

Facility Options Evaluation Criteria Summary

Will the option:

Be forward-thinking and differentiated	Be uniquely Shaker	Be financially responsible	Encourage community partnerships	Grow usage	Make Shaker Library a destination
<p><i>Consider characteristics of forward-thinking libraries:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible, accomodating spaces • Ability to adapt to new technologies • Inclusion of spaces that foster creativity • Access to a large collection, such as Clevnet 	<p><i>Consider Shaker values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Diversity • The arts • Distinctive architecture and housing • Community-focused programming and collections 	<p><i>See financials</i></p>	<p><i>Consider ways that libraries foster partnerships:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-centered design that responds to people’s needs and aspirations • Support of City and School objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic development ○ Neighborhood revitalization ○ “Green” initiatives ○ School facility improvements • Movement away from library as storage, toward library as meeting and creation space 	<p><i>Consider factors that may lead to increased usage:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive user experience • Welcoming, accessible spaces • Investments in collection, programs, computers, staff time, and expertise • High levels of service 	<p><i>Consider perceptions of “Library as Place”:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A neutral community meeting/gathering place where individuals from an array of backgrounds come together • A place for sharing ideas and experiences • An active, welcoming space for a range of purposes, with a range of amenities