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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF RENTON

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Just over 100 years ago, Renton was just an open space along the trail from Seattle. Framed by densely wooded hills, with the Black and Cedar Rivers running through it, the land had long been home to the Duwamish people. The Duwamish built permanent villages and fishing weirs along the rivers.

Henry Tobin and his wife Diana were among the first settlers of European descent. In 1853, they built their first home on a donation claim on the banks of the Cedar and Black Rivers. After Tobin's death in 1857, Diana married Erasmus Smithers. Smithers platted the town of Renton on part of the land that he and his wife owned.

In 1873, Smithers organized the Renton Coal Company with the financial backing of Captain William Renton. Capt. Renton, a wealthy businessman, was also one of the founders of the first sawmill. Along with his partner, William Talbot, Renton was responsible for the construction of the first railroad used in the territory.

On September 6, 1901, the town of Renton was incorporated. Renton's first mayor was Dr. Abijah Ives Beach, a physician who provided care for the miners of Renton's coal mines. The first town offices were situated in Tonkin's General Store, located where Tonkin's Park is today.

Between 1920 and 1930 Renton slowly evolved from a fledgling town to an urban center. Coal mining and other early industries, like Pacific Car & Foundry (PACCAR), remained an important part of the city's economy through the 1930s. Other small businesses formed to serve the needs of coal miners and their families. In 1927 the U.S. Junk Company opened; several moves and name changes later, it continues to do business as McLendon Hardware today.

During World War II the Boeing Airplane Company stepped up its aircraft production, a turning point for the city. In 1941, Renton's population was 4,488, but the building of the Renton Boeing plant for the production of the famous B-29s brought thousands seeking employment.

After the war, the majority of these people continued to make their homes in Renton, and have since been absorbed into other industries in Renton and nearby Seattle. Unlike other industrial areas that declined after the end of the war, Renton's population remained constant.

At over 90,000 residents and growing, Renton is still home to the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, PACCAR, The Landing, and the Seattle Seahawks training camp, in addition to numerous small businesses and service industries.

HISTORY OF THE RENTON LIBRARY

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Libraries have always been a symbolic center of Renton life. From the library of Renton Cooperative Coal to the 1914 Carnegie Library to the 1966 “library over the river,” repositories for learning continued a tradition that started with the striving immigrants who first settled our city. Throughout the city’s history, Rentonites have acknowledged the need to grow and learn, and to have a place dedicated to that endeavor.

In 1903, the miner’s library was opened on the second floor of the Brendel’s Drug Store building. By 1907, the Renton Mine Association had amassed a collection of reference books that served as the core of the Renton High School library. In the 19th century Workingmen’s Associations in England and Wales often maintained collections of reading material for the betterment of laborers, so it is not surprising that Renton coal miners would continue the tradition. Renton High School continued to build on the Mine Association’s collection, and by 1925 the school had more than 750 volumes for student use.

When Renton began talking about a public library in 1913, the city had fewer than 3,000 citizens. Yet Neva Bostwick Douglas had the foresight and initiative to apply to the Carnegie Foundation for funds. Libraries were one of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie’s pet projects, and his foundation assisted in the construction of 2,500 of them across the country. Mrs. Douglas’s application succeeded in winning \$10,000 in grant money to build the first public library in Renton.

While everyone acknowledged the importance of a library — particularly if foundation funds were paying for it — the site was controversial: many complained that it would be too far out of town. The City Council could not agree on a location, but securing a site was a prerequisite for accepting the Carnegie funds. State Librarian J. M. Hitt advised the Council that “the all-important thing ... is a central location ... in the midst of saloons if necessary.” But when Ignazio and Jennie Sartori donated three lots on the edge of North Renton, the decision was made. The City could now officially accept the foundation’s funds and construction could proceed. Still, opposition persisted. A newspaper editorial advised readers: “Don’t let the thought that you don’t like the location stop you from doing your duty. The library is here, just the same as the Cedar River is here[,] and it is your duty to make the most of it.”

When Renton opened its sturdy Georgian showpiece on March 11, 1914, it was only eight years behind Seattle’s library. A Seattle construction firm was able to bring the project in at the \$10,000 price tag, and the Renton City Council appropriated another \$1,000 for salaries, books, and maintenance. Businesses and individuals donated almost \$800 more, but Renton High students worried “that is not near enough for the proper equipment of the library.” The first Renton Library was designed with space for 8,000 volumes; it opened with a collection of books donated by individuals and the Seattle Library. One of the most well-known librarians, Winifred Daniels, served for more than 25 years, finally retiring in 1954. When she started in

1927, the entire annual library budget was \$2,500 while Miss Daniels's salary was \$80 a month.

As early as the 1930s, Renton began to outgrow its library; with the explosion of Renton's population during the war years, the Carnegie Library was bursting at the seams. A study conducted by the Washington State Library found that the city's population had increased by 257 percent between 1940 and 1950. The library built for 8,000 books now held 68,000. In 1944 the King County library established a branch in the Renton Highlands to serve the new residents of wartime housing there; on January 1, 1947, the Highlands branch became part of the Renton Public Library. The addition of the Highlands branch further strained the library's resources, so much so that the Library Board briefly considered closing that branch for lack of resources. As early as 1947, the Library Board began discussing affiliation with the county library system as one solution to the lack of funds, a question that they raised repeatedly during their meetings in the 1950s.

Nevertheless, cautious voters defeated three bond issues before a \$150,000 bond issue was passed in November 1964. As with the Carnegie Library, two factors were uppermost in the minds of voters: cost and building site. A survey indicated that many Renton residents preferred a site closer to downtown businesses and pedestrian traffic, but the City Council insisted that only city-owned sites, though few in number, could be considered. The successful bond issue was championed by the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters and had at its center the vision of a civic complex on the Cedar River. This vision made all the difference. Renton residents were captivated by the prize-winning design for a new library that would straddle the river, near a new City Hall, senior center, community auditorium, and park grounds.

The Record-Chronicle attributed the Carnegie Library's demise to "the influence and enthusiasm of the community's disciples of progress." "No longer will [the library's] early-20th-Century [sic] architecture mar a landscape graced by the new over-the-river library and the junior-skyscraper city hall," the newspaper concluded. Even some of the old library's former champions were happy to see it demolished to make way for the new. Remembering the flights of creaky stairs and cramped quarters, Miss Daniels declared, "That building can't be torn down too soon to suit me." Yet not everyone was impressed by the new library's unique design. Publisher John Fournier lamented the fact that the Carnegie Library's classic architecture was being replaced by "modern glass hothouses and concrete structures which have little form and less beauty."

The new library, designed by Johnson-Campanella & Co., stretched 80 feet across the Cedar River and rested on 12 giant columns and the riverbanks themselves. Materials that were state-of-the-art for 1966 were used, but the library's unique design and location required that book stacks be located near the left bank of the river because of their weight. Some of the library's new features included "a telephone-intercom system, a listening unit in the music department, and waterlights to highlight the river at night." Air conditioning was omitted,

however, because of the cost. The total cost for the project was \$327,560 for 20,000-square-feet. The old Carnegie Library was torn down in 1968.

More than 1,000 people attended the opening of the hard-fought new library on April 17, 1966. Laurie Renton, an 8-year-old great-grandniece of Capt. William Renton, cut the ribbon, and Louis Barei, past president of the library's Board of Trustees, served as master of ceremonies. Architect David Johnston presented Mayor Donald W. Custer with a golden key to the library. Honored guests were long-term librarian Winifred Daniels and Florence Guitteau Storey, holder of the first Renton Library card issued in 1914. The iconic "library over the river," a one-of-a-kind landmark, was born.

POSTSCRIPT

By the 1990s, budgetary constraints made Renton Library staff worry about their ability to deliver the best possible services to Renton readers and researchers. The Library's Board and City Council wrestled with ways to accommodate new technology — more computer stations, increased need for electricity, advanced security systems, and growing interest in ebooks and online resources—in the beloved 1960s building, just as Carnegie Library proponents had done 50 years earlier. The recession of 2008 exacerbated these challenges. So in February 2010, voters made the decision to annex to the King County Library System (KCLS).

HISTORY OF THE RENTON HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

The Renton Highlands Library, located at 2902 NE 12th Street, was opened in 1973. Funding from the City of Renton and a council bond measure made the construction of the library possible. Built by Callison Associates for a cost of just over \$176,000, the 6,592-square-foot building contained 24,000 volumes at the time it opened.

