



Monroe Library

# Library Board Agenda February 26, 2015 7:00PM

7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Managing Librarian's Report
4. Sno-isle report (Valerie Stevens)
5. Old Business
6. New Business
  - a. Change meeting day to the third or fourth Thursday
7. Demonstration
8. Adjournment



## Monroe Library

# Library Board Managing Librarian Report February 26, 2015

### **Community Transit Route Changes**

In early November I heard rumors that Community Transit was planning to change its bus route through Monroe to bypass the Village Way loop. As you know there is a bus stop right in front of the library and many patrons use the bus to get to the library. This change would have a huge impact on our disabled and teen patrons. There were also several very positive changes proposed for the community including bus access on Fryelands Blvd., West Main and Kelsey Street which would return service for WorkSource and the Monroe Correctional Complex. Working closely with the Sno-Isle communications department and city officials and other organizations on Village Way I took steps to try and prevent the Village Way loop from being removed. I created a sign for the library (attached) informing our patrons of the possible changes and how they could submit their comments and where they could attend meetings. I attended an information session in Monroe and made public comments at the Community Transit Board meeting. Through the concerted efforts of the city, the senior center, the Boys and Girls and the Library we made our concerns known. Last week the Community Transit Board voted to retain the Village Way Loop as part of the new route.

### **Changes to the Library's Hours**

On May 4, 2015 Sno-Isle libraries will change their open hours to better reflect the needs of our patrons. By studying the traffic patterns over the last year we have determined what we hope is a more effective time for us to open in the morning and to close at night. The 2015 budget increase for public services staff hours allows us to make these long-anticipated changes to the open hours in our community libraries. Almost every library in the district will see an increase in public service hours in. The Monroe Library will now be open 9am to 8pm Monday through Thursday, 10am to 6pm Friday and Saturday and 1pm to 5pm Sunday.

### **Monroe Early Learning Space Project**

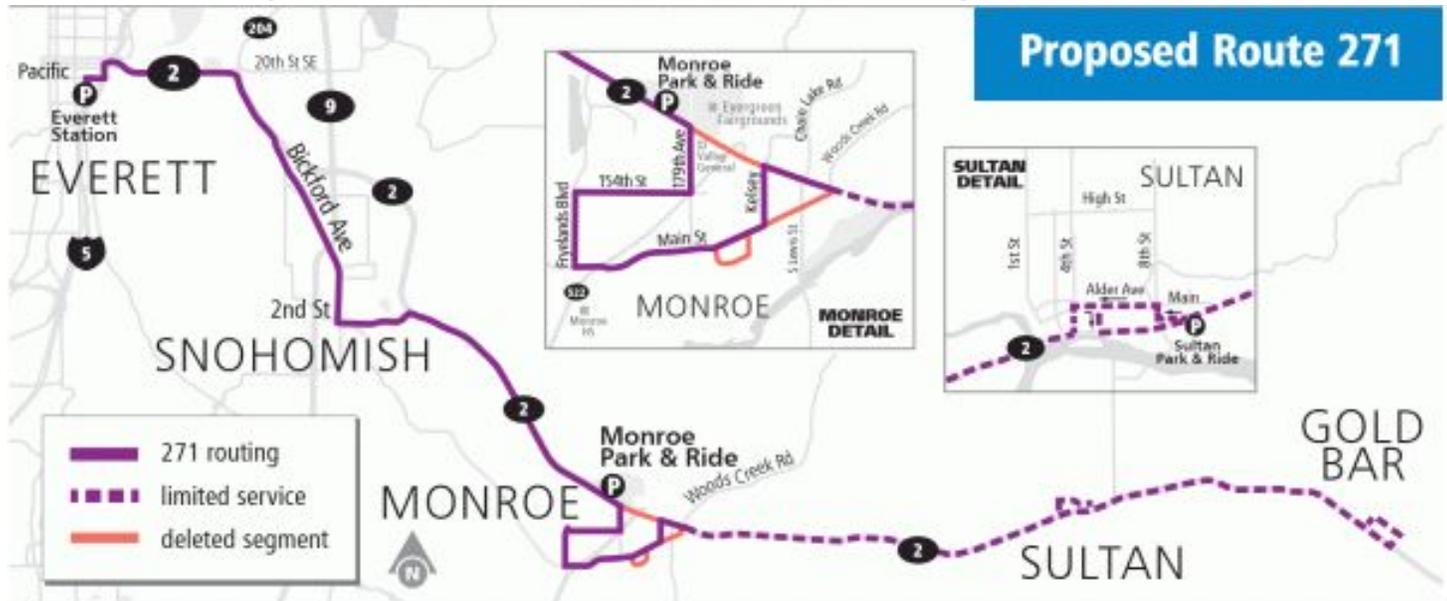
In December Sno-Isle approved funding for the Monroe Early Learning Space project. We are undertaking this project to reconfigure and add early learning resources to the children's area of the Monroe library. The children's area will be transformed by removing the confining structure in the middle of the children's area and creating an interactive learning space that will promote early learning and "Every Child Ready to Read" practices: Reading, Writing, Talking, Playing, and Singing. One of Sno-Isle's strategic focuses is to build literate communities in part through early literacy; in addition to providing story times, this interactive learning space will be an integral and innovative part of strengthening Monroe's efforts in early literacy. This space would also provide a place for parents/caregivers to practice the literacy tips they are learning in our Ready Readers story times.

With this improvement we have the opportunity to create a welcoming community space where families can learn and play together. The overarching concept is to take back this area of the library and repurpose it so that it engages families. We envision child-size furnishings and age-appropriate manipulatives that entice children and their parents to explore and learn. By creating a wide open space with interactive "Reading, Writing, Talking, Playing, and Singing" stations we hope to encourage many different models of interaction, parent/child, child/child and parent/parent.

### **Caddy Stacks: Friends of the Library Fundraiser**

Friends of the Library are planning an indoor mini-golf tournament, to be held after hours at the Library on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 5:30-8:30 pm. This is a family friendly event involving an exciting and creative nine hole mini-golf course that runs throughout the stacks of the Monroe Library. There will be great door prizes, light refreshments and live music!

# Community Transit Bus Route 2015 Proposed Modification



Community transit is proposing modifying routing in Monroe to include Fryelands Blvd., WorkSource, the Monroe Correctional Complex and Kelsey Street. The library loop in Monroe would be eliminated.

## Public Comment

Community Transit is taking public comment on through January 9, 2015.

Comments may be sent via:

Email: [2015changes@commtrans.org](mailto:2015changes@commtrans.org)

Mail: Community Transit, 7100 Hardeson Road, Everett, WA 98203

Phone: (425) 353-RIDE (7433)

Please note: comments made on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or the [Community Transit Blog](#) are not considered official comment. Please use the means listed above to officially comment on this service proposal during our public comment period.

The Community Transit Board of Directors will hold a public hearing at **3 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the Community Transit Board Room, 7100 Hardeson Road, Everett**

Thursday, December 11

4:30 pm. - 7:30 p.m.

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