

Brian Masschaele, *Director of Community & Cultural Services*July 8, 2025



Agenda



Background

COUNCIL DIRECTION

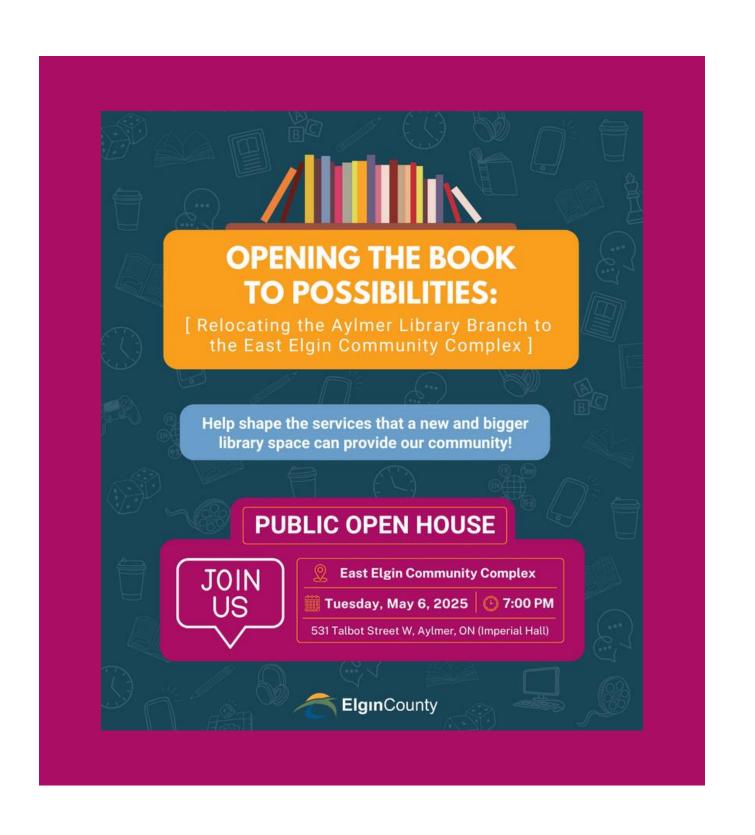
At its meeting on March 11, 2025, Council directed staff to engage the community in the Aylmer Library Relocation process and to seek feedback regarding the move to the East Elgin Community Complex.

WHY IS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE AYLMER LIBRARY RELOCATION PROCESS IMPORTANT?

Public engagement is important to ensure that the voices of Aylmer and Malahide residents are heard, helping Elgin County Council better understand community needs, concerns, and expectations around the proposed relocation. This input will help shape a solution that reflects both current challenges and future opportunities for the Aylmer branch.

Public Open House

May 6, 2025 - East Elgin Community Complex



A Public Open House was held on May 6, 2025, to share information about the proposed relocation of the Aylmer Library to the East Elgin Community Complex.

The event provided an opportunity for residents to learn from staff about the plan, ask questions, and offer feedback to help ensure the new library space reflects community needs.

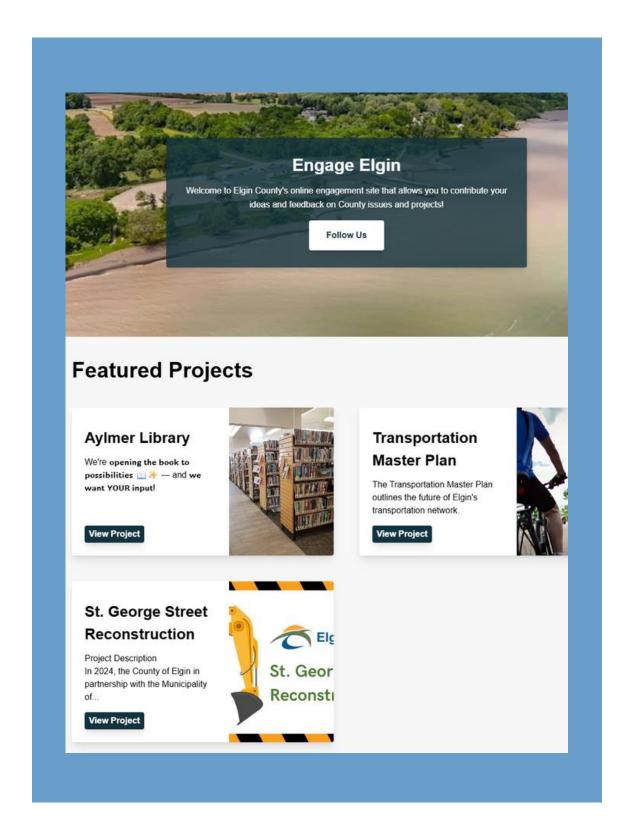


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Attendees to the Open House

Engage Elgin

Online Engagement Website



WEBPAGE : EngageElgin.ca/AylmerLibrary

The project page outlines the proposed relocation of the Aylmer Branch Library to the East Elgin Community Complex.

