



Port Moody
**Public
Library**

Library Space Needs

A Little History:



1995 – Library opens with 12,496.89 square feet (1161 m²)

2004 – Lack of space is identified as an issue

2005 – Cornerstone Planning Group completed the report:

Port Moody Public Library Space Needs Analysis: Proposed Long-Term Development Strategy & Interim Accommodation Strategy

Key Recommendation: 27,986 square feet (2,600 m²)

(assumes 20 year plan ending in 2025)

A Little More History...



2006 – Council approves formation of “Library Building Expansion Committee”

2007 – **Project Concept Statement – Library Building Expansion Project** approved by Council

2008 – Budget for “Library Building Project” included in 5 year capital plan 2008-2012

2009 – New Council does not prioritize library in strategic plan

And a Little More...



2010 – “Library Building Project” removed from 5 year capital plan

2017 – Resource Planning Group completed the report:

Functional Space Programming Report

Assessment: Library is only 43% the size it should be

Recommendation: 42,500 square feet (3948.37 m²)

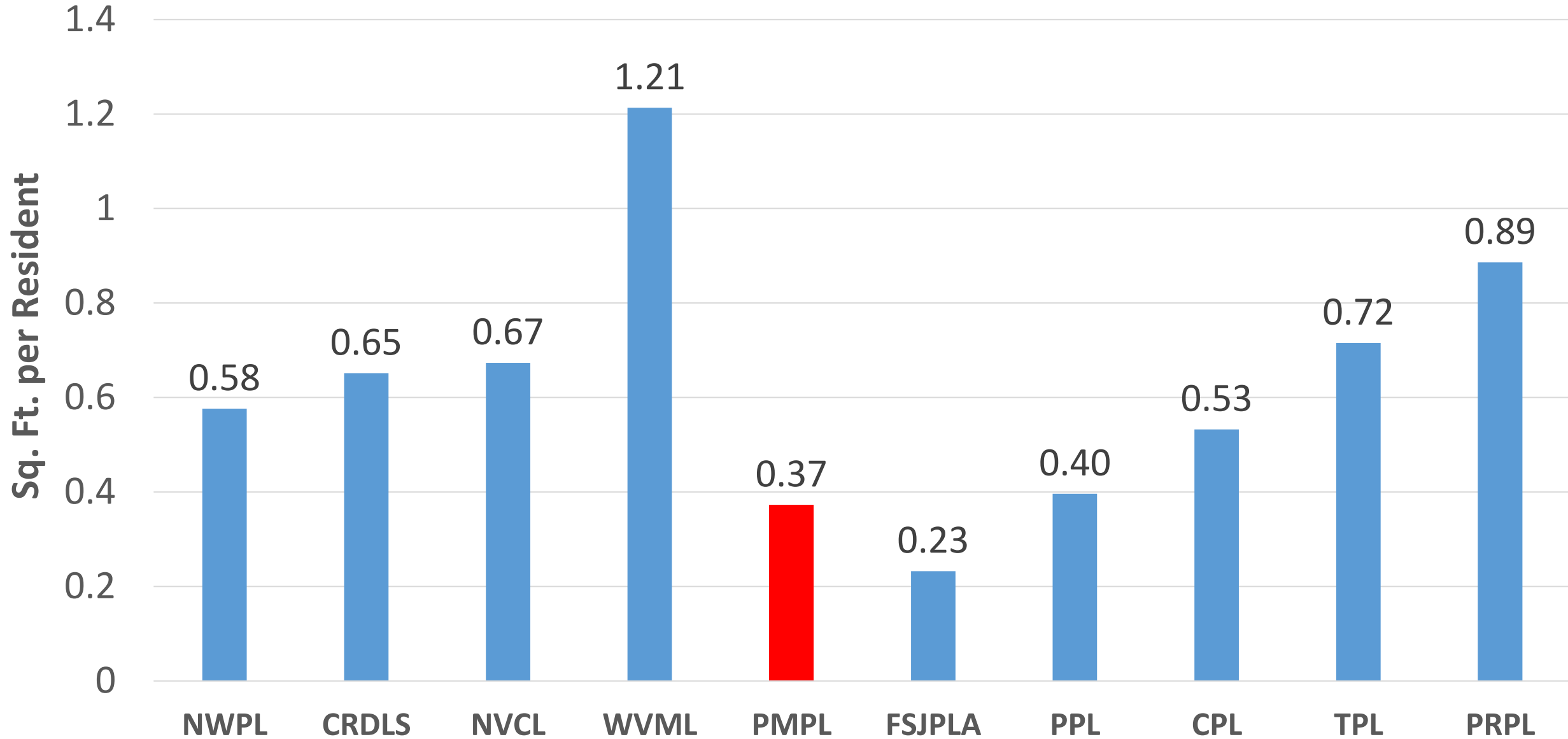
2017 – Council approves including library in the RFP for former Firehall site

