



# **Mercer Island Library**

Parks and Recreation

Commission Report: 2024

# KCLS Big News



**Heidi Daniel began in March as our new Executive Director.** We're very excited about the experience and vision she brings!



**KCLS received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to create a Climate Action Plan.** The plan will align recommended climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts with federal, tribal, state, county, and city climate goals when feasible.



**KCLS rolled out a Service Strategy to align our service direction with our mission, values, and DEI commitment.** This strategy will guide librarians in the planning of programs and services.



Salim Nice, Heidi Daniel, Dave Rosenbaum at the Mercer Island Library

## KCLS Big Picture



4,289,449 visits in 2023 - 19% increase from 2022



11,092,339 physical items circulated in 2023 - 7% increase from 2022



8,863,118 digital items circulated in 2023; second highest in the U.S., third highest in the world.





## Mercer Island Library Usage



101,291 visits in 2023 - 26% increase from 2022



7417 public computer sessions in 2023 - 16% increase from 2022



2285 new patrons registered at Mercer Island Library in 2023



290,558 physical items checked out by Mercer Island patrons in 2023

263,630 digital items checked out by Mercer Island patrons in 2023

18% total circulation increase from 2022

# 2023 Mercer Island Programming Highlights



Toddler and preschool story times – with regular attendance of up to 90 patrons



Chess Club for school age children



Teen designed and led programming, including D&D Club and Open-Mic nights



Music and cultural programs for adults and all-ages

# On the Horizon for Mercer Island Library

## Launched in 2024:



**Mandarin Story Time**



**ELL and Cultural Programming in Partnership with the Mercer Island Chinese Association**



**Mercer Island Book Club**

## Developing in 2024:



**Expanded Community Partnerships**



**Expanded Adult Programming**



**Expanded Passive Programs for Teens**



# Questions



Library Hours



Library Services



Staff and Patron Safety



Volunteers and Community Involvement



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