

After hours were reduced in 2010, there was a 28% reduction in visits to the Green Lake Branch.



At a Glance 2011

- 203,203 patron visits
- 307,850 materials checked out
- 1,565 story time participants
- 18 public computers
- 121 community meetings
(down from 228 in 2009)

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Green Lake Branch

The Green Lake Branch is a popular neighborhood destination for children, families and adults. The programming reflects the rich diversity of community interests, ranging from story time to popular poetry readings to opera previews. Librarians collaborate with schools and the meeting room is in continuous use. People who visit Green Lake Park across the street also use the Green Lake Branch, which leads to tremendous foot traffic, especially in summer. The branch's biggest challenges are maintaining the historic Carnegie building given the large number of visitors and coping with the 2010 loss of open hours, which significantly limited the neighborhood's access to programs, computers, and meeting space.

Needs: With levy-restored open hours, the Green Lake Branch will once again bustle on Sundays as neighbors and park visitors fill this historic building. 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 key to preserving this elegant Carnegie library.

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:

Book groups, opera previews, story time for children and babies, poetry groups

Currently open:

Five days a week

Special features:

One of six Carnegie libraries in Seattle, the branch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been named a landmark building by Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board.