

Saugus Library Center Needs Assessment Survey - April 2015

Question 1: What is your zip code?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 91350 | 48.3% | 718 |
| 91390 | 18.7% | 278 |
| Other | 33.0% | 490 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1486 |

Question 2: What is your age group?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 10 to 14 | 2.5% | 37 |
| 15 to 19 | 4.7% | 71 |
| 20 to 24 | 3.5% | 52 |
| 25 to 34 | 13.3% | 200 |
| 35 to 44 | 33.8% | 509 |
| 45 to 54 | 23.4% | 353 |
| 55 to 64 | 11.7% | 176 |
| Over 65 | 7.2% | 109 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1507 |

Question 3: Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 65.4% | 902 |
| No | 34.6% | 477 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1379 |

Question 4: Which of the City's Recreation/Community Centers have you and your family visited in the last year? (All Respondents)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Canyon Country Community Center | 13.0% | 193 |
| Newhall Community Center | 23.4% | 348 |
| Santa Clarita Sports Complex | 58.8% | 873 |
| None | 31.2% | 463 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1485 |

Question 4: Which of the City's Recreation/Community Centers have you and your family visited in the last year? (Saugus Residents Respondents)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Canyon Country Community Center | 9.5% | 93 |
| Newhall Community Center | 21.1% | 206 |
| Santa Clarita Sports Complex | 59.9% | 583 |
| None | 32.6% | 318 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 974 |

Question 5: If you have not, please tell us why. Select all that apply.

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Cost | 2.7% | 12 |
| Inconvenient location | 23.0% | 104 |
| Member of private gym/club | 11.1% | 50 |
| Not aware of Recreation Center offerings | 44.9% | 203 |
| Not interested in programs/activities | 15.7% | 71 |
| Programs not offered for teens | 1.5% | 7 |
| Programs not offered for adults | 3.3% | 15 |
| Programs not offered for Seniors | 4.2% | 19 |
| Too crowded | 4.2% | 19 |
| Hours and programs don't fit my schedule | 22.3% | 101 |
| Other (please specify) | 12.8% | 58 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 452 |

Question 5: If you have not used a recreation center, please tell us why. (Sample of Open-ended responses)

- Haven't made the time to or too busy (13 responses)
- Have not found the need or interest at this stage (7 responses)
- No transportation
- Senior handicap access required
- There used to be a water aerobics' class at the Santa Clarita pool that I could work my lunch around and attend. On the alternate days there was lap swim in the same time slot. It is difficult to drive out to the Aquatic Center to fit my physical abilities right now. A catch 22 to be sure - ironic that I can't get to a pool to exercise to improve my physical abilities after multiple surgeries.
- Boys and girls club
- Prices are reasonable but we have cut back on our expenses
- Couldn't find the Newhall Community Center for the Thursday Art Talk. I would like educational programs such as photography, different art programs, poetry and other book readings including children's authors.
- Have a one year old at home so it would be hard to take advantage of recreational offerings right now
- We like the Placerita Canyon Nature Center and Hart Park.
- Our HOA has tennis & pools and that's all we really use.
- Would do the pickle ball now that it's grown to 3 days per week if I can fit it in, no time to do now
- Taught for Parks and Recreation but enrollment too low for painting classes. Not enough students that want to learn traditional art
- Moved here 3 months ago and both kids are under 5.
- The activities we have been involved in happen in other places, parks, etc.
- Some classes fill quickly. Wait list hasn't worked for me yet.
- Just moved to Saugus 6 months ago.

Question 6: Which libraries have you or your family visited in the last year? (All respondents)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Newhall | 67.0% | 986 |
| Valencia | 70.4% | 1036 |
| Canyon Country | 29.7% | 437 |
| None | 7.1% | 105 |
| Other | 6.9% | 101 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1471 |

Question 6: Which libraries have you or your family visited in the last year? (Saugus respondents)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Newhall | 65.6% | 636 |
| Valencia | 72.4% | 702 |
| Canyon Country | 27.5% | 267 |
| None | 7.4% | 72 |
| Other | 6.0% | 58 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 970 |

Question 7: If you have not, please tell us why.

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Inconvenient location | 32.3% | 31 |
| Noisy | 1.0% | 1 |
| Too crowded | 9.4% | 9 |
| Prefer to buy books | 28.1% | 27 |
| Prefer to use Internet | 52.1% | 50 |
| Not interested in what's offered | 15.6% | 15 |
| Other (please specify) | | 32 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 96 |

Question 7: If you have not used a library, please tell us why. (Sample of open-ended responses)

- Not familiar with location of the Canyon Country Community Center. I keep forgetting where it's located. We do more activities, shopping, & doctors, school, work, banking & entertainment on the West side.
- Hard to get help when needed and I always forget to return the books by the due date.
- School Library (multiple responses)
- Small children make it difficult
- I borrow from the audiobooks books online at the city library. That said, I have already listened to all they have that interest me, so I recently got LA county card to borrow from them as well.
- I would be going to the library more often if it was closer to my home
- kindle has changed my library habits

Question 8: Would you or your family use a proposed Saugus Library/Recreation Center? (All)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 77.9% | 1097 |
| No | 4.9% | 69 |
| Not sure | 17.2% | 243 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 1409 |

Question 8: Would you or your family use a proposed Saugus Library/Recreation Center? (Saugus)

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 85.3% | 788 |
| No | 2.8% | 26 |
| Not sure | 11.9% | 110 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 924 |

Question 9: Which Library or Recreation program should be included or expanded in a SLC.

