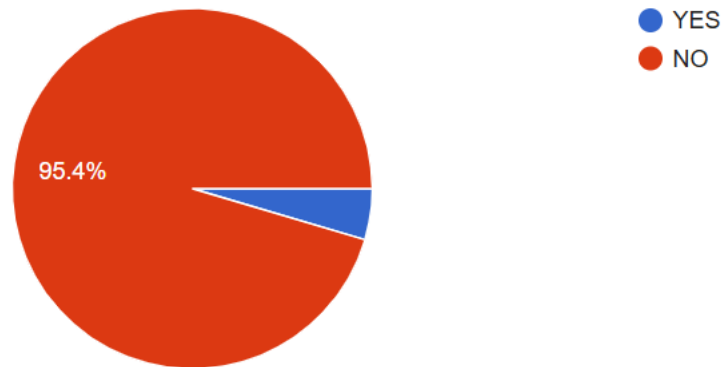


Library Survey Results

Do you currently use the Woodlake Library at the Clubhouse?

109 responses

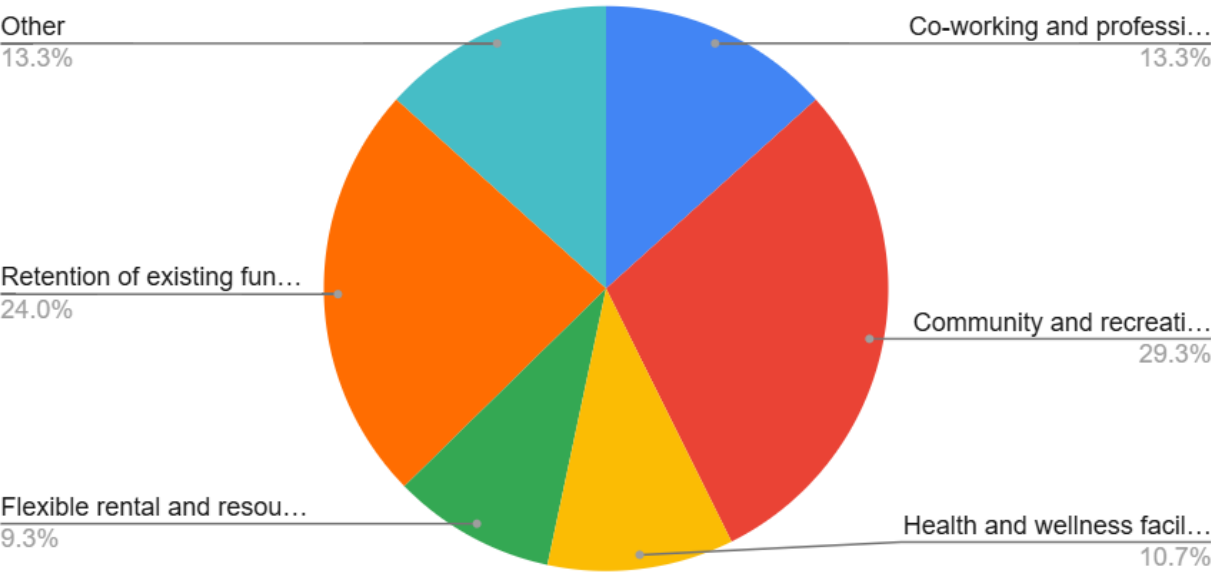


Do you have any suggested alternative uses for this space?

Response Summary

- **Co-working and professional space:** Many respondents suggest transforming the area into a dedicated remote workspace or business center equipped with tables and Wi-Fi to support residents who work from home.
- **Community and recreation hub:** Common suggestions include using the space as a game room (ping pong, puzzles), a communal craft or maker space, a venue for club meetings and neighborhood events, or an indoor play area for children.
- **Health and wellness facilities:** Several residents propose converting the area into a fitness center, yoga studio, or a space for health and wellness classes.
- **Flexible rental and resource utility:** There is interest in making the space reservable for private classes, small group meetings, or as a "library of things" for borrowing tools, equipment, and other communal resources.
- **Retention of existing functions:** A portion of residents expressed a desire to keep the current library or increase awareness of its existence and hours, as some were previously unaware of the facility.

Count of AI category for "Do you have any suggested alternative uses for this space?"



