

**Washington County  
Measure 34-180**

**Library Levy Renewal  
Ballot Title**

**Caption:**

Renewal of Local Option Levy to Support Countywide Library Services

**Question:**

Shall Washington County support library services countywide by levying 17¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2011-2012?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:**

This measure would renew a levy that expires June 2011. It supports Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) libraries in Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope. Approximately 80% of funds would be distributed to these libraries. The remainder would support central services linking libraries together. The expiring levy provides 1/3 of total WCCLS funding.

Funds would support operations at 15 libraries by:

- Supporting children's programs including summer reading and literacy programs for preschoolers;
- Purchasing books and materials;
- Providing information and resources for job-seekers;
- Maintaining daily book deliveries among libraries;
- Maintaining shared library catalog and WCCLS website;
- Supporting services and technology designed to increase efficiency, in combination with reserve funds.

A five-year levy is proposed to replace the expiring four-year levy. A fixed rate of 17¢ per \$1,000 assessed value would be unchanged from the current rate. Typical homeowners would pay about \$37 in 2011-2012. Assumes average assessed value (not market value) of \$215,089.

Estimated revenues for each year of levy:

\$8,238,000 in 2011-12

\$8,526,000 in 2012-13

\$8,825,000 in 2013-14

\$9,134,000 in 2014-15

\$9,453,000 in 2015-16