



South King Tool Library

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Auburn Branch of the South King Tool Library

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OVERVIEW

The South King Tool Library (SKTL) is opening a second Tool Library in South King County in 2023. Tool libraries are like regular libraries, but check out tools instead. Everything from pressure washers, saws, drills, lawnmowers, sewing machines, and so on. SKTL is proud to run the first tool library in South King County, which opened in Spring of 2020. With adaptive programming like Repair Cafes, educational classes, workshops, and recycling events, SKTL has diverted tons of waste and saved residents tons of money. We are an award winning team, acknowledged by our city, county and state. We aim to spread the opportunities tool libraries provide into communities that have the biggest need. Our goal is to empower residents to make the changes they want to see in the world.

STEPS TODAY

- Develop *MORE* partnerships
- Secure an *ACCESSIBLE* location
- Connect with the *WHOLE* community

SPECIFICATIONS

Partners:

- Environmentally conscious
- Diversity and service minded
- Connected and representative
- NPOs, CBOs, businesses, utilities, institutions, and individuals

Location:

- 1500-2500 sq ft
- King County
- Industrial or Retail space
- Utility ready
- Safe, secure, and accessible space
- Rent rate around \$2000 per month
- *Ideally: flooring, storage, centralized location, room for expansion, heat and A/C*

JOIN US
for our second
Auburn Tool Library Interest Meeting
April 15th @ 2-3:30 pm
At the Auburn Senior Activity Center
808 9th St SE, Auburn, WA
Email your RSVP to
info@southkingtools.org



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Input and Feedback

❖ Location: **WHERE IS MOST REASONABLE AND ACCESSIBLE?**

- Outlet Collection (formerly SuperMall)
- Auburn Way N**
- Downtown/Industrial area**

- _____
- _____

❖ Partners: **WHO IS DOING SIMILAR WORK?**

- Auburn City departments plus Farmers market, Auburn magazine, Parks and Recreation
- Online groups: Facebook**
- Local businesses/community groups**

- _____
- _____

❖ Programs: **WHAT IS MISSING FROM THE COMMUNITY?**

- Collaborations: KCLS, Makerspace**
- Programs like: *Recycling resources, Swaps, Repair Events, Workshops, Classes***

- _____
- _____

❖ Tools: **WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED?**

- Home Maintenance, Hobbyist tools, Kitchen tools, Small Business tools

- _____
- _____

❖ **Would you be interested in joining the Auburn Tool Library Steering committee?**

- Please email us at info@southkingtools.org
- This group will meet monthly starting in June 2023, to help drive decisions for the Auburn site.

**Indicates the need for more feedback, connection, or specification.

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Why an Auburn Tool Library?

- ❖ The Problem (or Opportunity)
 - Tools are expensive and critical to most folks that have a home space (regardless of the size), drive a vehicle (motorized or not), or have business of any sort in the region.
- ❖ Proof the Problem Exists
 - Tool libraries are most effective the closer they are to a community.
 - Community needs vary widely with many factors and conditions.
 - There is currently no tool library in Auburn.
- ❖ Additional Problems
 - Home space maintenance of all sizes can be challenging for folks, and we aim to remove as many barriers to that as possible.
 - Lack of resources and information are huge contributing factors to waste. From waste of funds because everyone “needs” to have a lawnmower or drill - to waste that is caused by small problems in the home becoming larger ones.
- ❖ The Basic Solution
 - People should not have to choose between basic needs and life’s expense and the ability to improve their quality of life by maintaining or improving their homes and possessions.
 - They shouldn’t go into debt to do so either.
- ❖ Our Solution
 - Tool libraries lend tools like a regular library, as well as offering community resources for waste reduction and empowerment.
 - SKTL aims to provide barrierless access to maintain homes of any shape or size, shared spaces like community gardens, greenbelts, pea patches, and parks.
 - Empowering folks to make the changes they want to see in their world.

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