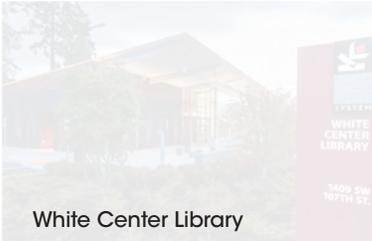


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YOUR INVESTMENT. YOUR LIBRARY. YOUR COMMUNITY.

Fifteen years ago, the King County Library System embarked on an ambitious, long-term Capital Bond Building Program that has made KCLS one of the busiest and most beautiful library systems in the country.

When King County voters approved a \$172 million Capital Bond in 2004, it was a resounding endorsement of libraries and their importance to the residents they serve. This strong show of support has resulted in 17 new libraries, 11 expanded libraries, 15 renovated libraries, a parking-lot expansion and a three-level garage. In all, the footprint of our libraries has grown dramatically—almost 30%—providing community hubs for people to gather and learn, as well as more space for expanded collections, technology, programs and services. Many of the new and renovated buildings also include environmentally friendly features, making them more sustainable and comfortable for patrons.

The Capital Bond funded three new libraries in communities that had never had one before: Greenbridge Library, completed in 2008; Newcastle Library, completed in 2012; and Kent Panther Lake Library, our 50th library, completed in March, 2019.

This report also includes a section on non-bond-funded projects. The Renton and Renton Highland Libraries also were improved and account for some of KCLS' additional square footage.

Voters can take pride in state-of-the-art facilities that reflect the unique characteristics of their communities. The bond measure also made possible the installation of stunning new artwork by notable, predominantly Northwest artists, offering the public a rich, visual library experience.

As we conclude the 2004 Capital Bond Building Program, KCLS would like to express deep appreciation to King County residents who have supported their Library System for the past 77 years. Thank you for building vital community assets that have served generations of library patrons. With your continued support, KCLS will continue serving our patrons for many years to come.

Lisa G. Rosenblum



Executive Director
King County Library System



FINANCIAL SUMMARY



CAPITAL BOND BUILDING PROGRAM

The \$172 million Capital Bond measure passed by voters in 2004 resulted in 17 new libraries, 11 expanded libraries, 15 renovated libraries, a parking-lot expansion and a three-level garage. Many other improvements were made thanks to non-bond funds and private donations to local libraries. Spring 2019 saw the completion of the final new and 50th library, Kent Panther Lake Library, followed by the renovation of Boulevard Park Library.

In all, KCLS completed 43 projects with a total investment of \$204 million. Money spent in excess of the \$172 million Capital Bond was approved by the KCLS Board of Trustees to absorb higher than anticipated construction costs. This additional funding was paid from General Fund revenues.



Issaquah Library



Bellevue Library Parking Garage



Auburn Library



Vashon Library

THE STANDARD FOR KCLS LIBRARIES: GREEN

The King County Library System (KCLS) took significant steps to ensure that green, eco-friendly standards were followed when new libraries were built and existing libraries renovated. Although KCLS was not required to adhere to official green-building standards for its Capital Bond Building Program, an environmentally-friendly building approach was a priority nonetheless. KCLS' goal was to build according to green principles to the greatest extent possible, while being fiscally responsible. Building green is a forward-thinking practice. It means designing and constructing facilities to reduce negative impacts on environments, both indoor and outdoor, creating a net positive for built spaces and society as a whole.

KCLS targeted five main green-building standards in the Plan: site planning; water conservation; energy savings; recycled materials and air quality of the interior environment. The libraries also have been built to the widely respected Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, ensuring the facilities adhere to acceptable and responsible green guidelines. Green-building design and construction has become more sophisticated over the years, and KCLS has been able to implement many eco-friendly yet cost-efficient features.



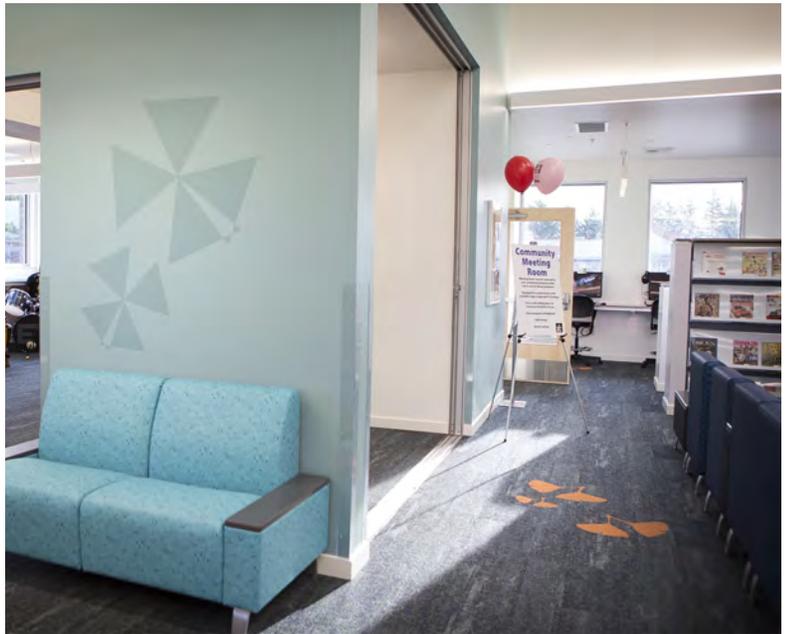
Fairwood Library

BUILDING GREEN FROM THE START

From the beginning of the planning and site-design process for each new or renovated library, KCLS has adhered to green practices. The Library System's site-selection policy required that new facilities be built in populated, highly visible and accessible locations. New buildings were situated to maximize natural lighting. LEED-certified architects were hired, and contractors not only used recycled materials to help conserve natural resources, but recycled construction waste for all projects. Many of the green-building materials and furnishings installed are cost-effective because they will last longer and result in lower utility costs.

KCLS libraries' green features include:

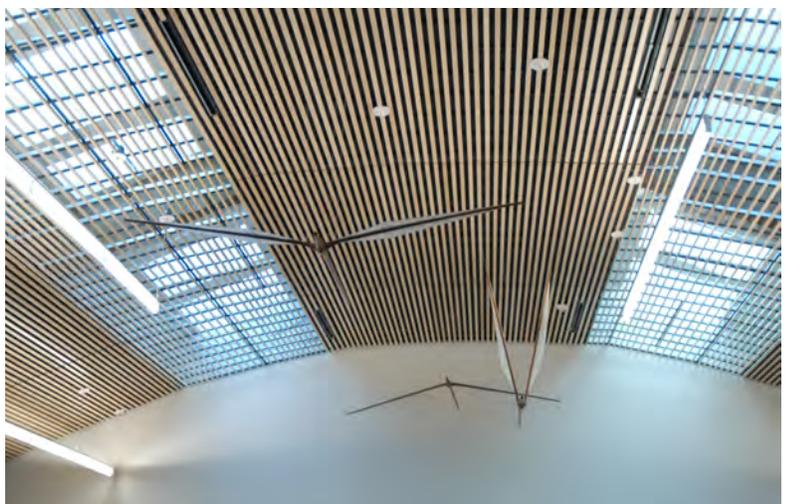
- The installation of state-of-the-art software that measures and controls building performance from an energy standpoint. In 2018 alone, total energy savings was \$216,852.
- Energy-efficient compact fluorescent and L.E.D. lights, which use less electricity for the same level of illumination as incandescent lights.
- Windows and skylights to reduce the need for electric lighting.
- Paint, adhesives and sealants with low levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), to improve the air quality inside libraries.
- Furniture, including workstations, produced with recycled materials.
- Modular carpeting, which does not contain Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and is produced by a company that collects used carpeting to be restored and resold.
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures for toilets, sinks and showers to conserve water.



Kent Panther Lake Library



Bellevue Library



Kingsgate Library

RAIN GARDENS

Seven KCLS libraries also feature rain gardens as part of their site design: Fairwood, Federal Way, Sammamish, Kenmore, Auburn, Federal Way 320th and White Center. A rain garden consists of native trees, shrubs and grasses planted in compost-amended soil in a shallow depression. Pipes help redirect water from rooftops, driveways and other hard surfaces into the rain garden before it can enter local waterways. Rain gardens help reduce pollution, flooding and provide habitat for wildlife.



White Center Library



Federal Way Library

GREEN PROJECTS

Although it is too costly to LEED-certify all projects, two libraries have received LEED-Certified distinctions, with others incorporating many LEED and/or green features.

- The Duvall Library, completed in 2012, became LEED-Silver Certified in March 2015. The Duvall Library's distinctive green features include a green roof and a ground-source heat pump, which uses the earth's relatively constant temperature to provide heating, cooling and hot water. This will reduce energy usage by about 26%.
- The Burien Library, completed in 2009, is also LEED-Silver Certified. As a joint development with the city of Burien, the city funded one-third of the cost associated with qualifying for LEED certification, a rigorous process which includes application fees and hiring consultants to develop the required documentation.
- The Fairwood Library, completed in November 2014, met a number of LEED requirements. Interior materials used on the project met LEED requirements for low or no off-gassing and recycled content. The design of the addition utilizes large roof overhangs to help shade the glass walls, reducing solar heat gain and thus demand for cooling in the summer, while allowing winter sunlight to reduce the demand for heating. The new heat-recovery system also helps save energy since it takes heat from the exhausted air of the building and recycles it. This system is 95% efficient.
- The Vashon Library, completed in March 2014, features a green roof, which helps keep the building cool in winter and reduces stormwater runoff.
- The Federal Way 320th Library, completed in September 2013, was designed with radiant heating under the floor to more efficiently heat and cool the building.
- The Newcastle Library, completed in December 2012, features a ground-source heat pump and green roof.
- The Sammamish Library, completed in 2010, was designed with green features such as a partial green roof and radiant heating.



