



ABOUT NAVOS

NAVOS Mental Health Solutions Quick Facts:

- ♦ An established non-profit since 1966
- ♦ One of the largest providers of mental health services in the King County area
- ♦ Works in cooperation with 22 other social service providers in the region
- ♦ Provides a broad variety of health and wellness services, including inpatient facilities, primary care, adjunctive therapies and social worker support.
- ♦ Merged with the Ruth Dykeman Children's Center and Seattle Children's Home between 2010-2012 to broaden available services for children and families.



NAVOS' 7.5 acre Lake Burien campus, formerly home to Ruth Dykeman Children's Center, was renovated to create the Behavioral Healthcare Center for Children, Youth & Families. This campus was designed to provide both residential and outpatient services to vulnerable youth populations. The center opened its newly renovated doors on September 24, 2015, and it is within this facility that our project took place.

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THE LIBRARY

Our group started work on the NAVOS Youth Library in January 2016. NAVOS already had a large collection of books, acquired through donation and their previous mergers. However, these books had never been cataloged, and spine labels were missing from the vast majority of the collection. The books were also haphazardly sorted: picture books with nonfiction, reference with early readers. It was our job to turn these materials into a library that the residents could really use.

NAVOS set aside a small space for the library, located in the heart of the Lake Burien campus' residential youth school. Shelving, chairs, and a small table were provided. Youth residents are not allowed access to computers or internet, so the library procedures we created had to function independent of technology. Otherwise, we were given free rein to redesign the library however we chose.



OUR RESULTS

During our project we:

- ♦ Cataloged over 1,500 books within LibraryThing
- ♦ Created a print catalog, arranged by title and author
- ♦ Labeled and sorted books into broad categories to help residents locate library materials
- ♦ Created recommended reads lists
- ♦ Re-envisioned the library space to make it more functional and engaging. This included a section for tabletop games, a display wall for residents to hang their art, newly designed signage, and a revised checkout station for materials.



While there are many wonderful books within the NAVOS catalog, our team wanted to develop the collection with more diverse and current titles. Residents were surveyed for books and genres they would like to have access to, and the NAVOS social workers were contacted for books they love to use when working with youth. Using this feedback as a guide, as well as our own research, we created an Amazon Wishlist for donors and friends of NAVOS to help grow the library in a tangible and exciting way.

Learn more, including how to donate via Amazon Wishlist, at navoslibrary.wordpress.com

