

**Chatham County Joint Use Library
Charette #1
July 20, 2006**

Public Comments

Ease of access from parking lot is important

Single story building is desirable

Art and Collections should be geared toward minority communities

The building and library programs should address serious educational deficits

Outreach and advocacy to address educational deficits

Access to computers and dedicated space for teens and children

Green building is important

Use carpet tiles

Have backup generator

Auditorium for performances or way to add one (CCCC is also considering this as part of the classroom building)

Collapsible seating for the meeting room is desired

Performance venue not multipurpose room is desired

Need to coordinate auditorium with CCCC facility—only one is needed

Venue for art exhibits is needed

Work with Chatham Public Arts Commission

Gather demographic data on current users and projections on future library users

Also consider those who haven't been served in the past

Attract teens: relevant collections, access to computers, study rooms

Homework centers and help centers (people and web)

Coordinated with the schools closely

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Later hours of operation needed to serve teens and others

Staff make up should reflect the racial make up of the public

Adequate staff area for book processing is needed

23,000 square feet is not large enough when book processing is included

Be cautious about dedicating too much space to teen use—use declines during teen years

Lockers for volunteers are needed

CCCC has numerous teens on campus—opportunity is seen here

School schedules allow for students to do research at the school library during the day

Group and individual study areas are needed

Space should not be reserved

Quiet study area is needed

#1 need on CCCC student survey was quiet area to study

Both rotating art exhibits and permanent art as part of the facility

Art in the meeting room to enhance the space

Some public art outside as well as inside

Need coffee shop or allow food and drink in the library

Partner with sustainable agriculture class for landscaping

Build for future growth

Storage space for the Friends is needed

**Chatham County Joint Use Library
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LEED Green building desired

VOC Free healthy building desired

Use live plants for indoor air filtering

Plan for facility expansion—up or outward

Have preschool area and older children's area (up to sixth grade)

Have teen area

Have resource room for childcare providers' collection of reading materials

Have local history room or area—this collection grows at different rates than other collections because it is not weeded

Have special area for genealogy computers and work

Provide space for museum – maybe rotate collection

Provide showcase for local artist—also for school children's art

Mix seating into collection areas—lounge seating and study seating

Provide space for tutor and small study rooms

Need computers all over library and in lab as well

Provide wireless access

Provide listening and viewing area

CCCC needs quiet study space, study rooms, tutor rooms, computer lab, and reserves shelves

Access with lots of parking is needed

Be careful with entrance placement

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Sidewalks from town needed

Provide bike rack

Performance area needed—Library or CCCC?

Need more books—at least 2 per person—more for curriculum support

Need work space for processing and work in front and behind the scenes

Incorporated art/local art in exterior of building

Seek art from pottery/sculpture program at CCCC to be use on exterior and interior of building

Rotating Art exhibits desired

Exterior should be interesting and artful

Mechanical space to take up 30% of building

Angled shelves desired—no materials on bottom shelves

Flexible space in which walls can be easily move is desired

**Chatham County Joint Use Library
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Need more after school hours for access by public and students

Must be a safe place for children to meet and work on school projects

Sidewalks and bike path needed

Computer lab for 25 needed

Multi-lingual collection area needed

Small meeting room for 15 desired

Henderson County library model with separate youth area, good access, and flexibility and separation of different areas of service

Self check out is desirable

Need front desk to answer questions and direct people

Do not wall off staff from public

Provide retail feel

Good acoustics are needed in the meeting room so that it can be used for performances

Need book sale space—and storage space for friends

Need youth/teen area

Need Café/Coffee shop

Meeting space needs kitchen area for catering space—need staff for adequate supervision

Need small meeting room space-classroom space for 30

Need kiosk showing diagram of building

Need area for rotating art collections

Need public art outside

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Need bulletin boards for posting notices

Need white board and digital projector in lab area

Need podiums, screens, overhead projectors, and sound system in lab and meeting rooms

Exhibit space should be separate from the collection

Need space for history room or history space

Need display space for history materials—provide for security of items

Need nice reading area

Eva Perry Library has a model periodical area

Use green building to educate community about sustainable building

Need storage space as part of the multipurpose area

Need manipulatives in children's area

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Need space that can be locked off from rest of library with meeting rooms, restrooms, and space for art shows

Space for bookmobile—Will bookmobile be here?

Need dedicated space for teens after school and middle school students

Transportation planning including buses needed

Important that the building have character

Seating interspersed with collection in the adult and children's area

Design for future expansion including mechanical rooms

Need Green LEED certified building

Consider architectural designs that reference the county heritage

Public art needed

Need impressive entrance

Walk ability to building is important—sidewalks needed

Easily accessible parking needed

Need lots of windows—light—control light

Want screened-in porch

Consider impact on walking trail during construction

Sidewalks to facility needed

Need space for historical collection

Utilize CCCC art program to bring art into the library

Extend operating hours

Extend time for computer use

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Wireless access for CCCC campus?

Friendly and welcoming environment needed—to be seen as community center

Café needed

Have Friends book sale in the library

Use building to teach about sustainable buildings

Don't use bottom shelves

Use angled shelving

Want stone fireplace

Want rotating exhibits of art—Children's and local artists