It includes:

- Background information
- Concept plans
- Public engagement details
- Opportunities for community feedback
- Key supporting documents to keep residents informed and involved.

WEBPAGE RESULTS: MAY 6, 2025 - MAY 28, 2025

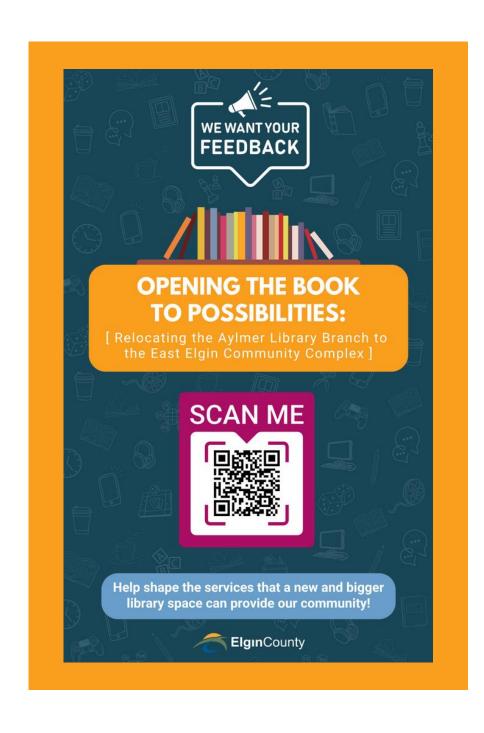


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Total Webpage Visits

Promotional Materials

Print Communication Materials





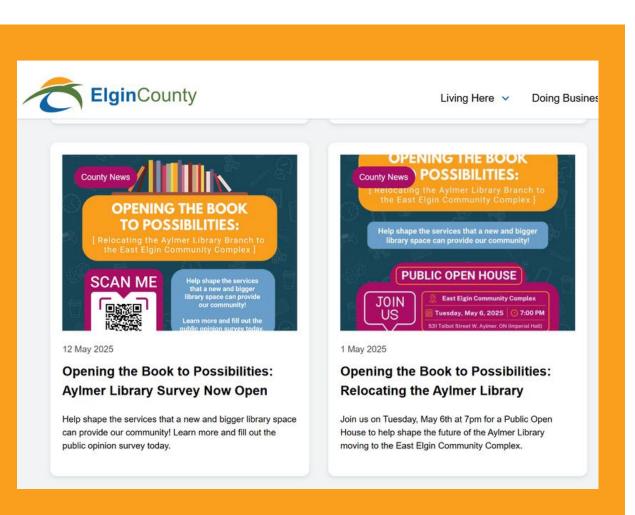
Posters placed within the Branch



3 Ads in the Aylmer Express

Promotional Materials

Digital Communication Materials





Added to the County's website in the news section (May 12)



Included in the Aylmer & Area Chamber Of Commerce's E-Newsletter (May 20)



