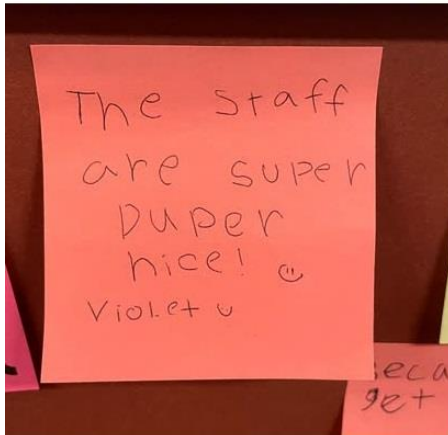


Q2 2025
The Seattle Public Library
LEVY REPORT



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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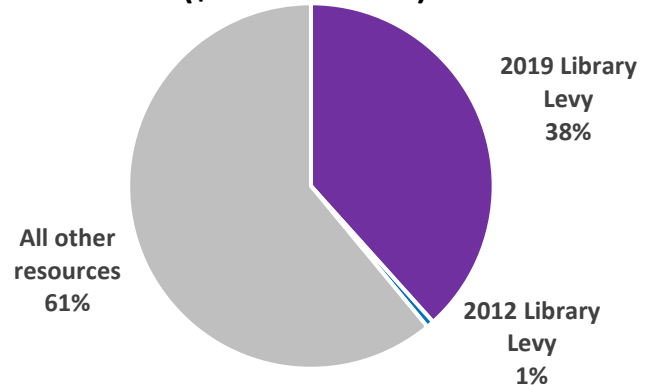
In August 2019, Seattle voters overwhelmingly approved (76%) a seven-year, \$219.1 million property tax levy to maintain and enhance Library services from 2020 through 2026, renewing a seven-year, \$122.6 million levy that expired at the end of 2019.

This is the sixth year of the levy. In 2025, the 2019 Levy accounts for \$54.5 million (38.3%) of the Library's total revised budget of \$142.2 million. The 2012 Levy provides \$0.9 million (0.7 %). Other sources of funding include the City's general fund, state and federal grants, private funds, and Library fund balance.

As part of its 2019 proposal to voters, the Library laid out a clear framework for how Levy proceeds would be used to maintain services funded by the 2012 Levy and provide additional services and programs over the seven-year levy period. This report, which covers levy activities and spending for Q2 2025, continues the series of [quarterly updates](#) the Library has provided for the Board of Trustees and the public since 2013.

Beyond renewing 2012 Levy commitments, the 2019 Levy provides support for additional open hours; elimination of overdue fines; improved collections and technology; safe, clean, and well-maintained buildings; specialized programming and services for children; and Library strategic planning. Levy funding supports a quarter of all positions at the Library, including 35% of children and teen service librarian positions.

**2025 Library Revised Budget
(\$142.2 Million)**



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Q2 2025 Highlights

During the second quarter of 2025, we saw strong usage of Library services and progress on fulfilling our levy promises. We continue to grapple with challenges that have emerged in 2025. A turbulent national political landscape is creating uncertainty for many in our community. With these changes at the national level, local funding support becomes more important than ever.

Stable open hours: The expansion of open hours that began in Q1 continued in Q2, ensuring all locations were open at least six days a week. Thirteen locations are open seven days a week, and all locations are open for at least one weekend day. The new schedule will remain in place throughout 2025. Although a hiring freeze continues to affect staffing capacity, our new schedule has proved stable, with only five unexpected closures in Q2.



University Branch renovation breaks ground: A substantial [levy-funded renovation](#) is underway at the historically landmarked University Branch, which temporarily closed for construction in January. The project includes a seismic retrofit and the installation of an electric HVAC system.

Distribution of life-saving supplies: In partnership with Public Health - Seattle & King County, the Library began distributing free life-saving supplies of naloxone and other overdose prevention supplies at all Library locations.

Strategic plan progress: In late 2024, we launched the Library's newly adopted [10-year Strategic Plan](#), an effort funded by the levy. The new plan seeks to build the community's sense of belonging, increase our resiliency, and improve community outcomes.

Library staff are hard at work implementing the first phase of the plan. Seven projects that support literacy, enrichment, and empowerment are on track for successful completion, including developing and launching a mobile app; and increasing Special Collection digital asset management and preservation. Five projects with impacts on buildings, technology, and sustainability are also in progress or complete, including procuring and implementing a new integrated library system. We look forward to sharing a more detailed update on strategic plan implementation in a future levy report.

