Picton Branch Library

3.6 Making the Case

- Is there sufficient space for books and other library materials?
- Are there sufficient parking spaces?
- Does the children's area provide sufficient space for staff to carry out their programs?
- Is there a children's washroom? Does it have child-size fixtures? Is the space large enough for an accompanying adult? Is the door to the washroom visible to the staff?
- Is there sufficient seating and a variety of seating to accommodate users' needs?
- Are teens attracted to the building?
- Can you hold a program for adults that will accommodate those who want to attend?
- Are there sufficient computers for public access?
- Is there enough storage space?
- Are there sufficient staff workspaces?
- Is there sufficient space to store book trucks loaded with materials?
- Is the library a destination? Why? Why not?
- Does the building have adequate ventilation?
- Are there areas in the building that are too hot in the afternoon?
- Does noise carry through the building?
- Are there physical barriers that make the building inaccessible, or difficult to access, for people with disabilities or the elderly?
- Can the building accommodate the anticipated growth or changing demographics in your community's population?

Is there sufficient space for books and other library materials?

Collection Growth

Picton Branch collection size 17,951 5,026 items added 2015 system-wide (2,513 Picton)

Using the Items Method of collection growth:
18,000 items today + 1,800 unoccupied space + 2,200 added annually + 22,000 added over a period of 10 years + 2,200 unoccupied shelf space
Picton branch should have space for 46,200 items and is over-full at the current collection size of 17,951.

Adult Fiction shelves
- Too close together
- All adult items interfiled (mystery) for space saving
- Sightlines

Large Print Room

Shelving too high (OPLG guidelines no higher than 60 inches)
Elevator pathway prevents a comfortable sitting area
Demographics predict increased use of Large Print

Large Print titles in the hallway – limits comfortable browsing and divides the collection

Children's area
New collections (Family Learning Resource Centre and DVDs) both require additional space

Are there sufficient parking spaces?

Street parking only.
Limited parking for staff and courier delivery.

Does the children's area provide sufficient

No children's program room - children's programs are held in the children's room, limiting access to library materials for other patrons

Is there a children's washroom? Does it have child-size fixtures? Is the space large enough for an accompanying adult? Is the door to the washroom visible to the staff?

- Public Washrooms are too small – as a result change station in children's play area.
- No children's washroom
- Doors open into hallway which is dangerous
- Hallway is dark and narrow

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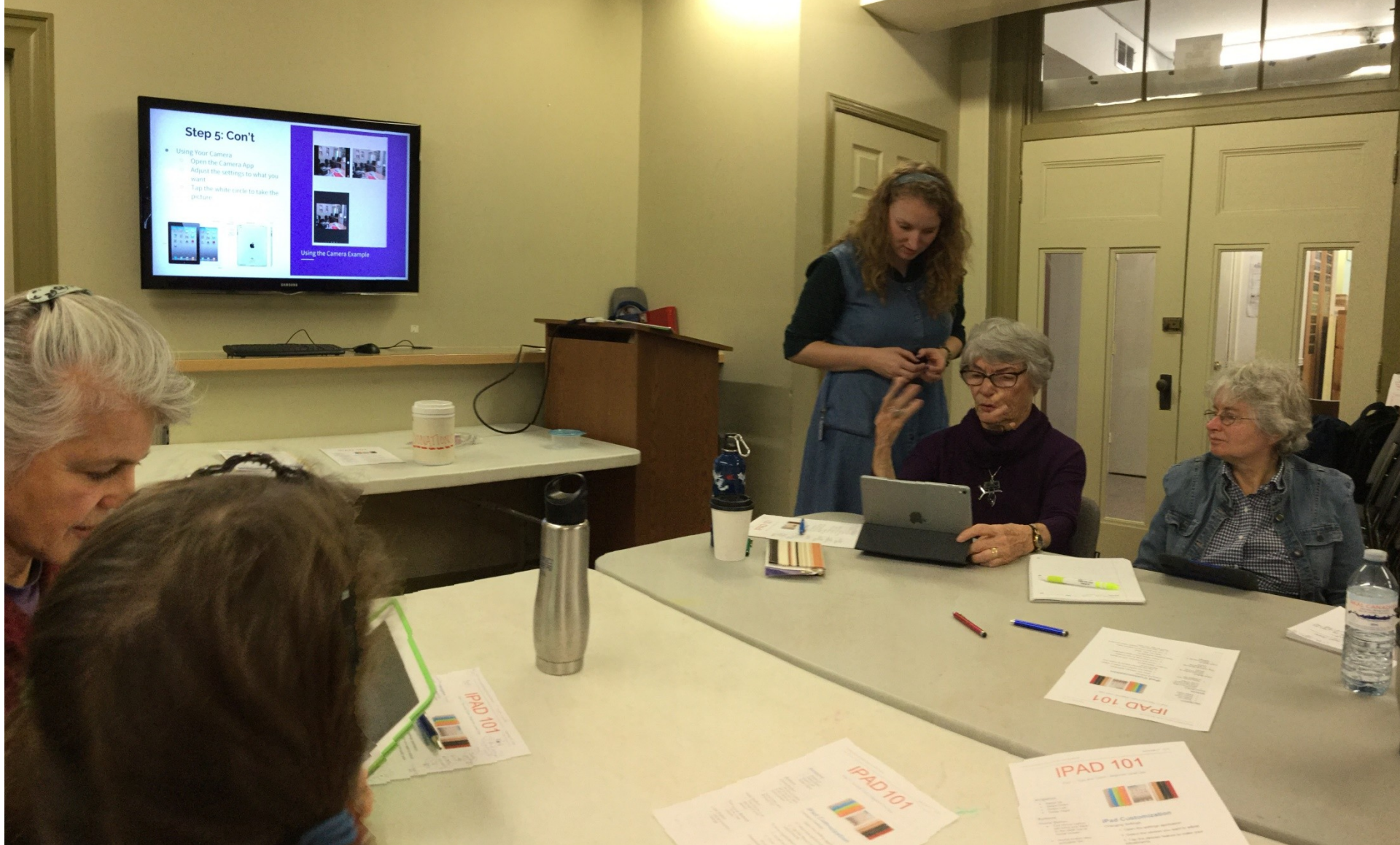
Are teens attracted to the building?