Included in the Aylmer Library's E-Newsletter

Promotional Materials

Elgin County Facebook





- * Total Views: The number of times your content was played or displayed.
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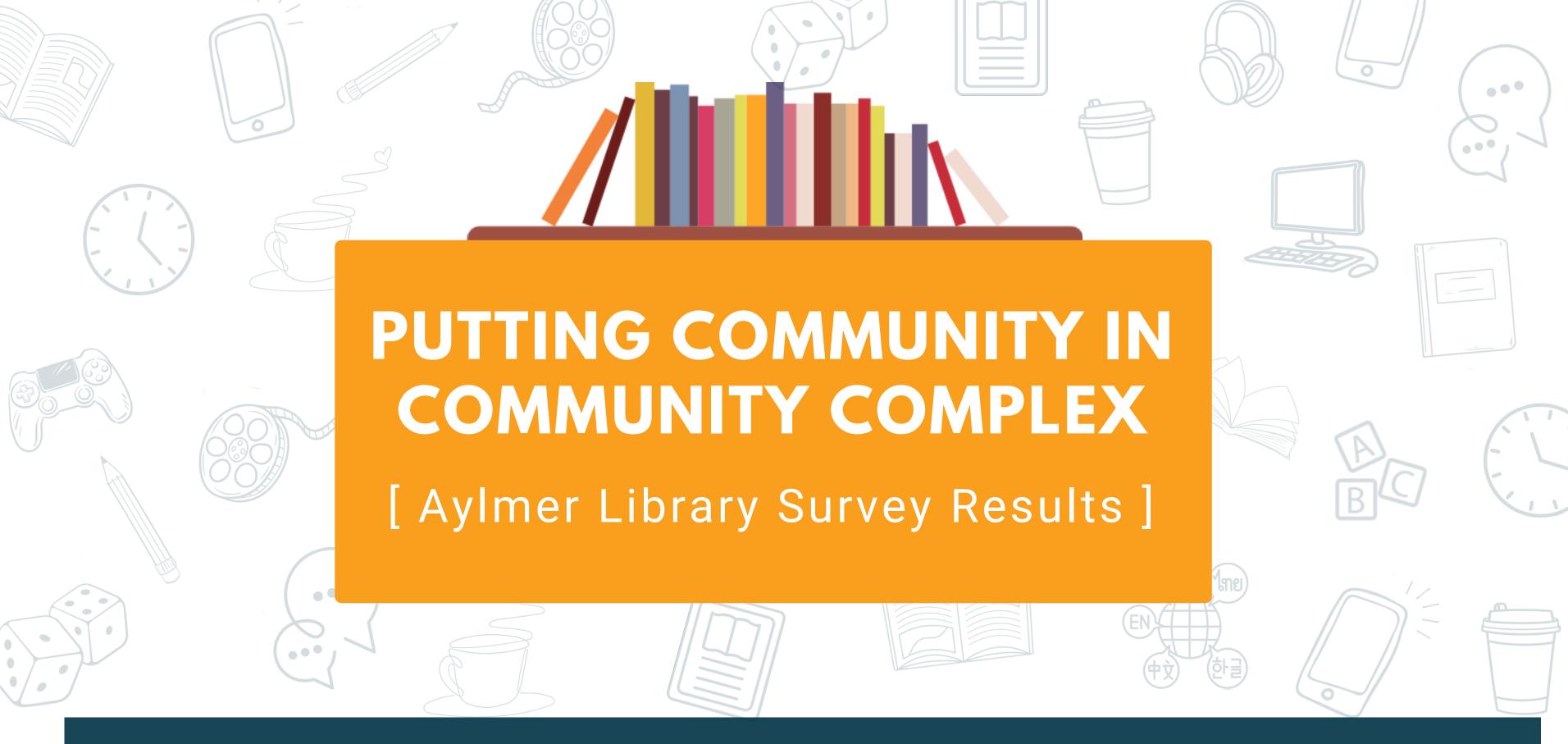
Survey & Survey Results



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Surveys Completed

A full list of survey questions and comments received are linked in the Council Report as well as at the link below.