“We envision The Seattle Public Library as the **central hub of an equitable and connected city** where knowledge flourishes, and **people find inspiration and a sense of belonging.**”

- The Library's Strategic Plan

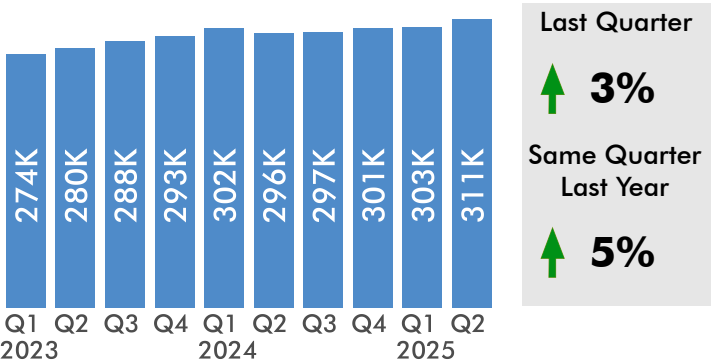
LEVY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: HOURS AND ACCESS



IN FOCUS: Quarterly Usage Trends

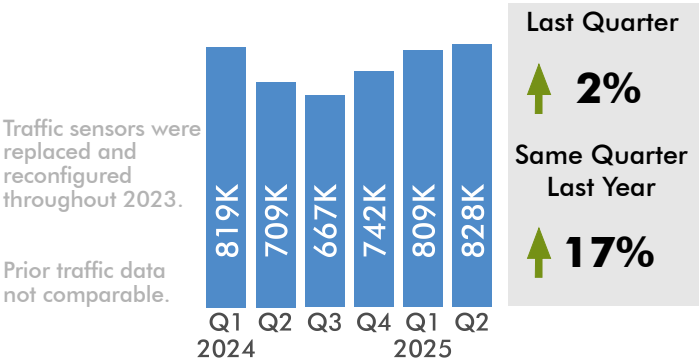
Active Library Users

Patrons who checked out materials or logged in to use a Library resource in the last 12 months



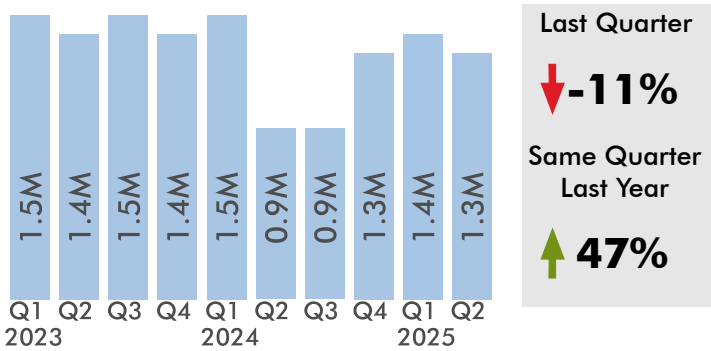
In-Person Visits

Number of in-person visits



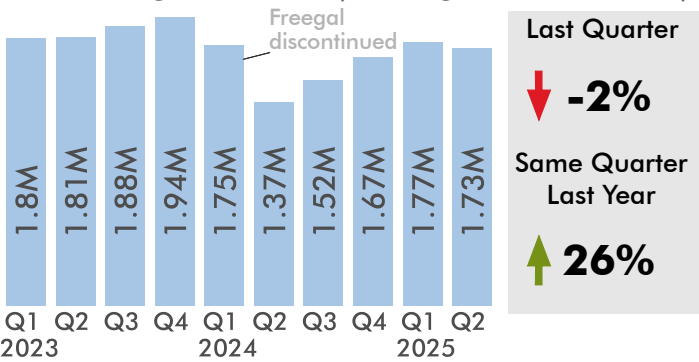
Physical Checkouts

Number of physical checkouts (including renewals)



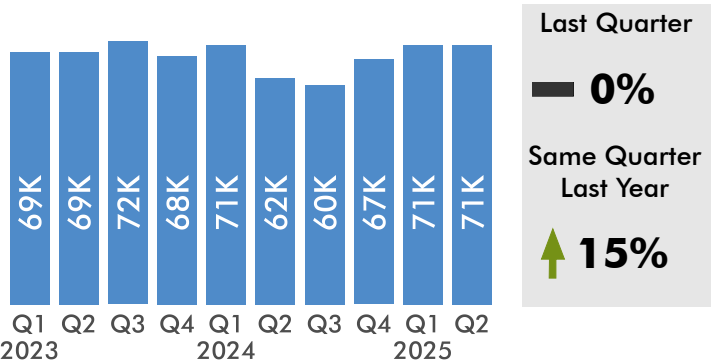
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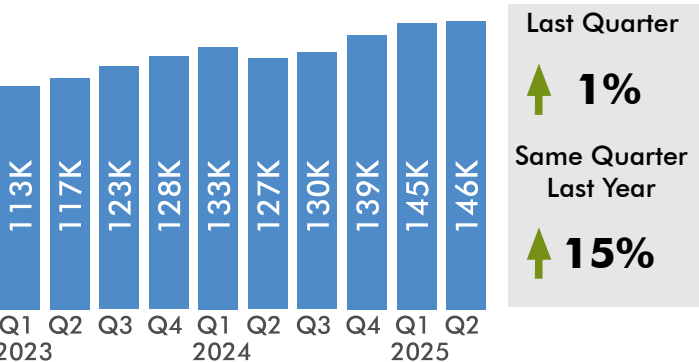
Borrowers - Physical

Number of patrons who borrowed physical materials



Borrowers - Digital

Number of patrons who borrowed digital materials



A ransomware outage significantly disrupted borrowing and overall library use from May to September 2024.