Duvall Library



Burien Library



Fairwood Library



Federal Way 320th Library



Skyway Library



Renton Library



Federal Way 320th Library

BUILDING AWARDS

KCLS has been recognized by the contracting and architectural communities for the quality of its new and expanded libraries. The following 33 awards were received during the 15 years of the Building Program:

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council's Civic Design Citation Award 2018 | Skyway Library

AIA Northwest and Pacific Region Merit Award 2018 | Skyway Library

Best of Tukwila Award 2017 | Tukwila Library

National IES (Illuminating Engineering Society) Illumination Award of Merit 2017 | Kingsgate Library

Seattle Section IES Illumination Award for Interior Lighting Design 2017 | Skyway Library

AIA/American Library Association, Library Building Award 2016 | Renton Library

Governor's Smart Communities Award 2016 | Renton Library

U.S. Green Building Council, LEED Silver Certification 2015 | Duvall Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Merit Award 2015 | Duvall Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Merit Award 2015 | Federal Way 320th Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Award 2014 | Bellevue Library Parking Garage

Illuminating Engineering Society, Regional Award of Merit 2014 | Newcastle Library

GE Edison, Award for Environmental Design 2014 | Newcastle Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Merit Award 2013 | Newcastle Library

AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, Citation Award 2013 | Kenmore Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Honor Award 2012 | Kenmore Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Merit Award 2012 | Woodmont Library

AIA Washington Council, Commendation Award 2011 | Kenmore Library

AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, Honor Award 2011 | Sammamish Library

Library Journal, New Landmark Library 2011 | Sammamish Library

Selected as one of the ten most inspiring and innovative public libraries in the country.

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Merit Award 2011 | Federal Way Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design "People's Choice Award" 2011 | Federal Way Library

U.S. Green Building Council, LEED Gold Certification for New Construction in 2010 | Burien Town Center Project

Puget Sound Regional Council, Vision 2040 Award 2010 | Burien Library

Masonry Institute of Washington, Excellence Award in Masonry Design 2010 | Burien Library

International Association of Lighting Designers Competition, Edwin F. Guth Award for Interior Lighting 2010 | Burien Library

AIA Washington Council, Civic Design Award, Citation Level 2010 | Sammamish Library

American Planning Association and Planning Association of Washington, Implementation Category Citation Award 2009 | Burien Town Center Project

Associated General Contractors, Build Washington Awards, Public Buildings under \$5 million 2009 | Muckleshoot Library

Associated General Contractors, Build Washington Awards, Public Buildings under \$5 million 2008 | Snoqualmie Library

Northwest Construction, Best of Awards, Recognizing Excellence in Best Overall Building for Five Libraries 2008 | Black Diamond, Carnation, Fall City, Snoqualmie and Muckleshoot Libraries

Northwest Construction, Best of Awards, Award of Merit 2008 | Woodmont Library

AIA Northwest Chapter, Honor Award for Civic Architecture

for Five Design-Build Libraries 2008 | Black Diamond, Carnation, Fall City, Snoqualmie and Muckleshoot

ART IN LIBRARIES

Incorporating art in libraries has been an important part of the Capital Bond Building Program. The selected art is of high quality and reflects the diversity and values of the communities KCLS serves. It aims to spur in patrons a sense of intellectual adventure. Library art, much of which is produced by renowned Northwest artists, was selected through an extensive process that included three open public calls for art, the compilation of a roster of professional artists and the assistance of an art consultant. Whether paintings, sculptures, murals, mobiles, tiles, interactive or other creative works, the art was chosen to please patrons of all ages, offering works of beauty, creativity, inventiveness and even whimsy that add yet another level of enrichment to the library experience. KCLS has been pleased with the vision and inventiveness of participating artists, all of whom have created compelling pieces for every new or expanded library. Some recent additions by Seattle artists include:

- **Jacob Lawrence**, considered one of the great figurative painters of the 20th century, was also among the first African Americans to be honored with a solo exhibit at the prestigious Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. He moved to Seattle in 1971 after accepting a full professorship at the University of Washington's School of Art. Two of his silk-screened works now reside at the Kent Panther Lake Library: *The Coachman* (1990) and *Strategy* (1994).
- **Jenny Heishman** created *Skystones* as the centerpiece for the plaza outside the entrance of the Skyway Library. The glacial-rock sculpture, which weighs 14,000 pounds, greets library patrons and others attending the farmers markets, festivals and other community events for which the plaza was designed. Heishman, whose education includes a Bachelor of Science in Geology, is known for playful art involving broken forms and shapes intended to challenge viewer perceptions.
- **John Fleming** loves all things rusty, repurposed or reclaimed, and is known nationwide for his public art. To create the spiraling, steel-blade sculpture, *Multiplicity*, outside the Tukwila Library, he shared the art process with the community. Local residents of all ages helped spray-paint Fleming's stenciled designs onto the sculpture's 26 blades, producing a colorful, multi-patterned, 30-foot-high civic "beacon" that both symbolizes and incorporates diversity and inclusiveness.
- At the White Center Library, enjoy **Christopher Boffoli's Octopus Survey Team**. Boffoli is known for his whimsical photographs of tiny handcrafted human figurines juxtaposed with "real food environments" to produce various Lilliputian scenarios and predicaments, such as rock-candy ice climbs, champagne-flute scuba dives, bagel "fishing holes" and linguini car washes. The artist is also an author whose wit, wordplay and social commentary accompany his "foodscapes" in *Big Appetites: Tiny People in a World of Big Food*.



Jenny Heishman, *Skystones*



John Fleming, *Multiplicity*

NEW LIBRARIES



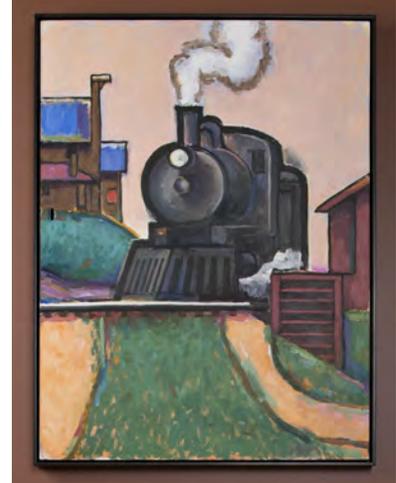
BLACK DIAMOND LIBRARY

The 5,000 square-foot Black Diamond Library was completed in May 2008. Funding to build the new library was budgeted prior to the 2004 Capital Bond, although bond funds will pay for ongoing maintenance. The new library was constructed together with four other libraries using the design-build construction process.

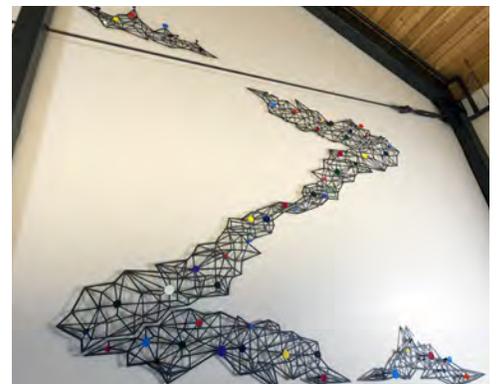
When designing the interior of the library, the architects drew from historical guidelines, which reference the late 19th century vernacular architecture that was prevalent in the city of Black Diamond at the time. Design elements such as the wood structure, proportions, site planning and building cladding reflect the historical guidelines. A warm color palette was used to provide a welcoming interior. Large windows on the south and east sides of the building allow for views of downtown Black Diamond and Mount Rainier, which may be enjoyed from the main reading area in the library.

The library also features two pieces of artwork by Lockwood Dennis, who is known for his vibrant woodblock prints. He agreed to create two larger scale paintings for the new library based explicitly on historic Black Diamond.

The new library includes more materials, computers, space for children and teens and a community meeting room. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 30% and patron visits increased 22% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.



Lockwood Dennis, *Depot*



Victoria Haven, *Coal Matrix*

24707 Roberts Drive, Black Diamond

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** BNBuilders, Inc.



BURIEN LIBRARY



Kathleen Fruge-Brown, *Eagle Landing*

The 32,000 square-foot Burien Library, located at the Burien Town Square development, was completed in June 2009. The \$17.6 million project is a unique collaboration between KCLS and the City of Burien and features a three-story building and parking garage that is shared between the library and city hall. Adjacent to the new library and city hall building is a one-acre park, new condominiums and retail space.

The lobby provides access to several shared areas, including an information center and the council chamber, which also serves as a multipurpose meeting room. The new library includes more computers, space for children and teens and community meeting space. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 13% and patron visits increased 35% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.



Kathy Bradford, *Atmosphere*

The overarching principle guiding the architectural design of the civic building was transparency. This was achieved through incorporating large panes of glass into the building design to create an open and inviting environment. The design also allows for magnificent views of Mount Rainier. The building qualified for Silver Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System and was the first LEED-rated building in the City of Burien.

400 SW 152nd Street, Burien

Architect: Ruffcorn Mott Hinthorne Stine | **Contractor:** BNBuilders, Inc.

