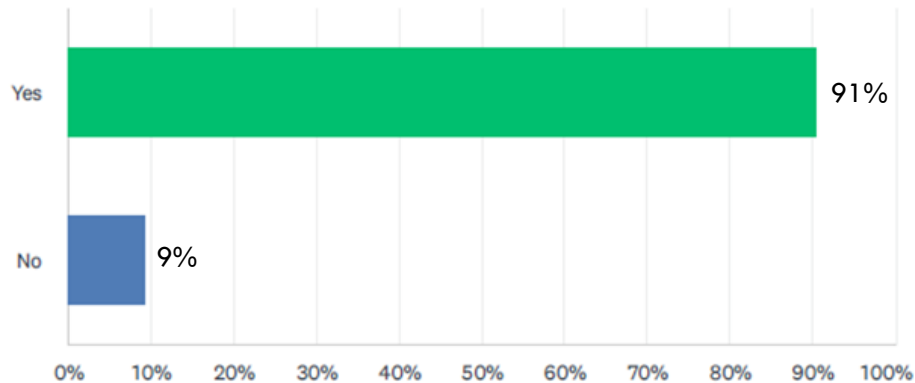


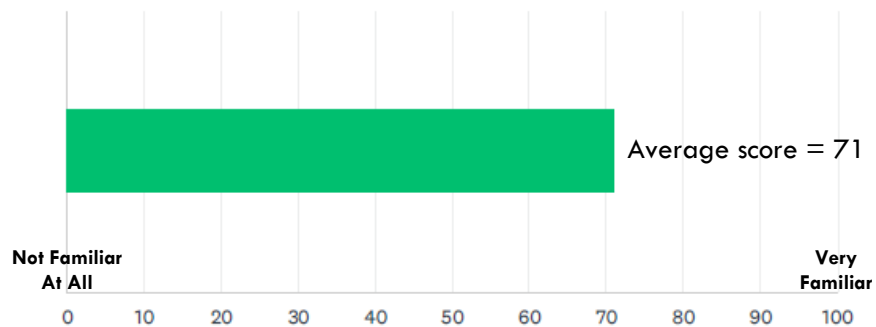
Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library

Facility Use *COMMUNITY* Survey Data (312 submissions)

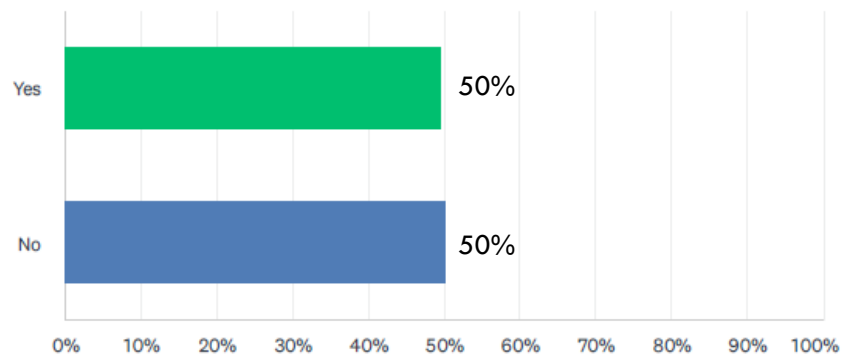
1. Are you a Redondo Beach resident?



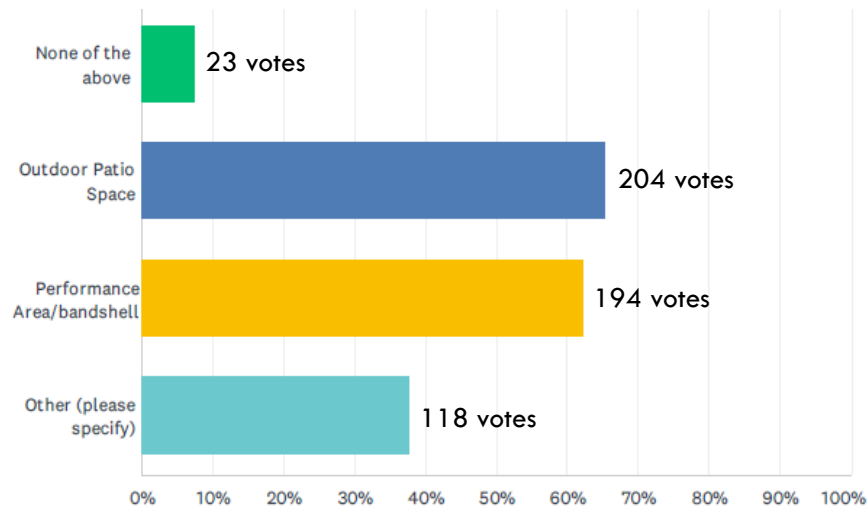
2. How familiar are you with the Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library facility?



