

Onslow County Public Library Facilities Long Term Master Plan

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BACKGROUND

In early 2005, Onslow County distributed a Request for Proposals for architectural services in regard to a proposed Jacksonville Main Library. In the selection process, ADW Architects was selected for the project. Through a series of interviews and correspondence in the same year, the scope of the project changed to a planning project to determine the appropriate quantity, sizes, and locations of public library facilities in Onslow County. An agreement between Onslow County and ADW Architects dated October 20, 2005 constitutes the formal contractual relationship between the parties.

This report corresponds to Task 1.5 in the "Detailed Scope of Work" attached to the agreement. The purpose of this report is to evaluate the current library facilities and analyze demographic data and library usage patterns. It also includes a summary of a series of meetings with stakeholders that were conducted on January 24-25, 2005 in Jacksonville and Richlands.

The agreement calls for a Phase 2 report which will include a series of recommendations and analyses for future development of public library facilities in Onslow County.

**CURRENT
FACILITIES**

The library has five facilities but for the purpose of this report, I have omitted the Law Library because it is a special service library that does not have direct impact on the development of a facilities master plan. Appendix 1 includes aerial photographs, GIS maps and property data for each facility.

Main Library

The Main Library has been at its current location, 58 Doris Avenue North, since 1976. The initial size of the facility was 9,075 square feet. From 1980 to 2001 there were a series of additions made to the original facility to expand the size to the current 14,145 square feet. It is a single story, brick façade structure on a level site. The immediate environment is generally residential with single family residential development as the predominant use and multifamily low income housing directly behind the facility.

The facility has two public entrance/exits that connect to a large central public space used for adult collections and services. There are several smaller spaces used for a variety of public and staff purposes. There is one large multi-purpose room used as a community and programming area.

The facility appears to be well maintained but the overwhelming impression is that it is overcrowded. In fact, in order to provide as many services and collections as possible, the building has been stretched and overused to the point that its effectiveness is compromised. Both staff and public spaces are crowded. Workspaces for staff are barely adequate for their needs and public spaces have sacrificed comfort in order to squeeze in computers, library collections and a minimal amount of seating.

The Children's area is particularly crowded and cluttered with library materials stored on every available surface. What was initially a programming space to the rear of the Children's area currently does triple duty as staff space, children's stacks and programming.

Similarly, the adult collections have grown to the point that there is a definite lack of adequate seating for reading. Recently ten lounge seats were added in the center of the main adult space. Chairs are located next to several of the end panels in the adult stacks. The only study seating is in the reference area.

In 2003, Onslow County acquired Parcel 345-25.34 as a future site for a new Main Library. The site is approximately 8 acres in size. It is located in The Commons. The site is flat and heavily wooded. Currently there are no improvements on it. The site is adjacent to the County EMT office. It is part of a relatively new campus of public facilities including two schools and a park.

Sneads Ferry Branch Library

This facility has been at its present location since 1991. It was formerly a branch bank building which was donated to Onslow County when the bank was relocated. At 2,195 square feet, it is not only the smallest library in the system but it is the most crowded and over-utilized. In order to accommodate service demands from the community, every available square foot has been utilized. There are book cases and stacks located wherever possible while still leaving minimal space for traffic. The staff space is at a minimum and is inadequate for the number of current staff.

Located on Sneads Ferry Road, the facility is remote from other public services or retail traffic and is therefore difficult for the public to find if they are not familiar with it. The parking lot has 10 spaces. It is frequently at capacity.

The staff is accommodating and resourceful in their efforts to provide the best service that they can given the limited resources and the capacity of the facility but they receive frequent complaints from the public.

Richlands Branch Library

Richlands is co-located with the Onslow County Museum in an attractive public facility on NC 24 in northeast Onslow County. The location is near a variety of retail stores. Its visibility and proximity to a widely used highway make this location convenient to its service area.

The facility was opened in 1994. The total size of the building is approximately 10,000 square feet of which is approximately 3,000 square feet is dedicated to the library. There is a shared multi-purpose space of approximately 900 square feet.

The Library is attractive, bright and appears to be well-maintained. However, as is typical of a small library, there is no room for expansion of materials or services, seating is limited and shelving is close to capacity.

Swansboro Branch Library

This facility is the newest of the four. It was re-opened in 2003 after an expansion-renovation project enlarged the size to 5,489 square feet. It is located on NC 24 in west Onslow County. The location and visibility make it easy to access from either direction.

The facility is attractive and well maintained. In comparison with the other libraries, it is comfortable and provides a variety of seating options for the user.

**LIBRARY
USAGE
ANALYSIS**

In this section, I will analyze the last ten years of library usage for each facility and on a system-wide basis. The three measures that I have chosen are circulation, registrations, and attendance. Although none of these measures by themselves provides an accurate reflection of demand for services, taken together they provide a reasonably good tool for seeing trends and gauging demand and usage.