"I waited, along with many others, for the beautiful and very useful addition to our Library System. Great job, I do love it!"



Liliana Gelman, *The Library*



CARNATION LIBRARY

The new 5,000 square-foot Carnation Library was completed in January 2009 at the existing library site. The \$3.7 million library was constructed together with four other libraries as a design-build project. The new library was designed with input from community members, who spoke very strongly about having a place to park bicycles and salvaging artwork. Native American artwork from the former building was installed at the new building. The new library features warm colors on the interior, as well as a large “front porch” area that faces the street, allowing people to sit, gather or park their bicycles.

The library includes a children’s and teen area and community meeting room with a sliding door, allowing it to function as part of the larger library when not being used for programs. More than 4,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs were added to the collection, for a total of more than 25,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 126% and patron visits increased 13% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

4804 Tolt Avenue, Carnation

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** BNBuilders, Inc.

“Thank you KCLS for bringing this great facility here. This is a great place to live and raise a family and we will enjoy the library for years to come,” said Carnation Mayor Mike Flowers at the opening celebration.



Peter Reiquam, Table, Lamp



DUVALL LIBRARY

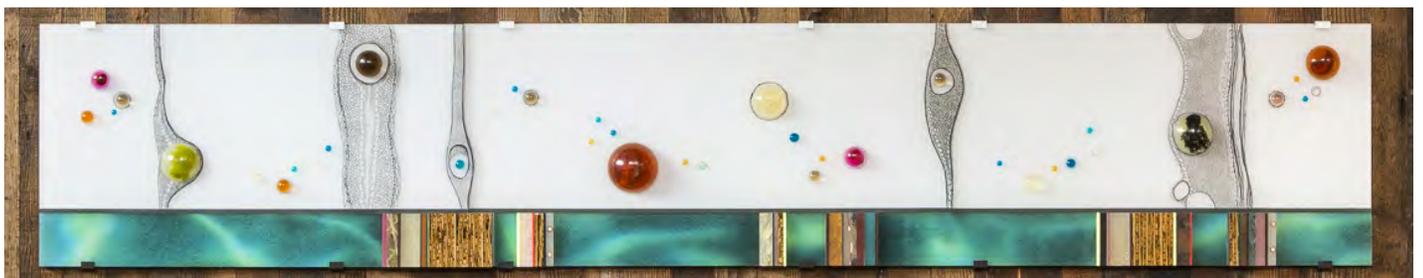
Construction of the new 8,000 square-foot Duvall Library was completed in August 2012. The \$7.2 million library was built across the street from the former library and adjacent to a historic church in the heart of historic downtown Duvall. A courtyard outside the main library entrance features native landscaping, salvaged woods and weathered steel that evoke the history of the town. An upper parking lot is easily accessible via stairs, or an elevator located in the courtyard. Patrons entering the library are greeted by a sculpture created from wood and resin by local artist John Grade. The library includes an expanded children's and teen area, private study room and community meeting room.

In 2015, the Duvall Library was honored with a LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The library was designed with many green features to save energy, reduce its environmental footprint and increase air quality. The library features energy-efficient interior lights and automatic daylight sensors that shut off lights. The interior lights, coupled with a ground-source heat pump, will reduce the building's electrical usage by 40%. The library also was built with recycled, salvaged and low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) materials. A green roof reduces stormwater runoff, and helps keep the building cool in the summer. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 56% and patron visits increased 33% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

15508 Main Street NE, Duvall

Architect: Johnston Architects | **Contractor:** Kassel Construction

"My daughters and I went to the new library and we love it! There are nice big open spaces."



Marcia Stuermer, *Bibliorganic Barcode*



FALL CITY LIBRARY

Construction of the new 5,000 square-foot Fall City Library was completed in May 2008 at the existing library site. The new \$2.7 million library was constructed together with four other libraries using the design-build construction process. Large windows take advantage of natural lighting and allow for views of the Snoqualmie River. The library includes a children's and teen area and new community meeting room with a sliding door, which allows it to function as part of the larger library when not being used for community events or programs.

The landscaping materials and interior finishes were inspired by the nearby Snoqualmie River. The landscape evokes a river's edge by using curvilinear forms in the paving, native river edge plants and boulders. The interior design features cool colors such as blues and grays, shelving embedded with river grasses and curvilinear formed furniture. More than 3,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs were added to the collection, for a total of 26,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 58% and patron visits increased 30% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

33415 SE 42nd Place, Fall City

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** BNBuilders

"The interior colors echo the river running through town."



Janet Zweig, *The Opposite of a Duck*
A two-sided LED light sculpture that displays unanswerable questions, Zweig's artwork was one of 40 projects selected for the Public Art Network's Year in Review.



FEDERAL WAY 320TH LIBRARY

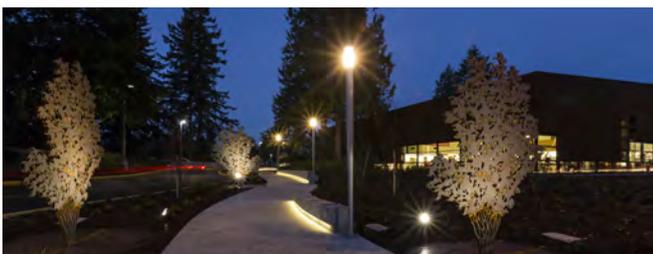
Construction of the new 15,000 square-foot Federal Way 320th Library was completed in September 2013 at the existing library site. The \$7.8 million library replaces a smaller 1960s building and the contemporary design features light-filled spacious interiors. An entry plaza welcomes visitors with benches, bike racks and a meandering pathway dotted with unique tree sculptures created by artist Leo Saul Berk.

The light-filled library interior features an expanded children's and teen area, three study rooms and a quiet study room. A community meeting room, when not in use, opens up to the central area with sliding glass doors. The library also includes expanded collections and access to a growing number of eBooks. The building was designed with the following green features: Windows that maximize daylight, radiant heating under the floor that efficiently heats and cools the building, low-flow fixtures and a detention pond and rain garden that provide on-site stormwater treatment. Weathering steel was selected for the building cladding as a material well-suited to the rainy climate. The material will patina and oxidize over time, changing the current look. As it ages, the orange and brown finish will blend with the surrounding landscape. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 7% and patron registrations increased 48% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

848 S 320th Street, Federal Way

Architect: SRG Partnership | **Contractor:** Pease Construction

"The building is so light-filled and open!"



Leo Saul Berk, *Actual Scale*
Tree sculptures line a pathway to the library.



Ran Hwang, *Everything Starts*, *Ode to Red Sunset* and *Ode to White Sunset*
The artist created the pieces using thousands of buttons.



GREENBRIDGE LIBRARY

Construction of the 2,300 square-foot Greenbridge Library was completed in November 2008. The new \$425,000 library is located in leased space at the 10,000 square-foot YWCA Learning Center and includes a small collection of materials and computers.

The new library specializes in services to children and has a total collection of more than 11,000 materials, including items in Spanish and Vietnamese. The facility offers public computers, a Kid's Cyber (computer) Bar as well as study tables, lounge seating and wireless coverage throughout the building. Recycled materials and fixtures were incorporated into the design, which qualifies it as a "Built Green" project.

Within the first six months of being open, 299 people registered for library cards.

9720 8th Avenue SW, Seattle

Architect: SMR Architects | **Contractor:** Walsh Construction

"Learning is free at libraries, which are democracy at its best," said former King County Executive Ron Sims during the opening ceremony.



Faye Bailey Jones, untitled painting



KENMORE LIBRARY

The 10,000 square-foot Kenmore Library was completed in July 2011. The \$7.8 million library is more than four times larger than the previous building. Designed around the concept of transparency, the library encourages community gathering and an inviting reading room is located in the central interior space. The library interior features a children's and teen area, a meeting room and two study rooms.

Many sustainable features are included in the design: The orientation of the building and skylights maximize natural lighting throughout the building and as a result, the lighting fixtures in the reading room are turned off for up to 70% of the library's annual operating hours; a raised floor with under-floor air distribution efficiently heats, cools and ventilates the interior; carpet and paint contain low levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs); interior wood was sustainably harvested and certified by the Forest Stewardship Council; exterior teak wood siding was reclaimed from demolished buildings; and a rain garden helps reduce pollution, flooding and provides habitat for wildlife outside the library.

The site design includes a public plaza to the north of the building, connecting the library to the downtown core. More than 16,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs were added to the collection. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 118% and patron visits increased 91% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

6531 NE 181st Street, Kenmore

Architect: Weinstein A+U Architects | **Contractor:** Sierra Construction

"It's unquestionably a lot more prominent than the old library!"



Claude Zervas, *Enceladus*

Inspired by artifacts possibly recovered from an ancient shipwreck, the art is located below the floor in three areas of the library.



KENT PANTHER LAKE LIBRARY

The new Kent Panther Lake Library became KCLS' 50th library when it celebrated its grand opening on March 23, 2019. More than 1,000 people attended the opening of the \$3.3 million library, the last new KCLS facility to be completed under the 2004 Capital Bond Building Program. The 5,300 square-foot library was a tenant-improvement project in a highly visible and accessible location in the Panther Lake area of Kent. Originally called East Hill of Kent Library, it was renamed Kent Panther Lake Library with input from the community.

