

Q11 How does the library benefit the community?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	You are part of our culture and accessible	10/15/2019 12:33 PM
2	The library is more than "borrowing books"- it is a community center and a community anchor. Without the library- our town would be a poorer place.	10/2/2019 10:55 AM
3	Helps all people at little or no cost	10/2/2019 10:45 AM
4	learning	10/2/2019 8:10 AM
5	central place to bring children for pleasure and school supports, affordable entertainment for all ages, convenient place for non-social meetings with people, interesting programs and social meetings	10/1/2019 11:00 AM
6	Free, local, public space for people of all ages. Welcoming and inclusive areas are sometimes difficult to find. Programs and technology available to community is also incredibly important. Plus who doesn't love a good book, CD, or movie?	9/30/2019 11:08 AM
7	Great location for free/cheap services and books to read. Also operates as a community center for helping people	9/29/2019 3:18 PM
8	Communities information center.	9/26/2019 3:58 AM
9	It provides good services, place to work, socialize with friends.	9/24/2019 9:27 AM
10	It promotes a love of reading and a way for a lot of people to connect with what is going on in the world.	9/23/2019 11:18 AM
11	Free access to technology, safe quiet space, knowledge and people to help you access it and know where to look.	9/23/2019 5:52 AM
12	Provides a place to borrow books and DVDs.	9/22/2019 12:29 PM
13	By providing a variety of materials to borrow as well as programs of interest - but the hours should be restored so that these benefits would be more readily available to all residents.	9/22/2019 9:50 AM
14	Programs, a place for students to meet, computer access for those that do not have it at home, books/videos, access to 3D printers, reference material and research staff, etc.	9/21/2019 9:42 AM
15	Bookstores are non-existent in the area. Having a place to see the books helps in deciding what books are actually worth buying where they may be available.	9/21/2019 6:26 AM
16	In many ways, such as the quiet working space/s and technology available, along with the many resources he library gives.	9/20/2019 7:38 AM
17	borrow books and movies, programs for children and seniors, research	9/19/2019 4:20 AM
18	It is a community center with information for all ages	9/18/2019 12:28 PM
19	Benefits the community because it provides excellent service	9/18/2019 12:15 PM
20	Our library serves students to seniors, toddlers to travelers, babies to business people	9/17/2019 5:53 PM
21	It brings the community together.	9/17/2019 3:10 PM
22	Location in center of town provides central meeting locations, programs for kids, teens, adults and seniors. The director and staff are constantly working to keep library relevant and in step with modern community needs and the town of ledyard patrons especially.	9/16/2019 4:04 PM
23	na	9/16/2019 3:30 PM
24	It's important resource for tax payers. Bring community people together. Enhance education	9/15/2019 4:55 PM

25	It clearly benefits me, personally, tremendously, by providing me with a chance to use the internet. since most people own a computer, it benefits the community through the programs it offers for both children and adults, book sales, and having excellent, helpful librarians who can help and answer questions about its services.	9/14/2019 11:15 AM
26	It is its heart.	9/14/2019 3:00 AM
27	Provides a quite space for research, study etc	9/12/2019 12:24 PM
28	It has the latest technology, newest books, cd's & newspaper etc.	9/12/2019 7:41 AM
29	It's more than just borrowing books - It's a place to read or work quietly, for students and others without computers to study and do research, and to offer educational programs.	9/12/2019 5:27 AM
30	There are many residents that don't have books or technology availability.	9/11/2019 5:26 PM
31	Having books available to check out is very important as well as computers and printers being available when your computer or printer at home isn't working properly.	9/11/2019 3:48 PM
32	A great resource and meeting location	9/11/2019 4:16 AM
33	Very much	9/10/2019 6:54 PM
34	Availability of media to borrow, programs encouraging kids to read, summer kids' programs, classes.	9/10/2019 8:29 AM
35	It provides a safe space and encourages learning	9/10/2019 7:01 AM
36	Source of knowledge and entertainment	9/9/2019 5:54 PM
37	Provides a safe place for groups to gather	9/9/2019 3:53 PM
38	Sense of community and great community resource center with very helpful people.	9/9/2019 3:16 PM
39	Having a safe place to meet each other, and a good place to bring my daughter after school. Kids can come together for playgroups	9/9/2019 1:18 PM
40	There are so many ways but in general, they give access to knowledge in many ways and help those with limited access be able to get what they need.	9/9/2019 10:11 AM
41	In countless ways well beyond books... the staff makes people feel like they belong and are part of the community; during storms (and no electricity) the library has been a charging station and communications central; meeting place. The library IS what gives our town a sense of community.	9/9/2019 7:45 AM
42	Having different programs and services. For example computers, printers and classes	9/9/2019 6:35 AM
43	It is a great place to see friends from school and for my son to learn about responsibility.	9/8/2019 6:18 PM
44	News	9/8/2019 5:25 PM
45	It benefits the community by offering books to read, a place to do research, computers for those who do not own their own and a place to relax and read.	9/8/2019 3:02 PM
46	It offers something for everyone, people like myself with visual disabilities can enjoy books again with the wide selection available.	9/8/2019 1:41 PM
47	Brings us all together for one reason or another	9/8/2019 9:23 AM
48	By offering all the services it has	9/8/2019 6:16 AM
49	The library provides free resources and training for job seekers, outreach to seniors, internet and technology information, free family entertainment, classes of all sorts and a congenial place to be (coffee and muffins anyone?)	9/8/2019 5:46 AM
50	Essential resource	9/8/2019 5:02 AM
51	Teaching new things, passing on history, giving a place for people to gather and learn	9/8/2019 4:02 AM
52	It is the best place for community group gatherings, local information, historical information in addition to traditional materials lending and generally necessary because there is no other place in town that provides this kind of community resource, nor do our taxes need to pay for another one! Libraries are resiliency centers!	9/8/2019 4:02 AM
53	In so many ways.....(Quiet, friendly environment, research, teaching kids responsibility for someone else's property, educating young kids to respect books and why we need them, education, etc)	9/8/2019 3:48 AM