"Coal Miners," a 1938 mural by Jacob Elshin, is prominently featured in the library's public space. This mural was donated to the City of Renton by the United States Post Office. The Russian-born Elshin painted the mural as part of the New Deal Works Progress Administration, funded by the Federal Artists Project.

The Renton Highlands Library was renovated in 1997, updating the building with a new roof and facia, wiring for computers and ADA accessible ramps and entrance.

ANNEXATION TO THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

The King County Library System (KCLS) annexed the Renton and Renton Highlands Libraries on March 1, 2010. In April of that same year, the Renton libraries collection was integrated into KCLS.

By the end of the summer 2010, both libraries received a facelift — new computers, furniture, and signage. The Renton Highlands Library also received new carpeting, paint and staff work stations.

In August, a Library2Go! vehicle began taking service outside the libraries to the Renton community, opening its doors for area in-home daycares, senior housing, Neighborhood Association picnics and the Farmer's Market at the Renton Piazza.

In September 2010, KCLS presented the results of a Library Service Area Analysis for the Greater Renton Area (including the Fairwood and Skyway Libraries). The analysis recommended that any new Renton Downtown Library have a civic presence in the downtown core and correspond to the economic development goals of the City of Renton. A new Renton Highlands Library should be a 15,000-square-foot facility, south and east of the current library.

In June 2011, the Renton City Council voted to support funding two new Renton Libraries — the Renton Downtown Library to be located on 3rd Avenue, next to the Renton Piazza, and the Renton Highlands Library to be built close to the current library on property owned by the Renton Housing Authority. KCLS supported the City in its choice of sites and is in the process of designing two new 15,000-square-foot libraries, with input from officials from the City of Renton and members of the community. The new Renton Downtown Library is expected to open sometime in 2013, with the Renton Highlands Library following in 2014.

LIBRARY SERVICE AREA TODAY

GEOGRAPHY

The City of Renton is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington in the center of the Puget Sound region and serves as a hub of regional and transportation networks. Its location is convenient to Seattle (11 miles), Bellevue (8 miles) and Sea-Tac Airport (6 miles).

With an area of 23.79 square miles, Renton is the fourth largest city in King County and the eighth largest in Washington State. With the beautiful Cedar River flowing through the heart of downtown, the city offers an abundance of natural beauty, outstanding parks and many recreational opportunities.

Renton is bordered to the north by Lake Washington and the cities of Bellevue and Newcastle. To the east is the Urban Growth Boundary established by King County, as well as two large unincorporated urban areas (Fairwood and East Renton Highlands) which have been designated as Potential Annexation Areas to the city. Kent lies along Renton's southern border and to the west is the city of Tukwila and the unincorporated area of West Hill, also a Potential Annexation Area.

The Cedar River and the now-defunct Black River were once home to the Duwamish Indians. The Green River, just past Renton's western border, had great potential for flooding in 2010 (because the Howard Hanson Dam needed repairs), which resulted in planning and disaster preparedness citywide. Renton's hills, threaded with old coal mines, range in elevation from 250 feet in Renton to 565 feet in Renton Highlands. The hills and valleys of this

urban/suburban community create natural divisions which define many of Renton's neighborhoods, each with its own personality.

TRANSPORTATION

Renton is centrally located in the Puget Sound region and the City operates its own regional airport. More than 350,000 vehicles pass through the city daily via Interstate 405 and State Routes 167, 169, 515 and 900. Other major roadways include Rainier Avenue, Benson Road, Carr Road, and Duvall Avenue Northeast.

The City maintains 13 miles of trails, including the Cedar River Trail, which provides access to the Renton Branch. Other trails include Springbrook, Honey Creek, Lake Washington Boulevard, Garden 16th Houser and SW 16th.

Renton is also a popular place for bus commuters. The parking lots that service the South Renton Park and Ride and the Renton Parking Garage had over 90% utilization rates for 2010. The Renton Branch has a bus stop located on Mill Avenue and it is serviced by routes 105, 110, 143, 149, 167, 240, 247, 342, 908, and 909. The Renton Highlands Branch is serviced by routes 105, 111, 240 and 909.

HOUSING

Renton is currently comprised of about 36,000 households; 55% are owner occupied, 45% are rentals. The Renton Housing Authority administers all 467 public housing units within the city (most of them within the Renton Highlands neighborhoods) and all Section 8 rentals, which included 788 units in August 2011. Low income housing makes up about 13% of all rentals.

Currently, there are 74 officially recognized neighborhoods in Renton. Some of the larger neighborhoods closest to the downtown area are Renton Hill, Talbot Hill, Rolling Hills, Tiffany Park, South Renton and North Renton. The Renton Highlands Library serves neighborhoods in the Sunset, North Highlands and Kennydale areas. The City of Renton provides support to these communities with its Neighborhood program, which enables the City to facilitate good communication with residents, bestow grant money for beautification projects, and help foster community ties with neighborhood picnics.

In addition, the downtown area is currently experiencing revitalization and is home to several new apartment complexes and condominiums, including Chateau de Ville, Metropolitan Place and Burnett Station. Senior housing is available at two downtown locations: Spencer Court Apartments and Cedar River Court Apartments.

The Renton Highlands is an area of even greater growth, with most of the development taking place north and east of the library. Several new neighborhoods of single-family homes have been built in the past ten years.

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

Renton's first industry began with the discovery of coal in 1853, and the city grew in the early 1900s as logging created jobs, cleared land, and provided building materials. Other early businesses included brick manufacturing, McLendon's Hardware, the airport and seaplane base on Lake Washington, and horseracing at Longacres Racetrack. With World War II, Renton became a manufacturing site for the B-29, built by Boeing, and the Sherman Tank, built by Pacific Car and Foundry (now PACCAR, Inc.).

Boeing and Paccar continue to be significant businesses in Renton to this day. Rentonites enjoy seeing the train carrying fuselages for the Boeing 737 as it winds through town on its way to the Renton plant, and Paccar now builds Kenworth trucks in Renton. The business economy has become much more diversified with technology firms, international groceries, IKEA, Fry's Electronics and the Wizards of the Coast game and card company. Other large employers include Valley Medical Center, the King County Elections Office and the Seattle Seahawks corporate headquarters and training facility. Renton is also home to the Federal Aviation Administration Northwest Mountain Region District Office, and the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Renton is planning a major investment of infrastructure in the Sunset area of Renton Highlands, including a new 15,000-square-foot library in a mixed use development with Renton Housing Authority. The Sunset corridor is just one of Renton's retail areas; others include Downtown Renton, Rainier Avenue, Carr Road at the south end of the city and a new mixed-use development called The Landing, built on former Boeing property near Lake Washington.

With the economic recession of 2009 and following years, employment in Renton dropped from a high of 56,391 in 2008, to its current rate of 53,960 with a corresponding shift of 1,000 jobs out of manufacturing and into the service sector, two categories that represent more than half the jobs in Renton. The downturn in the economy is also reflected in an increase in vacant storefronts, and closure of some longtime restaurants and other businesses. Wages are on a par with King County, averaging about \$58,000 in 2008.

Covered employment accounts for 85-90% of total employment, including part-time and temporary employment, but does not account for self-employed workers, proprietors, CEOs, enlisted military personnel, or other non-insured workers.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Renton and Renton Highlands Libraries are gathering places for the local community. The Friends of Renton Libraries is an active group that manages an ongoing book sale in an effort to support local programming at these two libraries.

The following agencies and organizations also support the needs of the Renton community:

- Allied Arts of Renton
- C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation
- City of Renton Human Services Division
- Communities In Schools of Renton
- Fraternal Order of Eagles – #1722
- Friends of Renton Schools
- Kiwanis Club of Renton
- The Next Curve
- Renton Area Youth & Family Services (RAYS)
- Renton Chamber of Commerce
- Renton Community Foundation
- Renton Lions Club
- Renton/Skyway Boys & Girls Club
- Renton Technical College
- Rotary Club of Renton
- St. Andrews Masonic Lodge #35
- The Salvation Army Renton Corps
- Soroptimist International of Renton
- Veterans of Foreign Wars – Frank R. Vaise Post 1263
- Vision House
- Way Back Inn
- WorkSource
- YWCA

EDUCATION, SCHOOLS & CHILDREN

The Renton and Renton Highlands Library are responsible for serving 12 area schools: 8 elementary, 1 middle and 3 high schools. Eleven schools are part of the Renton School District and one is part of the Issaquah School District, although outreach efforts are made to special (e.g. Hillcrest Special Education) and alternative schools. Many students from other school districts frequently visit and use the resources at the Renton and Renton Highlands Library — Kent, Highline, Issaquah and the Tukwila School District. There are also two private schools located in Renton: St. Anthony's School (K-8) and Renton Christian School (K-prep-8).

