

CLOVERDALE REGIONAL LIBRARY



Service Area Map + Demographics

2000 Service Area Population: 10,016
 2025 Service Area Population: 15,998

Population by Age:

0-4 years	5%
5-19 years	17%
20-44 years	33%
45-64 years	24%
65+	20%

Population by Ethnicity:

White	78%
Black + African-American	0%
American Indian	2%
Asian	1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Other	16%
Two or More Races	3%

Hispanic or Latino* 27%

Recommendations Strategy: Improvement
 Building Area: 10,100-11,200 sf

*The Hispanic or Latino designation reflects a cultural heritage and not an ethnic group. Therefore, this designation is reported separately from ethnicity.

Library Profile

The Cloverdale Regional Library is approaching 25 years old. It serves the community of Cloverdale, and the areas north of Geyserville. Commuters from Ukiah also have been known to stop at the Cloverdale Regional Library. A high school and an elementary school are located nearby.

Twenty-seven percent of the population in the library’s service area is Hispanic or Latino. Over one-fourth of patrons surveyed at the Cloverdale Regional Library reported that they also visit other libraries in Sonoma County, including Central Santa Rosa and Healdsburg. Nearly one-third of patrons report that they usually reach the Cloverdale Regional Library on foot.

Library Needs

The Cloverdale Regional Library is within the recommended standards for the amount of space for seating, meeting room, and collection but lacks sufficient space for technology. Although the collection size is adequate to meet current needs, the existing library is too small to accommodate the increased collection that will be needed to support the growing service population. The library gets noisy at times, and lacks either a group study room or a “quiet room” to provide sound separation. Parking also can be problematic.

Cloverdale Regional Library patrons described their library in this way...

Liked most:	Improvements needed:
+ Friendly staff	- More books
+ Location and convenience	- More computers
+ Atmosphere	- Longer hours

Recommendations

The current Cloverdale Regional Branch Library has adequate square footage for current and short-term needs. As the population grows in the Cloverdale service area, additional square footage will need to be added.

Service	Current	Future
Population served	10,016	15,998
Building size	7,200 sf	10,100 – 11,200 sf
Collection	28,898 vols.	36,500 – 40,300 vols.
Computers	8	20 – 22
Seats	65 seats	65 – 70 seats
Group study area	0 seats	10 – 15 seats
Storytelling space	0 seats	20 – 25 seats
Meeting room	67 seats	70 - 80 seats

Implementation

The present site is well-located within the service area and appears to have sufficient area to expand the building on a single story to accommodate the recommended square footage and parking. Subsequently, the existing facility may be renovated and expanded to meet that projected need. However, since the Cloverdale Regional Library was built in 1979, it may not comply with current building codes, and major building systems will need to be replaced. A new facility may prove to be more feasible due to the amount of work required for an addition and renovation.

As the Cloverdale Regional Library is relatively large in relation to its service area population, it has been placed in priority Group 3. This means that there is no immediate need for an enlarged facility. However, because the population is projected to grow almost 60% by 2025, planning should begin now so that the needs of new residents will be met in a timely manner. Early planning also will position Cloverdale for fast action as opportunities arise.

Prior to proceeding with development, a needs assessment for Cloverdale’s service area and a detailed building program should be prepared by experienced professionals. These should be undertaken as part of a focused predesign study setting out project requirements, budget and schedule in detail. A feasibility study, using the building program, should be undertaken to determine the cost-effectiveness of remodeling the current building and site compared to the price and practicality of new construction.



Cloverdale Regional Library

What residents said:

“It helps us to do our homework. It also helps us to improve our reading.”

survey respondent

“Hay mucho que aprender en ella para ayudar a nuestros hijos y a nosotros, los adultos.”

survey respondent

“Our visit to the library convinced us to buy and move here.”

survey respondent

“A day without books is a day without sunshine. A library is as essential to culture as church!”

survey respondent