54	In every way possible	9/8/2019 2:57 AM
55	Place for seniors to go, classes offered, technology offered for those who need it, place for students to study & do research	9/7/2019 6:41 PM
56	encourage early literacy to families especially to those who don't value yet the importance of reading.	9/7/2019 5:10 PM
57	Having computers to do homework, reports, printing papers. A place to study. Learn something new with the programs. The library benefits the community in more ways it knows.	9/7/2019 4:39 PM
58	the ability to borrow media for free	9/7/2019 4:16 PM
59	Encourages reading & importance of reading Provides services free of charge	9/7/2019 8:43 AM
60	It is our hub, our home.	9/7/2019 8:24 AM
61	Multiple ways Including allowing people who don't have mobility to have access to the resources of the library.	9/7/2019 8:17 AM
62	Provides a valuable service for young students in the school system	9/7/2019 7:55 AM
63	source of information	9/7/2019 7:49 AM
64	It is an important learning and research resource. Some of the displays and programs are nice but risk pushing the library off mission.	9/7/2019 7:20 AM
65	literacy, resource for students and adults, education; basic democratic society resource	9/7/2019 6:19 AM
66	see #9	9/7/2019 6:15 AM
67	Greatly. I cannot imagine a community without a library. Beside the collection of books and materials that a library offers it is a great way to unite a community.	9/7/2019 6:09 AM
68	I don't know.	9/7/2019 5:55 AM
69	The community needs a library for all kinds of reasons. Kids with school projects, adults with work projects, all ages for entertainment etc. a library is essential to a community	9/7/2019 5:22 AM
70	By making the statement I mentioned above--books and information materials and events are important throughout life!	9/7/2019 5:14 AM
71	Students need a library for its resources- some kids have no internet or printers. It's a comfortable place for finding interesting reads. I think libraries are invaluable to a town	9/7/2019 4:36 AM
72	Resources for school projects, books for those that can't afford any, computers and internet for those without it at home.	9/7/2019 4:21 AM
73	Brings our community closer	9/7/2019 4:06 AM
74	Gathering place, continual education for those seeking, good information from many sources, quiet in a noisy world	9/7/2019 3:50 AM
75	Greatly!	9/7/2019 3:29 AM
76	Excellent resource	9/6/2019 8:55 PM
77	Place to go for information	9/6/2019 5:56 PM
78	availability of books newspapers community interests offerings children's programs passess to events and places community gathering place	9/6/2019 5:53 PM
79	Every community needs a library. A priceless resource especially for folks struggling financially. I should use it more. Maybe when I get older and have more free time or less stuff to do.	9/6/2019 5:10 PM
80	By providing services for families that may not have access to books, computers, etc!	9/6/2019 4:55 PM
81	Source of entertainment, information, community... it's essential	9/6/2019 4:26 PM
82	access to resources and information	9/6/2019 4:13 PM
83	Increased literacy, community meeting place	9/6/2019 3:59 PM
84	safe place for teens to meet, local community gathering and you have great activities that are great for the kids, also its the only place I feel I would want my kids to learn about the love of books in general.	9/6/2019 3:23 PM

85	Great programs and events	9/6/2019 2:50 PM
86	Priceless.	9/6/2019 2:25 PM
87	The library brings the community together to help share ideas and create experiences.	9/6/2019 2:09 PM
88	It is a great place for all ages to learn.	9/6/2019 2:04 PM
89	Very much!!!!	9/6/2019 1:55 PM
90	It's a place of consistency and familiarity. It's one of the few places where people meet others from different ages and backgrounds.	9/6/2019 1:54 PM
91	Books	9/6/2019 1:35 PM
92	As a source of information about the community; as a source of information/entertainment on many topics through the reading material, the staff, and services offered; as a host for a variety of community activities for all ages; as a meeting place. As a center of the community.	9/6/2019 1:17 PM
93	It provides a place where learning is valued and learning opportunities are readily available	9/6/2019 1:17 PM
94	greatly	9/6/2019 1:15 PM
95	Great and necessary resource	9/6/2019 1:02 PM
96	Summer reading programs for kids... and research materials for on hand instead of just googling something.	9/6/2019 12:33 PM
97	Need a Library, many varied interests	9/6/2019 12:22 PM
98	All the areas previously listed	9/6/2019 12:00 PM
99	Our teachers use for the kids	9/6/2019 11:57 AM
100	in every way!! all ages, all creeds, homeschoolers, public schoolers, in what way does it not help the community??	9/6/2019 11:50 AM
101	It encourages reading and is one of the few non-corporate places to be, which is refreshing	9/6/2019 11:48 AM
102	By providing tons of free services, books, internet, WiFi, kids programs	9/6/2019 11:33 AM
103	Many ways. Senior enter book club. Books, magazines, local info, etc	9/6/2019 11:23 AM
104	Vital	9/6/2019 10:56 AM
105	SO MANY ways ... books and magazine resources, book sales, digital access for those who don't have, sense of community (book discussions, cooking club, knitting group etc) seed library (have used)	9/6/2019 10:56 AM
106	It provides a wide range of information & help for many interests that every age group would have.	9/6/2019 10:44 AM
107	Provides free source of information and exchange of ideas. Libraries are so integral to my concept of community that I struggle to imagine a society without one. They are more important than church.	9/6/2019 10:28 AM
108	Availability	9/6/2019 10:26 AM
109	It serves as a gathering place to read or do research or meet up with other people at the programs.	9/6/2019 10:23 AM
110	By providing a safe place for children to go and have fun in our community.	9/6/2019 10:20 AM
111	Educational resources, meeting space & periodicals	9/6/2019 10:10 AM
112	Learning	9/6/2019 10:05 AM
113	It is one of the reasons I moved to within a couple of miles of the library. It's important as a forum for ideas, a resource for thinking about our lives today and as they are reflected in our past and future. Our library helps us to expand our perspectives.	9/6/2019 10:02 AM
114	Offering free services	9/6/2019 10:02 AM
115	Provides access to reference materials and literature.	9/6/2019 9:29 AM
116	It provides access to information, books, CD's, children's and adults' programs that otherwise would be unavailable. It's a library! It is a valuable part of our community.	9/6/2019 9:19 AM