The library has many green features, including the repurposing of an existing building. Energy-efficient windows bring in more sunlight while reducing electricity costs, and specialized sensors reduce costs by controlling interior and exterior lighting. The library has low-flow plumbing fixtures, low-odor paint and carpeting made from recycled contents. Energy-efficient mechanical systems improve ventilation and air conditioning. The library features new materials, computers, wireless access and spaces for children and teens. This is also the new home of three artworks by renowned Northwest artist Jacob Lawrence. The pieces are entitled *Strategy* (1994), *St. Marc* (1994) and *The Coachman* (1990).



Jacob Lawrence, *St. Marc*

20500 108th Avenue SE, Kent

Architect: Fivedot Architects | **Contractor:** Oak Hills Construction



Jacob Lawrence, *Strategy*



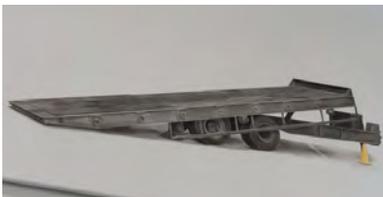
LAKE HILLS LIBRARY



Gaylen Hansen, *Full Moon*



Gaylen Hansen, *Rider with Umbrella*



Lead Pencil Studios, *Ramps*

The 10,000 square-foot Lake Hills Library was completed in September 2010. The \$2.8 million library is located in the redeveloped Lake Hills Shopping Center. A community stakeholder group created a redevelopment proposal in 2003, calling for a new library, retail and office space and residential units to be constructed in phases. The library design incorporates dynamic materials and textures to create a warm and inviting environment that encourages local residents to gather. A natural color palette is accented by vibrant furniture and fabrics that inject energy and interest into the space.

The children's and teen area, plus a community meeting room encourage lively interaction while study areas accommodate the need for quiet discovery. Custom Douglas fir bookcases showcase the collection and enable casual browsing and exploration. The high-angled ceiling features exposed wood beams and much of the library is flooded with natural light. Green features are incorporated throughout, including energy-efficient lighting and sustainable interior finish materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 21% and patron visits increased 10% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

15590 Lake Hills Boulevard, Bellevue

Architects: Baylis Architects: shell design | ZGF Architects: space planning and interior.

"This is what all libraries should look like!"



MUCKLESHOOT LIBRARY

The 6,000 square-foot Muckleshoot Library was completed in June 2008. The \$4.2 million library was constructed together with four other libraries using the design-build construction process. The library was designed with input from community members and features a reading area with expansive windows that take advantage of natural lighting. The new facility includes a children's and teen area as well as a community meeting room with a sliding door, allowing it to function as part of the larger library when not being used for programs.

Two art pieces, created by Tribal members, are displayed inside the building: A carved paddle and a metal canoe scene. Concrete block walls on the exterior of the building feature a basket weave pattern and the landscaping includes native plantings that have historical significance to the Tribe. More than 4,500 new books, magazines, movies and CDs were added to the collection, for a total of more than 21,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 459% and patron visits increased 65% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

39917 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE, Auburn
Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** BNBuilders, Inc.

"This is a wonderful day that we have all been looking forward to in the Muckleshoot Community," said Joseph Martin, Assistant Tribal Operations Manager of Education, when the new library opened. "I am proud of KCLS and the Muckleshoot Tribe for planning this library."



Al Charles Jr., Salish Eagle



James Madison, Canoe Paddlers



Unknown artist, Native American Mask



NEWCASTLE LIBRARY

The 11,000 square-foot Newcastle Library, the first library in the community, was completed in December 2012. The \$12.3 million library is reflective of Newcastle's forward-thinking community and is complimentary of its past. Architects designed the building around the concept of "a community celebration of knowledge." An outdoor plaza greets people as they arrive at the library, offering welcoming places to sit and read or gather with friends. Stepping inside the library, people enter a light-filled reading room with windows spanning three sides of the building. The reading room is a multi-functional space and includes the teen area, computers and collection of books, music, movies and magazines. A special feature within the reading room is a light filtering pattern on the glass that resembles a human brainwave when gaining knowledge. Other designated areas within the library include a community meeting room, private study rooms and a dedicated children's area with a bay window that glows orange when the western sun shines.

The building includes several sustainable features: A geothermal well-heating and cooling system that conserves energy; radiant heated floors that distribute heat from the ground up; low-flow fixtures that conserve water; and a green sedum roof that reduces stormwater runoff. Brick detailing reflects the history of Newcastle's brick production and was sourced locally. Fused glass artwork, suspended from the ceiling, was created by artist Anna Skibska.



Anna Skibska, EEG

12901 Newcastle Way, Newcastle
Architect: Mithun Architects | **Contractor:** Synergy Construction

"I love all the light."



SAMMAMISH LIBRARY

The 19,500 square-foot Sammamish Library was completed in January 2010. To accommodate the growing community, the \$13.6 million library was built on a larger site as part of a new development adjacent to Sammamish City Hall, called Sammamish Commons. The expanded library features a community meeting room, two conference rooms and a children's and teen area. The children's area overlooks the new eastern lawn which includes a reflexology path, native plantings and a grove of birch trees. A large reading room, complete with a gas fireplace, allows views to the west of the nature preserve, Olympic Peninsula and Seattle skyline.

Skylights reduce the need for artificial lighting and create a warm and inviting space. Sustainable design practices were a priority and the new library includes a partial green roof and radiant heating. Parking is located under the building with an elevator to access the library. In addition to more computers and wireless access, there is a total collection of more than 106,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 20% and patron visits increased 11% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

825 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish

Architect: Perkins + Will | **Contractor:** Sierra Construction

"I visited the new facility and it is wonderful!"



Susan Dory, *Boon*



Tim Prentice, *Almost Square*



SKYWAY LIBRARY

The new 8,000 square-foot Skyway Library opened in January 2016 as a striking cobalt-blue building atop a hill on one of the Skyway neighborhood's busiest streets, Renton Avenue. The \$8.3 million project offered many changes from the previous 1970's brick building, which was 5,200 square-feet. The new building's interior design, which includes high glass walls and skylights, creates a sense of brightness and spaciousness even on dark, rainy days, and also is more energy-efficient.

Located in Skyway's commercial district, the library is designed to be a center of community learning and gathering for the Skyway and the West Hill neighborhoods. Many of its features are eco-friendly, such as an entranceway with teak wood siding that was recycled from international shopping crates. The site has new landscaping and a plaza that can be used for farmers markets, festivals and other community events. One of the library's most unique features is a patron favorite and a tribute to the area's past Boeing residents and history: an "airplane wing table" made from a 1969 Cessna 402A horizontal stabilizer, its polished rivets visible under a rectangular sheet of glass. Seattle artist Jenny Heishman's *Skystones*, a stone and stainless-steel art work, is also installed on the plaza.

Skyway's collection grew with the expansion; 11,940 items were added for a total of 33,782 books, movies and other materials. The new library contains more computers, as well as spaces for children and teens and a community meeting room. In the first six months since its opening, Skyway showed a 77% increase in patron registrations over the same period the year before.

12601 76th Avenue S, Seattle

Architect: Weinstein A+U | **Contractor:** Beisley Construction

"We're very fortunate to have this beautiful new library. It's like a beacon of welcome to Skyway. It's inspirational."



Jenny Heishman, *Skystones*



SNOQUALMIE LIBRARY

The 6,000 square-foot Snoqualmie Library was the first library to be built as part of the \$172 million Capital Bond Building Program. Construction of the \$3.8 million library began in 2005 and the project was completed in August 2007. The new library was constructed together with four other libraries using the design-build construction process.

Large windows throughout the new building take advantage of natural lighting and allow for views of the surrounding mountains and neighborhood center. The library interior features a large community room that may be separated from the rest of the library by an overhead glass door. The new library includes more books, materials, computers, and space for children and teens. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 171% and patron visits increased 54% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

An interactive art piece, *Liquid Letters*, was designed by Trimpin. Using a dial with letters of the alphabet, children and adults may program different words to be spelled out. The letters, made out of water, descend from above one at a time to spell out the words. When people are not interacting with the piece, a computer program prompts various words to be spelled out every five minutes.

7824 Center Boulevard SE, Snoqualmie

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** BNBuilders, Inc.

"Beautiful views! I will use this library more often."



Barbara Robertson, *Array, Scroll-Orange and Bubble*



Trimpin, *Liquid Letters*



TUKWILA LIBRARY

When the long-awaited Tukwila Library opened in April 2017, the Tukwila community turned out in droves—an estimated 1,000 strong—to celebrate its new 10,000 square-foot library. Nearly double the size of the former 5,250 square-foot Foster Library it replaced, the \$8.9 million Tukwila Library is a focal point of Tukwila Village, a mixed-use development that includes a community center and public plaza, a neighborhood police resource center, café, senior housing and other amenities.

In addition to more materials, computers and spaces for children and teens, the library has a new community meeting room. Flexible open spaces were created to allow a variety of uses, including tutoring, classes, lectures, music and art performances, author readings, Story Times and studying.

The building features large windows to maximize natural light, and finish materials that include charcoal terra cotta, zinc cladding, aluminum sun shades and red-and purple-toned glass. Sustainable elements include regionally-sourced wood throughout the interior, and native plants for landscaping. Other eco-friendly features include a green roof with heat-and drought-tolerant native plants, helping to regulate interior temperatures and to reduce stormwater runoff by an estimated 60%.

Artwork includes a mural by artist Kelly Staton and delicate spherical chandeliers in the children's area. A tall, colorful steel-blade sculpture, *Multiplicity*, by Seattle artist John Fleming stands as a beacon outside the library.