The following tables and charts indicate that demand, as shown by Registered Borrowers and Attendance, is trending up in the system. Circulation has fallen in the last two years. This trend is a direct result of two events: In 2003, the Swansboro Branch was closed for a renovation/addition project and in 2004 the Smart Start program was closed. Both events resulted in a steep decline in circulation.

Table 1: System Wide Circulation by Year

System Circulation - 1995-2005	
1995-1996	371,501
1996-1997	355,731
1997-1998	377,896
1998-1999	362,091
1999-2000	354,533
2000-2001	363,863
2001-2002	357,558
2002-2003	363,243
2003-2004	340,473
2004-2005	334,238

CHART 1: SYSTEM WIDE CIRCULATION BY YEAR

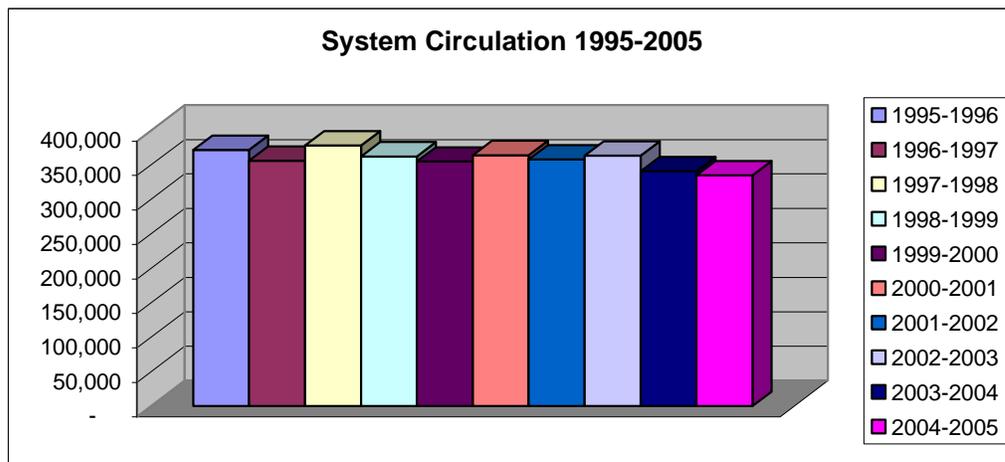


Table 2: System-wide Registered Borrowers by Year

Year	Adult	Juvenile	System
1995-1996	30,972	9,454	40,426
1996-1997	30,459	10,579	41,038
1997-1998	29,377	10,930	40,307
1998-1999	31,054	11,661	42,715
1999-2000	31,081	11,759	42,840
2000-2001	32,419	12,299	44,718
2001-2002	31,863	11,692	43,555
2002-2003	30,943	11,341	42,284
2003-2004	32,266	11,891	44,157
2004-2005	32,884	11,759	44,643

CHART 2: SYSTEM-WIDE REGISTERED BORROWERS BY YEAR

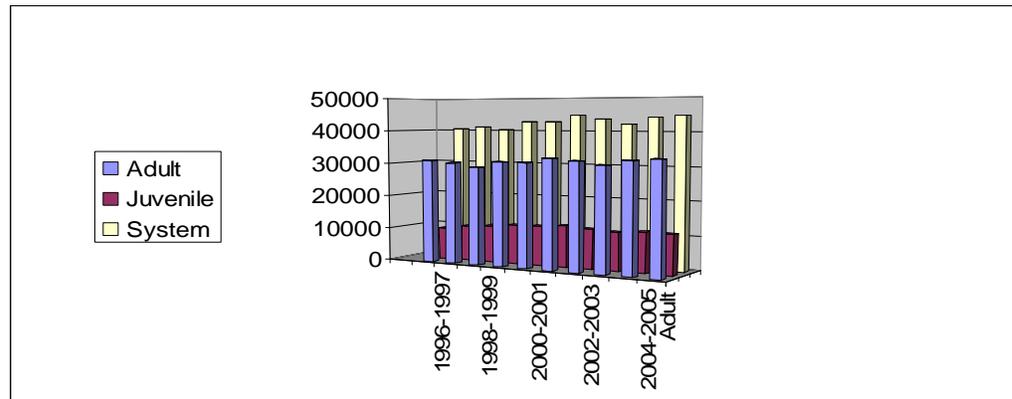
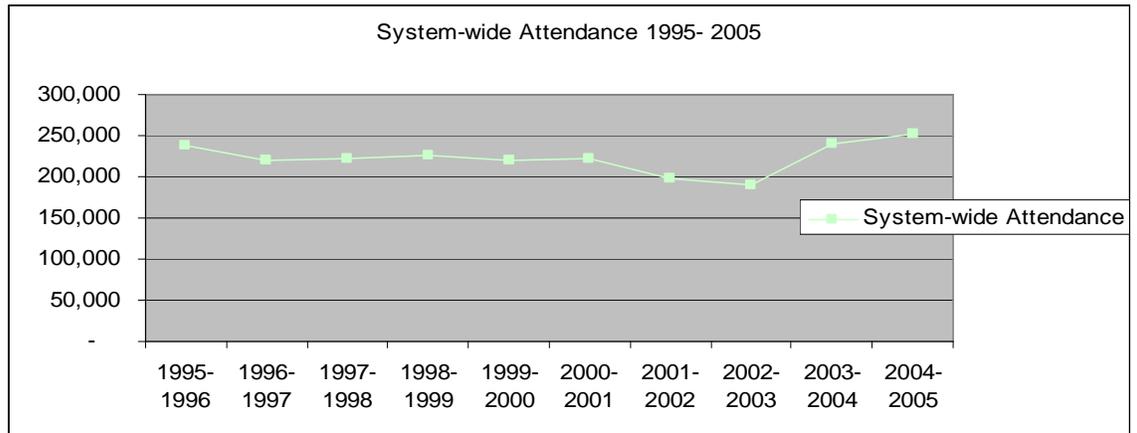


