

## Montlake Branch

The Montlake Branch stands at the heart of the neighborhood and is a community hub where friends and neighbors meet. Community groups book the meeting room for local events and people of every age fill the branch. The branch offers story time, teen book games, and an adult book group. People who study or work at the nearby University of Washington campus regularly use the branch for educational resources, study space, to pickup holds or for Wi-Fi access. With the budget reductions in 2010, the branch's biggest challenge became the limited hours of five-day-a-week operations.

**Needs:** The levy will add Sunday hours and on-site reference staff, creating an energetic programming and community connection for the neighborhood six days a week. The extra hours will increase access to books and materials, computers, and educational and literacy classes for children and adults. 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 also is 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 groups, story time, gaming for teens

### Currently open:

Five days a week

### Special features:

Seattle artist Rebecca Cummins created an aperture skylight sundial for the new building. Markings on the floor indicate the position of solar noon from the spring to autumn equinox.

People checked out over 200,000 books and other materials at the Montlake Branch in 2011.



### At a Glance 2011

- 87,838 patron visits
- 201,179 materials checked out
- 1,374 story time participants
- 11 public computers
- 211 community meetings

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