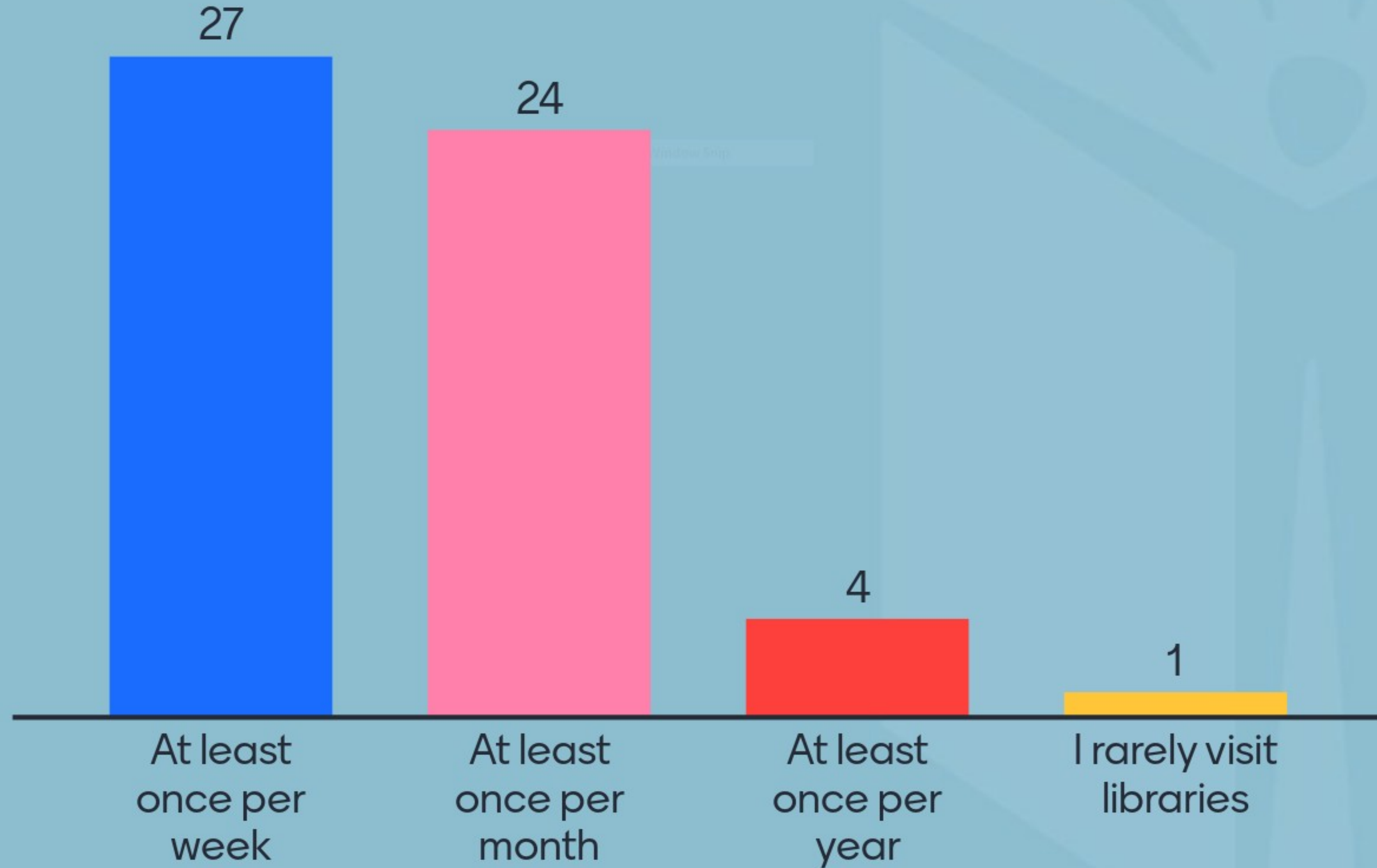




In typical times, how often do you visit a library?



When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

That it maintains the important sense of place in the community

feel

Preserving the historic integrity of the existing building while adding needed updates.

classic

Investment in our neighborhood.

Possibly lower carbon impact compared to a new build

Retain character

Sharing history with my children.