Response theme counts			
Theme	Count		
Co-working and professional space	10		
Community and recreation hub	22		
Health and wellness facilities	8		
Flexible rental and resource utility	7		
Retention of existing functions	18		
Other	10		

- **Any idea as to where we can relocate the books to? (no book burning or banning allowed)** 69 responses

- **Public Library Donations:** The most frequently recommended destination is the Friends of the Durham Public Library (and their store, Books Among Friends), with several respondents providing links and contact information for donations. Other suggestions include donating to the general Durham Public Library system or specific school and local libraries.
- **Community Initiatives and Little Libraries:** Many suggest distributing books through existing "little free libraries" in the neighborhood, establishing new ones, or hosting a community-wide giveaway event for Woodlake residents.
- **Charitable Organizations:** Respondents proposed donating to local non-profits such as Book Harvest (particularly for children's books), the Scrap Exchange, the Durham Rescue Mission, or organizations that support prisoners, women's shelters, nursing homes, and rehab centers.
- **Fundraising Events:** A common suggestion is to hold an HOA-organized book sale to either benefit the general fund or a local charity, potentially selling leftovers to thrift stores or online platforms like Thriftbooks.

Any other comments in regards to the use of that space?

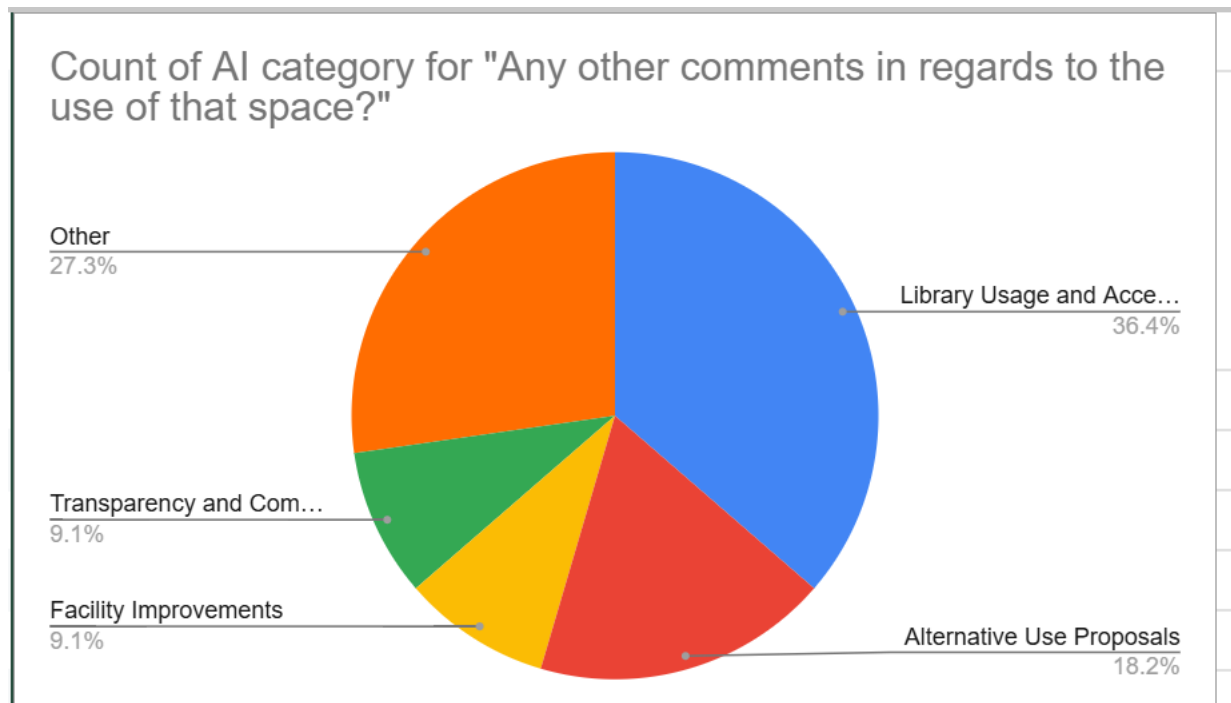
44 responses

Response Summary

- **Accessibility and Awareness:** Many residents are unaware the library exists or find it difficult to use due to extremely limited operating hours and lack of promotion. Suggestions to improve utilization include implementing keycard access, expanding hours, and better advertising the space to the community.
- **Alternative Uses:** There is interest in repurposing the area for functional community needs, such as a meeting space, a coworking area, a dedicated space for children's books and games, or an area for hosting community programming like craft nights and educational sessions.
- **Facility Preferences:** Some residents expressed a desire to see other amenities return or be added to the clubhouse, specifically requesting the reinstatement of a