14380 Tukwila International Boulevard, Tukwila
Architect: Perkins+Will | **Contractor:** Edifice Construction



John Fleming, *Multiplicity*



WHITE CENTER LIBRARY

Since White Center opened its first library space in 1946, residents have been ardent supporters of libraries and learning. Thus, community involvement was a big part of the planning and development of an eagerly awaited new \$8.5 million White Center Library. The modern 10,000 square-foot building, which opened in May 2016 on a new site near some of the schools and families it serves, provides 3,630 more square feet of space than its 1976 predecessor. The library's elegant design reflects both architectural expertise and community considerations, with high ceilings and huge glass windows that allow for more light and a serene feeling of spaciousness.

Patrons can enjoy woody views of 100-foot tall fir trees saved during construction. Site-specific landscaping and a large rain garden are both aesthetically pleasing while serving to trap and slow the flow of stormwater runoff. Other design features ensure the building is eco-friendly and energy-efficient, including a radiant floor that provides heat only where people are present, reducing energy consumption. An additional 14,190 items were added to the larger library, for a total of 40,976 books, movies, research and other materials. The building contains additional computers, wireless access, space for children and teens, and a community meeting room.

Three new pieces of art also were purchased with funding from the 2004 Capital Bond Building Program. Artist Ann Gardner's *Yellow Orb*, made of mixed media and hundreds of pieces of mosaic glass, hangs from the ceiling over the Information Desk. Martin Puryear's *Phrygian (Cap in Air)*, a soft-ground etching in aquatint, and photographer Christopher Boffoli's *Octopus Survey Team*, reside in a quiet corner.

1409 SW 107th Street, Seattle

Architect: NBBJ | **Contractor:** CDK Construction

"It's beautiful. It's bigger and more inviting, yet still feels light on a rainy day. It's just so nice to have a quiet place to go. I'll come here often."



Christopher Boffoli, *Octopus Survey Team*

MOBILE SERVICES



LIBRARY2GO!

Can't get to the library? The library can come to you. The 2004 Capital Bond Building Program made it possible for KCLS to expand its innovative spin on bricks and mortar with "libraries on wheels"—otherwise known as Library2Go! From 2010-2013, KCLS more than doubled the size of its outreach vehicle fleet, adding five Sprinter vans and four mobile computer labs for a total of 17 outreach vehicles.

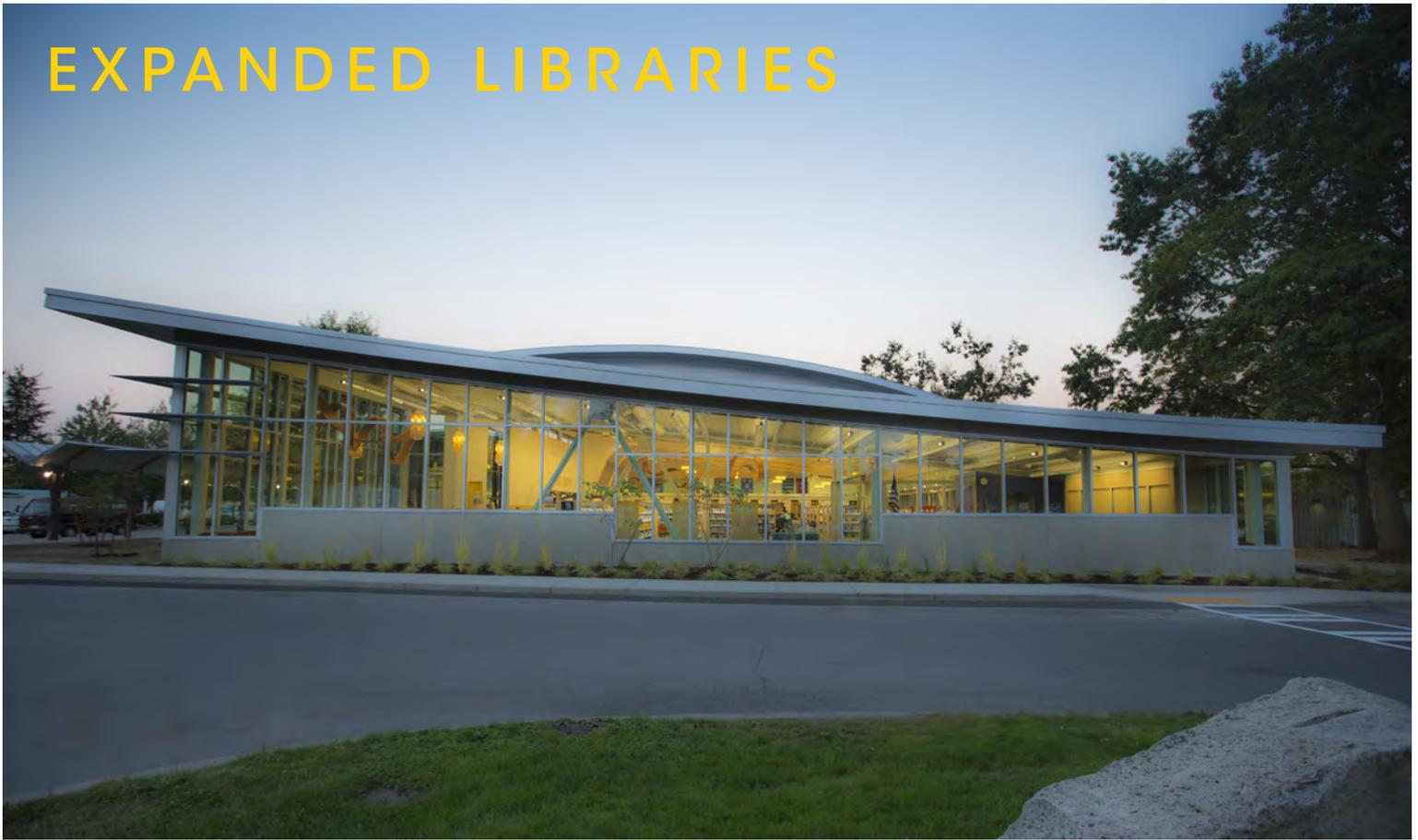
The growth of the number and type of vehicles has in turn increased the number of patrons served and the variety of services provided. Since 2010, 359,694 patrons of all ages and interests have received some kind of mobile outreach service with these vehicles, whether educational or entertaining programs, professional development or other offerings.

Library2Go! brings books, music, movies and other resources to low-income housing facilities, senior centers, summer-learning sites, various festivals and events, and other venues in KCLS' service area. In recent years, mobile outreach has expanded its bookmobile services to child care facilities, more than tripling the number of locations reached. These vehicles visit larger child care facilities and, with the expansion of the fleet, the smaller vehicles visit home-based child care sites. In all, the new vehicles have allowed KCLS to increase mobile service to children and families by over 40%.

Mobile Learning Labs have expanded opportunities to engage patrons, offering open computer lab times and use of KCLS' electronic collection. Mobile Learning Lab vehicles are equipped with seven patron computer stations, a printer, and a wall monitor for demonstrations and teaching. They have ADA software such as text enlargement and screen magnification, as well as wheelchair lifts. They are powered by ultra-low sulfur diesel, and use rooftop solar panels that recharge the vehicle's batteries. The Mobile Learning Labs are an expansion of the popular Techlab service.

"Wow, that is so cool! I've used the library my whole life and I think it's great that you're getting out to the communities that need you!"

EXPANDED LIBRARIES



AUBURN LIBRARY

The renovation and 5,000 square-foot expansion of the Auburn Library was completed in September 2012, bringing the library to a total of 20,000 square feet. The \$5.7 million project expanded two sides of the original building, and glass walls allow views of neighboring Les Gove Park. Additional features include a central reading area that encourages gathering, a modified entryway, four small study rooms, a quiet study room and a flexible meeting room. The project also includes structural and electrical improvements and a rain garden. There are 29 additional parking stalls located just west of the library, bordering Auburn Way. The library includes more materials, computers, wireless access and space for children and teens. Six months after the library opened, patron visits increased 23% when compared to the same six-month period prior to the expansion and renovation project.

1102 Auburn Way S, Auburn

Architect: Schacht|Aslani Architects | **Contractor:** M.J. Takisaki

"In a down economy, it's so nice to have something fresh and new for all of us to use. This is a really beautiful building!"



Paul Vexler, *Amoeba Like*



Paul Vexler, *Helix with Internal Element*



BELLEVUE LIBRARY PARKING GARAGE

A new three-level parking garage at Bellevue Library was completed in June 2013. The \$11.1 million project added 163 new parking spaces, for a total of 362 spaces. While accommodating practical needs of library users, the garage was designed with aesthetic appeal. The upper open-air level of the garage is rimmed with a trellis and the exterior of the garage features a green wall of living plants. Other site enhancements include new artwork, landscaping, a pedestrian walkway and underground utilities. Artwork by renowned Northwest artist Buster Simpson is displayed on an 18-foot tall stainless steel mesh wall at the primary entrance.

A facade of stamped aluminum automobile license plates is attached on both sides of the mesh wall. On the exterior wall, black and white seven letter words are stamped on black and white license plates. On the interior wall, a selection of multi-colored license plates are stamped with “vanity” words found in the public domain.

1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue

Architect: Johnston Architects | **Contractor:** Serpanok Construction

“The new parking garage is wonderful. It’s nice to know that I will always be able to find parking here, even on a busy Sunday.”



