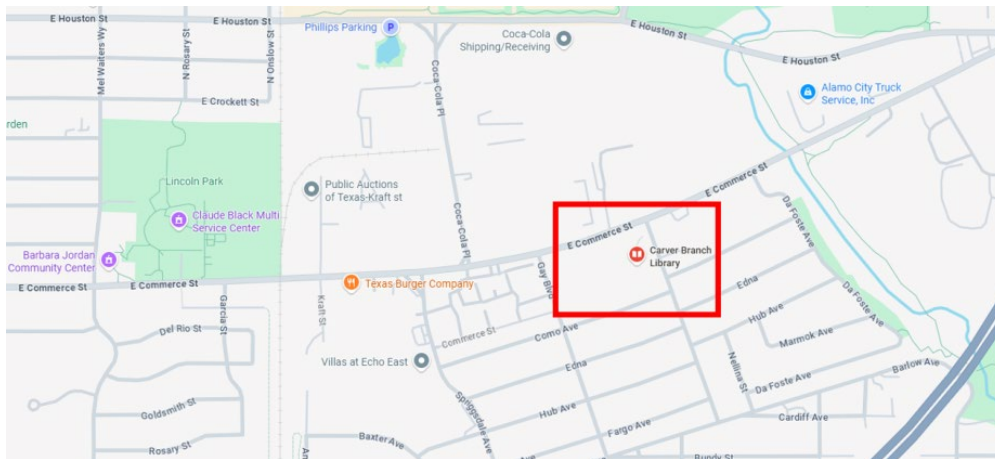


Carver Branch Library Public Art Opportunity

Date of Final Report: August 25, 2025

Arts & Culture Project Manager: Alyssa Franklin

Project Location: 3350 E Commerce St, San Antonio TX 78220



Funding Source: 2022-2027 Bond

Public Art Scope: design, fabrication, and installation of multiple indoor artworks as part of the Branch's renovation and expansion.



Goal of Engagement: Identify theme to be explored in the Public Art project's design.

Survey Dates: July 30 – August 24, 2025

Total Responses: 59

Marketing Strategy: The Department of Arts & Culture utilized social media outlets, email, and flyer mailers distributed to area residents and District 2 neighborhood associations. Staff held a community meeting at Carver Branch Library on August 5 and tabled in-person at the Branch during its 95th Anniversary Celebration to distribute online and paper surveys. Paper surveys were available in English and Spanish. Additionally, the survey was shared with the District 2 City Council office to heighten constituent reach, on San Antonio Public Library's social media channels, and in the Department of Arts & Culture's digital newsletter.

Target Audience: Carver Branch Library patrons, District 2 residents and businesses, area visitors, and the broader San Antonio community.

Results: The top themes chosen from Question 1 are:

- **Carver's Community: Celebrating the East Side's dynamic culture**
- **95 Years and Counting: recognizing the impact that Carver Branch Library has had over its 95-year history**

Question 2 asked:

“Please share a significant experience, story, or memory you have of Carver Branch Library and/or the nearby neighborhood.”

There were 41 responses to this question. The Department of Arts & Culture created summarized groupings of the responses to help better categorize them. The responses are broken into the sections with the summarized subcategories. The total results are included for each.

- Growing up at Carver:** childhood memories of the branch & neighborhood: **10**
- Utilizing Carver's resources,** such as taking classes and checking out books: **9**
- Carver as a staple of the neighborhood/community:** **8**
- Memories of the Carver from 1973** (when the current location on Commerce opened) and earlier (previous locations): **5**
- Attending events,** such as festivals and fundraisers, at the Carver: **4**
- Other:** **5**

Question 3 asked:

“Please select one benefit you think this artwork will bring to Carver Branch Library.”

There were 56 responses to this question.

- 39% of respondents shared they wanted the artwork to provide a “sense of community.”
- 34% of respondents shared they wanted the artwork to be an “educational opportunity.”

Question 4 asked:

“How do you interact with this space?”

There were 57 responses to this question. 60% of respondents shared they visit Carver Library.