There are 14,150 students enrolled in the Renton School District (RSD). More than 29% of the students speak a language other than English, there are at least 85 different home languages or dialects other than English represented, the number of ELL/ESL students served has increased by over 54% since 2000 and an average of 43.5% qualify for free or reduced lunch. Despite challenges, RSD has a high estimated annual on-time graduation rate of 76.5% and an estimated annual extended graduation rate of 82.5%.

Renton Technical College (RTC) and City University of Seattle are Renton's only post-secondary educational institutions, focusing mainly on workforce training. RTC is a public two-year school located in Renton Highlands that enrolls more than 11,500 students (36% are full time) and offers 36 associate degrees, 12 associate transfer degrees and 60 professional certificates. City University is a private non-profit institution located south of downtown and offering degrees in education, business management and general studies to about 200 students.

KCLS Outreach Services and the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have identified more than 80 licensed, private, and in-home childcare facilities serving nearly 2900 preschoolers within Renton postal districts. Recently, KCLS Library2Go! Vehicles began serving in-home childcares meeting the program's criteria. The Fairwood/Renton/Renton

Highlands library cluster hosts the Library2Go! vehicle for two weeks of every month, due to the large number of qualifying providers in the area.

PARKS & RECREATION

The City of Renton features 29 developed public parks, 13 miles of trails, 813 acres of public open space, an 18-hole public golf course, two lake-front beaches and a public boat launch. Residents have access to the year-round indoor pool at Hazen High School. During the summer, residents can choose between the outdoor swimming facilities at the new Henry Moses Aquatic Center, at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, or at Kenneydale Beach Park.

The City provides baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, bicycle trails, a skateboard park, walking trails, and the Maplewood Golf Course. Renton is home to the off-leash Cedar River Dog Park and to the Black River Riparian Forest & Wetland with over 50 species of birds. Fishing, boating and sailing are popular activities at Coulon Beach Park.

There are two summertime Farmer's Markets and a Senior Center in the City of Renton. Furthermore, the Parks department offers a wide variety of recreational programming. Spectators can also watch professional athletes train at the new Seahawks training facility.

THE LIBRARY TODAY & TOMORROW

CURRENT AND FUTURE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Tradition and innovation is helping to determine library services to children in the City of Renton. Families have expressed their pleasure in the Renton Library maintaining its weekly Pajama, Baby and Family Story Times. This is evident in the number of patrons that attend, upwards of a 100 people at each session. Adult ESL students also participate in Story Time to hear and practice their English.

Families have commented on how excited they are to experience an additional upswing of children's programs featuring local favorites such as Caspar Babypants and Nancy Stewart. This is due to the generosity of the Friends of the Renton Libraries and KCLS central funding.

The Renton Library is currently located on the outskirts of the downtown area of Renton. Although there are few public and private schools near the library, families from other Renton and Skyway neighborhoods as well as unincorporated areas of Renton (Fairwood) visit the library and take advantage of services such as Study Zone and library tours.

Many new programs have been introduced to the Renton Library since annexing to KCLS in March 2010. Parents, caregivers and children benefited from the following library programs:

- STARS workshops for parents and caregivers
- Fiestas (an 8-week Early Literacy program for Spanish speaking families)
- Spanish Story Times throughout the school year and summer
- Assemblies to promote the Summer Reading Program (SRP) and Playing with Words.

- The L2G/DDZ made rounds at neighborhood picnics, the farmers' market, and other gathering places. New library cards were issued, items checked out, and the summer reading program promoted.
- Tell-Me-A-Story wiki, where Renton patrons can go online to access books and videos of rhymes the children's librarians share in story time.
- Children's concerts fostering Early Literacy (Brian Vogan & His Good Buddies, Caspar Babypants, Charlie Hope, and Nancy Stewart).
- Early Literacy Fair, "Let's Get Ready to Read!" Parents with preschoolers came to enjoy fun, interactive Early Literacy activities at the library.

The youth services librarians at the Renton Library are passionate about outreach and have partnered to reach out to a variety of community organizations.

Since joining KCLS, Renton Highlands Library has been stepping up its services to children and their families. While the library is still short on space and shelving, the children's book collection is small and lacking in depth, and a full time children's librarian is not always available, improvements have been forthcoming. Space has been created by purging outdated and worn materials. The book collection is being broadened through new book purchases and transfers from other libraries. The Renton Highlands Library has two regular library family Story Times, offered special programs fostering early literacy, established relationships with the teachers and staff of Highlands five elementary schools and numerous preschools and daycares, and has made itself available for school and community events.

CURRENT AND FUTURE SERVICES FOR TEENS

The Renton and Renton Highlands libraries serve one middle school and two high schools in the Renton School District. The student body in the school district is both culturally and economically diverse with many students in the English Language Learners (ELL) programs. Understanding the variety of backgrounds of the teen patrons who use the both libraries is an important factor in deciding which materials to provide in our collections, and which programs to offer.

Local schools require students to do community service for several different programs and the library is an ideal place to get the required volunteer time completed. While both libraries get far more requests to volunteer than can be accommodated, the goal is to incorporate teens into the library volunteer pool. Teen volunteers help with library tasks such as pulling holds, looking for missing items, cleaning children's books and helping teen and children's librarians with programming. Utilizing teen volunteers in the library not only helps library staff, but it also offers an important opportunity for teens – work experience. Many teens are experiencing filling out an application and adhering to a schedule for the first time.

Renton and Renton Highlands libraries joined the KCLS in 2010 and the teen department is still in the process of getting the library up to speed in terms of implementing many of the KCLS System-wide programs and opportunities available to the two branches. One program is Study

Zone (free tutoring for K-12 students). Study Zone has one year completed and the goal going forward is to increase participation through outreach at schools and community organizations.

Another program sponsored by KCLS is Game On. Beginning in January 2011, a weekly Game On program was started at the Renton Highlands Library. Located within walking distance of McKnight Middle School the Highlands is an ideal branch to offer this unique and non-traditional program for teens. From the beginning, Game On has been well attended, often exceeding 20 teens each week. While not a traditional library program, Game On offers the teen librarian a unique opportunity to engage with a population that statistically never visits the library – middle school boys. Many connections are made with teens at this program that would not otherwise be made.

In an effort to engage teens who might not be able to access the physical library, staff utilize the Digital Discovery Zone (DDZ), an outreach vehicle equipped with computers, to both promote library services and provide programming for at-risk and under-served youth. Partnering with organizations such as Renton Area Youth Services (RAYS) and Youthsources, the library will provide programs for under-served youth.

CURRENT AND FUTURE SERVICES FOR ADULTS

The downtown Renton Library provides a peaceful space for those who want to read, study or use computers. The Renton Highlands Library is a smaller space situated in the middle of a large residential community, where patrons frequent the library to drop off materials and pick up their holds.

The libraries' adult population includes a wide variety of people from all walks of life. Some are lifelong Renton residents and others are newly arrived from all over the world. To address the needs of the immigrant populations, the Renton Library offers Talk Time and ESL classes. Community Resource Guides are available in many different languages and the library collection contains books in Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Vietnamese, as well as English, and DVDs in many more languages. Weekly citizenship classes teach about the naturalization process and help patrons prepare for the citizenship interview.

Renton has been known as a blue collar town in the past because of its many manufacturing jobs. Those working in non-technical fields have a high need for computer training and for assistance in applying for jobs online. To meet this need, as well as to help our large population of elderly patrons, the library offers computer classes in English and Spanish, and one-on-one computer assistance, taught by Netmaster volunteers. More recently, we have added a program of one-on-one employment assistance, where patrons can get help with writing resumes, filling out online job applications and how to search for jobs online. The library is also partnering with Renton WorkSource to bring the program, "Look to Your Library" for job search tools, to the local WorkSource office and a new weekly "Job Club" will be starting in November 2011 at the Renton Library.

