



A Message from the Friends of The Seattle Public Library Advocacy Committee

The City Council is now reviewing Mayor Greg Nickels' proposed 2010 budget, which includes \$2.8 million in cuts to the Library budget. Proposed cuts include a reduction in branch operating hours and a one-week closure of the entire Library system. The proposed hours reduction would mean that 21 Library locations would be closed on Fridays and Sundays - *all year*. Overall, the Library would lose about 23 percent of its open hours compared with 2009.

The proposed budget will impact *all* of our communities and neighbors who are relying on our libraries for computer access, job search resources, educational support, gathering spaces, and librarian assistance. In 2008, more than 13 million customers visited the Library and so far this year, visits are up another 8 percent. Circulation of books and other items was up 20 percent in 2008; this year it is up an additional 11 percent.

You can help, here's how:

Attend one of the three upcoming Seattle City Council public hearing meetings:

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 at
Whitman Middle School
9201 15th Ave NW

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14
Northwest African-American Museum
2300 S Massachusetts St.

5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 at
City Council Chambers
600 4th Avenue

Please RSVP if you can attend at advocacy@friendsofspl.org

Email your council members with a simple message.

Suggested Email message:

Subject line: Save Library Hours

Suggested text: My name is.... I use the.....library. Please restore branch library hours.

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Share the information on this flyer.

You can further support the Friends of The Seattle Public Library's outreach efforts by spreading the word about the proposed budget's impact on The Library to your friends, family, neighborhood blogs and your community contacts. A PDF of this flier is available at <http://friendsofspl.org/advocacy.aspx>.

Thank You,

The Friends of The Seattle Public Library, Advocacy Committee

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FRIENDS
of
THE SEATTLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

***CLOSED FRIDAY AND SUNDAY,
PLUS REDUCED HOURS
ALL YEAR ROUND***

These branch libraries will be closed Friday and Sunday and operate with greatly reduced hours if the proposed 2010 Seattle City Budget is adopted by Seattle City Council in November 2009.

- Beacon Hill Branch
- Broadview Branch
- Capitol Hill Branch
- Columbia Branch
- Delridge Branch
- Fremont Branch
- Green Lake Branch
- Greenwood Branch
- High Point Branch
- International District / Chinatown Branch
- Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch
- Magnolia Branch
- Montlake Branch
- NewHolly Branch
- Northeast Branch
- Northgate Branch
- Queen Anne Branch
- South Park Branch
- University Branch
- Wallingford Branch
- West Seattle Branch

The proposed budget eliminates 17,160 public service hours

A proposed change to the hours at Central Library, Douglass-Truth, Lake City, Ballard, Rainier Beach and Southwest branches attempts to compensate the displaced patrons who use the 21 neighborhood branches impacted by the proposed 2010 City Budget.