

LONE CONE LIBRARY OUTSIDE SITE DESIGN

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SURVEY OVERVIEW

A total of **56 individuals** completed the Lone Cone Library Site Design Survey. Almost all survey respondents are residents of Norwood, but some individuals live in a neighboring town. The survey respondents that identified as library patrons are usually visiting at least a week, checking out books and attending classes, workshops and other library events.

Within the category of new outdoor amenities, a strong need was expressed for shade sails and pergolas over the patio, as well the desire for a night sky observatory. Along trails and sidewalks, many survey respondents identified greater connectivity to Town Park, outdoor workout stations, and additional benches as features that would enhance their use of the area.

These top amenities correlated strongly with the top requested experiences survey respondents would like to have at the library. The top requested experiences at Lone Cone Library include outdoor movie nights, educational workshops such as stargazing and photography, and increased social areas for gathering with family or friends. Currently many visitors are enjoying the yoga classes, movie nights, and youth-focused programming already being offered at the library, and effort should be made to further enhanced these treasured experiences.

Overall, Lone Cone Library is valued for the great sense of community it provides, its amazing staff, and its helpful resources/library programs. Respondents provided very thoughtful and meaningful feedback that will be vital to the next design steps. A breakdown of the survey results in this report reveal many insights into the outdoor amenities and experiences that should be prioritized and the exciting future opportunities that exist for Lone Cone Library!

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS



Most survey respondents are **current library patrons** that live in Norwood (81%). Most respondents identified as **female** (72%) and most individuals fell within the **40–59 year-old** age group, followed by the 25-39 year-old age group.

While reviewing the following survey results it is important to keep these demographic factors in mind.

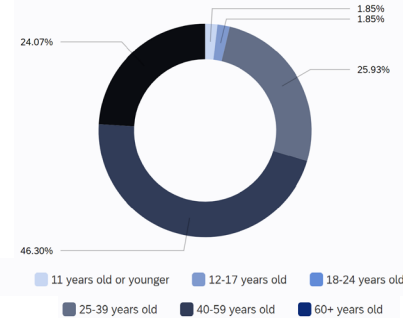
Q1: What is your relationship to Norwood's Lone Cone Library?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Past library patron, but I no longer visit	1.85%	1
★ 2	Current library patron and I live in Norwood	81.48%	44
3	Current library patron and I live in a neighboring town	7.41%	4
4	Never been a patron but I live in Norwood	1.85%	1
5	Never been a patron, but I live in a neighboring town	0.00%	0
6	Other:	7.41%	4
	Total	100%	54

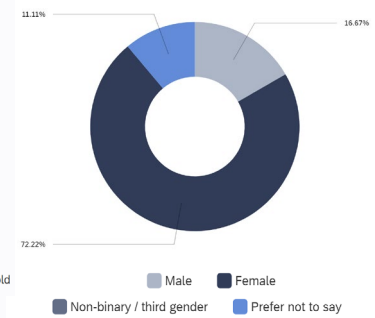
Q2: Why do you no longer visit? Lack of interesting programming

Other Responses:
I go to yoga classes, and I love outside of town.
I live in Telluride but have land in Norwood and this will become home.
Will become a member once we move.

Q7: What is your age?



Q8: What is your gender?



#	Answer: Age	%	Count
1	11 years old or younger	1.85%	1
2	12-17 years old	1.85%	1
3	18-24 years old	0.00%	0
4	25-39 years old	25.93%	14
★ 5	40-59 years old	46.30%	25
6	60+ years old	24.07%	13
	Total	100%	54

#	Answer: Gender	%	Count
1	Male	16.67%	9
★ 2	Female	72.22%	39
3	Non-binary/third gender	0.00%	0
4	Prefer not to say	11.11%	6
	Total	100%	54



■ Past library patron, but I no longer visit ■ Current library patron and I live in Norwood ■ Current library patron and I live in a neighboring town

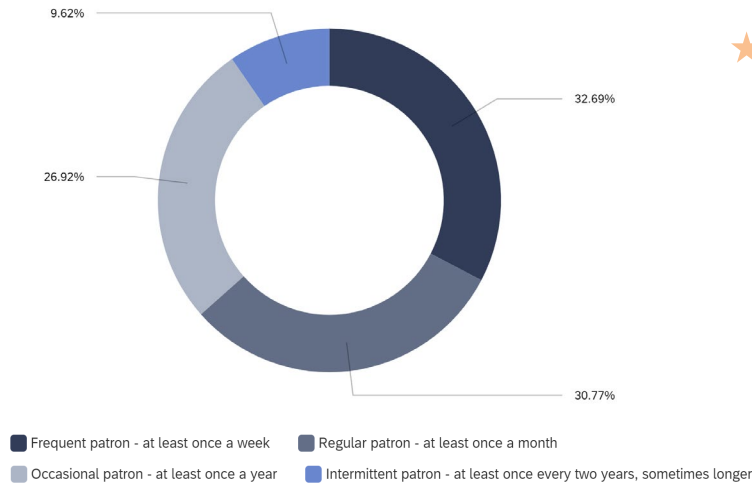
■ Never been a patron, but I live in Norwood ■ Never been a patron, but I live in a neighboring town ■ Other:

