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.

details at levy.KRL.org