

Clinton Community Library



Full bloom on this day at the Clinton Library (left). Some younger customers refer to it as the “tea-set library” (below).

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Clinton Library operates within a modular building which was moved to the current site in 2000.

Community comments indicate an interest in expanding or renovating the current facility. However, it is uncertain additional space is available at the site.

This plan recommends the Clinton, Langley, and Freeland libraries be considered collectively to serve residents of the combined areas. Data shows significant customer cross-use of all three libraries by south Whidbey Island residents.

The library district is open to supporting local capital fundraising efforts.



Current Library

The Clinton Library is one of three community-based libraries serving south Whidbey Island.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 49,259 materials and averaged 17 visitors per hour.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 4.8 miles to reach the Clinton Library. Almost a quarter (24%) of current customers live more than five miles away from the library.
- **Size:** The Clinton Library is 1,296 square feet. The library currently serves 4.9 people per square foot and is expected to serve 5.0 people per square foot by 2025.

Growth Impacts

South Whidbey Island is expected to have a population of 19,750 and the library is expected to serve a population density of three people per 10 acres by 2025. This reflects an anticipated population growth of 3 percent.

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 Clinton Library was described as a community hub.
- A meeting or event space is needed.
- The need to rent Progressive Hall to house library activities and the Friends' book sale was mentioned as a reason for a larger library.
- The parking lot is too small and there is a lack of street parking.
- There is a diversity of opinion on the adequacy of the current facility.
- There is community interest in expanding and renovating the facility.

Key Theme

The community has mixed sentiments on the adequacy of the current facility.