Table 3: System-Wide Attendance by Year

System Attendance - 1995-2005	
1995-1996	238,535
1996-1997	219,018
1997-1998	222,323
1998-1999	226,080
1999-2000	220,926
2000-2001	221,422
2001-2002	197,873
2002-2003	189,034
2003-2004	239,753
2004-2005	252,017

CHART 3: SYSTEM-WIDE ATTENDANCE 1995-2005



**DEMOGRAPHIC
ANALYSIS**

In preparing this report, I have used the following sources:

- Patricia Pike GIS coordinator for Onslow County
- North Carolina Data Center
- "Onslow County Schools Long Range Facilities Needs Assessment - 2005" (LRFNA), Smith Sinnett Associates, prepared for the Onslow County Board of Education, February 2005.

It is generally accepted that the useful life of a public library building is 25-30 years. Therefore, public library planners generally based facility plans on population projections for that approximate timeframe. The concept of basing the size of public library facilities on projected population counts relies on the use of desired per capita space allocation. To plan for a facility designed to serve its service area for 30 years, for example, a planner will project the population of the service area for that time frame and multiply the population projection by the desired per capita space allocation. Although there is no single standard for the number of square feet per capita, there is general agreement among library administrators and planners that a range of 0.8 to 1.0 square feet per capital is desirable. In the last ten to fifteen years, the number has generally inched closer to 1.0 and most planners aim for that standard. The increase has been driven by the increased demand for a variety of services at library facilities and the addition of and demand for digital services in public libraries.

For example, the vast majority of public libraries in the US have converted from paper card catalogs to computer based catalogs. These generally offer the library lower maintenance costs, the ability to easily reproduce the catalog at locations within a facility and the ability to provide a system wide catalog in a multi-location system. From a user standpoint, the computer based catalog provides more up to date information, the ability to search in ways that were not possible in the card catalog, access to system wide resources as well as other benefits. However, the introduction of computer based catalogs generally requires more floor space than a card catalog which is a relatively compact unit.

Similarly, in the last twenty years, libraries depend on public access computers to provide patrons with internet access as well as to a variety of subscription and licensed resources. This service is currently experiencing the highest increase in demand in public libraries. It has forced libraries to devote more and more floor space to central equipment and to patron workstations.

Another factor that is driving up the size of public library facilities is increased demand for program and multi-use spaces. These spaces are typically used heavily for pre-school story hours and other programs. But they are also used for other library sponsored programs as well as by community groups who use the library as a community center.

The North Carolina State Data Center projects county populations in five year increments and offers the following projection for Onslow County:

Table 4: Onslow County Population Project

2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
150,355	161,958	167,875	175,099	178,563	184,714	187,164

Source: State Demographics Unit - North Carolina

Based on Table 4 Onslow County population will increase by 36,809 individuals or 24.5% from 2000 to 2030.

Table 5: 2000 Eastern Regional Partnership Populations by Age

County	Total Population	Population by Age Group							Median Age
		0-5	6-13	14-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	
Carteret	56,383	3,529	5,650	3,118	3,824	16,151	16,884	10,227	42.34
Craven	91,436	7,956	9,840	4,700	11,726	25,536	19,415	12,263	34.44
Duplin	49,063	4,309	5,713	2,783	4,707	14,399	10,836	6,316	34.93
Edgecombe	55,606	4,622	7,046	3,399	4,808	15,773	12,995	6,963	36.15
Greene	18,974	1,534	2,132	1,126	1,780	5,868	4,240	2,294	35.41
Jones	10,381	745	1,312	608	710	2,788	2,615	1,603	39.08
Lenoir	59,648	4,751	6,819	3,509	4,695	16,479	14,660	8,734	38.09
Nash	87,420	6,982	10,407	4,815	7,416	26,335	20,583	10,882	36.49
Onslow	150,355	15,505	16,351	7,482	35,859	43,968	21,691	9,499	24.99
Pamlico	12,934	788	1,253	685	826	3,337	3,616	2,429	42.92
Pender	41,082	2,900	4,482	2,145	3,044	12,112	10,619	5,780	38.78
Pitt	134,026	10,357	14,491	6,706	23,458	39,982	25,976	12,828	30.40
Wayne	113,329	9,530	13,504	6,608	11,166	34,575	24,837	13,109	38.46
Wilson	73,814	6,115	8,545	4,207	6,748	21,281	17,411	9,507	36.22
ER Partnership	916,369	76,723	103,063	49,746	117,723	266,472	195,759	106,654	36.15
North Carolina	8,049,313	647,879	899,230	416,938	806,821	2,500,535	1,808,862	969,048	35.31

