

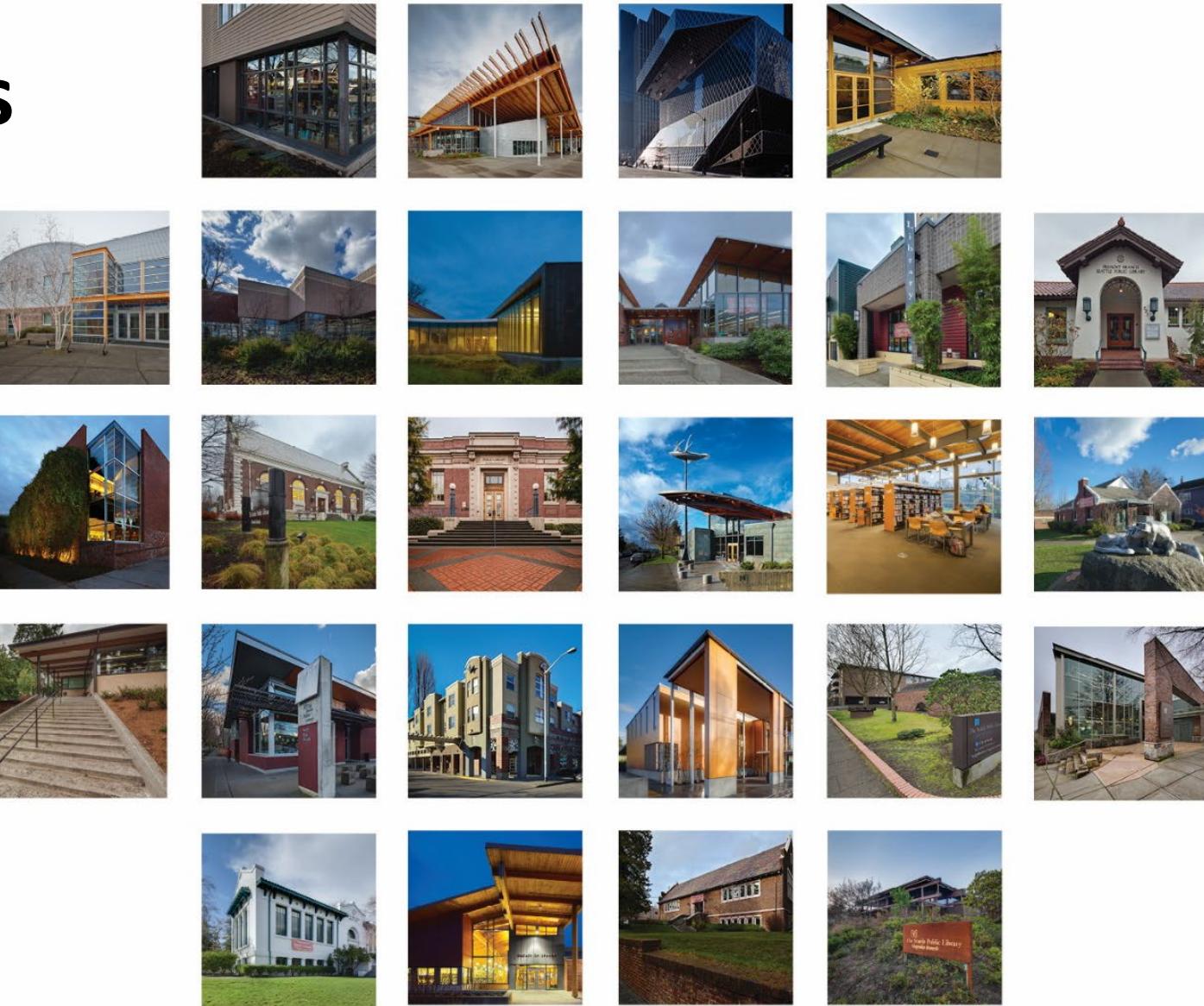
# Welcome to the Library!

An introduction to The Seattle Public Library

January 2026

# Library Resources

- Central Library and 26 neighborhood branches
- Maintenance and Operations Center
- 650 wonderful Library staff (612 FTE)
- 2019 Library Levy
- Fleet vehicles (including the Bookmobile!)