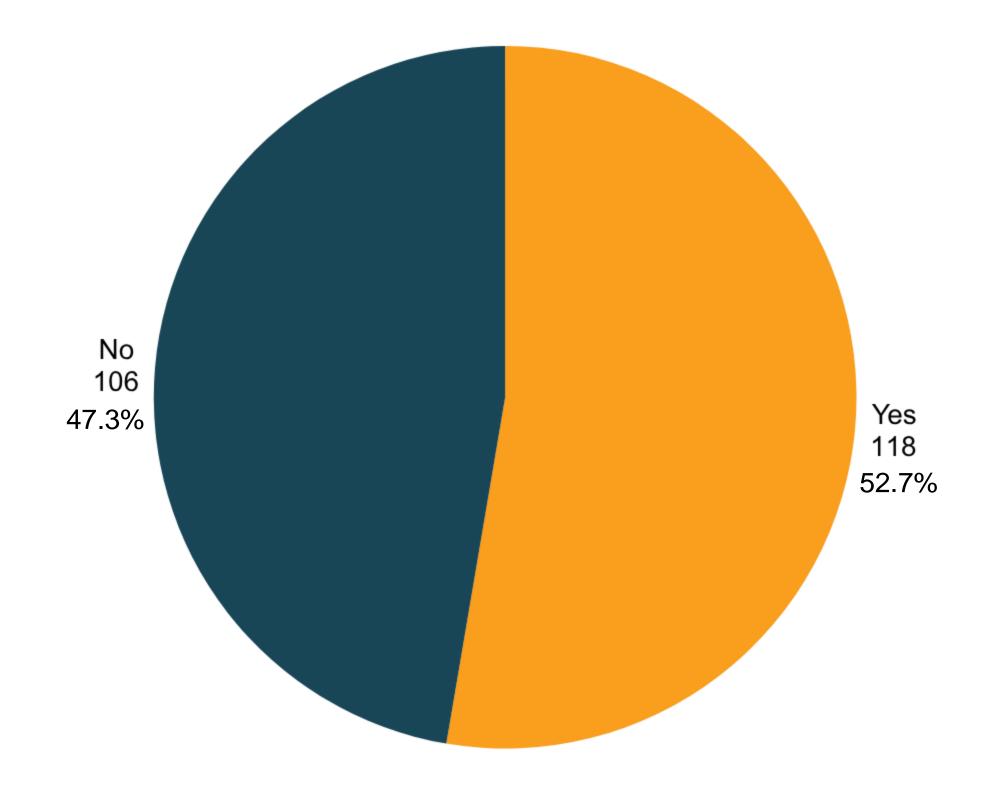
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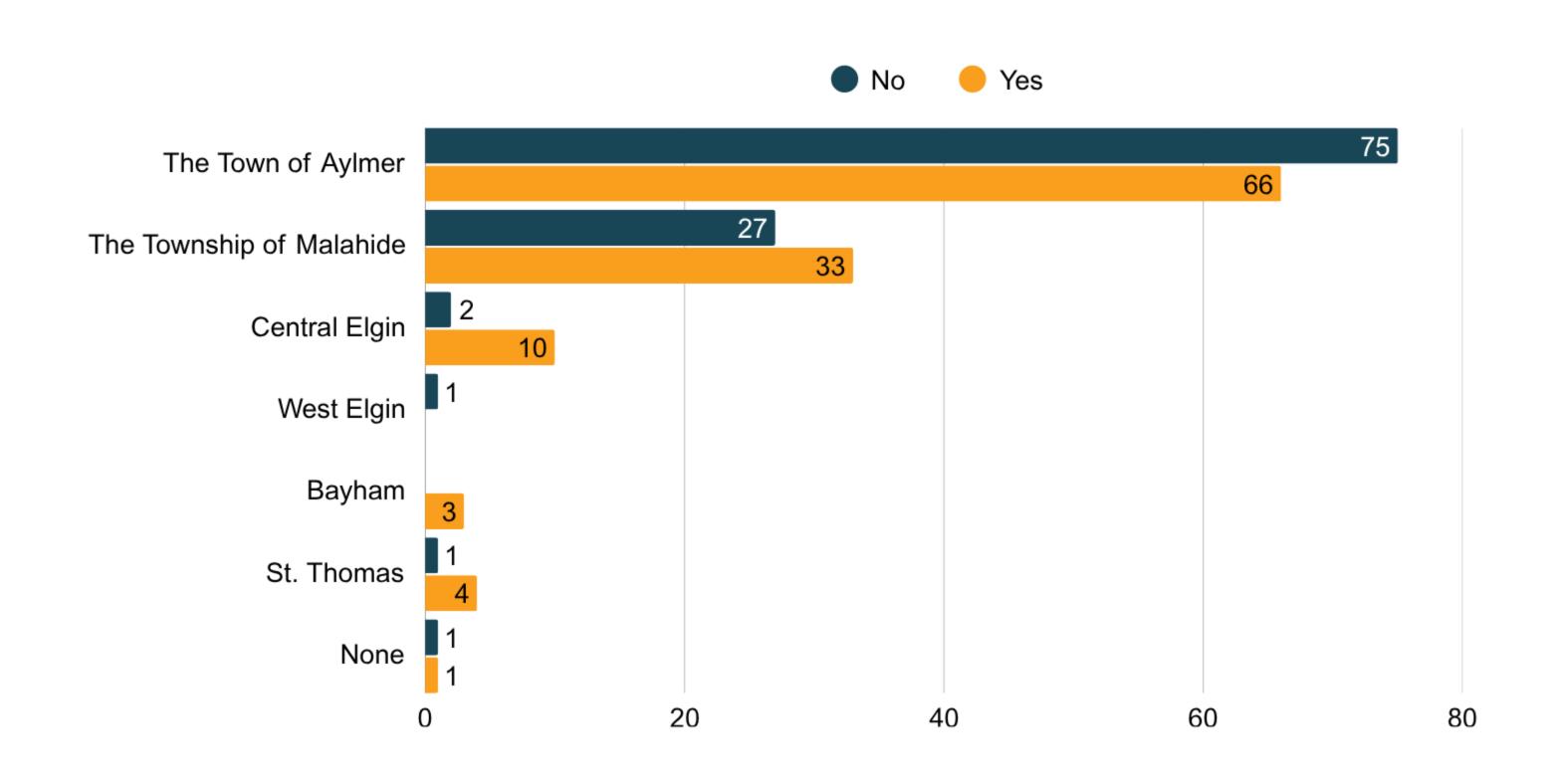