Source: NC Office of State Budget Planning & Management (Smith Sinnett Associates)

The median age of the Onslow County population in the 2000 census was 24.9 years old compared with a statewide average of 35.30. (Source: US Census). This is no doubt a reflection of the impact of the military population in Onslow County. This is a key factor that affects library usage because young families with small children generally rely heavily on public libraries for children's services and library materials. Also, "the high proportion of individuals in their child-bearing years contributes to the high birth rate with the county, further lowering the average age."

- Source: "Onslow County Schools Long Range Facilities Needs Assessment - 2005" (LRFNA), Smith Sinnett Associates, prepared for the Onslow County Board of Education, February 2005.

CHART 4: EASTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP - MEDIAN AGE BY COUNTY

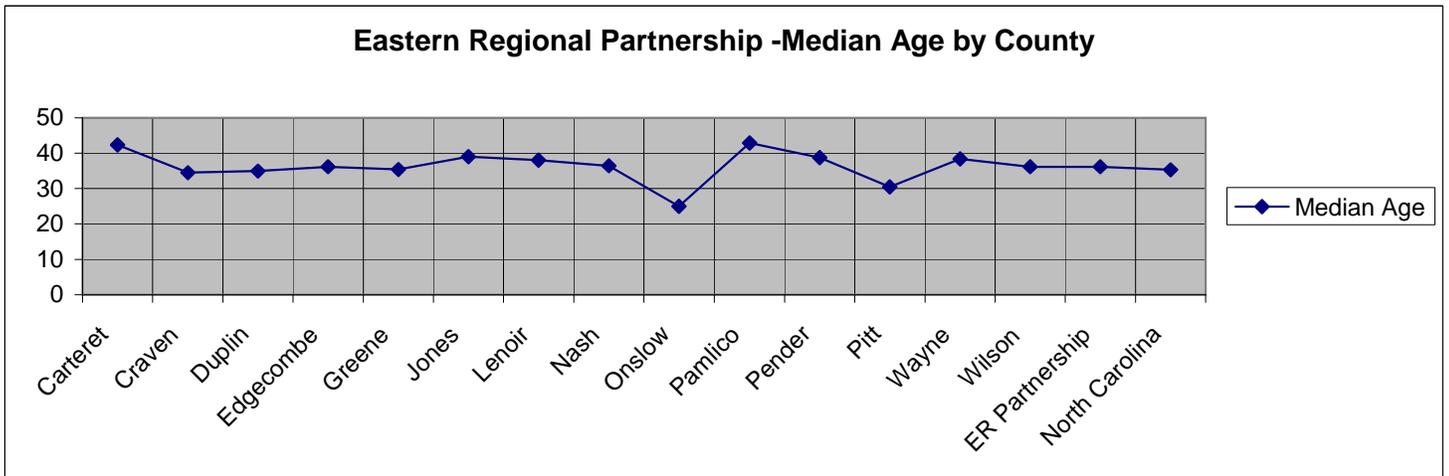


Chart 4 is derived from Table 5. It shows that Onslow County has the lowest median age in the Eastern Regional Partnership as well as a substantially lower median age than the state of North Carolina.

Interviews with local government officials have indicated that Onslow County is experiencing a substantial migration of older residents of retirement age particularly in the coastal communities in the southern and eastern parts of the county. This influx is relatively recent and is not reflected in available demographic data. It is generally accepted that this migration will continue as the baby boom generation retires.

This trend may increase the median age of Onslow County. However, it is expected that it will also exert a strong demand for library services because the retirement population will generally be well educated and affluent - demographic characteristics that correlate directly to library usage. In

fact, the Onslow County Public Library is experiencing that demand at the Sneads Ferry Branch Library on a daily basis.

**KEY
STAKEHOLDER
INTERVIEWS**

On January 24 and 25, 2006, Tom Carlson-Reddig and I met with four groups of stakeholders. The meetings were arranged by Estell Carter, Assistant Library Director. The purpose of the meetings was to solicit input from community leaders about current and future library facilities.

The following points were discussed at each meeting.

County Officials: This meeting took place in the Main Library. It included several elected and appointed officials from Onslow County as well as from incorporated towns within Onslow County. It also included Board members, Friends of the Library leaders and other community leaders.