Project Timeline:

Milestone	Completion Date
Project Initiation	November 2023
Community Engagement	August 2025
Artist Selection	Fall 2025
Design	Spring 2026
Fabrication & Installation	Winter 2027

Attachments:

- A. SASpeakUp Dynamic Report

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Department of Arts & Culture: Carver Branch Library Public Art

Project Engagement

VIEWS

305

PARTICIPANTS

61

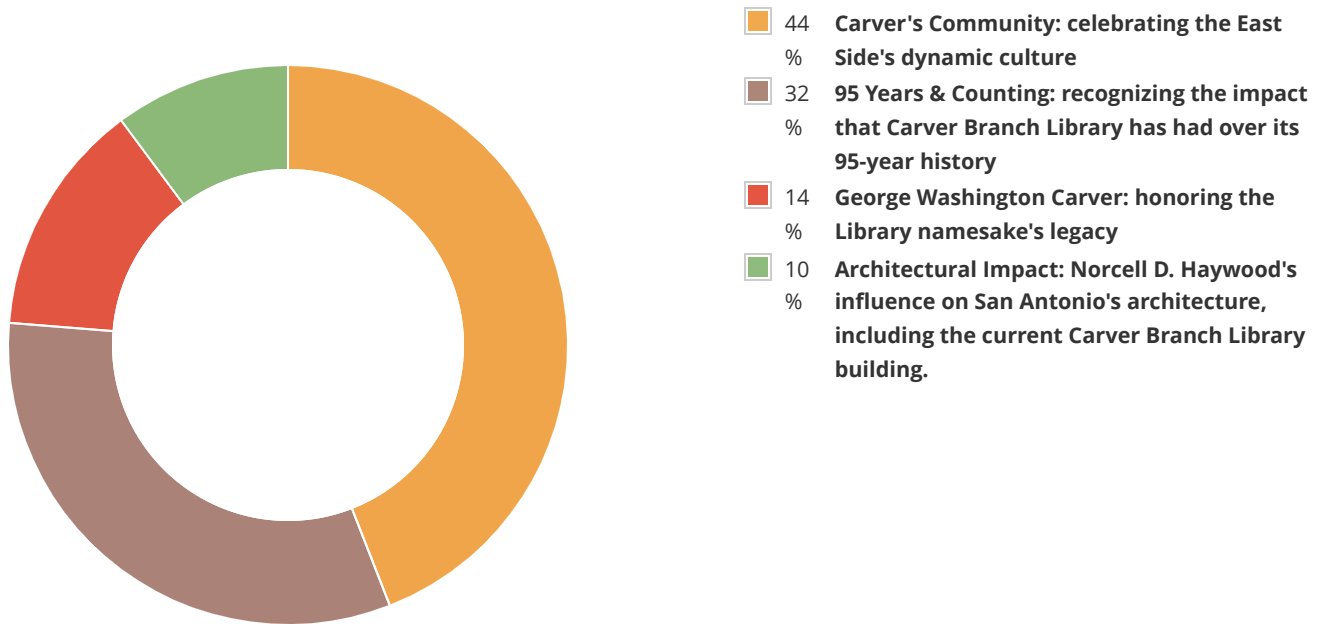
RESPONSES

425

COMMENTS

178

* 1. Please select the subject matter you would most like to see explored in the design of the artwork (Pick one)



59 respondents

2. Please share a significant experience, story, or memory you have of Carver Branch Library and/or the nearby neighborhood.

Among other things, my memory includes being a part of the initial staff in 1973. We were a close Staff that served the community with pride. Lead by Jane Kramer, Carver Library was the pride of the

2 days ago

As a child, I used the original Carver Library, on Hackberry. When the current Carver was built, I did not live in San Antonio.

3 days ago

The Carver Branch Library has always been my focal point for resources, programs and community involvement.

3 days ago

I want to see Sankofa artwork. A collage with G. W. Carver, P. Curry, N. Harwood D.L Grant, and a community of people reading, checking out books, studying, children and adults. Historic Bkck people

3 days ago

I would go to the carver often to finish out my homework throughout my early college years whenever home was too chaotic. It felt like peace & serenity, and the librarians were always so helpful.

3 days ago

Summertime was a exciting time for my siblings and me. We enjoyed coming to the library weekly with our mother to enhance our reading. It was life giving.

4 days ago

I was one of the Carvery Library's staff members when the library on Commerce opened in 1973. I was in college at the time at St Mary's Univ.