LEVY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: HOURS & ACCESS

Maintaining expanded open hours and increasing access

The 2019 Levy provides \$16.5 million in 2025 for investment in Hours and Access to support operating hours at our 27 libraries; community access to Library learning programs and services; and citywide community outreach and engagement. Many elements of this levy category relate to increasing access to Library resources. We achieve this in several ways, including eliminating late fees, adding open hours, and creating new access points, such as holds pick-up lockers. Total levy spending through Q2 2025 for the Hours and Access category was \$7.3 million.

The 2019 Levy promised expanded hours above 2019 levels, which increases community access to Library collections, information services, computers, printers, programming, and public spaces. In the five years since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have navigated many challenges in restoring and expanding hours. In late January 2025, we implemented a new schedule that increased hours across the system and ensured all locations were open at least six days a week. (See Appendix 1.)

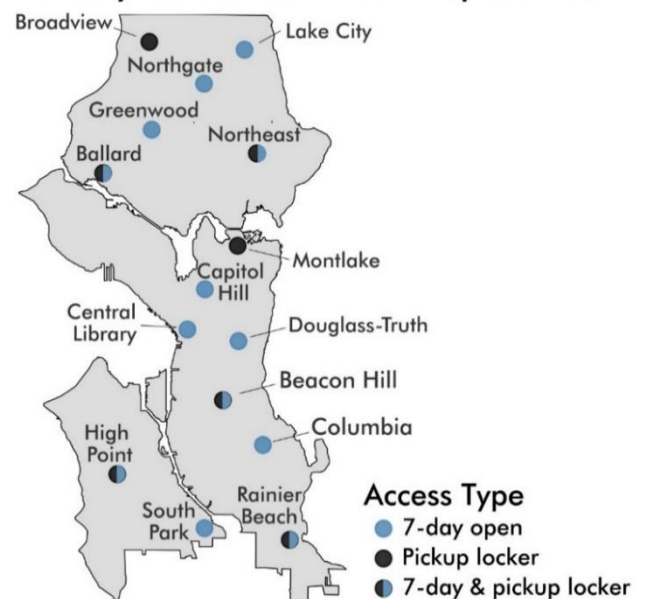
Since late January, all locations not currently closed for renovations are open at least six days a week, and 13 are open seven days a week. Each Library location is open on at least one weekend day. We've also had few unexpected closures or delayed openings – only five in Q2.

Expanding access by improving systems: In June 2025, the Library board approved a new administrative procedure to clear unpaid fees that are more than three years old from all Library accounts.

The Library charges patrons for lost or damaged materials. Most of these charges are paid promptly, but some remain unpaid and, after three years, are considered uncollectible debt. The new procedure aligns with standard accounting practices and improves database management by removing tens of thousands of outdated accounts. Patrons who have had their accounts cleared can reapply for a Library card, but as is the case for all Library patrons, borrowed materials must be returned within 14 days past due date to maintain account access.

This change will take effect in Q3, and builds on other changes we have made in recent years, such as eliminating overdue fines, to expand access and improve efficiency of our systems.

7-Day Branches and Pickup Lockers



In Q2, we also went through the process of verifying addresses for active Library cardholders. This will help us make sure that eligible patrons receive access to library items more quickly and smooth our transition to a new Integrated Library System (see page 12).

New library card application: On April 1, we launched improved online Library Card Application forms, which are available in five languages. The redesigned application process features a simplified user interface, improved mobile responsiveness, and clearer instructions. The form is available at www.spl.org/Card. In Q2, more than 20,000 people successfully used the new form to sign up for a full or provisional Library card. In June, 7,400 people signed up, the highest monthly total of new patron signups on record.



Take a card ...

In June 2025, more than 7,400 people signed up for new cards, the **highest monthly total of new patron signups on record!**

Programs and services

In Q2 2025, the Library offered more than 1,200 programs at its 27 locations and in the community. Because the levy funds much of our staffing, many of these programs could not happen without that funding. Most programs are supported by The Seattle Public Library Foundation, which funds Museum Pass, author events and summer programs, and many other programs.

