

In 2011, people checked out over 215,000 books and materials from the Wallingford Branch.



At a Glance 2011

- 125,689 patron visits
- 215,578 materials checked out
- 7 public computers

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Wallingford Branch

Wallingford is one of our smallest branches. Designed to serve residents within walking distance in this densely populated neighborhood, this branch is an essential portal to the rest of the Library system and had an amazing 126,000 visits in 2011. Many people pickup holds at this branch, and DVDs and the children's collection are particularly popular. The branch hosts a monthly book group and summer reading programs, and teens flock to the branch after school to study. Now more than 10 years old, the branch needs regular maintenance.

Needs: For the adults and families in this urban neighborhood, the levy will open the Wallingford Branch on Sundays and provide on-site reference staff. This will increase access to resources such as computers and the ability to place holds on books and materials from throughout the Library system. 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 in-person reference service
- 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:

Ellensburg artist Richard Elliott designed five colorful neon signs to represent activities going on in the library: A blue world from the logo of The Seattle Public Library; red mystic eye to represent mystery; white "at" symbol to represent computer access; green puzzle piece to symbolize family gathering and accumulation of knowledge; and yellow atom symbol to represent human knowledge. The branch is co-located with Solid Ground, a nonprofit organization that services low income people in King County.