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Free WiFi | 63.5% | 898 |
| Books | 61.2% | 866 |
| Family events | 48.6% | 687 |
| Exercise/Fitness classes | 47.2% | 667 |
| Children's (K-6) programs | 44.9% | 635 |
| Technology classes | 44.4% | 628 |
| Children's/family programs | 42.7% | 604 |
| Homework help | 41.4% | 585 |
| Teen library programs | 39.4% | 557 |
| Adult Library Programs | 38.5% | 544 |
| Aquatics | 37.8% | 534 |
| Youth sports | 33.2% | 470 |
| Audio books | 33.2% | 469 |
| Performing arts classes | 32.2% | 456 |
| Book clubs | 32.0% | 453 |
| Summer camp | 30.6% | 432 |
| DVDs | 29.1% | 411 |
| Visual/Digital Art classes | 28.4% | 402 |
| Early childhood programs | 28.0% | 396 |
| Specialty classes | 24.8% | 350 |
| Gymnasium sports | 24.6% | 348 |
| Senior library programs | 24.5% | 347 |
| Senior recreation | 22.7% | 321 |
| Special needs programs | 21.9% | 310 |
| Parenting classes | 18.9% | 267 |
| Reference help | 18.2% | 257 |
| Homeschool activities | 15.9% | 225 |
| Other (please specify) | | 132 |

Question 9: Which library or recreation programs and activities should be included or expanded in Saugus? (Open-ended responses)

- Programs and resources for autistic children and their families.
- Chess!! (many responses)
- More educational and interesting programs for seniors like genealogy, healthful cooking for one, finances, ins and outs of Medicare, travel alone, etc. Many folks do not attend senior center activities because of distance, do not drive etc. Neighborhood senior opportunities are critical to address isolation and loneliness issues. And we need more programs with opportunities for seniors and young folks to interact through mentoring programs, wellness calls, etc.
- Classes to help seniors learn modern technology (many responses)
- Love the reading programs for young kids!
- Make your website more user friendly.
- Instead of physical DVDs which are usually scratched, there should be an online free rental of movies to download to laptops. Similar to downloading audiobooks where you can check out the movie for a week or so and then return it.
- A dedicated space with displays of artwork/photography by local artists
- Quiet library activities so i can read without all the noise.
- International daily news available: Christian Science Monitor in particular,
- Computers, meeting rooms, coffee and snack and lounge room
- We need a large banquet room to seat 300 people. Only the Hyatt has a big enough room and it is very costly. We need something for school/community events (many responses)
- Have types of rooms for older and younger people so kids won't be such a distraction for others
- Author visits, college lectures
- Weekend story times for littles (they're always during the week and I work) and the Read to a Dog program is awesome!
- ESL classes
- Robotics / electronics club, Aero Club
- Adult literacy
- Computer lab dedicated for homework only
- Perhaps an idea more modern than the 19th century is appropriate. Use library resources (the librarians and the money) to assist folks getting what they need via their own internet connections...kinda an online teaching library. Show us how to find things and where to find things. Don't provide the things.
- I remember getting asked many questions in my younger years. If I didn't know the answer, we'd look at some encyclopedia or go to the library, which means the question would rarely get answered. We'd plod along just as stupid as before. Encyclopedias are now online and the "library" is the totality of the internet. Now when a question comes up, the internet provides me a quick answer. And I'm smarter for it.
- Thank you for the opportunity to give input. It would be sooooo wonderful for the Saugus area to have a branch of our city library!!!!
- Computer workstations; sufficient electrical outlets to accommodate laptops.
- Host special interest clubs such as for video games, card games, Legos, robotics, etc.
- Story time for toddlers
- Libraries need to go beyond - a camp sounds fun -
- Kids need to start learning about programming 3d rendering and programming. This is the future, and you need to evolve, the current school system is about 30 years outdated and losing ground every day. Nothing that is currently taught is useable in the modern real world.
- Crafting classes would be a good addition: knitting/crocheting; ceramics; cooking

- Public meeting rooms available for use by nonprofits for small group meetings with availability of equipment to play/show DVD's, computer projection, etc. for free or nominal fee.
- Large print books for seniors.
- I would love to have a Library that is closer to my house.
- Job search; Job skills; Becoming a citizen; Adult literacy
- Something for special needs kids and adults
- Private rooms for tutoring/mtgs. We use to reserve a room so my son can meet with his tutor.
- On line books
- Cooking classes
- It is so exciting to think that Saugus could get the same resources as other cities around us.
- This would be the best thing since central park was created. So very excited for this.
- Music rentals
- I checked the ones I think are most important, but I'd also be interested in some of the classes, potentially. Much of our use will depend on WHERE the library/recreation center is located.
- E-books
- Recreation where adults/children could take Cultural Dance (Irish, Hula, Folklorico) or Zumba classes.
- Sensei Dave Martial arts class would be great
- Volunteering programs and opportunities for youth and family to help in the community Betterment/Self-help classes
- Some of my students, I teach junior high, could use homework help I am sure!
- I love the special reading programs you have for the kids too. I have taken my grandson many times and would love to have something in Saugus.
- I'd love to have a place for our Girl Scout troop to meet that costs less than school charges.
- Tennis courts
- Weight room and steam room at a reduced cost would be great.
- Entrepreneurship programs
- Other libraries I have been to have a really nice child play area where all the children's books are. I noticed this is lacking in the Valencia and Canyon Country library. It would be really helpful to have a little toddler play area so that young tots can play while older kids pick out books.
- Support groups.
- Open mic for music and poetry readings, writing groups, teen programs (not just library), cultural celebrations/events, educational workshops on a variety of topics,
- Coding and Cyber security classes.
- Digital Books for checkout.....i.e. Kindles.
- Writer's classes/workshops
- Babysitting classes
- Special needs programs
- We would LOVE to have a Saugus library and Community Center!
- A free or very low price meeting space for local youth organizations like Girl Scouts.
- Another sand volleyball court (or two) in SCV would be great!
- I would love to see art classes, painting, drawing, sculpting, etc.
- Language classes (French, German, Italian, and Russian)
- Shady Park and trail similar to the park behind YMCA off McBean
- Homework help for teens!!!!!!!!!!
- Coding/programming classes
- Graphic design classes