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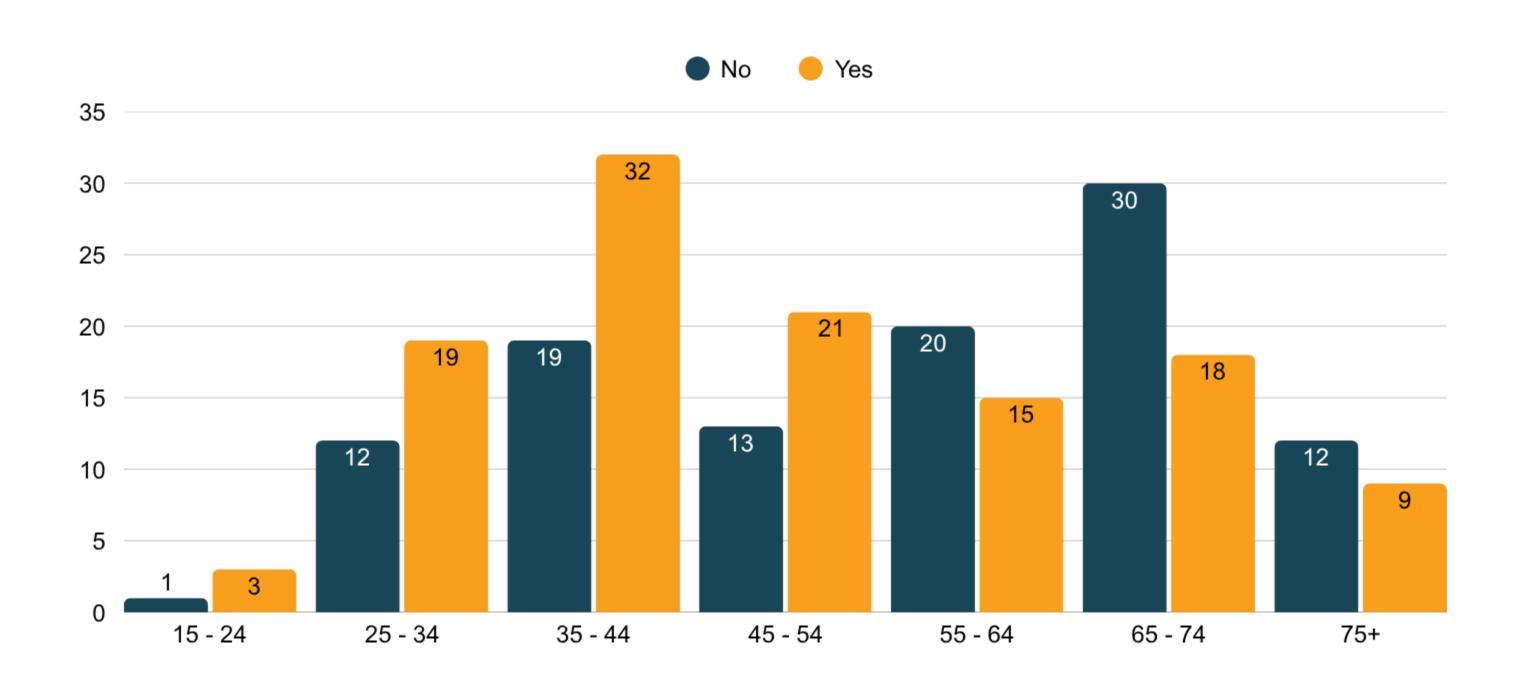
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Do you support moving to the complex? - By Municipality

