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## Proposed Levy for Countywide Library Services, Measure 34-297 on May 19, 2020 Ballot



Since 1976, public library service in Washington County has been provided through a partnership of the County, nine cities and three nonprofit organizations. Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) is the primary source of funding for public library operations countywide. Additionally, WCCLS' central support and services link city and community libraries together into one system, creating broad access to books and other library materials for all county residents. About 40% of WCCLS funding comes from an expiring local option property tax levy.

### If passed, what would Measure 34-297 do?

Measure 34-297 would renew a five-year levy that will expire in June 2021 at the same fixed rate of \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy would, if approved, also provide about 40% of WCCLS funding and would run from July 2021 through June 2026. If passed, the levy would maintain current levels of countywide library service for another five years, which includes the following:

- **Funding for public library operations:** Measure 34-297 would provide funding to maintain open hours for libraries that serve all county residents, including libraries in Aloha, Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope. Libraries saw 3.8 million visits in fiscal year 2018-19.
- **Reading programs for children:** Measure 34-297 would provide funding for children's reading events that average about 285,000 participants each year. This includes annual summer reading programs for youth and literacy programs for preschoolers. In addition, libraries provide reading and learning programs for students, including online homework and tutoring services for all children in Washington County.
- **Book purchases:** The measure would provide funding for the continued purchase of books, e-books and other materials that are available to all library users. If passed, the levy would fund the continued purchase of additional copies of in-demand books in order to keep wait times down. Levy funding would also provide online access that allows users to reserve books that can be picked

up at any library. In fiscal year 2018-19, WCCLS library users checked out over 11.2 million library materials.

- **Resources for jobseekers:** Measure 34-297 would allow libraries to continue to provide information, resources and instruction to assist those looking for jobs or career development. Jobseekers could continue to use library computers and internet access to apply for jobs, and access learning tools for career development.
- **Central support and services that link libraries together:** Measure 34-297 would maintain central support and services, which include the following: central sorting and book delivery between 16 libraries seven days a week, allowing all county residents to access the shared collection of 1.6 million books and other materials; shared library inventory management and online request system; the [wccls.org](http://wccls.org) website; shared library events calendar; and book deliveries to county residents who are homebound or living in care facilities.

### If passed, how would the levy affect a homeowner's taxes?

Measure 34-297 would renew a five-year levy that is expiring in June 2021. The levy would maintain a fixed rate of \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, running from July 2021 through June 2026. In 2021, typical homeowners with an assessed value of \$300,000 (not market value) would pay \$66 per year.

### What would happen if the levy does not pass?

Reductions in service levels would likely occur based on local library priorities, including reductions in hours, book purchases and events, as well as reductions in countywide services such as the countywide online catalog and book delivery. Homeowners would not be assessed the tax of \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

### More information?

Visit the WCCLS website at [www.wccls.org/levy](http://www.wccls.org/levy) for more information.

This information, except for the website link(s), was reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office for compliance with ORS 260.432.

## United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2020

For information about Census 2020 and for help in filling out the questionnaire, go to [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov) for English and [2020Census.gov/es](http://2020Census.gov/es) for Spanish assistance. Additional information is available on [WashingtonCountyCounts.com](http://WashingtonCountyCounts.com).

## Measure 34-296

Proposed Measure for Countywide Public Safety Services

For more information call 503-846-8685 or visit [www.co.washington.or.us/levies](http://www.co.washington.or.us/levies)

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# Washington County Cooperative Library Services Continue

Our lives and communities have been upended by COVID-19. But **your Washington County libraries continue** to provide you with the education, entertainment and enrichment resources you need.

## LIBRARIES CONTINUE ...

### ...offering easy e-access to library cards

No library card? No problem. Here's how county residents can get one online:

- Go to [WCCLS.org/online-card](https://wccls.org/online-card) and fill out the online registration form.
- You'll immediately receive a library card number that will enable you to access all WCCLS online resources, including e-books and audiobooks.



### ...connecting readers with the books they love

WCCLS brings you the Libby app – the quickest, easiest way to find and enjoy our large collection of e-books and audiobooks. You'll never run out of reading (or listening) again.

#### Using your phone or tablet:

- Go to [WCCLS.org/e-books](https://wccls.org/e-books)
- Look for the Libby icon to download the app to your iPhone or Android. The app will walk you through the rest of the steps.