Museum Pass restored: In Q2 2025, we reinstituted the Museum Pass program, once again offering cardholders free access to a wide range of local museums and cultural institutions. Patrons can reserve a pass online at www.spl.org/MuseumPass. To support equitable access, we created program pages and advertised this service in six languages.

Meeting rooms used more than 2,000 times: The Levy supports the use of community meeting spaces, which are free at all neighborhood branches that have them, and available for a modest fee at the Central Library downtown. In Q2, meeting rooms were used more than 2,000 times by community nonprofits, public agencies, elected officials, school groups, book clubs, and other community members.

Literacy and learning: Almost 250 story times and around 80 Play and Learn sessions were held in Q1. We continued to offer Homework Help at nine branches through mid-June; and launched our annual Summer of Learning program on June 16 with a theme of "Reading, Learning, Growing Is for Everyone!"

Author and community programs: The Central Library hosted 61 public events, including two months of programming for Seattle Reads; job search programs; and "Where and When We Find Ourselves," an interactive day of art and performance by local Black history keepers and artists. We also launched a summer series with the KUOW Book Club.



U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón, whose book was the 2025 Seattle Reads selection, visited Seattle in May.

Social Services: Connecting patrons to resources and community

Our Social Services team includes a Social Services librarian, a senior community resource specialist, and a levy-funded community resource specialist who focuses on youth and young adults up to age 26.

This team provides expertise to the Library on social service resources, coordinates with other providers, supports staff across the system in de-escalation and trauma-informed practices, and assists patrons in need.

Here are some highlights of their work in Q2:

Referrals and resources: In Q2, the Social Services team recorded 128 interactions, 91 of which involved referral to an external organization.

Life-saving overdose prevention supplies: Through a key partnership with Public Health - Seattle & King County, the Library began distributing free naloxone and other overdose prevention supplies to patrons at all locations. In Q2, patrons picked up 1,588 boxes of nasal naloxone and 200 packets of fentanyl test strips. In collaboration with partners, the Library held three overdose prevention education programs at the Capitol Hill, Lake City, and Beacon Hill branches.

Mobile food pantries: We partnered with branches to bring the FareStart Mobile Market to the NewHolly Branch weekly, and FamilyWorks Mobile Pantry to the Broadview Branch twice a month. More than 30 community members routinely stop by each of these events.



Top Social Services referral requests

- Emergency shelter
- Health care
- Day centers / hygiene
- Outreach
- Crisis intervention

ID Day at the Ballard Branch:

Approximately 30 patrons obtained ID cards at our first "ID Day" at the Ballard Branch with DSHS, DOL2Go, and REACH. One patron said that having all the services in one place saved them two months of waiting!

Drop-in sessions with REACH: We worked with REACH to hold 21 events at the Capitol Hill and Rainier Beach branches in Q2, assisting over 150 unhoused patrons. REACH's behavioral health specialist connects patrons to resources and provides supportive listening and motivational interviewing.

Central Library gatherings: We held five Coffee and Conversations events, with close to 50 people at each event; and more than 400 patrons attended 12 Crafternoons. Our team regularly attended Young Adult Drop-in programs at the Central Library's Teen Center to connect youth with services and resources.

Ensuring that library spaces are safe and welcoming

Community Use Agreement approved by Board: At a special board meeting on May 27, the Library Board of Trustees voted to adopt a new Community Use Agreement (CUA), effective August 1, which replaces the Library's Rules of Conduct as official policy regarding appropriate behavior within and use of Library spaces.

This was a multi-year process that engaged dozens of staff and community members and aimed to address inequitable enforcement or impacts of our rules on patrons of color, younger patrons, patrons with accessibility needs, and patrons experiencing homelessness. After a comprehensive implementation and training process, the Library will officially transition to the CUA on Aug. 1.

Building our Security Services team. The Security Services unit oversees the security of Library buildings and public spaces to provide patrons and staff a welcoming and safe environment. The team is nearly fully staffed with a total of 22 officers, three of whom joined the Library during Q2. The team can now support branch needs with greater flexibility, including adding patrols at locations with a higher number of security incidents.

In Q2, the Security team piloted the deployment of a dedicated officer at the Capitol Hill Branch. Posting a dedicated officer at a branch can support improved response time and help build relationships with regular patrons at that location. This approach may be expanded to other locations later this year.

Environment and Security Services manager: The Security Services unit will soon be led by the newly created Library Environment and Security Services manager position, which is a strategic plan priority. This position will conduct a formal assessment of security effectiveness, which will identify the best opportunities for making our spaces more safe and welcoming.



Community voices

"I love that the Library ... is one of the places you can exist for free, and receive tons of helpful resources. Everyone is welcome and treated with dignity & respect."
- SPL patron

LEVY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: COLLECTIONS

Building robust collections

The 2019 Levy commits resources to maintain and expand the Library's collection of physical and digital materials. The levy includes funding for e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming services, the Peak Picks collection, and the acquisition and digitization of local history materials.

