CENTRAL LIBRARY

500 W Third Street, Fort Worth 76102-7305

Facility Data

Facility Type	Main Library
Year Built	1972
Year Most Recently Renovated	2008
Building Size, in Square Feet (BGSF)	183,380
Collection Size	408,088
Staff FTE (Full-Time Equivalents)	44.75
2010 Operating Budget, Proposed	$3,918,814
Modern Library Facility Factors Achieved	5
Estimated Cost to Retrofit Building Systems	$5,163,530
Estimated Cost to Retrofit FF&E	$1,146,038

Facility Analysis

unit of capacity	current 2010	2010 need to standards	current vs. standards
Building square feet (BGSF)	183,380	242,305	75.7%
Site area, in acres	2.39	multi-story, not applicable	
Parking spaces	9	275	3.3%

Distance & Drive Times[1]

	library	miles	minutes
Distance to Nearest Library	BOLD	1.49	6
	Shamblee	3.07	6
	Northside	3.03	10

[1] As computed using Yahoo! Local Maps and/or MapQuest.

Demographic Data & Findings[2]

Population Served	487,876
Households with Children	81,808
Persons 17 & Under	130,781
Percentage Persons 17 & Under	26.8%
Persons 18 to 64	300,305
Persons 65+	56,790
Percentage Persons 65+	11.6%
Percentage Asian	3.1%
Percentage Black/African-American	20.4%
Percentage Hispanic	40.2%
Category & Percentage Core Customers:	
Top Category & % J02: Latino Nuevo	16%
2nd Category & % F01: Steadfast Conservatives	15%
Library Materials/Services More Likely to be Used:	
Spanish Materials, PC Logins, Juvenile DVDs, and Reference	

Collections Analysis

Collections for Adults, % of Total Collection	80.4%
Collections for Children/Teens, % of Total Collection	19.6%
Media Collections for All Ages, % of Total Collection	16.1%
Collections, Capacity of Shelving Housing:[3]	
Reference	75%
Adult Circulating	30%
Teens	85%
Children's Easy/Picture Books	30%
Children's Fiction/Non-Fiction	30%
Media	60%
Industry Standard SF to House Collection[4]	27,391
ADA/User-friendly Standard SF to House Collection	34,238

[2] As provided by Buxton Co.
[3] Percentages based on a visual inspection by principal consultant.
[4] Industry standard: Any shelf above 80% filled is "beyond capacity."

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Analysis of Usage Data

output	measure	ranking[5]
Collection Turnover[6]	2.82	14 of 15
Contacts per Capita[7]	48.91	1 of 15
Contacts per FTE Staff	28,695	13 of 15
Cost Efficiency per Contact	$3.05	13 of 15
Contacts per Square Foot (SF)	7.06	15 of 15
Operating Cost Efficiency per SF	$21.55	1 of 15
Cumulative Ranking		12 of 15

Findings

The Central Library currently utilizes about three quarters of the space available within the total building, indicating there is sufficient expansion space on-site to meet future needs. Given the urban location, the site is adequate, but additional parking should be acquired in close proximity to the building.

The Central Library ranks first in contacts per capita despite serving the entire city. Central also ranks first in operational cost efficiency, due to the large size of the facility. Central ranks in the bottom third in all other usage criteria, however, facility size creates anomalies when compared to branch Libraries.

Recommendations

Reconfigure interior spaces prescribed in Appendix Five, over three Phases. Phase One should minimize capital costs in favor of "sweat equity" projects that can be performed by City staff, in preparation for Phases Two and Three. Extend the hours of operation to 54 by 2012, to 64 when Phase Two is completed, and to 70 when Phase Three is completed.

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[5] Comparative ranking with other Fort Worth Libraries.
[6] Computed by dividing annual circulation by total collection size.
[7] Contacts = circulation + reference transactions + visits + total program attendance + computer logins.

Reprogrammed Service Delivery Mix

Year 2015 & 2020 quantities are based on the reconfiguration of spaces prescribed in Appendix Five.

Collections	2015	2020
Popular Display	3,500	3,500
Adult Fiction	275,000	285,000
Adult Non-Fiction/Reference	300,000	310,000
Special Collections: Spanish	15,000	17,500
Easy/Picture/Board	16,000	17,000
Youth Fiction/Non-Fiction	20,000	20,500
Teen Fiction/Non-Fiction	4,000	4,500
Media CDs/DVDs	16,500	17,000
Current Periodicals	300	325
TOTAL ITEMS:	650,300	675,325

Computers	2015	2020
Adult	68	72
Youth	20	24
Teen	24	30
Computer Lab	50	50
TOTAL COMPUTERS:	162	176

Seating	2015	2020
Adult	124	136
Youth	36	36
Teen	36	40
TOTAL SEATS:	196	212
ITEMS PER SEAT:	3,318	1,185

Meeting Rooms	2015	2020
Seats	200	200

Staff	2015	2020
FTE	40.00	45.00

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