



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS

Chair Peter Struck
Commissioners: Jodi McCarthy, Don Cohen
Sara Marxen, Rory Westberg,
Ashley Hay, and Mar Brettmann

LOCATION

MICEC – Slater Room Council Chambers
and via Zoom
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Join in person at 5:00 PM: Mercer Island Community & Event Center - 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – 5:00 PM

APPEARANCES

This is the opportunity for anyone to speak to the Commission about issues of concern.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report and Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Regular Hybrid Meeting
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
3. PRC25-07: Commission Officer Elections
Recommended Action: Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair, or if desired, suspend appointments until the next scheduled meeting.
4. PRC25-08: King County Library System Mercer Island Branch - Annual Update
Recommended Action: Receive report

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Absences and Commissioner Reports

ADJOURNMENT



City of Mercer Island
Parks and Recreation
Commission

Department Report
June 5, 2025



Project Updates



Deane's Children's Park Site Plan

Round one of community engagement now complete!

- **April 5:** Leap for Green – project booth
- **April 21 to May 23:** Online survey live on Let's Talk
 - Received 102 responses
- **April 26:** MIPA Circus – project booth
- **May 3:** Open House at Island Park Elementary
- **May 12 to May 22:** Parks Capital team visited 54 classes across four elementary schools—Lakeridge, West Mercer, Island Park, and Northwood
 - More than 1,200 students from K – 5th grade shared their ideas for the new playground

Design concepts will be shared this summer and presented to the PRC on 9/4 for feedback.



Playground Replacements – Roanoke & First Hill

- **Roanoke Park:** The new play area continues to take shape!
 - Installers started or completed installing all new play equipment – including the 18' tall Neptun Climber!
 - The crew also finished pouring the curb that encloses the play area and is wrapping up installing the rock subgrade for the new poured-in-place (PIP) surfacing.
 - Poured in Place surfacing will be installed in the coming weeks.
- **First Hill Park:** City staff are finalizing the construction contract with Landscape Structures, Inc., through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative. Construction timing will be shared on Let's Talk and mailed to park neighbors soon!



Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts

- The pickleball courts are closed this week while Beynon Sports installs the permanent acrylic surfacing and striping at the facility.
- Work is going smoothly, and staff anticipate the courts will reopen by June 15 per the current project schedule.
- The two westernmost courts close again **June 30-July 3** to restore the mural *Summer in the Wetlands*.
- Closure information is posted on-site, Let's Talk, and the City website.



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Park Maintenance Spring Updates

- Completed irrigation repairs at Homestead and Aubrey Davis
- Milfoil removal at Luther Burbank and Groveland Beach
- “Spring Cleaning” at the Community Center
- Mid-Season Clean-up at the P-Patch



Park Maintenance Spring Updates

- Completing ballfield repairs at ICP-South
- Aerating and fertilizing various athletic fields
- Training Full-time and seasonal staff on various turf maintenance practices.



Upcoming Events





- In partnership with the Mercer Island High School's Black Student Union, we will celebrate Juneteenth in Mercerdale Park with live music, food trucks, vendors, activities and more!
- We invite our community to come and celebrate with us!



SUMMER CELEBRATION!



JULY 12

- PARADE
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- ART & FOOD VENDORS
- FIREWORKS AND MORE!

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SUMMER CELEBRATION!

JULY 12

Mercerdale Park

Community Parade
Touch-A-Truck
MI Community Booths
Art Vendors
City of Mercer Island Booths
Food Trucks

10am
10:30am - 3pm
10:30am - 3pm
10:30am - 3pm
10:30am - 3pm
11am - 3pm

78th Ave SE
77th Ave SE
77th Ave SE
77th Ave SE
Mercerdale Park
SE 32nd St.