In 2025, the 2019 Levy provides \$6.4 million for Collections, including \$5.5 million for books and materials, or 55% of the Library's books and materials budget. Total levy spending through Q2 2025 for the Collections category was \$3.1 million.

Here are highlights of our collections work in Q2 2025.

Digital book checkouts and spending stable: The number of patrons accessing digital books (e-books and e-audiobooks), and the number of digital book checkouts remained about the same as in Q1. We purchased 26,500 copies of digital titles in Q2.

We continued to monitor spending on digital books to make sure that the [measures](#) we took in 2024 to manage e-book spending were effective. While we haven't seen a reduction in our average high-demand costs in 2025 (the cost of buying multiple copies of the most popular digital books), compared to 2024, projections indicate those costs are lower than what we would have spent without those measures. Our budget for high-demand spending is on track, which helps us invest in a broad and diverse e-collection.

Books Unbanned, which allows youth ages 13 to 26 across the country to check out digital books for free, continued to grow, with 7,000 Books Unbanned cardholders and 88,000 digital checkouts in Q2. Books Unbanned is privately funded by The Seattle Public Library Foundation.



Community voices

“Audio e-books are the best! With so many distractions in daily life ... listening to audio e-books while commuting or doing dishes has enabled me to keep up with my desired reading list.”

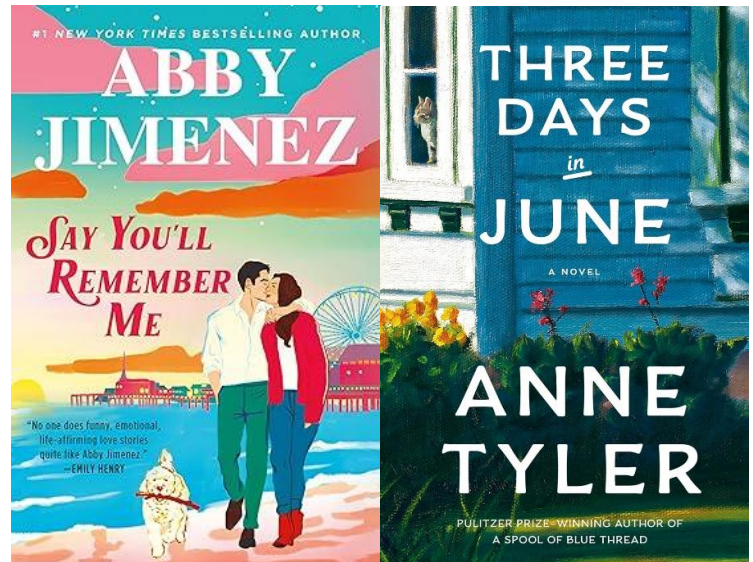
– SPL patron

Expanding language access: In Q2, Levy funds were used to increase the Library's World Languages digital book collections in OverDrive, spanning 11 languages. Highlights of the additions included popular graphic novels by Raina Telgemeier, Dav Pilkey, Kayla Miller, and Gale Galligan.

New York Times use grows: New York Times digital usage continued to increase, with a growth of 16% compared to Q1 2025, and a 100% increase from the same quarter in 2024. Use of both the Kanopy and Hoopla streaming services saw slight declines compared to Q1 2025, while Flipster magazines usage decreased by 18%.

Peak Picks popularity: In April our Peak Picks no-holds, no-wait collection of high-interest titles added 31 titles and nearly 5,300 copies. The most popular Peak Picks title was Anne Tyler's "Three Days in June," followed by Abby Jimenez's romance "Say You'll Remember Me."

Seattle Reads copies: We provided hundreds of physical copies of the Seattle Reads selection, "You Are Here," through the general collection, Peak Picks, uncatalogued books, and unlimited access to the digital editions.



Local history collections

The [Seattle Room](#), located at the Central Library, provides in-person access to treasured local history items, including local manuscripts, menus, photos, postcards, books, and more. Our digital Seattle Room collections make Seattle history easier to access for students, researchers, historians, and others. The Seattle Room curator and Special Collections digital librarian positions are both funded by the levy.

In Q2, we had 145 research appointments, and we added 715 items to the Seattle Room collections.

A highlight was the acquisition of a small but important archive of material documenting Seattle's response to the AIDS epidemic



Artifacts from the Seattle AIDS epidemic collection.

between 1983 and 1994. The collection includes pamphlets, buttons, fliers, letters, meeting agendas, and petitions from local organizations, such as the Northwest AIDS Foundation, Seattle AIDS Committee, the Dorian Group, and Seattle Pride.