- The Main Library is in the process of installing six new computers. That led to a discussion about the critical lack of space and privacy in the building.
- A public survey was done approximately one year ago regarding public library facilities.
- There were several discussions about the current location of the Main Library and the Commons property as an alternative location. Discussions included the idea of relocating the Main Library to the Commons property; relocating but retaining branch library service at the current location, expanding the Main Library on site; demolishing the Main Library and rebuilding on site. There was sentiment expressed that the current location is favored because it is central to Jacksonville and because it provides pedestrian access to the immediate neighborhood.
- The Main Library property is approximately 3 acres in size. The general rule of thumb is that a site will accommodate eight to ten thousand square feet of space per acre. This includes site requirements such as parking.
- The current Sneads Ferry facility is inadequate and needs replacement. The new location should serve the growing communities in the southern part of Onslow County. That includes Holly Ridge, North Topsail Beach and Snead's Ferry. This area is experiencing rapid development. The new population is generally retired and affluent.
- The Richlands Branch Library shares space with the Onslow County Museum. At some point in the future, it will need to be expanded.
- The Swansboro Branch Library has recently been expanded and may need additional space in about ten years.
- Southwest is probably the next area of the county to experience a rapid development cycle. Wal-Mart has decided to build in Southwest and a new school is planned

for the area. Water and sewer service is not currently available in the area but when it is, it will fuel more rapid development.

- Onslow County has two large areas that are not subject to private development - Hoffman Forest in the northeast and Camp Lejeune in the south.
- The existing branches are all small and may need to be replaced or expanded.
- Public library facilities should provide public wireless internet access. The facilities could function as wireless nests for services required by other county departments as well as the backbone of a county services wireless network.
- There was discussion about co-locating the library facilities with compatible services.
- There was a discussion about the roles and relationship between a Main Library and branch libraries in regard to library operations and public services. Typically, the Main Library is the operations center where centralized administrative functions are located. A delivery system operates from the Main Library to move materials between locations. Branch library collections are typically smaller and provide more popular titles. But branches should offer a full range of genres and materials.
- Onslow County is a very transient community because of the military population. It is also a young population.
- Ways that a public library enhances its community:
 - It provides a neutral community space that is accessible to all people.
 - It is perceived internally and externally as an important cultural and educational amenity.
 - Prospective economic development interests look at public library facilities as a measure of public investment and commitment to cultural and educational institutions.
 - The physical state of a community's libraries expresses its interest in the well being and caring of its citizens.
- The hours of service should be expanded.
- More services should be directed to young people to support their school assignments and to provide self-directed reading.
- The library should consider providing coffee to attract more users.
- What is the future of public libraries and books in the internet age:
 - Information is accessible to anyone with a computer and internet access
 - Some people do not have access and depend on the public library for internet access.
 - The Onslow County Public Library provides access to NC Live, a collection of subscription databases that offer a wide variety of resources that are not available to the public except by subscription.

- o There is no viable model for an electronic medium to replace the book. Different e-book products have been introduced but none has been successful.
- o Big box bookstores are modeled in some ways on public libraries - they are not just book vendors but "people places."
- The public library should be more than a place to check out books. It should be a community center.
- The library should be a source for Information and Referral service.
- Leased vs. owned facilities were discussed. Leased facilities are a way to provide service to a community without a significant capital project. They also offer more flexibility as far as changing locations over time.
- The extension of sewer service in Onslow County will directly impact development patterns for the next 1-15 years. This needs to be factored into the Public Library Facilities Master Plan.
- It is important to know where the population centers of the county are and what the population density of the county is.
- Water and Sewer Service will probably be extended in three phases:
 - o Piney Grove
 - o Stump Sound
 - o Southwest

Library Board of Trustees: This meeting took place in the meeting room of the Richlands Branch Library.

- There was concern that all facilities in the system were small and inadequate.
- Small and inadequate facilities and collections create a vicious cycle - patrons will not come to use the facility and that reduces the demand which makes it more difficult to justify improving facilities and services.
- Services and collections are not up to date because of facility and budget limitations.
- The system should have a central hub at Main with branch locations to serve the areas outside of Jacksonville.
- There was concern about the impact that technology will have on reading and libraries.
- The Commons area is experiencing high growth and a combination of residential development with new retail. The Commons also has a combination of other public services such as schools and park.
- Sneads Ferry is the most urgent need to address
- Main Library needs to be addressed because it is overcrowded, uncomfortable and does not provide adequate space for children's programs.
- The system and individual facilities should be designed for expansion and flexibility.

- Southwest is underserved and needs library service. There was discussion about a leased facility or a storefront library in that area to initiate service.
- Co-location or joint use was discussed. Is there an opportunity to pursue joint use with CCCC? Partnerships are important.
- Print reference materials are decreasing in use as internet resources grow.
- Sneads Ferry is unincorporated, growing and relatively prosperous. Holly Ridge is incorporated and less affluent.
- Naming facilities can be an important issue in how people perceive and use public libraries.

The Library Building Committee met at the Richlands Branch Library.

- There was a discussion about the Main Library and how the Commons property was acquired. The process was initiated by members who saw an opportunity. It was acquired from the City of Jacksonville.
- Fundraising for a library depends on active volunteers.
- A fundraising campaign needs a specific project or goal.
- In a new facility, there are naming opportunities to encourage and recognize significant contributions.
- It is not reasonable for a private fundraiser to produce operating funds.
- It is difficult to rely on a public fundraising campaign to raise sufficient amounts to fund a capital project. Typically, a campaign is used to supplement public dollars.

