

What a Difference a Day Makes



We couldn't have said it better ourselves.

For three weeks in March, we conducted an online survey, asking library patrons to tell us what a difference an extra day at the library makes! 148 people told us they are making use of the extra day and we loved the 113 stories they shared with us.

I'm a bit scatterbrained so I benefit from the library being available whenever I go there.

*I'd...rather see **libraries open more hours** and other city offices open less if there had to be a choice made.*

It comes as no surprise that many respondents cited simply the added **FLEXIBILITY** and **CONVENIENCE** it offers to their busy schedules.

We live in a 24/7 society. More days of having access to books and space to write falls more in line with the momentum of the world. We need more not less in this day and age. For me, personally, I write daily and losing a day disrupts my workflow. The library is a treasure and additional time allows everyone a chance to visit on the best day for them.

Libraries should be as reliable and accessible as post offices and banks. They are far more nourishing. I need the library to be open after work and on both week days and weekends so that I can return my books and get more out!

*Huge difference. It's difficult to get out on the weekends so **an extra weekday helps me access the books I love more frequently.***

*I've had a place to work in between meetings/commitments. **When the library is closed, the only option is cafes, and that gets very expensive.***

*I work a demanding job and I have to work visiting the library into my family's schedule; however, adding **an additional day makes it more convenient.** It's funny because I know the days and hours of various libraries. Adding an additional day is beneficial.*

*Being open an extra day is very convenient to many patrons' schedules. Many of us no longer work a regular 9-5 job anymore these days. **Most individuals work schedules are very sporadic and inconsistent. This new schedule allows many of us patrons the ability to maintain our normal events of our days and still enjoy visiting the library** for whatever other needs we may have.*

More days more visiting options. "So many books, so little time."

Others noted the benefit to CHILDREN, TEACHERS and FAMILIES for homework, arranging CLASS VISITS and always having a SAFE PLACE to go.

*Students can use the library to complete their **homework and read**.*

*I do think that the library provides **a safe place for children** to be and that is good.*

*The day is great for families that may need it to help their children with work or just needed **some quiet reading time** other than at home.*

*My children are away from playing game systems and **enjoy going to the library to focus on homework and use the computer**. They also interact with the public when doing arts and crafts projects.*

*In the **Fair Haven** community there are very few places to go after school. **Children and their parents are able to visit the library and access their resources even more**.*

*It's a huge difference to have all days open every week. **I often found ourselves locked out when we got to the library thinking it was open. Sometimes you don't know when your child wants to go read books.** Of course, we plan things ahead but sometimes, it's nice to just walk by and have an opportunity to actually walk in to read and take some books with us.*

Many told us about the importance of being able to access library COMPUTERS, the INTERNET and PRINTERS.

*As someone with limited money and mobility, I've been able to **use the computer...** to call librarians with questions, to read the paper, to find out about coming events and to check out books without having to wait or to make the extra trip.*

*Any **extra time** I can get to do when I need to do **on the computer is helpful**. I love that I don't have to go downtown.*

*Yes, a day makes a big difference. **I don't have internet service at home. I go to the library to check my email and look for jobs and complete my taxes**.*

*I think it's great because **I can use the library for online college and need the printer**. When it was closed on Tuesdays, I had to wait until Wednesday to print my assignments.*

*The Library has allowed me to **access and print information at minimal cost**.*

And perhaps this reader best captures how LIBRARIES TRANSFORM LIVES!

***The library is my second home away from home**. I take this extra day to spend one or two hours reading in the library. I need this time for myself, for my cultural background. **I see reading as a door opener in today's society**. There are so many aspects of life, so many issues that I cannot comprise without the help of lecture. Therefore, **this extra day at the library is essential to me in my day to day pursuit of being a better person**.*