Another notable acquisition was a rare circa 1890 concertina (fan-folded) [Album of Seattle, Wash.](#), which includes panoramic views of the city along with images depicting commercial and residential buildings as well as views of the salmon, lumber and hop-picking industries. Only Yale and the New York Public Library are listed with cataloged holdings of this item.

Seattle Room Digital Collections

This quarter, almost 13,000 people visited the digital collections with 17,000 sessions and more than 100,000 pageviews.

We added [three interesting business directories](#) to our [Seattle Sawdust Collection](#), which include hundreds of pages describing early Seattle companies. These directories are especially helpful to researchers because they provide hard-to-find photographs of business interiors and the business proprietors themselves.



A page from Seattle of To-Day featuring Madame Killean.

Of special interest in some of the directories are descriptions of Seattle businesses owned by women or Japanese and Chinese entrepreneurs. A directory called [Seattle of To-Day](#) included interior photos of Madame Killean's dress shop; she is described as a "designer extraordinaire" of gowns, opera cloaks, and hats in the Parisian style.

We also continued to add to our [Marine Digest Collection](#), including 119 newly digitized issues from May 1957 to August 1959, which brought the total number of issues to over 1,800.

LEVY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: TECHNOLOGY

Keeping our technology up to date

The 2019 Levy promised dedicated funding for digital equity offerings, updated infrastructure for public internet access, updated technology for acquisition and circulation, and continued maintenance and upgrading of public technologies and the spl.org website. The levy funds \$2.8 million of operating expenses related to technology and online services in 2025 and \$4.4 million of unspent technology capital budget authority from prior years. Total levy spending through Q2 2025 for the technology operating expenses was \$1 million.

Digital equity and the HotSpot program

The 2019 Levy is the primary funding source for our [HotSpot program](#), which provides internet access through our general collection and through focused outreach with community organizations.

The Library's 850 Wi-Fi hot spots in the general collection were checked out 1,580 times in Q2 2025.

The Library's outreach team continued to make and service long-term loans from its inventory of 250 hot spots to partners who reach Seattle residents most impacted by the digital divide.

The outreach team made 19 new hot spot loans in Q2. Around two-thirds of the outreach hot spots were on loan at some point during the quarter to 12 partners. (Some were temporarily out of service because of a switch to a new internet service provider and model.)

Library staff visited outreach hotspot partner sites, such as tent cities and community gathering spaces, to meet new participants and reconnect with familiar faces. Popular topics of conversation included youth-centered programming, resources for speakers of languages other than English, informal gatherings with creative elements, employment workshops, books, and, of course, internet access.

Community voices

"If it weren't for this hotspot, I would not be able to get anything done. With it, I have been able to enroll in school, attend classes, and look for jobs."

– Participant in South Seattle College's Justice Involved Solutions

Maintaining access to technology and improving cybersecurity

ILS project progress: The 2019 Levy included \$4 million to support the replacement of the existing Integrated Library System (ILS), which is the central digital platform allowing libraries to manage collections materials, checkouts, patron accounts, and other essential library services. In Q2, the team issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) specifying the requirements and priorities for a new ILS. We expect to select an ILS vendor by the end of the year and fully implement the new ILS by the end of 2026.

Mobile app launched: In April 2025, we launched a new mobile Library app, which is designed to increase access to the Library system, enhance the online patron experience and attract new audiences. Since its launch, the app has been downloaded more than 12,000 times on Apple and Android devices. (See page 13 for more information on the mobile app.)

Computers, printing and ScanEZ:

Q2 saw strong use of the Library's technology resources. More than 18,000 patrons used public computers, booking 98,000 hours of computer time, and 28,000 patrons printed about 527,000 pages at our 27 locations. Our patrons scanned about 115,000 pages, using our free ScanEZ machines.

Cybersecurity program: A new cybersecurity analyst is leading the development of a more mature cybersecurity program at the Library. Priorities for this year include developing and optimizing the security measures added after the 2024 ransomware attack on the Library, driving continuous improvement in our practices, and driving creation of policies and procedures to ensure the Library remains well-protected.

What is an integrated library system (ILS)?

"An ILS is the core computer system and database that drives most of what the Library does. It's essentially the central nervous system and electronic brain of the Library."

- Jim Loter, ILS project lead



A Green Lake Branch patron helps her son use a computer.

The Library in your pocket: New mobile app

In April 2025, after a lengthy development process, the Library launched a mobile app that aims to increase access, enhance the online patron experience, and attract new audiences.

Input from the community was crucial at every step. Focus group conversations and survey responses **from more than 3,000 people** helped us prioritize features to make the app inclusive, accessible, and useful. We continue to make improvements toward those goals.

Download and learn more at:

www.spl.org/App.