The Friends of the Library met at the Main Library:

- Sneads Ferry is too small with insufficient parking and drainage problems in the parking lot.
- Onslow County is transient and the Library can serve as a community center for people who are new to the community and need to get information and connect to where they live.
- The library serves so many needs and belongs to everyone. Everyone is welcome.
- Public libraries help attract new business.
- It is unlikely that the County will fund 100% of the cost of new libraries but it will look to other community resources for some portion of the total cost.
- There should be multiple community rooms or a single room with a divider to accommodate simultaneous use.
- There is currently no adequate space for computer use at Main.
- There was discussion about locating facilities in malls or in shopping centers.

- The children's section of the Main Library is disgraceful.
- Suggestion that the existing hospital building may be available as a replacement of the Main Library.
- Roles are changing for library staff because of technology
- Self checkout and other innovations make library patrons more self-sufficient and reduce the demands on library staff.

**COMMUNITY
WORKSHOPS**

On March 24 and 25, 2006 community workshops were held for each existing branch library to gather community input about library facilities and services. The workshops were held in the meeting rooms of each facility with the exception of Sneads Ferry which does not have meeting space. That workshop was held at the Sneads Ferry Community Center.

The workshops were promoted by a variety of methods. To accommodate people who would not attend, a six question survey form was available for approximately one month at each library location as well as on the library's web site.

The six questions are:

1. What are the top three services that you use when you go to the library?
2. What services would you like to see improved or added?
3. Is the location of the library that you use convenient to get to and to use?
4. What would you change about the facility to improve services?
5. How do you get to the library - drive, walk, other?
6. If you are not currently a library user, why not? What would encourage you to use the library?

The results of each workshop and the survey forms are summarized below:

Swansboro Branch Library:

Attendance: 6

The services that patrons use and expect are borrowing books, music, spoken word recordings and DVD's; reference materials (on-line and print); the summer reading program; children's programs and story hours; internet access and in house computer access; larger library collections; more computer work station; more reader seats; larger selection of periodical titles.

There is no significant walk-in traffic to this location.

There were no negative comments about the location of the facility.

Sneads Ferry Branch Library:

Attendance: 25

The meeting started with a general acknowledgment that the current facility is inadequate by every measure so there was no need to list the specific issues.

There was a general consensus that a replacement facility should be located to provide convenient access to all the communities in the general area - Sneads Ferry, North Topsail Beach and Holly Ridge. It should be central to the service area. Specific locations that were repeatedly suggested were Four Corners and the intersection to the south. Both locations are easily accessible by automobile and both are already common community destinations for routine shopping.

Services that were requested include larger and more diverse book collections that emphasize non-fiction, recreational reading, hobbies, subject collections of periodicals, and a wide range of reference materials; a diverse multi-media collection with music, DVD's, books on tape; genealogy and local history collections; space for tax preparation; materials for the visually impaired; adequate staff office space; adequate parking; audio visual equipment checkout; comfortable reader seating; study carrels; a multi-purpose community room with kitchen facilities; children's and teen services and collections; public access computers and wireless access; study areas; a computer lab for training; stand-up computers for express services; larger collections of books and periodicals; more materials to check out; improved storage in staff areas; dedicated book sale work areas and displays.

With one exception, everyone at the meeting drives to the library and there was a consensus that walking is not practical to any location because of the lack of sidewalks.

There was discussion about co-locating a library facility with another service such as a community theatre or a senior center.

Richlands Branch Library:

There were no members of the public who came to this meeting.

Main Library:

There were approximately 26 people in attendance at this meeting.

There needs to be more and better collections of circulating books, reference books, DVD's, music and spoken word

recordings; more children's programs and a better children's library; more space for all kinds of programs; more magazines and out of town newspapers; more computers and a computer lab for training; internet access and wireless access for laptops; children's computers; large print books. The new building should be accessible for all including people with disabilities. The atmosphere should be comfortable, quiet and reflect the interests of the community. The shelf aisles should be wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. The library could be part of a partnership with CCCC or another community institution. It could be located in the downtown County facility that is being vacated.

The current location is good. The Commons is too congested. Some people do not like to cross Western Blvd. There should be adequate parking. The location should be accessible by automobile, walking and public transportation. The location should be convenient to drive to or to walk to.

The library could partner more with schools to support homework assignments. Schools could schedule library field trips.

The library could advertise and promote itself better. There is a need for Sunday hours. There is a large number of home schooling families that depend on the library for student reading and assignments.

This is a summary of the answers to the six questions on the survey forms that were filled out on line and in the library locations:

1. What are the top three services that you use when you go to the library?

Books to check out, internet access, movies, reference books for school homework, magazines.

2. What services would you like to see improved or added?

Increase hours, more computers, more magazines, more books.

