



The Granite Falls Library (left) is close to schools and a residential area. Programs such as “Reading with Rover” (below) are popular.

Granite Falls Community Library

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Granite Falls Library can accommodate projected population growth and meets the community’s needs. The following factors were considered:

- The library is located in proximity to multiple schools, the Boys and Girls Club and a large residential development.
- The library has meeting room space for community groups and library programs.
- The community has a large number of residents who travel or commute elsewhere in the county.

Current Library

The library was built in 2001 and serves a large geographic area. The parking lot was expanded in 2013.



- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 126,559 materials and averaged 30 visitors per hour.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel five miles to reach the Granite Falls Library. More than a quarter (29%) of Granite Falls' customers live over five miles from the Library.
- **Size:** The Granite Falls Library is 6,534 square feet. Based on population density, the library currently serves 3.8 people per square foot. The library is forecast to serve 4.4 people per square foot by 2025.

Growth Impacts

The area surrounding the Granite Falls Library is expected to grow 16 percent by 2025. The majority of population growth is expected to occur around the City of Granite Falls.

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 and parking are appropriate for the community.
- The library is convenient to get to, has a comfortable atmosphere and employs helpful staff.
- Additional quiet study space would be useful.

Key Theme

The current library is appropriate to meet the needs of the community, with interest expressed for more quiet study space.