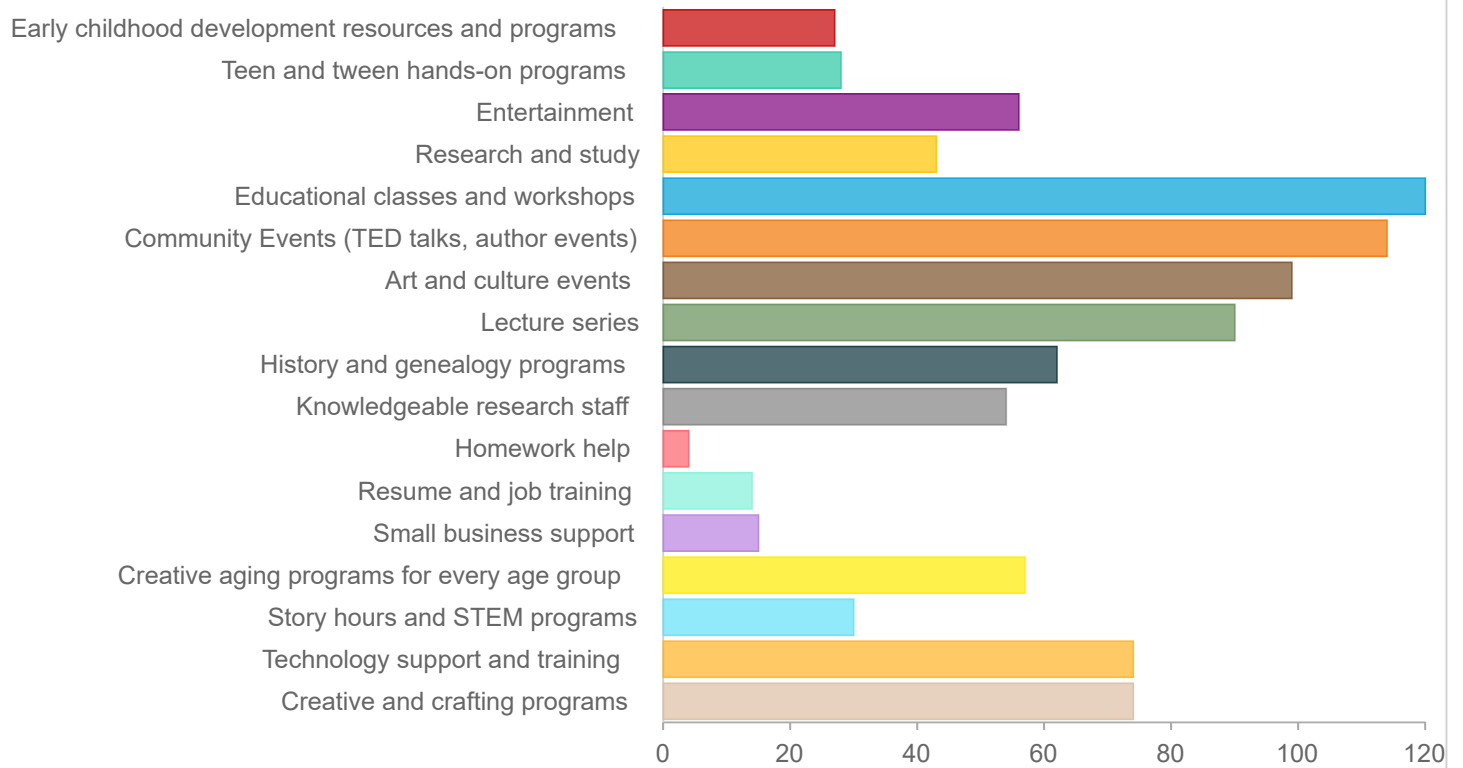


Manatee County Libraries Survey

1. Public libraries are continuing to evolve to help improve the success of the community members they serve. Fr...



Answers

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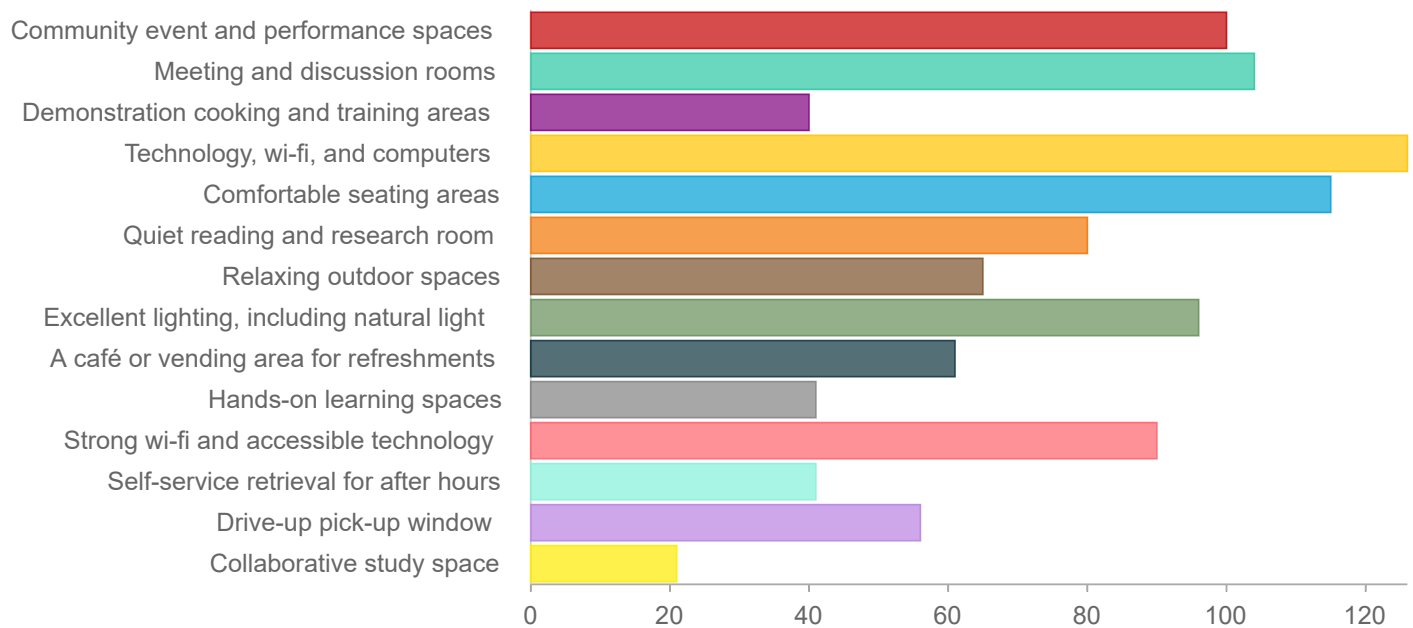
Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
Early childhood development resources and programs	27	15.88%
Teen and tween hands-on programs	28	16.47%
Entertainment	56	32.94%
Research and study	43	25.29%
Educational classes and workshops	120	70.59%
Community Events (TED talks, author events)	114	67.06%
Art and culture events	99	58.24%
Lecture series	90	52.94%
History and genealogy programs	62	36.47%

Knowledgeable research staff	54	31.76%
Homework help	4	2.35%
Resume and job training	14	8.24%
Small business support	15	8.82%
Creative aging programs for every age group	57	33.53%
Story hours and STEM programs	30	17.65%
Technology support and training	74	43.53%
Creative and crafting programs	74	43.53%

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2. If you were to build a public library for the future, what would it contain? Choose your top six:



