



*The Sultan Library (left) is on the first floor with City Hall offices on the second floor. The library is a destination for families in the rural area (below).*

## Sultan Community Library

### Recommendation

Maintain the current facility.

### Reasoning

The Sultan Library can accommodate projected growth estimates for the community. The library is close to several schools and well-sized for the community and projected population growth. Public comments collected for this plan indicate that the current facility meets the community's needs.

### Current Library

The Sultan Library was built in 1999. The library has access to a City Hall meeting room for community meetings and library programs.

- **Use:** In 2014, the library circulated a total of 108,057 materials and averaged 35 visitors per hour.
- **Access:** On average, current customers travel 5.5 miles to reach the Sultan Library. About 42



percent of customers live more than five miles away from the library.

- **Size:** The Sultan Library is 4,400 square feet. Based on population density, the library currently serves 5.1 people per square foot. With anticipated population growth, by 2025 the library would serve 6.1 people per square foot.

### **Growth Impacts**

The area surrounding the Sultan Community library is anticipated to have a population of 24,277 and a population density of one person per acre by 2025. This reflects an anticipated population growth of 20 percent.

### **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 current location is convenient and easy to access.
- It is an important resource for the community.
- There is some concern about future space needs.
- Some respondents asked for more quiet areas or a small study room.
- There was also a request for more titles and library materials.
- There was some interest in satellite library service in areas east of Sultan.
- Meeting room scheduling can be challenging.

### **Key Theme**

The current facility is considered appropriate to meet the needs of the community.