2018 – Community Opinion Question: 52.5% no vs. 47.5% yes

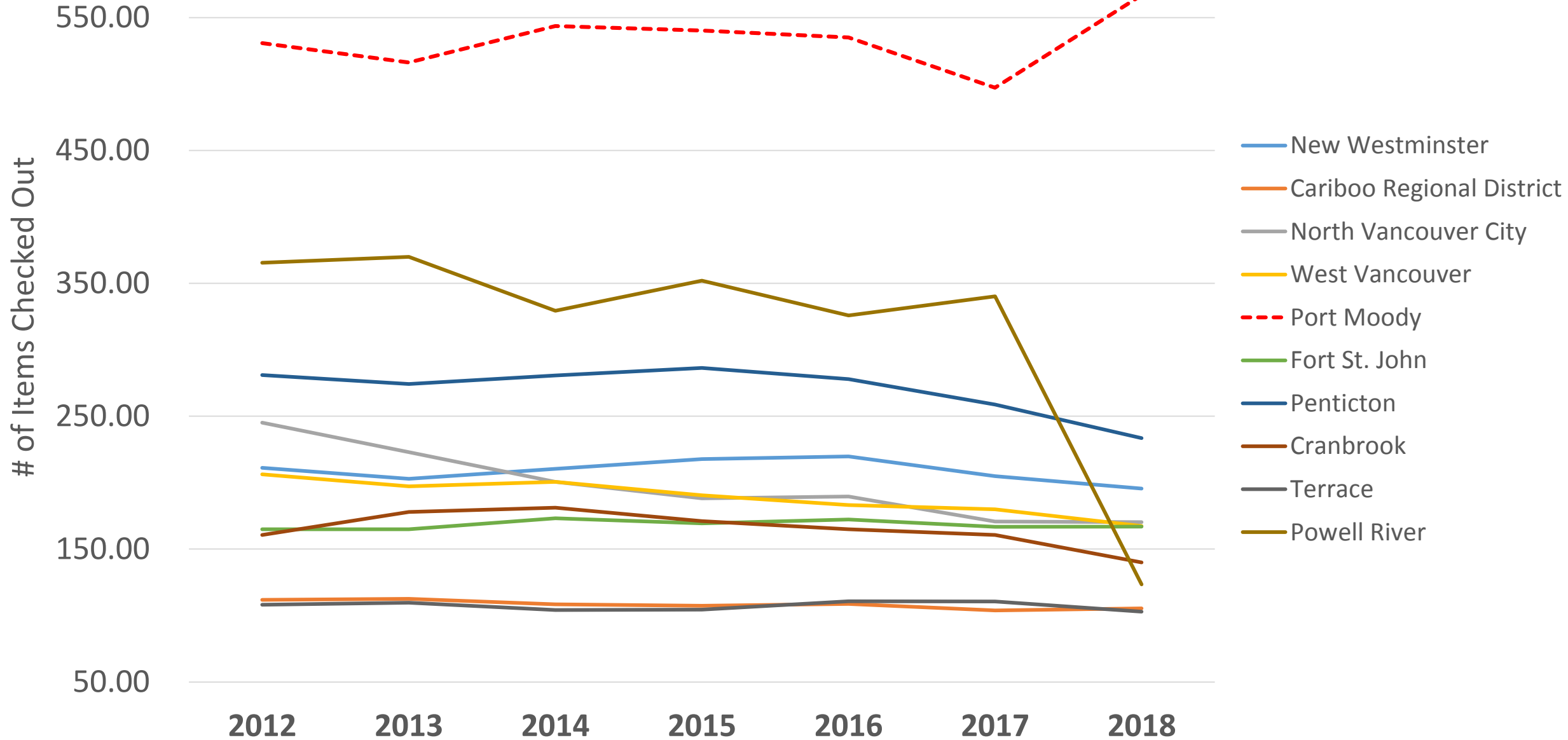


How do we know the library is too small?

