

The Library Board believes that restoring the Library levy rate to 50¢ will assure fiscal stability and sustainability for at least ten years.

The Library has developed a business plan that maintains and expands services to meet the needs of our communities, and does not anticipate any more levy increases for at least ten years. The plan calls for:

- Longer and more consistent operating hours at Clallam Bay, Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries;
- More new books and other materials at all four libraries;
- More programs and activities for children and teens;
- More services for seniors;
- A more robust county-wide volunteer program;
- More computers and technology; and
- 10-year capital improvement program to address deteriorating of buildings, vehicles and equipment.

To read the NOLS 2012 business plan, and to find more information about the Library's 10-year plan for fiscal stability, go to www.nols.org and click on "About NOLS" and "Library levy information". Contact Library Director Paula Barnes at 360-417-8525 or PBarnes@nols.org with your questions and comments.



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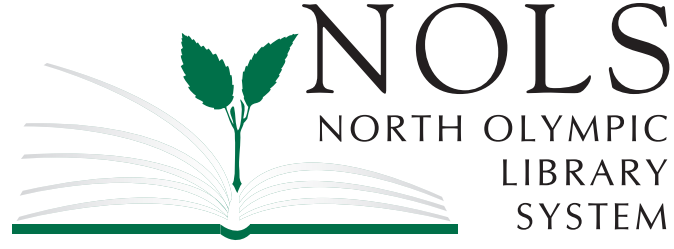
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Voter Information for the August 17 Election

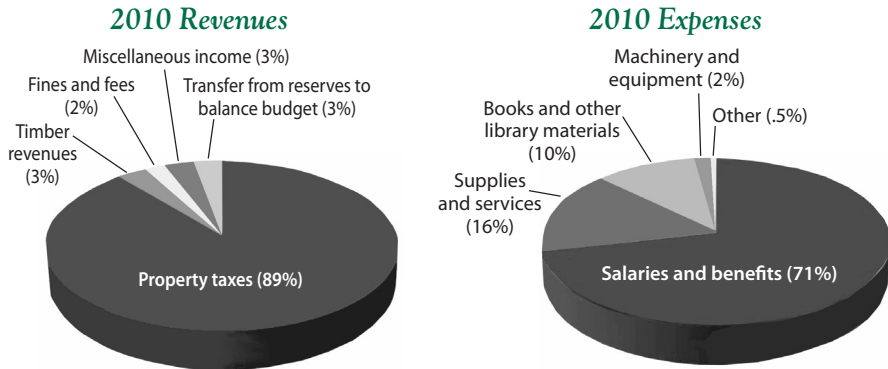
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Today, due to inflation and rising costs, income is no longer keeping up with expenses.

On August 17 the voters of Clallam County will be asked to restore the Library's levy rate to 50¢ to meet community demand for library services and to maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is a junior taxing district. It is not a department of the County. It does not receive funding from the State of Washington, Clallam County or the Cities of Port Angeles, Sequim or Forks. The Library depends primarily on property taxes to operate.



Washington state law changed in 2001, limiting the Library's property tax budget increases to no more than 1% more than the previous year without a vote of the people. However, since 2001, the annual inflation rate has averaged 2.3% per year.

Shared revenue from timber harvests has decreased dramatically. Timber revenues used to help the Library balance its budget, but this is no longer a dependable source of income for the Library.

NOLS is seeking to restore its levy rate to 50¢. In the August 17 election, the voters of Clallam County will be asked to restore the Library's 2010 property tax levy rate from 33¢ to 50¢ per \$1000 of assessed property value, for collection in 2011. This amount would be used for computing legal limits on levies in subsequent years. The last time the Library asked for a levy increase was in 1978. At that time, the voters approved a rate of 50¢ per \$1000. Since then, the rate has gradually gone down. Now, with the rate at 33¢, income no longer keeps up with expenses, and inflation and rising costs continue to take their toll on the Library.

Sample Levy Rates

Assessed value	Current amount per year	Amount per year, if approved	Increase per month
\$100,000	\$33	\$50	\$1.43
\$200,000	\$66	\$100	\$2.82
\$300,000	\$99	\$150	\$4.28

If the Library levy is approved:

❖ **All libraries would be open more convenient hours that are easier to remember**

	Port Angeles Library	Sequim Library	Clallam Bay Library	Forks Library
Mon	10am to 8pm	10am to 8pm	10am to 7pm	10am to 7pm
Tues	10am to 8pm	10am to 8pm	10am to 7pm	10am to 7pm
Wed	10am to 8pm	10am to 8pm	10am to 7pm	10am to 7pm
Thurs	10am to 8pm	10am to 8pm	10am to 5pm	10am to 7pm
Fri	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm	12pm to 5pm	10am to 6pm
Sat	10am to 5pm	10am to 5pm	12pm to 5pm	10am to 6pm

❖ **All libraries would add more books, CDs, DVDs and children's materials to their collections**

- 14% more new books and other materials would be added to the Library in 2011
- 10% more new items would be added in each of the following years: 2012-2017
- At least 500 more new materials would be added to the Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries per year
- At least 250 more new materials would be added to the Clallam Bay and Forks Libraries per year

❖ **Library buildings, equipment and technology would be maintained**

The Library would be able to address current and future infrastructure needs including:

- Renovate Forks Branch Library and replace roof
- Replace aging vehicles used for maintenance and homebound delivery
- Add public computers at Clallam Bay and Forks Libraries
- Replace Sequim Library roof
- Upgrade computer software and networks
- Upgrade or replace storage building
- Maintain exteriors of Sequim and Forks buildings

❖ **More programs and activities for children, teens, families and seniors would be offered**

- Storytimes and other programs for toddlers and preschoolers
- Resources for homework help
- Cultural and literary programs
- Reading programs
- Web-based services
- Computer classes

If the Library levy is not approved:

- Staffing and hours of service would be reduced at all libraries (Clallam Bay, Forks, Sequim and Port Angeles)
- Fewer new books, CDs, DVDs, and other materials would be added to the collections
- Fewer programs and events for children, teens, families and seniors would be offered
- Proper maintenance of library facilities, grounds and vehicles would be deferred
- Computers and technology would be updated less frequently

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