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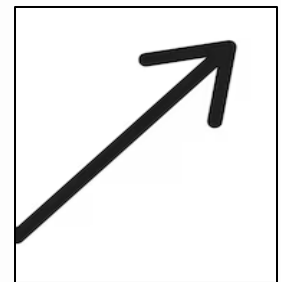
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Download the app for your Apple devices (Android coming soon) to...

🔍 Search our catalog, borrow books and explore the Library

💳 Add your Library card to your digital wallet

😊 Scan books to check them out right from phone
And more!

Our app is currently in a Beta testing phase. Tell us what you think at the link in our bio.



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What app users are saying



"I love the app so far! It's very user friendly and easy to navigate."



"The app has so many neat features! I like that you can save the card to Apple wallet, check out in the app, reserve a meeting room."



"Absolutely loving the app!!! Completely and genuinely THRILLED to be able to check out items with the app itself."

LEVY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Expanding early learning options for children

The 2019 Levy promised additional support for Library early learning programs for children, ages birth to 5, providing about \$476,000 to support this effort in 2025. Total levy spending through Q2 2025 for supporting children was \$109,000.

The levy directly funds Kaleidoscope Play and Learn, a drop-in neighborhood-based play group program that provide opportunities for young children and caregivers to gather in community spaces and participate in quality early learning experiences. Early childhood educators and trained community members facilitate weekly 90-minute sessions for children between the ages of birth to 5.

In partnership with community organizations, the Library currently offers weekly Play and Learn programs in four languages and at seven locations. In Q2 2025, around 80 sessions with total attendance of 1,900 were held at the Beacon Hill, Columbia, Delridge, Lake City, NewHolly, Rainier Beach, and South Park branches. Almost 250 story times were also held during the second quarter. SPL's commitment to Kaleidoscope Play & Learn and other high-impact early learning programs is a reflection of the broader institutional value of providing literacy and language opportunities for all.



A Play & Learn session at the Beacon Hill Branch.

What Play and Learn participants and partners say

"It is a **wonderful structure and play time** close to the community and we can make connections with other grandparents, families, and children." - Play & Learn family

"The instructors and class environment **make us feel included and belonged**. We feel safe and respected." – Play & Learn family

"It's so **fantastic for me to witness how quickly children learn** when they are exposed early on to experiences that ... stimulate early childhood learning." – Villa Comunitaria facilitator

Protecting our investments

The 2019 Levy provides \$7.9 million in 2025 budget authority and \$13 million in carryforward authority for major maintenance, \$8 million of which is allocated to seismic retrofit work. The 2012 levy provided an additional \$232,000 in remaining carryforward authority, most of which is committed to projects in their final phases. In Q2 of 2025, the Library spent \$1.55 million in 2019 levy funds on major maintenance and seismic retrofit work, for a total of \$1.77 million so far this year. An additional \$6.97 million has been committed or encumbered so far this year.

Major maintenance: Preserving libraries for the next generation

University Branch renovation: In late January, the University Branch closed for a seismic retrofit and other major renovations. The demolition phase of the project continued throughout Q2. This project comprises a comprehensive upgrade to this landmarked building while preserving its historic character. In addition to the seismic retrofit, the building will have a modern, electric HVAC system installed, expected to reduce our carbon emissions by 20-30 metric tons per year; accessibility improvements including a regraded parking lot, new ADA pathways and entrance; new elevator and accessible restrooms; and a modernized interior. The University Branch is expected to reopen in late 2026.



The University Branch renovation is in the demolition phase.

Plans for climate-friendly air conditioning: The University Branch is one of five Library locations to receive partial funding for HVAC installations through a \$5.2 million Hazard Mitigation Grant awarded by FEMA in 2024. The Columbia, Fremont, Queen Anne, and West Seattle branches will also have HVAC systems installed, and high-level architectural designs for these four branch projects continued in Q2. HVAC installations at the Fremont and Queen Anne branches are tentatively expected to begin in early 2026. But, as FEMA funding will not cover the entire cost of these projects, timing for installation is contingent upon supplemental funding.

When these projects are complete, all 27 Library locations will have air conditioning and be able to serve as cooling centers. Green Lake Branch staff and patrons are enjoying their first summer of air conditioning after the branch's seismic retrofit and renovations were completed.

Other projects: The Capitol Hill Branch HVAC/electrification project continued to await final adjustments in Q2. Also in Q2, the evaluation, inspection and design phase of the Greenwood Branch roof repair project neared completion, with construction expected to begin in Q3.

Routine maintenance: keeping facilities and grounds clean and safe

In Q2 2025, our Facilities team responded to over 3,000 individual work orders to ensure the Library's 27 locations remained safe, welcoming, and fully operational for the roughly 800,000 patrons who visited during that time. Over 1,200 work orders were for regularly scheduled maintenance and upkeep across the Library system. Over 1,800 were unscheduled requests by staff in response to issues arising at one or more locations.

