

# LIBRARY LEVY PROPOSITION

## Why is the Library asking for funding now?

The Board of Trustees has determined the current level of funding is not enough to support the present level of services and collections of Kitsap Regional Library. Although demand for library service in Kitsap County remains strong, funds supporting these services has not kept pace. Passage of this levy is necessary for long-term, sustainable funding for public libraries in Kitsap.

### if YES

#### The Proposition Passes

- + Expanded educational opportunities in early literacy, K-12 afterschool classes & technology training
- + Increased investment in programs, technology & collections
- + Improved comfortable seating & places to meet, read & study
- + Added open hours, including Sunday hours in 5 locations

### if NO

#### The Proposition Fails

- Reduce investment in collections, increasing wait time for materials
- Close an additional day per week
- Closure of 2 locations & elimination of bookmobile service



## VOTE

November 7, 2017

#### Registration Deadline

October 9: Online/mail

October 30: In person

#### Ballots Mailed

October 20

## How much will it cost?

The Library depends on property tax revenue at a rate of 35 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value, approximately 12.1 million, to provide over 90% of its operating budget. If approved by voters, the proposition would authorize the Kitsap Regional Library to raise its regular property tax levy by 8 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, adding approximately \$3.43 million to the Library's 2018 operating budget. The estimated increase in 2018 for a \$300,000 property is \$24. Levy dollars will not be used for a new Silverdale building, which will continue to be funded through private fundraising efforts.

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# if YES:

## Library Plans for Additional Funds

If the Proposition passes, the Library can continue to support Kitsap community's priorities, providing access to information and educational opportunities for all, to include:

### Supporting youth education, preparing our community for tomorrow's jobs by:

- Increasing support of early development tools and classes for parents, babies and toddlers, preparing them for success in school
- Further investing in afterschool STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes for K-12 youth
- Adding internship opportunities for teens in all locations

### Increasing physical and digital collections of books and other materials providing:

- Faster access to popular materials and reduced wait times
- An increased selection of diverse materials

### Improving and preserving all library facilities by:

- Creating more meeting, programming and quiet areas for reading, studying and collaborating
- Investing in up-to-date computers, Wi-Fi, software and technology learning
- Providing additional, comfortable seating and outlets for personal devices
- Addressing routine needs of increasingly aging buildings

### Increasing hours of operation by:

- Restoring Sunday hours in 5 locations
- Providing more consistent open hours for each location

Aligning salaries, after nine years without cost of living increases, to match the local region and industry.

VOTE Nov. 7



Library

83,614 CARDHOLDERS

1.07 million VISITS

DIGITAL & PHYSICAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT 2.1 million

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