

Question 1: How frequently do you visit Ginter Park Branch Library?	Question 2: Do you use outdoor spaces at the library? If so, which spaces do you use?	Question 3: What do you like about the outdoor spaces at the library? What don't you like about the outdoor spaces at the library?	Question 4: What amenities would encourage you to use outdoor spaces at the library?	Question 5: Non-native and invasive tree, shrub, and herbaceous plant species provide little ecological value. Do you support the replacement of non-native and invasive plant species on library grounds with native plant species?	Question 6: Do you have any preferences regarding the native tree, shrub, and herbaceous plant species to be planted on library grounds? If so, please share your thoughts below.	Question 7: Impervious surfaces such as parking areas and streets yield stormwater when it rains. Do you support the removal of some asphalt and parking spaces in the library's parking area?	Question 8: Rain gardens intercept stormwater before it becomes stormwater runoff. Do you support the installation of rain gardens on library grounds to reduce stormwater runoff and create habitat for wildlife?	Question 9: Do you support the installation of public art on library grounds?	Question 10: Is there anything else you like to share with the planning and design team?
Weekly	I walk my dog around the library	Love the compost bins and front yard. Would like to see something done to beautify the surrounding grass near the old Azalea Mall site.	Benches, shaded seating	Yes	Flowering trees, plants that can be used as food (herbs, vegetables, etc)	Undecided	Yes	Yes	Biggest key for me is connecting the library to the surrounding grassy fields, and making them flow together. The parking lot is already adequate size. Don't make it smaller. My mother uses the library all the time. Maybe replace the asphalt with open paving, the lattice ones with dirt/grass inbetween, instead but don't take away the parking that is already there.
Never	They don't have outdoor spaces to use that I have seen.	There are only sidewalks around the bldg no outdoor spaces to sit at.	Maybe a playground for kids. Picnick table or chairs to sit and read.	Yes	Don't murder the crepe murdes. Don't trim them every year, let them grow like they are supposed to so they can thrive.	No	Yes	Yes	Parking is already limited; if remove spaces, limits patron access
Monthly	No No but would like to	Not aware of any to use I like shade and lots of birds/squirrels I have never entered the Ginter Park Library but I have walked past it many times. Have noticed it has the space to create a great outdoor space for patrons to enjoy.	Shade; comfortable seating Shade, fountains, wildlife	Yes Yes	No No	Undecided Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Thank you! If you want public art, it should be calming. The peaceful environment which public libraries offer is why I love to visit them so often.
Never Weekly Never	I walk to the Belmont Library and enter through on Ellwood Avenue. no. I wasn't aware of any	I have never entered the Ginter Park Library but I have walked past it many times. Have noticed it has the space to create a great outdoor space for patrons to enjoy. are there any?	Water sounds, rock formations, natural benches and shady areas seating N/A	Yes Undecided	Don't have the knowledge without looking at a book informing me of what is native here.	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Undecided Yes	
Monthly	No	N/A	Seating, native plants, pollinator garden, space for children to visit	Yes	Defer to experts.	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Weekly	We (my two kiddos) often run around the grassy areas outside the library, and we use the sidewalks to walk there. There really isn't much other outdoor space.	The outdoor areas are not that pretty and there is often trash. I would love for there to be a small playground or play area. It is nicely manicured but there isn't a lot of space to walk around or sit and with kids is dangerous next to a relatively busy intersection	Benches, beautiful garden area, fenced area for kids, kids outdoor space (play area, sand or rock pit, mud kitchen, outdoor storytime space, etc).	Yes	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Please please please consider something for kids outside here!! We don't have any walkable kids area to Ginter Park/Bellevue, and perhaps it would bring others to our tiny neighborhood library branch! But anything to spruce up the outside area would be wonderful here!
Weekly	Not at this time (not a lot of green space outside)		Playground, walking path, picnic/benches		It would be great to add native plants but to use the shrubs that are there now too	Undecided	Yes	Yes	Add a playground too!
