

III. COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVENTORY

A. CITY LIBRARY

The library facility is located on Hudson Street adjacent to the railroad and is housed in a one story masonry structure. The structure encompasses approximately 10,180 square feet. However, the useable floor area covers 9,100 square feet, of which about 5,100 square feet is used as reading area and for book display; 1,100 square feet for meeting rooms; 1,200 square feet for rest rooms and janitorial facilities; and approximately 1,800 square feet is used by the staff.

The 44,729 volumes are shelved on 2,500 linear feet of shelving. The library is open 46 hours per week and is free to residents. Parking is limited to fifteen (15) on-site parking spaces and approximately 50 spaces to be found on the adjacent public lot.

In addition to the normal book lending program, the City library maintains a lending service for records, games, art prints, 8 mm. films and posters. The Library also features showings of 16 mm. films and maintains a coin-operated copy machine for public use.

The Library reports that approximately 55% of the City's 1980 population were registered borrowers at the facility.

B. MEASUREMENT OF ADEQUACY

According to standards published by the American Library Association, a library serving a community of this size should have approximately 8,650 square feet of space and a book selection of approximately 39,000 volumes. Approximately 4,900 linear feet of shelving would be required to adequately shelve this number of volumes. The facility should also have approximately 1,950 square feet for reading area; 1,000 square feet of staff space; and 1,800 square feet of miscellaneous space which would be used for storage, lavatories, etc.

LIBRARY PLANNING

EXISTING FACILITIES VS PLANNING STANDARDS

	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>A. L. A</u> <u>STANDARD</u>	<u>DEVIATION</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>STANDARD</u>
VOLUMES (total)	44,729	39,141 vol.	+5,588
SHELF SPACE (linear ft.)	2,500	4,900 L.F.	-2,400
FLOOR SPACE FOR VOLUMES	3,350	3,900 S.F.	- 500
READER SPACE	1,650	1,950 S.F.	- 300
STAFF SPACE	1,800	1,000 S.F.	+ 800
MISCEL. SPACE (useable)	2,300	1,800 S.F.	+ 500
 TOTAL SPACE	 9,100	 8,650 S.F.	 + 450
 SEATS	 53	 65	 - 12
STAFF SIZE	7.5	7	+ 0.5
PARKING	55*	40	+ 15