Buster Simpson, Vernacular



COVINGTON LIBRARY

The expansion and renovation of the Covington Library was completed in March 2008. The \$7 million project increased the size of the existing library by 7,700 square feet to a total of 23,000 square feet. The library includes a spacious “great room” area with a gas fireplace, canopy-style theatre lights, moveable lounge seating with study tables and a Food for Thought Café. The library has a new children’s area with a multi-use storytelling room and a kid’s computer Cyber Bar. The expanded teen area features lounge seating, study tables and a laptop Cyber Bar with wireless coverage throughout the library. There are two community meeting rooms and one for quiet study as well as additional catalog stations to search for or place holds on materials.

Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 19% and patron visits increased 95% when compared to the same six-month period prior to the expansion and renovation project.

27100 164th Avenue SE, Covington

Architect: Integrus Architects | **Contractor:** Graham Construction

“Covington Library is amazing now. It’s attractive, appealing and aesthetically pleasing. Bravo!”



Cappy Thompson, *We Are Sailing in the Sea of Possibilities
Toward Our Next Bright New Beginning*



Chris Engman, *Abandon Crates*



Mark Meyer, *Global Tactics*



FAIRWOOD LIBRARY

The relationship between the King County Library System and the Fairwood community goes back 51 years. So when the newly expanded Fairwood Library opened in December 2014, more than 500 people turned out to celebrate. The Fairwood Library's \$8 million redesign and expansion added 5,000 square feet for a total of 20,000 square feet. The striking building was designed to create an open and airy feeling for patrons, offering natural light from its high southwest-facing windows, as well as opening up a view of its woody surroundings. The expanded library includes comprehensive interior and infrastructure renovations, as well as more computers and materials, a community room, quiet study areas, a space for teens, and a space for children with a new child-accessible book shelving system. An Automated Materials Handling System helps staff keep up with patron demands at the busy library.

The Fairwood Library also was designed and built to be eco-friendly. Its interior materials meet LEED requirements for low or no off-gassing, and for recycled content. The heat-recovery system will help save energy. The design of the building's addition utilized large roof overhangs to help shade the glass walls, reducing solar heat gain and the demand for cooling in the summer. Yet by allowing in more sunlight, the building design also reduces the demand for heating during the winter months.

17009 140th Avenue SE, Renton

Architect: Schacht|Aslani Architects | **Contractor:** Beisley Inc.
Construction

"It is obvious that much work and thought went into the expanded library. There is also plenty of parking. Bravo!"



Byron Birdsall, *Sentinel*



FEDERAL WAY LIBRARY

The expansion and renovation of Federal Way Library was completed in June 2010. The \$7.8 million project increased the library by 9,500 square feet to a total of 34,500 square feet, making it the second largest library in the Library System. The additional 9,500 square feet of space opens the building to the outdoors and enhances the functionality of the space inside. Building upon the library's rich natural setting in a stand of mature evergreen trees, architects employed a guiding concept of the library's addition as a "Lantern in the Forest." A series of new skylights were added, as well as movable glass panels inside, enabling patrons to better see one another and view the site's wealth of trees, native plants and rain gardens outside.

Library staff describe the expanded building as "simply inviting." New furniture and finishes are found throughout the building, which includes a new children's area, large meeting room, a conference room, two quiet study rooms and three group study rooms. Visible from the library windows, the rain gardens were designed to playfully show the journey of water from roof to natural infiltration, rather than conceal it in buried pipes.

The library includes more computers, space for children and teens and community meeting space. There are more than 19,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs for a total collection of more than 200,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, patron visits increased 25% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

34200 1st Way S, Federal Way

Architect: Mithun Architects | **Contractor:** Kirtley-Cole

"I died and went to heaven!" said a young adult who walked into the newly renovated library for the first time.



John T. Young, Thwacker



KIRKLAND LIBRARY



Benjamin Moore and Louis Mueller, *Celebrating Knowledge*

The expansion and renovation of the Kirkland Library was completed in December 2009. The \$4.1 million project expanded the library by 4,500 square feet, bringing it to a total of 19,500 square feet. The additional square footage extends the roof from the original building and culminates in a glass pavilion overlooking the city's Peter Kirk Park. The building design invites the community into the library from its prominent location in the city's civic cultural district, adjacent to the public pool, the performing arts center and the park. The library expansion created an expanded children's area that features a custom mural by artist Katherine Hill.

New furniture and new finishes are found throughout the building. Other highlights include two light-filled reading and study areas, a new conference room, a large meeting room and two study rooms. The signature element of the expanded and renovated library is an airy, light-filled quiet room overlooking the park, which features a commissioned work of glass art by artists Benjamin Moore and Louis Mueller. There are more than 5,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs for a total collection of more than 116,000 library materials. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 7% compared to the same six-month period prior to the expansion and renovation project.

308 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland

Architect: Ruffcorn Mott Hinthorne Stine | **Contractor:** Kirtley Cole

"Your library is the best I've ever seen. It's very up-to-date with today's standards. It's well-kept and a comfortable place to come to."



Katherine Hill, untitled mural



LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY

The expansion and renovation of the Lake Forest Park Library was completed in January 2012. The \$1.4 million project increased the library by 2,299 square feet to a total of 5,873 square feet, which is 60% larger than the original library. The interior of the library has a dedicated children's and teen area, more computers and a multipurpose room that may be sectioned off from the main library for small group meetings via a sliding glass wall. Other enhancements include additional seating and study areas, new furniture and a public computer Cyber Bar. The library features expanded collections, including access to a growing collection of eBooks.

To adhere to green-building standards, building materials were selected that contained a high level of recycled content (the aluminum used in the storefront is 100% recycled and the ceiling tiles contain 82% recycled content). There was also a focus on energy-efficient lighting and the HVAC system is equipped with occupancy sensors for efficient energy use. The interior adhesives, sealants and sealers contain a low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) emission level, and the furniture is Greenguard certified for being low-VOC compliant. The wood used in the project is certified as a rapidly renewable resource (planted and harvested in less than a 10-year cycle) and when possible, materials were selected that were manufactured within 500 miles of the project site. Six months after the library opened, patron visits increased 16% when compared to the same six-month period at the former library.

17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park

Architect: Hutteball+Oremus | **Contractor:** CDK Construction Services

"The new library is so light, bright and cheerful. It feels spacious and open."



LIBRARY CONNECTION @ SOUTHCENTER

The expansion and renovation of the Library Connection @ Southcenter was completed in January 2012. The \$313,000 project entailed improvements to the exterior storefront and expanded the library by 164 square feet, bringing it to a total of 3,322 square feet. The library received new furniture, carpet and paint, and computer Cyber Bars were expanded by 25% to provide even more space for laptop users. Sustainable features were a focus, from PVC-free Platinum LEED certified carpet to energy-efficient lighting. Expanded and transparent storefronts provide natural ambient light. Shelving was not replaced, but upgraded with simple modifications and additional lighting. Green principles also were utilized in the artwork displayed above the children's area. A decommissioned glass sculpture was restored and re-imaged into a suspended mobile assembly. Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 4% and patron visits increased 3% when compared to the same six-month period prior to the expansion and renovation project.

1386 Southcenter Mall, Tukwila

Architect: SHKS Architects | **Contractor:** JB Construction



Unknown artist, glass sculpture restored and re-imaged into a mobile assembly above the Children's Area.



NEWPORT WAY LIBRARY

The expansion and renovation of the Newport Way Library was completed in April 2011. The \$3.4 million project added more space to the meeting room and reading area, increasing the size of the library to a total of 8,690 square feet. Noticeable from the exterior, the renovation work included a relocated entrance that is closer to the parking area. The interior of the library features enhanced public spaces with additional seating, including a new windowed reading porch and a cushioned children's window seat with views of the surrounding wooded area. The enlarged meeting room opens up to the central area when not in use with a large sliding glass door featuring artwork by glass artists Stuart Keeler and Michael Machnic.

The children's area was enhanced with computers and child-friendly furniture. An automated materials handling system, which allows people to return items via Self-Check-In stations outside the building, helps return items to shelves more quickly. Updated carpeting, shelving, new furniture and renovated restrooms complete the public-area enhancements. Sustainable practices included adding a well-insulated cedar shake roof and new insulated walls as well as double-paned windows and energy-efficient light fixtures. Carpet and paint with low levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) were used, which improve the quality of air inside the library. The computer Cyber Bar and Self-Check-In counters were built from reclaimed hardwood from fallen urban trees in Seattle. The facility features more than 6,000 new books, magazines, movies and CDs.

14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership | **Contractor:** Kirtley-Cole

"I love the reading porch. It's a nice place to relax and read and it's comfortable and quiet!"



Sven Jensen, *Double Wave*



Stuart Keeler and Michael Machnic, *Open Source*



SHORELINE LIBRARY PARKING



Deborah Mersky, *The Sea Beside Us*

A 14,000 square-foot expansion of the Shoreline Library parking lot was completed in October 2007. The \$2.3 million project expanded the surface parking to the west of the existing library after three residential properties were acquired and demolished. With 36 new parking spaces, there are now a total of 118 parking stalls in both the new and existing lots.

Other site enhancements include improved pedestrian circulation, reconfiguration of the existing parking lot to accommodate SUVs, a small outdoor gathering area for use by small groups or library patrons and decorative art panels installed on the retaining wall that borders 175th Street. The perimeter of the parking lot also is landscaped with native plants, and a second stairway connects the upper parking lot with the lower parking lot.

345 NE 175th Street, Shoreline

Architect: Hutteball+Oremus | **Contractor:** Pellco Construction, Inc.