22% of staff requests were categorized as "Emergency," "Urgent," or "High Priority," requiring swift coordination and response. Facilities staff repaired or replaced malfunctioning HVAC systems, broken sump pumps and drainage pipes, exterior doors and security gates, shattered windows, and more. Janitorial/custodial staff responded to approximately 250 work orders relating to issues with restrooms, waste or other biohazards; 100 requests for pressure washing branch exteriors or deep cleaning interiors; and 70 instances of vandalism involving graffiti.

Every day, our Facilities and Janitorial/Custodial teams handle new challenges effectively. They are essential to maintaining the regular operations of the Library and providing safe and positive experiences to patrons.



The Capitol Hill HVAC project is almost complete.

Risks, opportunities and the path ahead

Here is a quick preview of next quarter's report:

- Phase 1 implementation of the Library's new 10-year Strategic Plan
 - Community workshops and public survey to inform future service levels
 - Transition to the new Community Use Agreement (CUA)
 - Progress in upgrading our Integrated Library System (ILS)
 - Following the City's revenue outlook
 - Continuing to navigate funding uncertainty
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Q2 2025 Financials

The 2019 Levy accounts for \$54.5 million (38.3%) of the Library's total revised 2025 budget of \$142.2 million. The 2012 levy accounts for \$932,000 (0.7%). The Library spent \$14.7 million from the 2019 Levy and \$0.4 million from the 2012 Levy through Q2. Underspending was largely due to delays in implementing major maintenance and technology capital programs.

Spending tables below show the Library's 2025 Operations Plan budget plus encumbrances and unspent budget authority from prior years in the revised budget columns. Carryover budget authority of \$17.6 million from the 2019 Levy and \$232,000 from the 2012 Levy is designated for spending in 2025. The revised 2025 budget also includes an additional appropriation of \$700,000 in remaining funds from the 2012 Levy.

2019 Levy	Operations Plan	Revised Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining	% Spent
Hours & Access	16,450,000	16,496,931	7,292,636	9,204,294	44%
Providing Books & Materials	6,412,000	6,397,268	3,091,199	3,306,069	48%
Technology & Online Services	2,821,000	2,810,696	1,032,593	1,778,103	37%
Literacy & Early Learning	454,000	476,955	108,953	368,002	23%
Building & Facility Support	2,034,000	2,132,522	925,239	1,207,283	43%
Administration	723,000	722,929	301,612	421,318	42%
Major Maintenance	7,989,000	21,068,351	1,772,943	19,295,408	8%
Capital IT Infrastructure	-	4,418,334	160,685	4,257,649	4%
Total	\$36,883,000	\$54,523,987	\$14,685,860	\$39,838,127	27%

Includes \$144k in operating carry-forward and \$17.5M in capital carry-forward budget authority

2012 Levy	Operations Plan	Revised Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining	% Spent
Providing Books & Materials	-	700,000	350,000	350,000	50%
Major Maintenance	-	232,961	9,482	223,479	4%
Total	\$0	\$932,961	\$359,482	\$573,479	39%

Includes \$700k one-time support for books and materials and \$232k in capital carry-forward budget authority

Appendix 1. Scheduled weekly hours in 2025 compared to 2019 baseline

Location	2019	Jun 19, 2024 – Sept. 24, 2024	Sep 25, 2024 – Jan. 28, 2025	Current schedule as of Jan. 29, 2025 <i>green=above 2019 yellow=same as 2019 red=below 2019</i>
Ballard Branch	60	62	62	62
Beacon Hill Branch	60	56	56	56
Broadview Branch	60	54	54	54
Capitol Hill Branch	60	60	60	60
Central Library	62	62	62	62
Columbia Branch	60	48	56	56
Delridge Branch	39	48	48	48
Douglass-Truth Branch	60	62	60	60
Fremont Branch	39	40	40	48
Green Lake Branch	39	CLOSED	48	48
Greenwood Branch	60	62	62	62
High Point Branch	46	58	56	56
International District/Chinatown Branch	46	46	48	48
Lake City Branch	60	54	62	62
Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch	39	32	40	48
Magnolia Branch	39	40	40	48
Montlake Branch	39	37	40	48
NewHolly Branch	39	40	48	48
Northeast Branch	60	48	48	60
Northgate Branch	60	40	48	58
Queen Anne Branch	39	40	40	48
Rainier Beach Branch	60	56	56	56
South Park Branch	46	62	58	58
Southwest Branch	60	48	48	48
University Branch	46	40	40	CLOSED
Wallingford Branch	39	40	40	48
West Seattle Branch	60	48	48	48
Total Weekly Hours	1377	1283	1368	1398
% of 2019 baseline		93%	99%	102%