

## Community Courts:

- Provide individualized justice
- Improve the quality of life for the participants and the community
- Promote fair, equitable and responsive opportunities
- Find family and community-oriented solutions
- Expand employment and education opportunities
- Community and neighborhood improvement through awareness and action

## Mission

To use public resources more productively in reducing crime by providing services and increasing community engagement and connection.



Community Court in Redmond is held every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Redmond Public Library.

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A partnership between King County District Court, the Redmond Library, and the City of Redmond.



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King County  
District Court

# Community Court and Resource Center in Redmond



**AN ALTERNATIVE  
PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT**

# What is Community Court?

King County Community Court in Redmond is an alternative problem-solving court that seeks to go beyond punitive actions to identify and address the underlying challenges of court participants that may contribute to further criminal activity. Court is held in the Redmond library, as the setting is less intimidating and allows the judge to be seated at eye-level with the participants.

The court addresses things like theft, shoplifting, trespassing, and other low-level offenses. Traditionally, punitive action is taken against crimes like these, which don't address why the crime is happening. Community Court participants have the opportunity to sign up at the community resource center next door for services such as drug and alcohol treatment, financial/housing assistance and employment services. This approach allows people to get services that address the underlying issues. Participants are also often required to perform community service, which fosters community engagement.



# How does Community Court Work?

Potential participants are referred by court staff or police.

If they decide to join Community Court, new participants are given an assessment to identify what underlying issues might be contributing to their criminal involvement and what strengths they can build upon.

Based on that assessment, a contract with the court is made that involves requiring some combination of:

- Tailored social service connections

- Community service work hours

- Weekly hearings to report progress for 4 weeks to 6 months

Upon successful completion of the contract, their charges are dismissed.

## When & Where

Court Hearings are held every Wednesday 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Redmond Library

A Community Resource Center is also open at the Library. The Resource Center is an integral component of Community Court; court participants are taken to the Resource Center to access services they need per their court contract.

## Why the Library?

The location of Community Court and the Resource Center within the Redmond Library aligns with the strategic focus of the King County Library System: *"To create opportunities through meaningful connections"*.

# Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center is open to everyone and service providers can answer your questions and connect you with services. All are welcome in the Community Resource Center.

## When & Where

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## Our partners can help with:

- Healthcare/insurance
- DSHS access and applications
- Education
- Job Training
- Behavioral Health
- Substance Use Disorder
- Housing
- Food/Clothing
- Library Services
- Transportation
- Civil legal matters
- Dispute Resolution and Mediation