

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND MEASURE ELECTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by Scappoose Public Library District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 2, 2026. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

The ballot title caption is: **Five-Year Levy to Maintain Library Services**

CAPTION

Five-Year Levy to Maintain Library Services

QUESTION

Shall Scappoose Public Library District maintain services by levying 10¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning July 2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than 3%.

SUMMARY

The levy would set a fixed rate of 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. In 2026, typical homeowners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$350,000 would pay about \$35 annually.

Currently, Scappoose Public Library District is funded by a permanent tax rate of 25.36 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. The District receives additional support through grants, gifts and sponsorships that are unpredictable. The District receives no operating support from the city or county and has not sought additional revenue since first established over 30 years ago. Since 2018, circulation has increased over 50% and facility use has increased over 25%.

This five-year levy would help maintain and provide:

- Current hours of operation and access to books and resources for lifelong learning for everyone in the community
- Children's reading events including weekly story times and summer reading
- Weekly and monthly adult events including Movies in the Park
- Expanded eBook collection available to Scappoose Library patrons exclusively

Estimated levy revenue each year:

2026	\$161,510
2027	\$166,355
2028	\$171,346
2029	\$176,486
2030	\$181,781

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than close of business February 12th (which is the 7th business day after receipt.) The challenger must notify the Columbia County Clerk's Office in writing not later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the day the petition for review is filed (ORS 255.155). This notice is published pursuant to ORS 255.145(5) by Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk.