

# LOPEZ ISLAND LIBRARY PROPOSITION NO. 1 - RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

VOTE BY  
AUGUST 5,  
2025

The library is asking Lopez voters to restore the library levy rate to \$0.48 per \$1,000 in assessed property value in response to increased costs, critical capital maintenance needs, and unstable federal and state funding. This is not a new levy. It is an increase of 18 cents from the current levy rate of 30 cents.\*

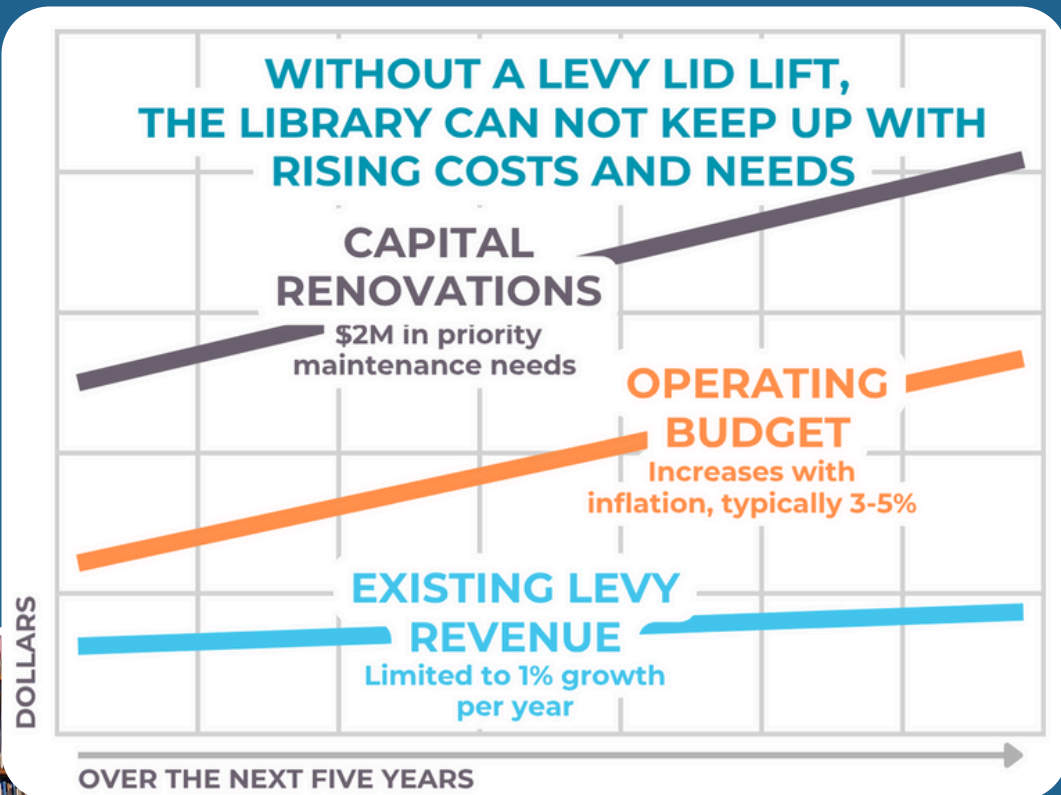


Inflation and other factors have driven up the cost of running the library.  
**For example:**

Since 2019, insurance rates have increased an average of 15% a year.

Federal and state funding to libraries has become unreliable.

\$2 million in vital repairs are needed over the next five years.



\*IN 2019, VOTERS APPROVED A LEVY RATE OF \$0.48 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE. THAT RATE HAS DEPRECIATED AND IS CURRENTLY \$0.30.

## HOW WOULD THE NEW LEVY RATE AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAXES?\*

Lopez property owners provide 90% of the library operating budget. The levy measure would restore the property tax levy rate from its current level of 30 cents to 48 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

Property Value	Current Monthly Cost	New Monthly Cost	Monthly Difference
\$400,000	\$10	\$16	\$6
\$600,000	\$15	\$24	\$9
\$800,000	\$20	\$32	\$12

\*Exemptions are available for qualifying seniors, people retired due to disabilities, and veterans with disabilities.

### A YES VOTE MEANS

- Maintain current open hours, staffing, and services
- Continue supporting a robust collection of library materials, including physical and digital items
- Address important building maintenance and facility needs
- Continue providing a wide variety of programming for all ages

### A NO VOTE MEANS

- Reduce open hours, staffing, and eliminate services
- Reduce investment in library books and other materials, including physical and digital items
- Cannot address important building maintenance and facilities needs
- Reduce variety of programming for all ages



## YOUR LIBRARY FREELY PROVIDES

- **205,000+ items**, including books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, DVDs, and music
- Public **meeting space** for community gatherings
- Friendly, knowledgeable **staff**
- Library services for **students** and support for **homeschool families**
- **Delivery** of library materials for homebound community members
- Craft corner and **artist workshops**
- IT troubleshooting and assistance
- WiFi **hotspots**, board games, Discover Passes, **puzzles**, computers, DVD players, **musical instruments**
- High-speed **WiFi, printers, computers**
- **Notary Public** services



# GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY LEVY? LET'S CHAT!

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We know the upcoming library levy is important to you and the community, and we want to make sure you have all the information you need.

Stop by. Call. Email. We're here for you.

Darren is holding Levy Office Hours every week until the election:

- Wednesdays, 5–7pm
- Thursdays, 10am–Noon

Or just drop in anytime the library is open—we'd love to see you!

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You can also find helpful levy information on our website:

- Press release, <https://lopezlibrary.org/levy-press-release/>
- About the Levy, <https://lopezlibrary.org/about-the-levy/>
- Summary flyer, <https://lopezlibrary.org/levy-summary-flyer/>
- FAQ, <https://lopezlibrary.org/levy-faq/>

## IN 2024

- Over **500 free programs** were offered for children, teens and adults **attended by 8,160 people**
- Users **saved over \$760,000** by borrowing books and other items
- The library was **visited 42,397 times**

