Community Meeting #5 Central Point Branch Library, 12 – 2 p.m., 10/22/15 and Community Meeting #17, 5 – 7 p.m., 11/10/15

At the Central Point community meetings 24 members from the community participated, District Board Members Maureen Swift and Monica Weyhe participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard, Jessica Arenas, Marian Barker, and Carrie Prechtel also attended to facilitate the meeting.

What follows are the 93 data points as collected through the meeting as well as via post-it notes on a visual display at the library inviting patron feedback from folks who were not able to make the meeting.

Discussion regarding the idea of libraries equaling education:
Teens are attracted to library with art and engaging in competition
Working to be a solution to teen drop-out rate
Library is hub for creating dialogue in library space
Cross generational/cross skills
Building social skills
Library is in your hand with cell phone
Study space
Cool in summer, warm in winter – comfortable space
Safe
Libraries offer human resources. Make sure listed in 211info.com (I believe we are)
School visits
Great coordinator of information
Library is TRUST

Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?
All-nighters for teens during peak study times like finals
Devices at library for in-library use or check out – especially interesting to teens
Technology petting zoo
Hot spots for check out!
More computers
Bandwidth – faster speed
Spaces for kids to collaborate with technology
Online workshops
More newspapers
Library curates info on businesses/entrepreneurial info
Tinkerspaces for homeschoolers
Meeting space- gathering community to connect

Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:
Technology
Community service credits for teens to teach seniors with technology
Information literacy “Library 101”
Prototypes and tinkering groups
Entry-level STEAM skills development
Electronic tech skills
Tinkerspaces with homeschoolers
3D printers
Tech help for all ages
Mobile tech lab to go out
Engage in community as they age with Tinkershops
Teach and learn tech

**Economy**
Entry-level job skills
Soft skills development
College placement tutoring – library databases, use volunteers
Connect non-English speakers at the library to support all ages with English proficiency
Citizenship workshops
Need more skilled construction workforce. Construction is losing 50% of its workforce due to aging out
Alternative education needs hands-on in library
Manufacturing skills – basic and advanced
Financing classes
Grant writing classes

**Social connections**
Basics remediation
Tutoring
Help educate people about online time and connectivity
Workshops on social media trends
Teen programs – art workshops/contest
Seniors bridge with teens to inspire cross-cultural understanding
Leadership opportunities for teens
Life skills class
Film how-to classes to take on the road or show on web site

**Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?**
Reference work to help people understand insurance, exchanges, etc.
Partner with groups - Medicare workshops
Learn about job opps online
Job application support
Library facilitate connections for homeless teens with support systems
Libraries adopt a community cause (give vs. get)
Civic engagement – why we have community meeting rooms
Small business help – use networks and ambassadors – they don’t know the value they get with the library
Solar and tech/renewable resources
Business incubation

**OTHER:**
Need to be engaged with major social media
Business kiosks
Leverage partners in communications needs
Transportation challenges to/from library
Partner with DMV with kiosk to take driving test, register to vote, etc. – One stop government access
Train staff on welcoming behaviors with other cultures – especially Spanish speaking
Small-scale manufacturing shared space
Partner with nonprofits
Communication methods need improving
Evening hours
Weekend hours
No paper in Central Point – hard to reach people
4:1 ratio of kids to adults
Family-oriented in CP
Millenials look at amenities when relocating – open/good libraries help
Need more marketing – TV PSAs
Market meeting spaces – not many know about this
Connect physically where people meet to let know what library offers
Do Facebook page for each branch to encourage local communication hub
I like the library because I like reading
More Christian large print
Makerspace
Minecraft
Minecraft
Better parking
It's a good library with a bunch of amazing books and movies. I checked out Hatchet and Little Women. +1000 more reasons