OffRoad Band
Dave & Busters Lawn Games
Circus & Kids Zone
Foam Party & Bubble Stations
Brian Ledbetter, Magician
Point of Sail Band

10am - 12pm
10:30am - 3pm
11am - 3pm
11 - 2pm
12 - 1pm
1 - 3pm

Main Stage
Mercerdale Park
Mercerdale Park
Mercerdale Park
Main Stage
Main Stage

Shuttles to/from Luther Burbank Park:

Shuttles will be available between 5:30 - 9pm from the following locations:

Northwood Elementary and Island Park Elementary.

Buses provided by the Mercer Island School District.



Event Paid Parking:

Limited paid parking is available at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center for easy access to/from the activities at Luther Burbank Park. Parking is \$30, proceeds go directly to Summer Celebration - park with ease, while supporting this community event!

Call 206-275-7609 to purchase or scan the QR code.



Luther Burbank Park:

Food Trucks
Mr. Pink Band
Aerial Acts & Stilt Walker
FIREWORKS SHOW!

6 - 10pm
6 - 10pm
6:30 - 8:30pm
10pm

ADA Parking is available in the Rite Aid parking lot across from Mercerdale Park, and in the Luther Burbank North Parking Lot.

Thank You Sponsors





2025 MOSTLY MUSIC IN THE PARK

PRESENTED BY: **AIRSTREAM**
ADVENTURES
SEATTLE

**THURSDAYS
6:30 - 8:30PM
MERCERDALE PARK**

JULY 17
PAPERBACK WRITER | BEATLES TRIBUTE

JULY 24
MIMX | MERCER ISLAND COVER BAND

JULY 31
GIMME SHELTER | ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE

AUG 7
BRICKHOUSE | 70'S DISCO FUNK

AUG 14
PIONEER SQUARES | CLASSIC ROCK VARIETY

AUG 21
PROM DATE MIXTAPE | 80'S NEW WAVE



SPONSORED BY:





PRIDE IN THE PARK

AUGUST 7TH, MERCERDALE PARK
ACTIVITIES AT 4:30PM, MUSIC AT 6:30PM

#LOVEWINS

**LIVE MUSIC BY
BRICKHOUSE**







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SPORTS, CHESS,
BIKING, BALLET,
CHESS AND MORE!

JOIN US FOR
AN ADVENTURE
THIS SUMMER!



QUESTIONS, CALL: 206.275.7609

PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

40th
ANNIVERSARY

SUMMER CELEBRATION

SUMMER CAMPS

MOSTLY MUSIC IN THE PARK

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

PARKS AND TRAILS

DROP-IN SPORTS

REC PROGRAMS

ATHLETIC FIELDS





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Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

Item 1.

July 3

- TBD

August- No Meeting

September 4

- Deane's Children's Park Site Plan- Design Concepts
- Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy
- Annual Bylaws Review (*if needed*)

October 2

- Athletic Court Allocation & Use Policy
- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy



Thank you!





PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

2025/2026 PLANNING SCHEDULE

Items are not listed in any particular order.
Agenda items & meeting dates are subject to change.

REMINDER: NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

JULY 3, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 6/26
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	PRC 25-XX:		

AUGUST CANCELED

SEPTEMBER 4, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 8/28
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	PRC 25-XX: Deane's Children's Park Site Plan - Design Concepts Discussion	Shelby Perrault	
	PRC 25-XX: Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy (review)	Jeremy Jasman	
	PRC 25-XX: Annual Bylaws Review (if needed)	Ryan Daly	

OCTOBER 2, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 9/25
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	PRC 25-XX: Athletic Court Allocation/Usage Policy	Jeremy Jasman	
	PRC 25-XX: MICEC Fee Waiver Policy	Ryan Daly	

NOVEMBER 6, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 10/30
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	PRC 25-XX: Athletic Court Allocation/Usage Policy	Jeremy Jasman	

DECEMBER 4, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 11/27
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	PRC 25-XX: Intro to the Parks Code Update	TBD	

2026 JANUARY 8, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	

FEBRUARY 5, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	

MARCH 5, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 11/27
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	

