

## Mukilteo Community Library



*The Mukilteo Library (left) is close to schools and nature trails. Proximity to public schools draws school-age customers.*

### Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

### Reasoning

The Mukilteo Library can accommodate population growth forecast during this period. Community comments indicate an interest in expanding or renovating the current facility. However, it is uncertain additional space is available at the site. The library district is open to supporting local capital fundraising efforts.

### Current Library

The Mukilteo Library is located close to an elementary school, a middle school and a high school.



- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 454,372 materials and averaged 86 visitors per hour. Students from nearby schools are heavy users of the library.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 3.5 miles to reach the Mukilteo Library. Sixteen percent of customers live more than five miles away from the library.
- **Size:** The Mukilteo Library is 15,000 square feet. Based on population density, the library currently serves 2.2 people per square foot. With anticipated population growth, by 2025 the library would serve 2.7 people per square foot.

### **Growth Impacts**

Mukilteo is anticipated to have a population of 40,358 and a population density of 23 people per 10 acres by 2025. This reflects an anticipated population growth of 20 percent. This growth will make Mukilteo one of the fastest growing areas in the library district over the next 10 years.

The library is heavily used by school-age customers and this will likely continue over the next 10 years. Offering adequate study and meeting space for teens while accommodating other users will be important to meet the needs of the Mukilteo community.

### **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 vital community asset and enhances the quality of life.
- Respondents are divided between maintaining the current building as is and expanding at the site.
- There is a high level of satisfaction with this facility.
- The children's area is undersized for the population it serves.
- There is interest in adding study rooms, quiet areas, more technology spaces, increased shelving for collection, and dedicated teen/tween areas.
- Noise, overcrowding after school and inadequate parking are concerns.

### **Key Theme**

The current facility is well-used and considered appropriate to meet the needs of the community, with interest expressed in adding study rooms, quiet areas, additional space for teens and younger customers, as well as additional parking.