A book group for adults, "A River Runs Under It," meets monthly at the Renton Library, and staff hopes to start a book group in the future at Renton Highlands. In addition, some patrons have expressed interest in a nonfiction book group.

Other programs are scheduled periodically at both library branches. For example, this past year staff have offered workshops for small business owners, programs on organization, genealogy, family law, art and how to raise chickens, as well as invited authors to speak. Two "Community Conversations" were held in conjunction with Humanities Washington, one on the topic of Ballot Measures and Civic Involvement and one on Intergenerational Communication.

Targeted library book displays near the Self Checkout stations and the new book area draw attention to current events or whimsical themes that might help a patron find a new author or different kind of book to read.

Future ideas for the Renton Libraries include programs targeted for adults over 50, a series on health topics and continued emphasis on employment assistance and computer training. Additionally, staff hopes to offer GED classes to teens and adults at both branches, and to expand our study room usage. With new buildings being designed and built for both libraries, the possibilities for future services look bright and full of potential.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

These are a few of the many community partnerships that exist between the Renton Libraries and other agencies supporting the Renton community.

City of Renton: The City of Renton maintains a Renton Library Advisory Board, whose purpose it is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council, and to coordinate with, and provide input to, the King County Library Board and local library officials, regarding the scope and quality of library services provide by KCLS to the residents of Renton. The Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at Renton City Hall.

In addition to fostering a close relationship with the Renton Library Advisory Board, staff from the Renton Libraries participate in the Renton Neighborhood Program, bringing the Library2Go! vehicle to a number of annual neighborhood picnics, and staffing an information booth at the Neighborhood Leadership Training breakfast. Every October, the libraries participate in the City of Renton Employee Wellness event, sharing information about health resources available at the King County Library System.

Communities in Schools of Renton (CISR): The mission of CISR is to champion the connection of community resources with schools to help young people learn, stay in school, and prepare for life. CISR has been serving Renton public school students and their families, free of charge since 1994. They provide customized services for thousands of kids every year through the Mentor and Family Liaison programs. CISR believes the cycle of poverty and inequity can be broken through education. Their programs provide systemic support and balance to the lives of students so they can focus on staying in school and find academic

success. CISR mentors attended a presentation at the library to learn about Early Literacy and how to inspire their student to read and enjoy reading.

Compass Veterans Center: The Center provides affordable housing for military Veterans and their immediate family members. It is a new housing facility in Renton that opened September 2010. There are over 100 people in residence with about 30 children ranging in age from newborn to 18. There is an outdoor play area for children, a computer lab, and common rooms for social activities, community meals and therapeutic group activities.

Many of the veterans were homeless prior to moving in. According to the 2007 American Community Survey, an estimated 163,000 veterans, active military and national guards or reserves live in King County. An estimated 12,000 of those live in the Renton area.

Compass families enjoyed an Early Literacy presentation and special Story Time on site by the Children's Librarian. A library card sign up event involving the L2G or DDZ is in the works.

Friends of Renton Libraries: While the Renton Library has a long history with Library Friends, the latest group had disbanded some time before the Renton and Renton Highlands Libraries annexed to the King County Library System. With annexation came an effort to resurrect the group and expand its membership.

Still in its first year, the Friends of Renton Libraries run an ongoing book sale at each library and reinstated the tradition of an Annual Book Sale during Renton River Days. The libraries are grateful for the support of the Friends, who have already contributed thousands of dollars toward library programming for children, teens and adults.

Greater Renton ESL/ELL: This collaboration of English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Language Learning (ELL) providers meets monthly to discuss Renton area services and invite speakers on topics of interest to the group. As part of our larger efforts to meet the needs of ESL and ELL patrons (which include ESL, Talk Time and Citizenship classes and the Renton Library), a staff member from the Renton Libraries attends their monthly meetings.

Renton Area Nonprofits Unite! (RANU): RANU exists to bring together the diverse nonprofits, social organizations, and businesses serving the greater Renton community. Their goal is to become more effective through increased collaboration, learning and sharing of resources. A staff member from the Renton Libraries regularly attends their monthly meetings.

Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS): The RAYS' Center is located just a block away from the Renton Library. While the agency continues to serve adolescents and adults, early intervention services with children as young as age 4 is part of RAYS' early intervention service philosophy. One program helps to teach teen and young parents life skills and how to improve their parenting skills. The Renton Library is working toward providing a tour of the library for these parents and introducing them to the library programs we provide.

Renton Housing Authority: The mission of the Renton Housing Authority is to provide decent, quality, affordable housing in a safe environment to people with low incomes who make Renton their home. The Library 2 Go! vehicle serves a number of Renton Housing Authority sites.

Renton Kiwanis Clothes Bank: This all-volunteer organization began in 1965, with a mission of providing clothing to those with demonstrated need. 75% of their 6,000 clients (annually) are children. The Renton Library has a referral relationship with the Clothes Bank, giving their information to patrons who are homeless or seeking clothing for job interviews.

WorkSource Renton: WorkSource connects businesses and job seekers with the necessary resources and tools for successful employment. In October 2011, as part of "Look to Your Library," a staff member from the Renton Libraries conducted the first of a series of database and employment resource demonstrations at the Renton WorkSource location.

PATRON FEEDBACK AND SURVEY RESULTS

The Community Study provided an excellent opportunity to ask patrons how they felt the library was doing and give them the chance to offer suggestions on how to improve. Surveys were both distributed and posted online in an attempt to gain a deeper understanding of how and why the community uses the Library.

The survey included demographic and usage questions, as well as some additional open-ended questions that were meant to solicit suggestions and comments. A total of 120 surveys were returned for both Renton and Renton Highlands branches. The majority of the respondents were 45-64 years old and 35% indicated they use the library more than once a week. In addition, 62% of respondents said they use other KCLS libraries, including Fairwood, Bellevue, Southcenter, and Kent.

The top reasons patrons said that they visit the library was to borrow books and other materials (88.2%), to borrow and return other types of materials - videos, DVDs, CDs, magazines, etc. (57.3%), and to use library computers (30%). About 35.5% of respondents stated that they never use the Internet while at the library, while 25.5% said they do so more than once a week.

One question tried to ascertain factors that might prevent patrons from using the library. Only 40% of survey takers answered this question. Of those that responded, not having what they are looking for and library hours were the predominant reasons they did not use the library.

When asked about improvements to the Renton and Renton Highlands libraries, the most common requests were for extended open hours, more computers and more updated media.

One of the chief concerns of any library is whether it is meeting its patrons' needs. Two survey questions solicited responses to address this, and the overwhelming positive response from respondents reported that they are satisfied or very satisfied (95%).

RENTON LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

FACILITATE EARLY LITERACY AND CULTIVATE YOUNG READERS

Services and resources for parents, caregivers and their children (age birth to five) that enable children to be ready to learn, read and write.

- Add a Baby Time and World Language Story Time for the Renton Highlands and an additional World Language Story Time for Renton.
- Promote Early Literacy to teen mothers through Renton Area Youth and Family Services (Renton) and an Early Literacy Fair with Teen Volunteers (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- With the Diversity Coordinator to expand programming to families at the Compass Veteran's Center (Renton).
- Work with Communities in Schools of Renton to develop a Back-to-School resource fair (Renton).
- Explore offering a book club for Early Readers (kindergarten through grade 2) (Renton Highlands).
- Work with CMS to develop and maintain a core children's collection, emphasizing children's fiction, media and homework materials. (Renton and Renton Highlands)
- Increase the scope and size of the Children's World Language collection (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Expand promotion of KCLS services (i.e. STARS, L2G, Books to Grow On, KidReach) to in-home daycares (Renton Highlands).

ENGAGE AND SUPPORT TEENS AND CHILDREN

Services and resources for youth (ages 5 through 18) that support their education and learning, develop information literacy skills, and encourage creativity and the cultivation of interests.

- Increase youth involvement in libraries by providing appropriate volunteer opportunities (i.e. a Youth Council) (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Partner with local non-profit and community organizations to increase library use by at-risk teens (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Increase usage of Study Zone by recruiting additional tutors and through promotion to PTAs and local non-profits (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Increase use of Digital Discovery Zone (DDZ) to bring library services to teens that cannot come to the library (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Increase vocational programming for teens including, exploring GED tutoring opportunities and a partnership with Youth Source (Renton).
- Promote Homework Help resources to children, teens and parents (Renton and Renton Highlands).

