Levy for Countywide Library Services



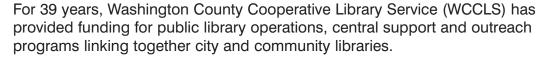








MEASURE 34-235





This levy replaces a 5-year levy expiring June 2016, which provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding.

WHAT WOULD MEASURE 34-235 DO?

- Maintain support for libraries and branches that serve all county residents: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope.
- Increase open hours at some libraries.
- Add basic support for new Aloha library and expanded libraries in other communities (Bethany, Cornelius and Hillsboro).
- Support reading programs for children, enhance literacy programs for preschoolers.
- Enhance reading programs for school-aged children including summer reading.
- Increase programs for students including online homework and tutoring support.
- Expand purchase of books, e-books and other materials available to all residents.
- Maintain resources for job-seekers which support one out of five WCCLS computer users in their employment or job searches.
- Maintain central support and outreach services such as the library catalog, Internet and Wi-Fi, e-resources, courier deliveries between libraries, Outreach to Homebound, etc.

HOW WOULD MEASURE 34-235 AFFECT A HOMEOWNER'S TAXES?

22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 5¢ over current rate. If approved, this would be first levy rate increase since 2006. A typical homeowner would pay about \$56 in 2016, or about \$14 more than paid in 2015. This assumes an average assessed home value (not market value) of \$255,408 in 2016.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY DOES NOT PASS?

Because the expiring levy provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding, reductions in services would likely occur based on local library priorities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit WCCLS at www.wccls.org/levy or ask at your local library.

