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*Breakout Session Notes*

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How big a library do we really need?

- Space for teens should be separate from adults
- Teens use the adult room now and go into the kids room – noisy
- And there are no study rooms
- Have you considered electronic reading?
- A big issue now is parking – daytime there is no parking – people can park at town hall but have to cross the street
- Like the idea of outdoor reading space
- Program room is desirable – can do programs that currently can't happen
- Market street has nice open spaces but commercial
- Like the idea of a courtyard – can let kids outside in a controlled way
- Can the outbuildings at the golf course be incorporated?
- I love the library
- Would like to see a new library
- More space for young kids – middle and elementary ages
- Meeting Space
- Parking
- Currently go to other towns
- Get kids in young – lifelong learners

- Excited – thinking about cost
- What happens to the existing building
- There will be efforts to stop
- Current library feels crowded dark and fluorescent
- Public not retail space
- Make vivacious
- New building is a great possibility
- A place for the town to view with pride – a showcase
- Access for people of all abilities
- Community room – author’s talk
- I think it is a great investment – I think a library is the most important building in town because it is a public resource – free – and welcomes all generations
- A crown jewel in the town
- Visits on a weekly basis
- Has any consideration been given to the property behind the library?
- No future buildings – would be too crowded on site
- Gazebo and open lawn at town green
- Imagine a contemplative space
- Wakefield – has a little green and they have jazz concerts on steps
- Peabody mansion – pond gazebo path with signs telling the story
- How to develop support?
- Get the schools involved
- Is there a way to scale to budget?