

The Seattle Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024

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Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. CONSENT

1. Minutes of January 25, 2024 Regular Library Board Meeting
2. Year-End 2023 Finance Report

E. CHIEF LIBRARIAN REPORT

1. Chief Librarian Report
2. November Library-At-A-Glance Data Dashboard (correction)

F. OLD BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023-2026 Local 2083 Collective Bargaining Agreement; Wage Increase and Retro Pay for Non-Represented Employees
2. Library Foundation and Friends of the Library Updates
3. Updates from Library Board Members

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. ADJOURN

J. NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: March 28, 2024

(For more information, call Laura Gentry, head of the Communications Office, at 206-915-9028.)

Unapproved Board Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Seattle Public Library

January 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of The Seattle Public Library (SPL) Board of Trustees was held on January 25, 2024. Library Board President Tali Hairston called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Vice President Yazmin Mehdi and trustees Carmen Bendixen, Jay Reich, and Ron Chew were in attendance. The meeting was conducted with a remote attendance option via video conference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with changes noted: December 2023 Finance Report struck from consent agenda and deferred to February meeting; 2022-2023 Library Race and Social Justice Initiative Report struck from New Business and deferred to the March meeting; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was accepted via email, in person at the Central Library, and online in the remote meeting. There were no public comments.

CONSENT

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda with change noted; the motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN REPORT

Chief Librarian Report

Mr. Fay congratulated Library Board President Tali Hairston on his first meeting as president, and thanked Library Board Trustee Carmen Bendixen for her service as Board President for the past two years. Mr. Fay also congratulated Vice President Yazmin Mehdi on her new role. Mr. Fay introduced new Human Resources Director Brian Sharkey. Mr. Sharkey said he has eight years of experience at the City including the departments of Human Services, Seattle Human Resources, and also Finance and Administrative Services. He said he is working to learn Library systems and processes and looking ahead to a new HR information system implementation as well as potential budget impacts on the horizon. Mr. Sharkey said SPL has a great HR team and he is pleased to be at the Library.

Mr. Fay said he participated in San Diego Public Library's "Lead the Way" program in which all of the Books Unbanned library directors came together and spoke. He said the Library has been setting up appointments with the new City Councilmembers. He said he had an introductory meeting with Councilmember Rivera, chair of the new Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee, and will follow with a deeper meeting to go over Library operations. He said more meetings will follow in February and March as the new councilmembers become fully staffed. Mr. Fay said he spoke to former SPL staff member Chance Hunt's class at the University of Washington Information School. Mr. Fay said he also attended an EBSCO Advisory Board meeting in Palm Springs. He said EBSCO is a large public library vendor of serials and databases. He said 25 major urban library systems attended to speak about current and future issues facing public libraries.

Mr. Fay said the City of Seattle has instituted a hiring freeze and will be looking at budget reductions. He said the hiring freeze will be in place for all of 2024 and affects City departments that report to the mayor. He said SPL will be subject to the freeze, but able to determine exceptions, and Library leadership is building a process to make those determinations. He said the Library will need to maintain areas around health, safety, and security. He said as the Library looks at a downshift to hours of operation, it will make sure there are the appropriate staff in buildings by classification to provide services. He said the final decision to fill positions will rest with him, and that his colleagues and division directors will provide information to ensure SPL is making the best decisions possible while meeting the goal to save General Fund dollars. He said there will be further discussion with the Library Board moving toward the 2025-2026 biennium budget. Mr. Fay said he will meet with trustees individually to provide additional information. He said details about the mayor's budget are embargoed from the time the first guidance is issued until the mayor delivers his budget in August. He said it is not always the most transparent system, but the system the Library must work within.

Ms. Bendixen asked if the hiring freeze includes the Director of Library Programs and Services. Mr. Fay said an offer letter had already been extended before the freeze took effect, so the Library may move forward with the hire. Ms. Mehdi asked if a dollar amount is known for what the City is trying to save in General Funds. Mr. Fay said there is an estimated \$250 million deficit for 2025, and departments will have reduction target percentages. He said the hiring freeze is intended to reduce the structural deficit as the City budgets for 2025. Ms. Mehdi asked if there is also an exceptions process within the City for the hiring freeze, and Mr. Fay said there is. Ms. Mehdi said the Library has additional latitude due to its unique position in the City, and there is also value in following suit to save dollars in this fiscal year to reduce cuts in 2025 and 2026. Mr. Fay agreed and said it also minimizes a potential reduction in force. Library Board Trustee Jay Reich asked how impactful a hiring freeze is for SPL this year. Mr. Fay said it is significant. He said it is important to note that the Library's staffing capacity is already strained by the hours of operation. He said there will be a fairly immediate impact, and the Library will need to downshift hours of operation as early as mid-March to ensure there are not constant rolling closures. He said his team has started work to look at different types of schedule models that might work to ensure the Library has enough capacity. He said there could be additional downshifts, depending on what comes through the entire budget process.

Mr. Fay said this is the first level of the budget process, and SPL's response is due to the City Budget Office (CBO) on March 6. He said his team is working quickly on this and all other work is put on the back burner as they move through this effort. He said new projections will come in around April 1, after which CBO will provide the Library with additional guidance. He said final budget recommendations go to CBO and the mayor on June 4. He said the mayor will review information from June through the middle of August, and will present his budget to City Council in late August.

Referring to Mr. Fay's earlier report, Ms. Mehdi asked why more libraries are not participating in the Books Unbanned program. Mr. Fay said the program carries additional expense as well as political ramifications for some. He said some libraries have gone a different route, such as Chicago Public Library's book sanctuary approach, or book ban programs. He said many libraries are also responding simply by keeping books on the shelf. Mr. Fay said the Books Unbanned effort requires private money. He said very few libraries have a foundation anywhere near as strong as SPL's. Ms. Mehdi said she understands that politics plays into it, and said there should be rallying around the idea of not banning books. Mr. Fay said there is a lot of effort and conversation nationally around banning. He said libraries are all supporting colleagues where they can. He said it is on everyone's mind and was discussed at the EBSCO Advisory Board meeting as a key issue that libraries face.

Ms. Mehdi asked about EBSCO's position on the reduction in periodicals and how that kind of journalism will be replaced or cataloged for use by patrons. Mr. Fay said the Library subscribes to magazines because many people like the tactile element. He said the medium has continued to decline, and magazines that remain are thinner. He said more and more, articles are being seen in databases. He said databases have a wealth of information that is both academic and popular. He said the Library subscribes to databases for patrons to find that information. Mr. Fay said there are also services like "Flipster" that provide online access that looks like a physical magazine but in digital format. He said there is more available now in the digital realm than the Library ever had in paper.

Mr. Hairston asked about the plan for open positions. Mr. Fay said all of the critical director positions have been filled. He said leadership will talk about roughly 30 current vacancies and determine how to proceed. Ms. Mehdi said, as Library leadership looks at models for operational changes, she feels that predictability is a key asset in setting hours so that patrons understand when the Library is open. She said, rather than doing a two-step reduction, it may be better to make changes once and think about how those savings might benefit in 2025 and allow for more predictability. Mr. Fay said the Library will try to achieve what it needs to in one pass. He said there is always the possibility that the economy will get tougher and different numbers will be presented, necessitating another shift in 2026. He said, conversely, if things get better, the Library doesn't want to cut too deep if it can restore some of what was cut. He said SPL learned a lot during the pandemic. He said the Library now has a centralized scheduling office that does amazing work, as well as different models to draw from. He said a lot of work went into those pieces, so the Library should be in good shape to move through this effort. He said there is a lot to look at between now and March 6. He said the Library will try to make sure the public is aware as soon as possible, and the Library has cued the mayor that there will be a fairly immediate impact if changes to operating hours are made.

Mr. Fay said he hoped the trustees had a chance to review the reports in the meeting packet. He said circulation has increased by about one million this year compared to last year, and numbers are bounding back. He said numbers of active users are also trending in a positive direction. He said circulation of physical materials continue to dip as people get more familiar with digital materials, but it isn't going down at the same precipitous rate as it once had, and it does bump up at times from month to month. Mr. Fay asked trustees to read the report on Facilities, Maintenance, Janitorial, and Custodial accomplishments. He said there are great staff working every day who are not often seen because they are working overnight and very early in the morning to keep the buildings safe, clean, and healthy for staff and patrons. Mr. Fay said there is also a good report by the Communications Office reviewing their 2023 work. He said Head of Communications Laura Gentry has embedded her team into major projects and issues throughout the system so that they are side-by-side with committees and work groups to fully understand internal and external communications and to provide strategic guidance in how to move through communications plans. Ms. Mehdi thanked the Facilities staff who don't often get the accolades they deserve for keeping staff and patrons safe, and who are just as important as folks on the front line in making sure the overall experience is good. She also thanked the Communications team for a well written and thoughtful report.

Ms. Mehdi said the "Coffee and Conversations" program that was highlighted is very impressive. She said they took a very sad situation and it turned it into an opportunity to provide customer service, which is phenomenal, and that staff team is to be applauded as well. Mr. Fay said staff teams did a good job of supporting the public through the recent cold weather, and were able to open the Central Library one hour early on a very cold morning. He said staff at the Ballard Branch, where a patron died in his car overnight, created healing sessions and time and space for people to gather. Mr. Fay said it was an illustration of both the empathy and the public service of Library staff and how they step up in challenging situations.

Systems Reports

Community Resource and Social Services Update

Mr. Fay introduced Assistant Managing Librarian of the Quick Information Center Daniel Tilton and Community Resource Specialist Laura Harrington. Mr. Tilton said Ms. Harrington joined the Library in August. He said, in addition to directly serving the public, she is the program manager for the Library's in-house Social Services program. Ms. Harrington said her time with the Library has been a steep learning curve. She said her career up to this point has been entirely at the University of Washington (UW). She said she worked on administrative policy at UW focused on youth programs and creating safe youth engagement at the university, and before that worked directly with college students in academic advising. She said the Library work is a pivot, but it has been wonderful and inspiring to build on the work the team has been doing and determine ways the Library can help.

Mr. Tilton said when he addressed the Library Board in August, he spoke about the Library's pre-pandemic model for the Community Resources program, which had been contracted through the Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC). He said creating an in-house model allowed the Library to shift its focus to supporting frontline staff and building capacity to better deliver social services, reference and referral. He said the team considers this work to be core information service. He said the new model also allows the team to build partnerships with other agencies and social service providers. He said the team was in the beginning stages of convening a system-wide Social Services workgroup in August, and also began to develop programming and create reference guides and resource maps. He said libraries are a natural place to connect patrons with social services. Mr. Tilton said the team's charge is to help patrons meet their basic needs to ensure they have access to a full range of Library services, including spaces, collections, and programming to meet their needs.

