

In 2011, the Lake City Branch provided homework help to 1,250 students in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.



At a Glance 2011

- 287,473 patron visits
- 539,908 materials checked out
- 3,269 story time participants
- 1,143 homework help students
- 32 public computers
- 269 community meetings

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Lake City Branch

The renovated Lake City Branch is a fast-paced, busy library. Because the area is home to many immigrants, the branch provides materials in world languages, citizenship information and resources on area services. Branch staff members help people improve their computer skills, search for jobs and develop job skills. The branch serves many families with story times and has a hugely successful homework help program. Its popular computers are always in use. From May through October the Lake City Farmer's Market operates in front of the branch on Thursdays, which draws many people into the library for a first look. The intensive use of this branch and the critical programs it provides are dependent on consistent stable funding for programs, staff, resources and open hours.

Needs: This diverse community relies on the books, programs, computers and staff at the Lake City Branch, and the levy will preserve programs such as homework help and 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. Funding for regular building maintenance is also included.

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:

Homework help in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, book groups for adults and children, Talk Time, computer classes, story times in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese, tax help

Currently open:

Seven days a week

Special features:

The Lake City Branch has books, movies and music in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Russian and items for people learning English as a Second Language. The branch is part of a municipal center that includes a neighborhood service center, park and parking garage.