I use the South East Regional Library website (https://southeastlibrary.ca/) on a regular basis.

The primary functionality of the library website is to allow users to do the following:

1. Allow users to search media (books, movies, etc.).
2. Allow authenticated users to reserve books for pick-up at the library.
3. Communicate information about the library and the libraries programs and services to users.
   a. Apps
   b. Events
   c. Kids Programs
   d. Promote New Books/Movies in the library
   e. Hours of Operation
   f. Location/Contact Information for Library Branches
   g. Access Digital Content

Positive library site allows users to access information and interact with the libraries catalogue to accomplish account management functions. The colour palette that they have used to implement the layout is reasonable and not overly loud or offensive. I can also tell by looking at the page source that the implementers have used the drupal CMS to provide administrative functions to the library staff. Additionally the developers have a nice auto complete/type ahead function that assists the user with searching the libraries catalogue.

Negatively the layout and design of the website is not optimized for mobile users, the interface is responsive but I find that it does not scale and work well on my phone, as such I prefer to use it on my computer. From an aesthetic perspective the interface and layout looks old and formulaic, it looks like it might be a template downloaded from a site and just applied to the libraries CMS. Additionally I have noted by using it the content the library is serving is frequently out of date and the website promotes catalogue titles that are not available for checkout. Also it would be nice if the system would recommend similar titles that I might like more like Amazon or Netflix.

Two examples of similar websites that appear to have similar features implemented in more user friendly and aesthetic manner are the Regina Public Libraries site and the Saskatoon Public Libraries site. I like the Regina Public Libraries site as it has a better site map/organization of information, and the Saskatoon Public Library has a much better colour scheme and a more immersive layout for users. The Regina Library seems to also feature more topical content when I search it. I believe that if the South East Regional Library implements their website they should look to these two sites for inspiration.