Ms. Harrington said the Social Services Workgroup has guided and informed a lot of the work. She said the group meets monthly, led by Social Services Librarian Dillon Baker, and includes staff representatives from each SPL region, Community Engagement & Economic Development (CEED), and Security. She said CEED oversees the Bookmobile as well as the Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) Lab for patrons who might have disabilities or need adaptive technology, and they also do a lot of community engagement programming. She said staff representatives extend capacity and provide connection with the branches. Ms. Harrington said the group's goals are to create a place to identify regional needs and work to begin filling those needs. She said they also share best practices, templates, and tools. She said, in partnership with the work group, the team's work falls into three major categories: programs, partnerships, and direct service to patrons.

Ms. Harrington said the team's programs are an opportunity for connection between staff and patrons, as well as between patrons themselves, to help them feel more welcome in Library spaces and more aware of resources the Library can provide or connect them to. She said examples include Young Adult Drop-Ins, a March resource fair that will bring providers to the Central Library to connect with patrons, and standalone programs around timely topics. She said the Coffee and Conversations program, launched in August, is now held weekly at the Central Library and Ballard Branch, and helps Library staff and partner organizations to meet patrons in an unstructured way.

Ms. Harrington said partnerships are the team's second priority due to their role as connectors. She said to meet community needs and make accurate and actionable referrals, the team visits other organizations to educate themselves about available services. She said they also bring partners on site so patrons can receive services at the Library. She said a goal is to understand where SPL fits into the network of resources and services to fill gaps and make connections. She said an example is the team's relationship with the Regional Homelessness Authority that allows SPL team members to join

daily coordination calls to talk directly with providers who are offering services, emergency shelter and supplies, and then to create and distribute resources to Library staff to share with patrons. She said 70 patrons received flyers with referral information during a recent week of very cold weather.

Ms. Harrington said the team's third priority is providing direct service to patrons, believing that social service information should be core to library services. She said the team works with patrons to identify resources and distributes targeted supplies to help patrons remain in the Library successfully. She said they work closely with the Security team to do crisis intervention and de-escalation, and works to help staff system-wide to feel more confident in providing these services to patrons. She said the team thinks of their role as supporting staff with additional training and resources and to help those who are not yet confident in these skills. Ms. Harrington said the team has developed strategies to support branches including consultations by phone, email, or instant message, and virtual drop-in hours for staff to ask questions, troubleshoot, or brainstorm. She said they are also working to connect branch staff to resources in their areas by creating resource maps for branches with service information and contact information for local resources. She said they are thinking about ways to bring Coffee and Conversations to additional locations and ways to have resource fairs as well.

Ms. Harrington said the team is working on a comprehensive staff survey to better understand staff needs. She said they are also hoping to expand their Masters of Social Work Practicum Program by inviting more students to join in the next academic year and connecting those students to branches so that branches would have a person on site for part of the week to answer questions in real time. She said the team wants to increase services to branches by strengthening communication, building a staff training program with a focus on building social service knowledge and skills, and increasing engagement with partners for stronger connections.

Mr. Chew said he has been doing some work with the Refugee Artisan Initiative in Lake City, which works with refugee women to repurpose fabric from Goodwill and other sources. He said it is a workforce development model for many Afghani women who are supporters of their families. He said the organization has talked about doing programming work and asked if the Lake City Branch might be a place where they can do programming and talk about their experiences. He asked who they should contact. Ms. Harrington said she would be happy to connect with the organization.

Mr. Reich thanked Ms. Harrington for the report and examples. He asked how many external partnership organizations there are, and how the team measures its success. Ms. Harrington said the team tries to think about the most important resources to connect to in terms of highest needs, which are in shelter and housing, case management, mental health services and other basic needs such as hygiene, food, and access to banks for those services. She said they connected with approximately 32 of those organizations in the past year for site visits or informational calls. She said the team is learning a lot about what is or isn't out there and what capacity there may be to help Library patrons. Ms. Harrington said the team is not directly able to measure success. She said they aren't able to measure success by patrons accessing resources because sometimes the resource just isn't there, or it doesn't have capacity, or the patron isn't ready to access it, or the patron has a barrier the Library isn't able to help them surmount. She said the team's success comes in making positive connections with patrons and in seeing patrons come to the Library with questions and trusting the information SPL provides to them is correct. She said another way the team is successful is by how well they are embedded into the community so that external organizations know about everything the Library does and are able to refer patrons to the Library as well. She said doing a good job of communicating Library services in a reciprocal exchange is a success.

Ms. Mehdi said a third measure of success would be in how comfortable Library staff are in doing the work that the team trains them to do. Ms. Mehdi asked if the Library could survey its partners to know if partners are finding their work being eased by what the Library is doing. Ms. Mehdi said she is very impressed by the team's work, and the idea of a train-the-trainer system within the Library is brilliant. Ms. Harrington thanked Ms. Mehdi for the idea of serving partners and said it's important to capture how folks are thinking differently about how the Library is helping. Mr. Tilton said there are many ways to work with partners and to serve partners. He said the Library has memorandums of agreement with extended partnerships which include an evaluation process. He said in some cases, the Library is also a space for partners to come on site to do their work. Mr. Tilton said there are lots of ways of thinking and more than one way the Library fits into the ecosystem.

OLD BUSINESS

Approved 2024 Operations Plan

Mr. Hairston said the Board approved the 2024 Operations Plan at its December 2023 meeting with changes noted during the meeting. He said the approved version has been included in this month's packet for the written record. He said this item is informational only and no further action is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Foundation and Friends of the Library Updates

Mr. Chew said the Foundation Board met on January 10 and approved a new slate of 2024 officers including Sarah Stanley as President, Jen Southwell as Vice President, Nick Momyer as Treasurer, and Jon Jurich as Secretary. He said outgoing President Justo Gonzalez spoke about the past year's work and incredibly successful fundraising of more than \$8 million, which was well above their goal and the highest amount raised since the Libraries For All campaign. He said the Foundation Board will be holding a working retreat on February 10. He said they spoke about strategic planning priorities, and their goal of deepening and strengthening their partnership with the Library. He said they are planning to establish a foundation for fundraising for the Library of the Future, as well as working to ensure that they reaffirm their commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Mr. Reich said the Foundation is a high functioning professional organization, and this year's fundraising figure is extraordinary. He said the Library is very thankful for their support.

Ms. Mehdi said one of the ways the Foundation benefits the Library is through their grant to the Friends of The Seattle Public Library. She said the Friends Board will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month in 2024, and have added a land acknowledgement to their monthly agenda. She said they held an executive session at their January meeting to review and pass their 2024 budget. She said the Friends are thinking about new ways to do their work and connect with communities. She said they have attended farmers' markets and are considering visiting food banks to reach a broader community. Ms. Mehdi said the Friends received a \$15,000 grant from Renee B. Fisher for their Books for Teachers program serving teachers at Title 1 schools. She said FriendShop sales were strong in December, and donations exceeded the previous year by 6.7%. She said she looks forward to attending another year of Friends Board meetings.

Library Foundation and Friends of the Library Updates

Mr. Chew said he will be presenting the audio book version of his memoir at a free program at Town Hall, sponsored by AARP, on February 25. He said recording the audio book was a lot of work. Ms. Mehdi said she is also on the board of Town Hall and she is excited for the program.

ADJOURN

Board President Tali Hairston adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.



The Seattle Public Library

Memorandum

Date: February 29, 2024

To: The Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Tom Fay, Executive Director and Chief Librarian
Rob Gannon, Director of Administrative Services
Nicholas Merkner, Head of Finance & Accounting

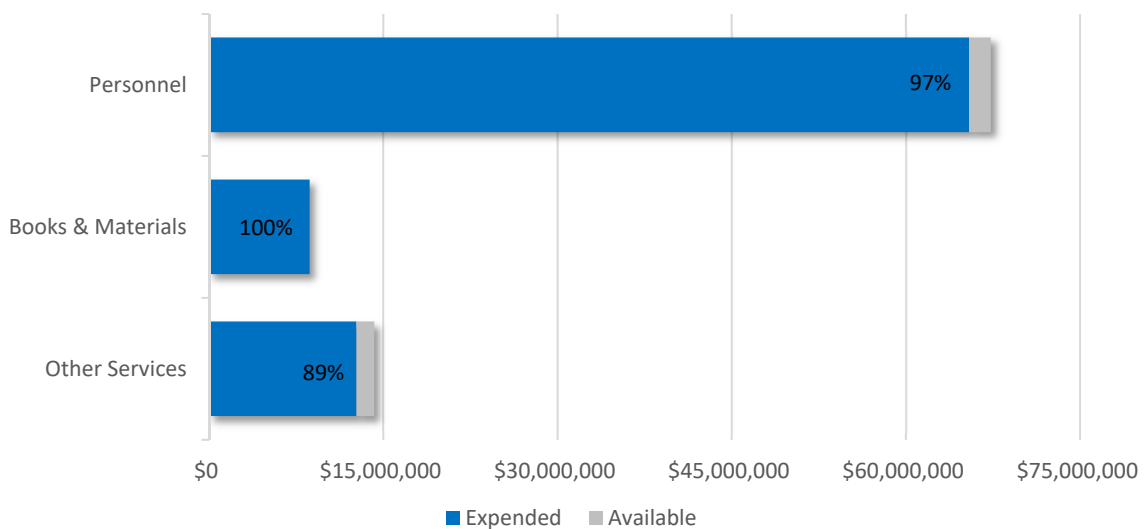
Subject: **Year-End 2023 Financial Reporting**

Overview

Overall, the Library has expended **96%** of its operating budget at year-end. This is well ahead of the prior year when the Library expended **91%** of the operating budget. The key contributors to this underspend were 1) supply chain issues, 2) vendor scheduling conflicts resulting in project completion delays, and 3) elongated recruitment and hiring timelines. Of this unspent budget authority, approximately **\$900,000** is associated with ongoing bodies of work that will be completed in 2024. The Library will partner with the City Budget Office to carry this budget authority over into the new year. Total expenditures at the end of the year were \$87 million.