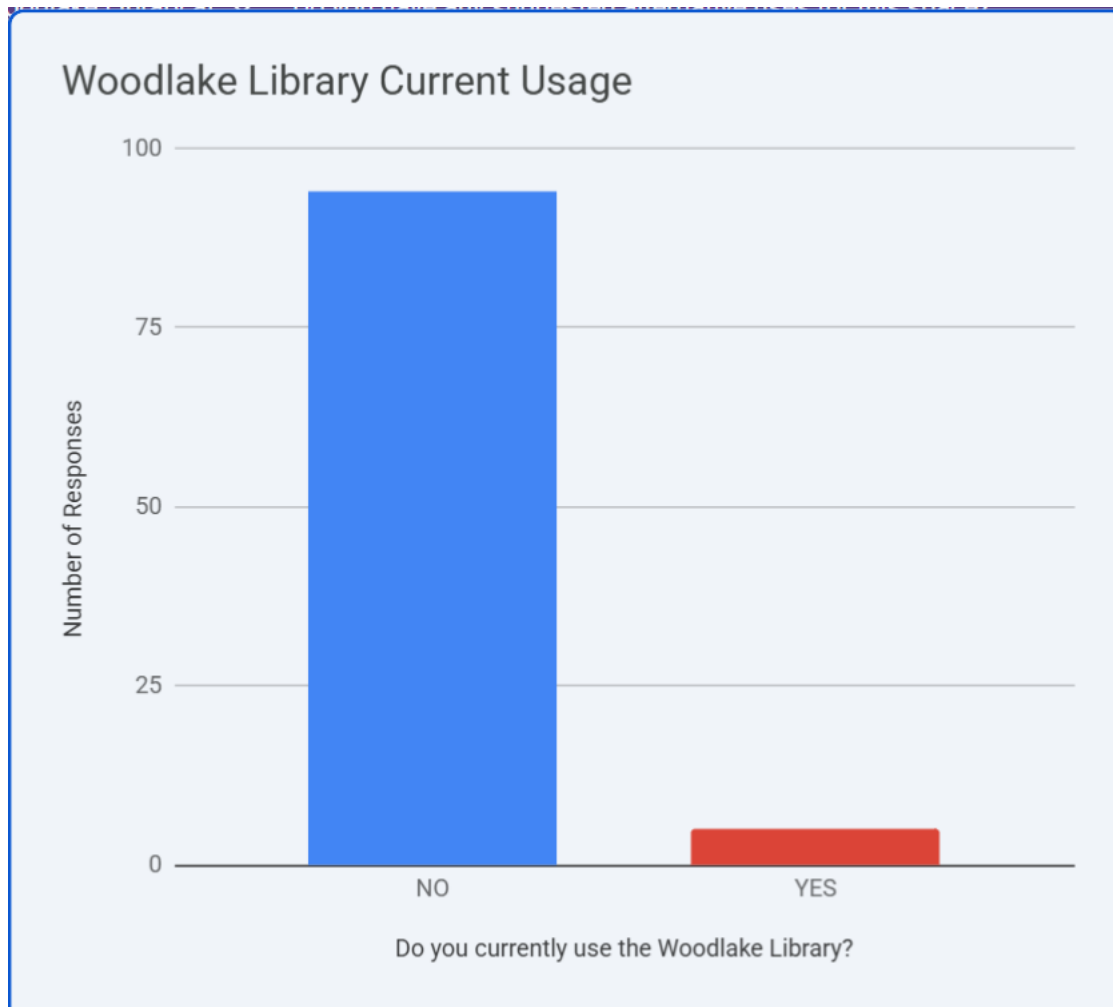
gym or fitness facility, the creation of a theater room, or enhanced space for private rentals.

- **Transparency Concerns:** Concerns were raised regarding the decision-making process for clubhouse space, with some residents calling for greater transparency and direct communication from the board regarding future plans for the facility.



Response theme counts			
Theme	Count		
Library Usage and Accessibility	16		
Alternative Use Proposals	8		
Facility Improvements	4		
Transparency and Communication	4		
Other	12		

Based on an analysis of the 99 responses from the community survey table, here is a summary of the findings regarding the future of the Woodlake Library space at the Clubhouse.



Assumptions

- The responses provided represent a reliable sample of the community's sentiments.
 - Blank entries in the text fields indicate that the respondent had no specific suggestion or comment for that question.
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Key Takeaways

1. Extremely Low Current Usage Driven by Limited Awareness and Accessibility

- **Overwhelming Majority Do Not Use the Library:** Out of 102 total respondents, 95 answered **NO** when asked if they currently use the library space. Only 7 respondents answered **YES** (specifically from timestamps) This stark contrast is visualized in the 'Woodlake Library Current Usage' chart.
- **Lack of Awareness and Restrictive Hours:** Multiple comments indicate that residents either did not know the library existed or found the hours too restrictive to be useful. For example, residents noted: *"I've lived in Woodlake for a year and this is the first time I've heard of the library"* and *"only being open 2 hours a week and not cycling content makes it difficult for it to be useful."*
- **Desire for Better Access if Maintained:** Several community members expressed a desire to keep the library but requested improvements such as keycard access, extended hours, better promotion, and the addition of children's books, board games, or puzzles.

