

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

4001 Library Lane, Fort Worth 76109-4407



Facility Data

Facility Type	Community Library
Year Built	1987
Building Size, in Square Feet (SF)	25,661
Collection Size	147,252
Staff FTE (Full-Time Equivalents)	21.25
2010 Operating Budget, Proposed	\$1,656,673
Modern Library Facility Factors Achieved	1
Estimated Cost to Retrofit Building Systems	\$588,438
Estimated Cost to Retrofit FF&E	\$241,650

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 (SF)	25,661	25,867	96.6%
Site area, in acres	1.99	2.38	83.5%
Parking spaces	85	129	65.7%

Distance & Drive Times¹

	<i>library</i>	<i>miles</i>	<i>minutes</i>
Distance to Nearest Library	Wedgwood	2.89	7
	Ridglea	5.65	11
Distance to Central Library		7.01	14
Distance to Suburban Library	Benbrook	4.98	10

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

Demographic Data & Findings²

Population Served	167,778
Households with Children	20,476
Persons 17 & Under	38,574
Percentage Persons 17 & Under	23.0%
Persons 18 to 64	106,234
Persons 65+	22,970
Percentage Persons 65+	13.7%
Percentage Asian	3.1%
Percentage Black/African-American	12.7%
Percentage Hispanic	27.9%
Category & Percentage Core Customers:	
Top Category & %	F01: Steadfast Conservatives 12%
2nd Category & %	B03: Urban Commuter Families 11%
Library Materials/Services More Likely to be Used:	
Best Sellers, Books on CD, Adult Fiction, and Adult Non-Fiction	

Collections Analysis

Collections for Adults, % of Total Collection	61.3%
Collections for Children/Teens, % of Total Collection	38.7%
Media Collections for All Ages, % of Total Collection	17.2%
Collections, Capacity of Shelving Housing: ³	
Reference	60%
Adult Circulating	60%
Teens	85%
Children's Easy/Picture Books	95%
Children's Fiction/Non-Fiction	90%
Media	80%
Industry Standard SF to House Collection ⁴	14,510
ADA/User-friendly Standard SF to House Collection	18,138

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

<i>output</i>	<i>measure</i>	<i>ranking</i> ⁵
Collection Turnover ⁶	5.61	4 of 15
Contacts per Capita ⁷	9.36	9 of 15
Contacts per FTE Staff	74,957	1 of 15
Cost Efficiency per Contact	\$1.04	1 of 15
Contacts per Square Foot (SF)t	63.71	4 of 15
Operating Cost Efficiency per SF	\$66.27	7 of 15
Cumulative Ranking		1 of 15

Findings

The Southwest building is adequate to meet current space needs, but the parking lot is only two-thirds the size it needs to be. Being over 30 years old, the facility is estimated to need over \$500,000 in upgrades to the building infrastructure.

The Southwest Regional Library ranks 1st in both customer contacts per staff and cost per contact, indicating a high level of efficiency. Ranking 4th in turnover of the largest branch library collection indicates a very busy library.

Recommendations

Investigate possibilities for staff to park at neighboring religious institutions. Change from regional to community library status.

Implement modifications to the interior and drive-up book drop to increase staff work space and public area efficiency.

Extend the hours of operation to 56 per week by 2013.

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 shown are based on remaining in the current location, but with building modifications and extended hours.

Collections	2015	2020
Popular Display	3,000	3,000
Adult Fiction	25,000	27,000
Adult Non-Fiction/Reference	28,000	29,000
Special Collections: Spanish	2,000	2,500
Easy/Picture/Board	8,000	8,500
Youth Fiction/Non-Fiction	16,000	16,500
Teen Fiction/Non-Fiction	1,500	1,500
Media CDs/DVDs	12,000	12,500
Current Periodicals	80	80
TOTAL ITEMS:	95,580	100,580

Computers	2015	2020
Adult	24	26
Youth	8	10
Teen	8	10
TOTAL COMPUTERS:	40	46

Seating	2015	2020
Adult	32	34
Youth	16	18
Teen	16	18
TOTAL SEATS:	64	70
ITEMS PER SEAT:	1,493	1,437

Meeting Room	2015	2020
Seats	75	75

Staff	2015	2020
FTE	20.75	21.50