- Science exhibits
- Math remedial classes
- Adult literacy programs for English learners and for adults who can't read.
- Language immersion classes in Spanish, French, Mandarin, and English (etc.) For children from preschool through elementary. Our community doesn't have any such classes except through Kallpachay at the Little School of Music. Our public schools don't offer such classes either, and second language acquisition is easiest before the age of 12.
- STEM activities, especially Robotics for 4th-8th grade.
- Orchestra lessons
- Craft classes (many responses)
- Children's art classes (many responses)
- My kids' favorite events are; read to a dog, Minecraft, & animal or pet programs.
- Classes for adults, computer classes for example
- It would be a wonderful idea to have a science aspect to it for example a community garden. The community gardens of Santa Clarita has a long waitlist and this would give more families the opportunity to grow organically, learn about gardening, plant science for kids, and much more.
- Would like to see something like the Newhall Community center over here (but maybe on a smaller scale?). We go all the way over there to participate in their activities.
- Game night (board game club)
- Gaming!
- E-books
- Minecraft, chess, Legos
- Let's create a Horse park, Barn and trail in Saugus; bike path and walking paths next to or on the water channels. Bike riding groups tours.
- Open office space, conference rooms where people who work out of their home could conduct interviews or have business meetings. Resources related to starting a business or getting a job.
- Author talks
- A rock climbing wall would be amazing.
- Sand volleyball courts, indoor courts for basketball & volleyball, community rooms
- Aquatics classes for seniors. The diving pool does not work for disabled persons.
- Employment of disabled and disabled adult classes for wheelchair bound
- A Santa Clarita City pool should be built on the corner of Plum Canyon Road and Via Joyce Drive. Near Dave March Park.
- Dance classes!!!!
- Storytime
- I go to the library 1-3 times a week with my children. We would LOVE a facility on our side of town. We also use the city's aquatic facilities & love most of the programs the city offers.
- I have advanced degrees in and teach performing arts to children. I'd love to be involved!
- High research capability for post-secondary education.
- Our city is highly deprived of a teen recreation center! As someone who grew up in Saugus and just exited my teenage years, I still have many memories of an overall lack of places to go and things to do as a teen in Saugus, leaving us to be at the mall or other places where we were considered to be "loitering." Teens in Santa Clarita are in enormous need of a teen center. There are many childhood enrichment programs and children's centers, and now I believe it's about time a teen center be put in the works.
- I would like to see a planetarium or observatory put in the design
- SCV historical resources/classes.

Question 10: What features/amenities would you like to see in a new SLC?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Comfortable seating | 77.2% | 1081 |
| Children's library | 68.3% | 957 |
| Café | 67.7% | 949 |
| Quiet study area | 62.9% | 881 |
| Homework center | 54.0% | 756 |
| Computer training lab | 51.9% | 727 |
| Used bookstore | 51.7% | 724 |
| Storytime area | 50.7% | 710 |
| Community garden | 48.6% | 681 |
| Outdoor play area | 47.8% | 670 |
| Teen area | 47.8% | 670 |
| Art Exhibit area | 46.0% | 644 |
| Exercise/dance studio | 44.9% | 629 |
| Group study rooms | 40.8% | 572 |
| Meeting space | 40.3% | 565 |
| Outdoor performance space | 39.3% | 551 |
| Conference rooms | 37.3% | 523 |
| Gymnasium | 35.5% | 498 |
| Visual/digital arts studio | 34.8% | 487 |
| Interactive water feature | 31.7% | 444 |
| Performing arts classroom | 30.5% | 427 |

Question 10: What features/amenities would you like to see in the new Saugus Library/Recreation Center? (Open-ended responses)

- Makers' Space (many responses)
- Cafe! Starbucks with food!!!!!!! (Many responses)
- Large banquet room for seating 300 for dinner. Hyatt is stealing our money (many responses)
- Please dear god, a used book store (Many responses)
- No water features in the drought, yes to native garden (many responses)
- Flexible auditorium area for large lectures, performances, etc. (many responses)
- Arts classroom for children and adults (Many responses)
- Plaques and dedications to important figures from the community.
- Interesting local art for decor.
- For the Newhall Library (and all libraries) Heritage exhibits showing some of the historical artifacts from the rich past of Castaic, Val Verde, and the Santa Clarita Valley. A museum setting better than the Heritage museum in the old train!
- Dog walking area with restrooms
- Teen area!!!! This is really important. If teens feel like they have their own space, they are much more likely to come. (many responses)
- Outdoor movie projection area, periodical reading area
- Adult outdoor play area
- A fully equipped wood working workshop available for rent. Make all spaces offered available for rent by businesses who might want to offer classes.
- Space for toddler with books for that age. They can read in a closed gate area and they are not going to be running around the other areas
- All these sound fantastic - a place where kids can go for help - especially now that common core is so important - parents could be educated as well.

- Computer training
- Box Lacrosse/roller skating rink.
- We need a close by Saugus Library/Recreation Ctr so we (Saugus) do not have to drive/rush to the activities.
- A place where you could read outdoors in the sunshine, umbrellas, comfy chairs heck maybe even min cabanas. I like natural like lots of windows. I also like the fireplace area like the Newhall library.
- Senior citizen activities
- I love to have a Saugus Library. Not sure I am going to go regularly. Depends on location close to my zip code.
- Disc golf course
- Recreational activity areas (for things like chess, ping-pong, maybe pool...)
- Gym with open time for basketball would be great! Also need a place for Saugus city basketball league to practice! We were promised Rio Norte this past season and then a few hrs before practice were told we would not be able to use the gym at all! We had to go to the park every week and hope to find an open court!
- Indoor performance stage, classrooms
- Excited and looking forward to having a library similar to Newhall in Saugus area. Would also be great to have a rec center for my kids and teens to hang out at.
- No sand or wood chips....the turf similar to March Park please :)
- Technology labs (such as an Embodied Learning and/or Maker lab)
- Conference room rental should be affordable so it can be used by all including community and non-profits.
- Lots of computers, kept updated. Designate some for entertainment purposes but have a lot offered for kids, teens, and adults to use for research/homework/information.
- Interactive science exhibits
- Social media responsibility classes/programs for teens and young adults
- Programs to help find employment programs to work for the library
- PC Internet use area
- Collaborative office space, small "interview" rooms.
- Gardening classes
- An outdoor play area that is completely fenced in.
- Seriously, a rock climbing wall, or a space to teach proper biking etiquette would be amazing.
- Online access to books, movies and magazines
- Bicycle parking
- A pool!
- Amphitheater/Theater area for different performance events, whether they be concerts, poetry slams, etc that would be available for public use.
- Planetarium / observatory
- Roller hockey
- It would be amazing to have some afternoon story times for preschoolers as all the libraries in the area have them in the morning. Thank you!