3. Have you ever attended an event or activity at the Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library facility?



4. Please select the following new amenities that you would like the City to consider incorporating into future uses of the Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library facility? Select all that apply.



OTHER Option Results

- Low-cost Community space/Events/Meetings – 37
- Art/Sculpture Garden – 29
- Café/Restaurant + Outdoor Patio/picnic Area – 21
- Restore Public Library - 10
- Scout House – 8
- Museum – 6
- Live Performance/Music – 6
- Senior Center – 3
- Shared Work Space – 2
- Splash Pad – 2
- Wellness Center
- Walking path to other parks

Additional comments...

Keep as natural and close to its original state as possible
Book kiosk for free books
Better lighting with the ground floor
Prominent signage for no dogs in the park``
Benches for rest reading nature area
Keep as historic building
Amenities for families (several)

5. Please provide your interest for each of the following potential uses of the Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library facility.

	Not Interested at All	Not Very Interested	No Opinion	Somewhat Interested	Very Interested	Weighted Average
Art Museum	13%	18%	7%	32%	30%	3.49
Art Gallery	15%	16%	5%	30%	34%	3.54
Café or daily food service	17%	12%	6%	34%	30%	3.47
Rental facility for private events	11%	12%	14%	31%	32%	3.62
Traditional Community Center	6%	9%	7%	34%	44%	4.02
Pop-up Space for Rotating Uses	1%	4%	36%	36%	56%	4.41

OTHER Option Results

- Art-focused Facility - 10
- Low-cost Community space/Events/Meetings – 7
- Library - 7
- Scout House - 6
- Café/Restaurant + Outdoor Patio/picnic Area – 5
- Scout House – 8
- Museum – 4
- Live Performance/Music – 3
- Splash Pad

6. Please provide any other comments or suggestions regarding future uses of the Veterans Park Community Center/Historic Library facility.

No entrance fees

Just keep it as close to natural state as possible. Also, there's a park and greenery for kids to run around which is very much appreciated. I'd prefer if the new amenities didn't attract a crowd of people so the park still remains a safe and clean space for kids and families to enjoy.

As an artist, I would love to see an art museum in that building. It will change the entire tone for the city. It will attract high spending tourists as well. It needs to be a museum of global standards though, not another local art center.

Art Gallery with music and poetry as well.

I would be interested in it being a city museum and/or reading room. Making it an art gallery or art museum or community center is going to require construction and destroying the historic interior facings of the library (Have you seen art exhibits recently? They change everything about a room, sometimes even the flooring). I want a use that doesn't destroy it.

It was a lovely space as a library. It would be wonderful to hang out at.

Redondo needs a visual art center. Several community based nonprofits Redondo Beach Art Group, Friends of Redondo Beach Arts, South Bay Hands on Art all 501 3C need a place to have meetings. Should have affordable artist studio space and gallery space to share local artists work with the public. The artists could have workshops for the public. Our community needs a visual arts center not a private wedding venue.

Need more arts to Redondo Beach.

Maybe a mix of uses.....I know they hosted private events but they were always generous with allowing special events for the Historical Society. A beautiful venue with a lot of local history.

Friends of Redondo Beach Arts and Redondo Beach Art Group have been focused on one goal for many years now. We are hoping to bring the arts to Redondo Beach by having a central location available to the community. A Creative Arts Center at the Veterans Park Historical library would be an ideal location to continue celebrating the beauty and history of Redondo Beach.

Get the Elks lodge to donate or lease parking for events at the library when they don't need it.

