What’s on the ballot?

Voters in Snohomish and Island counties are being asked to consider a 9-cent increase in the library operations levy. If they approve, the total rate will be 47 cents per $1,000 assessed property value. This levy restoration (not a new tax) would enable Sno-Isle Libraries to continue current levels of service for 7 to 10 years.

If voters say “Yes,” Sno-Isle Libraries would:

• Restore the library operations levy rate to 2009 voter-approved level
• Maintain library staffing to keep libraries open to support community needs
• Continue to purchase library materials that reduce wait times for popular books, DVDs and more
• Maintain bookmobile service for children and seniors
• Continue preparing preschoolers and students for success with early childhood development resources, homework help, and after-school STEM classes for K-12 students

If voters say “No,” Sno-Isle Libraries would:

• Reduce open hours at libraries
• Reduce library staff positions
• Purchase fewer books and materials, resulting in increased wait times for popular items
• Decrease library programs and classes

Exemptions: Senior citizens, disabled residents and residents living on a fixed income may be exempt from all or part of special levy taxes. Please contact your county assessor’s office for more information on exemptions.
Facts about the library
2017

- **Library customers**: 493,908
- **Visits to community libraries**: 3.4 MILLION
- **Items checked out**: 5.9 MILLION
- **Book and audiobook downloads**: 1.45 MILLION
- **Classes & events attended**: 221,080
- **Questions answered by librarians**: 309,114
- **Students from 51 schools competed in the Sno-Isle Libraries 3rd Grade Reading Challenge**: 3.4 MILLION
- **Kids ages 0 - 5 attended Storytime**: 60,901