income.
- SFCC would be an important hub for the community and is something that is sorely missing from our township. We currently use USC and MTL facilities for many of our activities but have to do so as a non-resident. Given the exponential community grow we've experienced in the last 10+ years, this project should be a high priority.
- Should have a pool
- Should not need to travel to USC or MTL for tennis or pickle ball courts. Fairview and Morgan Park courts are in terrible shape.
- Sidewalks so that you can walk to the library
- South Fayette community amenities need to compete with other communities. South Fayette is well behind. Don't miss the mark on this one please.
- South Fayette continues to grow and attract new families because it is a great place to raise children, has quality schools/education, sports/activities and having a Rec center would only enhance and add to the overall quality of life in SF!



- South Fayette has a shortage of indoor space for sports of all kinds and general meetings (clubs, youth sports board meetings, private gatherings, etc). For example, it is nearly impossible for youth sports programs to get gym space for basketball or other games because the school is overbooked and/or places too many restrictions on gym use. For example, we often rely on friends-of-friends to get access to facilities for various board meetings instead of having public meeting space that anyone can book. I would gladly pay a significant monthly fee to have access to a gymnasium, indoor track, weights, meeting room space, etc, and many other people would as well. Many people already pay to go to similar facilities in neighboring townships, private gyms, etc.
- South Fayette has one of highest taxes school and local and least to show for community amenities. I think it is crucial to build a competitive rec center and library similar to surrounding communities like Peters and USC. It has been disappointing to see SF fall so short. This survey is exciting to know this is being acknowledged and hopefully addressed. Thank you.
- South FAYETTE is a great place to live. A community center would be a wonderful asset to the township.
- South Fayette is a premier community with a very residential high tax base. Our schools and facilities should be on par with the likes of Upper St. Clair and Peters Township.
- South Fayette is a very large community with new, old and diverse residents. Other than through the school and our library, there isn't a space for neighbors to meet and interact.
- South Fayette needs something for the community to gather! We are sick of going to other communities for activities/sports/leisure/exercise!
- South Fayette needs to have facilities that ADD to our community. It needs to bring quality families in and not to surrounding boros that have much more to offer.
- South fayette should hv a place of its own for community to connect
- South Fayette should use the USC Rec Center as an example of how to build a successful community/recreation facility.
- Southfayette residents desperate to receive amenities like these as we have area but returns yet. these would help and believe we are in right direction. thanks
- Stop spending money and lower our outrageous taxes!!!
- Strongly need pool and pool play area like USC rec center.
- Swimming
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool and indoor track!
- Swimming pool is very expected and needed in South Fayette
- Take a look at Mt Lebanon's public library for inspiration. It's ALWAYS busy and utilized to the max. Lots of interesting programs throughout the year. Winters are long in SW PA, having a GREAT library and INDOOR recreation would bring the community together. For years, my family has belonged to all the neighboring community libraries & Rec Center where there are



lots of options for all ages. It would make our community more desirable to offer residents these services.

- Tax cost to residents
- Team up with Cecil Township for this venture.
- Thank you for working on this project!
- Thank you. I have been feeling envious of the USC recreation center where I lived previously.
- The addition of a community center would be great since most if not all of the townships nearby have them. Residents pay a high tax rate and even though we have top rated school, older residents no longer benefit from it. It would be nice to have one for both old and young residents to utilize.
- The center should be accessible to ALL of our residents, not just the wealthier families. Please keep this in mind for membership and/or singular fees.
- The communities that SF competes to attract people already have top recreational facilities. Should we compete or partner with them?
- The current facilities are good, especially with the Bridgeville library near by as well. Plus people are moving more to electronic material that can be obtained remotely. New facilities are not needed.
- the current library seems to be good along with the library at Bridgeville.
- The lack of a community center is one of the biggest issues at SF. We have families that are members of other community centers outside of SF. This shouldn't happen. The addition of a community center would make this community even stronger.
- The library has struggled long enough, priority should go there before things like pickleball.
- The library is so small; I would love to see it occupy a bigger space!
- The most important aspect of the space is usability. Whether or not it has a "wow" factor is not important as the people of the community will be so excited to have a space of our own. Currently we go to USC rec center for our needs and will often go to their library as well. We are excited to have a facility within our community and look forward to being a part of the development and use of the space.
- The recreational facility should include areas that can generate revenue. Sports areas for youth programs in the area, and swimming facilities.
- The school and campus is phenomenal in South Fayette. The parks and community center are severely lacking compared to adjacent school districts
- The South Fayette community has grown exponentially over the last 10 years and we need facilities to accommodate all the residents.
- The township lacks indoor space for events, programs, recreation and library purposes, so any indoor space will be a benefit to the community. Thank you.
- The USC Recreation Center should be used as a model...they too are discussing the addition of adding dedicated Pickleball courts to this facility.
- Therapeutic groups for adults and children. I.e. AA meetings, coping classes, grief work groups, parenting workshops. Family and MENTAL HEALTH classes. Covid rocked this world. People have lost their social skills and ability to cope with life stressers. The Mental health



