



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Select Committee on the Library Levy

### Agenda

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

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**Committee Website:**

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/select-committee-on-the-library-levy>

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**A. Call To Order**

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

**C. Public Comment**

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**D. Items of Business**

1. [CB 121181](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 4, 2026, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to seven years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of sustaining investments in Library operating hours, collections, technology, programming, and maintenance while expanding access to opportunity through Library materials, technology, and undertaking a seismic retrofit of one Library facility; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

*Supporting Documents:*

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Summary Att 1 – 2026 Library Levy Projected Expenditures and Revenues](#)

[Summary Att 2 - Levy Rate and Annual Cost to Homeowner](#)

[Executive Presentation](#)

[Central Staff Presentation](#)

[Central Staff Memo](#)

**Briefing and Discussion**

**Read. Grow. Belong. 2026 Executive Library Levy Proposal**

**Presenters:** Brian Surratt, Deputy Mayor, Seattle Mayor's Office; Tom Fay, Executive Director and Chief Librarian, and Rob Gannon, Seattle Public Library (SPL)

**Central Staff Issue ID Memo and Property Tax Overview**

**Presenters:** Eric McConaghy, Tom Mikesell, and Edin Sisic, Council Central Staff

**E. Adjournment**