Delaware Libraries
Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Georgetown Public Library

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Georgetown, DE 19947

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Library Exterior:

Estimated Size:  2,000 SF (Preliminary plans have been drawn for a 22,000 SF facility)

Hours:
- Monday  10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday  10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Wednesday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Friday  1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday  9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Sunday  CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:
2,240 hours
Financial Breakdown – Income:

History:

The Georgetown Public Library was established and founded in 1899 by the Georgetown New Century Club. That first library was housed on the second floor of the Lacy Building, along with the New Century Club. In 1926, the club moved to West Pine Street and dedicated a separate room for the library.

From those early beginnings, the library and its collection have grown and now occupy the entire New Century building. Currently, plans are underway for a new, 22,000 square foot library, which will provide the public with increased services and materials.

The Georgetown Public Library is host to many programs, which are well attended. The library places a special emphasis on child-related activities, instructs school groups, and provides storytimes. Various book discussion groups are also available.

General Description:

The Georgetown Library is located in a frame building built as a civic clubhouse. What began as one room library in the clubhouse has grown to occupy the entire facility. User seating is very limited and the children’s area is small. Supplemental shelving and racks have been added to accommodate non-print materials. The Library does have a small meeting room. Property has been acquired nearby for a new Georgetown Library.
Five Year Circulation History:

1999 – 41,203
2000 – 39,328
2001 – 38,504
2002 – 35,555
2003 – 36,878

Five Year Circulation Trend:
Circulation was ten percent (10.5%) lower in 2003 than it had been in 1999. Between 1999 and 2001 circulation decreased each year; however since the low in 2001, it has increased each year.

2003 Library Visits: 37,594

2003 Registered Borrowers: 3,261

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)
Total Holdings 24,174
Audio Holdings 333
Video Holdings 574
Periodical Titles 60

Holdings per Capita:
2.3 items per person in service area
Sussex County mean is 2.8; Delaware mean is 2.8
State target is 3.09
2003 Circulation Breakdown:
Total Circulation 36,878
Juvenile Circulation 11,914
Adult Circulation 24,964

2003 Turnover Rates: (number of times average item circulates/year)
Turnover 1.53
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: $ 125,649

Estimated Service Population:
2004/05 (Estimate) 10,629
2009/10 (Projection) 10,990
2015 (Projection) 12,021
2020 (Projection) 12,956
2025 (Projection) 13,744

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: $ 11.82 per capita

Cost per Circulation: $ 3.41

Cost per Hour Open: $ 56.09 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 3.5 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 18.44 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 16.46 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.19 SF per person Delaware target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 22 visits per person

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 30.68%

Total Units of Service: 77,704

Total Units of Service per capita: 7.31

*Total Units of Service includes circulation, library visits, reference transactions, and number of persons attending programs.