Question 11: Would you like to share any additional information with us?

- I've been dreaming of a Saugus library for many years. Thanks for helping make my dream come true. Now don't go changing your mind on me!
- We love this idea! Go Go Go!
- When the city did the takeover from the county we were very concerned. But honestly the libraries are much better now. The books available are much better, there seems to be more staff to help people, the programs for kids are fun and helpful, and we love the new hours on Sunday. We didn't know how good

the libraries could be until Santa Clarita took over. By comparison the county was lacking. Thank you for making libraries such a priority!

- This proposed library and recreation space needs to be an all in one family/community center. Children should be able to get books, attend library programs, receive homework help, enjoy sports and other recreation activities and more. Parents should be able to receive parenting information and assistance, homeschooling resources and more. Families should feel safe and secure in this environment.
- A central location for the Saugus area would be great for a library. Our community would benefit as it would be used by the many families who think education is very important. Having an area where our children, students, teachers, adults, and seniors can meet, play, check out books and participate in programs in our city is a positive. I would love to see a gym, fitness area, meeting rooms large enough for enrichment classes, homework help, and a wide array of books.
- A library serves many functions in the community. While it is a repository for books and other learning aids, it also serves as a gathering place for folks of all ages to have a safe inviting place that is free or low cost. Seniors in particular need a place closer to their home where they can go and take an informative class like genealogy, scrapbooking, or finances, hear an interesting presentation on things relevant to their situation like learning Facebook, Ins and Outs of Medicare or traveling alone, etc. Additionally libraries can facilitate intergenerational activities to ease the isolation and loneliness encountered by some seniors by offering mentoring programs, wellness checks, or simply providing the opportunity to introduce willing young folks to seniors who want to socialize. I volunteer for the Senior Thanksgiving Feast and one of the most appreciated and anticipated aspects by the seniors is getting to spend time with the high school volunteers who come to help and socialize with the seniors. The library could provide such a program year round and perhaps the young folks could get class credits for participating.
- This center should be for everyone. There should be a playground for children, a young adult book section for teens, a lounge with comfortable seating for adults, and an area to play chess and bingo for the elder folks.
- A safe, comfortable, and welcoming ambience staffed with excellent and friendly personnel offering relevant programs for folks of all ages near where they live is vital to the health and vibrancy of any community including Santa Clarita. As I said, the library serves many functions: learning center, loaning center, gathering center, senior center, teen center, kid's center, meeting center, art center, performing arts center, etc. And is a whole lot more than a book repository. With great planning and forward thinking Santa Clarita can continue its tradition of being a premier city offering great amenities including library services for generations to come.
- Would love a Maker center with classes for kids and adults.
- The Burbank Buena Vista Branch, would be a great example of a great children's area plus park. The park outside is great for smaller children and is fenced in, if it gets hot you can always go inside the very cute children's section of the library with the tree and study rooms for older children. My family often drives down to Burbank just to visit this park and library.
- Saugus sports complex/workout area would be great! More amenities for people in wheelchairs (like myself)/with other disabilities
- Newhall Library is great! Valencia Library cannot compare. Saugus needs a library like Newhall with just as many books and features to be a community gathering area for learning just like Newhall
- My main issue for Newhall library is it's always too noisy with kids running around and none of the library personnel do anything about it. This is a library not a handout. Hence I don't frequent Newhall library anymore. Valencia is much better. Thank you.
- Museum-style space where Art shows and traveling or permanent artifact presentations (especially from ancient times, local area), can be visited. We are in desperate need of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) center, museum, or program to bring kids and their parents into the 21st C.

- I am an artist and earth science teacher who could help with this, but on a paid level, not volunteer.
- Anything that can get young people interested in coming, reading, and learning is good. Combining a recreation facility with a library facility is a great idea. One will improve the mind, the other the body. I also think there should be a quiet atmosphere at the library. This is sorely missing in the daily life of most young people today. Then, the recreation area can be where they blow off steam.
- Great idea for this side of town - we don't have anything like it and I feel it would bring our community and schools closer.
- Would love a senior center to be here.
- I think it's great that the City is considering another center at a location closer to us. We have lived in Saugus for 20 of our 32 years in Santa Clarita & think it would be of great interest to this farther north end of town! Thank you in advance!!!!
- I have been hoping for a Saugus library forever! Even if it was just a place to order and pick up and drop off. I am sure my family would use the library more often than we do now if there was one within walking or bike riding distance from our home. I hope this happens!
- It would be amazing if you did this, I would love a place where I could hang out and study with my friends, it's always been hard since there aren't any close by study-environment like places near Saugus HS and this would be a great addition
- A separate "warehouse" building serving all libraries where books checked out only several times a year would be stored. This would be serviced by volunteers on a one or two hour basis daily or less frequently.
- I believe the library should be a place for learning and knowledge. Focus should be on area for study, reading, meetings, not exercise rooms. Focus on areas dedicated to students and citizens of Saugus to learn more.
- Very excited for this library/rec center to come to fruition!
- I would like to see more services for kids/teens with special needs. Lego Robotics Class or Video Game Club.
- Closed off children area with windows, autistic kids don't disturb others
- I really like the idea of a Saugus library.
- I think it would be convenient to have some "quiet zones" and some "not-so-quiet" zones that way those who are trying to speak don't feel like they're disrupting anyone around them.
- At Newhall, I sometimes can't use a computer for homework because so many kids are playing Minecraft.
- I would love to see space for a Maker lab
- I think the city does a great job on any task they take on. Would love to have a library/rec. Center right by us.
- I think that it is very important to incorporate programs for special needs kids into our city programs.
- I hope to see a well received and well-rounded library/rec center that won't be so overcrowded or have such lousy parking that it won't benefit us. I would love to see it flourish for the right reasons and become an essential part of Saugus.
- Libraries are fun for us. We get books and movies. We often read and play at the library in and outside. My family goes to the library for educational and recreational activities. Extemporaneous activities, programs, clubs or social events have little interest to us.
- I am an avid reader, mother of three -- 17, 12 and 8 years old. I am a member of multiple libraries and use their services often. In addition to the items described in the survey, I would really like the library to expand its digital library collection. My entire family reads on devices (easier to get books, plus I don't have to worry about lost or overdue book fees). As a commuter, I also listen to audiobooks extensively -- 2-3 per week. One of the main reasons I'm a member of multiple libraries is because I'm looking for a wide selection. PLEASE include ebook and audiobooks as a MUST in your library services. Thanks.
- Community rooms to facilitate various programs for all ages.