field is bombarded. Long waiting lists exist if the therapeutic practice is even accepting new consumers. We need to make address this as a community issue. Physical fitness classes are socially acceptable... mental fitness classes should be too! End the stigma. Do better!

- There should be a safer and wider walking path along Hickory Grade road to access the new facility.
- This better actually happen this time. It's high time yinz stop talking and start doing.
- This community center is long overdue and I am thrilled to see the comprehensive survey you have circulated in order to do it right. Congratulations and good luck!
- This community is significantly behind in having a main park, community center and pool. It is time SF makes a massive investment now.
- This could be a good opportunity to meet our neighbors.
- This is a project we have been waiting for for years. It's unfortunate that my kids might not be able to use it at all by the time it's constructed. We feel terribly letdown that despite paying one of the highest taxes, we didn't have this facility which most other townships have.
- This is a silly idea. Partner with Upper St Clair to use their facilities.
- This is a welcome development for the community and way overdue for the library to have better facilities. Good luck!
- This is a wonderful idea!
- This is an opportunity to distinguish ourselves from our neighbors. Gym space is huge. The more the better. Look at the success of USC's rec center. We can draw from Cecil and Collier if we have one that surpasses the facilities of Collier's rec center. This has to be the hub of the community and represent our tax base.
- This is needed with the growth of the township
- This is something the community has been wanting for YEARS. It would only add to the value of the community.
- This is the one of the largest things that SF is missing. It will be a great addition, especially looking at the high tax burden that residents are paying. In most cases, we need to go to other townships for all items that you listed in the survey.
- This project is long overdue. I am very excited for the potential of the indoor and outdoor recreation areas and a new library. It is all much needed.
- This would be a great resource to the community. Currently we use the upper st Clair facility and would love to see something similar in our community.
- This would be a wonderful resource for the members of this community. We have a wonderful school and that should not be the only draw for people to move to SF. Building a well rounded community center will attract people of all ages to SF
- Too many questions
- Township is very behind compared to those around. They need to provide updated resources.
- Traffic. So roads have to be upgraded and side walk access on Hickory Grade Road. Traffic light may be a good addition at the entrance to the complex.
- Upper St Clair is a great example of a community center. We belong there. Please add outdoor pool to the list.



