

V.F. No Branford Library

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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Friends of Library

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1. AGE - ☐ 16-20 ☐ 21-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59
☒ 60 and over
2. SEX ☒ Female ☐ Male
3. OCCUPATION: ☐ Professional, technical ☐ Managers, proprietors, foremen ☐ Clerical ☐ Sales workers ☐ Craftsmen
☐ Operators ☐ Service workers ☐ Student
☐ Housewife ☒ Retired.
4. EDUCATION ☐ eighth grade ☐ some high school ☐ high school
☐ some college ☐ college graduate ☒ post graduate.
5. RESIDENCE ☐ North Branford ☒ Northford.
6. How often do you use the North Branford Library?
☐ once a week or more ☐ 2-3 times a month
☐ once a month ~~once~~ 3 - 10 times a year
☐ once or twice a year ☐ almost never ☒ never.
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8. How do you get to the Library ?
☒ car ☐ public transportation ☐ walk.
9. What do you use the library for? Check as many as apply in the following.
☒ to borrow books ☐ to borrow records ☐ to ask for information ☐ to find information ☐ to read newspapers and magazines.

10. What other library do you use?

☐ Branford ☐ Wallingford ☐ East Haven

☐ North Haven ☐ Other *Young Men's Institute*

11. Why do you use another library?

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☐ Location ☐ Convenience (near shopping etc.)

☒ Better selection or availability of materials ☐ Hours

☐ Special programs - adult or children (underline one).

12. Do you feel that North Branford should expand the two present libraries?

☒ yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐ No opinion.

If yes, Why? *proximity to patrons*

13. Do you feel that North Branford needs a centralized library?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided ☐ No opinion.

14. If a centralized library were built, where should it be located?

☐ Route 80. ☐ Totoket Valley Park area.

☐ Other _____

15. What is your major objection to a centralized library?

☐ Cost ☒ Location (to far to travel)

☐ Existing libraries adequate ☐ Other _____

16. If a centralized library were built, what would you like to see included?

☐ More recreational books ☐ More reference and research material ☐ More records and films ☐ More magazines and newspapers ☐ Private reading areas ☐ Expanded children's area and programs ☐ Meeting facilities ☐ Better parking ☐ Interior atmosphere or physical surroundings ☐ Other _____

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~~(2) - YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE, NEW HAVEN~~

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