- Seek opportunities to interact with tweens in-library and in the schools (i.e. lunchtime discussion group) (Renton Highlands).

ENCOURAGE LIFELONG LEARNING

Services and resources for patrons to cultivate lifelong learning in a variety of areas.

- Increase adult program participation by providing targeted programs to Neighborhood Associations. (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Explore an expanded partnership with Work Source (Renton).
- Work with Outreach Services to pilot a deposit collection program for local senior housing facilities (Renton).
- Expand programming options for adults 50 years and older (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Explore taking Look to Your Library programming and a Take Time to Read display to Renton Technical College (Renton Highlands).
- Expand adult book group programming (Renton and Renton Highlands).

PROVIDE PERSONALIZED INFORMATION ACCESS & ASSISTANCE

Services and resources that provide all patrons with high quality information and personalized information search strategies, and that proactively respond to patrons' evolving information needs.

- Explore programming collaboration with teen volunteers to provide one-on-one computer assistance for seniors (Renton).
- Expand one-on-one resume and job hunting assistance (Renton).
- Offer monthly eBook and download device "clinics" to promote downloadable collection (Renton).
- Recruit Netmaster volunteers for one-on-one computer help service (Renton Highlands).

REACH & ENGAGE THE COUNTY'S CULTURALLY DIVERSE POPULATIONS

Services and resources that reflect and celebrate the County's culturally diverse population and ensure open access to information for patrons facing cultural and language barriers.

- Identify and partner with community groups or other organizations (i.e. churches) serving immigrant populations to promote library services (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Expand ESL, Talk Time and citizenship class offerings (Renton Highlands).
- Promote Spanish language learning to staff and consider offering a Spanish language "boot camp" (Renton and Renton Highlands).
- Expand World Languages collections (Renton and Renton Highlands).

Community Study

Renton Libraries



October 2011

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

There are currently two libraries serving the Renton area:

- The 22,400-square-foot Renton Downtown Library circulated more than 330,000 items and had more than 250,000 visitors in 2010.
- The 6,196-square-foot Renton Highlands Library circulated more than 218,000 items and had more than 114,000 visitors in 2010.
- A new Renton Downtown Library is expected to open sometime in 2013, with a new/larger Renton Highlands Library following in 2014.



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HISTORY

- 1873** Renton Coal Company organized
- 1901** Renton incorporates
- 1903** The miner's library opens
- 1914** Carnegie-funded library opens
- 1927** U.S. Junk Company opens
- 1944** King County Library establishes branch in Renton Highlands
- 1947** Highlands branch becomes part of the Renton Public Library
- 1966** Current Downtown Library opens over the Cedar River
- 2010** Residents vote to annex to KCLS
- 2011** Renton City Council votes to support funding two new Renton libraries



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DEMOGRAPHICS

- Renton is the State's ninth largest city with 90,927 people.
- Age:
 - 17 years and younger (22.97%)
 - 18 and older (77.1%)
 - 65 years and older (10.3%)
- Largest minority populations :
 - Asian/Pacific Islander (20.7%)
 - Hispanic (13.4%)
 - African American (8.7%)
- Foreign Born – Not a Citizen (9.1%)
- Average household size: 2.54



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COMMUNITY

INCOME/HOUSING

- Median home value
 - Renton: \$268,341
 - King County: \$342,496
- Median income
 - Renton: \$61,502
 - King County: \$68,693
- Owner Occupied: 56.6%
- Renter Occupied: 43.4%
- Median # of Vehicles: 2.2



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COMMUNITY

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

- Boeing and Paccar continue to be significant businesses in Renton
- Business economy has become much more diversified with technology firms, international groceries, IKEA, Fry's Electronics and the Wizards of the Coast
- Renton is home to the Federal Aviation Administration Northwest Mountain Region District Office and the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.



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COMMUNITY

PARKS & RECREATION

- Renton features 29 developed public parks, 13 miles of trails, 813 acres of public open space, an 18-hole public golf course, two lake-front beaches and a public boat launch.
- Renton is home to the off-leash Cedar River Dog Park and to the Black River Riparian Forest & Wetland with over 50 species of birds.
- There are two summertime Farmer's Markets and a Senior Center in the City of Renton.



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COMMUNITY

EDUCATION/SCHOOLS

- The libraries serve 12 area schools:
 - 8 elementary schools (Renton S.D.)
 - 1 middle schools (Renton S.D.)
 - 2 high schools (Renton S.D.)
 - 1 high school (Issaquah S.D.)
- Educational attainment:
 - High School Graduate (25.9%)
 - Associate Degree or Higher (8.7%)
 - Bachelor's Degree or Higher (23.6%)
 - Graduate Degree or Higher (7.0%)



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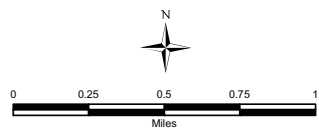




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- Census Tracts
- Municipal Boundaries
- Renton Libraries
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**Renton Libraries
King County Library System**

Renton Libraries Community Study Demographic Summary

2010 Census Estimates	City of Renton	Renton Libraries Service Area	King County
Population	90,927	74,992	1,932,451
Average household size	2.3	2.54	2.35
Median age	34.6	36.1	35.1
Birth to 5 Years	9.3%	13.9%	8.43%
18 years and older	76.6%	77.1%	76.0%
65 years and older	10.7%	10.3%	10.0%
85 years and older	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%
White	68.1	57.8%	68.7%
African American	8.5%	8.7%	6.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.9%	20.7%	14.6%
Hispanic	7.6%	13.4%	8.9%
Owner occupied housing	56.6%	55.8%	59.7%
Median home value	\$ 268,341	\$ 187,840	\$ 342,496
Renter occupied housing	43.4%	44.2%	40.3%
Median rent	\$ 1,128	\$ 804	\$ 1,172
Median household income	\$ 61,502	\$ 58,209	\$ 68,693
Median Number of Vehicles	2.2	N/A	2.2
Education, Less than High School	9.5%	11.8%	7.4%
Education, High School Graduate	25.9%	25.2%	19.2%
Education, Some College	25.3%	26.4%	22.2%
Education, Associate Degree	8.7%	8.4%	8.6%
Education, Bachelor's Degree	23.6%	21.9%	28.5%
Education, Graduate Degree	7.0%	6.4%	42.6%
Employment, Blue Collar	19.2%	N/A	15.4%
Employment, White Collar	68.6%	N/A	72.8%
Employment, Work at Home	3.5%	N/A	5.6%
Unemployed Males	9.5%	N/A	8.0%
Unemployed Females	5.3%	N/A	8.0%
Not in the Labor Force, Male	20.8%	N/A	21.7%
Not in the Labor Force, Female	33.4%	N/A	33.6%
Foreign Born - Naturalized	9.2%	7.5%	8.0%
Foreign Born - Not a Citizen	9.7%	9.1%	9.3%

Renton Libraries Community Study
Population Trends & Projected Growth

Renton Library Service Area (by census tract)	CENSUS POPULATION COUNT										Change in Population 2000-2010	% Change in Population 2000-2010	
	2000	2001 (Estimate)	2002 (Estimate)	2003 (Estimate)	2004 (Estimate)	2005 (Estimate)	2006 (Estimate)	2007 (Estimate)	2008 (Estimate)	2009 (Estimate)			2010 (Estimate)
251 01	5,029	4,997	5,123	5,123	5,142	5,150	5,170	5,313	5,293	5,362	5,344	315	6.27%
251 02	4,429	4,548	4,880	4,988	5,070	5,474	5,648	5,882	6,117	6,327	6,524	2,095	47.31%
252 00	6,272	6,277	6,558	6,648	6,605	6,652	6,792	6,919	6,919	6,965	7,035	763	12.16%
253 00	6,967	7,332	8,132	8,579	8,524	8,540	8,607	8,949	9,317	9,600	9,974	3,007	43.16%
254 00	6,316	6,213	6,373	6,356	6,195	6,184	6,237	6,292	6,199	6,177	6,246	-70	(1.13%)
255 00	4,241	4,183	4,262	4,254	4,225	4,378	4,478	4,521	4,446	4,456	4,476	235	5.48%
256 00	6,164	6,260	6,519	6,989	7,544	8,180	8,474	8,835	9,030	9,233	9,439	3,275	53.14%
257 01	5,446	5,453	5,566	5,554	5,728	5,824	5,880	5,942	5,899	5,868	5,855	-409	(7.50%)
258 04	3,759	3,772	3,741	3,704	3,688	3,720	3,700	3,703	3,657	3,659	3,641	-118	(3.14%)
258 05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
258 06	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Service Area Total	51,997	52,406	54,523	55,539	56,061	57,450	58,353	59,734	60,152	61,009	61,891	9,894	19.03%
City of Renton	50,052	51,764	55,038	56,407	57,345	59,259	61,350	63,785	62,384	67,668	90,927	40,875	81.67%

