

Snohomish Community Library



The Snohomish Library (left) is on the Centennial Trail. Library customers find a diverse collection of titles on library shelves (below).

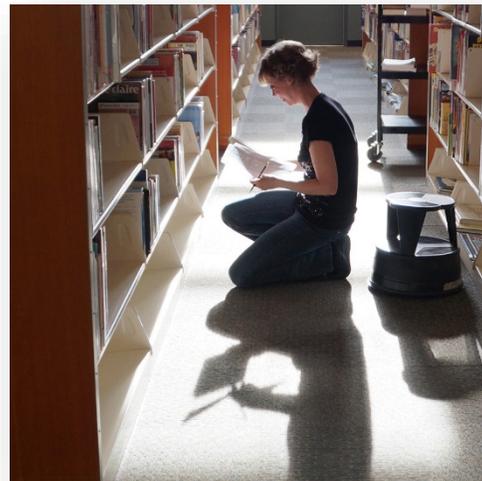
Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

Reasoning

The Snohomish Library can accommodate projected population growth and meets the community's needs. The following factors were also considered:

- High volume of visitors and program attendees signify that the library is well-used by the community.
- The Snohomish Library is located near a Boys and Girls Club and a senior center that provide additional programming and event space for the community.



Current Library

The Snohomish Library was built in 2003 and has a meeting room for community groups and library programs. The library is the East Region Reference Center and has a special collection focused on the arts, humanities and genealogy.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 496,486 materials and averaged 80 visitors per hour. Programs at the Snohomish Library are popular, with one of the highest 2014 program attendance numbers in the library district.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 5.2 miles to reach the Snohomish Library. Forty-two percent of customers live more than five miles away from the library.
- **Size:** The Snohomish Library is 23,000 square feet. The library currently serves 2.0 people per square foot. By 2025, the library is expected to serve 2.3 people per square foot.

Growth Impacts

The population is expected to reach approximately 52,212 residents, with a population density of 11 people per 10 acres by 2025. This reflects an anticipated population growth of 16 percent. This growth is expected to occur east of the City of Snohomish.

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:

- Words such as “awesome” and “fantastic” were used to describe the library building, the parking, and available resources.
- Comfortable reading and quiet study spaces are appreciated.
- The library is spacious and comfortable with beautiful lighting.
- The library is used by residents of nearby communities, such as Mill Creek and Lake Stevens.

Key Themes

The current facility is appropriate to meet the needs of the community. The library serves as regional resource and draws customers from other communities who may be closer to smaller, more crowded facilities. It is important to the community that the library continues to offer a large collection of books and electronic media.