

Camano Island Community Library



The Camano Library (left) is the newest facility in the library district and recently won an architectural award. Youth programming (below) is popular.

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

Camano Island Library opened in 2015 replacing a library demonstration project in a nearby storefront. Public comments collected for this plan indicate the current facility meets the community's needs. The following factors were also considered:

- The library is located near several businesses and restaurants and an Island Transit station.
- The library district completed an extensive outreach process on Camano Island when designing the facility to ensure the library size and features would meet community needs.



Current Library

The Camano Island Library was built in 2015. The library offers a community meeting room, a reading room and space for material and media collections.

- **Use:** In 2014, while housed in a temporary location, the library circulated a total of 118,989 materials and averaged 27 visitors per hour.

- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 6.2 miles to reach the Camano Island Library. Half (50 percent) of Camano Island’s customers live more than five miles from the library.
- **Size:** The Camano Island Library is 4,900 square feet. The library currently serves 3.3 people per square foot and is expected to serve 3.4 people per square foot by 2025.

Growth Impacts

The area surrounding the Camano Island Library is expected to grow 3 percent with a population density of five people per 10 acres by 2025.

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:

- Maintain the quality of the new facility through ongoing maintenance.
- The new library is an important community resource.
- The library is easy to access.
- The library has a comfortable atmosphere and employs helpful staff.
- Consider offering more or different resources in the current library.

Key Theme

The new library is appropriate to meet the needs of the community.