Needs a makeover; then jazz/classical music center with restaurant/coffee shop/sandwich shop

This space would be ideal for a Redondo Beach Creative Arts Center. It would be a place to showcase various art forms; a place for exhibitions, demonstrations, classes; a place for possible studio space for artists. The two major art groups in Redondo Beach, Redondo Beach Art Group (RBAG) and Friends of Redondo Beach Arts (FRBA), have long been looking for a permanent home to call a Creative Art Center. This space and location would be a perfect place for that and would be such a wonderful asset and addition to our city. I have belonged to, and been active with, both of these groups for many years. I am also a mosaic artist who has created several pieces of public art for our city. This is something that would enhance Redondo Beach and benefit the community immensely. I hope you will please consider this as a viable option for the use of this space. Thank you.

Redondo lacks an Art Center. All the other cities in the area have one.

Fine dining and art gallery outside ocean view dining

Leadership Redondo Alumni showcase of projects and historical markers. Meet the legends of

Redondo. Ted x venue

Add selected Redondo Beach themed historical artwork, paintings, photographs, etc. for wall display inside.

Uses should generate enough revenue to maintain the building at a high standard

A gallery for local artists

The Girl and Boy Scouts of South Redondo Beach need a home. A place to hold events and meetings and support our community service.

None

RESTORE the bandshell. Make the library the Cultural Arts Center and semi-permanent home of RBAG & FRBA. Have CA101 there permanently. Have other art classes and galleries and lessons there like PVAC. Let others rent out space there amongst the art. Have musical performances. Have things be docent led. Have South Bay Hands on Art things there. Have events. Make rentals happen but give priority to the local art groups that have existed in our community with hardly any support like RBAG & FRBA.

programs that serve the community

This site could be a cultural arts center, having art shows, art events, art classes, art group meetings, and other art related events. As it is, Redondo Beach is one of the few cities in the south bay lacking such a place. This site would fulfill this need.

Looking forward to CA101

I spent my childhood in the children's section of the library and got married there in 2005. it's one of my favorite places!

N/A

None at this time thanks for doing this outreach.

art center for music, poetry, performance, and definitely an excellent cafe with espresso and wine

maybe Something like Torrance Cultural Arts Center / I like displaying old pictures of Redondo Beach and some local art

I am born and raised in Redondo Beach and still live here in the city. I have 3 daughters in Girl Scouts and am their troop leader. I would love to have a space for meetings.

Keep up the good work

ability to have small food/coffe/drink at location. Meeting space for small events, meetings.

I'd like to see it out into great condition

Girl Scouts are in need of a central meeting location. Please make this space available free of charge to local scouts!

This would be amazing space for girls and Boy Scouts. They could hold meetings here and do community outreach events.

It would need more maintenance to open it up for a food or restaurant to keep its beauty but as a local who studied there it would be great to have coffee or hear music or have art shows there.

We need a scout house for Girl Scouts in Redondo beach- let's empower female leaders!! Girl Scouts must meet in leaders homes

Can we get a scout house? Did you know 1 in 4 girls in south redondo are a part of Girl Scouts and we don't have a "home"! We have been desperately seeking a place to hold meetings or events!

Include the original reading area by the ocean front windows

Would love for this space to be more open to folks. Rotating uses would offer opportunities for different interests.

What about a Redondo Beach Historical Museum? Do we have one already??

Thank you for considering our input!

This is the perfect location for an Creative Arts Center.

Creative Art Center

Art Gallery with an outdoor seating area for coffee and pastries are my #1 choice. I live on Broadway near Torrance Blvd.

I've loved this library since the 60s when we gathered after school to study...and gather. 😊 Such a golden opportunity for RB to open as a gathering spot again. When I travel I often search for libraries or like gathering places Often many have cafes. Local news items and event calenders would be great. A visitor center! Ps perhaps a portion for occasional rentals would be nice. I had my husband's memorial service there. A beautiful place to honor his life ♥

I realize revenue needs to be generated to maintain the building but I encourage you to implement a mix of uses; in particular balancing revenue generating uses with free access to the building. For example a cafe or private rental space PLUS some community programs or classes.

I would like the structure itself to remain intact. It's beautiful. Don't replace with patio space.

The city very much needs a splash pad!!