APRIL 2, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 11/27
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	

MAY 7, 5:00 PM Absences:		STAFF WORK	AGENDA GO LIVE 11/27
TIME/TOPIC		STAFF	
	Recreation Division Annual Report	Ryan Daly	

Pending:

Project Proposal for Year-round programming at Luther Burbank (2026)

ANNUAL AGENDA ITEMS

KCLS - Mercer Island Branch Operations Update (May)

Annual PRC Chair/Vice-Chair Elections (June)

Annual Bylaws Review (June)

Recreation Division Annual Report



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES May 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Struck at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Peter Struck, Vice Chair Paul Burstein, and Commissioners Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Ashley Hay and Sara Marxen were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission. City Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present.

Deputy Public Works Director Kellye Hilde, Capital Parks Manager Shelby Perrault, CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvus, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, Recreation Coordinator Jeremy Jasman, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

No Public Appearances

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog reported on the following:

- Project Updates
 - Playground Replacements
 - Deane's Childrens' Park
 - Roanoke & First Hill
 - Luther Burbank Park Sports Courts
- Upcoming Events
 - Summer Celebration!
 - Mostly Music in the Park
 - Family Movie Night
 - Summer Camps
 - Open Art Studio
- Good News
 - A Heartfelt Thank You
 - Park Maintenance Update
 - Turf Damage Rehab
 - 2025 Leap for Green Sustainability Fair
 - Spring Break Camp – Petals Art Club
 - Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway
- Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 6, 2025, Regular Hybrid Meeting and the April 9, 2025 Special Hybrid Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Burstein; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the minutes from the March 6, 2025, Regular Hybrid Meeting and the April 9, 2025 Special Hybrid Meeting.

Passed: 7 – 0

3. PRC25-05: Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks Joint Park Infrastructure Plan Update

Deputy Public Works Director Kellye Hilde and CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas presented. Commissioners received the report, asked questions, and provided feedback.

4. PRC25-06: 2024 Recreation Division Annual Report

Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog and Recreation Coordinator Jeremy Jasman presented. Commissioners received the report, asked questions, and provided feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Absences and Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Burstein announced his decision not to seek reappointment, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and for the accomplishments achieved with the group over the past four years.

Commissioners also expressed their gratitude for the Vice Chair's service and reflected on the positive experience of working with him.

Cohen and Westberg reported they will not be able to attend the June meeting.
Hay reported she will not be able to attend the July meeting.

Chair Struck reminded the Commissioners to submit any questions for KCLS' annual update to Staff by the end of the day on May 12, in preparation for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:28pm



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

PRC 25-07
June 5, 2025
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	PRC 25-07: Commission Officer Elections	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair, or if desired, suspend appointments until the next scheduled meeting.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
STAFF:	Ryan Daly, Recreation Manager	
EXHIBITS:	N/A	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to present the process for the election of officers for the Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC).

BACKGROUND

According to the [Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws](#), the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected annually by the commission during the June meeting. Each officer serves a one-year term, with no term limits, allowing members to be re-elected to the same position in subsequent years.

All members of the Parks and Recreation Commission are eligible for appointment to officer positions at any point during their tenure on the Commission. The bylaws also outline the duties associated with each officer role and the procedures for conducting elections.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Tonight, the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair utilizing the following process to elect new officers (as noted in section 3.1 of the bylaws).

The Staff Liaison shall conduct the elections for Chair as follows:

- A. Any Commissioner may nominate a candidate for Chair; no second is needed.
- B. Nominees may accept or decline the nomination.
- C. If only one (1) nomination is made, it is appropriate to make a motion and obtain a second to instruct the Staff Liaison to cast a unanimous ballot for that nomination for Chair. Approval is by majority vote of Commissioners present.
- D. If more than one (1) nomination is made, an open election is conducted by roll call vote.
- E. To be elected, the nominee needs a majority vote of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- F. Elections will continue until a Chair is elected by a majority vote of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- G. The Staff Liaison shall declare the nominee receiving the majority vote as the new Chair.