The chart below provides a high level overview of year-to-date spending by budget group, and also helps to illustrate relative sizes within the Library's operating budget.

YTD Spending vs. Budget (% Spent)



Personnel Services

Personnel costs represent the largest category of expenses at the Library and make up 75% of the operating budget. As of this year-end report all pay periods have successfully ran through central payroll. Spending for personnel ended the year at **97%**. As noted above, hiring timelines encountered by the Library have been elongated due to challenges in the recruitment environment coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-Personnel Services

The largest individual category of expenditures within the non-personnel budget is related to library books and materials—this category represents 9% of the operating budget. The books and materials team closely manages and tracks spending within this area and ended the year at **100%** spent.

Other accounts which represent 16% of the operating budget—and include equipment, services, and supplies—are **89%** expended. As noted above, **approximately \$900,000** of this balance is related to projects that are in progress and will be carried-forward to 2024. Factoring this carry-forward against year-to-date spending places the Library at 96% committed in this category.

Revenues

The Library ended the year with total revenue collections of **\$769,000**. Compared to a budget of \$584,000, this represents \$185,000 in collections beyond the target. Over the past three years the delta between actual revenues and pre-COVID revenues (\$866,000) has been funded via use of accumulated Library fund balance. This year's higher than projected revenue collection is good news as it means additional fund balance can be retained, and represents a limited source of flexibility for out-year planning purposes.

Action Requested: Library Board consideration of Year-End 2023 Operating Budget financial reporting for approval at February 29, 2024 meeting. Comments or feedback are welcome.

Expenditure Control for December 2023

Amounts in \$1,000s	Revised Budget*	Current Month Expenditures	Year to Date Expenditures	% Expend	Balance of Budget
Personnel Services					
Salaries	43,657	4,604	42,522	97%	1,135
Benefits	23,659	2,132	22,926	97%	734
Personnel Services Sub-Total	\$67,316	\$6,736	\$65,448	97%	\$1,869
Books and Library Materials					
Books & Materials	8,647	721	8,663	100%	(16)
Books and Library Materials Sub-Total	\$8,647	\$721	\$8,663	100%	(\$16)
Other Services and Charges					
Central Costs	2,814	319	2,827	100%	(13)
Equipment - IT & Facilities	3,162	292	2,536	80%	626
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	314	59	285	91%	29
Operating Supplies	519	115	591	114% (A)	(72)
Other Expenses	690	102	497	72%	193
Other Maintenance	707	76	674	95%	33
Phone, Wireless & Internet	546	56	412	75%	134
Professional Services	738	55	679	92%	59
Software	751	131	679	90%	72
Staff Training & Travel	334	15	116	35%	218
Vehicle Costs	280	(23)	291	104% (A)	(11)
Facilities - Space Rental & Utilities	1,768	231	1,915	108% (A)	(147)
Facilities - Building & Grounds Maint	1,161	130	819	70%	343
Facilities - Garage Debt Service	450	-	386	86%	64
Other Services and Charges Sub-Total	\$14,235	\$1,559	\$12,707	89%	\$1,528
TOTAL LIBRARY OPERATING BUDGET	\$90,198	\$9,016	\$86,818	96%	\$3,381

Footnotes:

* Includes \$1.2M in prior year encumbrance and grant budget authority; \$838k in legislated carry-forward and mid-year supplemental authority

(A) Overspending related to this category to be covered by cumulative underspending in other areas of the Library's budget

Revenue Control for December 2023

	Revenue Budget	Current Month Revenue	Year to Date Revenue Collected	% Collected
Operations Plan Other Library Revenue				
Lost Material Fees	110,000	6,395	116,639	106%
Central Library Parking Garage Fees	240,000	23,707	337,309	141%
Copy Services/Pay for Print	110,000	13,642	106,652	97%
Space Rental (Private & Inter-Departmental)	76,050	14,642	132,917	175%
Book Sale Consignment	45,000	4,429	67,528	150%
Coffee Cart & Miscellaneous (vending machines, etc.)	3,000	211	8,401	280%
TOTAL LIBRARY GENERATED REVENUES				
	\$584,050	\$63,025	\$769,446	132%

Footnotes:

The Library's 2023 revenue budget of \$584k is \$282k below pre-COVID revenues (\$866k)



The Seattle Public Library

Date: February 29, 2024
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Tom Fay, Executive Director and Chief Librarian
Re: February 2024 Chief Librarian's Report


1. On January 30, we held the first in a series of Virtual Open Office Hours for Library staff with Library leaders. We have created this monthly series as a virtual space to get to know one another better, share information about Library work, and provide an opportunity for discussion and questions. In this first session, approximately 80 staff members joined me and ten members of my Leadership Council. Not surprisingly, a majority of staff questions focused on the just-announced City of Seattle hiring freeze and what that may mean for the Library. Staff are encouraged to attend these sessions and offer questions or input about any topic of their choosing. Sessions are recorded for those who aren't able to participate live. We are pleased to continue to expand avenues for internal information sharing and exchange.
2. On February 5, Community Partnerships and Government Relations Program Manager Kiersten Nelson and I gave a "Library 101" briefing to Seattle City Councilmember Maritza Rivera and her staff. We were grateful for their time and interest, and were pleased for the opportunity to present an overview of the Library system's operations, work, and goals to the new Councilmember. We look forward to growing a deep and supportive relationship with Councilmember Rivera. We also continue to seek opportunities for substantive information sharing with the other new members of City Council.
3. I attended the Washington State Public Library Directors Winter Meeting on February 8-9. The two-day meeting was hosted by King County Library System at their Burien Library. Public library directors from around the state convened to hear about pressing topics in our field including artificial intelligence, capital improvements, trauma-informed care, and more. The semi-annual meetings are an invaluable opportunity for discussion and information sharing and collaboration in our region.
4. The Seattle Times and The Seattle Public Library are piloting a monthly book recommendation column. In the first column, published February 9, SPL's Reader Services Librarian Misha Stone wove together themes of the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day to create a fun kickoff to this new literary offering!
<https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/books/celebrate-valentines-day-and-the-super-bowl-with-5-football-romance-books/>.
5. On February 14, I joined representatives from the Library, Foundation, and Friends in attending the annual Library Legislative Day in Olympia. Our productive day included

meetings with Northwest library professionals and members of the Seattle legislative delegation. We presented tailored information to representatives and senators, and extended offers for the legislators to visit SPL locations to further the conversations and deepen the connections and opportunities for learning.

6. February 19-20, I attended the Knight Foundation's annual Library Leaders Conference in Miami, Florida. The Knight Foundation supports effective democracy by funding free expression and journalism, arts and culture in community, and research in areas of media and democracy. They hold an annual conference for libraries in recognition of the fundamental role libraries play in enhancing informed and engaged communities. It is an honor for The Seattle Public Library to be included in this group of thought partners.
7. The Northeast Branch is scheduled to reopen on March 4. The Library completed major renovations to the branch, including the modernization of mechanical and electrical systems and replacement of the gas-powered furnace with an electric HVAC system. Significant but unavoidable delays in electrification work by Seattle City Light caused a timeline delay, but staff returned to the building on February 26, and we are eager to reopen to patrons next week. When the Northeast Branch reopens, its pickup lockers and meeting rooms will also become available for use. The Northgate Branch, which had temporarily expanded open hours while Northeast was closed, will return to its normal schedule on February 29.
8. I am pleased to report that the fourth and final Director position has been filled. The Library will welcome Kai Tang in mid-March. Kai comes to us from Richland Library in Columbia, South Carolina, where she is Director of Library Experience, Branches. At Richland Library, Kai leads Una Voz, a staff group dedicated to language justice, and the amplification and encouragement of Spanish-speaking, English as a Second Language, and English Language Learners. She is also the champion for an Asian American Pacific Islander Employee Resource Group. Kai joined the South Carolina and Columbia Food Policy Committees, focused on increased access to healthy foods, combatting food deserts and food swamps, and advocating for policies to address food insecurities. We are excited to have her join our team.

Meetings and events during this reporting period:

- a. Board Meetings: Monthly Library Board of Trustees meeting; monthly meeting of Library and Friends leadership; Library Foundation Board Retreat.
- b. Standing Meetings: Compensation Committee; Senior Management Team; Monthly Managers meeting; Union/Leadership meetings; Foundation CEO/Chief Librarian bi-monthly meetings; Strategic Planning Core Team meetings.
- c. Library Talks, Meetings, Interviews and Visits: KCLS Director meetings; Metro area library director meetings; OCLC Public Library Directors Roundtable; Urban Libraries Council Director/CEO meeting; UW iSchool MLIS Advisory Board Meeting; Washington Public Library Directors Winter Meeting; Library Legislative Day in Olympia; Knight Foundation Library Leaders Conference in Miami.
- d. City Meetings, Events and Programs: "Library 101" briefing for Councilmember Rivera and staff; meeting with City of Seattle Interim Chief Technology Officer; City of Seattle Black History Month Flag Raising; Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

LIBRARY AT A GLANCE 					
Active Users – Last 12 Months	292K	↑ 1%	Monthly Users – Digital	106K	*
Monthly Questions Answered	58K	↓ -6%	Monthly Circulation – Digital	639K	↓ -1%
			Monthly Circulation – Physical	481K	↓ -3%
			Monthly Users – Physical	41K	↓ -7%

The percent of change is a comparison to prior month data. Physical circulation includes renewals. *Recalculated value not comparable to prior month.



IN FOCUS: Coffee and Conversations

The Library is a community hub for informal gatherings and supportive services through "Coffee and Conversations."

Overview: "Coffee and Conversations"

In 2023, The Central Library and the Ballard Branch began offering "Coffee and Conversations" — programs that bring patrons and staff together for informal discussions. These weekly coffee-and-pastry offerings have allowed patrons to get to know library staff in a casual setting.

Social service referrals are a crucial component of these events. When staff learn about immediate needs during these conversations, they refer patrons to the Library's Social Services team for direct assistance.

How Coffee and Conversations Lead To Social Services Referrals



Coffee and refreshments are served. Staff engage in conversations, moving between tables.

In these conversations, some patrons disclose a crisis, such as the lack of sleeping bag or needing help finding shelter.



The Library's Social Services team finds a solution to those needs, such as making a referral to a shelter or sourcing a sleeping bag.

