

Over 4,500 people attended programs at the NewHolly Branch in 2011.



### At a Glance 2011

- 96,954 patron visits
- 77,206 materials checked out
- 2,415 story time participants
- 346 homework help students
- 13 public computers
- 120 community meetings

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## NewHolly Branch

The NewHolly Branch is housed within a “Campus of Learners” that includes a high school tutoring program, jobs center, branch of South Seattle Community College, child care centers and more. Campus agencies such as the Seattle Housing Authority and Neighborhood House are active collaborators. The branch serves a diverse community and most of the people it sees on a daily basis are children and teens. Staff members work to serve their youngest visitors through story times, offered in English and Somali, as well as a popular homework help program. Reduced hours have hurt the branch’s ability to serve the community, limiting access to computers, books and programs.

**Needs:** The levy will open the NewHolly Branch on Sundays and provide more access to much-needed materials, computers and programs - particularly for the young students who rely on this branch. The restoration of on-site reference staff is an essential service for this “Campus of Learners.” 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
- Restore basic on-site reference staff
- 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

### Currently open:

Five days a week

### Special features:

The learning center at the NewHolly Branch is named after the Edward and Lillian Bishop Foundation, which provides financial help to organizations and programs that benefit young people. This branch is part of a “Campus of Learners” on the Seattle Housing Authority’s NewHolly Neighborhood Campus.