Something for children or back to library

Meeting space for Redondo Beach-based non-profit community groups (non business/Chamber of Commerce related)

The library should be a community center that can be used for programming by the city and by non-profits for non-political uses. The City could rent it out for private events. We were promised a replacement bandshell at the natural amphitheater just north of the library. It should be replaced and used for concerts and Shakespeare by the Sea.

I would like to see the history of this site displayed. Quite a story! Part time Visitors Center.

Enjoyed the library right where it is! Bring back reading areas, meditaiton quiet room areas to enjoy the gorgeous beach view & gorgeous old trees!

Would love to be able to take dogs to the farmers market.

We've tried to rent it for our RUHS Cross Country / Track Booster Club Fall & Spring Banquet but vendor doesn't allow potluck & fee was exorbitant.

N/a

Is the use of this facility to raise funds for maintenance and activities?

It is a great venue for private events. I do not think it should be changed inside, however the large trees and fencing are pretty ugly. Seems like it could be fenced in better and better landscape.

Thank you for all you now do

Add Bicycle parking, and replace visitor auto parking with more parkland.

I worry about preserving the historic nature of the library by having it fully open to the public. We got married there and I would hate to see it destroyed. It felt special it was not open all the time.

An electric bike or other fun vehicles with wheels of most kinds should not be used in the park is there any ordinance on this situation.

I miss it as a library. But it really needs to be enjoyed more by locals.

It's such a beautiful facility, will be great to get additional use out of it beyond the occasional wedding

We're excited about the future plans for use of this beautiful and historic site. Future plans should focus on Reviving the building to its full potential inside and out- I like the idea of an area to enjoy concerts and local musical talents. I also like the idea of a little book store/gift shop supporting local artists and cafe.

I would like it to be a accessible space that gets variety of uses. Not at all interested in becoming a private party rental place

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate! So excited for the future of our veterans Park community Center!

Na

Selling food there would potential create trash issues for both the park and the ocean. Food should stay down on the pier, unless it is part of an event. (Catered)

Concert series

Community service classes during the day guest speakers in the evening

Historical exhibits

Art museum and preserving Redondo History could draw visitors to the pier, veterans park, etc. Food service like the Huntington Library- serving high tea would bring in additional revenue.

Perfect for weddings! Would like to see better use of this as well as the senior community center. Also need more daycare for small children and a place to go after school

Thanks for asking Redondo about this! The options listed for interest options are on track! I think the renting this space out kind of dulls the utility for the community personally; It's like is it open to the public or not? Let's keep it alive for everyone to come. We really need something like this in Redondo. Setup a schedule where kids and people can come to learn things and give back to the community. The schedule could have regular classes ie arts & crafts and also mix in one time gatherings ie the parkland conservation group wants to hold a fundraiser or show some videos about what's being planted to raise awareness and get people excited about volunteering. On weekend nights there could be outdoor movies, concerts (acoustic ie noise is a neighborhood issue) and gallery exhibits especially for young artists. Invite young artists from outside of our immediate community to participate. Oh and concessions. Hot teas coffee drinks like lemonade, snacks ice cream etc.

I just think it should have more going there in general. I pass it every day and it's very pretty but not being used. Thank you!

There are a lot of homeless people in that area. Careful consideration should be taken to avoid creating a space that would make it even more attractive to the unhoused as a spot to camp. Please be thoughtful in your decision making. Sometimes we have the best intentions at heart for a park, but the end product does not give the desired result or creates new problems.

The building is beautiful. I hope whatever it is used for keeps the space intact and the indoor area preserved.

parking and noise are issues in this location so anything that adds to those is not good

Community space!

Such a beautiful building should be used by the citizens much more. Kids play area should also be very nice

Wellness center inc yoga/tai chi/fitness classes, meditation room, massage/spa services, coffee bar and private sun deck, also gift shop. Could be a wonderful unique place for locals and enhance visits to pier merchants. And art gallery could be included.

Make available and affordable for local Residents to use.

Security to remove homeless people. With so many homeless people there, no one will go there.

I would like to see it as a place to offer affordable child/teen art programs with an ocean theme as a nod to the location of the building.

