



**Public  
Library**



**Library of the Future**

# Existing Service Level – supported by the General Fund

- Maintain three full-service locations at current hours:
  - Downtown: 61 hours across 7 days
  - Bethel: 26 hours across 5 days
  - Sheldon: 26 hours across 5 days
- Library website offering 24/7 access
- Limited off-site services

# The Library of the Future

## The Library Services most valued by our Community:

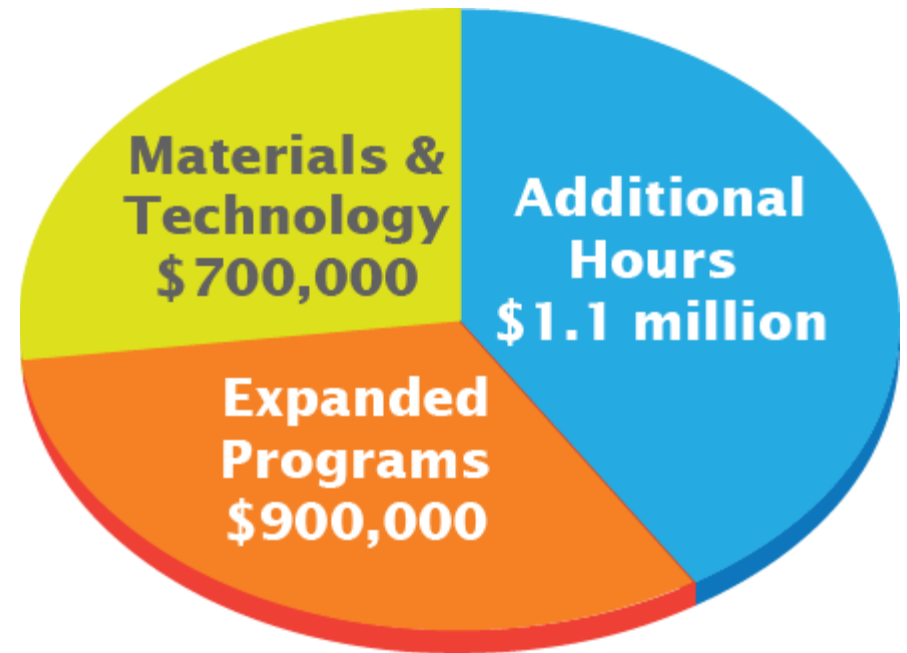
- Promote early literacy
- Support success in school and work
- Ensure equity of access

# Proposed Five Year Library Local Option Levy Approximately \$3/month



# Levy funds will provide the following service enhancements:

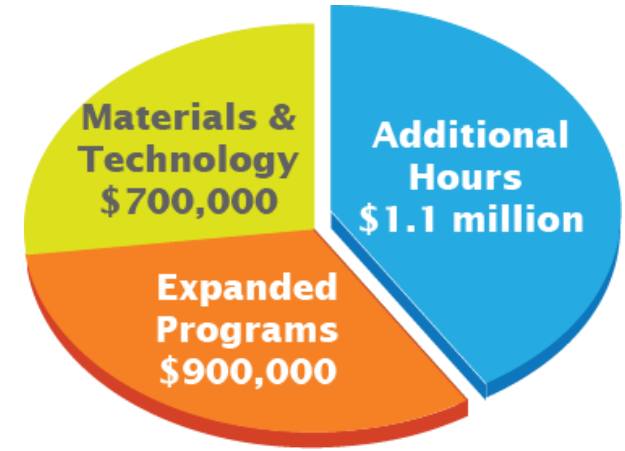
- Additional hours and access
- Expanded programs
- More materials and technology



**Total Levy funds \$2,700,000**

# Additional Hours and Access

To expand access and achieve more equitable library services throughout the community, hours would be added to all three locations.

