

LIBRARY LEVY ELECTION

November 3

Residents of Sno-Isle Libraries district will be asked to consider a measure on the November 3 ballot that would increase the levy that funds the daily operations of libraries throughout Snohomish and Island Counties. The levy increase, combined with additional budget cuts, would provide funding to maintain current library services for five years.

2010 Budget Reductions

Sno-Isle Libraries is making the following additional budget cuts for 2010 – regardless of the outcome of the levy election:

- Reduce by 3% the salary of the six highest paid employees, plus the remainder of the senior administrators, for 2010,
- Freeze salaries for remaining staff for 2010,
- Delay replacing the library computer system until 2011,
- Reduce materials and equipment budgets, and
- Eliminate a number of vacant positions.

Impact of Library Levy

- If the levy passes:
 - Current library services maintained, such as job-search assistance, programs for children and teens, and best-selling materials and other resources,
 - Library funding stabilized through 2014,
 - 2010 planned budget reductions implemented.
- If the levy fails:
 - Library spending reduced by \$2.5 million in 2010, and
 - Fewer open hours, and fewer books and computers purchased.

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Cost

- Sno-Isle Libraries Proposition 1 requests an increase to the library district's levy rate of 9 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, raising the levy rate from 31¢ to 40¢/\$1,000 of assessed value
- Cost to homeowners:
 - \$200,000 home approximately \$18 more a year
 - \$300,000 home approximately \$27 more a year

Quick Library Levy Facts

- Election: November 3, 2009
- Simple majority required to pass
- Proposed levy increase of 9¢/\$1,000, resulting in increase of approximately \$27 a year to owner of \$300,000 home
- If approved, effective on January 1, 2010
- Registered voters in the Sno-Isle Libraries district

For More Information

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