How it Started: Community After a Tragedy

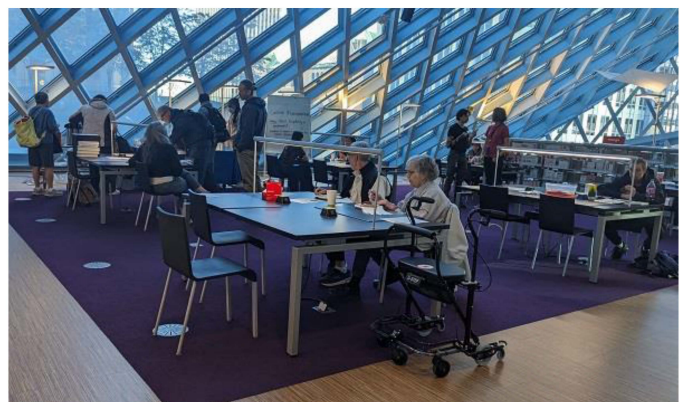
Following the death of a homeless patron in February 2023, Ballard Branch staff started Coffee and Conversations as place for community mourning.

Following success at the Ballard Branch, Coffee and Conversations expanded to the Central Library in August.



What Patrons Say

"This is my favorite activity of the week. I usually just come here to use the computer and printer, but now I get to get to know people in the Library"



LIBRARY AT A GLANCE



IN FOCUS: Print Book Collection and Use

More patrons are returning to an increasingly diverse print collection

Overview: Print Book Collection and Use

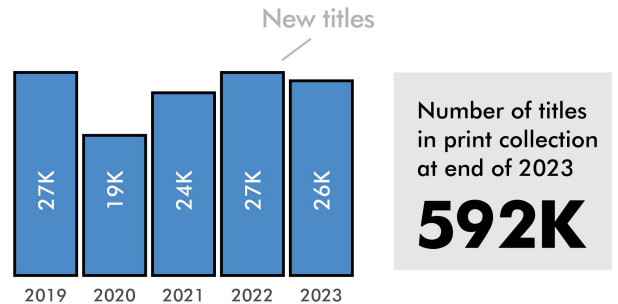
Over the past five years, the Library print collection has undergone significant transformations, reflecting shifts in demographics, borrowing habits, and policy changes.

User-friendly lending policies, such as the elimination of fines and the introduction of automatic renewals, have led to longer borrowing periods and a rebound in print collection use. Even with these changes, the vast majority of books are still returned on time.

Despite the increase in e-book checkouts as previously reported, our print collection continues to be a vital resource for community learning and leisure.

Growth of Print Collection

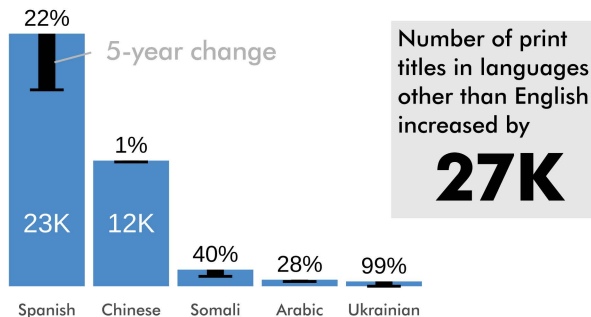
Number of titles added to the print collection



123K new print titles were added and 113K old titles were weeded in the last five years for a net gain of 10,000 titles.

Responsive World Languages Collection

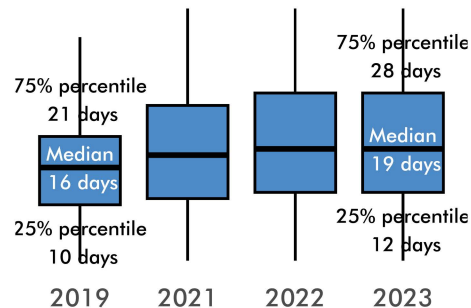
5-year change in number of titles in collection by language



Collection staff have actively expanded the World Languages Collection to align with Seattle's evolving demographics. Our collection includes books in 50+ world languages.

Lending Changes Lead to Longer Checkouts

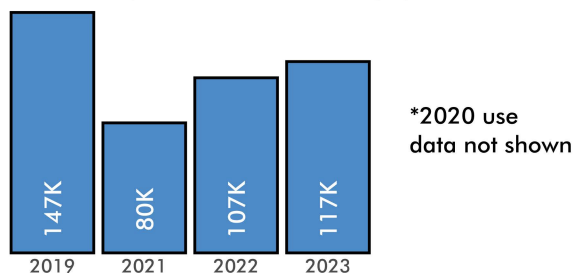
Length of picture book checkouts, limited to on-time returns



Picture books were checked out four days longer on average in 2023 than in 2019, leading to potentially **1.5 million** more bedtime stories.

Print Collection Use Rebounding

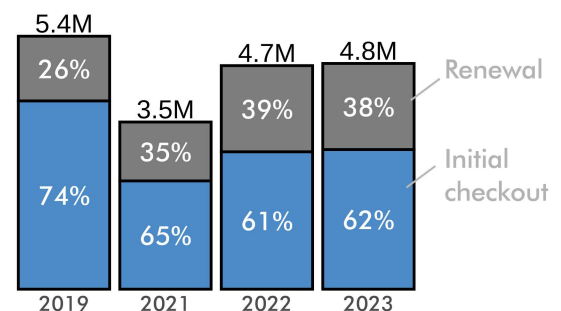
Number of patrons who borrowed physical books



10,000 more patrons borrowed physical books in 2023 than the previous year, reaching 80% of the 2019 total.

Higher Percent of Checkouts are Renewals

Print circulation segmented by initial checkouts and renewals



2/14/2024 – Equity, Learning and Engagement – Virtual and Instruction Services

February 14th, 2024

Jenny Ku, Public Engagement Program Manager

Key goals and outcomes for the Artist in Residence Program are:

- *Highlight and support the ways in which the arts, social justice, civic engagement and the library system intersect and work together to create and hold space for wonder, awe, joy, interpersonal resonance, reflection, community connections and build community resilience.*
- *Increase community engagement by fostering connections between the library system, artists, arts communities and the community at large. A wide variety of programs attracts a diverse audiences and includes the library in new possibilities.*
- *Promote and nurture arts and culture ecosystem by materially supporting artists in their work. Providing the space and platform for artists to develop their work and process and engage with the library system, staff, patrons and community at large.*
- *Support collaboration and innovation by connecting artists, library staff, patrons and community members.*

Artist in Residence Program

Artist in Residence Monyee Chau researched and created two zines with support from SPL librarians and hosted a 'Community Portrait Day' on October 19th. The community portrait day had 18 portraits ([link to zine below](#)). Artist in Residence, Chi Moscou Jackson, is in the research phase of his residency and has connected with Seattle Room Librarians.

The Fruit Salad Show offered two joyful shows and fun workshops in the auditorium on October 14th and November 15th. Fruit Salad show had over 300 attendees over the four programs.

Impact statements from attendees and artists:

The SPL AiR program ultimately allowed an opportunity for me to fall in love with the library once again. I had the chance to experience the zine collection that I would not have been able to otherwise, which deeply informed an area of my practice that I wanted to nurture for a long time. The environment also made space for me to create relationships with the staff and their own work at the library, as well as witness the dedication that many of library patrons have specifically about the Central location. It has impacted my work deeply, and I am grateful for Jenny Ku in helping me shape the program as well as all the staff and patrons I was able to connect with.

Monyee Chau, 2023 Artist in Residence

The AIR program has significantly influenced my creative process, leading to a shift in my approach. I've prioritized fostering creativity, and the flexibility to choose my own project has allowed me to acquire new skills. This, in turn, has resulted in the creation of a new style of work. The AIR workroom is serving as an excellent space for contemplation, and it's great environment for creativity. The AIR program has allowed me to discover new things about Seattle and broaden my artistic horizon.

Chi Moscou Jackson, Current Artist in Residence

Quotes from The Fruit Salad attendees and performers:

"Thank you for providing a space that truly has the ability to nurture & hold our youth, who so desperately need places to know they are loved & supported. Absolutely beautiful show, with so many talented youth performances!" - VenDetta, Drag artist

"This was baby Zia's first show. I think the drag performance was her favorite!" -Lara, audience member

"I haven't seen her that happy and authentic in a minute." - Parent of youth artist, Áine.

"It was amazing to see artists of all different ages come together to create something unique and also really really funny." - Giana, audience member

"Walker was so nervous about being in front of everyone and then could not stop talking about what a great time had! He really came out of his shell" - Jess, parent of youth artist.

"The shows were hilarious and heartwarming AF."- Jackie Miedema, ensemble performer

Zines that Monyee Chau created during their residency can be accessed [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



GATEWAY TO HISTORY

February 14, 2024

Sean Lanksbury, Special Collections Services Manager; Gergana Abernathy, Project Archivist

Paul Dorpat Special Collections' Donation: Phase One

In 2019, Seattle historian and photographer Paul Dorpat, honoring The Seattle Public Library in his words as “the voice of the people”, donated his research archive spanning roughly 160 years (c.1859 – 2019) and containing a multitude of formats: photographic prints, glass plate negatives, plastic negatives, slides, postcards, film, video, audio, art, clippings, research files, reports, draft works, and ephemera. Many of these materials relate to Dorpat’s research for his Now & Then column, several books on Seattle and Washington state history, such as *Building Washington*, and other professional endeavors such as lectures, tours and videos.

Dorpat was also a co-founder, along with Walt Crowley and Marie McCaffrey, of [HistoryLink](#), an online encyclopedia of Washington state history formally launched in 1999. In addition to his historical interests, Dorpat helped found the *Helix*, Seattle’s first underground newspaper, published from March 1967 to June 1970 to capture the area’s 1960s counterculture. He was involved in several festivals around the region, including The Piano Drop, and the Sky River Festival and Lighter than Air Fair in 1968.

This significant donation received initial press coverage and was held as received throughout the pandemic shutdown. In the meantime, word spread between local historians, patrons, and scholars at prestigious institutions nationally and globally. Special Collections maintained communications with Paul and many of his associates during this time, in order to assure readiness to act upon reopening. The library approved a proposal crafted to rehouse, process and describe this remarkable collection without further delay and with appropriate care. The proposal was made possible through funding generously provided by The Seattle Public Library Foundation.

With this funding, we were able to hire an experienced project archivist, Gergana Abernathy, to perform the work, purchase necessary preservation supplies and obtain a lease for additional collection space. This space allows work to proceed uninterrupted through the relocation from public space meant for patron research into a secure workspace that is appropriately sized for processing work adjacent to contiguous storage for the considerable amount of donated materials and preservation supplies. With these critical needs addressed, we began the first phase of work, determining preservation needs, systematic rehousing of materials, sorting and arrangement, and identifying select digitization candidates.