PATRON USE ANALYSIS

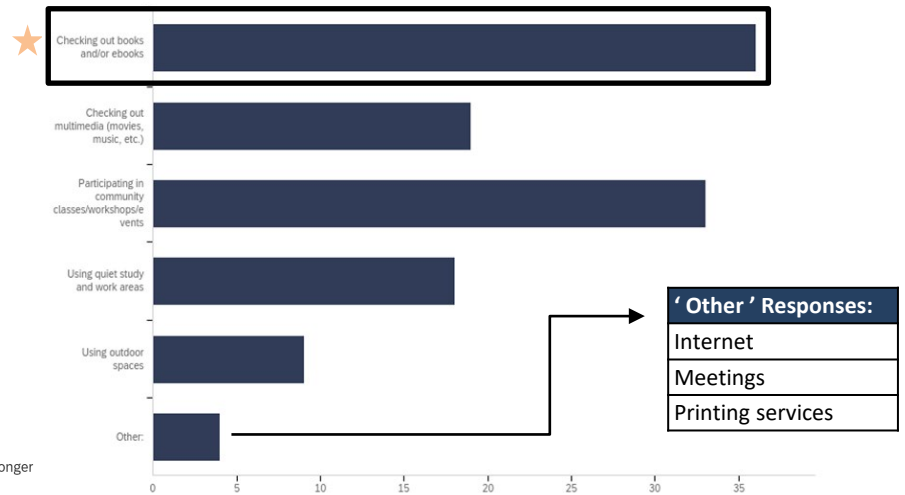


These charts demonstrate the relationship that exists between patrons and the Lone Cone Library. Most patrons are going to the library to **check out books and to participate in classes/workshops/events**. The majority of patrons are **getting there using automobiles and visiting by themselves**.

Q3: How often do/did you visit the Lone Cone Library?

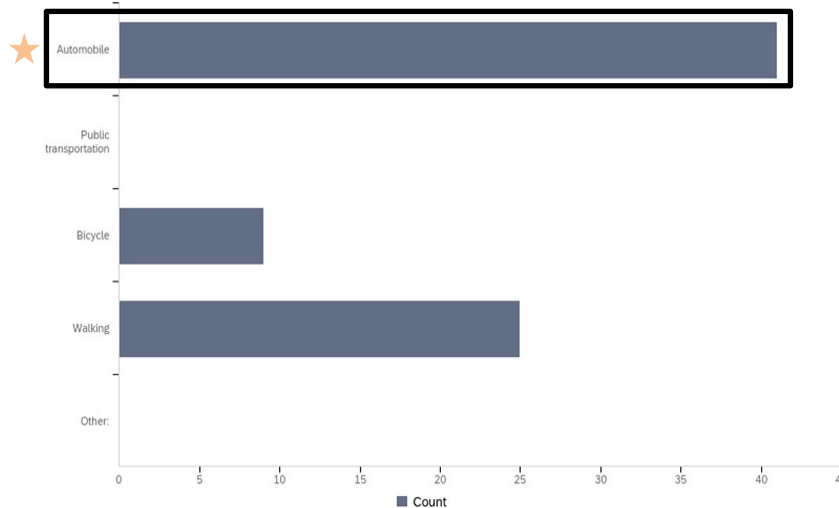


Q4: Why do/did you visit Lone Cone Library? Please select all that apply.

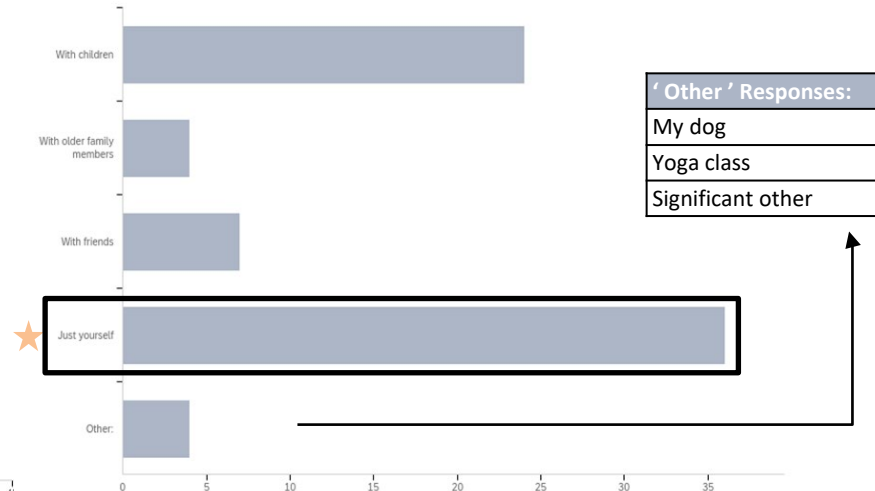


' Other ' Responses:
Internet
Meetings
Printing services

Q5: When you visit/visited Lone Cone Library, how do you get there? Please select all that apply.