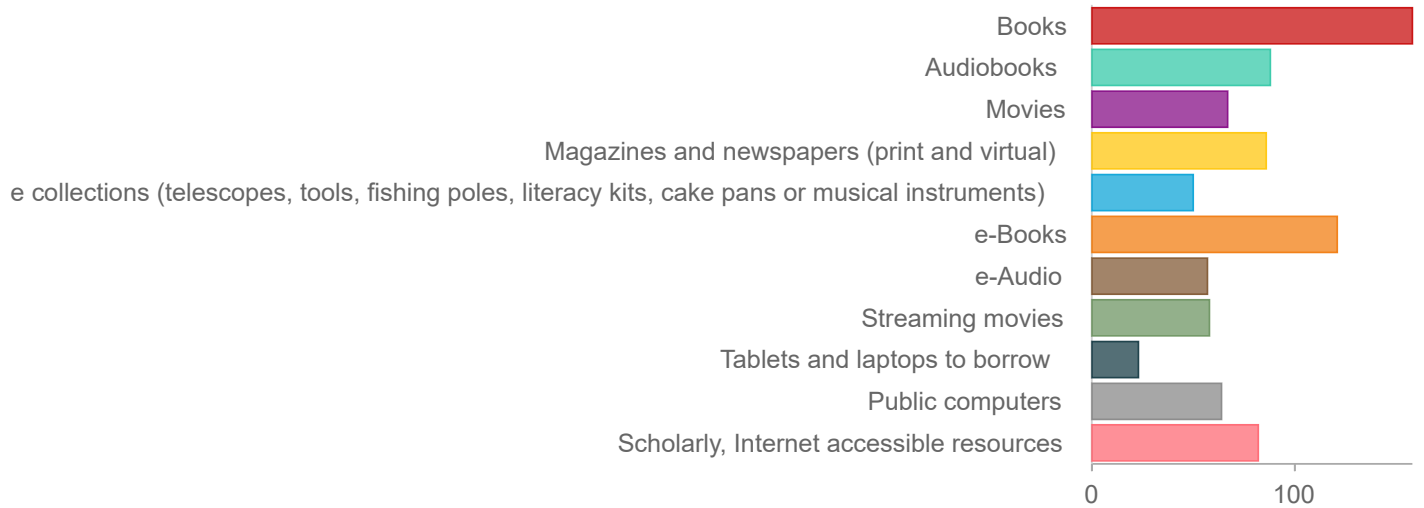
Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Community event and performance spaces	100	58.82%
Meeting and discussion rooms	104	61.18%
Demonstration cooking and training areas	40	23.53%
Technology, wi-fi, and computers	126	74.12%

Comfortable seating areas	115	67.65%
Quiet reading and research room	80	47.06%
Relaxing outdoor spaces	65	38.24%
Excellent lighting, including natural light	96	56.47%
A café or vending area for refreshments	61	35.88%
Hands-on learning spaces	41	24.12%
Strong wi-fi and accessible technology	90	52.94%
Self-service retrieval for after hours	41	24.12%
Drive-up pick-up window	56	32.94%
Collaborative study space	21	12.35%

Answered: 170 Skipped: 0

3. What library materials would be useful for you? Choose your top six:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Books	158	92.94%
Audiobooks	88	51.76%
Movies	67	39.41%
Magazines and newspapers (print and virtual)	86	50.59%