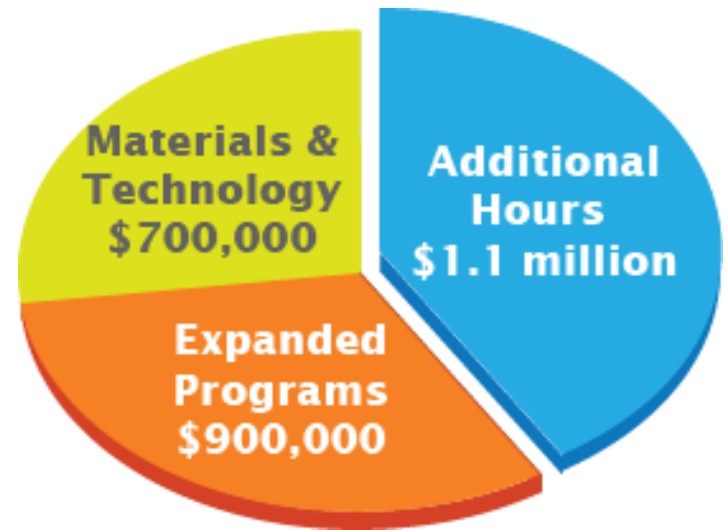


# Additional Hours and Access

**Bethel Branch: Add 22 hours**  
for 48 hours across 6 days

**Sheldon Branch: Add 22 hours**  
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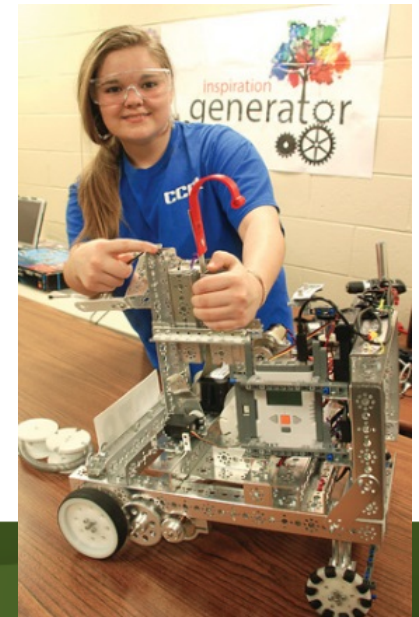
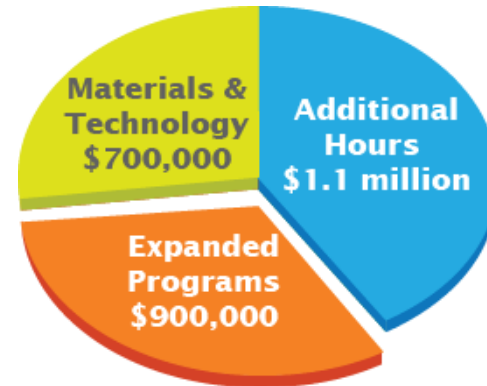
**Downtown: Add 3 hours on Sundays**  
for 64 hours across 7 days



# Expanded Programs

The top priorities for expanded programs are in the areas of

- Early literacy
- Success in school
- Career development
- and Equity of access.



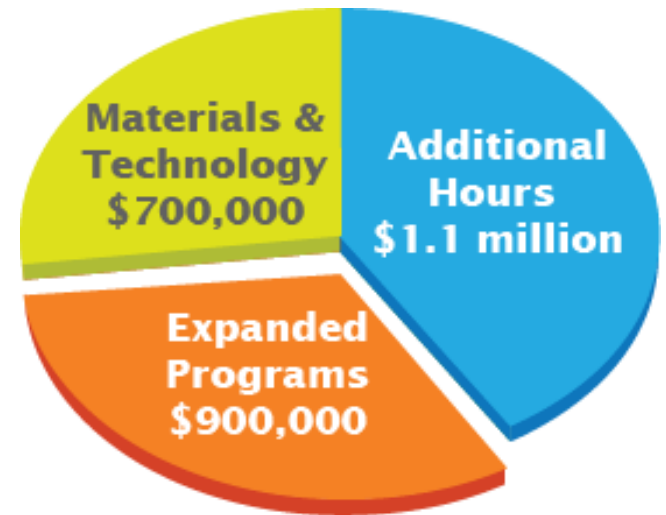


# Expanded Programs

The number of programs offered will increase 33%. These will be programs offered at all three locations and throughout the community.

Examples of additional programs:

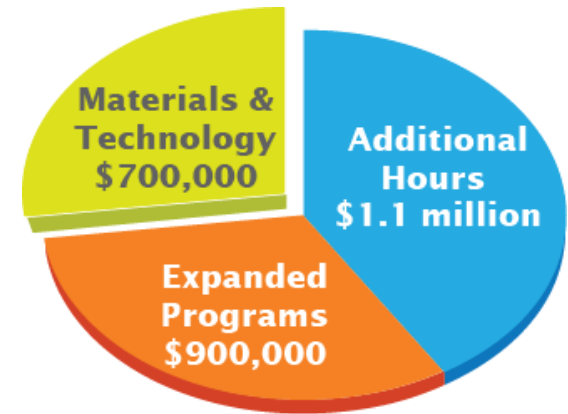
- Storytime-To-Go sites
- Teen programs
- Small business development
- Makerspace tools and training



Expanding the volunteer program is key to this growth in programs.