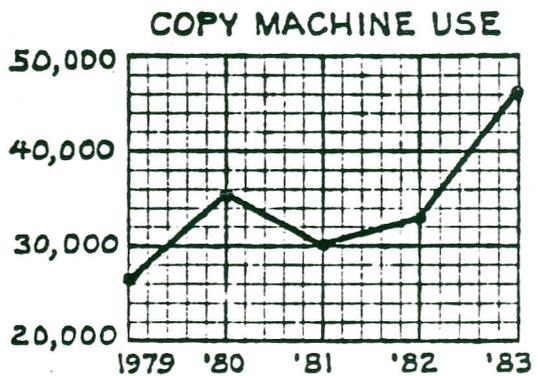
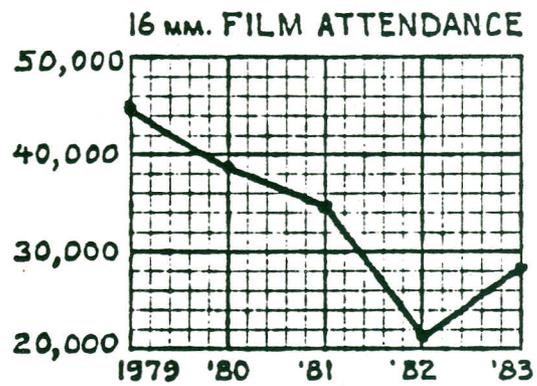
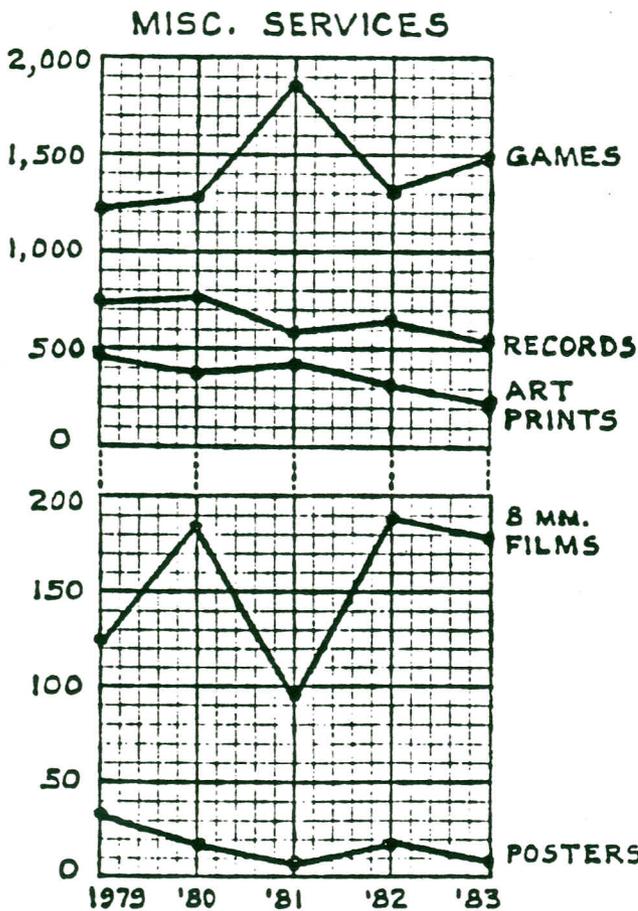
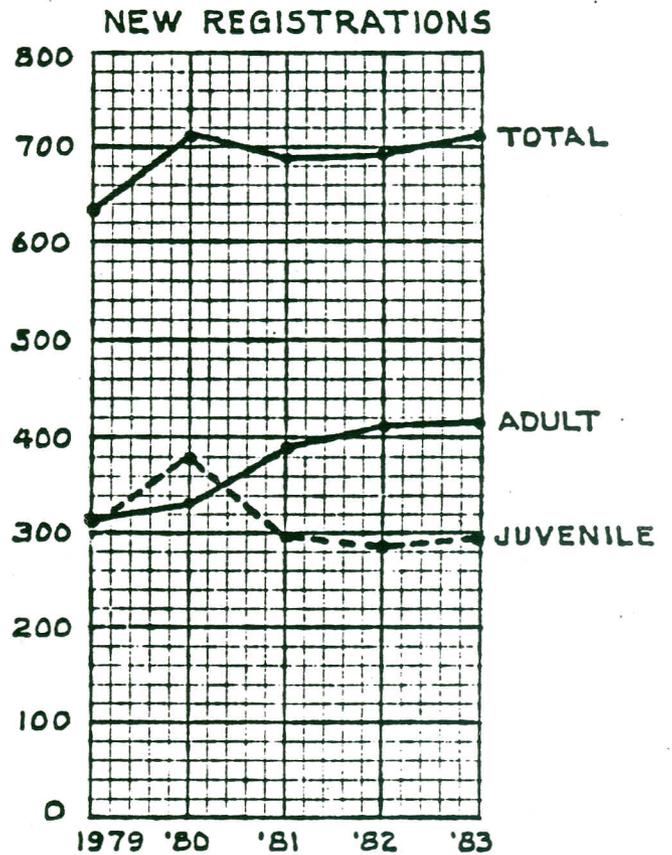
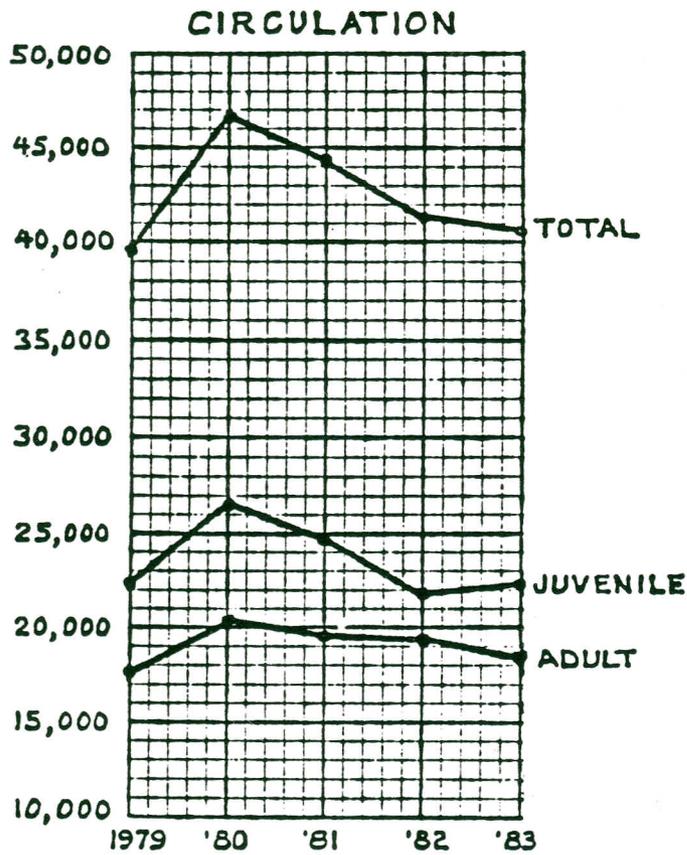
*Adjacent parking about 50 cars in public lot at Bergen and Monmouth Streets.

Based on accepted standards, the current facility appears to be well designed and amply stocked to meet the needs of a city the size of Gloucester City. The location is central and parking is ample and convenient.

GLOUCESTER CITY LIBRARY

1983 STATISTICS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>NEW REGISTRATIONS</u>
January	4,289	97
February	4,021	68
March	4,591	53
April	3,721	56
May	2,770	46
June	2,213	34
July	2,597	65
August	3,664	69
September	2,911	85
October	3,908	64
November	3,769	28
December	2,245	46
Totals	40,699	711
1982 Totals	41,248	695
1981 Totals	44,335	688
1980 Totals	46,878	712
1979 Totals	39,760	633



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