Never Monthly	No no Not really. We walk from the intersection across the lawn to the side door that is stroller accessible. We also go through the drive through book drop off.	Not familiar with them theres nowhere to sit	As a RVA Master Gardener, I am always interested in "teaching gardens" with local native plants supported by signs with key information about them and their place in our ecosystem, food web, and water quality. Similar signs would address the native fauna that use the plants for habitat, larval hosts, food, pollination, etc. benches, bird feeders	Yes Yes	Those appropriate for specific locations and objectives throughout the grounds pollinator attractors please. Echinacea etc.	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	
Weekly		The outdoor space is right on a busy intersection where people frequently speed, no fence for kids to play safely. It's green space though it is minimally maintained and not attractive as it could be. The flower bed, next to Brook side entrance, is especially sad. And mulch is piled up on tree trunks, aka volcano mulch which encourages disease.	Fence or plant border so kids don't run into street	Yes	Hydrangeas, hellebores, azaleas - all frequently seen in Ginter park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Would love a place that you can play with kids safely with barrier to intersection, even just safe place to put a blanket down and read a book.
Monthly Rarely	No		Benches maybe a picnic table or two	Yes Yes	something drought resistant and can thrive with little care	Yes Undecided	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Public art, creation of habitat, removal of asphalt would be lovely.
Rarely	No. There isnt much functional space. There is no usable outdoor space for people to use.	Small and not designed to be used. Just a front lawn. The library has a lovely outdoor area which would be enhanced by some seating for users.	Specific area to sit and read - with shelter or shade. Multiple areas even better.	Yes	No.	Yes	Yes	Yes	There is a GRTC bus stop on Brook Road outside of the library - incorporating this someway into the plans would be a great bonus.
Monthly		I drive past often and it is quite unattractive. It also has extremely limited wildlife value	A covered patio area with seating would be great. Seating, lots of native plants, hedges to enclose space and block ugly views	Yes Yes	No would be great to incorporate host plants as an educational opportunity for kids	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	I was branch manager at Ginter Park for 15 years and am thrilled to see this finally happening! Please incorporate natives and use as an opportunity to educate on ecological principles
Rarely	no I haven't yet, but plan to. I moved to the area in winter so I haven't explored what outdoor space is available at the library.	From my minimal exploration, it seems like a lot of open lawn space which is bot always the most useful.	Outdoor seating, picnic tables, shaded areas, fruit trees or community garden / open harvest space	Yes	As many trees and plants that produce fruit or food. Community space can also feed people, for free!	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Daily	There are no outdoor spaces at the library for public use.	There are no outdoor spaces at the library such as benches or other areas to sit. The trees, shrubs, and other plant-life on the grounds do enhance the beauty of the library facility.	Park benches or other outdoor furnishings (like a picnic table), shade structures. Music/art installations, interactive displays. Native plants.	Yes	No preference.	No	Yes	Yes	As an employee of the library, I would like to encourage having safe outdoor areas for patrons to sit outside of the library. Site amenities would attract families to use our outdoor spaces for reading or picnics during warmer weather. Benches on our grounds, near the vicinity of the main road or parking lot, would assist older patrons waiting for rides or the bus. Our outdoor areas have space that are far enough from the building that noise would not be a hindrance for library operations. Would really like to see a broader development on the huge parking lot behind it that fits with whatever you do at the library. Is this the most efficient spending to divert water from our combined sewer system by putting in the rain garden or could we better focus that effort somewhere else that contributes more in heavy storms.
Weekly	Bike rack	Our girls like the Ripple painting on the storm drain, dislike seeing trash discarded on the side of the road	Any amenities would be an improvement. Replacing the giant, neglected parking lot and abandoned building behind it with green space and development would be nice.	No	Would be nice to plant something that provides shade	Undecided	Yes	Yes	
Monthly	Currently I do not	I like that they could be useful and welcoming. What I don't like is that they are just dull right now.	Shady outdoor seating both individual and small groups I don't live close, but I do support the greening of all RVA libraries + spaces.	Yes	It would be nice to see some flowering plants at various times of year. And since we have such warm winters lately, some winter interest would be welcome. Also, huge evergreens take up a lot of space.	Undecided	Yes	Yes	We may need some irrigation. Also, my thanks!
Never Monthly	n/a No	n/a Simple and well kept, but not designed to be occupied	Benches, shade trees	Yes Yes	n/a No irrigation	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	n/a Looking forward to this!