- Thank you for taking the step to locate a library branch in the Saugus area!
- Most important to my family is that, along with WiFi, there are enough study areas and workstations with electrical outlets for our laptops. Also, an option for printing would be appreciated.
- I was somewhat surprised by the suggested uses of the proposed library. It is my understanding that a library can be a great place to learn, research, study be exposed to books and all that that implies. New views also include computer fluency for all ages including areas that provide computers to use and learn with. There are lots of other important areas, too, like art display walls that change often. All great! However, I do not see this space as an art center, either visual or performing. There is not enough space for the arts within the area of a library. It would be great if there were a complex that would include all of this but that is unlikely due to costs. I feel it would be more cost effective to do a fine library rather than a mish-mash uses building that does nothing well.
- I would love to see the children's book area decorated more with children book characters to inspire and excite the children (stuffed animals, puppets, book jacket posters). This decor would make it feel like it is their special space. Many libraries are barely set up this way.
- I like the idea of a library as also a cultural community building including all age groups. But don't forget to use money for great books. Thanks.
- It would be nice to have more things like this in Saugus.
- There are very few teenager and special needs groups in Santa Clarita. This would be a great area to target with this given the high demand and very low availability of these types of classes/group activities.
- Keep up the good work!
- Suggest a computer center including technology literacy workshops for all age groups/varied skill levels.
- I would love this on Bouquet canyon near Seco canyon or Central Park
- It would be awesome to make the new Saugus Library and Recreation Services Center its own community with all the amenities a neighborhood would have. Café, store, recreation (all ages), library, aquatic facility & gardens. A peaceful place to be.
- A combo of the Newhall library plus aquatics/sports center would be amazing!
- For a library space, it would be wonderful if the children's section could be more self-contained. That way, the kids can be kids and not worry about noise. For example, in Valencia and Cyn Country, the children's section is open and they can be heard everywhere. Also, the teen spaces are great but they need more quiet work rooms.
- A public speaking program & facility would be a tremendous benefit to our community. It supports a valuable mechanism to give our people a voice. So many people have great ideas and progressive ideas to grow our community, but their contribution remains silent behind the wall of fear (to speak publicly). With a supportive training program (much like, "Toastmasters International") we can access more ideas and progressive thinking to support our community.
- I recommend technology advancements within the library, such as large interactive screens, displays of science and engineering information and video, large and small group meeting areas with Wi-Fi, plug into and perhaps a screen for projecting images from personal computers, but not TV broadcasts, and get input from people in Technology Industry, like Cal Tech, Master's Art College, etc. Make location visually appealing with large windows to outside and install solar power.
- It would be cool to have a fireplace and window seats.
- My most important factor regarding a library is that there be sufficient books. I know the City is regularly adding books to the current three libraries, but it still seems like the there is a lot of bare shelf space. All the extra programs are certainly a bonus, but a library should primarily be a place with a large selection of books.
- A Saugus Library and Recreation center would be an important investment for the city to add to the surrounding neighborhoods. There are other programs in Santa Clarita but families are required to drive a

longer distance use these resources. A community meeting place would bring these neighborhoods closer together and offer much needed programs to the families.

