



MAINTENANCE = SUSTAINABILITY

We promised to maintain buildings for the next generation

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed 12,300+ work orders to keep the buildings clean, efficient and in good working order
- Improved entrance accessibility and drainage at University Branch
- Upgraded escalators at the Central Library
- Improved lighting in the Central Library Books Spiral and at the Capitol Hill, Ballard and Douglass-Truth branches
- Completed refurbishment of Ballard Branch and began work at High Point Branch
- Performed carpet cleaning, high dusting, window washing and upholstery cleaning at all locations

2016 levy spending: \$4.1 million

LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Replaced the Fifth Avenue entrance door at Central Library to improve access with funds from Real Estate Excise Taxes



OUR MISSION

The Seattle Public Library brings people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and build community.

2016 LEVY AT A GLANCE

Overall spending: \$16.4 million, includes \$4.6 million to preserve existing core service levels and \$227,000 for levy administration

For more information, visit the Library website at www.spl.org/levy

Library Levy Oversight

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LIBRARY LEVY: A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

In 2012, Seattle voters improved access to critical educational and literacy resources for every resident by passing a seven-year, \$123 million Library levy.

The levy is helping restore core services drastically cut during the prolonged recession. The levy supports better Library hours, books, technology and building maintenance, and allows us to access and leverage investments from other sources to respond to the evolving needs of patrons.

It also protects a bold vision approved by Seattle voters in 1998 called "Libraries for All," which resulted in new and remodeled branch libraries across the city.

We are proud to report our progress after four years of levy funding.

Theresa Fujiwara, Library Board President



The Seattle Public Library



HOURS = ACCESS

We promised to keep libraries open when patrons need them

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Retained 6,000+ new open hours systemwide
 - Open 52 weeks a year
 - 7-day service at Columbia and Northgate
 - All locations open Sunday
- Added 32 open hours per week by restoring Friday hours at International District/Chinatown, University, High Point and South Park branches
- Offered 1,400+ outreach and other offsite events in the community

2016 levy spending: \$3.6 million

LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Hired a community resource specialist to help connect homeless and insecurely housed patrons with social services with funds from The Seattle Public Library Foundation



COLLECTIONS = QUALITY

We promised to provide a robust collection of books and materials

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Added 43,000+ new titles to print books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs
- Added 56,000+ new e-book and e-audiobook files
- Bought 33,000+ more copies of popular materials to shorten wait times
- Added access to over 8,000 digital comics and magazines
- Digitized 5,000+ Seattle Collection items to provide greater access to city's history
 - Bungalow Magazine
 - George Gulacsik Photograph Collection of the Space Needle's construction

2016 levy spending: \$2.7 million

LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Launched PlayBack, an online local music collection curated by a jury of Seattle music experts to share local music with patrons with funds from The Seattle Public Library Foundation



TECHNOLOGY = OPPORTUNITY

We promised to improve computer and online services

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Offered 300+ technology classes to teach patrons how to use email, the internet, etc.
- Replaced 123 levy-funded public computers
- Installed cable in meeting rooms at four branches with widescreen TVs and added widescreen TV and sound equipment at High Point Branch
- Piloted in-building checkout of tablets and laptops in Rainier Beach, High Point, University and International District/Chinatown branches
- Kicked off website redesign project and completed first phase of work

2016 levy spending: \$1.2 million

LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Increased number of mobile hotspots to 775 to allow patrons to "borrow" the internet with funds from cable franchise fees and The Seattle Public Library Foundation