Keeping with the neighborhood feel

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Keeps character of the neighborhood
Branches together
past current and future

Refreshes a classic and beloved part of the neighborhood,
giving it new life

maintains sense of history

Keeps the classic facade but improves usability for different
types of patrons

ADA improvements

History

Comfort of the classic, familiar feel -- rejuvenated

It preserves an architecturally beautiful building.

I like the feel of that building facade in the neighborhood. It
fits the place!

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

More space for one on one meetings

Excited for a play area

Feels familiar

Preserving the history of this building, which the community fought for over many generations

Beautiful architecture that deserves to be preserved.

Maintains the ONLY Hale library left in the city

Preserve the character of the current building exterior

a kids playroom

A fresh, safe, accessible space that is beloved by the community

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Keep the fireplace

sense of place/history

maintains some history of Saint Paul

More work spaces (even private ones), like they have at Miriam Park.

The greenest solution

it keeps the historical appearance but reflects modern, and necessary, system upgrades.

The feel of a classic library enhanced to be able to be functional in the 21st century

Destroying the existing building would be sad

Keeping character while increasing accessibility

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

It could allow space for more books, more places to sit, more study spaces, better bathrooms, and it's a familiar building.

general new-ness/sense of updates, but historic quality. maybe a chance for more open space and accessibility improvements.

If the character is part of the identity, renovation would accomplish that but likely sacrifice real access and innovation.

Keeps a connection to the past

not ideal.

Inclusive accessible space, maintain classic feel!

Keeping some of the most charming characteristics...fireplace & stage/auditorium area.

Nostalgia

people will be excited to visit!

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

I would like it to reflect the style of the neighborhood.

aspects the history of the community raising money for this building

fit in the neighborhood (vs. modern building)

My needs - keeps from breaking my heart and my kid's heart. My community: keep historical integrity of neighborhood HM intact as we face teardowns all around us.

The pollinator garden.

Preserves look and feel while providing needed updates

little nooks

possibility of more useable lawn area

I like that updates for ADA needs, maintaining character, improving might be better than new updates. I love this library, am aware of its flaws, but think it can be updated.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Maintains large meeting room and auditorium

coziness

Combine the old with the new.

Maintain a library that's fits the time period of the community, especially one as well aged and bound by architecture as the midway. I would like to see it as a model for for making old buildings ADA compliant and as energy efficient as possible.

renovation is sustainable!!

It's an historic building in a historic neighborhood.

Possibly a more environmentally-friendly option to make it more accessible.

Maintaining the only 'attractive' building in the neighborhood. This building was built during the Great Depression, and is an example of the tenacity of this neighborhood.

Looks interesting rather than bland

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Lots of evidence for sustainability of renovation.

shows unique neighborhood history

I am realizing that a renovated library doesn't meet my hopes and desires for our library

I love the historic part of the neighborhood and building. Also shorter time without a space/library. Recycle/reuse. Less Wasteful.

Older buildings can be made accessible - it happens all the time.

Keeping the character of the neighborhood.

Homey, classic, familiar, nook-like.

This historic stage could have some great uses.

Although small it has quiet acoustics. Some new libraries are loud and echo-y (i.e. Roseville Library).

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Invites those with disabilities and access needs throughout their lifetime.

Outdoor program options

facade feels important to telling the story of the neighborhood

more possibilities for modern technology / meeting spaces

A more useful basement?

Preserve Architecture History

theater space available

New architecture in our neighborhood is very ugly- the new apt buildings and other ugly new buildings- maintain the integrity of the old building with good new improvements.

It has a great history that should be remembered and celebrated

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Less time without the library available

The intimate space makes it easy to connect with other users.

The classic feel needs to be maintained.

Preserving a beautiful building,

Building aesthetics are individual preferences. :)

Roseville library example of how rebuild took any charm or appeal away from library experience.

familiar space with new and functional for all people

Renovating the library means being able to keep an eye on kids while also looking for adult books.

We lost the 100 year old pharmacy next door. Don't want to lose more character of the neighborhood

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Not limited by current footprint; allows imagination to run wild

The availability of small work rooms.

Not limited by current footprint; allows imagination to run wild

ACCESSIBILITY!

more room!

Increased, varied range of functions

Better bathrooms, larger collections.

ADA access

Physical accessibility..

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Would be good to have it more accessible to folks w disabilities

Concerned that a new build would have the same ind of limited lifespan as the former Rondo space on University and Lexington

Space for Teaching Artist's Classes: stage combat, theatre, poetry.

More computers for those who don't have access at home.

additional community space availability

the possibility of separate spaces for quiet activities and loud activities! This is huge for me!

Can build around community needs

brand new building resets the life cycle and is a good long-term investment. I am concerned about loss of history/character & this should be a central goal of this route if chosen

Accessibility for all.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

meeting spaces and ADA improvements

Options to include art installations that reflect our neighborhood's diverse cultures.

A new building reduces the likelihood that the Library system would try to close this branch in the future!

Creating accessibility is important. Flexible meeting space. Smaller rooms for study, small groups.

offsetting the resources used to build new with a green building

expands uses to meet a variety of needs

Working with communities in the neighborhood that serve those with disabilities like Interact Center for The Arts.

Hard look at renovation so it stays a library- most new libraries here are noisy and seem more like rec centers- too open and loud.

a better teen area that honors that age of children

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

growth and change to fit our neighborhood

bathrooms on the same floor where the keys are kept!

Music events with local neighbors who perform.

Worried about loss of community history

A building that is culturally relevant to all people living in Saint Paul and the Midway

Updated electrical system and internet access

Job Search and Job Placement services.

Access to laptop or technology help for distance learners.

A building that doesn't require folks with assisted mobility devices to use only the back door

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Tutoring space that connects volunteers and mentors with students and families who need it.

Hopefully room for a children's story time that isn't in a regularly flooding space!

connecting resources to neighbors more easily

Separate spaces for folks who come to read/work and folks who come to play/take advantage of programming/group times

the biggest advantages of a rebuild are major leap forward in energy system and long-term durability. I think a multi-story new building should be on table

Better restrooms & bigger collections & books.

A building that represents a new chapter of HM history

I like ADA accessibility, greener. Concerned about losing the historical building

Meeting rooms to expand the offerings of the library to folks who currently can't don't use it

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

Still keeping a cozy space around a fireplace; a quiet reading area with comfy chairs, Fun nooks for children to sit and read or places to read with children. Expanded place to share community resources. Homey feel not all glass and metal. .

Don't lose the focus on books. Let's serve other needs, but can't leave books behind.

More space- wow!!! More space could mean more people using the space!

I second better working environment for librarians re: bathroom safety issues and flooding basement auditorium

A quiet room is a wonderful addition that seems to be more feasible with a new building

The location is a good one- off of bus lines and easily accessible.

Many of the issues with the current building show issues with deferred maintenance. How would new construction ensure that this does not occur?

Including place to display community art, photographs, information about community's history and people.

I like the one-story design- cannot stress enough how much an issue the two separate entrances are for folks who use wheels to get around, including families with strollers, and having the bathrooms on a separate level is also a very large challenge!

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a RENOVATED library?

I like the idea of honoring the current library through photos, mementos, and artifacts, inside of a new building

With more than one story could possibly have parking "under" like the Saint Paul Trader Joes.

This seems to be a building that could serve more generations, more people, and people with different abilities and of all cultures

Not having stairs is lovely!

Preserving and respecting the historical integrity of the buildings and style of this neighborhood

Creative approaches to the character of the building to update to accommodate the needs of the present generation. It is how we all adjust to living in our houses built with the same historical character and while updating to our lifestyles

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

More space

Teen activities

I love the idea of a truly green building

bigger space

Serving everyone

Meeting spaces

Shows city commitment to neighborhood

greater ADA accessibility

Seems to help us achieve the mission of the library more

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

intentional teen space

flexible meeting space with current technology

Possibly a recording space for music programs!

Let's build a new library at a different location and preserve the old one.

Energy efficient and environmentally friendly

space for teens

I think a new building would serve NEXT generation

Space for a noisy area

more welcoming to more types of users

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Maybe a community kitchen?

More space to really allow for community building

More space serving everyone

high sustainability standards

Real city investment in H-M neighborhood

More possibilities. Not hemmed in

Potential for environmentally friendly building.

embody "funky urban" living

Our neighborhood is and will continue to grow; we should build a library to meet that growth -- especially for teens who might want more than 8X10 square feet.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Better accessibility and meeting space flexibility. I know the current meeting space was often very booked up.

Working space and will serve younger patrons better

more spaces

Maybe a small food shelf space

Better long-term CO2 footprint, larger/better space for youth & community

Better utilized space. Greener.

study spaces/rooms

possibility of space for after-hours use

Flexibility with small study rooms and community rooms

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

More welcoming space for all residents

A larger space to serve our growing community as we welcome more neighbors

Please don't tear down this building.