- The new library (and the existing branches) should also offer a babies-only story time and a separate toddler story time. This would offer a better experience for families with young babies and allow story times to be more age-appropriate as the needs of these two age groups are extremely different.
- Libraries are not for video games. The Newhall library is way too distracting after school when I have taken my son there to do his homework. None of the staff stopped the kids from playing Minecraft during the hours specified for homework use only. I would love a library local to Saugus to be a place of learning not an after school day care!
- Thrilled to see a library come to Saugus. A comfortable place to enjoy books and art and a place to study for all ages would be wonderful.
- I feel that the library should be in touch with the local elementary school curriculums and try to provide research books that coincide with what the schools are focusing on so that kids have ample material to draw on when they come there looking for information for reports.
- I would love to have a Library that is closer to my house. I stop at the other Santa Clarita libraries after Church or on my way to work.
- We love the sports complex and would love to have something similar with a library component included.
- Saugus needs this, please make it happen.
- Great idea! Thank you.
- School library should be more available to students at Tesoro. They only go there once or twice a month. It would be great if the library had more available times such as before school, lunch and or after school. My kids are book worms and they finish their book before their next library visit. SUSD needs to consider this because sometimes parents are not able to bring the kids to the city library.
- I just want to say that our family (my husband & our grandchildren, five & three years old) LOVE the Newhall Library, especially! It's beautiful & the children love the kids' computers & books. The Valencia Library is wonderful, too. Both grandchildren have enjoyed story time at Newhall & Valencia libraries -- good stories & great storytellers!
- Digital and computer art program classes (with programs like zbrush) should be added.
- Thank you! Now can we be called Awesometown too!
- Currently, the Santa Clarita Public Libraries offer a wide variety of fun and engaging programming for young children, teens and families. However, they tend to be scheduled on weekdays. As a working parent, I'd appreciate additional programming scheduled on the weekends and evenings. Thanks!
- A Library in Saugus is very much needed!!!!
- Recreation opportunities are needed, especially so the wonderful programs we already have can be expanded. The City's Recreation is great and part why we moved to SC but our area lacks. Glad CC got a community center and can't wait for ours
- I would love to have a walkable location since we love the library, so anything near Plum Canyon/David March Park would be fantastic (there is a big area right near the park *fingers crossed*).
- I am a teacher at Plum Canyon Elementary so am very interested in the community having a good library and community center for our families.
- SOME SORT OF OUTDOOR MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT AREA WOULD BE GREAT ALONG WITH ALL THINGS INTERACTIVE. A TRAVELING INTERACTIVE MUSEUM AREA KIND OF LIKE THE DISCOVERY CUBE IN SYLMAR. AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS WOULD BE SUPER HELPFUL. A PLACE TO HOLD FUNDRAISERS FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMING AND A COFFEE BAR :)
- Just that I am proud to live in a City that reaches out to each community within it! Thank you!
- We need another pool in Saugus.
- Have this open to advance employment and volunteer opportunities would be very nice

- Include new best seller books.
- Thank you for considering Saugus for a library. The Valencia Library always a great place, but never enough parking and always crowded. It will be really great to have another library in the area!
- More bike trails please. The bike trail over Newhall Ranch road is amazing, thx. If there was one that took you through McBean, it would be incredible. From one end of McBean to the other I mean. People literally could bike the whole way, lessening traffic. I would seriously bike to work every day.
- Would really enjoy having a computer lab or classes to help learn how to use Microsoft. Classes offered on Saturdays/ Sundays and/or during the week, but at 6:30 or 7:00 pm for those who work.
- Yes, please make this happen!! We have to travel so far to go to the library and to attend other recreational activities, which we often put it off. And there's so much building going on out here especially in the north area of town, that this is badly needed!!
- Please make it easily accessible from the bus lines so our kids can get there for study groups, research, etc
- Seems a bit unnecessary to create another physical location and the required staffing and monetary commitment would be significant when we have other viable and nearby amenities that could meet the needs of this proposal. Looking forward to more information on this project and why this is needed and where it will be built.
- This would be a great addition to the community. It would be great to have a place where the kids could get together to study and share ideas.
- ISOLATED ROOM FOR MUSICIANS AND PRODUCERS TO RECORD IN.
- Just very excited about any additional library services in our area. Saugus is continually growing and having another facility without crossing through town will be a great asset to the community.
- We would LOVE a Library in Saugus!!!!
- Again, location is super-important. Most of these activities are available elsewhere in our valley, but we don't use them because it's not convenient. I'm located north of Copper Hill, near Haskell Canyon.
- I like the idea of having a library in the Saugus area. I have a granddaughter who is two years old and another grandchild due in June, so I am very excited about the possibility of having a library nearby so I can start spending quality time with them at the library as I did my children.
- Very excited that Saugus is getting some attention, and grateful to SCV for supporting culture & community.
- I love the new Newhall Library. I just retired so I will be transitioning off Audio Books (for long commute) to yet unknown Library activities.
- It's about time. Thank you.
- Don't try to make the library a community center. Keep it a library that works helps provide resources for individuals, a place to study, and place to boost the education of everyone. I don't want it turn into a daycare center or a gym per say. If you wanted to do that, you should just build a community center instead.
- We need a recreation center just like the Sport center at Golden Valley Rd. A year around heated swimming pool will be greatly appreciated. Thank you
- A library on this side of town would be great. If it is anything like Newhall one, we will be there all the time
- This would be a great addition to the community.
- Our family would love this program and I can see it providing a great service. This would be a perfect fit for my children to support their project based learning projects and group projects. In addition the clubs and activities would be a wonderful way to engage my children and get them away from the TV.
- Would love to have a community pool for aquatics, fun swim and swim exercise classes. Can't wait for a fun place for or kids to go and hang out. A community center and library in Saugus is much needed