SKYKOMISH LIBRARY

A 200 square-foot expansion project was completed at the Skykomish Library in October 2006. The \$143,000 project increased the square footage of the library to a total of 1,042 square feet. This was the first library expansion project to be completed as part of the Capital Bond Building Program.

100 5th Street, Skykomish

Architect: Hutteball+Oremus | **Contractor:** RAFN Company



VASHON LIBRARY

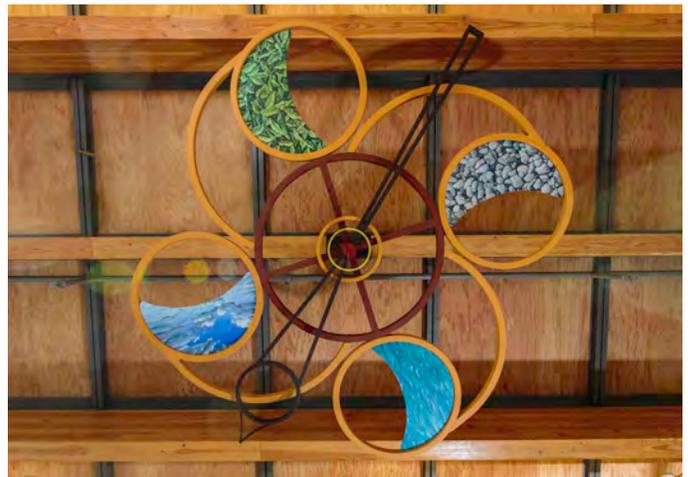
The expansion of the Vashon Library, to a total of 10,000 square feet, was completed in March 2014. Located in a forested public park just north of the downtown core on Vashon Island, the \$6.1 million project increased the size of the library by 4,000 square feet. The new addition slides underneath the existing building, preserving much of the original structure. The expanded and renovated library features two study rooms, a reading room and dedicated areas for children and teens. A larger community meeting room may be reserved for non-commercial purposes when not in use for library programs and is equipped with an automatic drop-down screen, large whiteboard and automated shades to dim the lighting for movies or slides.

The building was designed with several green features, including a green roof to reduce stormwater runoff and help keep the building cool in the summer. To bring more light into the building, the roof above the reading room area is punctuated by three light monitors, which create an airy and open space to read and study. At night, the light monitors become beacons of light from the street, increasing the library's visibility in the community. The new library offers patrons a thoughtful place to read and interact, while connecting them gracefully to their surroundings with enhanced views of the surrounding park.

17210 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon

Architect: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson | **Contractor:** Beisley Construction

*"I love the natural light in the building
and the views of the park!"*



David Eckard, *Cumulative Cumulus*. Five installments are suspended from the ceiling of the library.



WOODMONT LIBRARY

The expansion of the Woodmont Library, to a total of 9,850 square feet, was completed in July 2008. The \$3.9 million project increased the size of the library by 4,600 square feet, which nearly doubled the size. The expanded portion of the library features large windows that open up the interior and take advantage of natural lighting. The library includes a children's and teen area and new community meeting room. The meeting room features a "disappearing corner," which is formed by two sections of folding glass door panels. This allows the meeting room to function as part of the larger facility when not used for meetings or programs.

One unique feature of the library is a computer Cyber Bar for laptop users, located where the corner of the existing building meets the new addition, which is marked by a portion of steel frame. The frame supports the existing roof where a brick wall was removed. The Cyber Bar counter was made with wood harvested from a bigleaf maple tree. The new roof was designed to be a geometric lens shape and sweeps out over the older building to create a dramatic overhang at the new entrance, which helps to shade the new addition from the sun's glare. Virginia creeper vines are planted against the concrete wall near the entrance and when grown will form a "green wall" to help keep the building cool. One of the new pieces of artwork, called *Paper Bags* by Chris Jordan, depicts 1.14 million brown paper supermarket bags, which is the number used every hour in the United States.

Six months after the library opened, circulation increased 27% and patron visits increased 14% when compared to the same six-month period prior to the expansion and renovation project.

26809 Pacific Highway S, Des Moines

Architect: Miller Hayashi Architects | **Contractor:** Lease Crutcher Lewis Construction



Katy Stone, *Willow's Undercurrent*



Chris Jordan, *Paper Bags*

RENOVATED LIBRARIES



ALGONA-PACIFIC LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Algona-Pacific Library were completed in 2007. Enhancements included remodeling the interior, new carpet, paint, shelving and way-finding components to help guide patrons through the library. New exterior siding also was installed.

255 Ellingson Road, Pacific

Architect: Buffalo Design, Inc.

Contractor: Tatley-Grund Inc.



BOTHELL LIBRARY

Interior improvements to the Bothell Library were completed in 2006. Enhancements included new carpet, interior paint, shelves, and a revised floor plan to reflect a new Self-Checkout, Reference and Circulation Desks. The project also included enlarging the teen area, installing Early Learning components in the children's area, and the addition of an exterior patio reading area.

Construction to install a sliding glass door in the library's meeting room was completed in January 2015. The enhancement provides more open access for patrons when not in use for programs or reserved for non-commercial purposes. The welcome new feature was made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of long-time Bothell resident and avid library user Rosemary Theresa Wood, and was named in her honor. Other KCLS funds added an Automated Materials Handling System. (Also see page 48.)

18215 98th Avenue NE, Bothell

Architect: SHKS Architects

Contractor: Stetz Construction

BOULEVARD PARK LIBRARY

The renovation of the 5,677 square-foot Boulevard Park Library was completed in May 2019. More than 500 attended the re-opening celebration on May 18. The \$2.2 million project reconfigured the library's interior to create more space for computers and a larger collection; two new study rooms and dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults. The interior also was updated with new carpet, paint and comfortable furniture; new finishes and eco-friendly LED lighting.

Exterior improvements included new steel entryway columns to replace the former storefront vestibule; a new concrete walkway for the entry and new lighting. The library meeting room has sliding glass doors that provide flexibility for various activities. A larger foyer skylight and new windows provide more natural light, making the space brighter and more open.

The sliding doors feature artwork printed on glass by Northwest painter Barbara Earl Thomas entitled *The Secret Reader*. The Capital Improvement Plan includes maintenance of the library during the next decade.

12015 Roseberg Avenue S, Seattle

Architect: Building Works

Contractor: Regency NW



Barbara Earl Thomas, *The Secret Reader*

LIBRARY CONNECTION @ CROSSROADS

Interior improvements to the Library Connection @ Crossroads were completed in January 2014. Enhancements include new carpet, furniture, computers, and the installation of an Automated Materials Handling and Self-Check-In System for library materials. The project also included expanded public seating and improved access to library materials.

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue

Architect: SHKS Architects

Contractor: Stetz Construction





DES MOINES LIBRARY

Upkeep and maintenance work at Des Moines Library was completed in January 2008. The project included repair work to the library exterior, as well as remodeling and upkeep of the interior. Due to the condition of the building, metal roofing panels, windows, exterior masonry and exterior stucco were replaced. The exterior of the building also was enhanced by a new, more protective entry canopy and metal panel siding.

21620 11th Avenue S, Des Moines

Architect: Hutteball+Oremus

Contractor: Allen-Bradbury Construction



ISSAQUAH LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Issaquah Library were completed in December 2009. Enhancements included new carpet, paint, furniture and reconfiguration of the meeting room. An Automated Materials Handling System also was installed in the backroom to reduce the amount of time it takes to return library materials to shelves.

10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah

Contractor: RAFN Company



KENT LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Kent Library were completed in March 2010. The project entailed relocating the meeting rooms, restrooms and front entrance. An Automated Materials Handling System was also installed in the backroom to reduce the amount of time it takes to return library materials to shelves.

212 2nd Avenue N, Kent

Architect: Miller Hayashi Architects

Contractor: Landon Construction Group, LLC

"I just want to say that the Kent Library looks very nice and spacious after the remodel."

KINGSGATE LIBRARY

The renovation of the Kingsgate Library was completed in March 2016, and the library re-opened on April 30. The \$4.1 million project included a new entrance, teen section, expanded children's area, meeting room and updated technological, HVAC, seismic and other systems to meet new codes and provide energy efficiencies. Skylights and a more energy-efficient ceiling and lighting design made the roof seem higher, and proved a striking backdrop for one of the library's most significant artworks, *I was of Three Minds*, by John Thomas DeNunzio.

12315 NE 143rd Street, Kirkland

Architect: Sundberg Kennedy Ly-Au Young

Contractor: Westmark Construction

"Wow! It's wonderful! My kids are real excited. They couldn't wait for the new library to open."



MAPLE VALLEY LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Maple Valley Library were completed in April 2013. The project included relocating the public computer stations, new carpet, lighting and furniture.

21844 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley

Architect: Robin Chell Design

Contractor: Allen Bradbury Construction





MERCER ISLAND LIBRARY

The Mercer Island community felt passionately about preserving the character of its 14,600 square-foot library, which opened in 1991. So residents' sentiments helped guide the scope and details of the \$1.9 million remodel, completed in July 2016. The project included new carpeting and paint to give the entire space a fresh appearance, and a more energy-efficient mechanical system. Additional seating and power outlets were incorporated throughout the building. The library's existing meeting room received a new window, casework and lighting, while a new study room near the Teen Zone offers more space for quiet study and tutoring.

