Community Meeting #15 Talent Branch Library, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., 11/3/15 and
Community Meeting #19, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., 11/13/15

At the Talent community meeting 22 members from the community participated, District Board Members Carol Doty and Jill Turner participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard, Susan Bloom, and Claudia Van Dyke also attended to facilitate the meeting. Special thanks to Branch Manager Patrick Mathewes for his attendance, welcome, advanced preparation and marketing for the meeting.

What follows are the 168 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:

- Technology
- Books
- Resources
- Books
- Connection
- Programs
- Circ materials, books, CDs, DVDs
- Newspapers
- Community connection
- Self-directed learners
- Computer classes
- Movies
- Little library books
- Libraries for the family
- Bulletin board
- Enjoys programs, have historians
- Computers
- Place for everyone to learn at their own pace
- Libraries are a place we come to, not sent to
- Equal access – all inclusive
- Free!
- Economically challenged area for families
- Computers and internet for all
- Access to information and broader world
- Shared access to books and computers
- Community center to gather and learn
- Mentorship classes
- Use libraries as schools – continuing education, retraining, etc.
- Partner with others to decrease additional burden on staff
- SAT and Common core training
- Early literacy programs, Toddlers, storytime, SRP
- As a learning place, libraries are very nimble to support local demographics
- Self-directed learner
- Librarian curates, organizes, makes available
- Research fills information need
- Professionals and materials available
- Instruction – clinics, workshops
- How-to self guided books
- Books on interests, health, gardening, adult continuing learning
- Newspapers – Oregonian and local
Kids need basic education to progress to high tech (or any) jobs!
Basic common skills – cursive, making change...
Summer reading when schools are closed

**Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?**
More organized proctoring
Reach out/organize home schoolers
Loan notepads, laptops, etc.
Need for computers and access as costs increase
Retaining workforce for new jobs
More computers – longer time on computers
Tablets
Computer classes on how to use all kinds of technology devices
Need test prep support – ACT, SAT
Develop a love of reading
Extend time to use computers
Translators on our computers
Mobile devices at library

**Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:**
**Technology**
STEAM skills – connect home/charter
Maker classes
After-school clubs for kids – robotics, etc.
Have young teach old new technology – shared technology
Tech help volunteers
Outreach to homeschools to help with tech
Tutorials on JCLS Web site
Further simplify Web site
Need computer software classes
Computer programming
3-D printing
Bookmobiles as tech hot spots/places to collect opportunities to learn new tools
Hack labs
Maker spaces
More information literacy teaching
STEM programs
Working at home on computers

**Economy**
Advanced (and all) manufacturing jobs require sophisticated technology training
Language development, ELL, libraries as place helps pass tacit knowledge
Basic Skill Building
Workforce training – coding, programs

**Social connections**
More peer to peer
Fairy tale ball for kids
High school youth mentor older patrons and younger kids for credit/community service hours
Tutoring pairs in same age groups
Embed ourselves in schools and classrooms to help meet classroom goals
Building on storytimes with more interactive events – adding music from local groups
Expanding Toddlerobics
Add OLLI classes to all branches
Mentorship classes – partner with community and businesses
Partner with RCC to expand classes to more branches
More home schooling
Encourage more classes

**Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?**

Need reference librarian at all branches
Check out hot spots
Network of tech library for all types of business to support those business needs
Business incubation
Information professionals matter in the library – they are unbiased
Make sure library resources have a foot in past and future
More technology/engineering collection development
Climate issues – educate people about our climate and how to stay clean
Community meetings to meet needs of community
Genealogy – more emphasis – partner more with Gen. Society – more programs
Job searching
Resume support
Workforce training – retraining
Hire more reference librarians – one for every library

**OTHER:**

Brammo – cutting edge battery production
Talent is zoned for light industrial
OSF Staging/costuming production
Microtrains – high end toys
Disney engineers working here
Veteran issues
More hours !!!!!!!!!!
More hours
More partnerships
Expand technology through portable “book” mobile system – tech mobiles
More hours
More staff hours to handle new tech training
More frequent upgrades to tech we do have
Need more consistency with press coverage
Paid advertising!!
Interact/partnership with business community
Redefine roles for District, FOL, volunteers
Get more grants to support programming and expand economic abilities
Need more hours to support programs
Need more staff to support programs
More consistent hours 10-7 daily ideal
Move groups that charge to other meeting places – effort to keep free programs at library
more job council-type information
tech training for library staff
adjust the facilities to allow people in to use the wifi
manufacture of electric guitar picks
Wi-Fi inside and outside!!!!!!x10
Need a real budget for advertising
Need better marketing to share what’s possible !!!!!!
Have meeting spaces for job fairs, employer conversations
Hours don’t suit families
Spanish language/English language
Job fair-type events to show what’s possible and to help people understand needed skills
Bring employers to the library as a resource to find workers
Workers find opportunity to gain specific skills
Programs bring in all ages
No middle class in Talent
Library is a primary referral source – employers identify specific skills that are missing! The library as a conduit to retraining skills
Title I school 70% Free and reduced lunch
Schools are pushing through the low achievers
High school graduation rate is a big problem
Kids programming to have them read aloud
Library to help kids do three things: 1. Help kids before they drop out 2. Help people get a GED - or better – a real diploma 3. Help students get an avocation
Youth changing perceptions of libraries as exciting
Connect library hours to compliment school hours
Address what is current in terms of technology
Need better customer service on paper requests – make sure all papers are at every branch (Times, Oregonian, etc).
Magazine subscriptions are valuable
Use the library as the commons
Engage kids at middle school level
Meet people where they are in terms of what is relevant in the workforce marketplace
SOREDI partnership on education issue
Continue to keep library as the “educational center”
Distributed drop off centers – partner with local businesses
High school graduation issues critical!!!!!
Partnership with K-12/Higher Ed including OLLI
Signage in Spanish
Make sure all libraries are equal in their services (have the same resources) because the main services are online
More hours!
Disparity of branches because of Friends and donations
Partnerships with others – sharing resources, collaboration, direct to resources
Libraries as model for alternative energy! – How to do it, how to live it, what a difference it makes
More library staff!