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Strategic Plan Update - 2019 Focus Group Questions

- 1. What impact, contribution, or benefit do you want VBDL to bring to your community?
- 2. VBDL offers the following services:
 - a. Books and Audiobooks for all ages
 - b. Free feature films and television programs on DVD for all ages in addition to non-fiction DVDs
 - c. Computers with high-speed internet and Microsoft Office software available to the public for in-library use at all locations.
 - d. Free downloadable or streaming eBooks, audiobooks, films, television shows, music, and comic books for all ages from anywhere via Overdrive and Hoopla Digital
 - e. Free, live online tutoring and SAT test preparation from anywhere via Princeton Online Tutoring service
 - f. Free, live online job search, and résumé and cover letter help for all ages via Princeton Online Tutoring Service
 - g. Free online language instruction from Rocket Languages
 - h. Classes and events for all ages at all seven VBDL locations
 - i. Meeting and event rooms for use by non-profits and community organizations at five of VBDL's seven locations.
- 3. What services are important for a public library to offer the community?
 - a. Is there anything the Library doesn't offer that it should?
 - b. What were you not aware of that Van Buren District Library offers?
- 4. How are people finding out about services, events, classes, and activities at the library? How do you find out about VBDL's activities, events and services?
- 5. What are the barriers to library use and access?a. What would bring people in and overcome these barriers?
- 6. What improvements to our facilities might you suggest?
 - a. To our collections?
 - b. Events and classes?
 - c. Other
- 7. What do you envision as the future for public libraries?