



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 8/15/2022  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Zoom

### A. Call To Order

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### B. Roll Call

Present: Cohen, Hadrovic, Leep, Singh  
Absent: Erhart, Velagapudi, Zasslow  
Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Library Director Szegda

### C. Public Comment

None.

### D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Presentation: Community survey results – Library and information resources

Director Reinhart made the presentation (Attachment).

### E. Regular Business

E1. Approve minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting of the Library Commission

The Commission continued item E1. to a future meeting.

E2. Review Commission work plan.

Assistant Director Szegda introduced the item.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Leep/ Hadrovic), to recommend the Library Commission's work plan for 2022-23 to the City Council for their approval (Attachment) passed 4-0 (Erhart, Velagapudi and Zasslow absent).

### F. Informational Items

F1. Library Commission agenda calendar

**ACTION:** By acclamation, the following changes were made to the Commission's agenda calendar:

- October: add Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC) opening day collection

**G. Commissioner Reports**

None.

**H. Adjournment**

Chair Cohen adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Nick Szegda, Assistant Director of Library Services

Minutes approved at the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Library Commission meeting.

# D1: Presentation



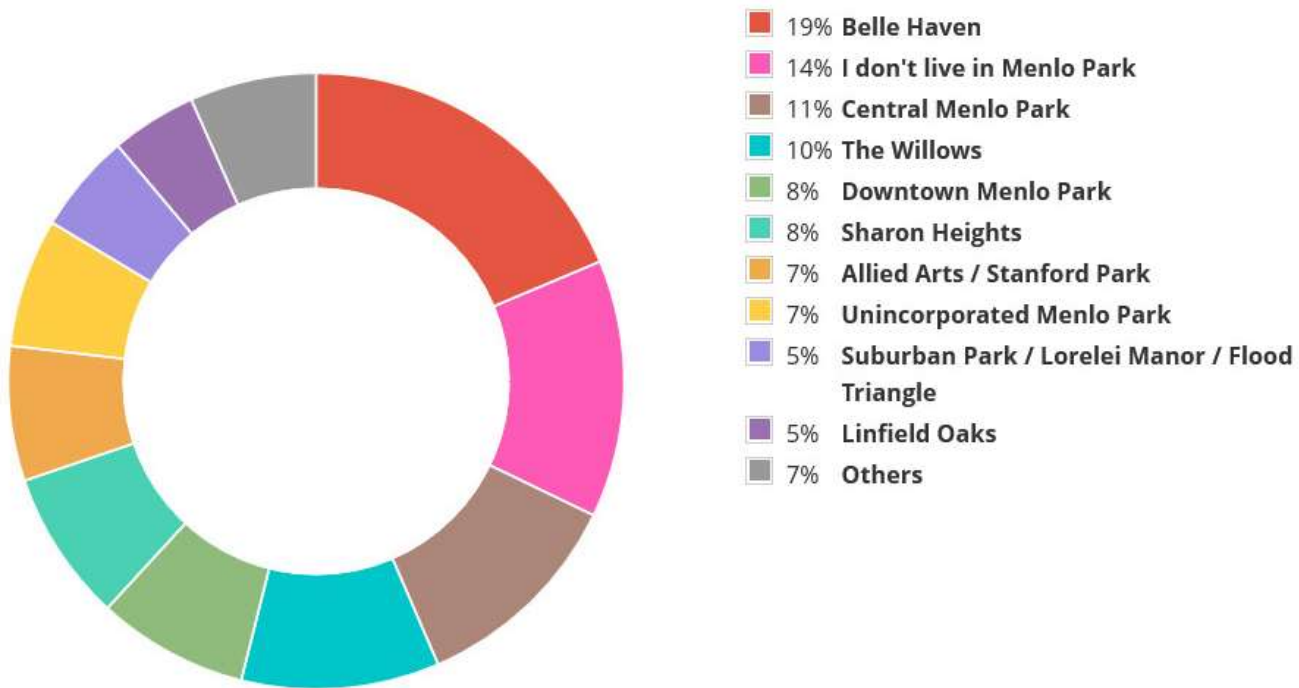
## LIBRARY-RELATED EXCERPTS FROM MENLO PARK RESIDENT SURVEY

Library Commission – August 15, 2022

## BACKGROUND

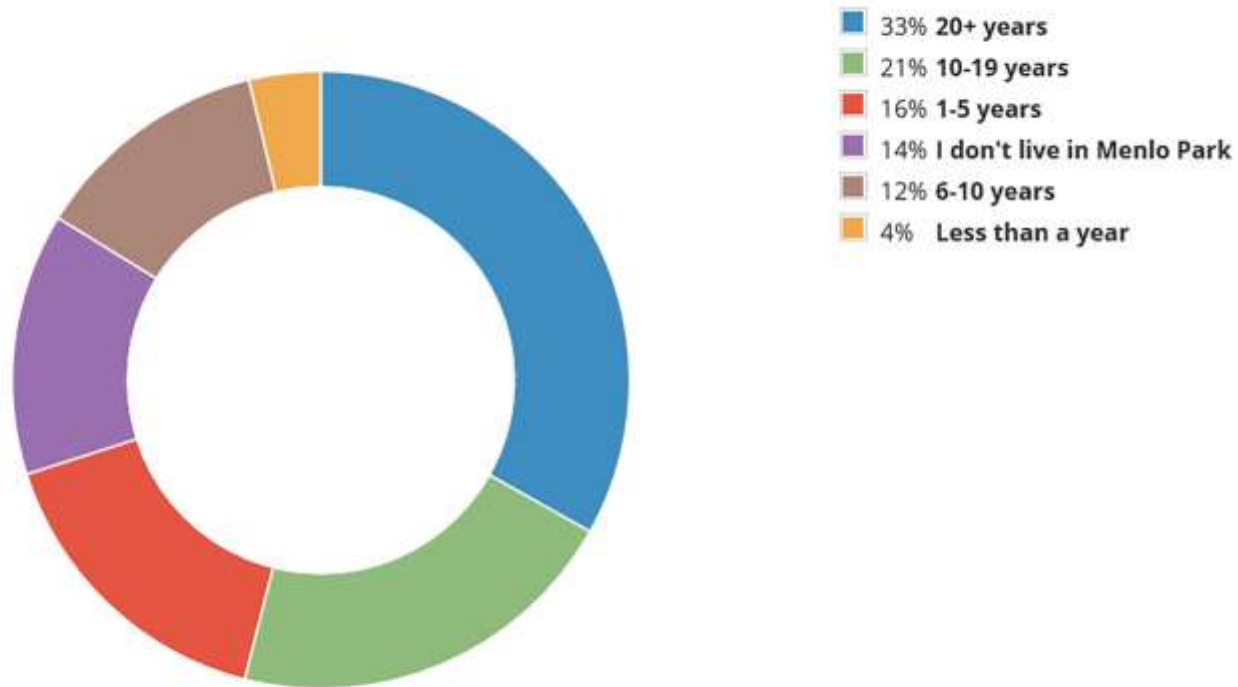
- City Council on February 8, 2022, directed staff to conduct a resident survey to also gain insight into residents' needs and interests related to recreation and community programming in the MPCC
- Staff prepared a draft survey with input from the MPCC Subcommittee, the Library Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Commission, and transmitted the survey questions to City Council for review on May 24
- The survey opened on June 13 and was distributed to Menlo Park residents in electronic and paper formats, in English and Spanish
- The survey had over 900 respondents when it closed on August 10
- Library-related excerpts from the survey results are included in this presentation
- The complete survey results will be presented to City Council for review in the context of MPCC project updates tentatively scheduled on September 13.