Addressing preservation needs

To facilitate arrangement, description and public access to the collection, initial work focused on stabilization of the materials and addressing at-risk materials through systematic rehousing. Every box was reviewed for preservation concerns and all materials within were organized and placed into appropriate acid-free containers. Much of the material has not been touched in years, in some cases even decades, leading to damaged glass materials, rusted fasteners, deteriorating papers, crumpled or loose items in boxes, and potentially inaccessible obsolete media carriers such as zip disks.

Due to the diversity of formats in the collection, different approaches were taken to ensure the safety of the materials. 35mm and 120mm negatives are the predominant photographic format. These required individual sleeving in clear archival plastic that allows for safe handling by librarians and patrons. We also identified approximately 800 glass plate negatives, ranging in date from the 1880s to the 1910s. These plates were individually housed in acid-free enclosures and placed into glass plate storage boxes to prevent cracks and breaks. Damaged plates were further separated and

identified as digitization targets in order to serve the content to the public while keeping the objects from further damage.



Documents and other paper-based materials were placed in acid-free folders, removing rusted fasteners, and ensuring appropriate spacing in boxes to avoid long-term slumping or crushing damage or to mitigate the damage that had already affected the files. Often, the preservation strategy was to rehouse in larger folders and containers to address extreme fraying that could potentially lead to loss of content. In other cases, original containers housing mixed media required separation of materials to avoid negative effects the materials could have on each other.

Due to these approaches, the collection size grew from an initial 380 linear feet to 450 and the container count from 361 to 650. While the final counts are likely to shift slightly as more organization continues, we recognize that the collection size will remain substantial.

Impacts of rehousing and stabilization

Prioritizing stabilization has not only enhanced the safety and longevity of the materials, a vital archival function, it has also had an impact on the holistic processing of the collection. It allowed us to survey the material in greater depth, providing context to the content. The outcome is an intellectual arrangement and hierarchy based on major themes found in the collection, such as research and working files for Dorpat's column in *The Seattle Times* and for his books. In addition to Dorpat's own photography, we identified work from several regional photographers collected by Dorpat to add to the breadth of Seattle-area photographic documentation.

Another impact of this work is the discovery of unstable or hard to access formats to migrate such as optical and floppy disks, cassettes, and vinyl discs. This has allowed us to get a better understanding of the collection's digital storage needs that will be required to address both digitized materials and the born-digital files that will be extracted from those media carriers. Finally, we were also able to identify and remove out of scope materials, such as excessive duplicates and materials containing sensitive and personally identifiable information (e.g., medical records, bank account numbers).



Digitization and Future Goals

While rehousing the materials, a small sampling of easily accessible photographic materials was selected for digitization. 52 slides were digitized, described, and uploaded to a [Dorpat page within Digital Collections](#). The *Helix* was also [made available online](#) in 2023.

Several other digitization targets, including at-risk glass plate negatives, will be prioritized as the collection continues to take shape. Digitization of exemplary resources will continue throughout the duration of this project and beyond to highlight local histories through the eyes of Paul Dorpat.

The next phase of this project is determining the appropriate level of description for the diverse

segments of this collection. This will entail expanding existing descriptive notes and creating novel descriptions resulting in a finding aid that assists researchers in navigating the collection. At the same time, we will focus on endangered or inaccessible materials that need advanced preservation work.



The Seattle Public Library

February 29, 2024

To: The Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Tom Fay, Executive Director/Chief Librarian
Brian Sharkey, Human Resources Director

Re: 2023-2026 Local 2083 Collective Bargaining Agreement;
Wage Increase and Retro Pay for Non-Represented Employees

(1) 2023-2026 Local 2083 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Seattle Public Library and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO have concluded contract negotiations for Local 2083 Bargaining Units. The Union has received ratification from their membership as of February 13, 2024. If approved by the Board the new Labor Agreement will be in effect from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

A summary of the changes to the Labor Agreement is attached and includes:

- Annual Wage Increase (AWI) defined for each year of the four year term, with lump sum retro payments for the period from January 1, 2023 until the date the AWI is implemented on the City of Seattle payroll system.
- Wage Study/Adjustment for specified positions
- Union recognition of specified classifications
- Updates to Articles 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, and 26
- Updates to Appendices D and G
- New Appendices and Other Reopener language

The new Labor Agreement was negotiated in a collaborative manner consistent with the Labor-Management Partnership over a period of approximately 18 months, using an interest-based bargaining (IBB) process. SPL leadership supports this Agreement and recommends its adoption.

(2) Wage Increase for Non-Represented Employees

As a matter of practice, the Board has consistently decided to apply the same wage increases to non-represented staff. The Library seeks approval from the Board of Trustees to apply the same AWI adjustments to wages covering non-represented staff outside of the DPP/APEX program for the four-year period 2023-2026; and to apply merit and/or market rate adjustments for DPP/APEX employees. This also includes lump sum retro payments from the period from January 1, 2023 until the date the AWI is implemented on the City of Seattle payroll system. The cost will be incorporated and adjusted via an amendment to the 2024 Operations Plan.

Actions Requested:

(1) Board consideration of new Labor Agreement between The Seattle Public Library Board and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 2083 Bargaining Units for approval at February 29, 2024 Board meeting.

(2) Board consideration of wage increases for non-represented Library employees and merit and/or market adjustments DPP/APEX employees for approval at the February 29, 2024 Board meeting.

Summary of Changes

SPL and Local 2083 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Contract term

The term of the new contract is January 01, 2023 – December 31, 2026 (4 years).

Wage increases

Cost of Living Increases

- Effective January 4, 2023 – five percent (5%).
- Effective January 3, 2024 – four and one half percent (4.5%).
- Effective January 4, 2025 – Actual CPI-W with a minimum of two percent (2%) and a maximum of four percent (4%).
- Effective January 10, 2026 – Actual CPI-W with a minimum of two percent (2%) and a maximum of four percent (4%) plus an additional one percent (1%).

Wage Study / Adjustments

Effective January 4, 2023 the following classifications will receive additional adjustments:

- LA4, Page - 4%
- LA1, LA2, Lead Page – 6%
- Information Technology Specialist 2 – roughly 10% over 2022 rates to match market
- Enterprise Application Analyst – roughly 17% over 2022 rates to match market
- Security Officer, Lead Security Officer, Data Analyst – 8%, with an additional 2.1% increase effective January 10, 2026

Other substantive changes

Article 2 – Union Recognition

- “Floating” and “Intermittent” classifications officially recognized as represented.

Article 7 – Employee rights and Responsibilities and Union Privileges

- “Member training” - Eight hours of Union training negotiated Janus appendix now documented here.
- “Union Leave” — One Local 2083 member at a time may be granted a one year leave of absence to go and work for the Union.

Article 8 – New Employees, Probation, and Changes in Status

- Out-of-class opportunities – Employees may promote to a new, regular position at any time, but must complete probation before accepting temporary out-of-class appointments.
- Union notification – Library must provide enhanced list of data to Union about bargaining unit membership and changes in status.

Article 9 – Grievances

- Employee rights strengthened and codified —Contract now explicitly states that employees are entitled to a grievance meeting, and that the burden of proof rests with the employer who must provide detailed evidence of wrongdoing when pursuing “property level” discipline, where the penalty could be loss of pay in any form.

Article 11 – Classification, Rates of Pay, and Other Compensation

- Step placement – Employees who serve in a temporary out-of-class appointment and promote to a regular position in the same classification within two years may now start the regular appointment at the highest step they gained while OOC, or the step that offers minimum 2% over their previous regular pay, whichever is greater.
- Boot Allowance – Rises to \$300 in 2023, \$325 in 2024, \$350 in 2025, and \$375 in 2026. If a new contract is not in place by January 2027, employees will be able to see reimbursement during that year at the \$375 rate in place for 2026.

Article 12 – Annual Vacation

- Vacation accrual rates – Employees on Schedule A (most employees) will now accrue vacation faster after three full-time-equivalent years with the library, reaching maximum accrual at 25 years instead of 30. The maximum number of hours you can accrue increases for both Schedule A and Schedule B.
- Access to accrued leave – New employees will no longer have to wait six months to access accrued vacation.

Article 13 – Holidays

- New holidays – Juneteenth and Indigenous People’s Day formally added.
- Access to holiday pay – New employees will no longer have to wait 30 days to qualify for holiday pay.
- Access to Floating Holidays – New employees will no longer have to wait six months to qualify for floating holidays; floating holidays will be scheduled following vacation scheduling guidelines.

Article 14 – Sick Leave, FMLA, Bereavement Leave, Jury Duty, Emergency Leave, and Workers’ Compensation

- Access to sick leave – New employees will no longer need to wait thirty days to access accrued sick leave; definition of family member expanded to clearly include legal wards and children for whom the staff member acts in loco parentis.
- Access to FMLA – Definition of family member expanded to include biological, adoptive, step, or foster children, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis, as well as grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings.
- Paid Family Care Leave and Bea’s law – Benefits codified in contract for the first time.

- Bereavement leave – Definition of “relative” expanded to mean any person related to the employee by blood, marriage, adoption, fostering, guardianship, loco parentis, or domestic partnership.
- Emergency leave – Definition expanded to include any emergent “unforeseen occurrence.”

Article 16 – Parental Leave

- Access to parental leave – New language formalized expansion of leave from four weeks to twelve, and formalizing a new legal guardianship as a qualifying event.