3. Is the location of the library that you use convenient to get to and to use?

The overwhelming majority answered "Yes"

4. What would you change about the facility to improve services?

Most people did not answer this. Those that did generally mirrored the answers to Question 1.

5. How do you get to the library - drive, walk, other?

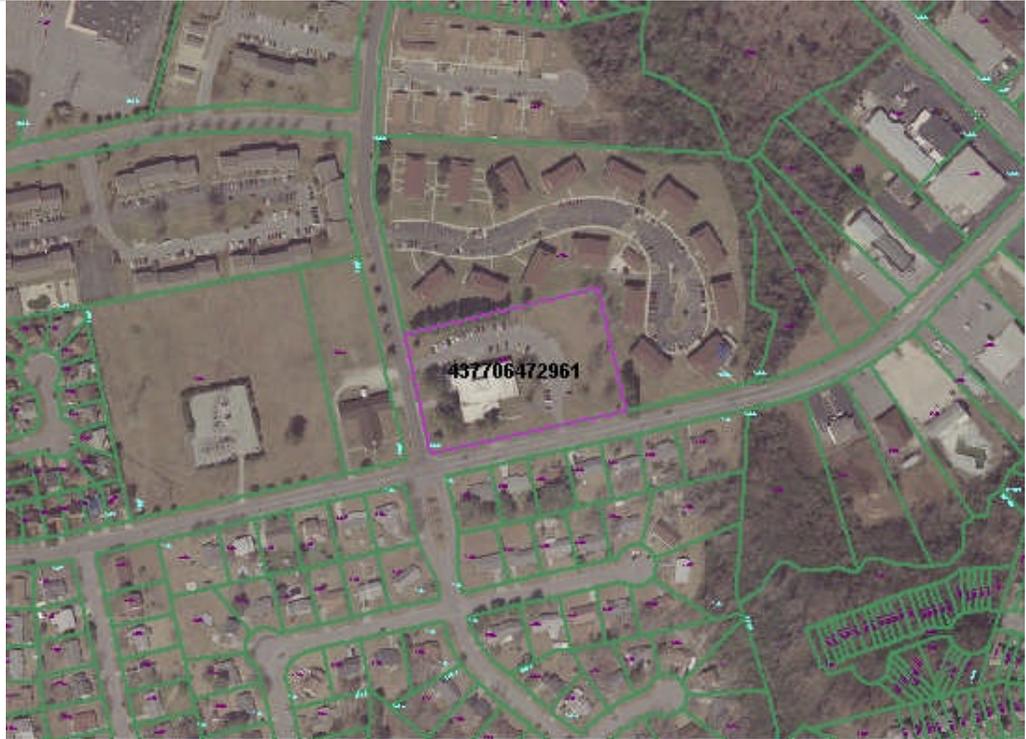
As expected, the great majority drive to the library.

6. Do you have a library card? Do you use it? Why or why not?

The majority of answers were Yes, Yes. The most frequent answer to the third questions was "to read."

The following information is taken from the Onslow County Property and GIS system.

Main Library Property



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Parcel ID: 415-185 • NC PIN Number: 437706472961 • Tax Record Number: 40159 • Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY • <u>Property Record Card</u> • Plat Book and Page Number: 15-048 • Deed Book and Page: 460 106 • Date Deed Recorded: 07/03/1975 • Deed Stamp Amount: 30000 • Tax Acreage Charged: 3.27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract Tax Value: \$831,625.00 • Current Tax Value: \$831,625.00 • Land Value: \$249,375.00 • Structure Value: \$570,911.00 • Other Buildings Value: \$11,339.00 • Improvement Code: C • House Square Feet: 13,808 • Property Address: 58 DORIS AVE & PLAZA • Township Code: 110 • City Code: 20 • Neighborhood Code: 3997 • Zoning Code: O&I
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Richlands Branch Library Property



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Parcel ID: 202-33 • NC PIN Number: 443219503818 • Tax Record Number: 40615 • Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY • Property Record Card • Plat Book and Page Number: 28-226 • Deed Book and Page: 1050 439 • Date Deed Recorded: 05/14/1992 • Deed Stamp Amount: 87500 • Tax Acreage Charged: 3.51 • Abstract Tax Value: \$1,582,200.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Tax Value: \$1,582,200.00 • Land Value: \$298,350.00 • Structure Value: \$1,260,198.00 • Other Buildings Value: \$23,652.00 • Improvement Code: C • House Square Feet: 17,714 • Property Address: 301 N WILMINGTON ST • Township Code: 111 • City Code: 21 • Neighborhood Code: 945 • Zoning Code: HB
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Sneads Ferry Branch Library Property