Teen programs have suffered as the Teen Room has become a multipurpose space.

Makerspace/community meeting room/ IT training lab/Teen Room

Multi-purpose space means that public access computers are inaccessible during programs, there is insufficient space to store supplies for programs, staff time spent re-arranging prior to events.

Teen book collection moved upstairs to ensure youth have access to the books, however, this means the books are far from where the youth are often using the library.

Can you hold a program for adults that will accommodate those who want to attend?
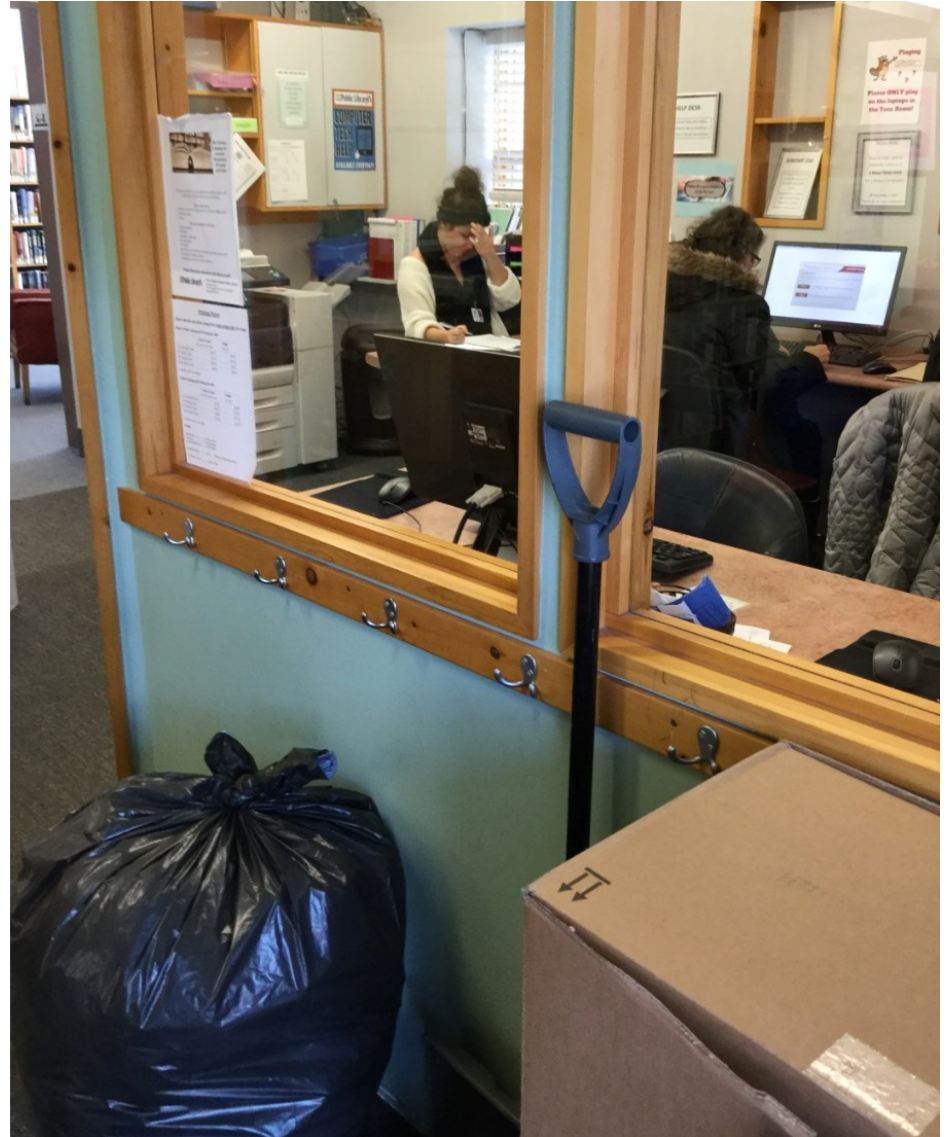
Are there sufficient computers for public access?