117	The classes and activities it sponsors or run. The ability to get books from other libraries. The assistance it gives not only to adults, but students working on class reports and projects. The computer access, the rooms that can be used for community use.	9/6/2019 9:17 AM
118	Informed people are desirable neighbors	9/6/2019 9:14 AM
119	The library allows us free access to information we couldn't afford on our own. With the library's help, we can improve ourselves and use that, in turn, to help our community.	9/6/2019 9:09 AM
120	Making services available to those who can't afford it	9/6/2019 9:01 AM
121	Provides a community service	9/6/2019 9:00 AM
122	House of information	9/6/2019 8:52 AM
123	An outlet of services that may not be readily available at home or otherwise	9/6/2019 8:46 AM
124	It provides lending services of written and audio/video materials and offers informational and instructional programs to many of our residents.	9/6/2019 8:36 AM
125	Outside of providing reading materials and tech services, I'm not sure	9/6/2019 8:34 AM
126	Provides services that are not available in/duplicated by other town departments. Important to have this service/facility in our town, so that we are not dependent on going to other towns for books/programs. Although public internet availability and e-content is important to have through the library, the building spaces and books and personal interaction are equally important.	9/6/2019 7:54 AM
127	Activities and bonding	9/6/2019 7:48 AM
128	When I was a garden club member I attended some committee meetings in the meeting room. It is a. Large room, centrally located, has WiFi	9/6/2019 7:43 AM
129	Easy access for residents	9/6/2019 7:40 AM
130	I think the library is an integral part of the community - the summer reading programs are great for kids, and access to books and e-books is essential. While I don't use the other services much (programs/tech etc.) I think they are vital to the community - especially for those without access to computers/internet. I always have a book to read (electronic or a physical book) from the library.	9/6/2019 7:34 AM
131	The library provides an economical access to a wealth of reading and listening material that far exceeds what an individual can access. It allows me to explore things that I would be reluctant to purchase on my own. It also provides a community-centric resource that anyone in the town can participate in. This helps to create a more civic-minded town.	9/6/2019 7:19 AM
132	Important part of the community	9/6/2019 7:07 AM
133	As a gathering place to learn about the community and the greater world.	9/6/2019 6:56 AM
134	Source of knowledge.	9/6/2019 6:51 AM
135	By being available offering programs for all ages A central location to all We would be sad if it was not available	9/6/2019 6:47 AM
136	Great place for new people to get a sense of the community by taking advantage of its offerings and to meet other people with similar interests.	9/6/2019 6:44 AM
137	By giving everyone a chance to read or connect to the internet.	9/6/2019 6:38 AM
138	Programs and technology access	9/6/2019 6:34 AM
139	Many ways.	9/6/2019 6:30 AM
140	Knowledge	9/6/2019 6:26 AM
141	Great resource for many things	9/6/2019 6:18 AM
142	It is the center of the community. It offers something for everyone of every age.	9/6/2019 6:13 AM
143	Gives access to information that some people would not have access to.	9/6/2019 6:09 AM
144	books	9/6/2019 6:07 AM
145	Resources not available at home	9/6/2019 6:06 AM
146	Study group meetings after school and use of technology	9/6/2019 6:00 AM
147	Too many ways to count.	9/6/2019 5:54 AM

148	Great resource and fun summer activities for kids.	9/6/2019 5:44 AM
149	brings the community together offers important resources for our students	9/6/2019 5:42 AM
150	I am aware of all the services such as computers, copiers, classes, and research materials. I just have no need to utilize these services.	9/6/2019 5:38 AM
151	Free WiFi during power outages,	9/6/2019 5:38 AM
152	Clean bright accessible	9/6/2019 5:35 AM
153	Makes different things possible for a variety of people (story time, computer use, etc)	9/6/2019 5:35 AM
154	Socialization; improves awareness; increases intelligence	9/6/2019 5:32 AM
155	No one wants to live where there is not a library, it's knowledge, access, help and support to the community.	9/6/2019 5:30 AM
156	A space of comfort, ability to borrow books and use computers.	9/6/2019 5:28 AM
157	Focus point	9/6/2019 5:24 AM
158	Lots :)	9/6/2019 5:20 AM
159	It provides a valuable service that people would otherwise need to leave town to get.	9/6/2019 5:17 AM
160	Great resource	9/6/2019 5:16 AM
161	In all ways!	9/6/2019 5:16 AM
162	Libraries are vastly important to a community. They provide free access to information and resources for all members of our community—especially for those who would not otherwise have access to expensive technologies/internet. I think I'm the digital age libraries are more important than ever. Also they keep print books alive by exposing kids to books, literacy through the book collections and the programming they provide.	9/6/2019 5:15 AM
163	By providing books and also computers to those who may not have a lot of access to one and they need it for school, work, etc.	9/6/2019 5:13 AM
164	Accessibility of free printing/tech/computers, books, interesting/informative programs, a community space to create and host programs	9/6/2019 5:11 AM
165	All the services offered can be used by any age group	9/6/2019 5:09 AM
166	making knowledge available to all	9/6/2019 5:05 AM
167	Computers for those that have non, and help	9/6/2019 5:03 AM
168	Access to content for free	9/6/2019 5:02 AM
169	It links the community to the world. It links the community to the community. A library is a vital link in any community.	9/6/2019 5:00 AM
170	Provides access to computers, books and newspapers and locates books from other resources.	9/6/2019 4:56 AM
171	The community needs a place where they can just read peacefully And be able to have access to computers and printers.	9/6/2019 4:27 AM
172	It is the "original" store of information on many subjects - that many people - young and mature - do not realize that the library can be of benefit to them other than "Google".	9/6/2019 3:18 AM
173	Provides computer services for people who don't have a home computer. Provides research services for our children to help with school projects. Has a wonderful children librarian that goes out into the community to read to little children. The preschoolers love that service!!!	9/6/2019 3:10 AM
174	As above, it reconnects people and books, people and ideas, and people with teachers. It keeps alive the tradition of reading	9/6/2019 2:48 AM
175	The services that are available and the quiet study space.	9/6/2019 2:18 AM
176	Libraries have always been of value. From young children checking out their first book, students doing schoolwork, and seniors who want to keep enriching their minds.	9/6/2019 2:17 AM
177	Access to books, downloads, and services such as internet for free.	9/6/2019 2:11 AM
178	A place to go.	9/6/2019 12:54 AM