*This process is repeated for the election of the Vice Chair.

NEXT STEPS

Following the election of officers, the new officers will immediately assume their respective roles. The Staff Liaison will assist in the transition as desired by the newly elected Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair utilizing the current process.

Or, if desired:

2. Move to suspend the Chair and Vice-Chair elections until the next regular scheduled meeting and have Commissioner (insert name) serve as the Presiding Officer for the remainder of the June 5 PRC Meeting.



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

PRC 25-08
June 5, 2025
Regular Business

Item 4.

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	PRC 25-08: King County Library System Mercer Island Branch - Annual Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
STAFF:	Ryan Daly, Recreation Manager	
EXHIBITS:	1. Preliminary Questions for KCLS	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Mercer Island community with an annual update on operations at the King County Library System (KCLS) Mercer Island Branch. The presentation will highlight key activities and services from 2024 and offer a preview of upcoming initiatives. This agenda item also serves as a continued forum for community members to engage directly with KCLS representatives.

BACKGROUND

The Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) serves in a policy advisory capacity to the City Council and other City boards and commissions on matters related to the Mercer Island parks system, recreation programming, and the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

In addition, under MICC 3.53.020, the PRC is tasked with “provid[ing] a forum for the community to express their views regarding library services on Mercer Island and serv[ing] in an advisory capacity to the King County Library System (KCLS).”

As part of fulfilling this responsibility, the PRC invites KCLS staff to present an annual update on operations and to share information about upcoming initiatives and services.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Ahead of the meeting, City staff provided KCLS staff with a broad set of questions (Exhibit 1) submitted by commissioners to assist in the development and presentation of this annual update.

Tonight, KCLS staff will utilize those questions to present current library services and plans for 2024.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will follow up with KCLS on any outstanding items or as requested by the PRC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive Report

Preliminary Questions from the PRC to KCLS for presentation at the June 5, 2025 Parks & Rec Commission Meeting

- I. **Hours** – Probably the single, biggest issue I hear from the community is regarding the limited hours of the MI Library (compared to pre-pandemic). Are there plans to expand hours in the near future, or should the community expect to see no change.
 - i. KCLS staff told us last year that this topic was being evaluated. What are the current plans, if any?
 - ii. Are there any specific metrics that need to be met before such a move can be made to expand hours?
- II. **Services** – How does KCLS management determine the type of services an individual library receives?
 - a. What input, if any, is obtained or received from the community to assist in determining these service offerings?
 - i. Has KCLS undertaken any “customer satisfaction” surveys, and if so, what are the results?
- III. **Information** – Provide information, like what the Director presents as KPIs for the System, as available, on activity at the Mercer Island library to include for 2023 and 2024:
 - i. Net Promoter Score (Patron satisfaction)
 - ii. Total Circulation – physical and digital breakdown
 - iii. Foot Traffic
 - iv. Hours Open
 - v. Programs Run
 - vi. PC Sessions
 - vii. Wifi Sessions
 - viii. Cardholders assigned to Mercer Island
 1. # of 1-yr active households
 2. Household Market Penetration
 3. # of 1-yr active Cardholders
 4. # of 2-yr active Cardholders
- IV. **Improvements** – what has been made in the past year to the MI Library in terms of:
 - i. facilities,
 - ii. technology,
 - iii. circulation,
 - iv. safety,
 1. Has the MI Library had any reported incidents in the past year that could have affected staff and patron safety?
- V. **Volunteer Opportunities** – the Mercer Island community has a long history of volunteerism, and what’s the status of a volunteer program, and is there an intent to expand/change?

VI. Looking to the next year or two.....

- a. What types of improvements can the Mercer Island community expect to see at the MI Library?
- b. Can you please suggest ways the City of Mercer Island and community residents can help KCLS to make the MI Library better?