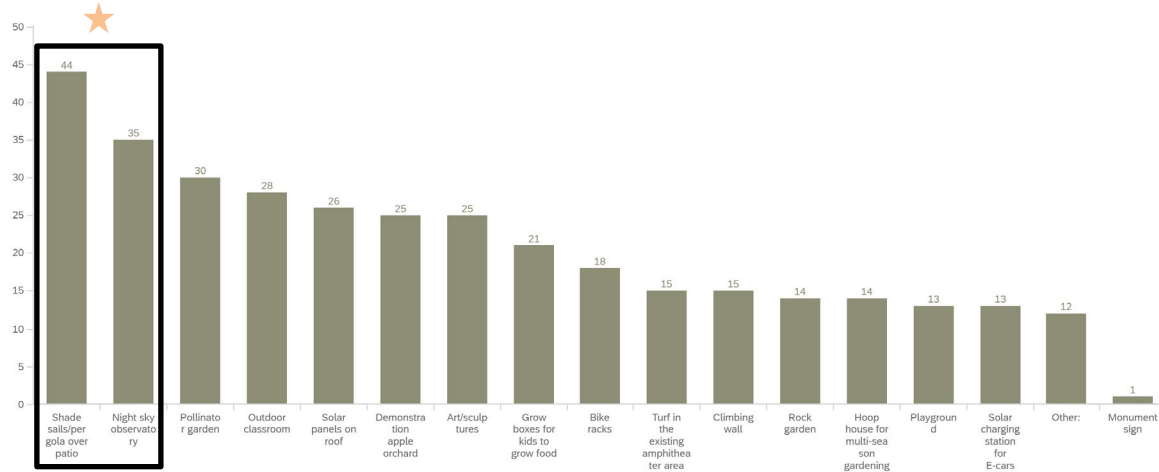
Q6: Who are/were you usually with when you visit/visited Lone Cone Library? Please select all that apply.