179	A safe, reliable, welcoming place to retreat to either for personal reasons or in times of emergency (power outage, extreme heat/cold). Access to electronic resources, computers, community for those who may not have them otherwise. A social outlet for parents of young children and others. A place for children to learn some self control, the value of books, and researching skills.	9/5/2019 7:59 PM
180	Books, programs, a quiet space for relaxation , source of information for events and important deadlines etc	9/5/2019 7:31 PM
181	Encourages intelligent activities	9/5/2019 7:11 PM
182	Brings people together Sense of community Improves access to education/self-improvement	9/5/2019 6:28 PM
183	Is good for all ages	9/5/2019 6:21 PM
184	It really could be utilized so much more with more programming, great customer service. Kids need to feel welcomed in the children's room.	9/5/2019 6:18 PM
185	It's a gathering place of many things and resources.	9/5/2019 6:15 PM
186	Great resource	9/5/2019 6:02 PM
187	A great resource for reading material and community outreach	9/5/2019 6:00 PM
188	By providing a community meeting place and computers. Providing children's activities	9/5/2019 5:49 PM
189	Knowledge is power	9/5/2019 5:35 PM
190	Brings the community together	9/5/2019 5:31 PM
191	Gathering place. Online and services for less fortunate. Kid friendly.	9/5/2019 5:29 PM
192	Aiding in literacy and technology	9/5/2019 5:22 PM
193	To encourage and enjoy reading	9/5/2019 5:21 PM
194	Safe environment, free books and internet, educational programs for adults and kids	9/5/2019 5:20 PM
195	Fantastic meeting place, resources for historic research are incredible, plus the book sales are phenomenal	9/5/2019 5:01 PM
196	provides access to media and literature that might otherwise not be available.	9/5/2019 4:56 PM
197	Free resource, good meeting place	9/5/2019 4:51 PM
198	A warm and educational gathering place	9/5/2019 4:50 PM
199	Helps create a bond in the community, offers cultural enrichment, supports our readers young and not so young! Books are so expensive but yet you can enjoy reading for free!!	9/5/2019 4:38 PM
200	Yes	9/5/2019 4:26 PM
201	Tons of ways! It gives people of all ages and incomes access to computers, reading, and information. An informed population is a good population.	9/5/2019 4:25 PM
202	Excellent source for free books.	9/5/2019 3:59 PM
203	Enriches the building to be occupied. And less children to be idle else where.	9/5/2019 3:58 PM
204	Every positive way!	9/5/2019 3:58 PM
205	By providing numerous resources	9/5/2019 3:58 PM
206	By providing access to such a wide selection of books, magazines and dvds.Computer services are so important for people who have none of their own. We always appreciate the fax and copying services as well. Libraries are more important than ever for the whole community.	9/5/2019 3:57 PM
207	Great resources for everyone. Books, computers, technical help, socializing, quiet space.	9/5/2019 3:54 PM
208	Safe place with activities	9/5/2019 3:50 PM
209	Good place for discount tix for area attractions	9/5/2019 3:49 PM
210	Provides knowledge, learning, non-screen entertainment, forges community	9/5/2019 3:46 PM
211	Increase knowledge and education	9/5/2019 3:39 PM
212	It is a wealth of knowledge and offers services and access to everyone.	9/5/2019 3:33 PM

213	Free books	9/5/2019 3:29 PM
214	Knowledge	9/5/2019 3:21 PM
215	A place for community to happen	9/5/2019 2:58 PM
216	It enriches community life by providing a safe and quiet haven for students and provides books to borrow.	9/5/2019 2:47 PM
217	Continuous learning and entertainment	9/5/2019 2:35 PM
218	Provides access to books, DVD's, and information that I would otherwise not have access to, or would have to purchase outright.	9/5/2019 2:31 PM
219	Education, work space, tutoring space, gathering space, facts verified, tangible history, Connecting me to other communities and the services their libraries and towns offer, life long age appropriate menu of services.	9/5/2019 2:21 PM
220	Interesting programs, tech support, Senior services.	9/5/2019 2:21 PM
221	Making material widely available.	9/5/2019 2:19 PM
222	Na	9/5/2019 2:03 PM
223	I love that they are helping the community with reading programs!	9/5/2019 1:49 PM
224	The resources available to residents are crucial to lifelong learning.	9/5/2019 1:47 PM
225	Kids will enjoy reading in the library instead of video games at home.	9/5/2019 1:18 PM
226	The availability of book, DVD's, etc for everyone.	9/5/2019 1:08 PM
227	It can be an excellent resource for residents, where we can access all kinds of information. It can foster a love of reading in children that can last throughout their lives.	9/5/2019 1:04 PM
228	access to the internet and fax machines, and circlulars	9/5/2019 12:57 PM
229	Information about the town	9/5/2019 12:56 PM
230	It provides the very basic of resources.	9/5/2019 12:56 PM
231	All of that knowledge within walking distance	9/5/2019 12:53 PM
232	Not sure	9/5/2019 12:47 PM
233	Family focused institution	9/5/2019 12:46 PM
234	Excellent resource for kids	9/5/2019 12:44 PM
235	It provides a quiet place to study, resources, entertainment, and early childhood stimulation for free.	9/5/2019 12:39 PM
236	Our library is important to the community because it places the same knowledge at everyone's hands. It's nice to be able to borrow a book that may have cost more than you could afford. My big kid read 50 chapter books last school year. I cant afford to purchase that many. So without the library my middle schooler would suffer.	9/5/2019 12:29 PM
237	Programs and reading materials for all age groups	9/5/2019 12:28 PM
238	its a major part of the town community and allows ages of all to enjoy, look for information, place to meet people and also learn things and get assistance on computer, etc media help	9/5/2019 12:25 PM
239	many ways	9/5/2019 12:17 PM
240	Great meeting place, a sense of family and overall happy meeting place.	9/5/2019 12:10 PM
241	Place to gather	9/5/2019 11:57 AM
242	Lots of programs for a variety of people	9/5/2019 11:48 AM
243	I believe all libraries benefit their community. Many people depend on their many services	9/5/2019 11:40 AM
244	Through all of the services noted in the questions above. Together they are a significant positive benefit to Ledyard. These days, the library actually serves as one of the few remaining places that give the town it's identity.	9/5/2019 11:37 AM
245	By being a source for books, information & computers available for those that don't have one.	9/5/2019 11:36 AM