Computers are spread throughout the building making tech help difficult.
No space for one-on-ones.
Limited space for laptop or tablet users.

Is there enough storage space?

No.
- Program supplies
- Maintenance supplies
- Tech tools

Are there sufficient staff workspaces?

- Limited office space
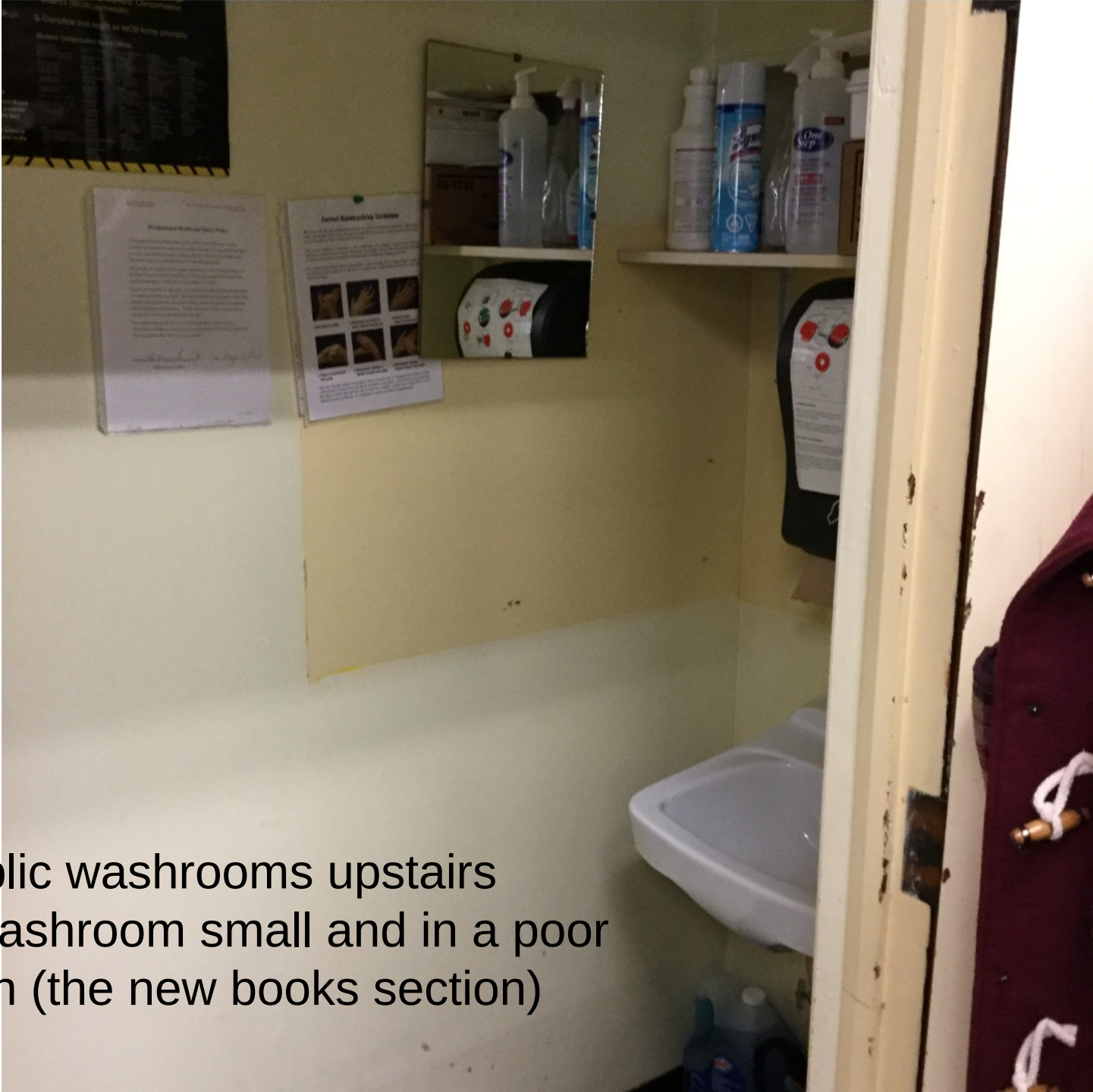- Circulation desks
- CEO office
- Bookkeeper

