

## Capitol Hill Branch

The Capitol Hill Branch shows the wear and tear that comes with years of rigorous use in a diverse urban neighborhood. A favorite of adults and families with children, the branch is currently expanding its teen offerings through a partnership with Garfield Teen Life Center. Librarians are skilled at helping people find the information and resources they need and directing them to beneficial classes, such as literacy programs and housing seminars. Now 9 years old, the branch is in need of increased maintenance and larger improvements.

**Needs:** The levy funding for ongoing and major maintenance is especially important for this busy urban branch. The levy also will relieve service pressures by expanding hours at other locations. 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.

### What this means for patrons:

- Preserve current hours
- 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, teen programs, book group, workshops

### Currently open:

Seven days a week

### Special features:

The branch has a small but robust gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered collection, highlighting fiction and nonfiction materials about or by members of the GLBT community.

Nearly 3,800 people attended story times at the Capitol Hill Branch in 2011.



### At a Glance 2011

- 292,784 patron visits
- 534,228 materials checked out
- 3,797 story time participants
- 21 public computers
- Over 400 community meetings

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