Library Local Option Levy

Council Work Session

January 14 2026

Agenda

- Timeline of the process
- Overview of levy options & costs
- DHM Research presentation
- Questions
- Council may take action today

2026 LIBRARY LEVY TIMELINE

1 September 2025

Library staff present levy renewal framework

2 October 2025

Staff present library concepts & financials

3 October - December 2025- 2026

Community engagement and polling

4 January 2026

Session 1: January 14
DHM shares polling & potential Council Action

Session 2: January 28
Potential Council action

5 February 2026

The last date council has to consider a May ballot

Library Levy Rates

Service Concept	Gross Levy $	Average Tax Rate	Average Cost Tax /Home/ Year	Services
Option 1	$3.45 million	$0.15	$43/year	160 Hours, Collections , Digital Equity & Access, Building Safety, Library systems plan
Option 2	$3.86 million	$0.17	$49/Year	Early Literacy Librarian, Youth Collections, Storytime to Go, Preschool, daycare, kindergarten outreach
Option 3	$4.42 million	$0.19	$56/Year	Material pick-up sites in West & South Eugene, River Road, Expanded Systems Plan

Option 1 - Maintain

160 hours across 3 locations

Consistent access

Diverse, high quality collections

Reflecting the diversity of Eugene's voices

Digital equity & access

Diverse programming and collections to meet emerging needs

Enhanced building safety & accessibility

Creating welcoming and secure public spaces

Development of a Library systems plan

A roadmap for future facilities and operational planning

Annual Cost: $3.3 million

$43/year per household

Tax Rate: $0.15 per $1,000 of assessed value

Keep what works, strengthen what matters

Option 2
Maintain & Expand Early Childhood Literacy Programs

Adds an Early Literacy Librarian

Oversee and implement programming

Reinstates Storytime to Go

Reaches children where they are

Strengthens the youth collection

Increases the number of materials for youth aged 0-5

Deepens partnerships

With schools, daycares, and early learning providers

Expands storytimes and early literacy programs

Building places for youth to read, learn, and thrive

Annual Cost: $3.6 million

$49/year per household

Tax Rate: $0.17 per $1,000 of assessed value

Strong readers build strong community

Option 3

Maintain, Expand Early Childhood Literacy Programs & Expand Book Pick-up and Drop-off Locations

Deploy vending kiosks in West Eugene, River Road, South Eugene

Consistent access

Add return drops to West Eugene & River Road

Models the successful pilot in South Eugene

Fiscally responsible expansion

Responds to the fiscal realities of today

Long Term Planning

Evaluate future expansion and micro sites

Annual Cost: $4 million

$56/year per household

Tax Rate: $0.10 per $1,000 of assessed value

Extend the library's reach

DHM Research

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Motions

Move to direct the City Manager to return to Council on January 28 with a resolution referring to the May 19, 2026, ballot a library levy measure consistent with **Option 1** as described in this AIS.

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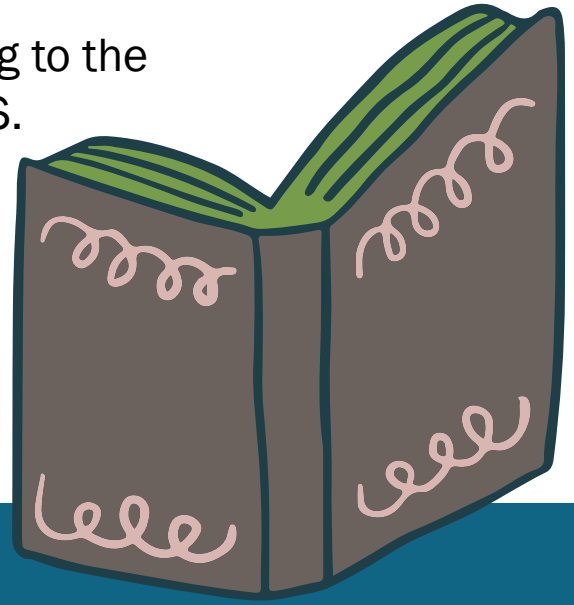

Questions