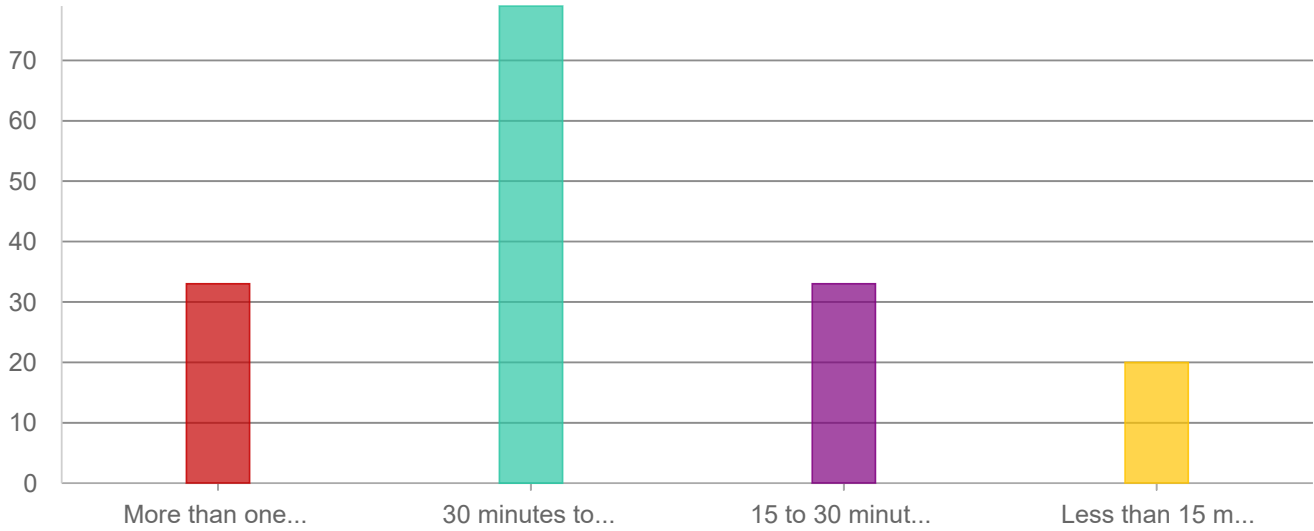
Multiple times per week

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9.41%

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5. When you go to the library, how long do you typically stay?



Answers

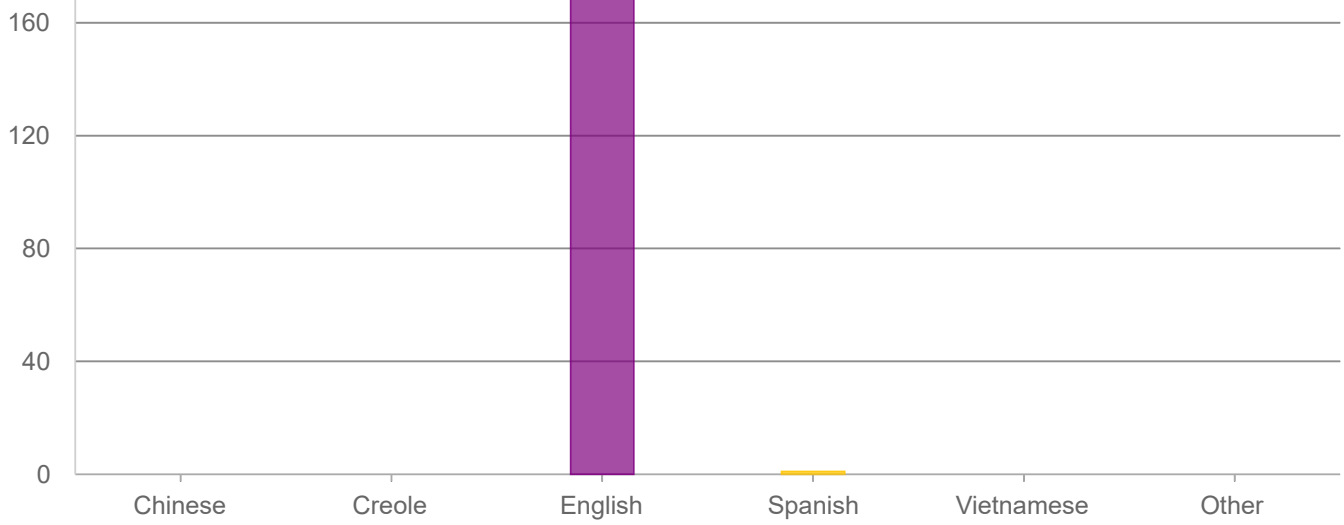
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Percentage

More than one hour	33	19.41%
30 minutes to an hour	79	46.47%
15 to 30 minutes	33	19.41%
Less than 15 minutes	20	11.76%

