



# Prop 1 – 2026 Seattle Library Levy: What You Need to Know

## What is Prop 1?

Voters within Seattle city limits will see Proposal 1 on their August 2026 ballots. This proposal will be a renewal and expansion of the existing 2019 library levy, which currently accounts for one-third of the Library's total budget in the areas of hours and access, collections, building maintenance, and technology and online services.

**The levy will invest \$480 million into the Seattle Library system over the course of 7 years (2027-2033).**

## What will this levy fund?



Continued open hours at 27 libraries



More physical books, e-books, and audiobooks



More physical and digital security resources



More resources to keep libraries safe, clean, and well-maintained



**More Play and Learn Groups available in more languages (Learn more on the next page)**

## How will this levy be funded?

The levy will be funded through an increase in property taxes, costing the average Seattle homeowner just an additional \$30 per year.



**Vote "YES"  
on Prop 1!**

**The Library Levy will appear on Seattle voters' ballots on August 4, 2026.**

**Vote "YES" to approve the levy!**



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**Vote “YES” on Prop 1 to support early learning through  
Seattle’s public libraries!**



## How does Prop 1 impact early learning?

**Prop 1 will dedicate \$4.5 million in funding for Play & Learn groups to new communities and in new languages.**

Play and Learn groups are free, open, facilitated sessions for Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers and their children. There, children learn through play while their caregivers learn best practices around child development, safety, and school readiness.



## Benefits of Play and Learn groups

**Many of BrightSpark’s Kaleidoscope Play and Learn groups are hosted within Seattle library branches. They support children, caregivers, and communities by:**



Welcoming every child and caregiver regardless of ability, culture, language, income, or family type



Fostering connection between community members, community-based organizations, and local agencies



Educating caregivers on child development, school readiness, and how to turn everyday activities into learning opportunities



Helping caregivers identify children’s developmental and behavioral concerns and referring them to resources and support



Providing space for community connection and peer support

Learn more at [www.brightspark.org/advocacy](http://www.brightspark.org/advocacy)