

Hours and Locations

Central Library

M - T 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
W - Sa 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Su Closed
Annual Hours: 2,598

Barkley Branch

M Closed
T - Th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
F Closed
Sa 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Su Closed
Annual Hours: 816

Fairhaven Branch

M Closed
T - Sa 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Su Closed
Annual Hours: 1,012

Total Annual Hours: 4,426
Difference vs. 2009: -180
Difference vs. 2008: -794



Use Increases Despite Hours, Materials Cuts

Budget cuts necessitated the elimination of most evening hours at the Central Library, Sunday library service, and several days at the Barkley and Fairhaven branches. All told, the public lost the equivalent of two and a quarter weeks of library service in 2010.

The library materials budget was also hit hard. The new book shelves were reduced by half, a visible reminder that spending was down 15% compared to 2009 and down 32% compared to 2008.

Despite these limitations, the library's annual circulation increased to 1,619,257. In other words, when people came to the library in 2010, they stocked up on books, CDs and DVDs in record numbers. We averaged 365 checkouts per open hour in 2010 compared to 250 in 2006.

Online activity also increased dramatically (17%), as people discovered they can download audiobooks and eBooks from the library website.

FRIENDS OF THE BELLINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends had another amazing year, volunteering 11,500+ hours and pledging over \$90,000 in support of library projects, including:

- new book trucks • barcode duplicators • music CD shelving • eBooks
- Summer Reading Program • Summer Reading yard signs
- book club kits • \$30,000 for Children's collection • holiday music CDs
- Whatcom READS! • teen gaming equipment • NextReads subscription

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!



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