VII. Questions From the Community

- a. The MI Library's Children's librarian position has been vacant for several months, and the Children's program was always the most successful and well attended program offered, and not to have this program for almost a year is inexcusable.
- b. KCLS has a designation called "partnership" that allows certain groups, e.g., the Chinese Association, to have privileges not available to others such as being able to reserve meeting rooms before others. How can other groups qualify for such privileges and how does it work?
- c. It's been reported the Mercer Island taxpayers will contribute \$5.2 million to the annual 2025 KCLS budget, and the MI Library receives about \$3.3 million in services from KCLS. Can you confirm the accuracies of these numbers and/or provide KCLS estimates.
- d. Why aren't the monthly KCLS Board of Trustee meetings recorded and posted on the KCLS Youtube channel for the community to watch? It's sometimes difficult to be available to watch live (or in-person) on the fourth Wednesday of the month. As an aside, the City of Mercer Island makes available its City Council meetings as well as several boards and commissions on Youtube for viewing.
- e. It seems that the time to get received reserved books is much longer than pre-COVID times. Do you have any statistics to share with us on the issue, or if new procedures have been put in place that may affect turn times?

Library hours – KCLS is adding Sunday hours at Mercer Island Library this fall.

Financial snapshot

KCLS strength as a regional service provider is its system approach to service, leveraging its purchasing power, staffing model, and logistics infrastructure to benefit the communities we serve. KCLS does not quantify a dollar value of membership by political subdivisions within our service area.

King County Assessor's office has certified that in 2024 total revenue of \$5,190,520.90 was transmitted to KCLS from Mercer Island properties.

\$ 7,698,779.27 Subtotal Value returned 2024 – *see below

- \$1,493,799.91 value of physical materials borrowed in 2024
- \$4,727,759.36 value of eBooks borrowed in 2024
- \$1,210,220 staffing 2024
- \$ 53,000 utilities 2024
- \$ 214,000 buildings & grounds maintenance 2024

*Not quantified

- | | |
|--|---|
| • Staff hiring, training, and support | • Student & classroom account values |
| • Facilities department staff time | • Value of programs and presentations |
| • IT department staff time and materials | • Marketing / branding |
| • Materials borrowed by MI cardholders from KCLS community libraries | • Shipping expenses to deliver non-MI materials to MI patrons |
| • Materials borrowed by MI cardholders from KCLS reciprocal libraries such as Seattle Public Library | |

Mercer Island cardholder usage

eBook checkouts: patrons with Mercer Island as their home library checked out 336,256 eBooks from Overdrive in 2024, for a total value of \$4,727,759.36 at \$14.06/book. Renewals of items checked out are not included.

The \$14.06 comes from [ReadersFirst.org](https://www.readersfirst.org/), which tracks both physical and eBook pricing. It's the average price of a Kindle eBook across the six largest publishers.

Physical materials checkouts: The approximately 162,000 items circulated at Mercer Island in 2024 were worth \$1,493,799.91 at estimated retail prices. Renewals of items checked out are not included.

Student & classroom eCards – in addition to the library cardholders included on the data sheets KCLS provides 15,262 student, teacher, and classroom accounts for Mercer Island School District access to our digital materials for curriculum and homework support.

During the period May 31, 2024 – June 1, 2025 accounts with MI as their home library used the following KCLS community libraries:

Item 4.

