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Big picture thinking

Tour -> Education about library's needs and services.
       Move from wish list to action (city)
       County funding
Active Youth Services Department – space needs, teen services
Programming – role model for replication
Facility – How does it serve the staff needs?

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Building maintenance costs
Staffing/personnel costs
       Space use
       Outreach vs on-site
       Examination of staffing model

*What should the library be for our community?
       (duplication of service)
*What can the library do well?
       (prioritize, risk of trying to be everything to everyone)
       Niches

Specify existing and wish list services – message to city, community members

Shared space with other organizations under one roof

The role of the library in the community:
       Part of the foundation of civil society
       Free community and cultural center
       Reference and Technology
       Trusted information source
       Outreach and off-site opportunities
       *Center for strengthening community

Of these roles:
What do we do well?
How is space not adequate?
What is lacking in the community that the library can serve?

City goals/accomplishments/problems – what can the library serve?

Downtown location/proximity

*Kids, seniors, social welfare needs

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More community center space
More technology – changing technology
Flexible space
Possibly fewer books (consider customer preference) vs ebooks
Resource center – trusted information source – they connect people with information.
Educational ecosystem – include early literacy
Technology instruction
Children's programming
Space for programming vs repository for books – sustainable programming
Segregated spaces for:
      Quiet space
      Meeting rooms
      Study rooms
      Social spaces

*Attracting younger adults and families – "third space"
      Library facilitates connection between people
      Entrepreneurs – technology access a benefit
Economic development
      Entrepreneurs, start ups

Community Survey – last one done in 2004
      Use, needs, desired improvements
*Community education about library and service needs

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Trends in libraries on campuses
Library = books
Role of library vs what's missing from the community? Ie social spaces
*Flexible, adaptable space
Social interaction
Cutting-edge technology

Current plan's match to actual current/future space needs and services

BPL Board
    Outdated source material
    Reading material, notes from meeting
    Staff presentations
    Understanding of their role in with project
        Unified message – what they need to strengthen the committee and why
        Specific and Urgent message
        One on one meetings with city leaders

What does the library do and why current space is insufficient?