Being able to design it for today's community. To ensure the ability to welcome all families and children and maintain age appropriate expectations.

The ability to create a space reflective of the community it serves.

a blank slate for new and expanded uses

More possibilities

community gathering spaces, flexible

I like the possible energy efficiency, and accessibility. However applying this too an old building may be a better community learning experience for our 100+ year old homes and businesses.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Accessibility is part of the design, rather than an addition

Accessibility for all.

Potential to be more appealing to teens

Please explain why you're not considering to build elsewhere.

More contemporary way to realize the full potential of a public library - books, community space, all ages, accessible, green, aspirational.

College students I teach can't get to remote class (Zoom) because their tech wonks out. That hurts poor kids. If a library can complete tech gap, provide remote classrooms, do it. Save facade and build bigger, better. Ignore us olds. Build for kids!

a library of the future that will focus less on books and more on services, community, opportunities to meet

Safer feel for staff not having to manage two stories.

It would be bigger, potentially a green building, more accessibility. The chance to start from a clean slate is exciting. The neighborhood will definitely use this facility just like they use the current one.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Integrating the classic features in a new rendition: keep those beautiful windows, for example.

flexible form to adjust to interests/needs of community over time so we don't have to do this again in 20 years

Love the idea of designing our future library as a neighborhood to meet our vision for the future

only 1 floor?? would welcome more than one floor!!!!

This seems like a remarkable opportunity to create a Midway Community Hub that would integrate Hancock Rec, Hamline Midway Library, and Hamline Elementary. All three are in need up substantial updates.

As a teen, I had access to a teen lounge in a small inner ring suburb and it changed my feeling of belonging. We should support youth like that in the Midway too.

Better ADA access.

useful auditorium space

More computers for those who don't have access at home.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Investment in an important neighborhood that anchors our city.

better facility for greener community

Meeting rooms available for the community

Design that will better reflect diversity of our communities

commitment to neighborhood/area

place could embody cross cultural designs

We need more places where people can bring portable devices for remote work without paying to do so

A new building would be a point of pride for this neighborhood in the way that the current library has been for so long.

possibility for partnerships/shared management of space?

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

Replacing the current building with a low-slung 1 story box would be devastating. There is nothing we can accomplish with a new building that we can't get to with a renovation.

I think a tear down is a much better option

solar panels

I like it only if we maintain the classical feel. The pictures shown do not fit this feel. Don't build a box.

demonstration possibilities of energy efficiency, solar, etc

I like the idea of a library that integrates and tells the story of how our community fought for our library, and that is open to the next generations of users with more design choices that reflect diversity

Whatever we decide, the decision needs to be made for the people who live in this neighborhood and who will actually use this library - not for aspirational future visitors who don't live here and may never live here.

Curious why and who made the decision to limit the library investment to this site -- reaction to someone's comment about investment at Hancock Rec also.

the theater space/stage space would be a lovely space to replicate

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

I would love for young people to see the City invest in them with a new building in their neighborhood / community.

The current library serves young kids and adults well, teens and young adults are not well served.

Like the ADA accessibility, greener. community kitchen and food distribution are appealing. Concerned about the loss of building.

Better working environment for librarians

More workspace.

I am okay with a more modern design

possibility of a net zero design

Improved meeting spaces.

better accessibility

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

more comfy & modern

dedicated quiet space

I love the idea of a library that integrates youth really significantly in planning and design choices and gives them a sense of ownership.

a design for possible build "upwards"

a space that could have a larger collection of books

I like investing in the neighborhood

could be a demonstration for placemaking

think big!!

This would be such a blow to the neighborhood. Remember too that this is occurring across from Hamline University which has torn down a lot of the houses in the neighborhood. This is another blow.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, what do you like about a NEW library?

A "radical renovation" is a third option not presented ... preserve the exst shell (and its huge amount of embodied carbon) while adding a modern addition to capture more of the site, add universal design components, etc ... and set a huge example!

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Menti ranked choice question

All options WILL include books, computers, and spaces for children and families.

When you think about your needs and your community's needs, rank your priorities for the Hamline Midway Library:

Select as many as you want in the order you prefer. There are 12 options in total.