Add some shade and make it a botanic garden type space

None

Residence preferred

Museum/Library

It's a treasure of this city

Please make sure you use the lovely outdoor space too! And keep the interior and exterior true to its history :)

Keep it simple. Keep the history front and center. Keep it local influenced.

Small childrens museum or childrens library. Would be so great to pair that with the park and pier

None!

A Changing calendar of events that the neighborhood could participate in would be great. Open this back up for cultural events like chamber music concerts, holiday family story time, poetry events, art shows, scout sleepovers, RUHS class Reunions, etc. The neighborhood has been shut out of our beautiful and historic building.

It should stay as is

It's too nice of a building, to sit unused for longer periods of time. How about a children's theatre play, for toddlers. Or perhaps story time events. Bring some youth into it, some vibrancy.

N/A

Keep it as much as it is. It's ok to give people more access. Don't destroy history for the sake of trendy progress.

As Redondo residents, it was so nice to be able to have our wedding right in Redondo on the water. It was relatively affordable and very meaningful. I think continuing to use the Historic Library as a space for such events is a great service to the community.

What about a once a month co-rec space for kids to gather and dance and be kids. Or a space for art classes or music lessons. Community breakfasts are fun too. It could be a great space to use for post events such as free concerts for fun runs that happen at the village.

Maybe partial use, coffee shop, not Starbucks. Mostly interested in focus on local art gallery and featuring local artist.

We need some time to think about this. It's so important!

Historic memorabilia space with events

Please maintain the beautiful exterior

Please keep that big tree

This is a great historical building.

Marine education center

social/family events for residents. Commercial uses should be part of the pier. keep as much open space as possible.

I would like the city of Redondo Beach to pay attention to the state and shape this building is currently in. Just a few years ago it has been restored and used for private events by the city and just 2 years of the pandemic and lack of care put this truly historical landmark to the state of neglect. It's very visible for the local people who walk by this building every day. As a resident of Redondo I really would like the city officials to consider not only utilizing it for private events which clearly bring a lot of money but also more community functions/fundraising. Perhaps turning the building to a foundation of some sort. It would be great if the Veterans Park Community Center/ Historic Library can be used more by locals from Redondo/Torrance/Hermosa area. It is one of the kind venues in South Bay and it would be nice that local residents CAN AFFORD to utilize it.

Concerts for local bands. Art gallery/exhibits for local artists.

Having events at the community center would be amazing. Outdoor music and art days would bring life to the area

I would like to see the building open to the public, not utilized for private events only. I remember going to the library and I would like to visit it again.

Rentals only for weddings and organizations with limit capacity. The views are spectacular at sunset

Music center

please keep it affordable if the space will be rented

Caterer to provide income to our city and create memorable events of weddings, corporate dining and all things musical.

N/a

A community co-working space complete with wifi and maybe a small cafe for students, people who can work remote. Etc.

N/A

Low cost or fee to community. Current leader is local scouts and past booster high school president and PTA.

The city should develop a call for guest curators to develop events and exhibitions for the space.

X

Classes offered through RB should have priority access to the space.

I'm a former Redondo beach resident currently living in Manhattan beach. I love the park area and the library building. Would love to see it used for special events like weddings, showers, celebrations of life, birthdays, etc.

Needs to have one "tenant" to run the operations smoothly and without compromising from quality. In other words, don't rent out parts of the building independently to more than one vendor. Let the museum, for example, chose and be responsible/accountable for its own F&B subcontractor.

We love the library and as a Redondo Beach Caterer we look forward to seeing this amazing building up and running as a venue that is for the South Bay Residents to enjoy. That's we like the idea of a Museum with an Area to sit and be able to have Grab and Go food available. We would love for it to be open to School children to take a tour. We would love to see it open on important days such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, etc. Too many times during these celebrations the doors to this Community Center were locked - we feel it should be open for tours, etc. I could go on and on!

Thank you for asking for community input.

It is a beautiful building that should be preserved and used. Thank you for your hard work.

Positive cultural impact

Please keep the outside architecture and historic building.

Discount price for school events and non-profits.

Discount price for school and other non-profit Redondo organizations.

This is such a great asset. Any use would be great.

Keep in mind, I'm visiting from Wisconsin. Locals should choose.

Various uses. Movies/TV filming.

Just use it. It's such a nice amenity to have.