Mercer Island	Kent	Woodmont
Bellevue	Fairwood	Black Diamond
Shoreline	Snoqualmie	Professional Library
Newport Way	Southcenter	Bothell Lockers
Issaquah	Woodinville	Covington
Renton	White Center	Valley View
Kirkland	Maple Valley	Des Moines
Lake Hills	Lake Forest Park	Carnation
Newcastle	Algona-Pacific	Kirkland Lockers
Redmond	Duvall	Richmond Beach
Crossroads	Boulevard Park	Normandy Park Lockers
Renton Highlands	Greenbridge	Federal Way 320th
Tukwila	Kenmore	Enumclaw
Sammamish	Fall City	Redmond Ridge
North Bend	Outreach	Muckleshoot
Kingsgate	Vashon	
Burien	Auburn	
Bothell	Federal Way	
Skyway	Kent Panther Lake	

Mercer Island Net Promoter Score 2024 = 100

Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Combination of 3 surveys: In-library QR codes, plus program evaluation surveys for in-person and online programs. This score is monitored on a 3-month rolling basis. NPS is a widespread metric for tracking customer experience and predicting future growth.

“Learned Something New” This question is asked in post-program evaluation surveys; patrons can answer on a 5-point scale between “Strongly Disagree” and “Strongly Agree.”

“Felt Sense of Connection” This question is asked in post-program evaluation surveys; patrons can answer on a 5-point scale between “Strongly Disagree” and “Strongly Agree.”

Partnerships

The King County Library System (KCLS) has a longstanding tradition of entering into partnerships to provide innovative programs, services and other collaborative projects for the benefit of KCLS patrons.

KCLS evaluates each partnership on a case-by-case basis; however, partnerships should achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Improve access to or enhance library services
- Fulfill an unmet community need
- Assist KCLS in reaching and/or serving a new audience
- Increase KCLS’ exposure in the community
- Leverage the resources of KCLS

KCLS Community Feedback Methods:

The King County Library System provides the following avenues for the entire King County community to provide feedback on library programs, services, policies and operations:

- Via KCLS.org
 - Talk to Us on the Phone
 - Email Us
 - Chat With Us
 - Request an Accommodation
 - Make suggestions for purchase
 - Express concerns about library items
- Comment Cards available in all libraries
- KCLS Board of Trustees - Open Public Meetings
 - Board meetings are held at 5:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the KCLS Service Center, 960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, 98027.
 - Public comment is heard during the first 30 minutes of each meeting.

Question from KCLS:

How does the Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Commission share KCLS responses to community questions?

Incoming Traffic During Open Hours

101,291

Total count of persons entering **Mercer Island** through public doorways during open hours.

Average Incoming Traffic per Open Hour

46

Average count of persons entering **Mercer Island** through public doorways during open hours.

Activity at Mercer Island*

Physical Material Checkouts and Renewals

171,224

Total only includes physical item checkouts or renewals that occurred at **Mercer Island**. (Note that holds reassigned to be *retrieved* at an alternative location during a temporary closure will still *check out* from the original branch.)

*If lockers are present at the chosen location, the data includes locker usage.

Computer Sessions

7,417

Total number of of times a person logged on to a public computer at **Mercer Island**.

Public Computers Accessed

15

Total number of unique public computers accessed during the time period selected at **Mercer Island**.

Physical Material Checkouts and Renewals

290,558

Total includes physical item checkouts and renewals (online or in-person) for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**.

Digital Checkouts and Renewals

264,176

Total includes digital item checkouts for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**. This dataset is only updated once a month.

Patrons whose home library* is Mercer Island

Patrons Active During 2023

2023 ▼

13,404

Count of unique patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island** (including patrons with student cards) and who have logged in to library services at least once during the selected year.

New Patron Accounts Created

2,285

Count of new patron accounts created during the timeframe selected in which the original home library chosen was **Mercer Island**. This does **not** include school cards.

*Home library: "Assigned by the staff member; it should be the closest library to the patron's residence." ([Circulation Manual 2.3.1.11](#)).

Circulation Total

554,734

Sum of Physical and Digital Checkouts and Renewals for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**.

52%

Physical Circulations

48%

Digital Circulations

Incoming Traffic During Open Hours

109,853

Total count of persons entering **Mercer Island** through public doorways during open hours.

Average Incoming Traffic per Open Hour

47

Average count of persons entering **Mercer Island** through public doorways during open hours.

