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CB 121181 – Seattle Public Library 2026 Levy Ordinance

Proposed Amendments Packet

Select Committee on the Library Levy

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

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Amendment 12 Version 1 to CB 121181 - MO Seattle Public Libraries 2026 Levy ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Digital skilling for teens/ Invest in digital skilling programs for teens at South Park and High Point Branches

Effect: This amendment would communicate Council’s intention that a portion of the Library levy funding amount, as transmitted by the Mayor, should be authorized for investments to support technology services by providing digital skilling programs for teens offered at the South Park and High Point Branch Libraries.

The Mayor’s proposed Library levy funding amount would provide \$38.2 million for technology services including \$12.4 million more than ongoing levy support: \$5 million for upgrading IT infrastructure and 7.4 million for strengthening IT systems and cybersecurity.

This amendment would add a recital.

Add recital language in the location indicated below:

WHEREAS, by replacing the expiring 2019 Library Levy, Seattle expands access to education and opportunity, promotes equity, lifts up the places where communities come together, and invests in libraries as treasured landmark and spaces for learning and discovery; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends that a portion of the Library levy funding amount, as transmitted by the Mayor, should be authorized for investments to support technology services by providing digital skilling programs for teens offered at the South Park and High Point Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to place a levy proposal on the August 4, 2026, primary election ballot to replace the expiring levy in order to continue to provide financial support to the programs and operations of the Library for the next seven years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

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Amendment 13 Version 1 to CB 121181 - MO Seattle Public Libraries 2026 Levy ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Washington State Black Legacy Institute/ Support contracting with the Washington State Black Legacy Institute for programming and local history curation

Effect: This amendment would communicate Council’s intention that a portion of the Library levy funding amount, as transmitted by the Mayor, should be authorized for investments to support hours and access and collections by contracting with the Washington State Black Legacy Institute for programming and local history curation that celebrates and preserves the rich history of Washington state’s Black communities and offers a powerful tribute to Black resilience, leadership, and cultural contributions.

The Mayor’s proposed Library levy funding amount would provide \$218.4 million for operating hours and access including \$22.6 million more than ongoing levy support: \$12.6 million for all-ages programs, \$7.7 million for security and emergency preparedness, and \$2.4 million for a new Office of Inclusion and Belonging.

The Mayor’s proposed Library levy funding amount would provide \$58.5 million for collections including \$4.6 million more than ongoing levy support: \$2.2 million for physical books and \$2.4 million for electronic books and electronic audiobooks.

The amendment would add a recital.

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WHEREAS, the Council intends that a portion of the Library levy funding amount, as transmitted by the Mayor, should be authorized for investments to support hours and access and collections by contracting with the Washington State Black Legacy Institute for programming that celebrates and preserves the rich history of Washington’s Black

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communities and offers a powerful tribute to Black resilience, leadership, and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to place a levy proposal on the August 4, 2026, primary election ballot to replace the expiring levy in order to continue to provide financial support to the programs and operations of the Library for the next seven years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment 14 Version 3 to CB 121181 - MO Seattle Public Libraries 2026 Levy ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

West Seattle Branch Restoration/ Approve the proposed levy amount with the intent of allocation for restoring the historic West Seattle Branch Library

Effect: This amendment would communicate Council’s intention that by approving the levy amount as transmitted by the Mayor funding should be allocated to support maintenance by renovating the historic West Seattle Library Branch for seismic safety, fossil fuel reduction, and upgrades to publicly available space.

The Mayor’s levy proposal includes \$13 million for the renovation of the Columbia Branch as highest priority among SPL’s historic branches. SPL’s renovation plans rank the West Seattle Branch Library as next after the Columbia Branch.

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WHEREAS, the Council intends that a portion of the Library levy funding amount, as transmitted by the Mayor, should be authorized for investments to support maintenance for renovating the historic West Seattle Library Branch for seismic safety, fossil fuel reduction, upgrades to publicly available space, and accelerating the improvements to physical accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to place a levy proposal on the August 4, 2026, primary election ballot to replace the expiring levy in order to continue to provide financial support to the programs and operations of the Library for the next seven years; NOW, THEREFORE,

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