Article 19 – Hours of Work

- Shifts less than eight hours will be minimized where operationally feasible; minimum shift length remains four hours.
- Staff working less than 72 hours per pay period will receive two days off in a row each week.
- Employees will continue to be scheduled no more than two nights a week EXCEPT that temporary position special assignments tied to a specific program, outreach, or service may be posted with more than two nights per week. Nights will now be scheduled together when feasible.
- Employees working outside Public Services will retain existing scheduling rights and practices.
- Public Services staff will now have schedules that are fixed for one year at a time, within the following parameters:
 - Every other “weekend” scheduled off (currently “at least every third Saturday off” and at least “every third Sunday off.”)
 - There will be a trade period each year after master templates are distributed and before annual schedules go into effect, where staff in interchangeable position (for the purposes of scheduling) can collaborate to do things like swap nights or establish an every Saturday/every Sunday partnership.
 - If a trade required a waiver and one trading partner leaves their position/SPL, the remaining staff member will have an opportunity to seek a new trading partner. If they cannot find one, their schedule will revert to the initial master schedule to ensure the new hire has a contractually-allowable schedule.
 - If the trade did not require a waiver, the remaining trading partner keeps the schedule they traded for.
 - Two ad hoc trades can be made per month (tracked through initiator) with more trades possible if supervisor and scheduler agree.
 - In the event of layoffs employees retain the right to fixed schedules but the slate of schedules may need to be adjusted before the end of the current year.
- Fixed schedule implementation and one-year review:
 - A labor management committee will be convened to develop an implementation plan if the contract is approved by the membership, including how master schedules are assigned.
 - There will be a contract reopener to review this one year after implementation.
- Shift differential – increases to \$1.25 for evening and \$1.75 for swing.

Article 20 – Work Outside of Classification and Reclassification Requests

- Compensation for LA1 working LA2 shifts – When an LA1 is assigned to work a full shift (of whatever length their shift for that day is) in lieu of an LA2, they will now receive a 5% pay premium for the shift.

Article 21 – Appointments, Promotions, Demotions, and Transfers

- 90 day posting pools – Previously, LA1 and LA2 postings created 90 day pools from which subsequent similar vacancies could be filled. Similar pools will now be possible for Library Associate IV, Librarian, Float and Intermittent staff, Delivery Driver, Janitor, Custodian, Security Officer, and AMHS Operator. “Similar vacancy” for additional classifications will be within the same “branch or work unit” rather than within the same region.
- Grant-funded temporary positions for which the term of the grant is more than two years may now be posted for the expected duration of the grant; in this circumstance, the two year limit on a temporary position will not apply.

Article 25 – Educational Development

- JLMC funds – Intermittent staff will now be eligible to receive funds to cover the cost of approved, optional training, to take place on personal time. (JLMC does not oversee who gets to attend training on paid time.)

Article 26 – Library Facilities and Safety

- Minimum staffing – Incremental improvement to minimum staffing description, bringing contract into line with practice and setting the stage for further labor/management work between contracts.
- Safety Committee – Language cleanup brings contract into line with current practice and law.
- Health and Safety — Added language from coalition agreement formalizes stronger hazard reporting and response processes as well as ergonomic assessment practices.

Appendix D – Floating and Intermittent Employees

- Additional classifications added – The Library will now be able to hire Floating and Intermittent LA1Is and LA1Vs, as well as Intermittent Janitors and Custodians.
- A limit of 14 floating employees will be established.
- Access to JLMC funds — As noted above, Intermittent employees will now have access to reimbursement for the cost of employee-requested local and virtual training when approved by JLMC.
- Intermittent employee scheduling – Intermittent members may now receive schedules up to seven days in advance.
- Small changes were made to the daily call-in timeframe and procedure for Floating and Intermittent staff on days they are not pre-scheduled to work.

Appendix G – Security Officer Addendum

- Updates made to reflect changes in classification titles.
- Right to a level 2 vest now formally codified.
- Shift differential – increases to \$1.25 for evening and \$1.75 for swing.

New Appendices and Other Follow-up Commitments

- New appendix E, Change Team reopener — The Coalition and City will engage in Interest based Bargaining over city-wide Change Team staff support; the Library and Union will meet to bargain any TAs that come from this, if any result.
- New appendix F, Telework — Telework process, including Union engagement, now codified in the contract.
- New Appendix G, Staff Support after Serious Incident — The Library has formalized its commitment to improving staff support and continuing to work with the Union; headway made at the Coalition table in this negotiation around the seriousness of this issue and the importance of affected staff members not relying on personal leave following a serious incident will be pursued here.
- Encampment cleanup — The Library will track ongoing discussions between the Coalition and City regarding safety and support to staff who are tasked with cleaning up encampments.

(Note: Commas and typos were also fixed throughout the document.)

20~~23~~¹⁹ through 20~~26~~²¹

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WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF COUNTY AND CITY EMPLOYEES,
AFSCME, AFL-CIO
Local 2083 Bargaining Units
Seattle Public Library Employees
and
Seattle Public Library Security Officers**

This Agreement is between The Seattle Public Library Board (hereinafter called the Board) and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME Local 2083 Seattle Public Library Employees and Seattle Public Library Security Officers (hereinafter called the Union) for the purpose of setting conditions of employment of employees in the Local 2083 Bargaining Unit for whom the Board has recognized the Union as the collective bargaining representative.

For purposes of administering this Agreement, the term “Board” shall be construed as the City Librarian and/or their designee.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Supplemental Addendum to this Master Agreement, the provisions of this Master Agreement shall be applicable to all employees in the respective bargaining units covered herein.

PREAMBLE

The Board and the Union agree that providing high quality services (effective, efficient and uninterrupted) to the patrons of The Seattle Public Library, while maintaining a work environment in which all Library employees are treated with dignity and respect and are valued for their individual and team contributions, is their mutual objective. In order to achieve that objective, this Agreement sets forth fair and reasonable compensation and working conditions for the employees of The Seattle Public Library (hereinafter called the Library) achieved through the collective bargaining process.

The Board and the Union have formed a partnership in a joint effort to sustain and enhance an organizational culture grounded in a cooperative labor-management relationship. This labor-management relationship reflects the following principles:

- We promote an understanding of the problems, challenges and opportunities facing the Library, the Union, and the workforce, and will seek ways to jointly and reasonably address them.

- We recognize that the continued enhancement of an organizational culture characterized by sustained cooperative relationships is a long-term effort requiring perseverance, patience and trust.
- We promote the development of a shared vision of our collaborative relationship and will take steps to realize this vision in all levels of the Library.
- We recognize the clear connection between our collaborative relationship-building, the collective bargaining process, and our Joint Labor-Management Committee structure.
- We emphasize collaboration and deal with each other in an environment of trust.
- We seek to preserve our collaborative relationship when addressing difficult issues.

The following are characteristics of the Library's and the Union's labor-management relationship:

- We treat each other with dignity and respect.
- We listen to each other and communicate openly and candidly.
- We keep each other informed, in a timely manner, of critical issues affecting the workplace and pledge meaningful action based on that information.
- We expect that employees, supervisors and managers will work well together.
- We acknowledge our mutual obligation to help employees, supervisors and managers understand and adjust to new roles and ways of relating to one another that support our collaborative relationship.
- We support the active engagement of employees in a variety of ways, including participation on committees chartered by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian Team and other forums.
- We provide a safe place for the early and continued discussion of operational problems, plans, and ideas.
- We facilitate direct communication between labor and management leaders.
- We strive to ensure that ideas are shared and information is disseminated throughout the organization.
- We solve problems collaboratively and seek to build consensus.
- We address conflicts constructively.
- We communicate candidly and follow through on commitments we make to each other.
- We share information on issues of mutual concern, as well as reliable, substantive information on Library operations and costs.

ARTICLE 1 – WARRANTY OF AUTHORITY

The officials executing this Agreement on behalf of the Employer and the Union subscribing hereto are acting under the authority of R.C.W. 41.56 to collectively bargain on behalf of the organizations they represent.

ARTICLE 2 – UNION RECOGNITION

Section 1. The Board hereby recognizes the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of all regular full-time and regular part-time employees employed within the bargaining unit defined in Appendix A of this Agreement and as certified by the Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC), excluding temporary employees.

Section 2. The following define terms used in Section 1 of this Article:

- Regular full-time employees - Those employees who are hired to work in other than a temporary status eighty (80) hours in a two-week pay period.
- Regular part-time employees - Those employees who are hired to work in other than a temporary status at least forty (40) hours, but less than eighty (80) hours in a two-week pay period.
- Temporary employees - Those employees who are newly hired to the Library for a stated length of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months to fill a regular Library position because of a vacancy due to regular employees' leaves of absence, an extended recruitment period prior to filling the position by regular appointment, the completion of a project or a similar reason. Temporary employees may be initially hired for a period of time that exceeds twelve (12) months or may have their initial appointments extended beyond twelve months of continuous employment provided that the temporary employee's total, continuous employment shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months and provided further that such initial appointments or extensions of temporary employment beyond twelve months shall have the concurrence of the Union.
- Floating employees - Those employees who are used to fill essential shifts due to vacations, sick calls or other short term absences. Floating employees are guaranteed forty (40) hours but less than eighty (80) hours per pay period.
- Intermittent employees - Those employees who are employed to fill short-term and/or emergency assignments only.

Any temporary employee shall be covered by the provisions of this Agreement that affect regular full-time or part-time employees except for provisions relating to layoff and recall and general leaves of absence whose:

- A. Assignment upon hire is for a period of twelve (12) months, or
- B. Original or subsequent assignments total a continuous working period in excess of six (6) months, if they meet the hours criterion.

In case of layoff, Article 23, Section 3 becomes applicable. The Library shall provide the Union with a current roster of temporary employees, including their hire dates, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of a written request from the Union.

Temporary employees covered in A, above shall, within thirty (30) days following the date of employment, shall be considered represented by the Union consistent with Article 4, Section 3. Such temporary employees shall be eligible to receive health care benefits as provided for in Article 17 according to the same provisions as for regular employees.

The hours criterion for temporary employees in B, above shall be defined as working forty (40) hours or more in each of thirteen (13) consecutive pay periods. Eligible temporary employees:

- A. Who meet the hours criterion shall be eligible to receive three (3) months of the health care benefits as provided for in Article 17 and shall continue to receive health care benefits in three (3) month increments for as long as they continue to meet the hours criterion.

- B. Shall accrue and be eligible to use benefits provided for in Articles 12, 13 and 14 according to the same provisions as for regular employees.
- C. Who are subsequently appointed to a regular position without a break in service shall be eligible to accrue and use the benefits provided for in Articles 12, 13 and 14 as if the employee were regular at the time of initial hire.
- D. Who are appointed to a regular position without a break in service shall be in probationary status for one year in accordance with Article 8, commencing with the date of appointment to the regular position.

ARTICLE 3 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

Employees shall be treated in a fair and equitable manner. Rules, standards, regulations and policies affecting bargaining unit employees will be uniformly applied considering all relevant circumstances.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

Section 1. The Board agrees that the Union has the right to encourage all employees in the bargaining unit to become and remain members in good standing of the Union, and the Union accepts its responsibility to represent fairly all employees in the bargaining unit regardless of membership status. Neither party shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on account of membership in or non-membership in any labor organization or other employee organizations.

