

Edmonds Community Library



The Edmonds Library (left) offers great views of Puget Sound. Partner programs such as Bikes for Books (below) donated by area Freemasons are popular.

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Edmonds Library is well-sized for the community and can accommodate projected population growth. The following factors were also considered:

- Shared public parking lots in a busy downtown area make parking a challenge for library customers.
- The popularity of the community meeting and event space located directly above the library limits the library's opportunities to use the space for library programs.
- Expandability of the building on the site is uncertain.

Current Library

The Edmonds Library was built in 1982.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 382,188 materials and averaged 75 visitors per hour.



- **Access:** On average, current customers travel three miles to reach the Edmonds Library. Less than a quarter (13 percent) of Edmonds’s customers live over five miles from the Library.
- **Size:** The Edmonds Library is 20,000 square feet. The library currently serves 1.9 people per square foot. With anticipated population growth, the library would serve 2.3 people per square foot by 2025.

Growth Impacts

The area surrounding the Edmonds Library is expected to grow 18 percent, with a forecast population density of thirty-four 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 library is convenient and centrally located.
- Inadequate parking is a major concern, especially for those with disabilities.
- Needs expressed for additional space for meeting room/events, more comfortable reading areas, shelving for collection, and additional quiet study areas.
- Public restrooms need to be remodeled and/or improved.
- Additional improvements would help maintain the library’s important role as a community space.
- Noise mitigation is needed as sound carries throughout the facility.

Key Theme

The library is viewed as a community center and a hub of activity. The current library is generally appropriate to meet the needs of the community, with interest in addressing parking, and a variety of interior space needs.