# Library Governance

Five-member Board of Trustees

Members serve five-year terms

Current members include:



**Yazmin Medhi**  
Board president  
2022-present



**W. Tali Hairston, Ph.D.**  
Board vice-president  
2020-present



**Carmen Bendixen**  
2020-present



**Ron Chew**  
2016-present



**Faith Pettis**  
2024-present

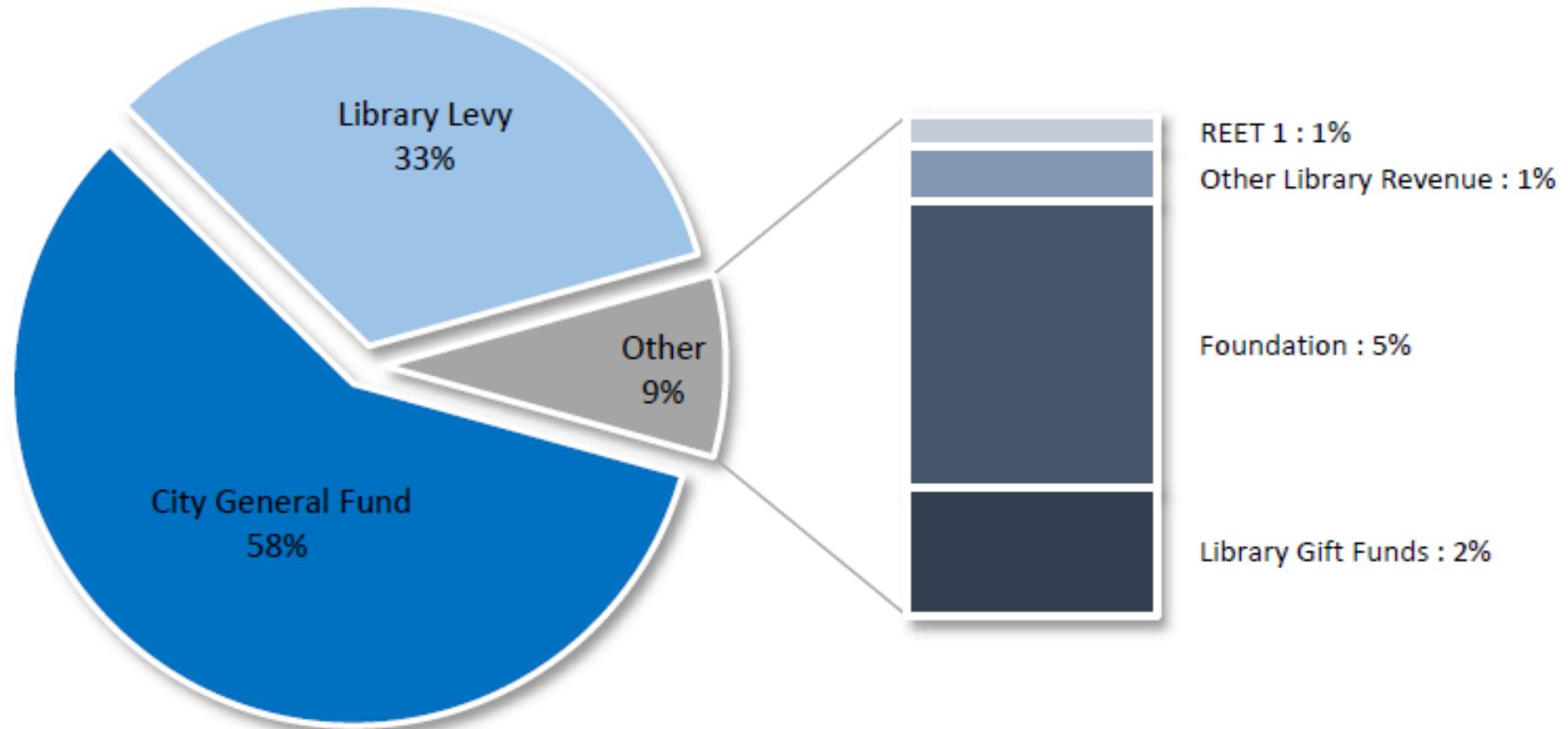
# Library Usage from 2025



- 329,000 active patrons in 12 months
- 2.9 million physical and digital items in our collection
- 6,100 classes, events and activities with 118,000 attendance\*
- 37,000 questions answered by Virtual Assisted Information Services
- 12.7 million physical and digital checkouts
- 369,000 public computer sessions