- Upper St Claire is the model. We are behind
- USC has a great facility and I think it adds greatly to their quality of life and the high status of their community. A top notch facility could only help our community, but I do not want my property taxes raised to build it. User fees should be used to cover the costs. That way only the people who use it have to pay. Raising taxes on seniors and other folks who do not use the facility when our taxes are already sky high is not a good idea.
- Use tax dollars from new businesses emerging to pay for it
- We already have a library.
- We are a growing township and we need to have opportunities for children, young adults and seniors to thrive. All the communities around us(USC, Collier) have wonderful community centers and South Fayette has nothing to attract people to the community except for the school. Considering we have one of the highest tax rates in Allegheny County we deserve to have something for our citizens to enjoy.
- We are behind every other local community
- We are currently members at the USC Rec Center. While I enjoy their facility, I don't like that many of the classes cost extra.
- We are going to other community centers for all games
- We are growing and need a place to call our own and come together
- We are growing big and these facilities will get more neighborhoods
- We are in desperate need of a public pool in the township.
- We are members at USC recreational center, but would love to have one in SF!
- We could really use a swimming pool!
- We have membership to USC Rec center for 3+ years. SF should have something similar.
- We have the opportunity to be cutting edge. I wouldn't mind a slight township tax increase to get it done...especially if we could get a long course pool (we could generate revenue just for hosting meets) and cheer space. It would solve the problem of summer storms, which don't have as great an impact on the other sports.
- We live close to USC recreation center and it's very first rate in all it offers! I also still choose to drive into Mt Lebanon for their library because I feel it's facility offers more than SF
- We love the USC rec center and the amenities that it offers. The outdoor play area is so good!! More outdoor stuff is a great thing to have in our community
- We moved here in 2015. I've been waiting for growth and other things to happen, in the community. I feel like what we pay in taxes it's so great that I would like to see other parts of the township get better. I feel like when my kids are older I don't have a reason to stay, I want a reason to stay. Putting in a rec center, library along with all the new development is such a plus.
- We need a community center bigger and better than the one in Upper St Clair. We're using that now and would rather our money went to South Fayette where we live.
- We need a dog park too
- We need a place in the community for the kids. Somewhere they can go hang out with family and friends to have fun and be safe! After all, it's all about the children!!



- We need a pool
- We need a pool
- We need a pool first and foremost
- We need a space like other local communities with sport courts, exercise facilities and a community pool. We are a prestigious community and this is what we have been missing.
- We need a space to help our community stay healthy and fit that is in a central space to SF residence. Our township keeps growing and upper Saint Clair rec center is too busy. Our community is looking for spaces like this. An indoor sports arena is another idea. We need field space for winter and bad weather days.
- we need an indoor pool
- We need an outdoor and indoor swimming pool!
- We need community center that includes indoor swimming pool & renovated library.
- We need this desperately!
- We need this, sooner rather than later!! We were very disappointed when the Star Theater facility plans fell through. Thanks for asking for our input.
- We pay a lot of taxes and we do not have any of the amenities of surrounding communities. Trails, pools, parks, sports complexes, rec centers, etc. It would be great to have outdoor basketball courts updated youth football and baseball fields etc
- we pay to attend the USC rec center and would be much happier to put that money in to a membership within our own community.
- We really need a rec center for our community. I think having having them joined would be amazing! Story time for kids, while parents grab a quick walk or group exercise session. Im not sure if possible, but a cafe of some sort would be really fun as well.
- we use the upper st. clair one and love it, but would love to have our own
- We wanted one 10/15 years ago. My kids are grown now. If it is going to raise taxes, then we do not need it
- We would say high, but our sports fields need a serious overhaul and our family spends the most time with our kids sports commitments. Our Baseball fields compared to the townships we visit are terrible and need to be refreshed or relocated.
- When my kids were little, we went to many surrounding areas to use the libraries and playgrounds because the SF facilities were so poor. My kids aren't young anymore so our needs are different. Now, we are more concerned about good quality soccer fields and the lack of gym space because there just isn't enough in this area. Activities for pre-teens and teens will be important as well.
- Whether we would actually use such a facility depends strongly on two things - cost and location. If its too expensive, or inconvenient to get to, I won't use it no matter what (e.g., USC facility is beautiful, but costs are astronomical even to USC residents). If it's reasonably priced and convenient, I'll use it a lot. For reference, I have an LA Fitness membership for \$250/year. It's not the greatest place in the world, but it has access to weights, exercise machines, fitness classes, a swimming pool, and courts. That's your competition.



- Will rather to have South Fayette Recreational Center and pay the local membership than having to go to Upper Saint Clair REC Center
- With advances in technology, Library resources are not nearly as important as a community rec center
- Without a pool it would not be able to compete with other community centers in the area. If that is the case it would be a waste of tax payer money.
- Would be great for teens and young children to have their own designated areas.
- Would love to have our own community center. Many people use Collier or USC.
- Would love to keep \$ spent on neighboring facilities in USC and Collier in our community.
- You guys have great ideas, just keep it up!