Coupeville Community Library

The Coupeville Library (left) serves central Whidbey Island residents. Youth programming is a popular draw (below).

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Coupeville Library is well-sized to accommodate projected population growth. Public comments collected for this plan indicate that the current facility meets the community's needs. The following factors were also considered:

- The Coupeville Library has solar panels and a rain garden to help offset energy costs.
- The library is located two blocks from the historic business district.

Current Library

The Coupeville Library was expanded in 2010. It includes a meeting room, reading room, a teen area and has more computers than other facilities of its size.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 142,292 materials and averaged 51 visitors per hour.

- **Access:** On average, current customers travel seven miles to reach the Coupeville Library. Over one third (41 percent) of Coupeville's customers live more than five miles from the Library.
- **Size:** The Coupeville Library was built in 1988 and expanded in 2010 to its current 6,000 square feet. The library currently serves 1.5 people per square foot and is forecast to serve 1.6 people per square foot by 2025.

Growth Impacts

By 2025, the area surrounding the Coupeville Library is expected to grow by 4 percent. Coupeville is anticipated to have a population density of three people per 10 acres in 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:

- The community appreciates the current library and its services.
- It is important for the library to have comfortable reading areas and meeting rooms.
- The 2010 building project successfully addressed the community's needs.

Key Theme

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