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“Norfolk Public Library Space Needs Survey”

A survey is being distributed to Norfolk citizens asking them various questions about the Norfolk Public Library. This survey is just one aspect of a study being done to determine the current usage of the library and what may be needed as far as space and programming in the future.



“We have had some issues with the library not being to handle all of the services that we currently offer. When the library was built in 1977, it wasn’t designed for the large multimedia collections, computer services and programs that we now provide,” said Jessica Chamberlain, Director of the library.

At their October 7 meeting, the Norfolk City Council approved a Library Space Needs Study contract by Alley Poyner Macchietto Architects. The company will be researching different aspects of the Norfolk Public Library which will

include talking to local residents and comparing the current library square footage with what is commonly used for a city Norfolk’s size.

“No one would have predicted 36 years ago that the library would have 24 computers for patrons to use or that it would also offer CDs, DVDs and video games. Libraries have evolved over the years and we want to continue serving our patrons now and in the future as best we can,” Chamberlain said.

The survey is available online at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library and paper surveys are available at the library at 308 West Prospect Avenue or at the City Administration Offices at 309 North 5th Street.