

Fremont Branch

Opened in 1921, this unique Carnegie library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and named a landmark building by Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board. It features gable and hip roofs, clay roof tiles and stucco cladding, ornamental metal and arched openings. Remodeled in 2005 as part of Libraries for All, the branch is a historic portal to Library service, which dates back to 1902 when The Seattle Public Library took over the Fremont Reading Room Association.

Needs: Adding Sunday hours and on-site reference staff mean Fremont residents will no longer need to travel to other neighborhoods for access to Library services. Computers and printers essential to support students, job seekers and others will be upgraded and the collection of books and materials and online services improved. Funding for regular building maintenance of this historic Carnegie building is also included.

What this means for patrons:

- Open 1-5 p.m. Sunday
- Restore basic on-site reference staff
- Add books, electronic books, movies and music and reduce wait times, especially for popular titles
- Expand children's collection of books systemwide to support early literacy and early learning
- Eliminate one-week systemwide closure
- Upgrade technology services, including computers, software, printers, copiers, online services and infrastructure
- Increase maintenance, including specialized cleaning and furniture care, periodic restroom updates, major maintenance

Programs:

Book group

Currently open:

Five days a week

Special features:

During the Libraries for All building renovation, the Library coordinated with Seattle Parks and Recreation to add a wheelchair ramp that leads from an adjacent park to the branch's lower-level meeting room.

After open hours at the Fremont Branch were reduced in 2010, the branch saw a decline in visits from 136,235 to 78,167.



At a Glance 2011

- 78,167 patron visits
- 166,350 materials checked out
- 13 public computers
- 76 community meetings

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