

## Brier Community Library



*The Brier Library  
has a homey,  
neighborhood feel.*

### Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

### Reasoning

The Brier Library is well-suited to its community.

- Strong community interest was indicated for the library to retain its neighborhood atmosphere.
- Anticipated population growth in the area will be accommodated by its current size and proximity to nearby libraries.
- Brier Library customers also visit the nearby and larger Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood libraries.



### Current Library

The Brier Library was built in 1996 and operates as a small, neighborhood library.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 60,762 materials and averaged 17 visitors per hour. The library is well-used by the community.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 2.1 miles to reach the Brier Library. Only 8 percent of customers live more than five miles away from the library.

- **Size:** The Brier Library is 2,840 square feet. The library currently serves 11.7 people per square foot and is expected to serve 13.4 people per square foot by 2025.

### **Growth Impacts**

The area surrounding the Brier Library will be the second densest area in the library district with a population density of 77 people per 10 acres by 2025. Although Brier had approximately 6,358 residents in 2015, there are 30,000 people living within the Library Geographic Region.

### **Community Response**

The final recommendation reflects the consideration of input, comments and feedback received from community members and leaders during initial and later outreach phases. Sno-Isle Libraries heard the following general themes from this community:

- The library is valuable to the community.
- The current facility works for the community, however, a meeting room and/or discrete group study areas would be beneficial.
- The “homey” environment of the library is appreciated by customers.

### **Key Theme**

Brier customers like the library’s small footprint and neighborhood ambience. The library is appropriate to meet the needs of the community although there was interest expressed in adding a meeting room or space for group study.