Source: WA State Office of Financial Management Small Area Estimates Program (SAEP) version September 14, 2010

Renton Industrial (4110)*	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	Change in Population 2000-2040	% Change Population 2000-2040
	Total Population	16,619	17,717	18,980	20,519	22,596	5,977
Total Households	6,957	7,535	8,347	9,326	10,607	3,650	52.5%
Single Family Households	3,740	3,925	4,257	4,611	4,897	1,157	30.8%
Multi Family Households	3,217	3,609	4,090	4,715	5,716	2,499	77.7%
Household Population	16,647	17,679	18,935	20,468	22,538	5,891	35.4%
Renton Highlands (4120)*							
Total Population	16,829	17,832	18,862	19,842	21,411	4,582	27.2%
Total Households	7,322	7,902	8,628	9,366	10,423	3,101	42.4%
Single Family Households	4,225	4,312	4,546	4,772	4,943	718	17.0%
Multi Family Households	3,097	3,590	4,083	4,594	5,479	2,382	76.9%
Household Population	16,732	17,716	18,725	19,687	21,235	4,503	26.9%
Renton Airport/CBD (4130)*							
Total Population	12,719	14,245	15,486	16,604	18,668	5,889	46.1%
Total Households	5,876	6,665	7,466	8,244	9,544	3,668	62.4%
Single Family Households	2,909	2,944	3,065	3,200	3,342	433	14.9%
Multi Family Households	2,967	3,722	4,401	5,044	6,202	3,235	109.0%
Household Population	12,617	14,052	15,259	16,347	18,376	5,759	45.6%
East Renton (4210)**							
Total Population	15,622	19,209	22,966	26,291	30,551	14,929	95.6%
Total Households	6,197	7,775	9,626	11,406	13,708	7,511	121.2%
Single Family Households	4,596	5,590	6,759	7,808	9,127	4,531	98.6%
Multi Family Households	1,601	2,186	2,867	3,598	4,582	2,981	186.2%
Household Population	15,622	19,209	22,966	26,291	30,551	14,929	95.6%
Renton Plateau (4230)**							
Total Population	9,527	9,702	10,223	10,839	11,289	1,762	18.5%
Total Households	3,353	3,484	3,807	4,186	4,517	1,164	34.7%
Single Family Households	3,320	3,355	3,595	3,869	4,006	686	20.7%
Multi Family Households	33	129	211	317	477	477	1445.5%
Household Population	9,453	9,614	10,120	10,723	11,157	1,704	18.0%

* Part of the Renton/Skyway FAZ Group

** Part of the Newcastle FAZ Group

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council, 2006 Forecasts of Population, Households, and Employment

Notes: Although the FAZs are labeled with place names, most do not match official definitions of these places.

FAZs are composed of census tracts, which are not required to follow city or neighborhood boundaries.

Renton Libraries Community Study School Statistics

2010-11 School Year	Assigned Library	Enrollment	Grades	Free/Reduced Lunch	Transitional Bilingual	Section 504	Unexcused Absence Rate	Annual Dropout Rate	Ethnicity				
									Black	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Hispanic	White
Elementary School													
Benson Hill	Renton	556	K-5	55.0%	20.1%	0.9%	0.1%	N/A	21.1%	27.5%	0.7%	12.9%	37.6%
Cascade	Renton	538	K-5	69.3%	21.2%	0.7%	1.2%	N/A	21.4%	21.6%	0.6%	21.4%	29.3%
Maplewood Heights	Renton Highlands	557	K-5	34.1%	15.3%	0.4%	0.2%	N/A	4.6%	32.6%	0.6%	16.2%	42.9%
Sierra Heights	Renton Highlands	595	K-5	53.4%	28.4%	1.0%	0.9%	N/A	6.3%	22.5%	0.3%	37.2%	27.3%
Talbot Hill	Renton	466	K-5	47.2%	18.5%	0.4%	0.0%	N/A	19.8%	34.7%	2.3%	14.7%	26.0%
Highlands	Renton Highlands	610	K-5	75.4%	35.1%	0.5%	0.0%	N/A	11.5%	15.5%	0.5%	47.8%	18.6%
Honey Dew*	Renton Highlands	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kennydale	Renton Highlands	551	K-5	41.6%	12.2%	0.7%	0.2%	N/A	8.9%	32.4%	0.9%	12.4%	41.6%
Middle School													
McKnight	Renton Highlands	1,139	6-8	44.3%	7.5%	2.2%	1.2%	N/A	8.8%	26.6%	0.5%	21.6%	41.9%
High School													
Hazen	Renton	1,408	9-12	36.4%	6.8%	2.7%	N/A	2.0%	9.4%	21.7%	0.8%	16.5%	51.3%
Renton	Renton	1,243	9-12	65.0%	14.9%	1.0%	N/A	4.9%	36.9%	31.6%	1.3%	15.9%	14.3%
Liberty	Renton Highlands	1,172	9-12	14.1%	1.0%	3.7%	N/A	0.8%	2.3%	11.9%	1.2%	7.7%	74.7%
Private Schools													
St. Anthony's	Private	102	1-7										
Renton Christian	Private	433	K-8										
Total Enrollment in Library Service Area											9,370		

*Honey Dew Elementary opened to seven half-day kindergarten classes this year, anticipating a complete K-5 opening next year.

Source: OSPI Internet site <<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>>

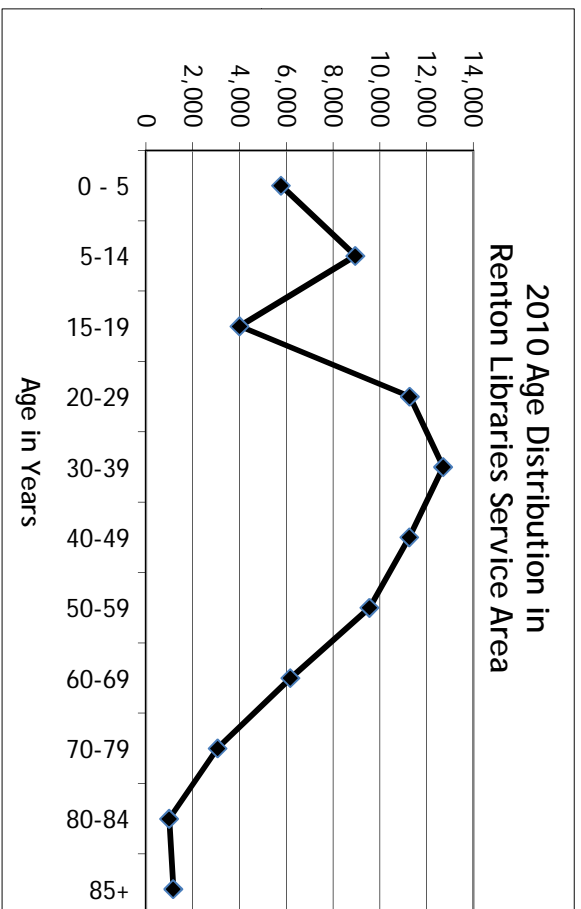
Renton Libraries Community Study
Test Scores

2010-11 School Year	District	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)				
		Grade	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
Elementary						
Benson Hill	Renton	3rd	851.0%	82.8%		
		4th	65.6%	66.7%	44.8%	
		5th	75.0%	65.3%		51.3%
Cascade	Renton	3rd	60.9%	58.6%		
		4th	66.2%	51.4%	56.8%	
		5th	48.3%	56.3%		41.4%
Maplewood Heights	Renton	3rd	86.0%	83.2%		
		4th	88.9%	75.0%	76.9%	
		5th	82.5%	74.8%		78.6%
Sierra Heights	Renton	3rd	75.0%	70.7%		
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		5th	72.1%	68.6%		59.3%
Talbot Hill	Renton	3rd	59.7%	61.1%		
		4th	58.3%	41.7%	50.0%	
		5th	62.6%	48.5%		45.9%
Highlands	Renton	3rd	58.0%	56.0%		
		4th	44.3%	41.5%	45.3%	
		5th	58.9%	45.6%		41.1%
Kennydale	Renton	3rd	84.1%	61.0%		
		4th	82.5%	81.0%	77.0%	
		5th	72.4%	65.3%		63.3%
Middle/Jr. High						
McKnight	Renton	6th	70.1%	59.0%		
		7th	61.5%	55.3%	71.9%	
		8th	72.1%	59.2%		69.3%
High School						
Renton	Renton	10th	64.7%		70.9%	27.1%
Hazen	Renton	10th	84.4%		91.0%	50.9%
Liberty	Issaquah	10th	94.7%		95.9%	64.5%

