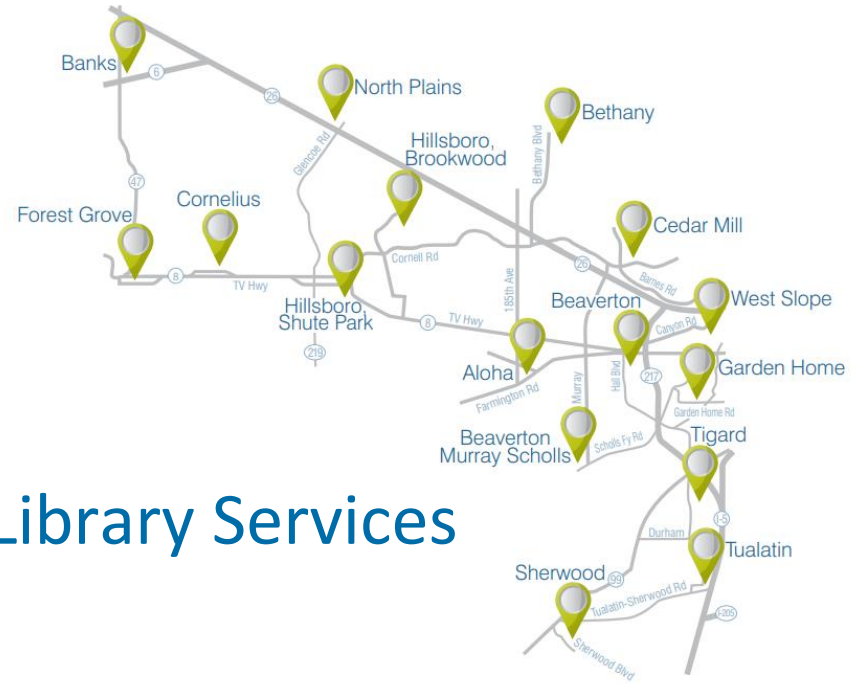


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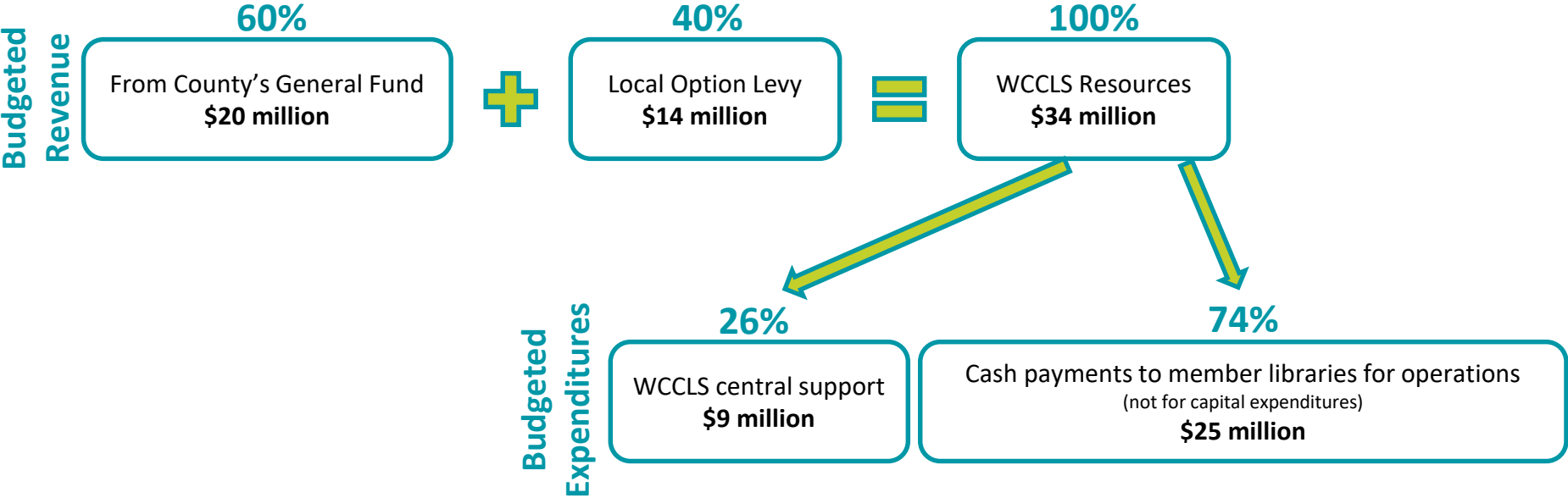
## Proposed levy for Countywide Library Services