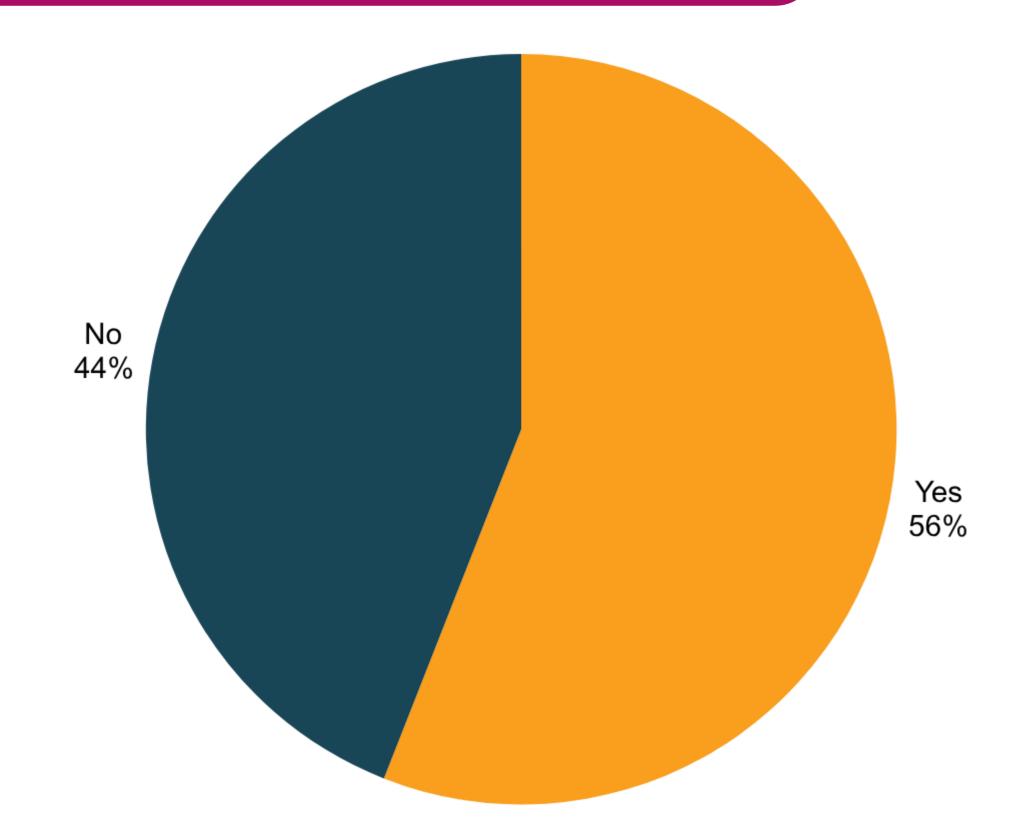


Do you support moving to the complex? - By Age

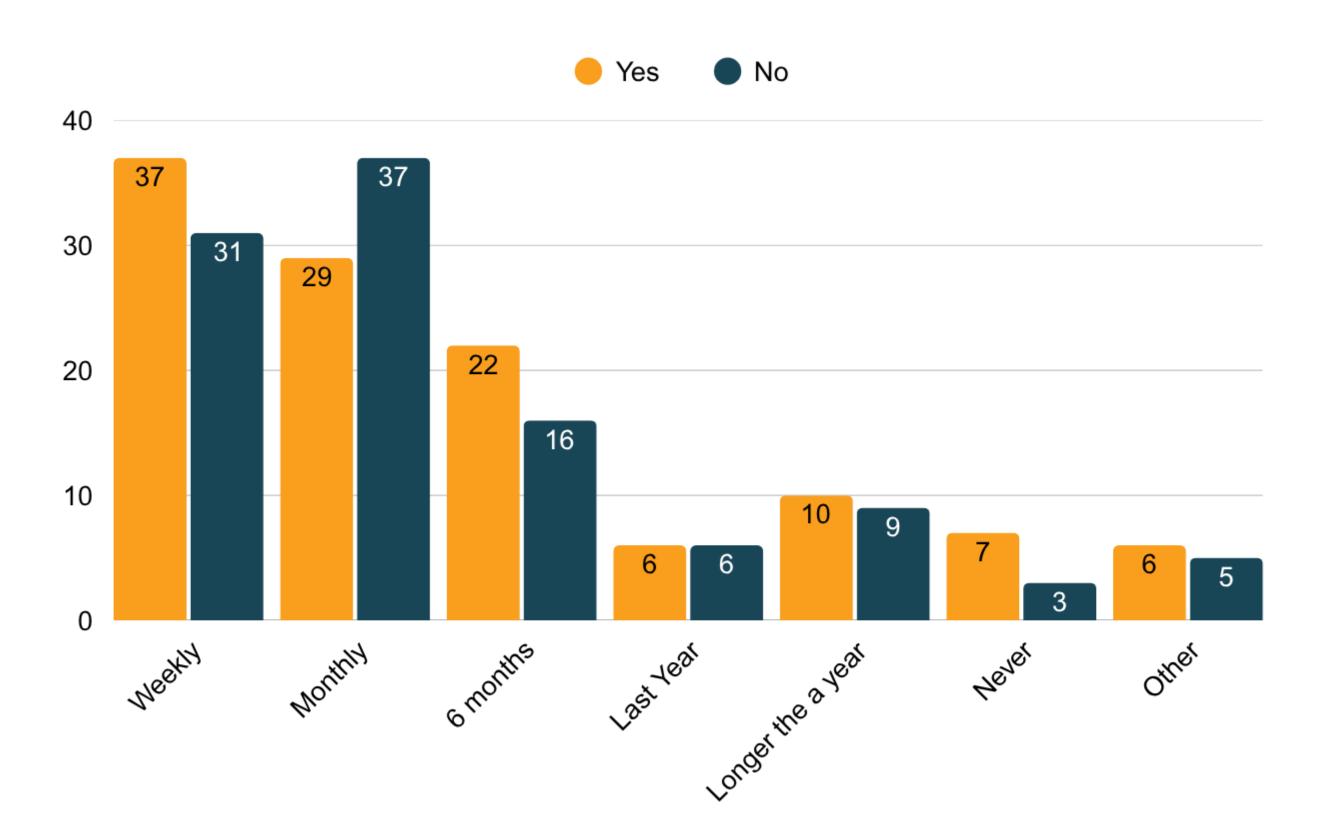


Do you support moving to the complex? - By Responders with Children

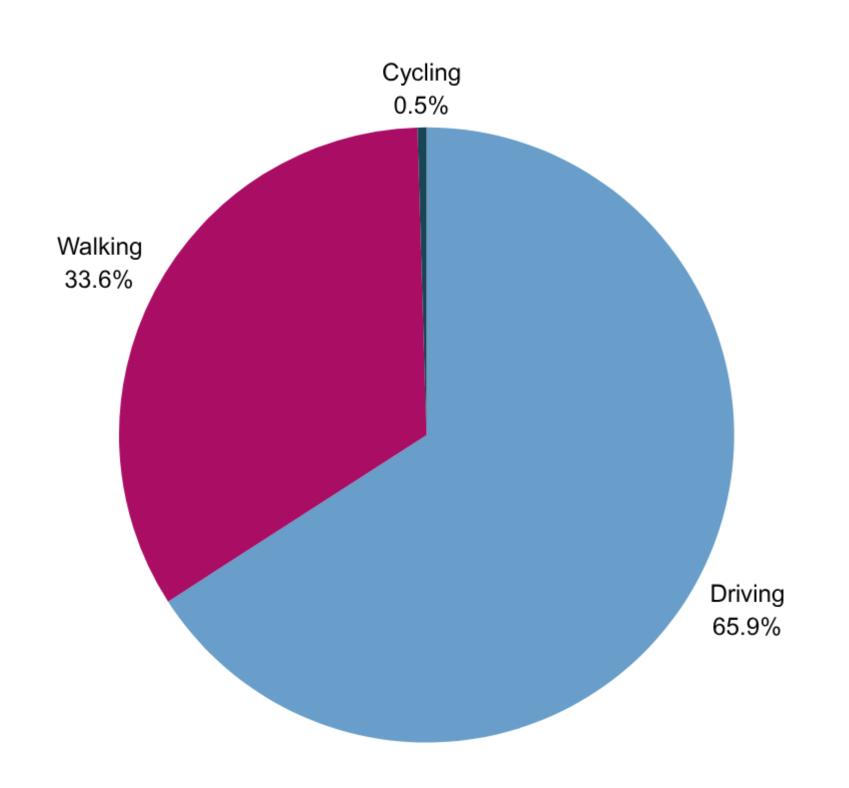
