

OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

Welcome to your Public Library! After more than 20 years in our present facility, it's a special time to both look back at what we've accomplished and look forward another 20 years. We're excited about the many possibilities ahead, hence the name of our library expansion campaign "Books and Beyond: The Next Chapter."



Donna Riordan
Board of Trustees
President

For the last two years, we've been talking with community representatives about your Library's most pressing needs. We continue to welcome your participation in this process, and invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns – through emails, letter, phone, or in person at the Library.

Our website – www.orcaslibrary.org – will keep you up to date, and provide links to online resources such as databases; resources for seniors, teens, parents and children; community calendars; ebooks and audiobooks; user-friendly interlibrary loans; job and career resources; and a comprehensive list of community information and facilities. We also welcome the chance to tell you more about your Library Board, Staff, and Friends of the Orcas Island Library.



Phil Heikkinen
Library Director

Public libraries are important free and democratic institutions, open and accessible to everyone. We thank you for your contributions to our mission, whether as a patron, volunteer, taxpayer, or donor.

Donna Gerardi Riordan, Board President
Phil Heikkinen, Library Director

LIBRARY MISSION AND GOALS

LIBRARY MISSION

The Orcas Island Public Library **supports all learners** on the island by maintaining strong collections, online resources, and services; serves as a **welcoming place** for reflection, exploration, discussion, and community networking; and **reaches out effectively** to all groups and individuals who will benefit from receiving services away from the Library.

THE NEED FOR A LIBRARY EXPANSION

In 1991, you provided financial support to build the current, beautiful building. Each week, this much-loved library serves more than 2500 Islanders of all ages. But our library has outgrown its space. We need more room for people, books, and technology.

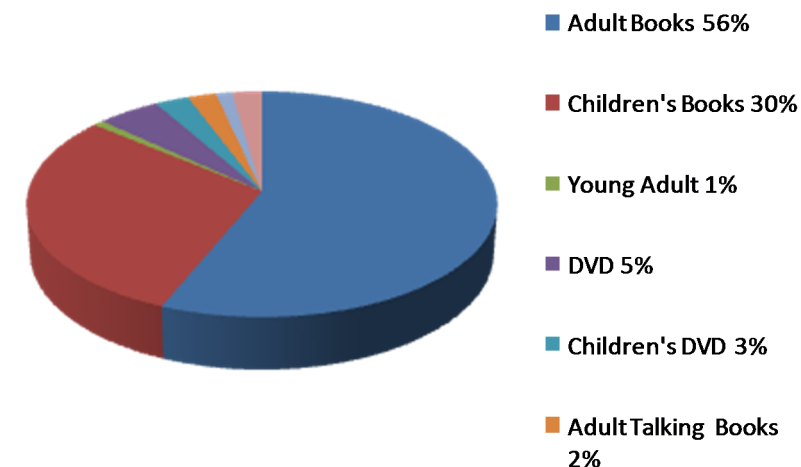
Since 1995

- The number of library cards has increased 86%, to nearly 6000.
- Your library collection has increased 45%, to nearly 45,000 items, and annual checkouts have increased by about 50%.
- More than 4300 patrons enjoy over 250 annual on-site programs and classes.
- Your library is open seven days per week, or 30% more hours than in 1995. Patron visits have increased by 80% in the last ten years alone!
- Did you know that 80% of Americans connect to the Internet, over half of them daily? In response to your requests for more access to computers, the library has added eleven computers. But, the computers have created congestion in the center aisle. Limited space for people and technology means that those who bring their own computers must use the parking lot, outside bench-

2013 FAST FACTS

118,739	Items checked out [4th in WA : circulation per capita]
41,714	Items in collection
39,410	Downloadable Items through Overdrive
134,541	Library visits [2nd in WA : visits per capita]
2,652	Hours open per year
5,892	Number of cardholders
1,621	Items borrowed through Interlibrary Loan
4,550	Volunteer hours
130	Children's events
90	Adult events
5,895	Attendance at all library programs
450	Meeting Room events
139	Kids' Summer Reading Program participants
15	Public internet computers
21,808	Internet sessions
30	Total licensed databases

2013 BORROWED BY ITEM TYPE





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Open 7 days a week

Monday–Thursday: 10:00am to 7:00pm
Friday–Saturday: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday: Noon to 3:00pm



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Books and Beyond: The Next Chapter

OUR RESPONSE TO THE NEED IS TO CREATE MORE ROOM FOR LEARNING AND FUN!

Through surveys and community groups, patrons have asked for technologically sophisticated, energy-efficient spaces that harmonize with the existing facility, meet current and future needs, and minimally disrupt library services during construction.

The expansion will:

- Create more room for people, books, and technology
- Increase space for the Young Adult section
- Relocate and increase space for use of laptops and public computers
- Add more worktables
- Create quiet reading areas
- Create up to four small-group study and meeting rooms
- Improve shelving
- Provide an additional family-friendly restroom
- Increase space for magazines and newspapers
- Create an additional office and storage space
- Create more communal spaces, including where Orcas Is-



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