246	Good resource but also brings the community together.	9/5/2019 11:35 AM
247	I don't have printers, copiers, faxes or nearly enough books at my house. The library always was open and willing to help me grow as a student. I find it very important to the community.	9/5/2019 11:29 AM
248	Education Research Entertainment Tickets to Aquarium, etc.	9/5/2019 11:26 AM
249	Access to education	9/5/2019 11:26 AM
250	The library should be the center of the community for sharing information and knowledge. It shouldn't be subject to political whims. An informed citizenry is in the best interest of the town.	9/5/2019 11:17 AM
251	It's a connection to all things written. And it's a chance to get off the internet and social media and engage with a book. To find an author you enjoy. To just browse and not be rushed by the daily grind.	9/5/2019 11:13 AM
252	By making great stuff available!	9/5/2019 11:08 AM
253	Providing education and services to local residents	9/5/2019 11:01 AM
254	Provides a central location for information and access to materials	9/5/2019 10:59 AM
255	Provides books and learning materials	9/5/2019 10:58 AM
256	COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND MEETING PLACE	9/5/2019 10:56 AM
257	many ways	9/5/2019 10:49 AM
258	It's a place for community gathering . It offers many resources and has an incredible selection of books	9/5/2019 10:47 AM
259	Classes for youth and local involvement	9/5/2019 10:38 AM
260	A library is a center for knowledge and public interaction.	9/5/2019 10:03 AM
261	Knowledge	9/5/2019 8:50 AM
262	Libraries are a GREAT resource and place to gather.	9/5/2019 8:48 AM
263	It provides multiple learning opportunities in a variety of formats. Patrons have multiple learning styles. The library does it's best with the current restrictions. What about computers with programs for children. No disabled access to the book sale in the GalesFerry library or the sale at Bill.	9/5/2019 8:15 AM
264	Establishes a life long learning environment and love for all ages.	9/5/2019 8:02 AM
265	Children love getting books, its a great family activity. Family programs are important. I can't afford to buy every book and I read a lot.	9/5/2019 7:52 AM
266	Great networking conduit for people and info.	9/5/2019 7:29 AM
267	safe place to relax and reconnect	9/5/2019 7:22 AM
268	One of the things I like best is how the space is used for tutoring and small groups of an informal nature.	9/5/2019 7:07 AM
269	Great for those who have low income So kids can read or barrow a movie	9/5/2019 7:03 AM
270	Research books in the computers. Copy machines fax machines	9/5/2019 7:02 AM
271	Providing book availability.	9/5/2019 6:51 AM
272	Knowledge all in one place.	9/5/2019 6:48 AM
273	Contents and convenience	9/5/2019 6:48 AM
274	Very important source of information, videos, music and book availability state wide.	9/5/2019 5:59 AM
275	The library is a resource for families, students and seniors. It provides workshops for all ages on top of being the source for books!	9/5/2019 5:53 AM
276	I have always thought of the library as the tie that binds our community together.	9/5/2019 5:44 AM
277	It's a welcoming, safe place for everyone in the community	9/5/2019 5:28 AM
278	Great resource for books, programs, and community information. Particularly like the new "seed library" and the gardening programs.	9/5/2019 5:23 AM

279	By provided free, safe, and accessible educational resources to every single person in the community!! As a community gathering place through it's varied programs! By pooling local resources in one (two actually) easily accessible places and thus keeping the community informed.	9/5/2019 5:22 AM
280	Provides opportunity for children to be exposed to more reading material	9/5/2019 5:10 AM
281	Being a long time established landmark. Offering a place to explore new topics and ideas.	9/5/2019 5:03 AM
282	It's a example symbol of democracy.	9/5/2019 5:02 AM
283	Social	9/5/2019 5:02 AM
284	It offers a lot of great services and promotes the love of reading	9/5/2019 4:50 AM
285	Great information-availability	9/5/2019 4:45 AM
286	Books, computer access, fax, photo copying, free youth and adult programs.	9/5/2019 4:40 AM
287	Saves up money and helps literacy and excitement to read	9/5/2019 4:40 AM
288	Tons of ways	9/5/2019 4:36 AM
289	Space that seeks to answer community needs and provides programs and services to all;diverse offerings that are inclusive	9/5/2019 4:06 AM
290	Where else would everyone have opportunity to use 3d printer,learn new things and see interesting programs so close to home	9/5/2019 3:38 AM
291	Books	9/5/2019 1:51 AM
292	education, community, service, public forum	9/4/2019 9:43 PM
293	A place to get information on a number of different things.	9/4/2019 9:29 PM
294	expands our minds!	9/4/2019 7:10 PM
295	Shared free resources; The library brings residents together for courses, discussions. Every town needs a library!	9/4/2019 6:36 PM
296	Great programs for all ages.	9/4/2019 6:17 PM
297	Education, social events, allowing civic groups time and space to conduct programs and projects.	9/4/2019 6:11 PM
298	Great resource.	9/4/2019 5:58 PM
299	Being able to provide a quiet place for reading and doing fun programs	9/4/2019 5:37 PM
300	Gathering place	9/4/2019 5:27 PM
301	Social hub, offers education, free WiFi, access to fax, etc that is more affordable than Staples.	9/4/2019 5:24 PM
302	Common meeting place, source of endless knowledge, encourages reading, etc, especially for children (I am a retired reading teacher)	9/4/2019 5:10 PM
303	books and programs	9/4/2019 4:51 PM
304	it brings us together	9/4/2019 4:48 PM
305	Gatherings	9/4/2019 4:42 PM
306	Brings the community together. Shares notices of events in the community. Librarians share events with everyone. Senior services are amazing! Thank you	9/4/2019 4:36 PM
307	It is a gathering place. Building to use for groups	9/4/2019 4:33 PM
308	Welcoming place and access point for knowledge and resources	9/4/2019 4:27 PM
309	It's the community center	9/4/2019 4:22 PM
310	It is a place where we can learn.	9/4/2019 4:11 PM
311	computer access, wifi, trainings, good book and media collections, good programming	9/4/2019 4:04 PM
312	provides access to books and media that can be borrowed	9/4/2019 4:04 PM