4400 88th Avenue SE, Mercer Island

Architect: Miller Hull Partnership

Contractor: JB Construction



NORTH BEND LIBRARY

Interior improvements to the North Bend Library were completed in 2008. Enhancements included new carpet, paint, furniture and way-finding components to help guide patrons through the library.

115 E 4th Street, North Bend

Contractor: RAFN Construction



REDMOND LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Redmond Library were completed in January 2009. Enhancements included new paint and carpet, installation of the complete way-finding signage package, expanded teen and World Language areas, new Circulation Desks, new furniture and reconfiguration of the public computer area and the Self Check-Out stations.

15990 NE 85th Street, Redmond

Architect: Donald King and Associates

Contractor: Regency NW

RICHMOND BEACH LIBRARY

Interior improvements to Richmond Beach Library were completed in January 2014. Enhancements include new furniture, lighting, carpet, paint and computer workstations.

19601 21st Avenue NW, Richmond Beach

Contractor: Allen Bradbury Construction



VALLEY VIEW LIBRARY

The renovated library re-opened in December 2016 after a minor interior remodel project which provides improved access, updated finishes and fixtures, and continued maintenance of the library during the next decade.

Address: 17850 Military Road S, SeaTac

Contractor: Gateway Construction



WOODINVILLE LIBRARY

Interior improvements to the Woodinville Library were completed in 2008. Enhancements included new carpet, paint, furniture and way-finding components to help guide patrons through the library.

Address: 17105 Avondale Road NE, Woodinville

Architect: Hutteball+Oremus

Contractor: RAFN Company



NON-BOND-FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS

During the last 15 years, there have been improvements made to eight KCLS libraries that were not funded by the 2004 voter-approved Capital Bond measure. In addition, one new replacement library, Renton Highlands and a substantial renovation to Renton's downtown library, were paid for by the City of Renton.



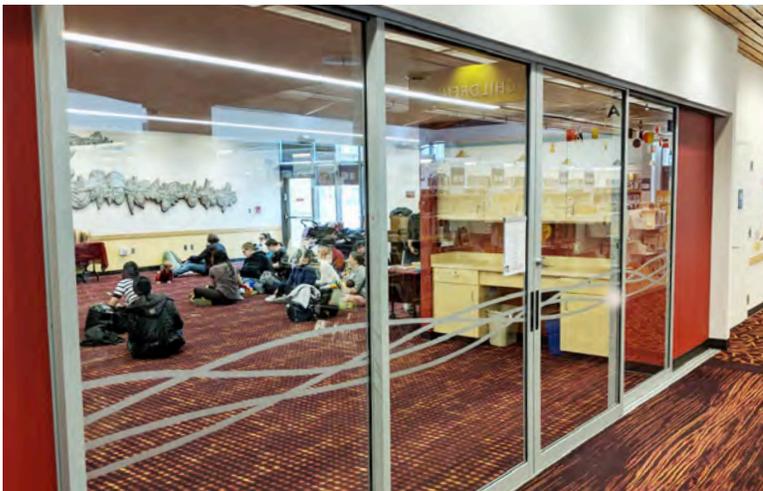
BELLEVUE LIBRARY

Two substantial renovations occurred at Bellevue Library in 2018, thanks in part to the generous support from the King County Library System Foundation. Library spaces were reconfigured to create the ideaX Makerspace on the first floor of the library where the children's area had been.

The Makerspace was designed to encourage collaboration and creativity through art and technology. It features workshops and drop-in sessions for people of all ages to explore emerging technologies and hands-on crafts ranging from musical recording, robotics, and coding to genealogy research, sewing and virtual reality.

A new 7,240 square-foot children's area was built on the third floor, more than doubling the size of the previous 3,000 square-foot space.

1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue



BOTHELL LIBRARY

Long-time Bothell Library patron Rosemary Wood bequeathed \$186,608 to the King County Library System Foundation for her beloved local library. Funds were used to install a sliding glass door in the meeting room.

18215 98th Avenue NE, Bothell

DES MOINES LIBRARY

A \$150,000 bequest from a long-time patron created a meeting room for the Des Moines Library that has proven a much-used gift. The private donation was from the estate of Dorothy (Dottie) Provine, who used KCLS' Traveling Library Center for 15 years while she lived at nearby Judson Park retirement community. The 2017 project included the removal of an entryway wall and addition of sliding glass doors and windows, dramatically opening up the library space.

21620 11th Avenue S, Des Moines



ENUMCLAW LIBRARY

The Enumclaw Library became part of the King County Library System in 2012 after local voters approved an annexation ballot measure. Town support for a public library goes back to 1922, when the Parent-Teachers Association and Pre-School Circle raised funds for a library that opened in City Hall a year later. The current 10,541 square-foot library is a busy community hub that connects residents to a wide variety of KCLS programs and services.

1700 1st Street, Enumclaw



KING COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER LIBRARY

KCLS has for many years contracted with King County to provide library resources and services for youth at the Center, helping them to continue their education, gain job, social and other skills and to better prepare them for life beyond incarceration. The library, which opened in 1972, provides literacy skills through more than 5,000 materials, including books, magazines, comics and other resources. KCLS offers information literacy classes, such as how to use online library tools and databases for research, as well as digital literacy via computer access plus STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) learning activities. Visits from authors, musicians and artists offer youth positive adult interactions. It is considered a privilege to use the library and has proven an incentive for youth to succeed.





LIBRARY CONNECTION @ SOUTHCENTER

When KCLS was offered the opportunity to create a larger library within the Westfield Southcenter Mall, it jumped at the chance. The previous library, established in 2012 under the 2004 Capital Bond measure, was 3,300 square feet. The new space offered to KCLS expanded the existing space by 1,700 square feet for a total of 5,000 square feet. The project was paid for out of the KCLS General Fund and was completed in four months. The expanded library opened in August 2017.

1386 Southcenter Mall, Tukwila



REDMOND RIDGE LIBRARY EXPRESS

In 2009, the King County Library System signed a lease with the Redmond Ridge Residential Owners Association (ROA) to open a drop-in/drop-off “express” library to accommodate demand in the rapidly growing area. The 300 square-foot building is the ROA’s office and meeting space. It also provides a place where locals can pick up their holds by scanning their KCLS library card at the secure entry. On-site bins make it easy and convenient for residents who would otherwise travel five to 13 miles to the nearest full-service libraries.

10735 Cedar Park Crescent NE, Redmond



RENTON LIBRARY

In 1966, the former Renton Library was built across the Cedar River, giving patrons unique views up and down the river, and in the fall, of spawning salmon. By 2010, when the library was annexed to KCLS, it was due some important upgrades, particularly technology. Engineers and architects teamed to create an award-winning, 19,500 square-foot renovation that opened to wide acclaim in 2015. The library has an elevated footprint designed to help it withstand potential river flooding. It features new computers, Wi Fi access, new furniture and carpeting, and floor-to-ceiling windows allowing both views and light. The City of Renton paid for the \$9.75 million renovation.

Address: 100 Mill Avenue S, Renton

RENTON HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

The City of Renton paid for the new \$11.3 million, 15,000 square-foot library, locating it in northeast Renton near local shopping areas. A grand opening celebration was held June 16, 2016 for both the Renton Highlands Library and new Sunset Neighborhood Park, created adjacent to the library. The library features large windows that give the building more natural light and an open, airy feeling. An expanded children's section, larger meeting room, multiple study rooms, parking garage and more computers and cyber bars were all included in the library.

2801 NE 10th Street, Renton



SHORELINE LIBRARY

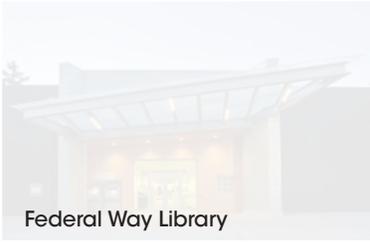
The Shoreline Library underwent a remodeling project which included a renovated teen area, new carpeting, furniture and a Cyber Bar with more computers and Wi-Fi access. Funding for the improvements were provided by the KCLS General Fund.

345 NE 175th Street, Shoreline





Snoqualmie Library



Federal Way Library



Burien Library



Richmond Beach Library



Kenmore Library



Bothell Library



Boulevard Park Library



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Woodinville Library



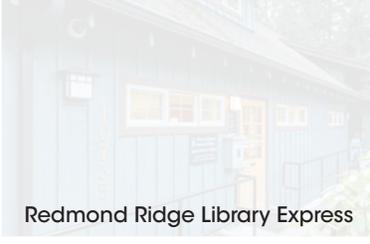
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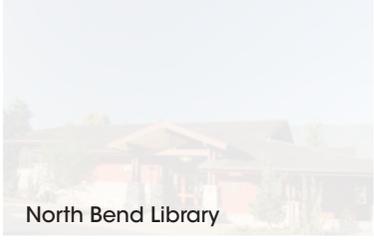
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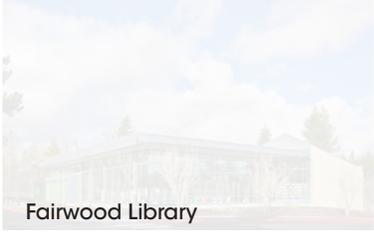
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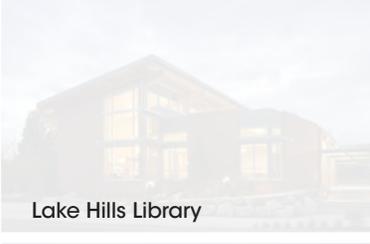
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