Circulation desks

Children's circulation desk is not child-friendly height

Adult desk – no separate place for volunteers to call hold items

No staff lunchroom space or secure places for storage of personal effects.

No public washrooms upstairs
Staff washroom small and in a poor location (the new books section)

Is there sufficient space to store book trucks loaded with materials?

Is the library a destination? Why? Why not?

Does the building have adequate ventilation?
Are there areas in the building that are too hot in the afternoon?

- Inconsistent temperatures throughout the building
- Children's room fireplace

Does noise carry through the building?

Yes – frequent requests for quiet areas or quiet meeting rooms

Are there physical barriers that make the building inaccessible, or difficult to access, for people with disabilities or the elderly?

Yes.
- No public washroom upstairs
- Parking
- Lower level entrance

Can the building accommodate the anticipated growth or changing demographics in your community's population?
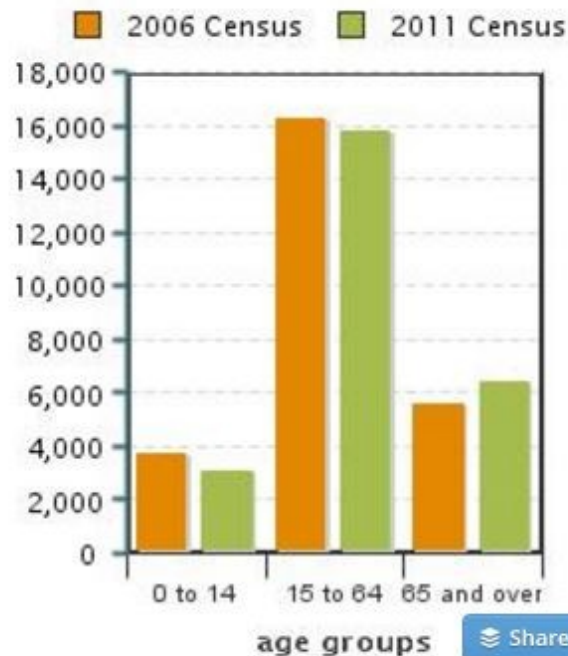

Age and sex

Prince Edward County, CY – Age distribution

Table 4 Prince Edward County, CY – Age distributions by broad age groups and sex, 2011 Census

Age groups	Both sexes	Males	Females
0 to 14	12.2%	12.8%	11.5%
15 to 64	62.6%	62.7%	62.6%
65 and over	25.2%	24.5%	25.9%

In 2011, the percentage of the population aged 65 and over in Prince Edward County, CY was 25.2%, compared with a national percentage of 14.8%. The percentage of the working age population (15 to 64) was 62.6% and the percentage of children aged 0 to 14 was 12.2%. In comparison, the national percentages were 68.5% for the population aged 15 to 64 and 16.7% for the population aged 0 to 14.

- Retirees
- Aging population
- Weekend residents
- School closures and bussing
- Work in Toronto, live in PEC / co-working spaces
- Creative rural economy – work from home entrepreneurs require spaces for meeting
- Work outside PEC and commute to Belleville, Trenton
- Competition of larger city centres for leisure activities
- Educational attainment
- Internet access (high speed)

Sightlines

"High quality customer service, public and staff safety, and effective management of the building all require unobstructed views of public spaces from all public service areas." Making the case. p. 5

Meeting Room

- Small
- Elevator access
- Not sound-proof
- No access after open hours
- No bookable study rooms
- No kitchen facilities

Square Footage Guidelines

SOLS

Standard for buildings serving 5,000 -15,000 people
Basic Level of Service 8,100 sq ft.
Enhanced 10,125 sq.ft.
Comprehensive 12,650 sq.ft.

Picton Branch Library 5,871 sq ft.

ARUPLO

Branches serving catchment areas of 5,000 – 10,00 population

Minimum 5,000 sq. ft. or 1 sq. ft. per capita in the library's catchment area, whichever is greater

Picton Branch Typical Week
2016
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Future of Library Service in Picton