#### Using your computer:

- Go to [wccls.overdrive.com](https://wccls.overdrive.com) and log in with your library card number to start enjoying e-books and audiobooks right away.

### ...providing shows and movies that enrich, entertain and inform (or maybe just distract) you

WCCLS brings you thousands of free movies for all ages. You can watch your movies on a desktop computer, mobile device, or link to a streaming device (like Roku) on your TV. All you need to do to get started is link your library account:

- Go to [wccls.kanopy.com](https://wccls.kanopy.com) and click "Log In" to get started.



### ...helping job seekers take their next steps

WCCLS offers you tools to refresh old skills or discover a new one; get instruction on writing a stellar resume; and review tests to prepare for many civil exams and positions.

- Go to [wccls.org/lynda](https://wccls.org/lynda) for courses on business, tech, and creative skills.
- Go to [wccls.org/learning-express](https://wccls.org/learning-express) for resume builders and career guides.



### ...supporting students

WCCLS gives students access to online homework help, research databases, and even SAT prep.

- At [wccls.org/homework](https://wccls.org/homework) you'll find homework help and live tutoring.
- Check out [wccls.org/test-prep](https://wccls.org/test-prep) for all our SAT and ACT test prep materials.





## ...enriching the lives of kids and families

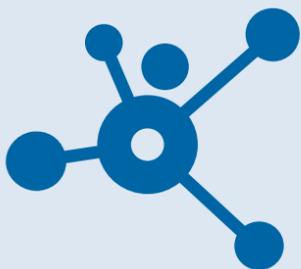
Connect with your neighbors by participating in library events and opportunities from your home. Storytimes, book clubs, and educational programs are being held online.

- Go to [wccls.org/events-online](http://wccls.org/events-online) for a list of daily programs offered by our member libraries.
- At [wccls.org/kids](http://wccls.org/kids) you'll find sing-a-longs and fun activities to do at home.
- Are your kids missing their favorite librarian and storytime? No worries. Your WCCLS libraries offer easy access to a collection of video storytimes you can watch at home. Follow us online (see page 4 for our list of social media contacts) or go to our website: [wccls.org/onlinestorytime](http://wccls.org/onlinestorytime)



## ...connecting vulnerable populations to social services

- Senior Loneliness Line 503-200-1633 or [seniorlonelinessline.org](http://seniorlonelinessline.org)
- Washington County's resource page: [wccls.org/covid19-washco](http://wccls.org/covid19-washco)
- Comcast Internet Essentials (internet access at a reduced rate): [internetessentials.com/covid19](http://internetessentials.com/covid19)



## ...delivering vital, reliable information – your libraries are here for you

- WCCLS gives you direct access with unlimited article access to the New York Times. [wccls.org/nytimes](http://wccls.org/nytimes)
- Students and researchers can access journal articles through academic databases like Gale Academic OneFile or through our interlibrary loan electronic document delivery. [wccls.org/interlibrary-loan](http://wccls.org/interlibrary-loan)
- Find the latest COVID-19 info links from the governor's office and Washington County. [wccls.org/covid-19](http://wccls.org/covid-19)



# Life from a SOCIAL DISTANCE

## Washington County libraries continue your family's access

It's all here – just what you've been waiting for – your local librarians' suggestions for what your family can read, watch and learn while you're taking COVID-19 precautions.



### E-books your kids won't put down

Are you looking for just the right e-book for your kids' learning level? These e-books are available to check out now — from the convenience of your home.

- **Picture books** [wccls.org/picturebooks](http://wccls.org/picturebooks)
- **Beginning readers** [wccls.org/beginningreader](http://wccls.org/beginningreader)
- **Easy chapter books** [wccls.org/easychapterbooks](http://wccls.org/easychapterbooks)
- **Graphic novels for kids** [wccls.org/kidsgraphicnovels](http://wccls.org/kidsgraphicnovels)
- **Explore the entire kids collection** [wccls.org/kidscollection](http://wccls.org/kidscollection)



### Teen book break

Has boredom set in? Just can't read anymore? Give an e-audiobook or e-manga a try.

- **E-Audiobooks for teens** [wccls.org/teens-e-audiobooks](http://wccls.org/teens-e-audiobooks)
- **E-Manga for teens** [wccls.org/teens-e-manga](http://wccls.org/teens-e-manga)



### Movies your preschooler will love

Looking for quality screen time for your little people while you try to get some work done? WCCLS will hook you up with Kanopy Kids. We can offer you dozens of animated picture books, so you can spin a video storytime for your kiddo while you finish that email or get the dishes done.