109 respondents have children, 61 of them support moving the Library to the complex



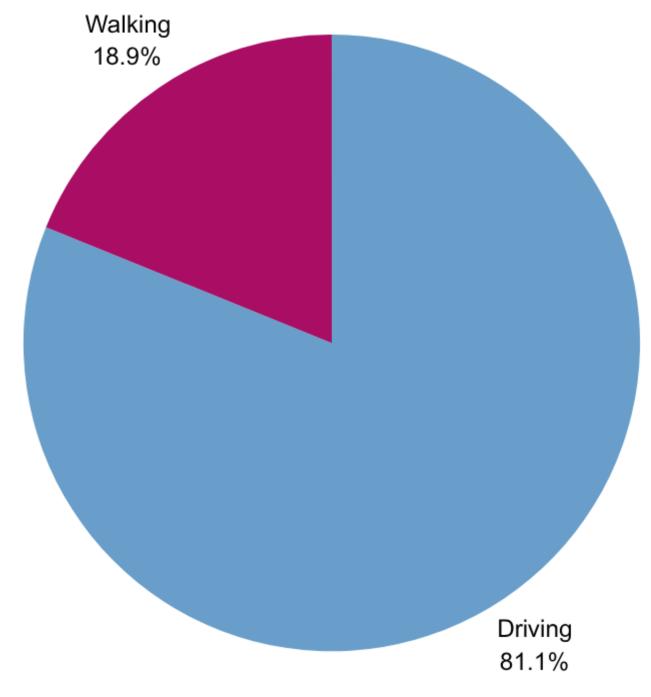
Do you support moving to the complex? - By How Often they Visit the Aylmer Library



If you visited the Aylmer Library within the last year, how did you get there?