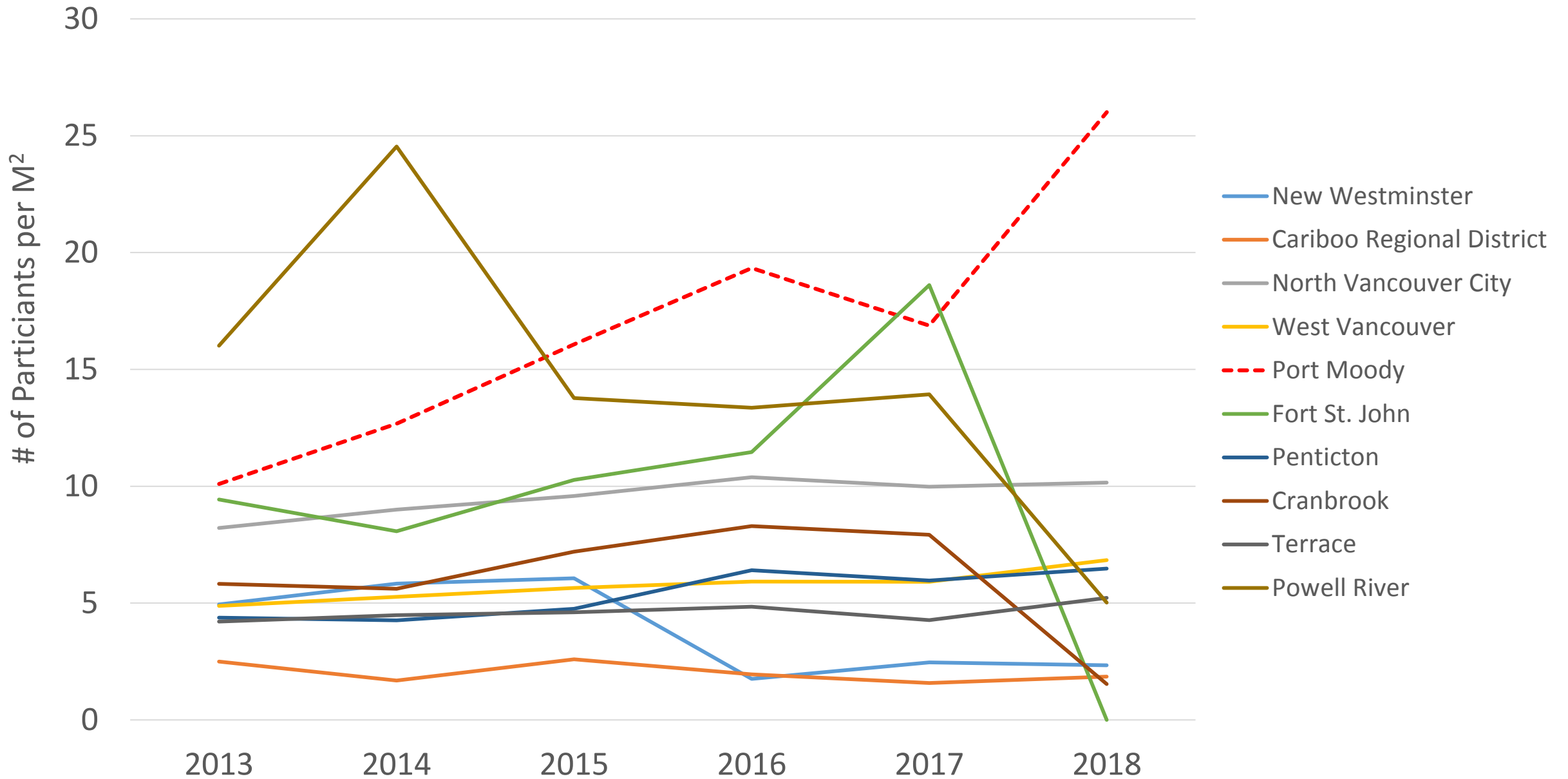
Per Capita Size of Libraries Serving BC Communities 19k to 72k



Circulation Per Square Meter



Program Participants Per Square Meter



Standard services we cannot offer:

- **Maker Spaces**
 - Collaborative work space
 - High and low tech tools (e.g. 3D printing, robotics, laser cutters, etc)
 - Teach, learn or foster entrepreneurship
- **Different types of lending collections**
 - E.g. Musical instruments, seeds, telescopes, puppets, knitting needles
- **Computer Training Labs**
- **Bookable meeting rooms**
- **Mobile Services**
- **Early Literacy Activity Centre**
- **Separate Children's Internet Stations**



What we struggle with:

- Library collections currently 20% too small
 - Graphic novels
 - Fantasy
 - Classics
- Library is too noisy because of crowded programs → Complaints
- Limiting the size of many programs (i.e. turning people away)
- Limiting internal promotions to avoid congestion
 - Book sale items
 - Signage and displays
- Limited seating for public



Our Values:

- Lifelong Learning
- Equity and Sharing
- Openness and Inclusion
- Intellectual Freedom
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Service Excellence