Source: OSPI Internet site <<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>>

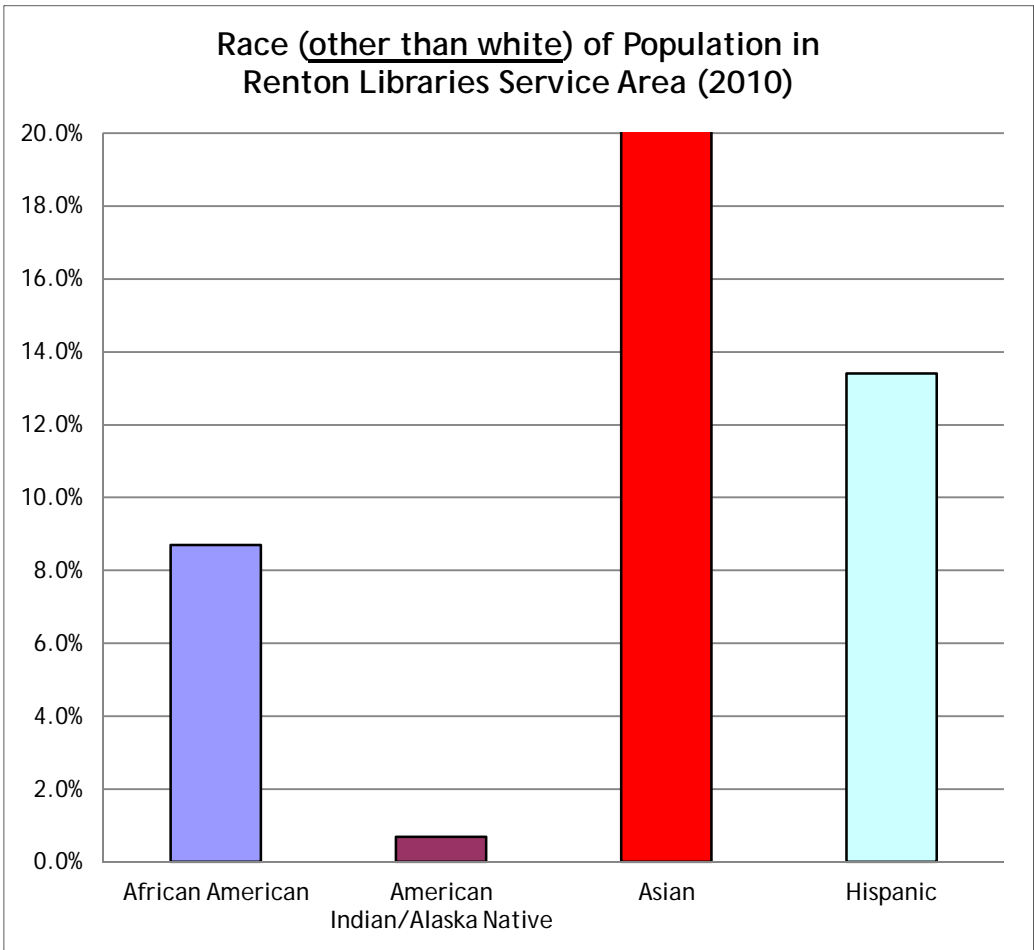
Renton Libraries Community Study Age of Service Area

AGE (2010 Estimates)	City of Renton	King County
0-5	9.40%	8.43%
6-11	7.47%	7.79%
12-17	6.61%	7.65%
18-24	10.45%	10.02%
25-34	16.85%	15.95%
35-44	14.04%	14.79%
45-54	13.85%	15.42%
55-64	10.67%	9.91%
65-74	4.87%	4.63%
75-84	4.02%	3.66%
85+	1.80%	1.74%



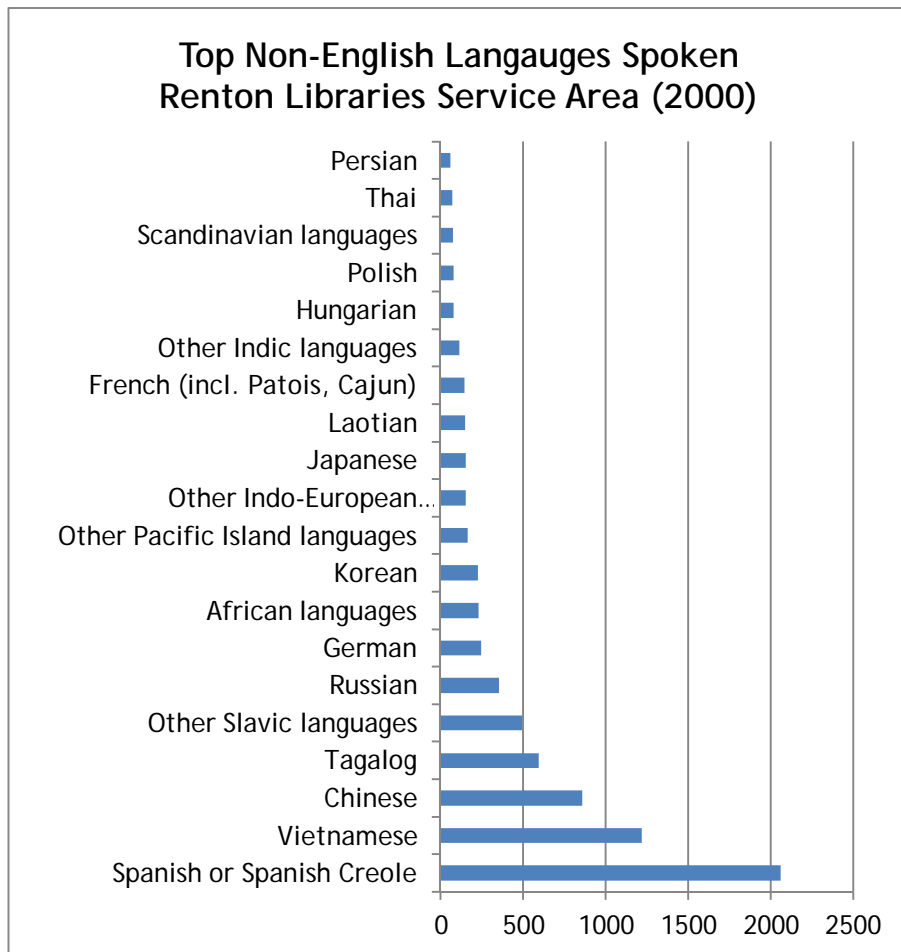
Renton Libraries Community Study
Race of Service Area

RACE (2010 Estimates)	City of Renton	Renton Libraries Service Area	King County
White	68.1	57.8%	73.92%
African American	8.5%	8.7%	0.92%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7%	0.7%	
Asian	13.9%	20.7%	15.68%
Hispanic	7.6%	13.4%	18.77%