' Other ' Responses:
My dog
Yoga class
Significant other

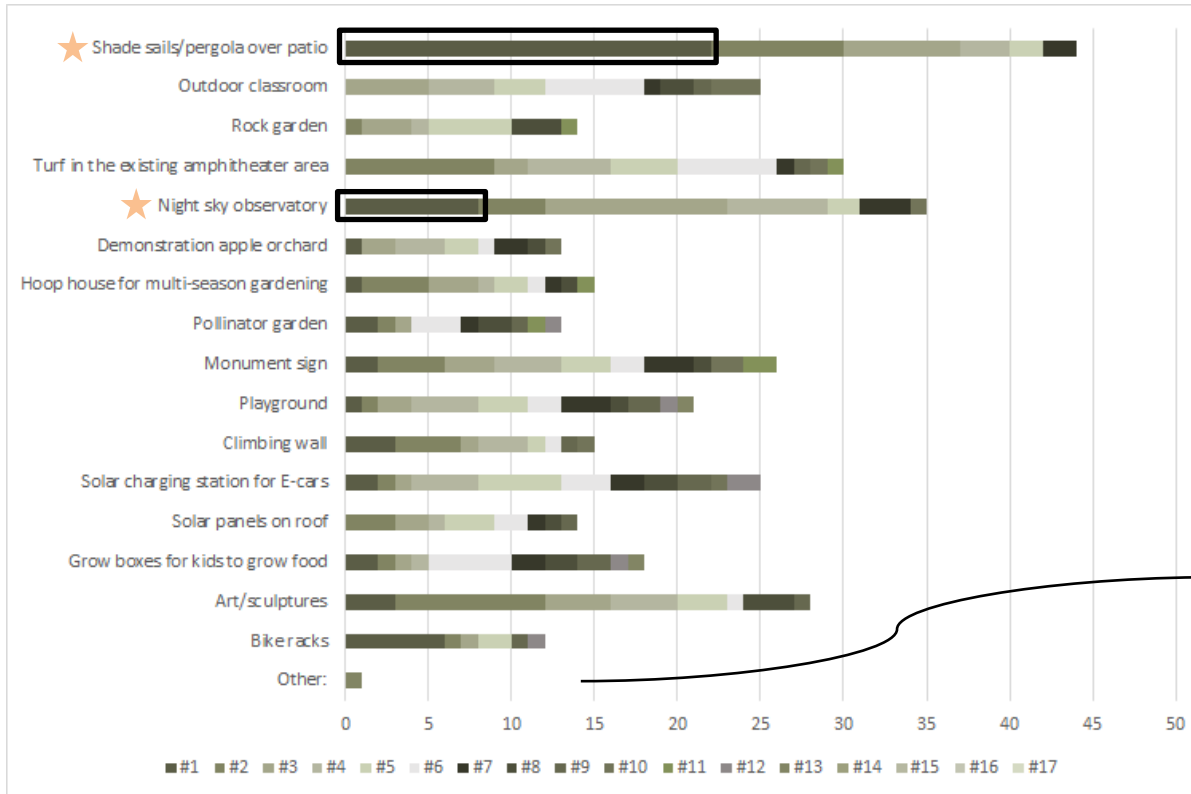
OUTDOOR AMENITY ANALYSIS

These charts portray what outdoor amenities survey respondents deemed as important to have at the Lone Cone Library. **Shade sails/pergolas** over the patio were ranked as the most important for the library to implement, followed by a **night sky observatory**.



Q9: What outdoor improvements/amenities would you like to see at Lone Cone Library? Please select all that apply. (Results to the right)

Q10: Please drag and rank your previous choices below, in order of most importance (#1) to least importance. (Results below)



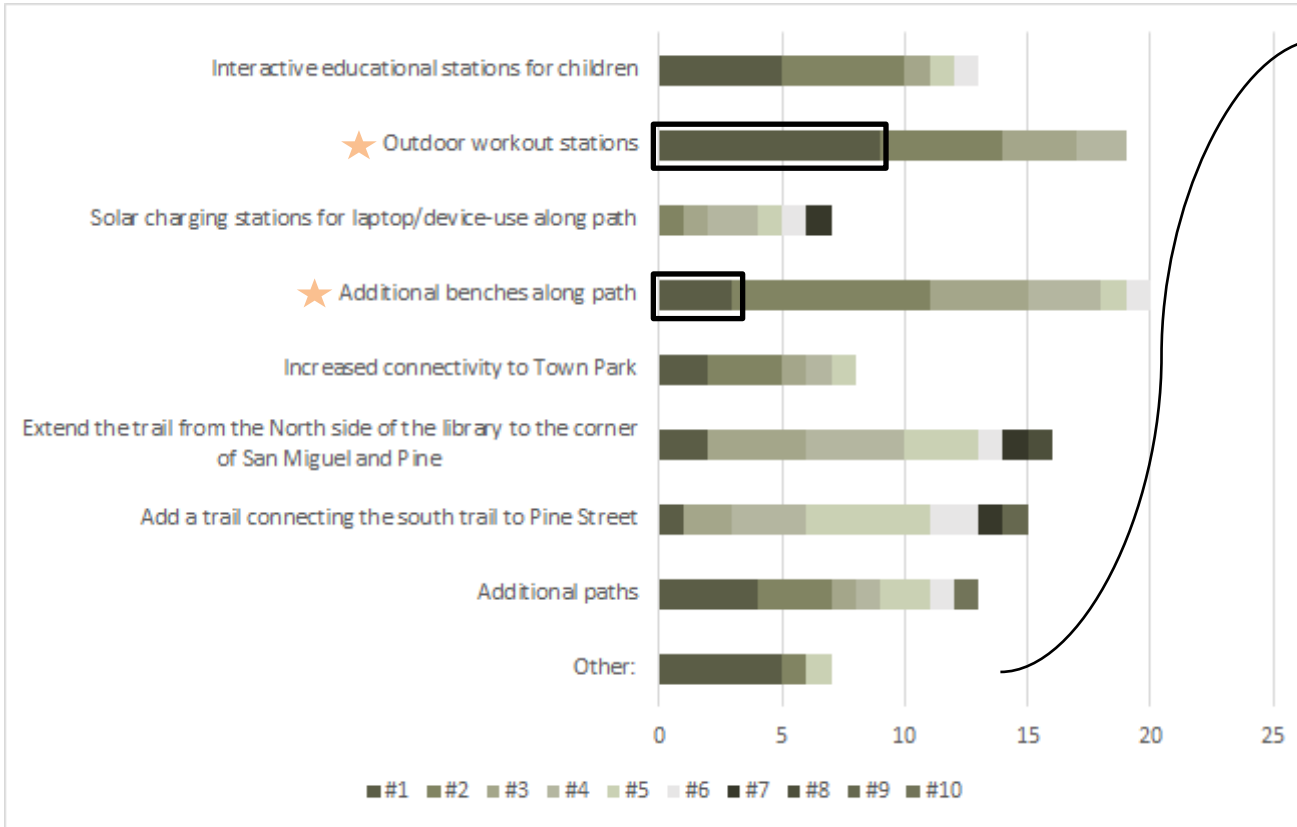
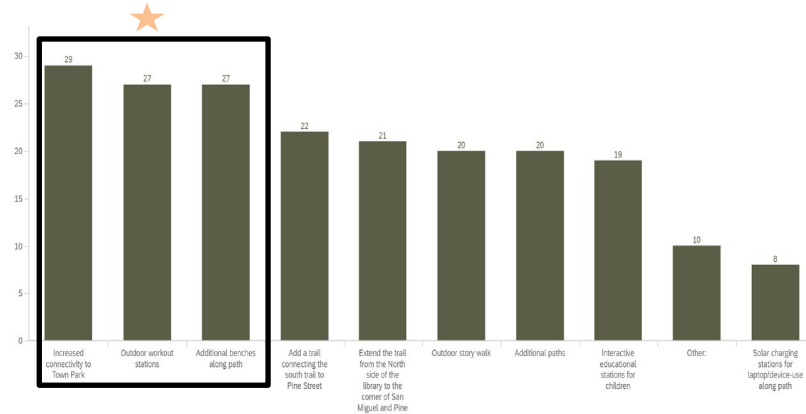
'Other' Responses:
Solar panels on ground
Maintained path form front door to northwest corner
Pet station with water and shade
Flag
Swimming pool

