



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Mayor Durkan's Libraries for All Proposal

# Building Libraries of 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.

## Promoting Digital Equity Through Increased Access to Internet, Digital Materials, and Technology Services

Mayor Durkan's plan would provide funding to replace infrastructure that supports public high-speed internet access. Mayor Durkan's plan also:

- Increases investment in e-books, e-audiobooks, and streaming and downloadable services for music, films, tv, digital comics and magazines, continues funding to maintain variety and depth of the physical collection, and buy more copies of popular materials.
- Adds funding to replace the outdated software and hardware system that manages procurement and patron access to the collection of books, articles, and resources.
- Continues funding for digital equity programs (digital literacy, mobile hotspot lending) with levy funds replacing declining cable franchise fee revenues.
- Continues funding to upgrade and replace computers, printers, copiers, and software on a timely basis.



## Investments

Sustain existing collections funding level at an average \$6.5 million per year for the next seven years, and expand investments by an average of \$715,000 per year for the next seven years to meet **higher demand and higher price points for digital materials.**