Weekly Rarely	No, although we usually walk or bike there. No	There are some nice trees, and plantings/landscaping as well as a few bike racks. Clear views I love the big old trees! I wish it was easier for people to engage with the outdoor spaces--it feels like much more of landscaping designed to be looked at and not interacted with. It's also a lot of grass lawn which I don't love and I wish that space was utilized better. I also wish there was a bit more screening with trees or bushes from the road at least in part of the outdoor space. It can feel very exposed and I think people use the outdoor spaces! I'd love to eat my lunch are less likely to use the outdoor space because it's right by cars driving fast and doesn't feel private or serene or anything like that.	I would like to see outdoor reading spots/ park benches, perhaps a picnic table and community garden, additional landscaping Shaded benches	Yes Yes	Anything that is low maintenance and appealing No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	
Daily			A picnic table or benches. And I would LOVE a raised bed or two for vegetable/herb/flower gardening where the public can grow what they like and the library can use the beds for educational programming!	Yes	I love any kind of edible native plants as well as native flowers, we have so many beautiful ones! Something like sochan combines those two things	Yes	Yes	Yes	I'm sending an email as well, but I'm a new employee at Ginter Park working in teen programming and I'm very interested in getting involved in this project and collaborating any way I can! I have a background in gardening and some native landscaping in my previous job with Richmond Parks, and I'm super excited to hopefully bring that here. Very excited to hear about this project! Is there an opportunity to borrow from the adjacent field on the Azalea Mall site to install bluebird boxes or bat houses on Library property. Is there a way to provide handicapped access more directly from the bus stop? Can the Westwood entrance be made accessible?
Weekly Rarely	No, because there are no amenities	Like: creates a welcoming setting for the library. Don't like-no amenities for use. Non native plants and mundane design. Lost opportunity for learning	Seating, interesting plantings, explanatory signage	Yes Yes	Include year-round interest, carefully research placement.	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	

Rarely				Yes		Undecided	Yes	Yes	
Rarely	I use the north Ave Library.	I am filling out this survey to beg you not to make winding sidewalk along city streets. It makes walking further and in the summer and winter it is brutal.	Comfortable shaded seating. Spaces to attach hammocks.	Yes	I'd like a mix of evergreen and deciduous natives.				I am filling out this survey to beg you not to make winding sidewalk along city streets. It makes walking further and in the summer and winter it is brutal. I love the native plants near the north Ave library but despise that sidewalk. I'd love to see it torn out and replaced with a straight sidewalk and then more shading natives installed along it.
Rarely	Outdoor patios, benches	Fresh air, shaded areas, comfortable seating	Native plants that have seasonal color interest.	Yes	Beautyberry is a hit in my neighborhood.	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rarely	No		Comfortable seating, shade, trash & recycling cans	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Monthly		There are virtually no cons to having outdoor spaces; they act as educational spaces for young children for events like learning about plants/gardening. Green spaces enhance an individual's experience, and support a community's mental and physical health.	Shaded seating spaces; group seating spaces; open-layout spaces (not-enclosed)	Yes	Redbud trees, columbine, goldenrod, echinacea				I am happy that green spaces are being developed in Richmond communities.
Rarely				Yes	Golden ragwort, Wild geranium, hydrangeas, sweet pepperbushes, American beautyberry, carolina rose, Coneflower, Chrysogonum virginianum, Blue mistflower, yarrow, Anemone				
Monthly	Yes, I wait for the bus under the tree on Brook Road.	Like: The big tree is good! Dislike: The roses gotta go, it's only a matter of time until they get the weird gross rose disease.	Seating, more rad plants.	Yes	Trees: Eastern Redbud, willow oak	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Never			Shade	Yes	Any VA native species would be amazing!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excited for this work!
Never	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Not really, but it'd be nice to have a variety of stuff that blooms at different times throughout the year and provides some good winter interest during the off months.	Yes	Yes	Yes	thank you for taking comments and thinking about these solutions.
Monthly	No		Bike/skate park	Yes	Plant native as much as possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rarely	Bike rack	While not natives, the magnolia is nice and shades the building; the hydrangeas are terrific colors. Grounds are tidy, but not necessarily inviting.	Addorondack-type chairs? Benches.	No	plants that can provide shade + mosquito repellent if possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	I know these are strong opinions for someone who visits less than monthly — I'll visit more when I retire from Henrico libraries. ;-)
Rarely	No		More greenery, places for families and groups to explore/mingle/act as a third place	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Thank you for your work on greening public spaces!
Monthly	No, there is only the parking lot	All there is is a patch of grass and surrounded by a huge empty parking lot?	Shade, picnic tables. A water fountain would be awesome!	Yes	Dogwood. Mountain laurel. Native things I'm magnolia family don't provide much shade.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can the huge parking lot be purchased?
			Lots of runners go by there. Owl boxes!	Yes	Anything native is great!	Yes	Yes	Yes	