OUTDOOR AMENITY ANALYSIS

These charts portray respondent's thoughts on how the outdoor sidewalks and trails could be improved at the Lone Cone Library. Although most people want to see **additional benches** along the path, **increased connectivity** and **outdoor workout stations** were seen as most important. Additionally, a majority said that they would visit more often if these amenities were added.

Q11: How could the outdoor sidewalks and trails be improved at Lone Cone Library? Please select all that apply. (Results to the right)

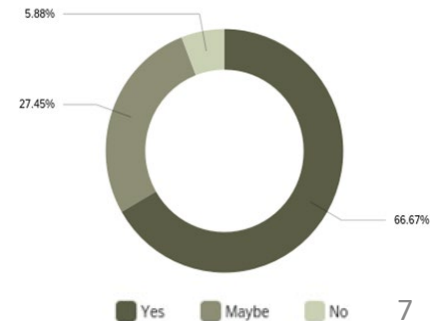
Q12: Please drag and rank your previous choices below, in order from most importance (#1) to least importance. (Results below)



'Other' Responses:

Better outdoor vegetation management/improvements
A maintained path from the front door to the northwest corner
Wildflowers
Picnic area
Recycling water system for sprinklers/waste
Maintaining weeds/shaded areas
Trees along the path
A story walk that could change each month or season
Red path lighting and electrical outlets for telescopes along a path(s) SE to SW

Q13: If Lone Cone Library added some of these outdoor amenities and trails you've identified would you visit more often?



SITE EXPERIENCES ANALYSIS

Support was shown for all proposed experiences at Lone Cone Library, but the top three most requested experiences include:

- **outdoor movie nights**
- **educational workshops such as stargazing and photography**
- **social areas for gathering with family or friends**



Other Responses:

music!

Teaching solar farm supplies buildings with power and makes library self sufficient and possible rebate funds from power company to perpetuate the existence of the library building and staff. Solar is the future, I mean, their "the kids" future.