6 days ago

Business owner and love to see the Carver BL bring people back and into this community.

6 days ago

I haven't lived in SA long enough but I would the annual MLK march.

6 days ago

have attended several events

6 days ago

Going to my 1st MLK march earlier this year was a beautiful experience. Seeing so many people come together to celebrate history & equality was very moving.

6 days ago

Used to live near the library, check out books and use wifi

6 days ago

My very 1st library book was James Baldwin's "If Beal Street Could Talk". Langston Hughes & Maya Angelou was another author I was turned on to here.

6 days ago

new to the city

6 days ago

I have been a part of the Carver Branch Library since the age of 6.

6 days ago

They had a clothing drive that was for 2nd chance job seekers like me and it is because of that I was able to become gainfully employed.

6 days ago

The Carver is open for the community and children, encourages family and organizations a place to hold meetings.

6 days ago

There should be more than one theme [to choose from]

6 days ago

I grew up in this neighborhood and Carver Library has always been a part of my life.

6 days ago

The Carver has always been involved in the community. I remember going to the Hackberry location.

6 days ago

The many things that Carver provides, including classes in crocheting and computer classes.

6 days ago

Love community socialization with different cultures. Sharing craft like crocheting. Staff is very friendly and professional.

6 days ago

Me han enseñado a hacer crochet

6 days ago

Volunteer on fundraisers conducted by the Friends of the Carver to purchase items to enhance library programs.

6 days ago

As a teenager I always remember Carver Library as a safe place to be, and a nice place to study.

6 days ago

He visita la biblioteca con mis hijos desde que eran pequeños y ahora lo hago con mis nietos.

6 days ago

My experience is only good thing, Have 3 month worked here. The people here treat you like family.

6 days ago

When I would go to the old library on Hackberry Street. I enjoy going there. I am 74 years old.

6 days ago

Preserving the history and cultural legacy of the Carver Library is not just about archiving; it's about activating memory, honoring voices, and inspiring future generations.

7 days ago

This is my resource for eastside documentation/community involvement with like minds/experiences. Artwork must reflect contributions of George Washington Carver, Prudence Curry and Norcell Haywood.

9 days ago

Stable of the east side

12 days ago

Since I was 5 I've walked to the Carver for events or just to read & check out books. The Carver is a very significant part of my upbringing. I am now 55 years old.

13 days ago

I remember going to the Carver Library listening to fund raiders for HBCU Choirs.

16 days ago

I have visited the Carver library for a couple of Pan-African Festivals.

17 days ago

Carver is the place I'd come to when I had no other, after dropping out of highschool the after school clubs of the time were a social lifeline for me. Will always remember it fondly.

18 days ago

I have lived here all my life

18 days ago

Carver Branch Library was the first place I showcased my work from UTSA to my cultural community. To be honest, it felt like going back home.

20 days ago

I recently visited for the 95th celebration. my boys and I enjoyed the branch and activities

20 days ago

The librarians at the carver are an important part of the community and would love to continually support this branch when it reopens. We need this library please re open soon

