

# The Seattle Public Library

Envisioning a city where imagination and opportunity thrive

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Bringing people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives and build community.



# Joyful, lifelong learning



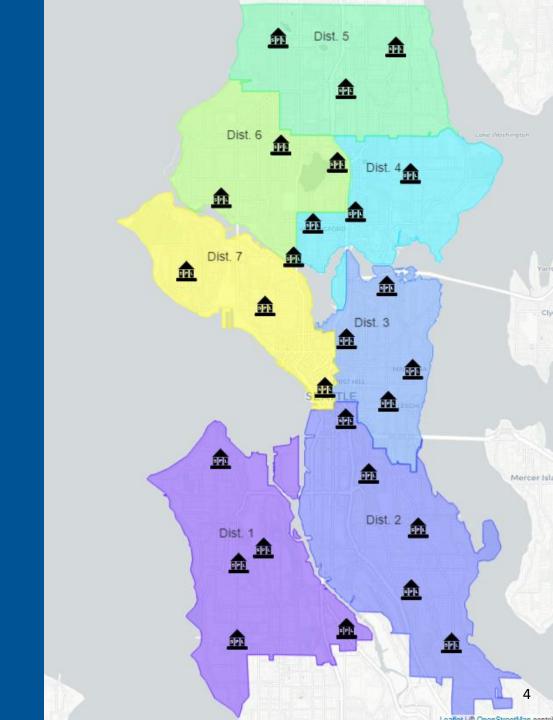






## Where we are

- 27 physical locations
- Outreach and engagement in and outside of branches



### SPL by the numbers (2018)

2,363,788 items in the collection

**720,132** questions answered

304,290 people attended 10,060 events **640** volunteers contributed **22,560** hours of service

**65,000** new Library cards issued



2,535,306

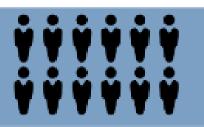
public computer and Wi-Fi sessions (Wi-Fi up 4% over last year)





**11,931,657** items circulated

17,223,417 in-person and online visits (up 1% over last year)





**9,000** kids and teens learned STEAM skills over the summer



**101,355** books and materials circulated to homebound and disabled patrons, senior centers, and day cares that support low-income families



Mayor and City Council

SPL Board of Trustees

Executive
Director and
Chief Librarian

Institutional and Strategic Advancement

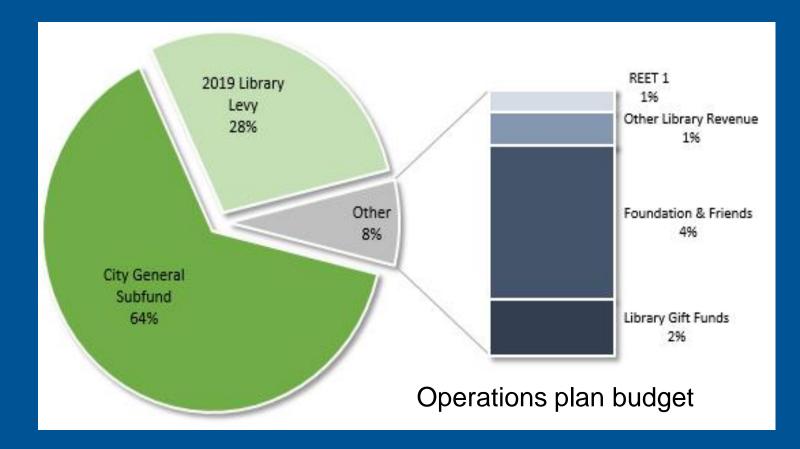
Employee Relations

Administrative Services

Library
Programs &
Services and IT



- 2020 budget: \$91.7M
- General fund, levy, REET, Foundation, private gifts





## Levy implementation

- No more late fees
- Additional hours
- More budget for e-materials
- Early learning expansion
- New Community Resource program for at-risk youth
- Restore and re-imagine 3
   Carnegie buildings







#### Our Vision for Seattle

A city where imagination and opportunity thrive.

#### Our Mission

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

#### **Guiding Principles**

Support intellectual freedom Promote literacy and the love of reading Protect confidentiality of patron records Respect and embrace the entire community Foster a healthy democracy Support children, youth and families Form strong partnerships Adapt and innovate

NSTITUTIO

**Build the** internal infrastructure necessary for institutional success

INDIVIDUAL

Deliver core library services to support individual needs

**BUSINESS MODEL** 

Workforce

Capacity and Development

**Data and Metrics** 

Long Term Sustainability

Race and Social Justice

Strategic

Communications

#### PROGRAM OF SERVICE

Access Civic Engagement **Cultural Enrichment** Literacy, Learning, and Achievement

The Library makes a difference in people's lives and in the greater

priorities to achieve lasting community impacts

COMMUNITY

Target service

#### AREAS OF IMPACT

Youth and Family Learning **Technology and Access** Re-imagined Spaces Seattle Culture and History **Community Engagement** 

community



## Service priorities

Youth and family learning

Technology and access

Community engagement

Seattle culture and history

Re-imagined spaces



## Equity at the library

Lead with race, center priority audiences, and co-create with community





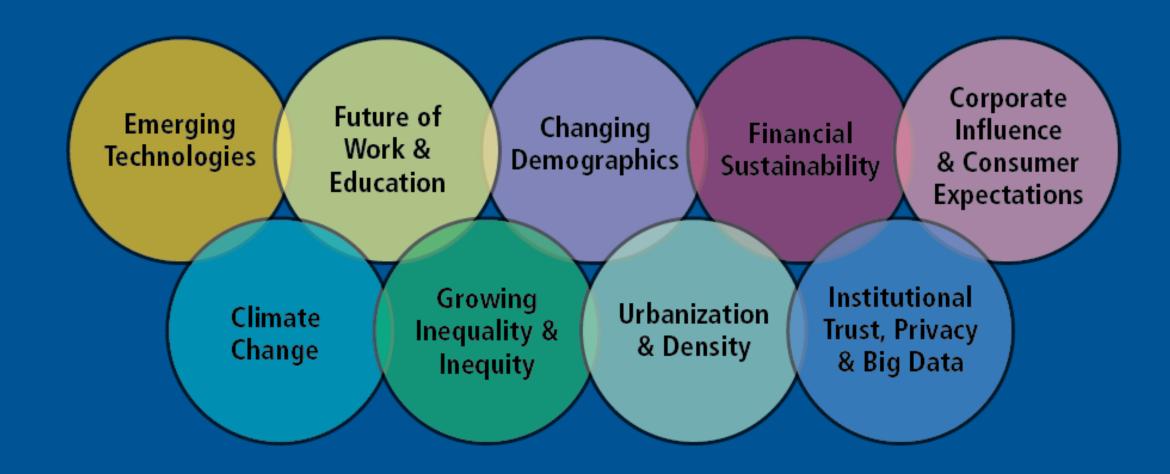
## **Equity at the library**

Develop strategic partnerships to leverage systems change





## Future-ready library





- Planned 2020 presentations
  - RSJI
  - Levy
- Recommended reading
- Questions?

Learn more at www.spl.org

Libraries are the kinds of places where ordinary people with different backgrounds, passions, and interests can take part in a living democratic culture.

They are the kinds of places where the public, private, and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line.

- Eric Klinenberg Palaces for the People