

Library tax levy would keep library open

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Voters are being asked to support a five-year property tax levy to support continued operation of Warrenton Community Library.

It's a renewal of the current five-year levy, which expires at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018). The new levy, at a higher rate, would run through the 2022-23 fiscal year. The money can be spent only on library operations, such as the part-time

library site manager's salary, her assistant's salary, the purchase of books and reference materials, the payment of rent and utilities, and maintenance.

The library at 160 S. Main Ave. has more than 19,000 books, audiobooks and movies, plus four computers for public use. There are story times, magic shows and other events there each week.

The site is open 1 to 5 p.m. six days a week and is managed by the two part-timers,

plus 20 volunteers.

There are more than 4,000 library card holders and every Warrenton card holder has the right to check out books from Astoria and Seaside libraries.

If approved, property owners would be levied 33 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed value. Owners of a home assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$33 per year, for example.

"The library is not supported by the city of Warrenton's annual budget, but is only



The city is unlikely to keep the library open without funding.

supported by this five-year levy," supporters wrote in a piece posted on the library's Facebook page. "Without this levy, library operations will cease entirely."

Ballots can be mailed – although postmarks aren't counted, so make sure to mail them early. Ballots also can be turned in at Warrenton City Hall until 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

Please join us in support of Warrenton Community Library with a yes vote on Measure 4-189.

The following people and businesses care so much about the library, they paid to show their support here.

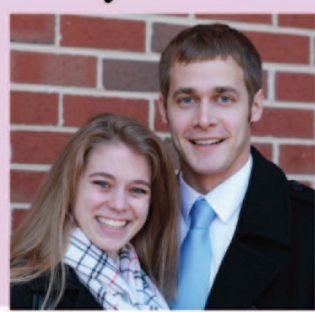
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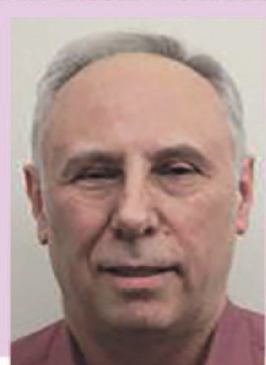
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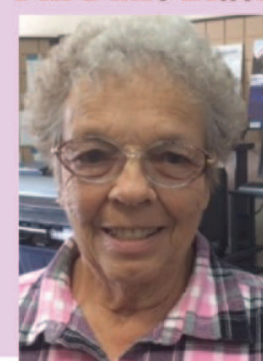
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