1st

Select an option

Submit

Select an option

Fireplace

Dedicated "quiet room" or reading room

Climate-friendly energy-efficient building

Safety and security

Accessibility for those with mobility challenges

Teen space

Space for community meetings and creative programming

Individual rooms to study or work

Outdoor green space

Preservation of current building

Natural light

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Other

11th

Teen space

12th

Accessibility for those with mobility challenges

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Accessibility for those with mobility challenges

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Climate-friendly energy-efficient building

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Preservation of current building

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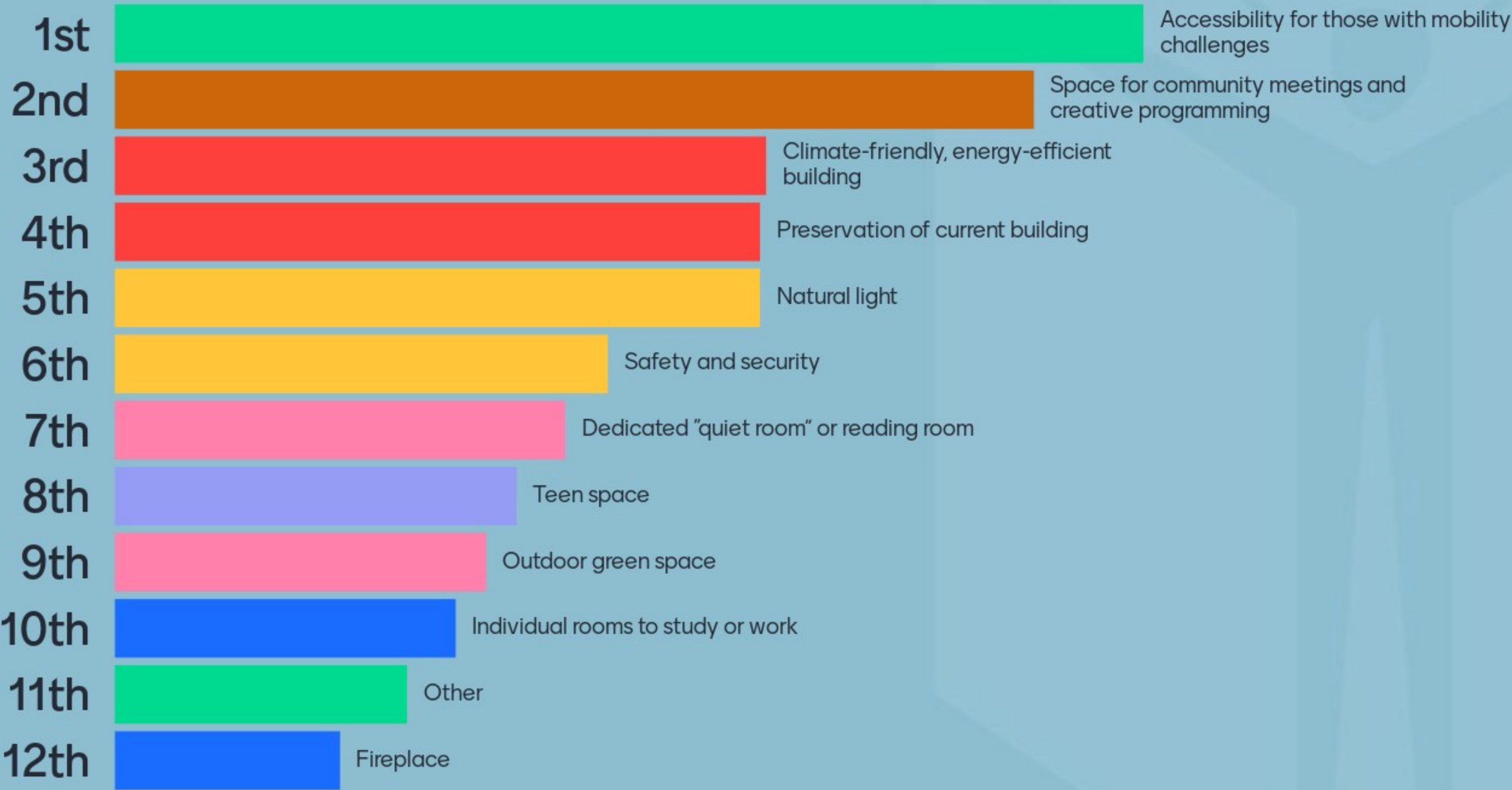
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