

Queen Anne Branch

One of six Carnegie libraries in Seattle, the Queen Anne Branch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been named a landmark building by Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board. This branch is home to a wide range of people, and is particularly popular with younger children and their parents. The three weekly story times are filled to capacity each week. The branch also has active book groups for adults. As a result of the 2010 hours cut, the community has lost access to books and materials, computers and community meeting space.

Needs: The levy will open the Queen Anne Branch on Sundays, making it more accessible - particularly for parents and their children. The extra hours increase access to computers, programs and the ability to pick-up holds on books and materials from the branch. 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, which is essential to preserve this historic Carnegie facility.

What this means for patrons:

- Open 1-5 p.m. Sunday
- 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:

Story time, book groups, tax help

Currently open:

Five days a week

Special features:

Constructed in 1914, the building follows one of Andrew Carnegie's preferred designs for libraries - main-floor reading areas and a lower-level auditorium. Its general architectural style is Late Tudor Revival.

Despite its small size and limited hours, the Queen Anne Branch has the 2nd highest circulation of the 15 branches currently open only 5 days a week.



At a Glance 2011

- 135,691 patron visits
- 348,961 materials checked out
- 2,554 story time participants
- 17 public computers
- 75 community meetings

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