



Proposed Levy for Countywide Library Services

Measure 34-345 on Nov. 4, 2025 Ballot

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Washington County
Cooperative Library Services

Agenda

- Public library service in Washington County
- Current funding
- What would Measure 34-345 fund?
- How much would Measure 34-345 cost?
- What would happen if Measure 34-345 does not pass?



Public library service in Washington County

- Public library service is provided through a partnership between the County and the 9 cities and 3 non-profit associations that operate local libraries.
- WCCLS is the primary source of funding for library operations.
- WCCLS also provides central support services that efficiently link libraries together.



Public libraries in Washington County

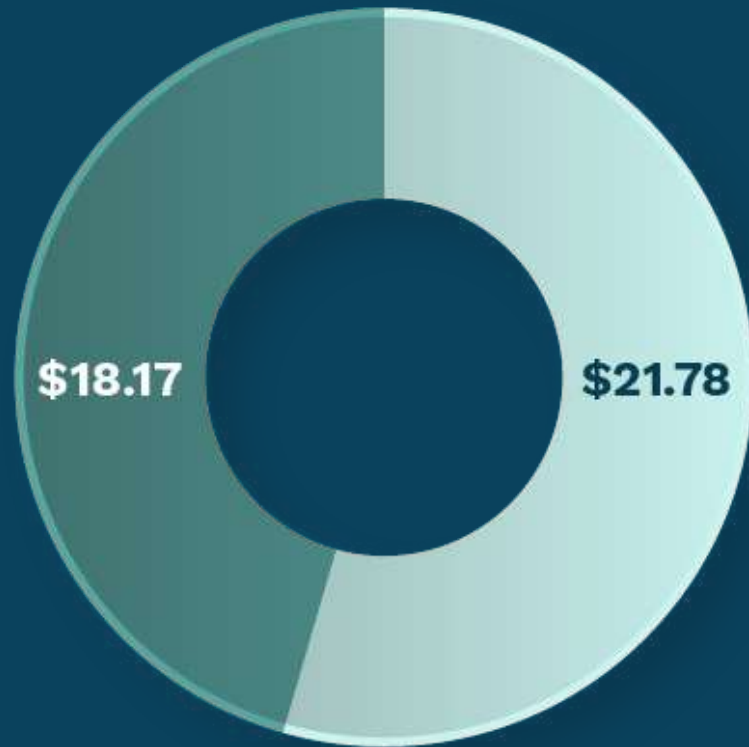
- Aloha
- Banks
- Beaverton Main
- Beaverton Murray Scholls
- Cedar Mill
- Bethany
- Cornelius
- Forest Grove
- Garden Home
- Hillsboro, Brookwood
- Hillsboro, Shute Park
- North Plains
- Sherwood
- Tigard
- Tualatin
- West Slope



Current WCCLS budget

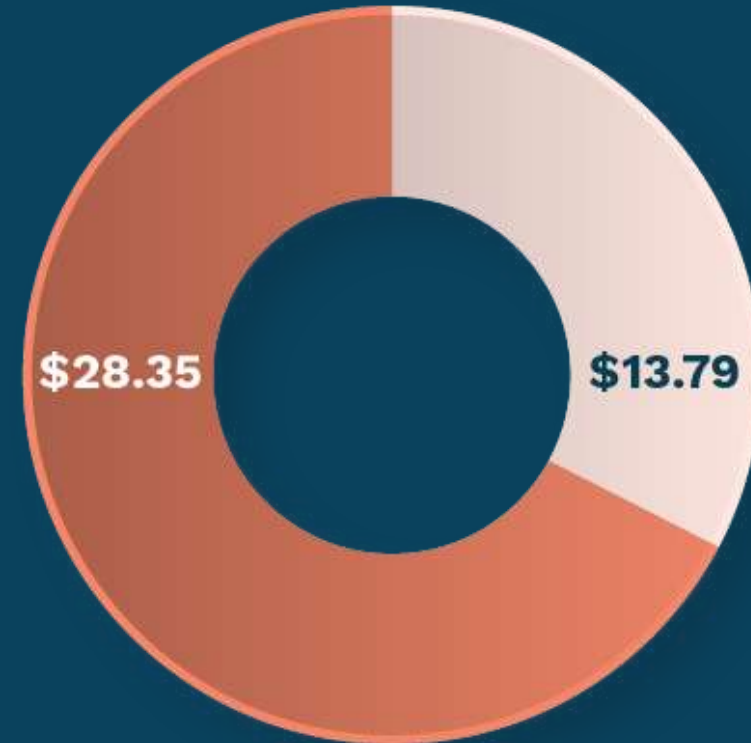
(in millions)

WCCLS revenue



■ 5-year levy
■ County general fund

WCCLS expenses



■ Library allocations
■ WCCLS operations (central support)

If passed, what would Measure 34-345 fund?

Reading and learning support for kids & teens

- In-person events
- Homework help & online tutoring
- Public access computers & wi-fi

Over 10,000 students participated in library programs designed to support reading, learning, and student success last year.

WCCLS has issued 83,549 library cards to public school students since 2019.



If passed, what would Measure 34-345 fund?

Central services that efficiently link libraries together

- Reserve materials for pickup at any of the 16 libraries across the county
- Access library catalog with 1.5 million items
- Access online learning tools, e-books, audiobooks, and streaming video

In FY 23-24, WCCLS courier trucks delivered 2.5 million books and other items to libraries.



If passed, what would Measure 34-345 fund?

Open hours and access to books and materials

- 16 full-service public libraries in the county
- Most libraries are open at least 6 days a week
- 1.5 million items in shared collection
- Study rooms and meeting rooms



Last year, there were over 2.4 million visits to WCCLS libraries. Total checkouts exceeded 7.2 million, saving users \$140 million by borrowing items instead of purchasing them.

If passed, what would Measure 34-345 fund?

Reading events for children

- Regular events and programs, including storytimes in languages such as Spanish and Chinese
- Annual summer reading program
- Interactive play areas to promote learning and social interaction

In FY 23-24, libraries hosted over 200,000 participants at 6,000 in-person events for kids and teens including summer reading.



How would Measure 34-345 affect a homeowner's taxes?

- If passed, the proposed measure would authorize an increase in property taxes.
- The proposed measure would cost property owners \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The tax would continue from July 2026 through June 2031.
- The owner of a home assessed at \$348,600 would pay approximately \$129 per year, or \$10.75 per month.
- The measure would raise \$188,915,688 between July 2026 and June 2031.



What would happen if Measure 34-345 does not pass?

- If the measure does not pass, library services would not be provided as proposed and property taxes would not be increased.



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