Theater

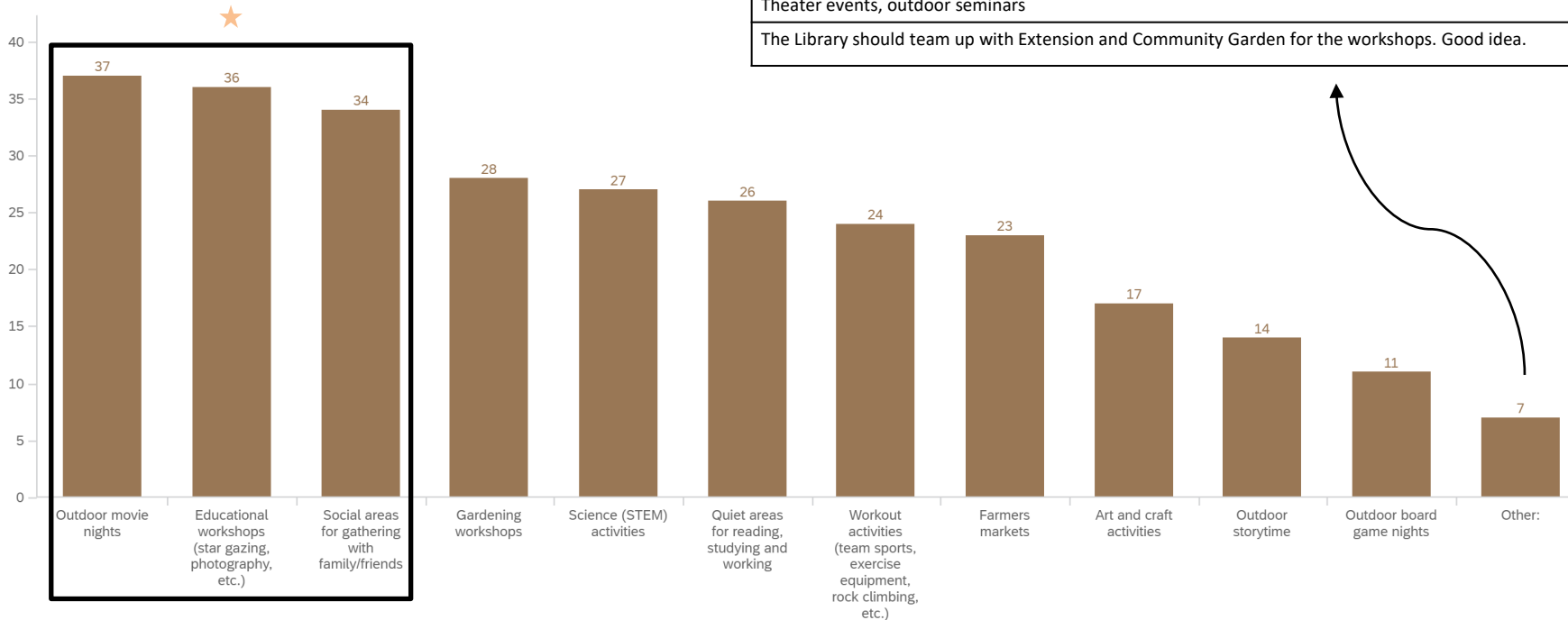
I dont like being outdoors

pool

Theater events, outdoor seminars

The Library should team up with Extension and Community Garden for the workshops. Good idea.

Q14: What outdoor experiences would you like to have at Lone Cone Library? Please select all that apply.



SITE EXPERIENCES ANALYSIS

Q15: Please rank your previous choices below, in order from most importance (#1) to least importance.

This next survey question asked survey respondents to rank their chosen ideal outdoor experiences in order from most to least importance. Ranking revealed the following trends among each chosen experience:

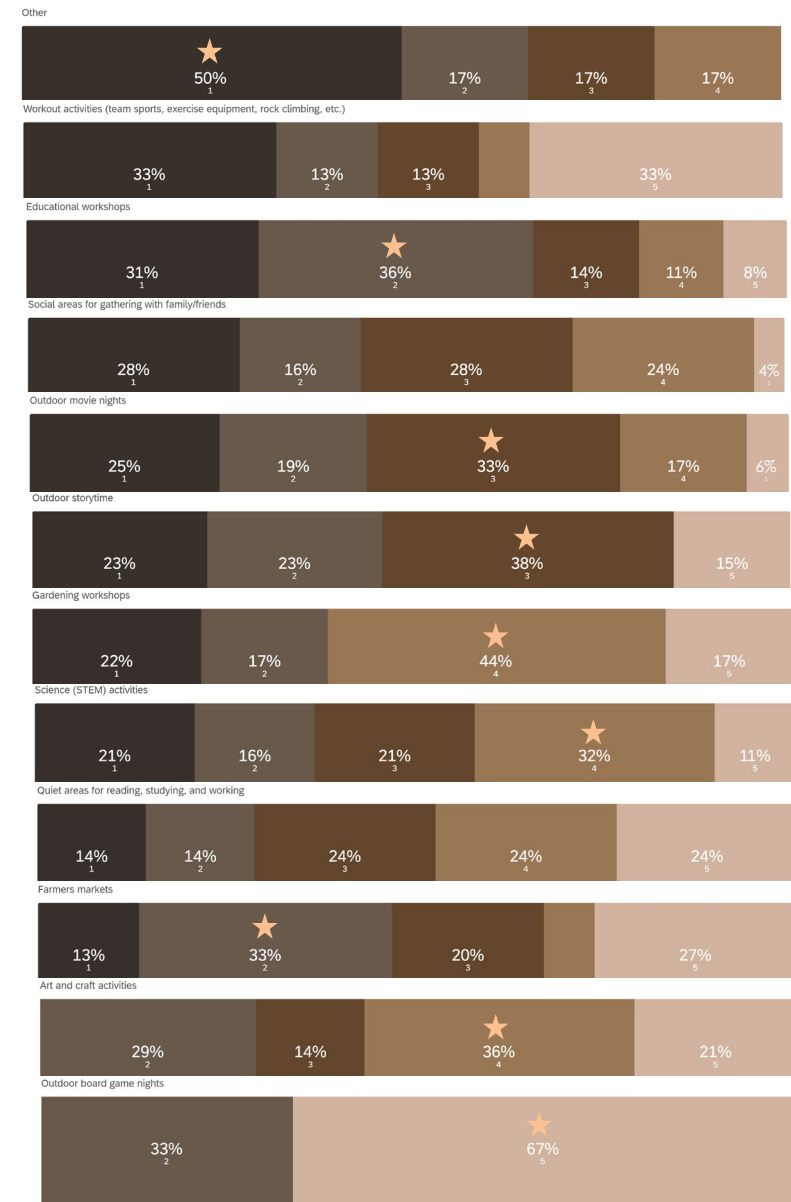
- **Popular 1st Ranked Experiences:**
 - 'Other' (respondent typed in answer that can be seen on the last chart)
 - Workout activities*
 - Social areas for gathering with family/friends**
- **Popular 2nd Ranked Experiences:**
 - Educational workshops
 - Farmers markets
- **Popular 3rd Ranked Experiences:**
 - Outdoor storytime
 - Outdoor movie nights
 - Social areas for gathering with family/friends**
 - Quiet areas for reading, studying, and working****
- **Popular 4th Ranked Experiences:**
 - Gardening workshops
 - Art and craft activities
 - Science STEM activities
 - Quiet areas for reading, studying, and working****
- **Popular 5th Ranked Experiences:**
 - Quiet areas for reading, studying, and working
 - Outdoor board game nights
 - Workout activities*
 - Quiet areas for reading, studying, and working****