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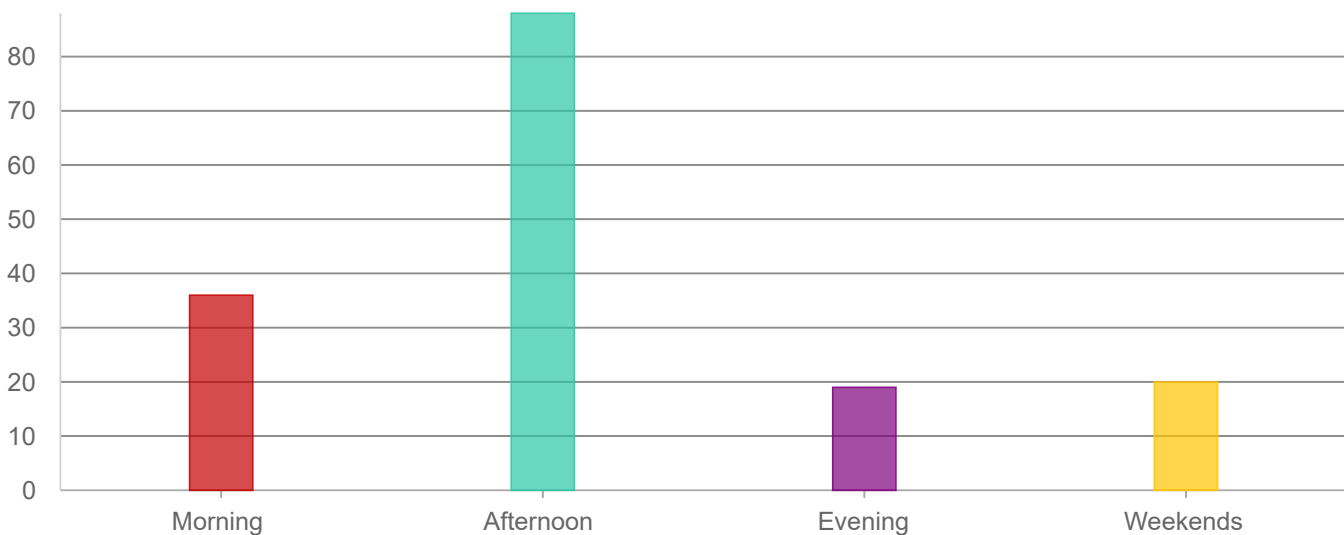
6. Which is the main language spoken in your home? Choose only one:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Chinese	0	0%
Creole	0	0%
English	169	99.41%
Spanish	1	0.59%
Vietnamese	0	0%
Other	0	0%

Answered: 170 Skipped: 0

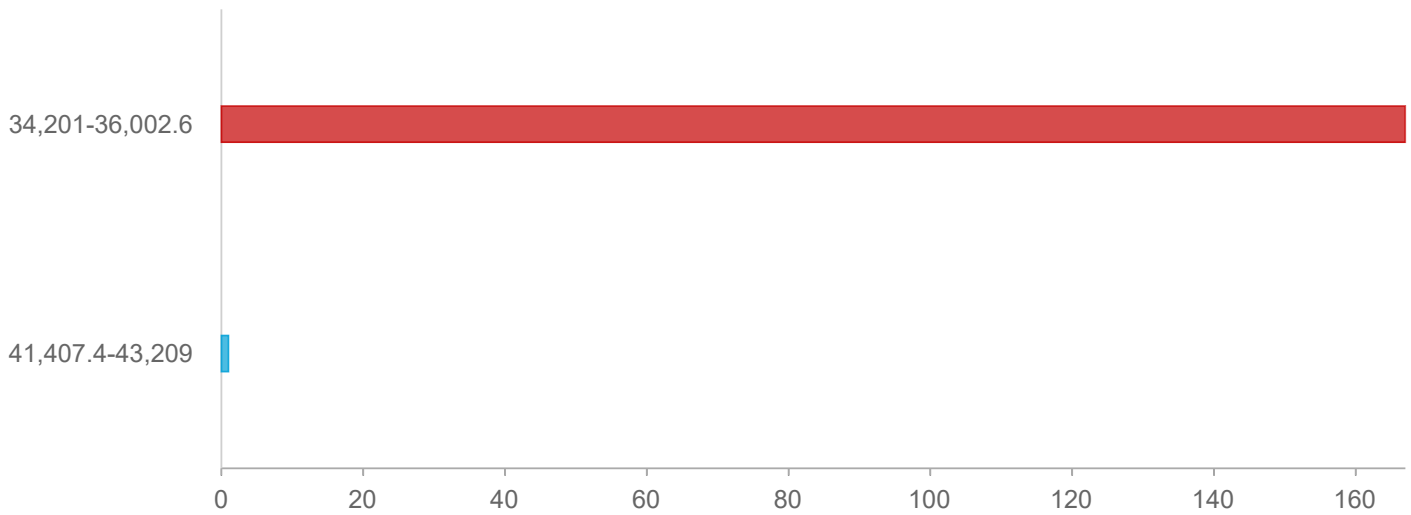
7. What times of the day are most important for your library use?