313	I think libraries are critical for a community. Not only for the free educational resources available to the residents, but I think they strengthen the sense of community. I remember when my son and daughters were in school. Oh my wait a fun trip it was to visit the library. The schools summer reading programs were so much fun for the kids. I have wonderful memories of those times. High school libraries were a wonderful source of educational references for term papers. Now at this stage of my life, I need to revisit what wonderful opportunities are found at the library. I do know when I was in between jobs, I had visited the library and saw a fabulous program about a club that met around cookbooks. It sounded like such a wonderful idea ! I thought of looking into it more but then shortly after that visit, I had returned to work. Don't give up on me and don't close those doors. I will be visiting more often. I promise !	9/4/2019 4:04 PM
314	It offers many programs to participate in. The computers, fax and copier available for public use.	9/4/2019 4:02 PM
315	Cannot imagine a town without a library	9/4/2019 3:56 PM
316	I think having access to books is invaluable! Storytimes are also a great resource for new moms.	9/4/2019 3:46 PM
317	By having programs, access to services such tickets to local events/places and a place for people to come and relax.	9/4/2019 3:43 PM
318	Allows anyone of any age to use the library. Allows people to expand their knowledge by reading, researching, or even having a cup of coffee and browsing a magazine. A place to go when its cold or hot outside. A safe place.	9/4/2019 3:41 PM
319	Services bring the community together	9/4/2019 3:41 PM
320	Any one of any age can find and access any reading, audio or visual material. You inform and educate our community.	9/4/2019 3:39 PM
321	It's free!	9/4/2019 3:13 PM
322	It is a huge source of knowledge. Books are expensive. Knowing that we can borrow in person or virtually is part of an educated community	9/4/2019 3:13 PM
323	The library provides literacy opportunity for everyone! I wouldn't have read as many books this year if I had to buy them. The library is awesome!!	9/4/2019 3:09 PM
324	Helps to educate the public and provides esstential services that are not readily available to some.	9/4/2019 2:56 PM
325	Books and information	9/4/2019 2:49 PM
326	Good resourses	9/4/2019 2:25 PM
327	Providing access to books, digital and print	9/4/2019 2:23 PM
328	Important resource	9/4/2019 1:55 PM
329	Place for young and old	9/4/2019 1:48 PM
330	Resources. Answers	9/4/2019 1:33 PM
331	NA	9/4/2019 1:22 PM
332	The library gives resources and information to those who need it	9/4/2019 1:16 PM
333	It is as important as any service in town !	9/4/2019 1:12 PM
334	Opportunities for people who may not be able to afford access to a computer/a wonderful respite to read and relax and teach kids the joy of reading.	9/4/2019 1:04 PM
335	improves community identity signature , community gathering place	9/4/2019 1:02 PM
336	Major resource	9/4/2019 12:58 PM
337	The library makes knowledge accessible to all!	9/4/2019 12:53 PM
338	In a myriad of ways from books to programs for residents in every age group.	9/4/2019 12:51 PM
339	Availability of materials for the continuing education of all demographics, safe location for visiting and working	9/4/2019 12:47 PM
340	Alot	9/4/2019 12:45 PM
341	I answered above based on the needs of my family - but I think that many of the other services are important to the community (access to computers, etc.) I also think the library helps to create a sense of community identity	9/4/2019 12:38 PM

342	I know from conversations with other patrons that the library has served as a warning and cooling location. I know that it is a safe haven for some of the towns more impacted residents to be able to get out of the house to access the Internet and resources. Furthermore it serves as a center for continuing education with its programming and as a spot for students to gather and work together.	9/4/2019 12:37 PM
343	Giving many an opportunity to learn without internet or money	9/4/2019 12:24 PM
344	Supports academics, social time current information	9/4/2019 12:21 PM
345	It gives our kids a place to learn. I also love the gardening desk. Great resource.	9/4/2019 12:17 PM
346	It provides the Community with informational, social and learning material as well as books for the whole family. I would not know where to get all of that if we didn't had our Library!!!!	9/4/2019 12:17 PM
347	Children's programs	9/4/2019 12:09 PM
348	Provides educational tools and a place for community	9/4/2019 12:05 PM
349	Ensures that everyone has access to internet, computer, printing and literature	9/4/2019 12:04 PM
350	Too many ways to list	9/4/2019 12:01 PM
351	It is a community center of information and assistance. There is nowhere else in Ledyard where I can find out all the things, political, artistic, educational and community-wise that are going on in the area. The staff is extremely knowledgeable, helpful and dedicated to service to the town. The library makes a home town out of Ledyard.	9/4/2019 12:00 PM
352	Giving the community a quiet place to go read study and get away	9/4/2019 11:57 AM
353	Safe environment to work/study	9/4/2019 11:55 AM
354	Local source for reference materials	9/4/2019 11:53 AM
355	To provide information in paper and electronic form so we educate the community that it serves	9/4/2019 11:45 AM
356	Resources, help and information, relevant programs for all ages	9/4/2019 11:42 AM
357	Makes children want to read	9/4/2019 11:26 AM
358	It's a resource and a friendly positive point in my day!	9/4/2019 11:25 AM
359	Great resource for people who can't buy books or have internet.	9/4/2019 11:24 AM
360	Unfortunately, because our library is small, it doesn't draw people.	9/4/2019 11:20 AM
361	It is a gathering place, place to meet friends, place to check out materials we would purchase otherwise (books for educational assignments)	9/4/2019 11:17 AM
362	Story time, loaning books so everyone has access to books, newspapers, magazines.	9/4/2019 11:13 AM
363	Providing publicly accessible knowledge and entertainment resources	9/4/2019 11:13 AM
364	.	9/4/2019 11:09 AM
365	Available to those who need services	9/4/2019 11:09 AM
366	A safe place for kids and families	9/4/2019 11:05 AM
367	Idk	9/4/2019 11:01 AM
368	Access to free information and materials	9/4/2019 10:58 AM
369	Knowledge resource. Place to meet for community events.	9/4/2019 10:57 AM
370	Improve literacy	9/4/2019 10:51 AM
371	Sense of togetherness	9/4/2019 10:48 AM
372	They want to be there for all age groups!	9/4/2019 10:45 AM
373	I think the library and it contents and services benefits the community by being an integral part of it and a central figure in the community	9/4/2019 10:45 AM
374	It encourages the importance of reading and family time. Some families cannot afford to buy books, dvd's, etc.	9/4/2019 10:43 AM
375	Literacy, Internet, (when mine is down), printer is available soml can print my boarding pass. The librarians are so helpful. All around a nugget in our community	9/4/2019 10:42 AM