# More Materials and Technology

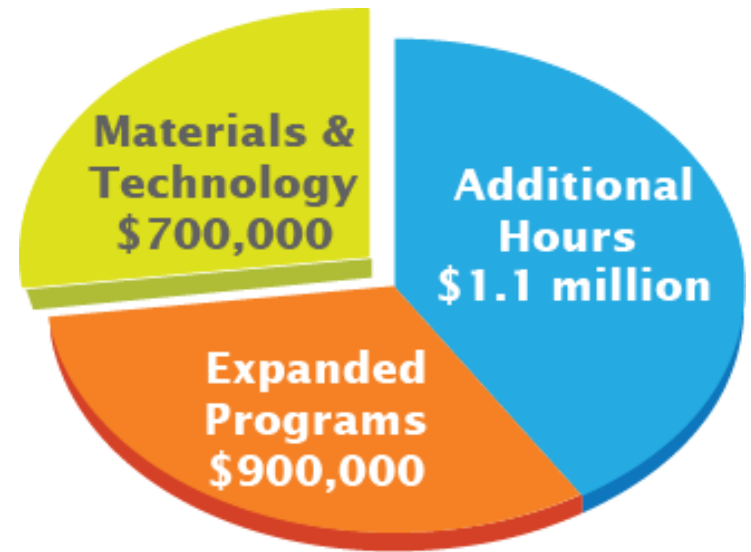
Community members are asking for more books and resources.



Increasing access to technology (Internet and equipment) is necessary to meet both current needs, and the needs will continue to grow.

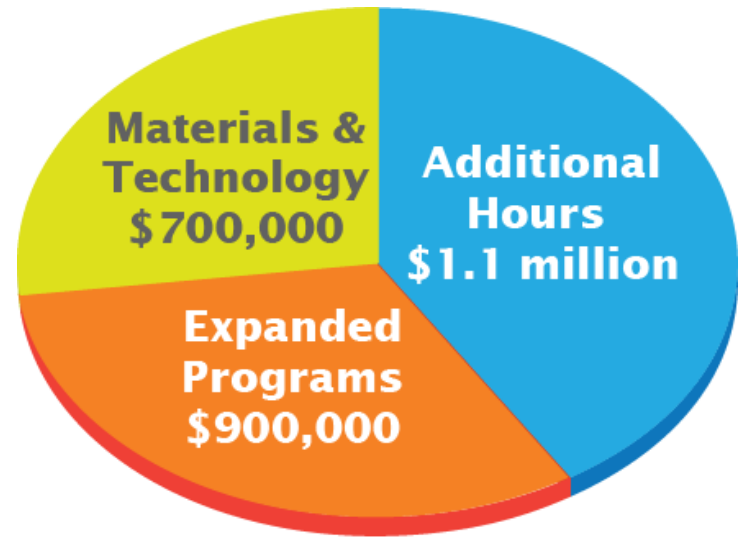
# More Materials and Technology

- Add \$300,000 to the Library's materials budget for new books and other resources.
- Add technology (tablets/laptops) for public use at the Branches



# Accountability

- Budgeted and accounted for in separate funds.
- Library Advisory Board reviews levy spending & performance measures annually.
- Annual memorandum to City Council.

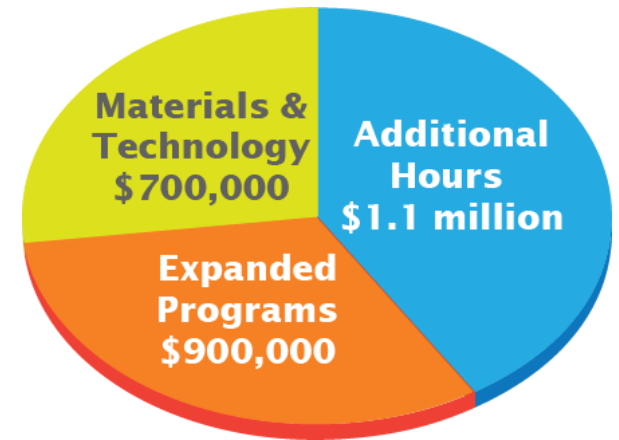


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# Library Local Option Levy

Five years, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021.

- Hours added to all locations.
- Additional free programs for all ages.
- More materials and access to technology.



**Total: \$2.7 million a year –  
\$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value**