Section 2. Deduction of Union Dues. Upon receipt of written authorization of the employee, the Employer shall deduct dues uniformly levied against Union members, once each month, from all such members and transfer that amount to ~~the Union Treasurer~~Council 2. The employee shall submit such written authorization to Payroll. The deduction of dues shall be reflected on the employee's paycheck.

The employer agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved. The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the Employer and The Employer shall honor the terms and conditions of each worker's Union payroll deduction authorization(s) for the purposes of dues deduction only. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the Employer for deducting dues from Union members, including those that have communicated a desire to revoke a previous deduction authorization, along with all other issues related to the deduction of dues or fees.

The Employer will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the bargaining unit. The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee's normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.

The Employer will require all new employees to attend a New Employee Orientation (NEO) within thirty (30) days of hire. The NEO will include an at-minimum thirty (30) minute presentation by a Union representative to all employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. At least five (5) working days before the date of the NEO, the Employer shall provide the Union with a list of names of their bargaining unit attending the Orientation.

The individual Union meeting and NEO shall satisfy the Employer's requirement to provide a New Employee Orientation Union Presentation under Washington State law. The City of Seattle, including its officers, supervisors, managers and/or agents, shall remain neutral on the issue of whether any bargaining unit employee should join the Union or otherwise participate in Union activities at the Seattle Public Library.

New Employee and Change in Employee Status Notification: The Employer shall supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employees: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate.

Any employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of payments to their Union by written notice to the Union in accordance with the terms and conditions of their dues authorization. Every effort will be made to end the deductions effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll, after receipt by the Library of confirmation from the Union that the terms of the employee's authorization regarding dues deduction revocation have been met. The Library will refer all employee inquiries or communications regarding union dues to the Union.

Section 3. P.E.O.P.L.E. Checkoff. The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee who is a member of the Union a P.E.O.P.L.E. (Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality) deduction as provided for in a written authorization. Such authorization must be executed by the employee and may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees to remit any deductions made pursuant to this provision promptly to the Union, payable to AFSCME P.E.O.P.L.E., together with an itemized statement showing the name of each employee from whose pay such deductions have been made and the amount deducted during the period covered by the remittance. The Employer will not be obligated to deduct from the wages of any such employees unless a threshold of twenty-five (25) employees is met and maintained.

ARTICLE 5 - RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The rights to hire, promote, transfer, improve efficiency, and determine work schedules and work locations are examples of management prerogatives. It is also understood that the Board retains its right to manage and operate the Library except as may be limited by an express provision of this Agreement.

Section 2. The Union recognizes the Board's right to establish and/or revise performance standards. Such standards may be used to determine acceptable performance levels, prepare work schedules, and to measure the performance of each employee or group of employees. In establishing new and/or revising existing performance standards, the Library shall meet prior to implementation with the Joint Labor-Management Committee to jointly discuss such performance standards. The Library also agrees that performance standards shall be reasonable.

Section 3. Rights of management are not subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 4. The parties hereby recognize the Board's right to determine the methods, processes and means of providing Library service, the rights to increase, diminish or change Library equipment, including the introduction of any and all new, improved or automated methods or equipment, the assignment of employees to specific jobs, the determination of job content and/or job duties and the combination or consolidation of jobs; provided, however, in exercising such rights nothing contained herein shall modify or change any provision of this Agreement without the written concurrence of the Union and the Library; and provided, further, that in exercising such rights, the Library recognizes its duty to engage in effects bargaining pursuant to RCW 41.56.

Section 5. The Union recognizes the right of the Library to continue those contracts and/or practices currently in effect.

In regard to future contracting out of work, the Library will make every effort to utilize its employees to perform all work, but the Library reserves the right to contract out work under the following guidelines: (1) required expertise is not available within the Library work force, or (2) the contract will result in cost savings to the Library, or (3) the occurrence of peak loads above the work force capability.

Determination as to (1), (2), or (3) above shall be made by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, and their determination in such case shall be final, binding and not subject to the grievance procedure; provided, however, prior to approval by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian to contract out work under this provision, the Union shall be notified by placing the proposed contract as an informational item on the Union-Management Leadership meeting agenda. The Executive Director and Chief Librarian shall make available to the Union upon request (1) a description of the services to be so performed, and (2) the detailed factual basis supporting the reasons for such action.

The Union may grieve contracting out for work as described herein, if such contract involves work normally performed by employees covered by this Agreement.

Section 6. As part of its public responsibility and in support of public engagement programs, The Seattle Public Library may participate in or establish public employment or volunteer programs to provide opportunities and/or training for and/or service to the City by various segments of its citizenry. Such programs may include youth or adult training programs, vocational rehabilitation programs, work study and student intern programs, community service programs, and other programs with similar purposes. Some examples of such programs already in effect include: Adult Tutors, Community Day of Giving Programs, Assisting with Computer Instruction, and Homework Help.

The Library shall have right to implement new public employment or volunteer programs or expand its current programs beyond what exists as of the signature date of this Agreement, but

where such implementation or expansion involves bargaining unit work, the Library shall give at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the Union of such and, upon receipt of a written request from the Union thereafter, shall engage in discussions with the Union on concerns raised by the Union. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the expanded use of individuals under such a public employment or volunteer program that involves the performance of bargaining unit work within The Seattle Public Library, beyond what has traditionally existed, shall not be the cause of (1) a layoff of regular employees covered by this Agreement, or (2) the abrogation of a regular budgeted position covered by this Agreement.

The Union recognizes the right of the Library to utilize volunteers. The Library and the Union will continue to collaborate on the development and deployment of volunteer roles and may jointly evaluate new or existing volunteer roles and their impact upon the work of bargaining unit employees.

ARTICLE 6 - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Library retains the right to discipline, suspend, demote or dismiss employees for just cause.

Section 2. The Library agrees to the following principles of progressive discipline, which generally include the following steps:

- A. Verbal warning, which shall be reduced to writing.
- B. Written reprimand.
- C. Suspension or demotion.
- D. Dismissal.

Coaching, counseling and corrective action are deemed to be means of communicating and addressing performance deficiencies or behavioral problems to an employee and are not grievable.

Disciplinary action will be tailored to the nature and severity of the offense. The Library maintains the right to take disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, which may include advancing to an appropriate step in the progressive discipline process to address severe disciplinary issues.

Section 3. Job abandonment. Job abandonment shall mean voluntary separation from an employee's job with no notice, same-day notice, or failure to appear for work for three (3) consecutive scheduled work days without proper authorization.

Job abandonment shall be treated as a major disciplinary offense. The Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee shall provide an employee who abandons their job with written notice, via personal delivery or certified mail to the employee's address as shown in personnel records, that they shall be discharged from Library employment. The employee shall be given five (5) business days to schedule a pre-disciplinary hearing with the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee to provide mitigating information.

Failure by the employee to respond to such notice shall result in discharge effective the employee's last actual working day.

Following a pre-disciplinary hearing, the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee may discharge the employee or take other such action as they deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 7 – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNION PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The Library and the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee by reason of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry/genetic information, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, political ideology, military or veteran status, physical, sensory or mental disability, or age. Further, the Library and the Union agree that this Agreement will be administered in a non-discriminatory manner, considering all relevant circumstances.

Disputes involving this Section of this Article may be processed through an appropriate agency and/or the third step of the grievance procedure, but shall not be subject for arbitration; provided, however, use of the grievance procedure may precede the initiation of any other official action involving such a dispute.

Section 2. No employee shall be discriminated against for exercising the employee's rights as a ~~U~~union member or non-member.

Section 3. Words denoting gender in this Agreement are intended to apply equally to all people.

Section 4. The Union Staff Representative may, after notifying the Library Director of Employee Relations, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating grievances or alleged grievances. Such representative shall limit their activities during such investigations to matters relating to this Agreement.

Section 5. The Union shall have the right to appoint Stewards under the terms of this Agreement. In turn, the Union shall notify in writing the Library Human Resources Director within ten (10) days of the appointment of a Shop Steward. The Library will recognize only Shop Stewards for whom the Library has received written notice of appointment. The Union shall maintain on each bulletin board a current official list of Shop Stewards and officers. Stewards shall be employees covered by this Agreement and shall perform their regular duties as such, but shall function as the Union's representatives on the job. Their duties include, but are not limited to, informing the Union of any alleged violations of this Agreement and the processing of grievances relating thereto. The Library will allow the Steward reasonable time to process contract grievances during regular working hours, but it is understood that all other Steward activities are to be conducted on the Steward's own time (before or after work, or during rest or lunch breaks). When a Steward is processing a grievance, arrangements must be made with their supervisor for time away from the job. The Steward must also make arrangements with any employee's supervisor if the investigation is taking time away from the grievant employee's work. Library work hours shall not be used by employees or Union representatives for the conduct of Union business or the promotion of Union affairs other than as stated in this Agreement.

Section 6. When an employee is required by the Library to attend an interview conducted by the Library for purposes of investigating an incident that may lead to discipline or discharge of that employee because of that particular incident, the employee shall have the right to request that

they be accompanied at the investigatory interview by a representative of the Union. The Library representative conducting the interview shall advise the employee of the purpose of the meeting. If the employee makes such a request, the request shall be made to the Library representative conducting the investigatory interview. The Library, when faced with such a request, shall grant the employee's request. In construing this Section, it is understood that:

- A. The Library is not required to conduct an investigatory interview before disciplining or discharging an employee.
- B. The Library does not have to grant an employee's request for Union representation when the meeting between the Library and the employee is not investigatory, but is solely for the purposes of informing an employee of a disciplinary or discharge decision that the Library has already made relative to that employee.
- C. The employee must make immediate arrangements for Union representation when the request for representation is granted.
- D. The Library can cancel a scheduled interview at any time after notifying the parties to the interview.

Section 7. The Library and Union recognize it is in their mutual interest that issues that arise concerning administration of this labor Agreement should be resolved as expeditiously as possible and that the Local Union President and the Executive Vice President of the local Union that is a party to this Agreement may occasionally meet with representatives of management for the purpose of resolving those issues. Subject to the approval of and arrangements made with their respective department supervisor, the Local Union President and Executive Vice President shall be allowed to perform such duties on paid time. Reasonable efforts should be made by the department supervisor or scheduler to provide additional staff to cover the absences of the Local Union President and Executive Vice President while attending such meetings. Both the Library and the Union will use reasonable judgment in the application of this Section.