376	The libraries impact is limited. The collection through Lion is broad based. The interests that you actively and deliberately support does not consider the depth and breadth of the community.	9/4/2019 10:37 AM
377	The library benefits the community in a number of ways. For me, borrowing books is the most important. When my children were young, the summer reading programs were great. I always see a number of people using the internet while I'm there. I'm sure that's very important to them. I also often see older people relaxing and reading newspapers. I suspect it helps them socialize if they live alone.	9/4/2019 10:37 AM
378	Many ways	9/4/2019 10:37 AM
379	It helps educate the community	9/4/2019 10:35 AM
380	knowledge is power	9/4/2019 10:34 AM
381	Easy access to free reading, learning.	9/4/2019 10:31 AM
382	Valuable resource	9/4/2019 10:31 AM
383	The library is so wonderful! The community heavily benefits from it	9/4/2019 10:27 AM
384	Creates a community.	9/4/2019 10:24 AM
385	Brings people together	9/4/2019 10:23 AM
386	Activities, jobs, internet and technology, safe teen space	9/4/2019 10:19 AM
387	Gathering place. Venue for meetings. Acces to many kinds of resources. Real people on the staff who can help. Free - so available to all, not just folks with financial resources.	9/4/2019 9:59 AM
388	A place to gather, promote community members sharing knowledge and collections; intergenerational programs; digital and electronic resources and help; a place of comfort.	9/4/2019 9:53 AM
389	A meeting place, a learning place, a place of awareness, the ability to inspire	9/4/2019 9:30 AM
390	Dumb question	9/4/2019 8:52 AM
391	A gathering place and resource center	9/4/2019 8:44 AM
392	School	9/4/2019 8:30 AM
393	It is a great place to study, and borrow materials that one cannot find at home.	9/4/2019 8:25 AM
394	a place to read, browse , have quiet time to think	9/4/2019 8:22 AM
395	Stupid question	9/4/2019 8:21 AM
396	I think it's a great benefit to the community. It saves us money as I don't have to buy all the books that I want to read and I can borrow movies to watch. It allows people without a computer to access the internet and it offers great programs like the reading program for the kids. I'm very happy that we have our library.	9/4/2019 8:19 AM
397	great area to meet	9/4/2019 8:14 AM
398	Knowledge sharing	9/4/2019 8:01 AM
399	Helps those without these devices at home finish school work or use spare time	9/4/2019 7:53 AM
400	A safe pleasant place to go to read, borrow material, use machines, or have a coffee. Real asset to community	9/4/2019 7:42 AM
401	Convenience, services	9/4/2019 7:39 AM
402	Library seemed to be busy most of the times i was there, summer.	9/4/2019 7:38 AM
403	Service	9/4/2019 7:35 AM
404	Every community needs access to reading materials to become an informed and active member of the community	9/4/2019 7:33 AM
405	Borrowing books free of charge, they're expensive. The other services like computer access for everyone are equally as important	9/4/2019 7:28 AM
406	I know many people who do use your services more than we do.	9/4/2019 7:24 AM
407	It is the most influential educational tool in the town.	9/4/2019 7:21 AM

408	In all aspects. Provides access to books, internet, activities, confidence.	9/4/2019 7:20 AM
409	a place to meet	9/4/2019 7:17 AM
410	Great meeting place	9/4/2019 7:14 AM
411	Provides internet access to those who dont have it. Educational books for school and kids area.	9/4/2019 7:10 AM
412	Great community center	9/4/2019 7:09 AM
413	Saves money on purchasing books	9/4/2019 7:05 AM
414	?	9/4/2019 7:03 AM
415	Community interaction.	9/4/2019 7:03 AM
416	It opens up the world beyond the small town of Ledyard.	9/4/2019 6:50 AM
417	Libraries are important as meeting places, as well as giving access to information, and entertainment in the form of books and more.	9/4/2019 6:49 AM
418	It bring people together round knowledge, and offers services from highly trained and polite people.	9/4/2019 6:44 AM
419	In addition to being a valuable source of information for all, it promotes communal growth through the variety of meetings, workshops, and presentations it presents.	9/4/2019 6:37 AM
420	I know families that do story time, computer access for families with no computer, saves money not having to purchase books to read, quiet place to read or work when needed	9/4/2019 6:34 AM
421	A resource for all	9/4/2019 6:33 AM
422	Its very important	9/4/2019 6:26 AM
423	Programs and book dvd lending and computer services	9/4/2019 6:21 AM
424	Gathering place and location to find community information	9/4/2019 6:17 AM
425	Provides a place to meet, learn and obtain resources	9/4/2019 6:16 AM
426	Read to learn and grow. Place to meet othetz	9/4/2019 6:16 AM
427	People are still old school and like just reading a book in their hands	9/4/2019 6:16 AM
428	Provides valuable services.	9/4/2019 5:25 AM
429	It provides a place where residents can gather, share ideas, and learn.	9/4/2019 5:15 AM
430	Continual Education	9/4/2019 4:41 AM
431	It's very important as a hub, a place for people to go to do quiet study and reading and, although I don't use them, I am sure the programs and events are crucial to some people.	9/4/2019 4:28 AM
432	Great benefit; giving people access to books, music, video, computers, etc.	9/4/2019 4:22 AM
433	As a resource for knowledge, information, and fostering community it is very important	9/4/2019 3:49 AM
434	What doesn't it do? It's a place of elective knowledge. It is a necessity.	9/3/2019 10:10 PM
435	Sitting working on a computer I see the activity in the library with adults and children. The employees are always helping someone.	9/3/2019 7:43 PM
436	Classes, useable meeting/classroom space, and encourages kids to read	9/3/2019 6:42 PM
437	A place for resources and providing residents a place to feel welcome, to get help as needed as well as a common goal; education and continuing education.	9/3/2019 6:32 PM
438	Continual learning throughout life is so important. Without a library, there are few opportunities for some to do so, particularly if they are not into the digital domain for reading, etc.	9/3/2019 6:24 PM
439	it's the purest form of public good I know.	9/3/2019 5:41 PM
440	Information, books, access to technology and books for those who cant afford to purchase it. Programs that bring community members together.	9/3/2019 5:37 PM