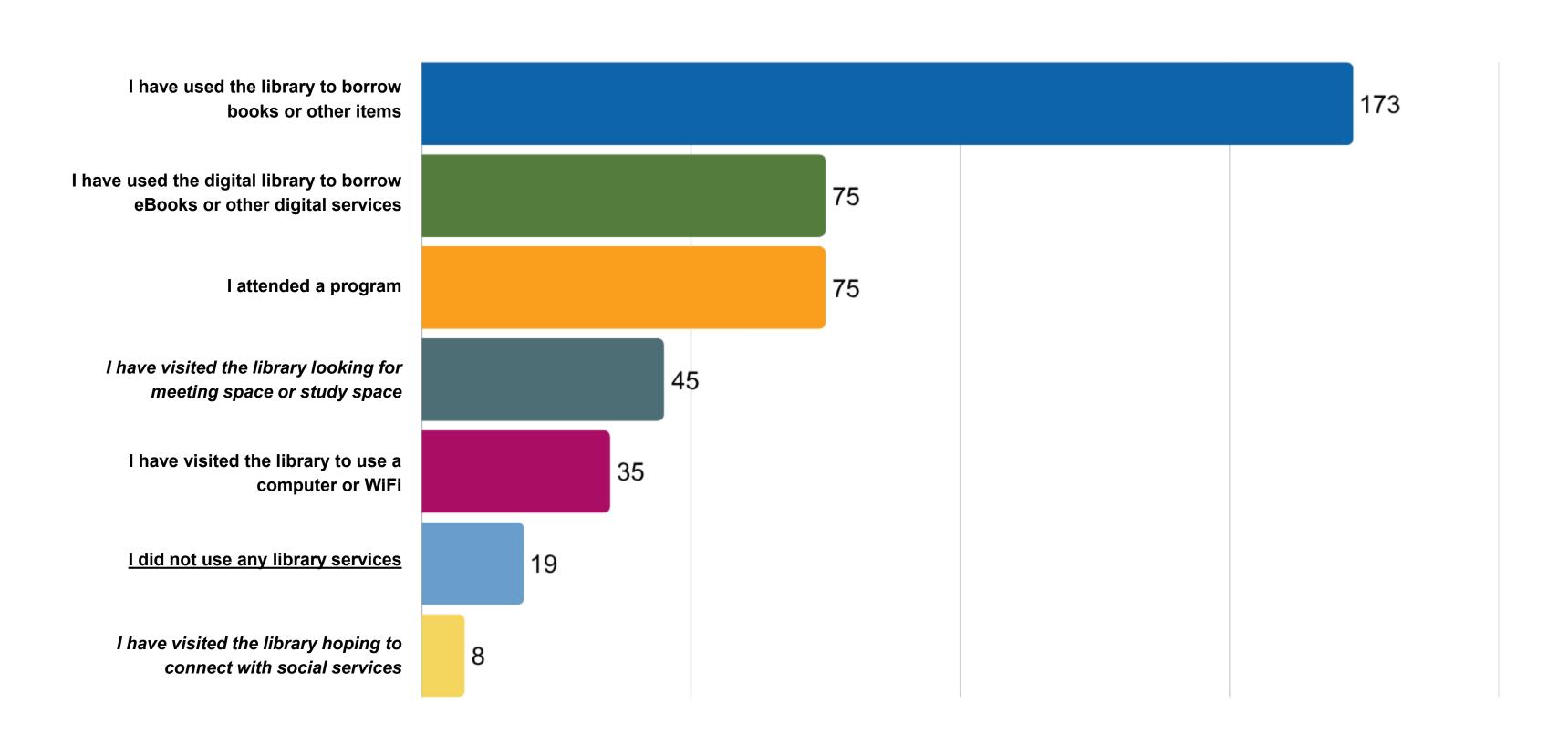


How did you get to the Aylmer Library today?



Survey conducted by Aylmer Library staff from April 10 - May 5

Services Accessed at the Aylmer Library in the Last Year



The service I was looking for at the library wasn't there:

Looking for more children activites

Programming for seniors

Early on programs, maker space, general programs and events lacking

Programs during the evenings

I often have to go to the St Thomas Library because they have a large selection of books and we use their maker space

Just a quiet space to browse but its cramped and noisy because the space is too small

Attend theatre

Children's programs in a larger space

Questions & Comments