May 19, 2020 Ballot



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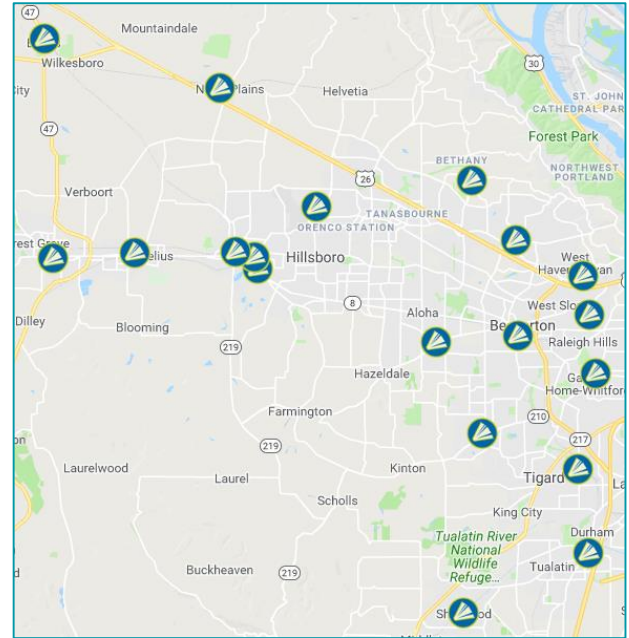


# If passed, how would levy funds be used?

## 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.



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## Reading programs for children

Measure 34-297 would support children's reading events that average about 285,000 participants each year.

This would include annual summer reading programs for youth and literacy programs for preschoolers.

In addition, libraries would provide reading and learning programs for students, including online homework and tutoring services for all children in Washington County.



# If passed, how would levy funds be used?

## Book purchases

The measure would provide funds for the purchase of books, e-books and other materials that are available to all library users.

It would fund the purchase of additional copies of in-demand books in order to reduce wait times.

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.



# If passed, how would levy funds be used?

## Resources for jobseekers

Measure 34-297 would allow libraries to continue to provide information 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.

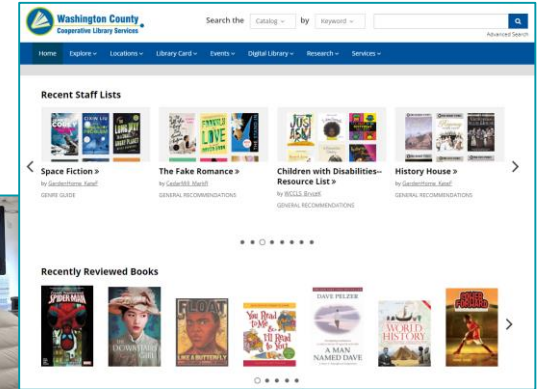
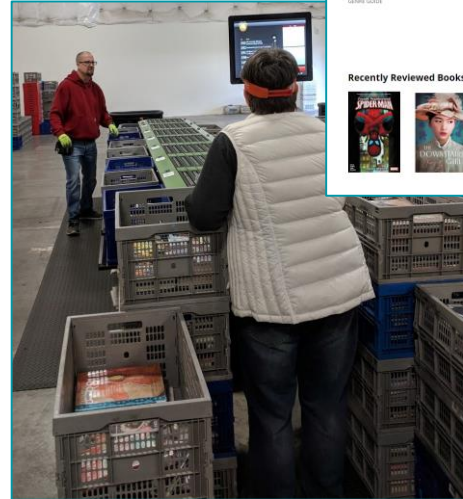


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## Central support and services that link libraries together

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;
- wcls.org website and shared library events calendar;
- Book deliveries to county residents who are homebound or living in care facilities.





# How would Measure 34-297 Affect a Homeowner's Taxes?

- If passed, Measure 34-297 would renew a five-year levy that is expiring in June 2021.
- The proposed 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 if passed.

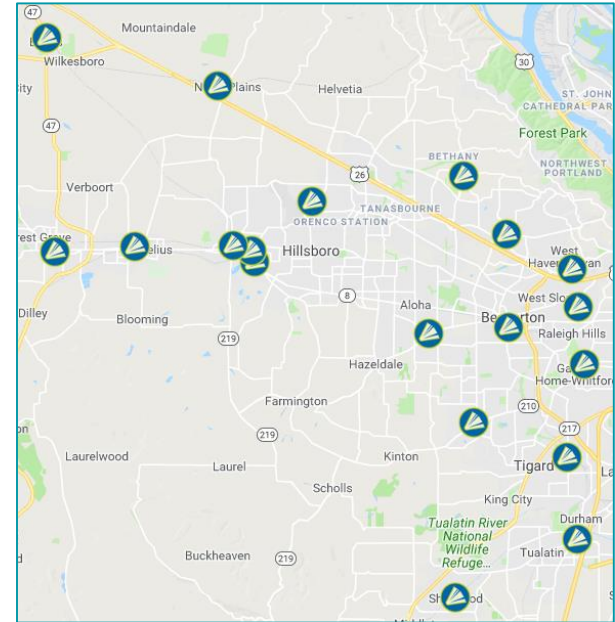




# What would happen if the levy does not pass?

If the measure does not pass, reductions in service levels would likely occur, 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.



# For more information

visit the WCCLS website at [wccls.org/levy](http://wccls.org/levy)