441	The library is the heart of a community. It symbolizes lifelong learning and social interaction. Education doesn't stop after high school or college. It continues forever. Libraries are always changing, adapting to the needs of the community and helping job seekers, seniors, and parents with their young children.	9/3/2019 4:51 PM
442	Great place to have a meeting, often has power during outages, great resource.	9/3/2019 4:50 PM
443	Offer a safe and friendly atmosphere for all. Help elders with all the technological info they request without a complaint !	9/3/2019 4:25 PM
444	It's a safe fun free place for children and families to learn and grown	9/3/2019 4:21 PM
445	Readily accessible information, reading material, research material. Technology available if yours fails at home. Invaluable to our community.	9/3/2019 4:14 PM
446	encourages reading and a community spirit	9/3/2019 4:11 PM
447	It educates, serves as a resource center, and gathering place and provides services that are vital to the community.	9/3/2019 4:10 PM
448	It provides a safe comfortable place to sit and read, do research or homework.	9/3/2019 4:10 PM
449	The children need to have access to achieve homework goals.	9/3/2019 4:09 PM
450	Same answer as #9	9/3/2019 3:57 PM
451	It offers free things to do, research help, and access to books, magazines, and the new seed program.	9/3/2019 3:37 PM
452	Improved literacy by providing reading materials to people of all income levels. Community building by providing a place to gather for events and everyday interactions. Learning opportunities through programming and individual help. A place for students of all ages to study with access to computers, the internet, and/or reference materials as needed. Activities and learning for small children that helps them be prepared for school.	9/3/2019 3:25 PM
453	By providing books, technology, programs, and many essentials too numerous to list for people of all ages.	9/3/2019 3:13 PM
454	Hub for learning	9/3/2019 3:03 PM
455	It's a comfortable space and allows access to resources that not everyone may have access to. It's a touchstone for town.	9/3/2019 2:21 PM
456	Access to books and computer with welcoming atomosphere for community to utilize	9/3/2019 1:58 PM
457	Offer a variety of services for all ages	9/3/2019 1:54 PM
458	It's FREE for the most part.	9/3/2019 1:52 PM
459	I know it's very beneficial to me and my school age children. We utilize the resources a lot throughout the school year. My budget is very tight and having the ability to use the internet, printer and checking out books is huge for me.	9/3/2019 1:40 PM
460	Help bridge the divide among the haves and have nots. Everyone needs access to information and resources!	9/3/2019 1:38 PM
461	Access to information	9/3/2019 1:33 PM
462	Provides information for knowledge	9/3/2019 1:27 PM
463	Keeps kids busy	9/3/2019 1:25 PM
464	Makes resources available locally - don't have to go to Groton all the time	9/3/2019 1:19 PM
465	Gives kids a place to do homework. Find books and movies and audio books.	9/3/2019 1:10 PM
466	Open access to resources of information and learning	9/3/2019 1:04 PM
467	By existing!	9/3/2019 1:00 PM
468	Access to information for all	9/3/2019 12:57 PM
469	A gathering place, a place to learn and be educated	9/3/2019 12:54 PM
470	Educational assistance and reference works	9/3/2019 12:54 PM
471	I'm sure in many ways	9/3/2019 12:53 PM

472	.	9/3/2019 12:52 PM
473	The library is a resource for learning and a respected place to meet or make friends, share ideas, learn new things, and so much more!	9/3/2019 12:52 PM
474	A good place to study	9/3/2019 12:46 PM
475	Source of info and technology services for people who don't have those things at home. Some interesting historical programs.	9/3/2019 12:41 PM
476	Extremely	9/3/2019 12:40 PM
477	It's a good place to be	9/3/2019 12:35 PM
478	creates another community hub. education, mind opening	9/3/2019 12:34 PM
479	has technology available	9/3/2019 12:34 PM
480	It brings to me a sense of belonging to the GF community. I don't see many folks there and yet there is a hominess to the library that no other aspect of Ledyard has engendered. I'd like to think that this small piece of togetherness and embodiment of older times community will survive for many years to come.	9/3/2019 12:33 PM
481	?	9/3/2019 12:25 PM
482	Immensely. So many programs for kids and adults	9/3/2019 12:23 PM
483	It benefits everyone in the community, all they have to do is use it.	9/3/2019 12:13 PM
484	Provides a lot of resources	9/3/2019 12:12 PM
485	It's very important to keep the library	9/3/2019 12:11 PM
486	IT's great	9/3/2019 12:09 PM
487	In many ways! Education partner, resource, etc	9/3/2019 12:08 PM
488	It provides services like computers (and help using them) for people who don't have access otherwise. It gets people reading and curious about books. It's a social outlet and a gathering place.	9/3/2019 12:05 PM
489	It's an incredible resource	9/3/2019 12:05 PM
490	Offering resources people need to have access to	9/3/2019 12:04 PM
491	"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library." — Jorge Luis Borge	9/3/2019 12:04 PM
492	Programs offered are helpful to all age groups.	9/3/2019 12:03 PM
493	By providing access to books and technology and by offering a variety of programs	9/3/2019 11:57 AM
494	Don't know	9/3/2019 11:52 AM
495	Allows people access to things they don't have at home	9/3/2019 11:51 AM
496	PROVIDES USEFULL PROGRAMS	9/3/2019 11:50 AM