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Parcel ID: 1004-22 • NC PIN Number: 428910351723 • Tax Record Number: 40985 • Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY • Property Record Card • Plat Book and Page Number: NO-SUBDIV • Deed Book and Page: 1003 253 • Date Deed Recorded: 05/23/1991 • Deed Stamp Amount: 0 • Tax Acreage Charged: 0.62 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract Tax Value: \$166,158.00 • Current Tax Value: \$166,158.00 • Land Value: \$14,880.00 • Structure Value: \$142,367.00 • Other Buildings Value: \$8,911.00 • Improvement Code: C • House Square Feet: 2,195 • Property Address: 242 SNEADS FERRY RD SR 1515 • Township Code: 114 • City Code: 0 • Neighborhood Code: 500 • Zoning Code: CB
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Swansboro Branch Library Property



[Find Adjoining Parcels](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Parcel ID: 1313-6 • NC PIN Number: 535503330493 • Tax Record Number: 36075 • Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY • Property Record Card • Plat Book and Page Number: NO-SUBDIV • Deed Book and Page: 1142 299 • Date Deed Recorded: 10/28/1993 • Deed Stamp Amount: 85000 • Tax Acreage Charged: 1.25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract Tax Value: \$531,240.00 • Current Tax Value: \$531,240.00 • Land Value: \$132,000.00 • Structure Value: \$382,702.00 • Other Buildings Value: \$16,538.00 • Improvement Code: C • House Square Feet: 5,443 • Property Address: NC 24 • Township Code: 113 • City Code: 22 • Neighborhood Code: 1004 • Zoning Code: B-1
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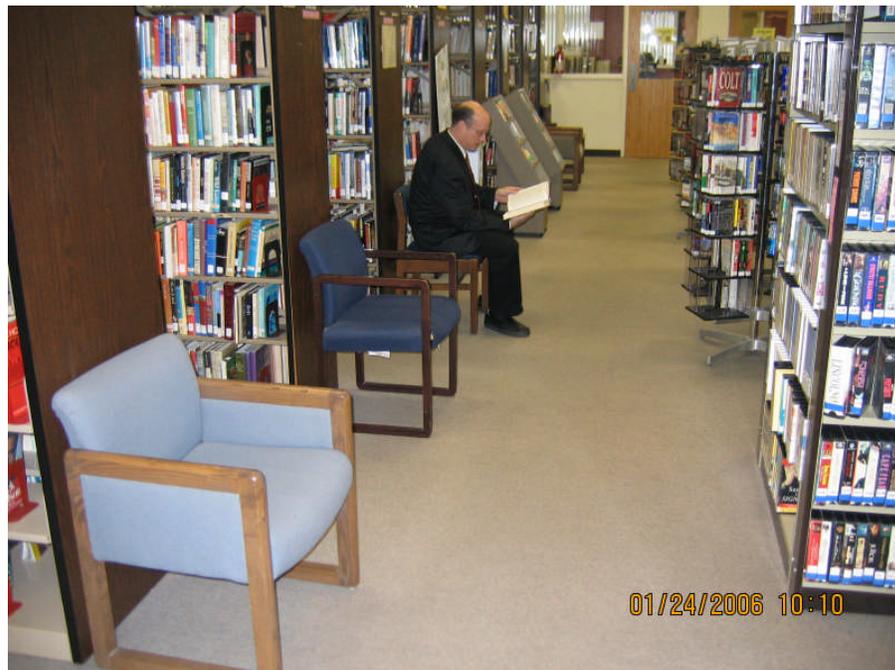
“The Commons” Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Parcel ID: 345-25.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract Tax Value: \$642,400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> NC PIN Number: 437816946070	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Tax Value: \$642,400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Record Number: 59876	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Value: \$642,400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Value:
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Record Card < http://maps.co.onslow.nc.us/cgi-bin/onslow/CreatePRC_2.pl?recNum=59876 >	 Other Buildings Value:
<input type="checkbox"/> Plat Book and Page Number: 44-130	 Improvement Code: V
<input type="checkbox"/> Deed Book and Page: 2116 344	 House Square Feet:
<input type="checkbox"/> Date Deed Recorded: 09/24/2003	 Property Address: GATEWAY N & COMMONS DR N
<input type="checkbox"/> Deed Stamp Amount: 0	 Township Code: 110
 Tax Acreage Charged: 8.03	 City Code: 20
 Tax Parcel ID: 345-25.34	 Neighborhood Code: 3330
 NC PIN Number: 437816946070	 Zoning Code: CU-O&I
 Tax Record Number: 59876	 Abstract Tax Value: \$642,400.00
 Owner's Name: ONSLOW COUNTY	 Current Tax Value: \$642,400.00

Main Library Photographs



Overloaded shelves and tight floor space in Children's Room.



Reader seats are in the main stack aisle.



Staff work space utilized for storage of materials.



Book stacks are loaded to capacity with no room for expansion.

Sneads Ferry Photographs



Bookcases are overloaded with no room for growth and there is insufficient floor space for circulation around the study table.



The circulation desk is the only staff workspace in the facility.

Richlands Branch Library



Book stacks
are at
capacity.



Swansboro Branch Library



Public access computers are being used in the computer lab. There is adequate space at each workstation for notebooks or other material.



The Children's area is comfortable with computers on child scale furniture. The area has adequate circulation space.

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