Morning	36	21.18%
Afternoon	88	51.76%
Evening	19	11.18%
Weekends	20	11.76%

Answered: 163 Skipped: 7

ZIP Code



Stats

Value

Min.	34,201
Max.	43,209
Avg.	34,262.60119
Sum.	5,756,117

Answered: 168 Skipped: 2

Additional Comments?

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response

Count

Would appreciate more ebook availability	1
Weekend accessibility and online is important to me, due to the fact that I work full time. I have always love going to libraries since I was little and would go with my grandmother. Then as she got older, I would drive her or go for her to pick up the books for her. She gave me my love of books and reading.	1
Thank you for all your efforts to provide the community a library that suits the needs of all the residents. It is greatly appreciated. The books I enjoy reading are travel guides and cook books, otherwise, I enjoy reading fiction and non-fiction on my Kindle.	1
Please make sure the physical space is large, open, well-lit, and attractive! This library is likely to become the most heavily used one in the county. We don't want to outgrow it too quickly!	1
More senior oriented workshops, what about self publishing center/ print shop, art studio space for looming, silk screening,	1
love the library	1
Let me say most of these things are very important to me. Forcing a choice defeats the purpose of libraries. People and family needs change over time, so this is a snapshot of a moving target.	1
It's important to have a library that serves all ages in our community and covers a variety of needs.	1
It is so important to have a usable, viable facility for learning, entertainment, lectures, etc.	1
I really wish big events at the downtown library could come back like Mana-con and those author events!	1
I have always enjoyed going to the library since I was a kid. I still like spending time there just looking through magazines and seeing what events are planned.	1
I frequent the Marie Selby and Fruitville Libraries more because Braden River often does not have what I am looking for, parking can be difficult and it can be so busy that the noise level and seating is not conducive to a library atmosphere.	1
Everyone in our book club is thrilled that we will finally be getting a branch library in LWR. I look forward to getting continuing information on the progress of our library. If you have a date for when we can expect the library to open it would be of interest to everyone. If there isn't one now it would be great to know when you do set a goal for the opening. We look forward to regular updates as you progress. Thank you! Kate Russin	1
East County Lakewood Ranch needs the library as soon as possible. We have many full time families who would use this facility frequently. Also, many willing to volunteer to assist.	1
Check out desk typically handles questions from seniors with hearing issues, causing loud responses from patrons and those assisting. Would be wise to have sound-proofing materials in those areas of library.	1
Also like having used books for sale.	1

A library in Lakewood Ranch is essential. It is a hub of a community, the sense of the community, and is the one thing missing from LWR. It was sorely missed when kids were toddlers. The Braden River and Ellenton library are nice but a far drive and are always extremely busy. Would love to see some kind of tween and teen program at LWR and any kind of children weekend activities.

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I do not understand why Storytime and Stem programs are combined in question 1. An odd combo. Also, I would think Excellent Lighting for a library would be a given. I think your survey needs some work.

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Answered: 18 Skipped: 152