- A nice event / party hall that can accommodate up to 200-250 for wedding reception or big event would be an asset. It will generate income by renting it out to the local residents. Cerritos Library has one and they get lots of booking especially on holidays. They have a full kitchen, ice maker, refrigerator, microwave etc. And a small stage for DJ or band and a wood dance floor with lighting effects too.
- Plug in electric car spaces in parking, solar panels on roof, bike path, and bike racks, please
- Easy access parking
- Please include books. I visit the Newhall library and they just don't have enough books.
- Homework and study help for college students with an IEP learning disabilities.
- What a blessing to our community it would be to have a local library. Reading is such an important part of our lives. As a pre-school teacher I am very excited my family and all the families I serve will have a home library.
- Hope it gets built quickly!
- Tennis Courts in Central Park really anticipated and needed!
- Saugus library is great idea. Hard to decide if it should be like barns & noble or LA fitness. My kids would like barns & noble, but will be leaving in a few years. I on the other hand will be here for many many years.
- Thank you for the chance to share my opinions. Keep asking us about "possibilities." I feel "connected."
- So excited for a new library in Saugus. Our community really needs this.
- Security needs to be considered.
- I love the family friendly aspect of this project.
- Lots of accessible parking. Designated drop off/pick up area for kids programs to not interfere with regular traffic. Separate entrance associated with the drop off/pick up area for kids for signing in and out and for safety of the kids. Local art display (rotating artwork). Splash pad.
Large children's library/play area designed with kids in mind for learning and having fun in a safe environment
- Entrepreneurship help and classes, job search help and classes
- Have good library hours. Monday through Thursday 9am to 9pm, Friday 10am to 6pm Saturday closed so employees can rest and Sunday 11am to 5pm would be great.
- I LOVE the idea of a Saugus branch!! I would like to state, however, that once the computers were put in the children's section at the Valencia branch, I stopped bringing my kids by as often. All they want to do now is play on the computers, and they spend far less time browsing for books. That I have to negotiate deals about allowable library computer time when I bring them frustrates me to no end. Most of the time now I avoid the inevitable whining over those computers by either checking books out for the Kindle, or we figure out what books they are interested in and place them on hold, and then I come in and pick them up without the kids. It honestly saddens me that I don't feel as great about bringing them to the library as I used to, since I spent a huge part of my own childhood exploring the stacks at my local library.
- I am very involved with the children's programs and summer programs for the kids out here in Santa Clarita and Newhall. They are great and would LOVE to see them in Saugus. I would love to work there too.
- It would be wonderful to see a library in Saugus. Much needed addition. A sports complex would be a bonus.
- Saugus has long been neglected in Santa Clarita. We need a sports center / gym added to either the Central Park area or this new library center.
- We (Saugus, Valencia, Newhall, and Canyon Country) need a new senior center. Incorporate with other activities.
- Pls put a library in Saugus!!!!

- So excited!!!
- I think it would be wonderful to have a Makerspace within the new Saugus Library/Recreation center. Makerspaces are places where different people can gather to invent, share ideas and work together to create something new. Such places are open to the community and welcome all forms of creativity and individualism, while teaching children and adults alike about how to work with others to create meaning in our busy lives. Many libraries have successfully added Makerspaces to their facilities because they naturally fit with the mission of a library to have free and open access of information to all, as well as being a hub to bring our entire multi-generational community together.
- As to the equipment needed and the possible costs involved in creating a Makerspace, I have included a link to an informative article from American Libraries magazine called, "Manufacturing Makerspaces" that should give you some idea of what it takes to create a successful Makerspace. Thank You for your time. [Http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2013/02/06/manufacturing-makerspaces/](http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2013/02/06/manufacturing-makerspaces/)
- Splash pad would be awesome!
- More computers available.
- More than adequate parking should be high priority, most city facilities are limited with parking spaces.
- Very excited about a Saugus library.
- I have two children in the k-6 ages. I love Saugus and see us staying here and raising them through adulthood. A Saugus based library and community center would enrich our lives for years to come.
- Incorporate public art; Include outdoor performance space; Expand CULTURAL art offerings; Make this library special/unique like no other library or facility in Santa Clarita
- More programs to give Teens OTHER choices, instead of boredom!
- In Broomfield, Co. they had an amazing recreation center. They also did kids night in on Friday nights and had dodgeball, a DJ with dancing, games, my kids loved going there. Something like that would be amazing
- This facility should be multi-faceted so it can serve numerous people with different wants and needs.
- I would love a place closer to our home that the kids can go and get homework help, take classes, and for the community to present their creations.
- It is wonderful that we may be getting a community center in Saugus, I can't wait!
- Make it a place where families can go and enjoy reading and have computer access: offer classes to learn more on computers and new technology but incorporate art and creative thinking as well. It would be nice if it would offer activities where they can move around to get exercise (kids don't get enough exercise these days) or reflect in a quiet garden with benches to snack at that are covered from sun exposure. We have so many nice parks that are not covered from sun exposure in the hot days no one is out because the play areas are too hot to play on. If you are hungry or thirsty there is an accessible cafe so they don't have to leave to go buy a snack or light meal. I have three children and visit the Valencia library often. I also try to sign up my children in classes through seasons but it does get expensive really quick and I simply can't afford it. A great example for ideas would be the Pasadena Kids Space museum they have interactive play and offer areas where kids can learn things and do projects. They have gardens and an area with water as well. We need something like this in our community. Thanks for allowing my input.
- We are very pleased with the City & appreciate efforts to make this a premier family-friendly community.
- Even if it was just a building full of books and nothing else, I would love to have one in our area vs. having to drive to Canyon Country or Newhall/Valencia. I'm very excited about the prospect of the new facility and will definitely frequent any library in Saugus. Thank you for your consideration of this project.
- I think it is great how much you guys do for Santa Clarita. Thank you for everything you guys do.
- Saugus needs rec rooms for expanded programming
- One of my passions, and future career goal, has to do with the preservation of Old Films. Since our city has such a rich history in the olden days of film, I would personally love to see the library's carry more Old

Classic Films. Films that are usually only accessible if you can watch Turner Classic Movies, which those of us who do not have cable isn't an option. I know a lot of these materials can be purchased on Amazon and TCM.com, so it's not like they are difficult to purchase. I know for a fact, after having talked to a number of the library's senior customers, that it is fun for them to be able to watch the films that were coming out when they were kids, so I know older films would appeal to our Senior customers as well. Also, having access to more of these films would be helpful for film students, like myself, as well, because not only are they good reference material, but by studying them, we gain a greater appreciation for our hopeful profession. Please add more of these films to not only Saugus, but any of the other libraries as well. Thanks!