2. Strong Interest in Repurposing the Space for Meetings, Co-working, or Recreation

If the space is transitioned to an alternative use, the responses point to three primary community desires:

- **Meeting and Event Spaces (17 responses):** Many residents suggested using the room for neighborhood meetups, classes, or private rentals. Examples include: *"Additional meeting space"*, *"Meeting space for neighborhood events"*, and *"Rental space for classes"*.
- **Remote Work and Co-working Hubs (15 responses):** A significant number of residents expressed a need for a quiet workspace away from home. Examples include: *"Quiet work space"*, *"Coworking space"*, and *"flexible work stations for co-working"*.
- **Recreational and Social Areas (11 responses):** Suggestions were made to convert the area into a lounge or game room. Examples include: *"Couches and tables for game nights"*, *"indoor putt putt / Game area / lounge"*, and *"Craft and puzzle area"*. Additionally, 8 respondents specifically requested a dedicated craft or maker space.

3. Clear Consensus on Relocating Books via Donations and Sales

Should the library close, residents provided clear direction on how to handle the existing book collection:

- **Donation to Local Organizations (41 responses):** The most popular suggestion was donating the books to public libraries or charities. Top examples include: *"Donate to the Durham County Friends of the Library Book Sale"*, *"Children's books to Book Harvest, others to Books Among Friends"*, and donating to local shelters or assisted living facilities.
- **Book Sales and Community Exchanges (19 responses):** Many suggested a community-wide book sale or fundraiser. Examples include: *"Durham Public Library yearly book sale fundraiser"* and *"Community free-for-all, then Book Harvest/Scrap Exchange"*.
- **Uncertainty (40 responses):** A large portion of respondents stated they did not know or had no opinion on where the books should go.

Based on the survey data, residents provided a variety of creative recommendations for repurposing the library space. The feedback highlights a strong interest in transforming the area into either a functional workspace or a community-oriented recreational hub.

The distribution of these recommendations is visualized in the '**Top Suggested Alternative Uses for the Library Space**' chart. The top alternative uses suggested are categorized into three key themes:

1. High Demand for Professional and Functional Spaces

- **Meeting & Event Space (16 suggestions):** Many residents view the room as an ideal location for small group gatherings, HOA board meetings, or instructional classes. Since there are more than 10 responses, top examples include:
 - *"Too small for much except small meetings or storage"*
 - *"Meeting space for neighborhood events. Rent it as the downstairs space is rented."*
 - *"Additional meeting rooms for the various HOA boards (Woodlake, Lake Village, Piney Woods)"*
 - *"Allow small groups of neighbors to reserve the space for meetings/games."*
 - *"Open it up for residents to rent out to teach classes or hold community meetings."*

- **Co-working & Remote Work (15 suggestions):** There is a clear desire for a quiet, dedicated neighborhood business center or flexible workspace for remote employees. Top examples include:
 - *"Could we use the top floor as a remote workspace and charge \$20/day?"*
 - *"Quiet work space, I know a lot of people who work from home... and wished they had a convenient space where they could get away from their house to work."*
 - *"Couches and tables for game nights, flexible work stations for co-working"*
 - *"Put a few simple tables and open it up during set hours for people to bring their laptops and use the wifi to work in a quiet space."*
 - *"Coworking space"*

2. Interest in Active Recreation and Wellness

- **Games & Social Lounge (10 suggestions):** Turning the space into an interactive social hub for game nights or casual lounging was a popular recommendation. Specific records include:
 - *"Game area- ping pong, pool, air hockey"*
 - *"Couches and tables for game nights"*
 - *"Board games available and let neighbors or residents use it without charge for game nights."*
 - *"Game room, event space"*
 - *"Indoor play area for kids when the weather doesn't permit outdoor activity."*
- **Gym & Fitness Studio (9 suggestions):** Several residents suggested utilizing the space to replace or expand fitness amenities, particularly for yoga or group exercise. Specific records include:
 - *"Updated fitness center"*
 - *"Gym! or co-working space"*
 - *"Health classes, yoga studio etc."*
 - *"Workout space since the gym is gone, or shared pantry"*
 - *"Yoga studio"*

3. Creative and Resource-Sharing Hubs

- **Crafts & Maker Space (8 suggestions):** A dedicated area for arts, crafts, and maker activities was highly requested to support community hobbies. Specific records include:
 - *"A craft space or maker space count be fun."*
 - *"A communal craft room would be amazing. Tables and space to work and donated supplies and equipment."*
 - *"Artist space/shared crafts space/meeting or reading space"*
 - *"Craft area for parties or special events"*
- **Alternative Libraries & Resource Sharing (6 suggestions):** Instead of traditional books, multiple residents proposed a "Library of Things" or specialized sharing programs. Specific records include:
 - *"Library of Things - tools, equipment, appliances, etc. things people are frequently looking to borrow"*
 - *"General resource library (tools, books, baby/kid gear, seeds, etc) for things beyond just books"*
 - *"A toy library or puzzle library would also be cool."*
 - *"Or a puzzle or game or tool library."*