Marysville Community Library

The Marysville Library (left) includes a Creative Tech Center. Lego robotics (below) is a popular program at the tech center.

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

Projected population growth can be accommodated by the current facility. Population growth is projected for the area north of Marysville and this plan recommends the Marysville Library, a new Arlington Library and library services in the Lakewood/Smokey Point area be considered collectively to serve residents of the combined areas.

Current Library

The Marysville Library was built in 1995 and ownership of the facility was transferred to the library district in 2015. It has a creative tech center that specializes in consumer technology including computers and digital conversion equipment. The Marysville Library has meeting rooms for community groups and library programs

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 626,315 materials and averaged 90 visitors per hour.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 4.8 miles to reach the library. Thirty-three percent of current customers live more than five miles away from the library.

- **Size**: The Marysville Library is 23,000 square feet. The library currently serves 3.1 people per square foot. By 2025, the library is expected to serve 4.0 people per square foot.

Growth Impacts

The area around Arlington and Marysville is anticipated to have a population of 123,497 and a population density of 11 people per 10 acres by 2025. This reflects an anticipated population growth of 16 percent. Data and community feedback indicated that considering these areas collectively would lead to more appropriate recommendations for future library facilities. The majority of the anticipated growth in Arlington and Marysville is expected to occur in the Lakewood/Smokey Point area, where increased growth and density is currently occurring and expected to continue. Sno-Isle Libraries is proposing to establish new library service in the Lakewood/Smokey Point area which will also be available to current Marysville Library customers.

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 a community asset, important to the quality of life, and has kept up with the pace of change and growth in Marysville.
- The library is an appropriate size for the community and has a spacious and comfortable feel.
- The new Creative Technology Center at the library is an asset.
- The Marysville Library is used by residents from nearby communities (Arlington and Lake Stevens) whose local libraries are too small to meet residents' needs.
- Additional quiet study and reading areas, as well as additional titles and browsing resources would be appreciated.
- Make use of the grassy areas outside the library building, such as tables or benches for people to sit, read or study.

Key Theme

The current facility is considered appropriate to meet the needs of the community, with interest expressed in quiet and reading areas, inside and outside the facility.