

WEDGWOOD LIBRARY

3816 Kimberly Lane, Fort Worth 76133-2021



Facility Data

Facility Type	Neighborhood Library
Year Built	1962
Building Size, in Square Feet (BGSF)	4,962
Collection Size	47,977
Staff FTE (Full-Time Equivalents)	10.50
2010 Operating Budget, Proposed	\$778,045
Modern Library Facility Factors Achieved	0
Estimated Cost to Retrofit Building Systems	\$254,110
Estimated Cost to Retrofit FF&E	\$47,981

Facility Analysis

<i>unit of capacity</i>	<i>current 2010</i>	<i>2010 need to standards</i>	<i>current vs. standards</i>
Building square feet (BGSF)	4,962	11,770	42.2%
Site area, in acres	0.58	1.08	53.7%
Parking spaces	27	59	45.8%

Distance & Drive Times¹

	<i>library</i>	<i>miles</i>	<i>minutes</i>
Distance to Nearest Library	Southwest	2.89	7
	Ridglea	6.52	13
Distance to Central Library		11.09	16

Demographic Data & Findings²

Population Served	90,671
Households with Children	11,505
Persons 17 & Under	21,510
Percentage Persons 17 & Under	23.7%
Persons 18 to 64	56,448
Persons 65+	12,713
Percentage Persons 65+	14.0%
Percentage Asian	3.5%
Percentage Black/African-American	14.2%
Percentage Hispanic	27.5%

Category & Percentage Core Customers:

Top Category & %	B03: Urban Commuter Families	28%
Second Category & %	F01: Steadfast Conservatives	19%

Library Materials/Services More Likely to be Used:

Best Sellers, Adult Fiction, Books on CD, and Adult Non-Fiction

Collections Analysis

Collections for Adults, % of Total Collection	59.2%
Collections for Children/Teens, % of Total Collection	40.8%
Media Collections for All Ages, % of Total Collection	18.6%
Collections, Capacity of Shelving Housing: ³	
Reference	80%
Adult Circulating	80%
Teens	90%
Children's Easy/Picture Books	75%
Children's Fiction/Non-Fiction	70%
Media	85%
Industry Standard SF to House Collection ⁴	4,776
ADA/User-friendly Standard SF to House Collection	5,969

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."

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

Analysis of Usage Data

<i>output</i>	<i>measure</i>	<i>ranking</i> ⁵
Collection Turnover ⁶	6.00	3 of 15
Contacts per Capita ⁷	25.13	4 of 15
Contacts per FTE Staff	42,148	10 of 15
Cost Efficiency per Contact	\$1.76	10 of 15
Contacts per Square Foot (SF)	89.19	2 of 15
Operating Cost Efficiency per SF	\$156.80	13 of 15
Cumulative Ranking		5 of 15

Findings

The current Wedgwood building is less than half the size it needs to be to meet current standards. Indeed, if the entire building just housed the current collections, it is too small to do so in an ADA-compliant, user-friendly manner – with no space leftover for computers, seating, staff work space, restrooms, etc. And, it would cost \$228,221 just to bring the building infrastructure up to modern standards, without adding any space to an already overcrowded facility.

The Wedgwood site is half the size it needs to be to accommodate a properly sized library and parking lot for current needs, let alone for future expansion.

The Wedgwood Library ranks in the top one-third in collection turnover and number of customer contacts – reinforcing the perception that it is one of the busiest libraries in Fort Worth. However, it ranks 13th of 15 facilities in operating cost per square foot, demonstrating some of the hidden costs of overcrowding and an inefficient building infrastructure.

Recommendations

By 2015, replace the Wedgwood Library with a new 25,000 square foot facility a few miles south of the present location, more central to the Library’s user population. Reassign 2.0 FTE staff to the Southwest Regional Library for additional service hours.⁸

Set goals to transfer \$100,000 (+/-75%) of the 2010 Wedgwood Library materials budget to a system-wide technology improvements fund and to incorporate \$300,000 into an operational savings plan.

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.

⁸ Buxton Co. data shows considerable crossover usage between Wedgwood and Southwest Regional Library. Extended hours at Southwest Regional will aid Wedgwood customers.