* Workout activities tied for both 1st and 5th place.

**Social areas tied for both 1st and 3rd place.

*** Quiet areas tied in 3rd, 4th, and 5th place.

Rank Position: ■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5



SITE EXPERIENCES ANALYSIS

This open-ended question revealed many current favorites at Lone Cone Library including **movie nights, yoga, and youth-focused programming**. These popular and memorable experiences can be enhanced and strengthened through the updated site design.

Q16: What has been your favorite outdoor experience at Lone Cone Library and why?

Movie Night Responses:	Yoga Responses:
A movie night.	Yoga outside. It was really peaceful, but it's hard with bright sun, or wind.
Drive in movie night	Yoga
outdoor movie	Yoga
Ouydoor movie! Cold but Fun!	Community resources and great staff! Oh, and yoga. Love yoga classes
Outdoor movie night. Summer reading 2021	
Only went once to movie on bees. Was great. Think you could V terrace that area for use for films, plays, etc.	Other Responses:
Movie night	Sunshine & reading on the South Patio. Daydreaming about music events in the amphitheater
	Being so close to the park and the Frisbee golf course
Walking Responses:	Barbecue/activities dinner
walking on the paths with my dogs	Just all the areas to sit and relax
Just all the areas to sit and relax	A nice place to sit and visit or read.
George Floyd memoriam. Social gathering with walk.	the grand opening
WALKING	surreptitious off road motorcycling
Walking the paths. Using Wi-Fi in the lawn chairs.	Worrying about whether the plants are receiving enough water
	Waste of tax payers dollars should have a rec center for Kids
Child & Youth Focused Responses:	I've never really been outdoors on purpose at the Library. The programs you are proposing would change that.
the small rock garden for distracting kids while coming in and leaving	I have never had an outdoor experience at Lone Cone library
playing in the kid pools at toddler story time.	Haven't had one
Kid activities	still in the future.
Story Time	
The staff and place to bring my kids.	
Youth events summer/stem	



SITE EXPERIENCES ANALYSIS

This open-ended question asked survey respondents to describe other memorable experiences they have had other libraries. Some shared ideas that were raised include **story walks, star gazing telescopes, peaceful reading spots, and additional shade.**

Q17: Have you had any memorable outdoor experiences at other libraries? Please describe your experience and why you enjoyed it.

Active & Hands-on Experiences:
yoga
When my kids were little, all the fun activities that were outside. Very enjoyable for the kids!
One of our libraries in Douglas County had a somewhat artistic fountain/splash pad installation. It was perfect for the kids after our library trip was done. That being said, Norwood already has one fairly close to the library.
Musical instruments like in Moab and Ridgway
at the library where I grew up there were small boulders to climb, water features with short stories on them, and long benches along walkways for parents/students to make calls /read. I enjoyed this because it was a space for people to use when the weather was nice and good for louder activities
Story trails
Yes, star gazing set up with telescopes!
Outdoor workshops are always great
exercise trail and equipment

Relaxing & Social Experiences:
Boulder Library - It's on the creek. cool place to hang out by the library
Meeting new friends at story time.
I've had some nice times at the Boulder Library near Boulder Creek talking with friends.
peaceful spots to enjoy art and swedish coffee/pastries (Corona Del Mar)
peaceful reading space
Walking through and sitting in a garden

Outdoor Movies and Performances:
OUTDOOR PLAYS
Outdoor theater
Outdoor story time. It was sunny and temperature was perfect. Kids could play afterwards.
Outdoor movies were super fun
Outdoor movie nights. It was so much fun to gather with groups, a blanket, snacks, and watch on the big screen.