- I do not have minors living in my home, but would use the library with my grandchildren and the children who I babysit. It would be another excellent resource.
- Have programming for children with special needs
- As a Saugus resident of many years, I am very happy to see our community having its own library.
- Angie Ashe is the best librarian ever. Kids LOVE her and come to see and learn from her. She helps even the most reluctant reader find literary joy.
- Book story time for special needs kids- difficult to attend others
- Thank you for bringing more libraries to our community.
- I would like to see all the possible amenities that can be budgeted for this new facility. Every single one of the possible choices is of value to a portion of the residents who would be using it.
- Since Cal Arts is in the neighborhood, it would be wonderful if we could partner with them to offer art/music classes to kids. Also, there is very little low priced or free meeting space in the community for youth organizations. It would be wonderful to offer some space to local community organizations for meetings (i.e. AA meetings, Girl Scout Meetings, etc.)
- I am assuring you that we really want it. It is very important for our community
- We love Saugus, and have been residents here for nearly 30 years. Love living here, the people, the quiet, friendly community feel. We go to Newhall, Valencia and other areas for activities not offered here. Saugus is kind of a "best kept secret". A community center will bring more traffic, more busyness. Thanks for the thought, but we'll pass on this one.
- Please provide coding classes and other cutting edge technology classes for our youth. Also, foreign language classes would be an added bonus for all ages in helping our community become part of the global society.
- We would be more likely to use a library than a rec center.
- I am very excited about this upcoming project!
- Looking forward to a library/community center in Saugus. I hope activities for seniors are included as we have several Senior Living homes in the area.
- Pls put a library here in Saugus!
- The library should have effective lighting in all areas including study and meeting rooms. The building should also be well insulated for sound so the recreation areas will not be disturbing to those requiring silence for study or conversation. It would also be good planning to have the adult study, meeting areas, and materials on different floor or with a nice separation from the children's and adolescents areas.
- A local café adjacent/partnered with the library would be nice.
- I suggest we make it a green friendly building that takes conservation and efficiency to a whole new level. Put Santa Clarita on the map for having the best library imaginable. Let's not just build a building, let's make a statement.
- Santa Clarita already has so many community facilities and parks that emphasize sports, aquatics, and fitness. We need more emphasis on the arts, literacy and languages. The edible schoolyard program in LA

is also wonderful resource for children, parents and grandparents. I would like to see a program that teaches children/families about gardening, the environment, healthy foods and how to prepare them.

- Many parenting or child classes are offered at times only stay at home moms can take advantage of so resources are less for working families. Evening/Saturday options would be appreciated :)
- Seniors should be considered when pricing activities at the center, something that is NOT currently done at the Senior Center! Location is very important as Saugus residents must travel across town for most community activities.
- Awesome idea! Do it!
- I have lived in Saugus with my family for the last 10 years and am so excited to hear about a library finally coming to our area. My family and I continually use the City of Santa Clarita services and am looking forward to hearing about this well-deserved need in our community.
- A center like you are proposing, is desperately needed here in the Saugus area! My children would probably demand to be there on a daily basis!!
- Children need a place in Saugus to play.
- If it's a recreation center with a swimming pool, they need to have lounging chairs for people to relax in. Better and efficient ways to water the grass, maybe implementing a grey water system so we don't look like snobby people compared to the rest of California.
- It would be great if this were built somewhere in the area near Haskell/Copper Hill so that this particular area has more services and is easily accessible from Copper. Really in the heart of Saugus not on the fringes.
- Just a suggestion but could the proposed Saugus library please be near Copperhill and Seco Canyon plz plz
- We are long overdue for a library and community meeting center in Saugus! At one time there was hope of having one in Central Park which would have been very convenient for everyone. If you are really going to do this, please make sure it is big enough to be truly useful. Thank you.
- I think another library and recreational center is a great idea especially in Saugus. Sometimes it is time consuming to get across town to one of the other libraries in Santa Clarita.
- The Old Town Newhall library is beautiful. I occasionally go just to read a magazine and stare out the floor-to-ceiling picture windows upstairs... Even though they only face a parking lot and fairly busy road. I'm in favor of making the library more than just a place to come-and-go, checking out materials. To come and LINGER, I'd suggest: a.) More scheduled "event" type things, like lectures, talks, demonstrations - both educational AND entertaining. b.) As much beauty and comfort as can be designed into the space - inside and out - while still maintaining functionality. Easy, right?
- Saugus is ready and needs something special. Whatever it is should address other city needs too...special needs, arts, outdoor performance area...
- I like to revisit the bike, walking paths next to the water channels again; Los Angeles has many functioning now. What about an equestrian center like Los Angeles?
- Would appreciate access to e- resources so I can read e-magazines or e-books on my i-phone for no charge by entering my library card number in an app. would enjoy having reading materials pushed to me electronically based on my interests.
- This is a VERY exciting prospective addition to our lovely community. Thank you!!
- Having a special needs child it is harder to find things to do that are close to the house. Having a completely fenced in play area would be great.
- Much needed resource - would utilize and appreciate immensely!
- Children's imaginative play area.
- This is very exciting! Thanks for letting us give input.
- Thank you for planning a library for Saugus!

- Saugus has long been neglected. We need some community rooms, meeting space, access to courts for volleyball including sand volleyball. No more tennis in this city - please!
- I think this would benefit the community greatly! So many kids and families don't have anything within walking distance and this would be amazing to have in Saugus! There are people of all ages and I'd love to see something for everyone, special needs people as well!
- We moved to California about a year and a half ago and recently purchased a home in Saugus. We love it there but would love to see a nice new library/recreation center!
- Could you lower the prices for kids' extracurricular activities such as sports? Is there a swim team for kids?
- This is a fantastic idea and my family is excited!
- We would absolutely LOVE a library in Saugus!!
- Don't build in a cramped area or too close to homes. Have plenty of parking.
- I would really like to see gym space in Saugus. Driving 1/2 hour and back to the sports complex for multiple practices for multiple kids gets old fast.
- Let's set an example - build green, landscape with drought tolerant plants, promote getting there by bike/bus with convenient bus stop and bike trails that lead directly to the site. This is Saugus...it doesn't have to be extravagant, it just needs to be a comfortable place for the community to gather and offer activities OUR community will use. Super excited about this proposed project!
- Saugus and all of Santa Clarita Valley is in need of a decent Senior Center.....I would like to see this incorporated with a Rec Center...I feel we need this more than we need tennis courts at Central Park. Central Park is a perfect spot for this Library and Recreation area.....
- Pottery wheel classes