22 days ago

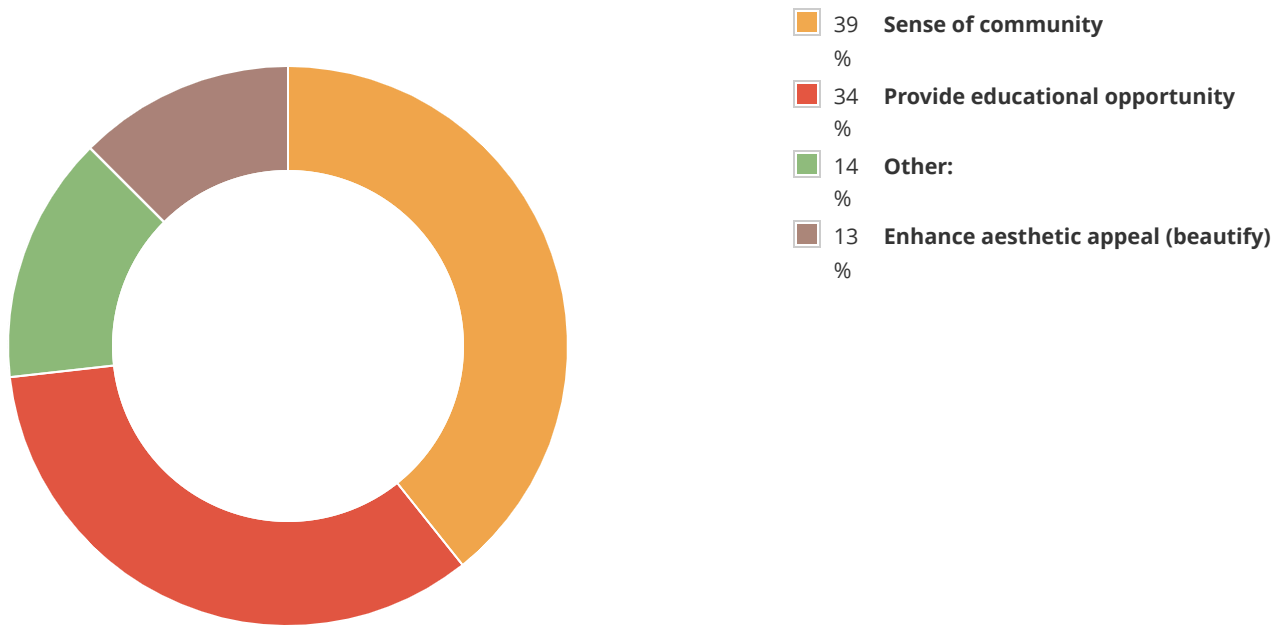
Carver Community Breakfasts, Community talk-back sessions to develop OHP's cultural context statement

22 days ago

The Library reflected a sampling of our City's population, a Cosmopolitan agrigate blending into an integrated fabric fused with a mortar of mutual cooperation and communal honor and mutual respect.

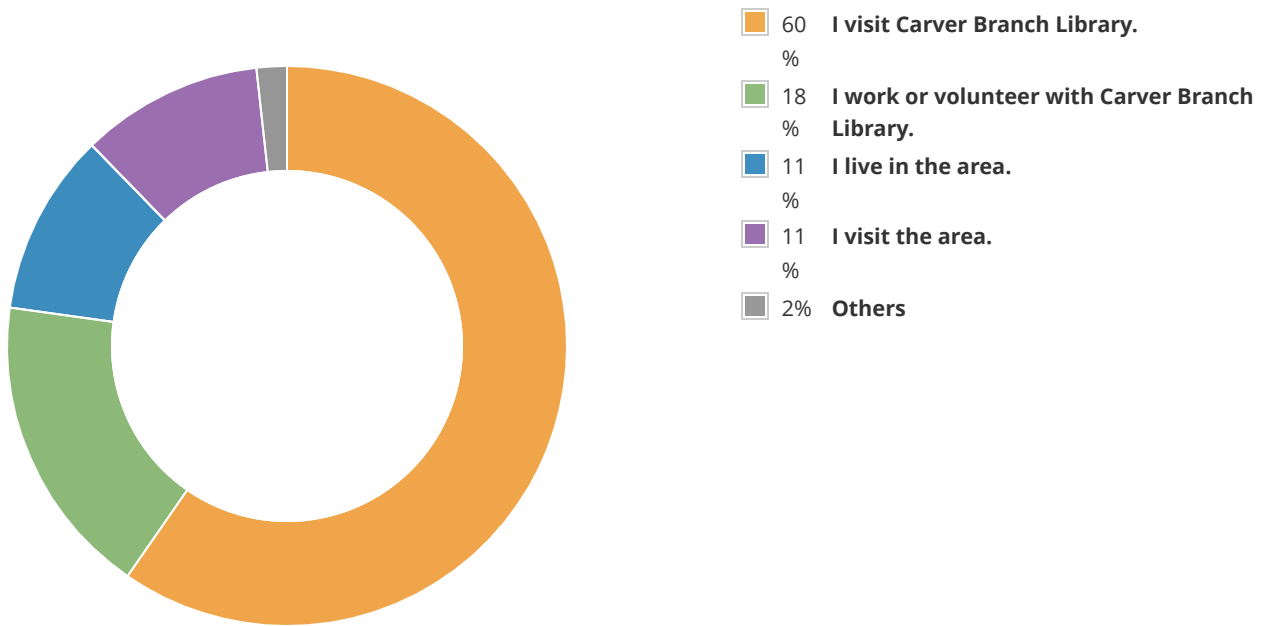
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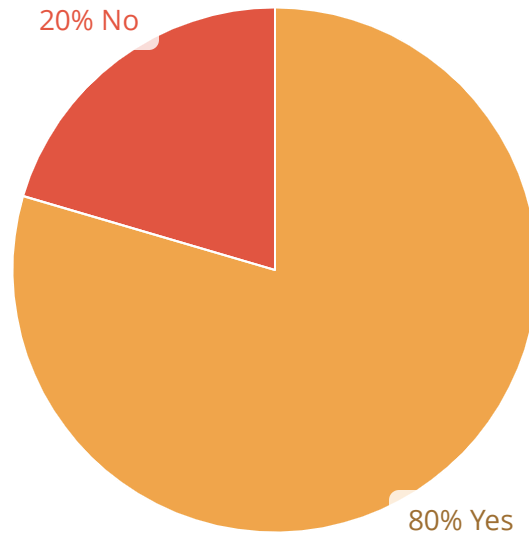
56 respondents

