

### 2025 Community Survey Results

#### **Demographic Profiles**

|                           | Survey Results: 694 responses |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| School District           |                               |
| Branson                   | 77%                           |
| Hollister                 | 23%                           |
| Gender                    |                               |
| Male                      | 25%                           |
| Female                    | 75%                           |
| Age                       |                               |
| 18 - 44 years old         | 31%                           |
| 45 - 69 years old         | 41%                           |
| 70+ years old             | 28%                           |
| Children in the Household |                               |
| Yes                       | 31%                           |
| No                        | 69%                           |

#### Level of Support for Potential Library Locations (Strongly + SW Support)

| Branson Hills Parkway between HWY 65 & HWY 248      | 73% |
|---|-----|
| Remain at current location (200 4th St, Branson)    | 66% |
| Highway 65 and Highway 248, up to Gretna Road       | 63% |
| Highway 65 and US Business 65 (near OTC & CofO)     | 50% |
| Highway 65 & Industrial Park (including Birch Road) | 37% |
| Downtown Hollister                                  | 34% |
| Downtown Branson                                    | 33% |

#### Likelihood of Using Future Library Services (Very Likely + Somewhat Likely)

| Passport service                         | 75% |
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| Designated pickup and return locations   | 72% |
| Interlibrary loans                       | 70% |
| Library of Things                        | 68% |
| Makerspace                               | 67% |
| Local History Department                 | 64% |
| Digital Lab                              | 57% |
| Genealogy Research Assistance/Department | 52% |
| Small Business Center                    | 44% |
| Homebound services                       | 36% |

#### Frequency of Use — Library Center of the Ozarks

| At least once a week | 26% |
|----------------------|-----|
| Once a month or so   | 26% |
| A few times a year   | 22% |
| Never                | 26% |

## Impression of Library Services Currently Offered (% Favorable) excludes no opinion

| Helpfulness and responsiveness of library staff     | 97% |
|---|-----|
| Overall cleanliness & maintenance of the library    | 97% |
| Efficiency of the checkout system                   | 96% |
| Programs and classes for children                   | 95% |
| Availability and accessibility of library computers | 93% |
| Online catalog                                      | 92% |
| Access to online research resources                 | 92% |
| Availability of library meeting rooms               | 90% |
| Variety/selection of DVDs                           | 89% |
| Variety/selection of digital resources              | 87% |
| Variety/selection of books                          | 84% |
| Programs and classes for adults                     | 84% |
| Library hours of operation                          | 84% |

# Reasons for Not Using the Library Center of the Ozarks in the Past 12 Months

| I buy my own books, movies, and music              | 22% |
|--|-----|
| I don't have the time                              | 18% |
| Library programs are not interesting enough        | 17% |
| Library hours are not convenient                   | 16% |
| Not aware of all the services the library provides | 14% |
| The library lacks the materials or services I need | 13% |
| The library is too far away                        | 11% |
| I use another library, either in person or online  | 9%  |
| The wait time for new materials is too long        | 8%  |
| Health reasons or accessibility challenges         | 7%  |
| Lack of transportation to the library              | 6%  |
| Library staff is not very friendly or helpful      | 3%  |
| I was not aware there is a library in Branson      | 2%  |
| The library is too noisy                           | 1%  |
| My library card is blocked due to unpaid fees      | 1%  |
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