

Mountlake Terrace Community Library



The Mountlake Terrace Library (left) is close to I-5 and a public transit center. Business-related programming in the library (below) is popular.

Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Mountlake Terrace Library is one of the most accessible facilities in the district. It is located close to Interstate-5 and a public transit center. The library can accommodate projected population growth and public comments collected for this plan indicate that the current facility meets the community's needs.

Current Library

The Mountlake Terrace Library was built in 1988.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 183,465 materials and averaged 42 visitors per hour.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 3.1 miles to reach the Mountlake Terrace Library. Fifteen percent of customers live more than five miles away from the library.
- **Size:** The Mountlake Terrace Library is 12,842 square feet in size. Based on population density, the library currently serves 1.3 people per square foot. With anticipated population growth, by 2025 the library would serve 1.7 people per square foot.



Growth Impacts

Over the next 10 years, population in the area is projected to grow by 27 percent with a population density of 84 people per 10 acres. Sno-Isle Libraries expects that the current library can accommodate this increase in new 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 valued as a significant community resource.
- Customers are satisfied with the size of the building, parking availability and the comfortable atmosphere.
- It is important to provide a wide variety of resources for browsing such as books, magazines, media and ebooks.
- The availability of computers and printers are important to customers.
- More quiet reading and study spaces are needed.
- Readjust or change the interior to improve natural lighting, comfortable seating and reduce noise levels.

Key Themes

The current facility meets most community needs and is conveniently located. Interest was expressed in reconfiguring space in the facility to provide additional quiet reading and study spaces, improved natural lighting, comfortable seating and reduced noise levels.