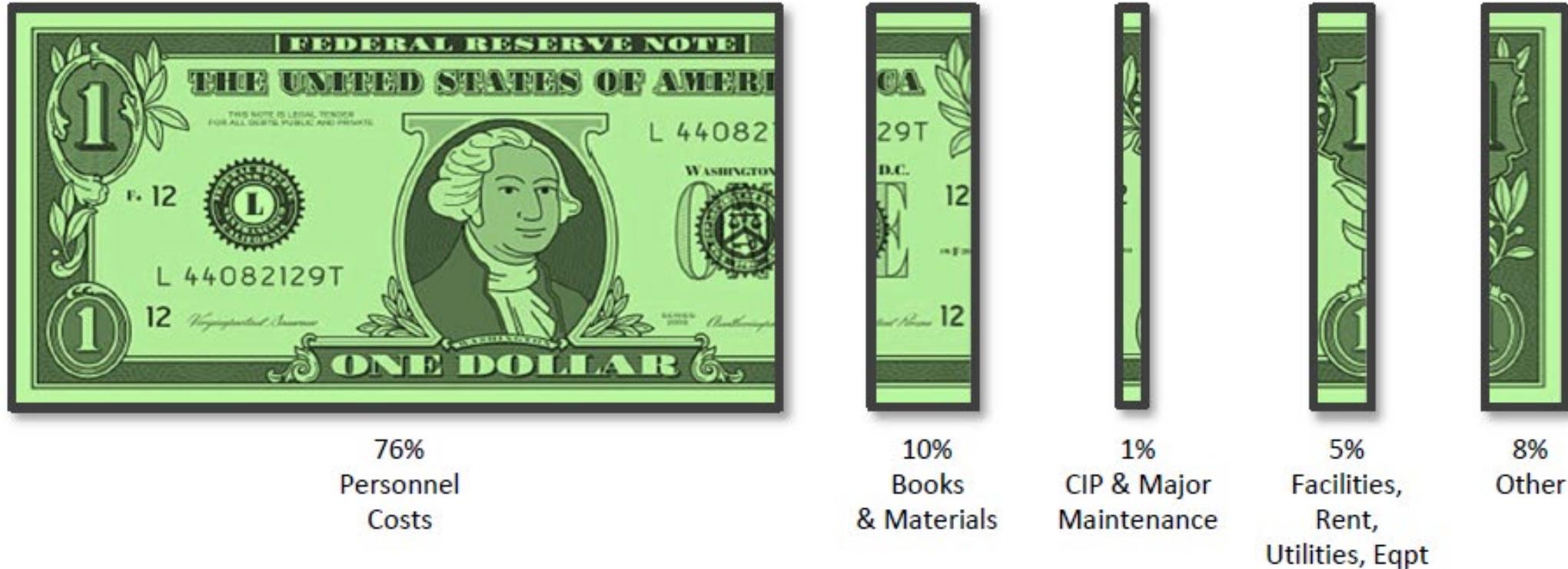
\*Attendance total does not yet include full December 2025 counts.

# 2026 Library Budget



# Library Budget

How \$1 is spent at the Library



# Library Services



## Books and materials

- 2.9 million items in our collection
- 12.7 million total circulation in 2025



## Information and reference

- In-person service offered across system.
- 37,000 questions answered in 2025.
- Includes social service referrals

