

Over 4,000 residents participated in programs at the High Point Branch in 2011.



At a Glance 2011

- 103,395 patron visits
- 164,021 materials checked out
- 17 public computers
- 3,242 story time participants
- 66 homework help students
- 155 community meetings

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High Point Branch

Centrally located in the heart of southwest Seattle, this branch serves both long-established West Seattle neighborhoods and the bustling new High Point Hope VI housing redevelopment. Its diverse clientele includes immigrants, seniors, community college students, working parents, and many families with preschool and school-aged children. The branch supports book groups, homework help, Talk Time, teen programs and story time in English and Somali. Tutors and community groups often use the meeting spaces. Branch staff members partner with local schools, the High Point Community Center, Neighborhood House and others to provide extensive and accessible early literacy and lifelong learning programming.

Needs: Parents, students and others will make good use of the levy-funded Sunday hours at the High Point Branch. These open hours will increase access to vital Library materials, computers and community meeting space. 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
- 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 times in English and Somali, homework help, Talk Time, toddler story time, gaming for teens, book groups, computer classes

Currently open:

Five days a week

Special features:

The High Point Branch provides ESL materials and Vietnamese language materials for children and adults. The branch is designed to connect with the neighboring Seattle Housing Authority High Point development.