Activity at Mercer Island*

Physical Material Checkouts and Renewals

165,914

Total only includes physical item checkouts or renewals that occurred at **Mercer Island**. (Note that holds reassigned to be *retrieved* at an alternative location during a temporary closure will still *check out* from the original branch.)

*If lockers are present at the chosen location, the data includes locker usage.

Computer Sessions

8,842

Total number of of times a person logged on to a public computer at **Mercer Island**.

Public Computers Accessed

15

Total number of unique public computers accessed during the time period selected at **Mercer Island**.

Physical Material Checkouts and Renewals

277,222

Total includes physical item checkouts and renewals (online or in-person) for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**.

Digital Checkouts and Renewals

364,809

Total includes digital item checkouts for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**. This dataset is only updated once a month.

Patrons whose home library* is Mercer Island

Patrons Active During 2024

2024 ▼

15,184

Count of unique patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island** (including patrons with student cards) and who have logged in to library services at least once during the selected year.

New Patron Accounts Created

3,312

Count of new patron accounts created during the timeframe selected in which the original home library chosen was **Mercer Island**. This does **not** include school cards.

*Home library: "Assigned by the staff member; it should be the closest library to the patron's residence." ([Circulation Manual 2.3.1.11](#)).

Circulation Total

642,031

Sum of Physical and Digital Checkouts and Renewals for patrons whose home library is **Mercer Island**.

43%

Physical Circulations

57%

Digital Circulations



Mercer Island Library

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Expanding services to Mercer Island patrons



Mercer Island will expand to 7-day service starting this fall



Hired a full-time Children's Librarian who will begin this summer





Summer Reading Program!



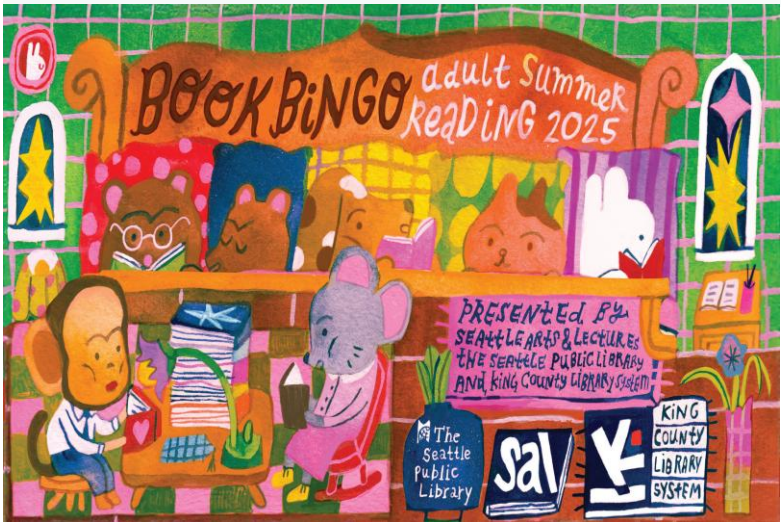
Saturday, June 7th – come visit Mercer Island or any KCLS location!



Curious Creature Welcome Kit – free book, Red Robin coupon, and more surprises!



Book Bingo for adults!



2025 Mercer Island Programming Highlights



Mandarin Storytimes – April – June



Tuesday – July 1st - A Wild Robot Adventure



Saturday – September 6th – More Dumplings, Please – only 12 seats remaining!



