

# SEA RANCH-ANNAPOLIS LIBRARY



## Service Area Map + Demographics

2000 Service Area Population: 0  
 2025 Service Area Population: 3,794

Population by Age:

0-4 years	5%
5-19 years	15%
20-44 years	30%
45-64 years	23%
65+	26%

Population by Ethnicity:

White	83%
Black + African-American	0%
American Indian	3%
Asian	2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Other	9%
Two or More Races	2%
Hispanic or Latino*	12%

Recommendations  
 Strategy: New Library  
 Building Area: 4,350-4,800 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

Currently, the Sea Ranch-Annapolis area does not have its own library. The distance and time required to get to other library branches in the county is a barrier to people seeking library services. As part of a contract arrangement, a Mendocino County Library bookmobile visits Sea Ranch and Stewart’s Point biweekly. Although the population of this area is currently considered to be part of the service areas of the Guerneville and Occidental libraries, only two of 24 bookmobile patrons surveyed said that they used other libraries in Sonoma County.

## Library Needs

Clearly, the coastal communities of Sonoma County need better access to library materials with sufficient breadth and depth to meet their reading, research, and resource needs. A survey of patrons at the bookmobile reported a general need for more materials, such as more books, more tapes and CDs, and more large-type materials. They also asked for greater access, including longer hours. Residents of Sea Ranch, Annapolis, and the surrounding community also require access to the people spaces — group study areas, public meeting rooms, and the like — that modern libraries strive to provide to the community.

## Recommendations

The recommendation is to provide a new branch library to serve the area surrounding Sea Ranch and Annapolis, and along the coast from Fort Ross to Gualala. The new branch would provide an expanded collection, access to electronic resources, seating areas, and meeting space.

The baseline square footage per capita guideline is increased for relatively small service areas as the smaller population does not offer the economy of scale of a larger area. The larger square footage per capita supports a proper baseline of services — collection, seating, computers, etc. — adequate to meet the needs of the service area population.

Service	Current	Future
Population served	0	3,794
Building size	0 sf	4,350 – 4,800 sf
Collection	0 vols.	10,800 – 11,900 vols.
Computers	0	7 – 8
Seats	0 seats	25 – 30 seats
Group study area	0 seats	4 seats
Storytelling space	0 seats	19 – 21 seats
Meeting room	0 seats	50 - 55 seats