Renton Libraries Community Study Languages Spoken at Home

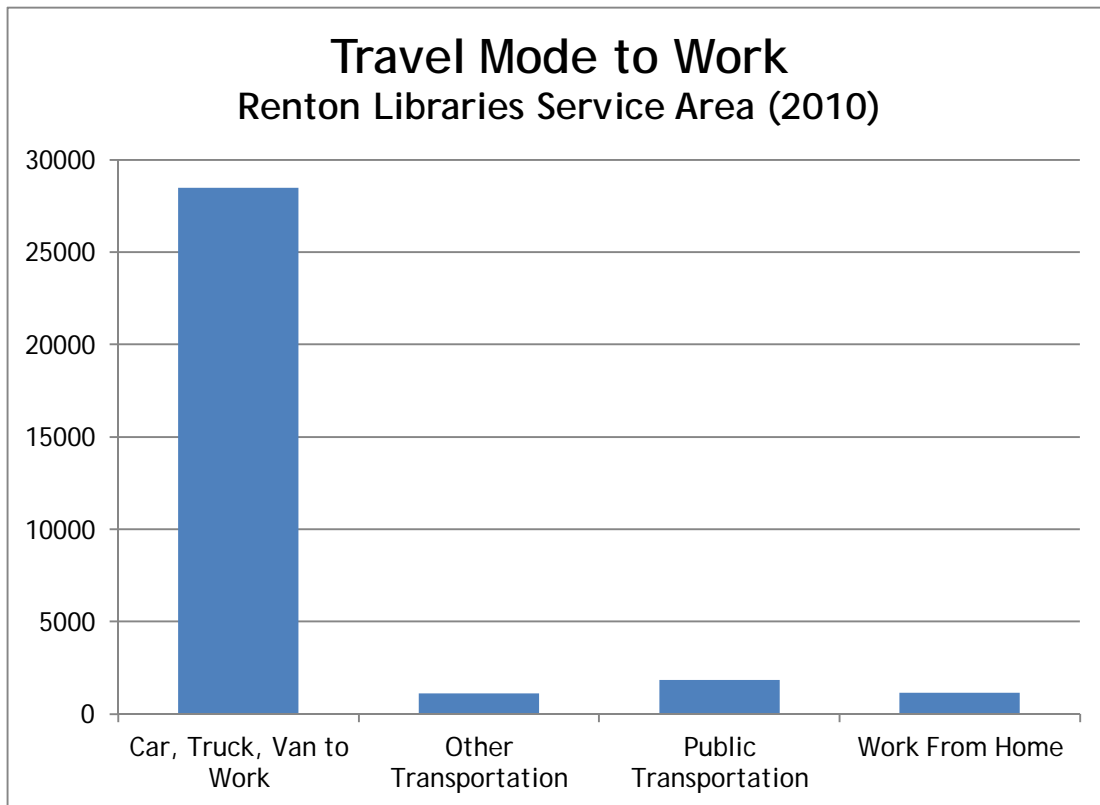
LANGUAGE (2010 Estimates)	City of Renton	King County
Spanish	3,474	85,588
%	6.2%	4.8%
Other Indo-European Languages	2,514	78,973
%	4.5%	4.4%
Asian and Pacific Island Languages	5,634	164,462
%	10.0%	9.2%
Other Language	584	17,468
%	1.0%	1.1%



For the population 18 years and older

Renton Libraries Community Study
Work Travel - Commute Times & Modes

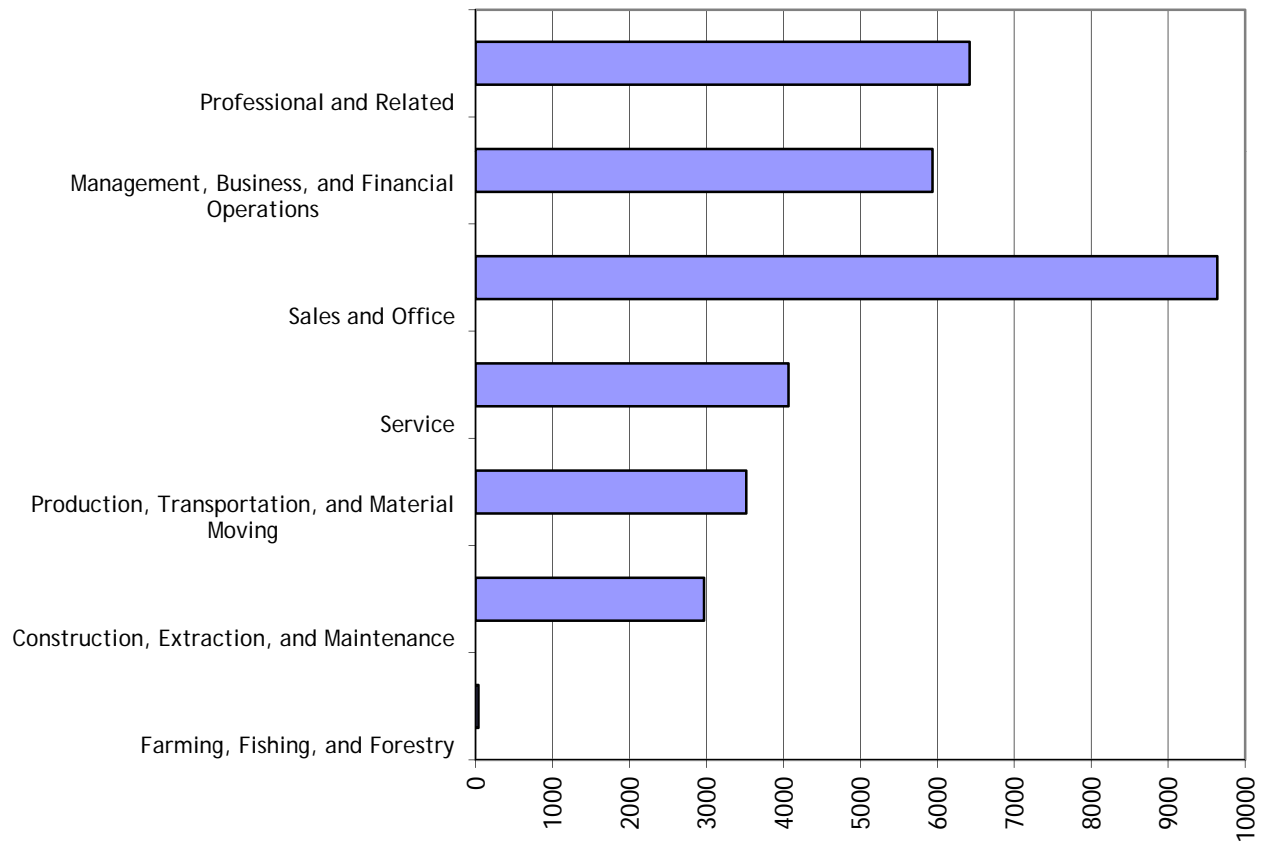
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (2010 Estimates)	City of Renton	Renton Libraries Service Area	King County
Less than 15 Minutes	15.2%	7.2%	17.6%
15-29 Minutes	37.1%	19.6%	33.9%
30-59 Minutes	36.5%	20.8%	7.1%
60+ Minutes	7.7%	4.2%	3.7%



Renton Libraries Community Study Occupation Profile

OCCUPATION (2010 Estimates)	City of Renton	Renton Libraries Service Area	King County
Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	8.12%	4.89%	6.41%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.14%	0.06%	0.17%
Management, Business & Financial Operations	18.11%	9.78%	20.13%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	11.07%	5.80%	8.98%
Professional and Related	20.58%	10.58%	27.06%
Sales and Office	29.92%	15.88%	25.59%
Service	12.07%	6.70%	11.66%

Occupations in Renton Libraries Service Area (2010)



RENTON LIBRARIES CHILDCARE INFORMATION

Licensed Childcare

(Based on data received from Child Care Resources for 98056)

- ❑ 6 Licensed Center-Based childcare with a capacity to serve 545 children
- ❑ 10 Licensed Family Home childcares with a capacity to serve 119 children

(Based on data received from Child Care Resources for 98057)

- ❑ One (1) Licensed Center-Based childcare with a capacity to serve 208 children
- ❑ One (1) Licensed Family Home childcares with a capacity to serve 12 children

Preschools

Preschools are difficult to identify because they are usually private and not required to be licensed, but this list includes those identified by Child Care Resources in the library service area. Capacity is in parentheses () when it was available.

- ❑ Arise N Shine Preschool
- ❑ Highlands Christian Preschool
- ❑ Bloom Preschool
- ❑ Pied Piper Preschool

ABC Express

The ABC Express visits two sites in this area, Easter Seals Little Aviators and Renton Technical College childcare.

Library2Go!

Library2Go! visits 1 child care and four senior housing sites in this area.

Head Start/ECEAP Sites

There is a Head Start at Renton Technical College. There is an ECEAP program at the Hillcrest Special Services Center.

KidReach Service (after school and summer programs receiving books)

Both Kent Mountain View Academy and YMCA Highline receive KidReach service.

StoryTrain Service

The KCLS/Literacy AmeriCorps program has visited the Renton service area twice and trained 5 licensed providers serving 54 children.