Other Memorable Experiences:
Library Programs as a child
Really need shade
shade
I love the activities for adults and children
I don't go to have an "experience" I used to go to get information. we need child care facilities.
Nothing the good kid library was sufficient for our town



SITE EXPERIENCES ANALYSIS

This open-ended question asked survey respondents to describe what currently makes Lone Cone Library special or memorable. Through this exercise, respondents revealed that **a sense of community, amazing staff, and helpful resources/library programs** make their experience at Lone Cone the most special or memorable.

Q18: - What currently makes Lone Cone Library special or memorable?

Community Building:

A community hub
Love that it's a town library that's all about the people in town.
It provided our family something to do and somewhere to go after we moved here. It was probably that first & most consistent touchpoint in rooting our family in the community. THANK YOU for giving a crispy, burned-out mama a place to take her kiddos while she (tried to) write. In the midst of covid and moving, it was the only place we had outside of school.
The closeness we feel when participating in an event
Community events, child activities, welcoming atmosphere
It's close and cool and better than I would expect for the size of town. More like a community center than just a library.
Gathering place for community
small town closeness
It's a great space for our community
Hometown
It's in my home town
everything- the fact that a beautiful space like this exists in our community

Resources & Programming:

SPACE Resources
Storytime
Enhances our community resources- more books and movies, additional community space for classes and meetings, more outdoor space for future projects, etc.
Fireplace, cozy chairs, WiFi... access to library materials.
the seed program is special because it gives new gardeners and probably seasoned gardeners a chance to learn local patterns quickly. the kids section with the butterflies and plenty of options for entertainment is also really nice.
Memorable yoga classes/gatherings

Staff:

It is so inviting when you walk in. Staff is extremely helpful.
The staff, everyone is friendly and helpful. I always leave feeling like I am apart of a great community.
STAFF
Fun librarians...you can talk and laugh without someone 'shuuushing' you
The people who put so much into everything you all offer. Each employee treats my family like we matter.
FRIENDLINESS ,HELPFULNESS
Beautiful space and great people!
It's there!! A great community resource.
The openness of the interior. The very nice staff, also helpful! It's a very nice space! Would love to hang out more if I had time!
Great Employees!
Staff

Other:

Large building
Great interior!
Great architecture and feel inside
central location but still somewhat remote
It seems to be children-focused. That's good. Would also like to see cultural events for adults, life skills classes.
The new building has lots of potential. A music training and performance venue, perhaps?
New and ready to develop great things
It's walkable, clean, safe
Again, a library doesn't need to be a memorable experience. You should have built a swimming pool for all the tax money spent.
Not a thing



FINAL COMMENTS SECTION

Q21: Is there anything else this survey did not ask/cover that you think would be important for us, the design team, to know about Lone Cone Library, Norwood, or yourself?

General Comments
Thank you its wonderful!! :)
You might have asked for volunteers to help plan and build.
Keep up the great work!!
The programming is at a very low level for a modern library. Their needs to be more intelligent programming such as life skills classes, field trips for local kids, and the assumption of a more intelligent and vibrant community
The library is doing a lot to try to meet the needs of the community. Please know you can't possibly do it all.
I think it looks good now. I didn't know there was more to come. No pressure from me. I trust the library to make good choices.
As you know I'm very involved in Dark Sky activities and now President of the Board of the newly formed, Western Slope Dark Sky Reserve Coalition that is planning to make San Miguel County a Dark Sky Reserve.
Does the library have a "Mission Statement". Anything Done in the future should comply or fit. I think a solar project should fit ant that the funds for the project are now available or will be in the near future. Grant writers awake! Thanks and Good Luck S. Peter Franklin

Landscape Comments
You need to put mor trees an flowers to make more convenient for exercise an relax around the property. Norwood is really hot
The wind and snow can be extreme, plan for it.
Edible permaculture landscaping and natural equipment outside
Community flower gardens would be a beautiful way to help the community take ownership of their library while beautifying the space. In-season it could also provide flower arrangements for inside the library and other community spaces/events.
Youth Comments
Our youth need an outlet
I think that the kids area is too open. I have been in the library when children are running around being very noisy, almost un-supervised.
Somehow try to have more activities that appeal to teens! Also, more clean graphic novels.
Business Comments
Adding a coffee shop.
Chocolate malts on demand for seniors
What about a fishing pond with reels you can check out?



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