Saturdays – 3:00-4:30 - Tech Support for Older Adults

2024 Mercer Island Stats



109,853 visits in 2024 – 8% increase

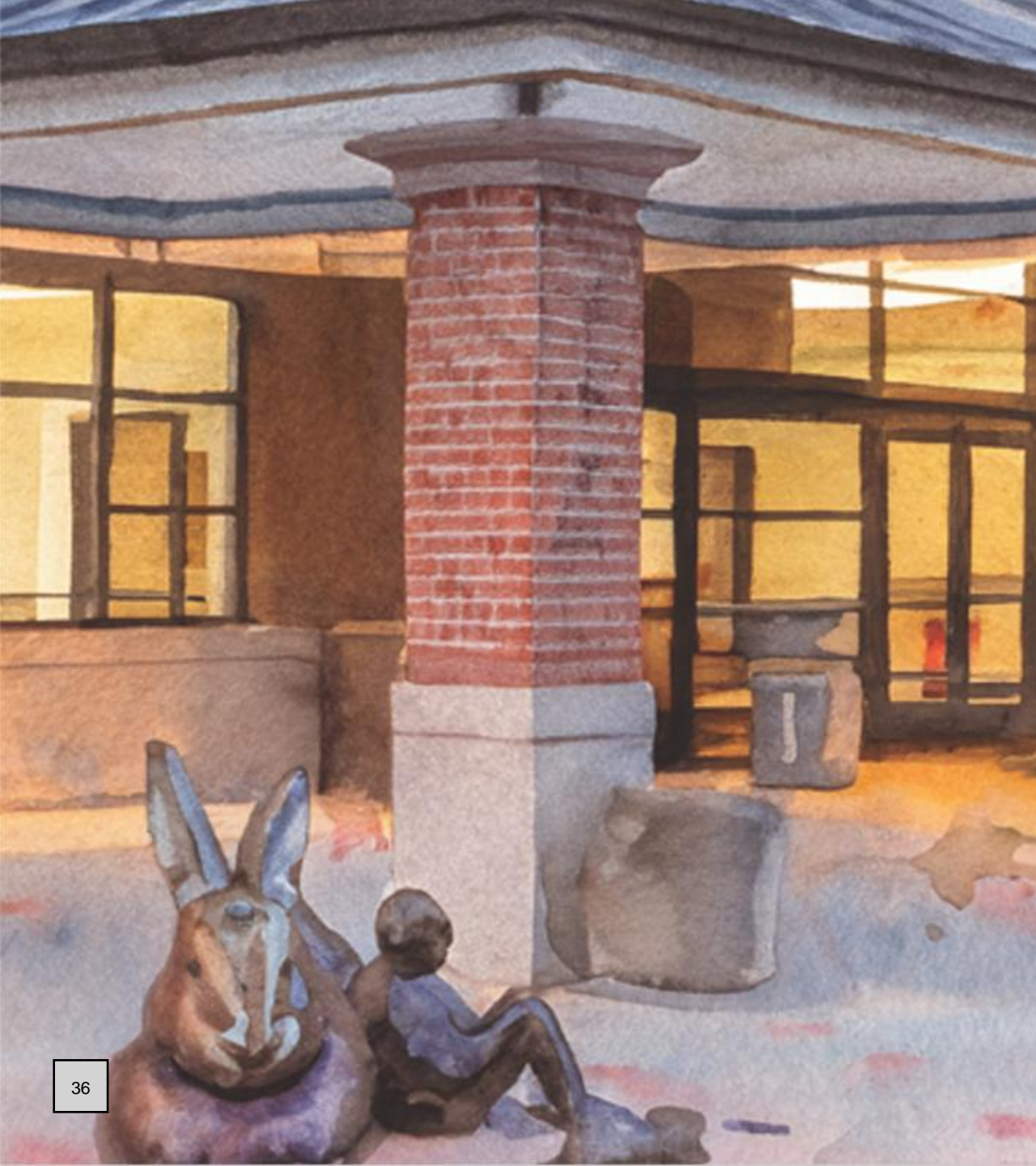


642,031 items circulated in 2024 - 14% increase



8,842 computer sessions – 16% increase





Mercer Island P&R Questions

Item 4.



Responses to submitted questions



Thank you for all the hard work the MI Friends of the Library does and patrons for their strong support!



Suggestions, ideas?



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