



MAINTENANCE = SUSTAINABILITY

We promised to maintain buildings
for the next generation.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Implemented a comprehensive preventive maintenance plan to extend the life of our facilities
- Increased building, custodial and engineering services
- Enhanced fire safety of stairwells, added sewer bypass and improved escalator safety at Central Library
- Improved parking lots at Columbia and Southwest branches
- Refurbished plaster ceiling at West Seattle Branch

2013 spending: \$1.9 million



OUR MISSION

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



LIBRARY LEVY 2013: 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. It supports better Library hours, books, technology and building maintenance, as well as the Library's Strategic Plan and Service Priorities.

It also protects a bold vision Seattle voters approved in 1998 called "Libraries for All" that resulted in the world-renowned Central Library and new and renovated branch libraries in every neighborhood of the city.

The Seattle Public Library board of trustees and City Librarian Marcellus Turner are proud to report our progress after one year of levy funding.



The Seattle Public Library

2013 LEVY AT A GLANCE

Overall spending:
\$11.9 million, includes
\$4.1 million to preserve
existing core service levels and
\$94,000 for levy administration

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



12,000+ MORE
hours spent on maintenance

*"Our libraries are an investment
in our future, and are a source
of pride for our community.
Thank you for protecting our
investment!"*

- Central Library patron

Library Levy Oversight

Library Board of Trustees

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Marcellus Turner



HOURS = ACCESS

We promised to keep libraries open when patrons need them.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Opened all Library locations on Sundays
- Expanded service at Columbia and Northgate branches from five days to seven days
- Eliminated week-long closure of entire Library system
- Restored reference staff at all libraries
- Increased security staff to help ensure libraries are safe and comfortable
- Improved computer assistance at Central Library
- Improved reference service in the Seattle Room

2013 spending: \$3 million



COLLECTIONS = QUALITY

We promised to provide a robust collection of books and materials.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased the variety and depth of the physical collection
- Added new e-books and e-audiobooks
- Bought more copies of popular materials to shorten wait times
- Added Hoopla, a video and music streaming service with thousands of films, TV series and albums
- Added Zinio, a digital newsstand with over 150 online magazines
- Digitized more materials from local history collections
- Increased number of items a patron can put on hold from 25 to 50

2013 spending: \$1.9 million



TECHNOLOGY = OPPORTUNITY

We promised to improve computer and online services.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Replaced and upgraded all Internet computers for the public
- Replaced and upgraded public printers at most locations
- Established a Marketing and Online Services division to improve access to digital resources

2013 spending: \$1 million



43% INCREASE

Visits to Columbia and Northgate branches

I am super-stoked that we can all visit the library on Sundays again!

- Library patron via email



59% INCREASE

in dollars spent on e-files

It's like we celebrate our birthday 50 times a year with our weekly pick-up of library holds.

- Southwest Branch patron



100% UPGRADED

804 Internet computers for the public

Thank you for the upgrade of the computers at the Delridge Branch Library ... It is great to see the new money being used and in an excellent way.

- Delridge Branch patron