Value Proposition:

- High rate of literacy
- Knowledge creation
- Increased confidence
- Civic engagement
- Better public services
- Economic development
- Community development
- Increased prosperity



Library as Destination



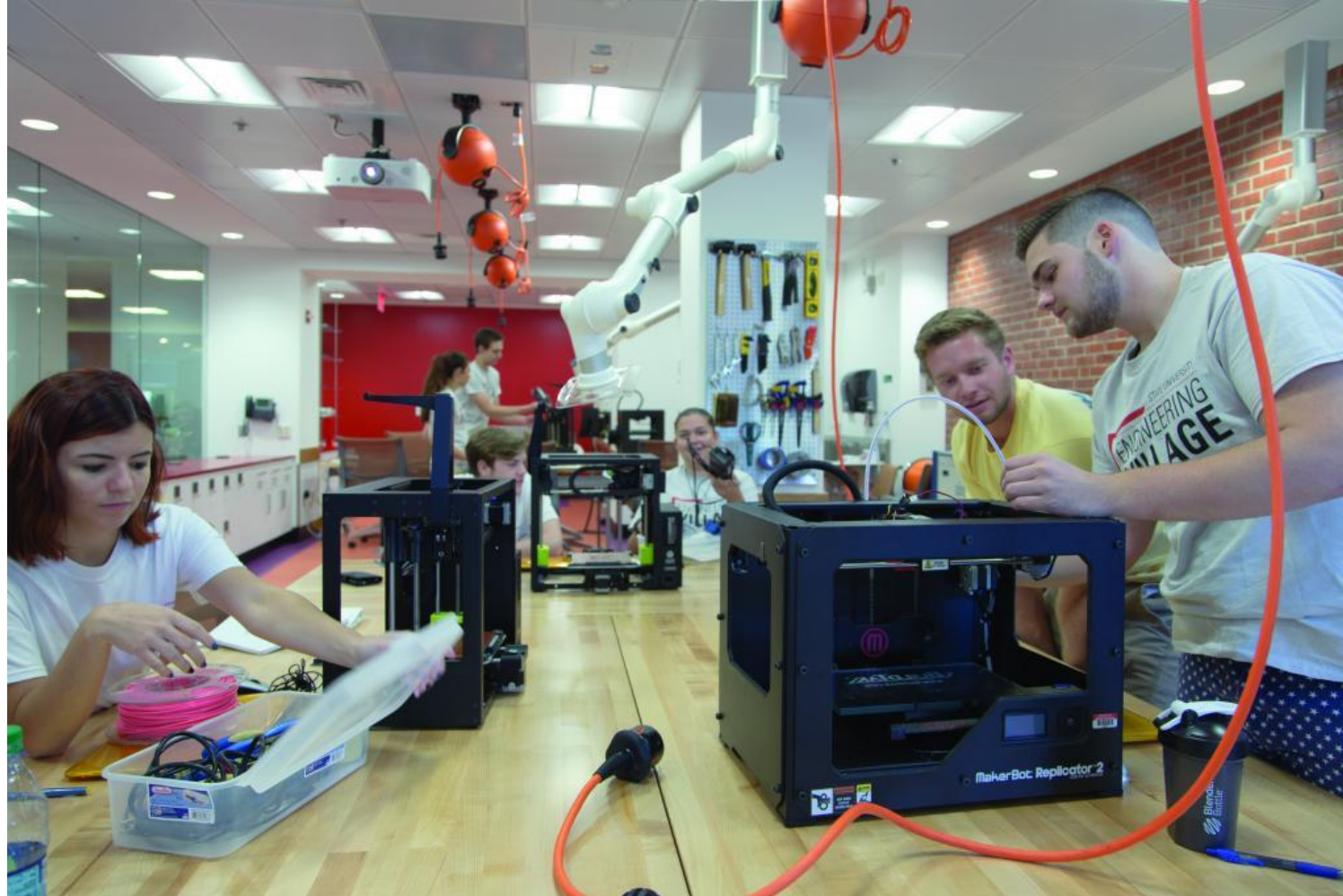
- Social
- Desirable
- Interesting

Library as Place for Community Engagement



- Collaboration
- Relationships
- Responsive Design

Library as Creation Space



- Learning
- Creating
- Innovation

Library as Place where Customer is First



- Convenient
- Comfortable
- Accessible

What we are asking for:

1. A new library facility
2. The new library to be located on the old Fire Hall lands
3. The new facility to be right sized for the next 25 years of use



What we are not asking for:

1. A second library branch
2. An expansion of the current facility
3. A location away from the Inlet Centre Campus

