

In 2011, over 2,500 parents and children participated in story time at the Magnolia Branch.



At a Glance 2011

- 107,167 patron visits
- 286,678 materials checked out
- 2,643 story time participants
- 17 public computers
- 110 community meetings

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Magnolia Branch

Regarded by some as the most beautiful and unique of the branches, the Magnolia Branch is a quintessential example of Northwest design with distinct Japanese influences and has been designated as a landmark building by Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board. Popular with patrons old and young, the library is home to programs for children and teens, including the unique Duct Tape Mania, gaming programs, Library Playtime and story time. With the Magnolia Community Center now closed during the day, Mondays through Fridays the Magnolia Branch has opened up a meeting room for Library Playtime: an informal chance for parents of toddlers to come together with their children. The branch also hosts a book group and the Great Decisions civic engagement series. The Magnolia Branch's greatest challenge is the 2010 reduction in hours to five days a week which led to 47% reduction in meeting room use.

Needs: The levy will respond to community needs by opening the Magnolia Branch on Sundays. This will restore access to library resources as well as provide opportunities for community engagement through the use of branch 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 time, baby time, Library Playtime, gaming for teens, book groups

Currently open:

Five days a week

Special features:

The building features furniture designed by master craftsman George Nakashima that was refinished as part of the renovation.