4. How do you interact with this space? (Select the answer that is the best fit.)



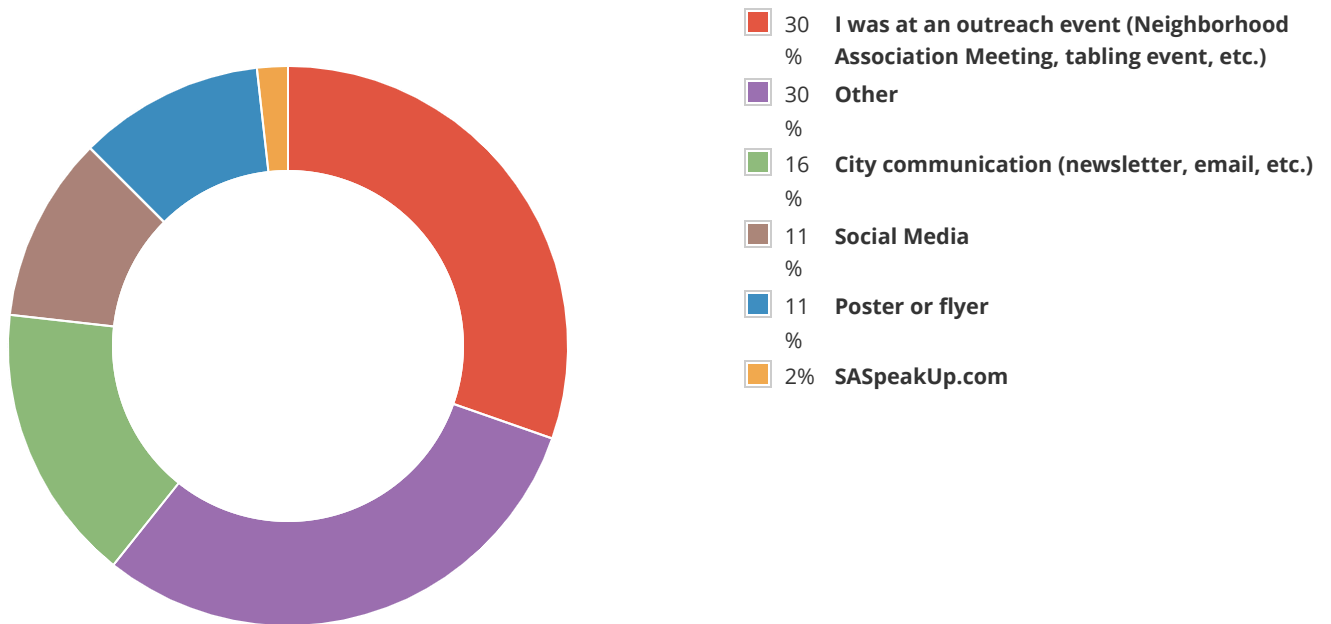
57 respondents

5. Do you want to stay informed on this public art project and possibly be involved in selecting the artist? If yes, please share your name and contact information in the demographics section. (Pick one)



44 respondents

6. How did you learn about this survey? (Pick one)



56 respondents