



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Mayor Durkan's Libraries for All Proposal

Keeping Our Library Buildings Safe for the Future

By renewing our shared investments in the Seattle Public Library, we can expand access to education and opportunity, promote equity, lift up the places where communities come together, and invest in libraries of the future. Under Mayor Durkan's plan, The Seattle Public Library would expand hours, eliminate fines, improve technology, and make seismic retrofits of existing libraries.

Investing in Critical Maintenance, Including Seismic Retrofitting

Mayor Durkan's plan would provide funding for seismic retrofits for three of the Carnegie libraries: Columbia, Green Lake, and University branches. It continues funding to support enhanced daily maintenance and regular preventive maintenance programs.

The Library commissioned a study to evaluate the three high-vulnerability branches—Columbia, Green Lake and University branches. Each building is over 100 years old and landmarked, making maintenance—including seismic retrofits—more expensive due to preservation requirements.



Investments

Damage control seismic retrofits, compliant with landmark regulation, for the three most vulnerable Library locations:

- **Columbia** - \$5.9 million
- **Green Lake** - \$4.0 million
- **University** - \$3.9 million