- **Video storytime with Kanopy Kids** [wccls.org/KanopyKids-videostorytime](http://wccls.org/KanopyKids-videostorytime)

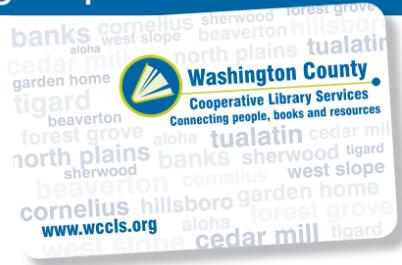
# Libraries Continue... **ONLINE**

Saturday, March 14, was a watershed day for usage of our digital library resources. These numbers show a two-week snapshot of usage before and after March 14.\* We look forward to welcoming you to our online community. \*3/2 to 3/13 and 3/14 to 3/25

## Online library card sign-ups

**68% increase**

in online library card registrations over the previous monthly average



## New users of digital collections



**137% increase**  
in new e-book and audiobook users (OverDrive/Libby)



**95% increase**  
in streaming video users (Kanopy)

## Checkouts/views of digital titles

**44% increase**

in e-book and audiobook checkouts



**148% increase**

in streaming video views

**118% increase**

in sessions of language learning tool (Mango Languages)



**59% increase**

in certificates of completion for lynda.com courses



## Questions from the public answered by our staff online



**91% increase**

## Social media activity

**88% increase**  
in social media impressions (views)



**110% increase**  
in social media engagement (likes, comments, retweets, etc.)



## Election Day is May 19

### Oregon has postage-free ballot return envelopes!

Ballots must be in the Washington County Elections Office by 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

### 24-HOUR DROPSITES

**Banks Library** | **Cornelius City Hall** | **Elections Office** (2925 NE Aloclek Dr, Hillsboro)  
**Forest Grove** (curbside between Ash & Birch St) | **Hillsboro Main Library** | **King City - City Hall**  
**North Plains City Hall** | **Service Center East** (3700 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton)  
**Sheriff's Office & Jail parking lot** (SE corner of SW Washington & Dennis Ave, Hillsboro)  
**Sherwood City Hall** | **Tigard City Hall** | **Tualatin City Offices**



**Washington County**  
Cooperative Library Services

Connect with us online.



**ALOHA COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY**  
**BETHANY & CEDAR MILL LIBRARY**  
**CORNELIUS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**GARDEN HOME COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SHERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**TIGARD PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES**  
**WEST SLOPE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**



**TUALATIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

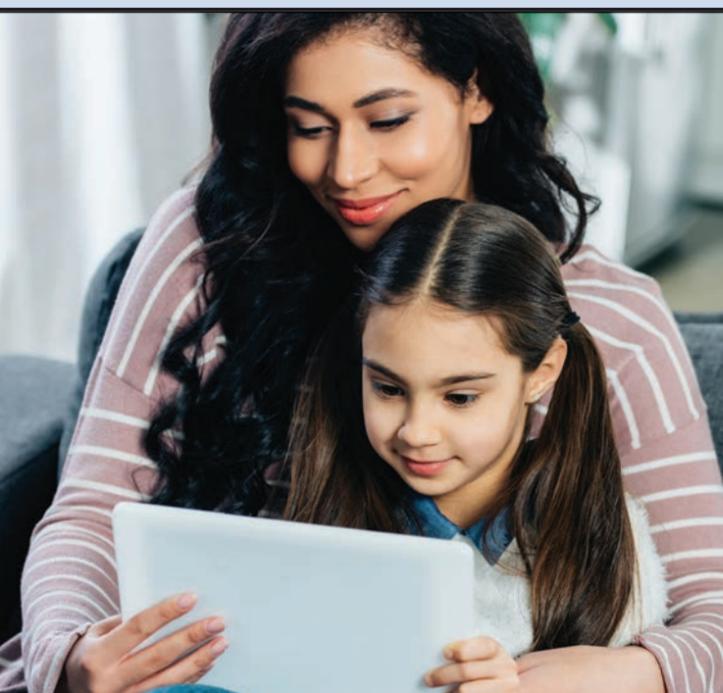


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