

# SULTAN LIBRARY BOARD

## Librarian's Report

June 12, 2008

### Library Activity Comparison:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Circulation & Renewals												
2007	10,905	9,654	11,570	9,847								
2008	10,774	9,609	9,851	9,791								
Door Count												
2007	7,746	7,082	7,887	7,314								
2008	7,527	7,715	8,314	8,127								

### Library Activity Comparison Comments

- The number of visitors in March and April increased dramatically, perhaps because of high media visibility from the annexation election. Library staff have been out promoting small business resources, doing summer reading visits, talking with incoming freshmen and their parents at the high school, participating in a system-wide training program called Sno-Isle 20 for 2.0, and anticipate a wonderful slate of summer programs.

“Circulation” refers to items checked out or renewed by patrons.

“Renewals” are the extension of the check-out period.

“Door Count” refers to the total number of patrons who visited the library.

### Building

- The city's new volunteer program has really made a difference in the cleanliness of the outside grounds and lobby. Volunteers have been busy pressure washing sidewalks, weeding flower beds, and re-painting part of the lobby.
- There have been ongoing problems with the men's restroom plumbing (stopped-up toilets, toilet paper dispensers vandalized, urinals and stalls marked out of order for periods of time).
- Contact information for a highly-recommended HVAC Repair/Troubleshooting company (Sno-Isle has used them in other libraries) was given to the city. The HVAC system doesn't seem to function efficiently or effectively. This has been an ongoing problem. The city has had hvac repairmen and city crew staff throughout the years attempt to troubleshoot and adjust, but problems persist. Library patrons, city staff, and library staff experience excessive air conditioning/heat and lack of air circulation in various areas of the building.

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### Staff

- Branch Manager has been attending Chamber meetings, participating in the city's Name the Skate Park contest committee, promoted the library at the Garden Club's Annual Tea and Fashion Show, and arranged to have a library resource table at the Parent Information Night at the Sultan High School.
- Librarian Kate Johnson visited the Sultan and Gold Bar Elementary schools to promote summer reading activities and spoke to over 1,000 students.
- Children's Liaison Dawn Kaestner visited the Sultan Elementary Kindergarten classes and talked about fun things to find at the library, shared good books, and distributed coil bracelets with library cards.
- Staff have been hearing over and over from library patrons how relieved and happy they are that the library is here for them!