# Library Services



## Programs for All Ages

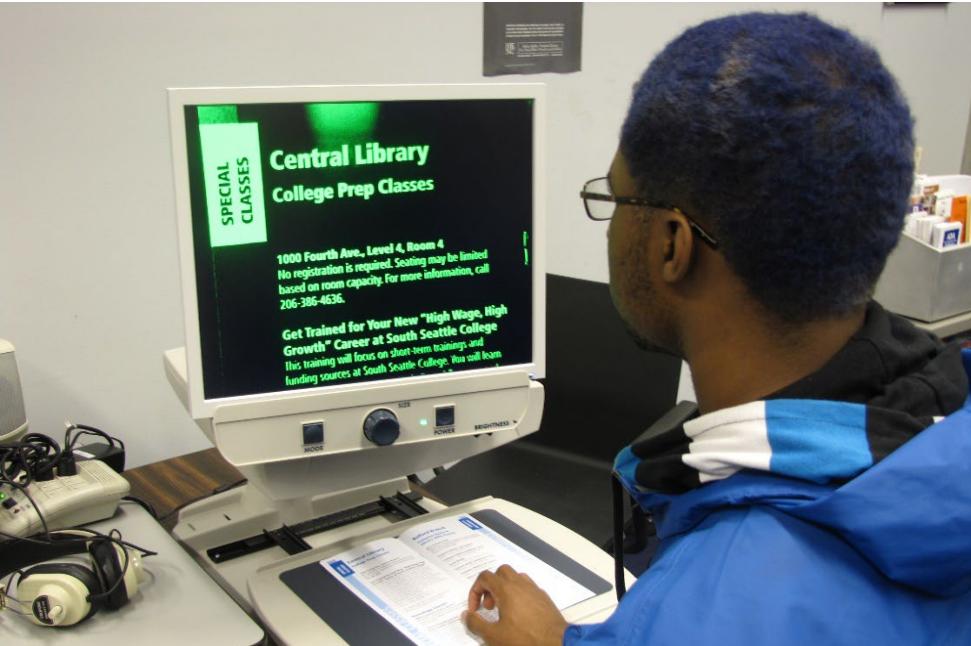
- Free classes, events and activities at Library branches, in the community and online



## Special Collections

- Over 50,000 items documenting and exploring the culture and history of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest

# Library Services



## Library Equal Access Program

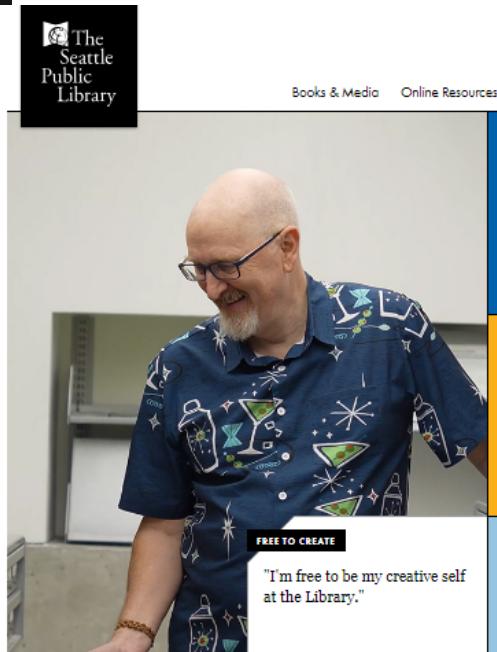
- Assistive equipment & software make it easier for people with vision, hearing, and mobility impairments to use computers.



## Technology Access

- Computers, internet/Wi-Fi, tablets, printers, scanners, fax, self-checkout, and pick-up lockers
- Provide hot spots to Tiny House Villages and sanctioned encampments

# Library Services



**FREE TO CREATE**  
"I'm free to be my creative self at the Library."

**LINKEDIN LEARNING**  
Take free online courses to learn business, technology and creative skills.  
**GET CREATIVE!**

**WORLD LANGUAGES COLLECTION**  
We offer materials in languages other than English at many of our branches, ranging from Amharic to

My Account Ask Us Hours & Locations Language

Books & Media Online Resources Event Calendar Programs & Services Using the Library Search Q.

What would you like to find?  
Search everything: the catalog, website, events & more ...

Go to catalog

COMMON TASKS

- View Online Events calendar
- Get books on your device
- Get Movies & TV on your device

Explore Digital Resources →

Get a Library Card →



## The Library Online

- [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)
- 5.5 million visits in 2025

## Publicly Available Spaces

- Including study rooms, meeting rooms, music practice rooms and event rental spaces

# Library Outreach and Engagement



## Mobile Services

- 100+ monthly Bookmobile visits
- Home service and books by mail
- Community events and outreach

## Community Listening

- Ongoing work throughout the community
- Focused conversations and surveys on Strategic Plan efforts and Levy planning

# Opportunities

- Continued implementation of SPL's Strategic Plan (2024-2034)
- Seismic retrofit and upgrade of University Branch
- Deployment of new Integrated Library System
- Development of Inclusion and Belonging framework
- Renewal of the 2019 Library Levy

# Questions?



# Thank you!