## 1. What neighborhood of Menlo Park do you live in now?



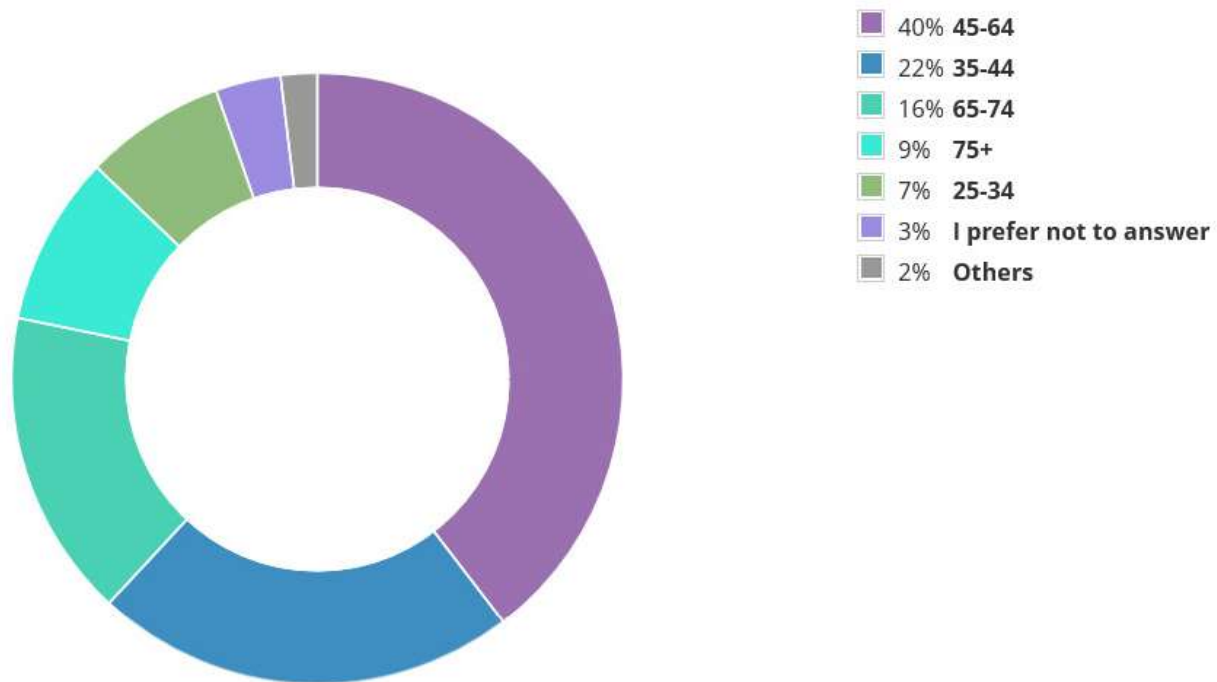
932 respondents

## 2. How long have you lived in Menlo Park?



932 respondents

## 18. What is your age?



724 respondents

### 3. What age groups live in your household? (Check all that apply)



870 Respondents



#### 4. How often do you typically use or visit these locations operated by the City of Menlo Park?

	Never	Rarely, once a year or less	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	More than once a week
Public libraries	12% Never	12% Rarely, once a year or less	22% A few times a year	28% Once or twice a month	16% Once or twice a week	10% More than once a week

15. For city library and information resources, how important are the following items?

	not at all important	somewhat important	very important
Adult literacy tutoring to help adults learn how to read / improve reading skills	14% not at all important	29% somewhat important	57% very important
Books in electronic / digital formats (e-books, e-audiobooks)	8% not at all important	33% somewhat important	60% very important
Books in paper format	4% not at all important	24% somewhat important	71% very important
Books that are classics that I read in school / as a child	11% not at all important	38% somewhat important	51% very important
Books that are the newest and most popular bestsellers	4% not at all important	32% somewhat important	63% very important

15. For city library and information resources, how important are the following items?

	not at all important	somewhat important	very important
Books that are written in languages other than English	18% not at all important	44% somewhat important	38% very important
Books that offer a wide range of different viewpoints including views I don't agree with	5% not at all important	34% somewhat important	61% very important
Books that reflect the cultures, needs and interests of local / neighborhood residents	5% not at all important	34% somewhat important	61% very important
Computers / laptops / tablets that people can check out and take home	24% not at all important	40% somewhat important	37% very important
English as Second Language (ESL) resources	11% not at all important	35% somewhat important	54% very important

15. For city library and information resources, how important are the following items?

	not at all important	somewhat important	very important
Food distribution, food insecurity advice and support	16% not at all important	33% somewhat important	51% very important
Health care navigation and support	15% not at all important	35% somewhat important	50% very important
Homelessness / housing referrals and support	16% not at all important	34% somewhat important	50% very important
Homework help for children and teens after school	10% not at all important	29% somewhat important	61% very important
Job skills / job readiness / job seeker resources and training	12% not at all important	35% somewhat important	54% very important

15. For city library and information resources, how important are the following items?

	not at all important	somewhat important	very important
Legal advice and support	18% not at all important	41% somewhat important	40% very important
Money management / financial advice and support	18% not at all important	41% somewhat important	40% very important
Quiet places to read and study	4% not at all important	19% somewhat important	77% very important
Storytimes for young children	5% not at all important	23% somewhat important	72% very important
Teens have space to socialize, read and study after school and weekends	8% not at all important	29% somewhat important	63% very important

15. For city library and information resources, how important are the following items?

	not at all important	somewhat important	very important
Wireless internet "Hot spots" for checkout / take home	16% not at all important	37% somewhat important	47% very important
Wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) in the library	4% not at all important	15% somewhat important	82% very important

641 respondents

## NEXT STEPS

- The complete survey results will be presented to City Council for review in the context of MPCC project updates tentatively scheduled on September 13.
- The Library Commission will review the complete survey results, including free-text comments, on September 19.



**THANK YOU**