Section 8. The Union shall be provided space on existing staff bulletin boards, Library intranet or on Union bulletin boards for posting:

- A. Union bulletins regarding scheduled business and social meetings.
- B. Information concerning Union elections or the results thereof.
- C. Reports of official business of the Union on its letterhead including reports of committees of the Executive Board and correspondence addressed to the Union, excluding materials that are political or religious in nature.

In addition, the Union may use in-house mailing service to designated Shop Stewards for purposes other than general membership mailing and the Union may distribute to Union members via e-mail, as authorized by the Local Union President, any such notices that are deemed acceptable to post on the intranet or staff or Union bulletin board.

A copy of all Library materials and bulletins posted Library-wide affecting hours, wages, or working conditions shall be sent to the Local Union President. In turn, a copy of all Union materials and

bulletins that are to be posted Library-wide via bulletin boards or the intranet shall be sent to the Library Director of Employee Relations prior to posting.

Section 9. The Union may hold Executive Board and membership meetings in a Library public meeting room when available, subject to the Library's general meeting room regulations, during Library open hours.

During Library closed hours, the Union may hold Executive Board or general membership meetings in the auditorium or meeting rooms of the Central or Branch Libraries under the following conditions:

- A. Attendance is limited to Library employees, their families, officials of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, and meeting speakers or program participants.
- B. An application for use of facilities will be completed for each meeting and submitted to the applicable division at least one week prior to the meeting.
- C. A Union representative will be designated as the responsible party on the application and will be present at the meeting.
- D. A Union representative, instructed in the operation of the applicable security system as part of their job, must be present at the meeting to ensure that appropriate security measures are taken.
- E. Access to the Library will be limited to the entry area, the meeting room, adjacent restrooms, and the most direct route between these points.
- F. The responsible Union representative will ensure that meeting participants are checked in and out of the building, that all opening and closing routines are completed, and that facilities are left in the same condition as they were found.
- G. Applicable sections of current meeting room policies and guidelines and subsequent revisions are to be followed.

Section 10. The Library agrees that, during working hours, up to six (6) Union officers and/or designated employee representatives of the Union shall be allowed to attend negotiation sessions with City and/or Library representatives, resulting in a labor agreement, to a maximum aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) hours of paid time, including any associated overtime hours.

Section 11. Official Union representatives, as designated by the Union, may be allowed time off work without pay, at the Library's sole discretion, to attend conferences and conventions of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees and/or the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), as designated by the Union. If granted, the time off work shall not exceed five (5) days for a single function and no more than a total of fifteen (15) working days in any one calendar year for the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement. At the employee's option, vacation leave may be granted in lieu of time off without pay, with reasonable notice and the applicable Director's approval.

Section 12. Member Training: During each year of this agreement a Union's principal officer may request that Union members be provided with at least eight (8) hours or one (1) day, whichever is

greater, of paid release time to participate in member training programs sponsored by the Union. The Parties further agree that the release of employees shall be three (3) employee representatives of the Union; or two percent (2%) of the Union's membership, to be calculated as a maximum of two percent (2%) of the Union's membership, whichever is greater. The approval of such release time shall not be unreasonably denied for arbitrary and/or capricious reasons. When granting such requests, the Library will take into consideration operational needs. At its sole discretion, the Library may approve paid release time for additional employee representatives on a case-by-case basis.

Section 13. Union Leave. Upon written request, a regular employee elected or appointed to a Union office that requires all of their time will be given a leave of absence from work without pay or benefits, not to exceed one year, with approval of the appointing authority based on the business needs of the department. The appointing authority will respond to such requests in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days. Should the appointing authority reject a request for Union Leave, the written response will include an explanation of the business need for the denial. Requests for Union Leave will not be unreasonably denied.

Leave may not be approved for more than one employee at a time. To be eligible for union leave under this provision, the employee must not currently be serving a probation or trial service. The employee will not suffer a loss of bargaining unit seniority rights and will accumulate the same during such leave.

The parties agree that at the Library's sole discretion, the leave may be terminated in the event of a layoff. The Library will provide one month notice before recalling an employee. The Parties further agree that the Library may, at its sole discretion, hire-temporary employees to backfill for the absent employee.

ARTICLE 8 – NEW EMPLOYEES, PROBATION AND CHANGES IN STATUS

Section 1. All new employees will serve a 12-month probationary period ("initial probation") within the organization. If an employee satisfactorily completes the regular probationary period, the employee will be considered a regular employee. While a new employee is in probationary status, the separation of that employee shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

An employee who is promoted to a higher-paying classification must satisfactorily complete a six-month probation ("trial service") period before regular status is granted. This "trial service" probationary period may be extended up to a maximum of six (6) additional months by mutual agreement of the Library and the Union. In the event regular status is not granted, or at the employee's request, a promoted trial service probationary employee will be returned to an available position in the employee's previous classification with at least as many hours as they previously held. If no such position is immediately available, the employee will have call-back rights to an existing and regular position in their former classification, consistent with Article 23, Section 13.

An employee will be eligible for consideration for temporary assignments or appointments once they have completed their probationary period. Staff who promote prior to completing their 12-

month initial probation period will serve their initial and trial service probationary periods concurrently but are still required to complete the totality of their initial 12-month probationary period.

Section 2. ~~An employee hired after the signing of this Agreement~~ Employees shall upon hire be provided with a written statement enumerating the employee's classification, rate of pay, approximate duration of employment (if position is temporary) and number of hours scheduled to work per week or pay period if part-time. Such information shall relate to the conditions of employment at the time of employment and shall in no way obligate the Library to maintain such conditions for any period of time. A copy of this statement shall be retained in the employee's personnel file.

If there are to be changes in any of the above for more than one pay period on an individual basis, the employee shall receive written notice of such changes. It is understood that this provision shall in no way abrogate the rights of any employee in a bargaining unit as far as those rights are specified in this Agreement.

Section 3. Employees shall receive written notification of any permanent or temporary changes in the number of hours assigned to their regular appointments, with a copy to the employee's personnel file. Such notification shall indicate beginning and ending dates of said change and whether the change is temporary or permanent.

Section 4. On or before the date of employment within the bargaining unit, the Library shall, on a standard written form:

- A. Inform each individual so employed of their inclusion within the bargaining unit.
- B. Notify the Union in writing of the following information within ~~fifteen ten (150) calendar~~ weekdays: name, home address, personal phone number, personal email address, job classification, job location, FLSA status, compensation rate and date of inception into the bargaining unit.

In addition, the Library shall provide the Union with an opportunity to participate in the Human Resources Department's new-hire orientation of new bargaining unit employees to present a packet of Union information, as outlined in Article 4 of this agreement. The Union is responsible for the development and distribution of the Union information packet and is solely responsible for its contents.

Section 5. The Library will notify the Union of any changes in appointment or hours affecting bargaining unit members, showing name, job classification, hours, and location on a monthly basis. Such notification shall be sent to the Local Union President.

ARTICLE 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. For purposes of this Agreement the term "grievance" means any dispute between the Library and the Union, or any employee covered by this Agreement, concerning the interpretation, application, claim of breach or violation of the express terms contained in the Articles and Appendixes of this Agreement.

Section 2. In accordance with the intent of the Labor-Management Partnership Agreement between the Library and the Union, every effort will be made to resolve a dispute between an employee and the Library at the lowest possible level of supervision prior to the filing of a grievance.

Section 3. Employees will be unimpeded and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievance; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall employees interfere with orders of or directions from the Library, except where an obvious safety hazard exists.

Section 4. Any time limits stipulated in the grievance procedure may be extended for stated periods of time by the appropriate parties by mutual agreement in writing, with copies to the Union and the Library Director of Employee Relations.

Failure by an employee or the Union to comply with any time limitations of the procedure in this Article shall constitute withdrawal of the grievance. Failure by the Library to comply with any time limitations of the procedure in this Article shall allow the Union and/or the employee to proceed to the next step without waiting for the Library's reply at the previous step.

Section 5. In no event shall this Agreement alter or interfere with disciplinary procedure heretofore followed by the Library, including the procedure for appeals thereof. This clause shall not, however, prevent the Union from affording to its members such representation in any other proceeding as it may see fit.

Section 6. A grievance shall be processed in accordance with the following procedure and, whenever the Library is required to notify or to reply to the Union in writing, one copy of the notification or the reply will be sent both to the Local Union President and to the Washington State Council of County and City Employees.

At any time after Step 1 of the grievance procedure, the aggrieved employee, the Union or the Library may request mediation utilizing the process outlined in Section B, below.

A. Grievance Procedure

Step 1. A grievance shall be presented in writing by the aggrieved party and the Union Representative to the employee's immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged contract violation or within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the aggrieved party could reasonably have become aware of the information giving rise to the grievance. The grievance shall define (a) the nature of the dispute, (b) the collective bargaining agreement section(s) violated, and (c) the remedy sought. The immediate supervisor shall consult with their next-level supervisor outside the bargaining unit prior to answering the grievance. If requested by the shop steward or union representative, the Parties will convene a meeting. The immediate supervisor shall give a written answer to the grievance to the employee and the Union Representative within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified of the grievance or of the meeting; provided, however, that if the immediate supervisor is a subject of the grievance, the grievance may be filed at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

- Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 1, the Union Representative or their designee and/or aggrieved employee shall then forward the written grievance to the appropriate Director with a copy to the Library Director of Employee Relations, Executive Director and Chief Librarian and City Director of Labor Relations within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Step 1 answer. The appropriate Director shall convene a meeting, which shall include themselves, the aggrieved employee, and the Union Representative(s) within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Library Director of Employee Relations and City Director of Labor Relations or their designee may attend said meeting. The applicable Director shall consult with the Library Director of Employee Relations and Executive Director and Chief Librarian prior to issuing a Step 2 written response. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after the meeting a written reply shall be sent to the Union.
- Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 2 above, it shall be forwarded within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Step 2 answer or, if the grievance was initially submitted at Step 3, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the alleged contract violation or within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the aggrieved party could reasonably have become aware of the information giving rise to the grievance. The grievance shall be submitted by the Union Staff Representative or their designee and/or the aggrieved employee to the City Director of Labor Relations with copies to the Library Director of Employee Relations and the Executive Director and Chief Librarian. The City Director of Labor Relations or their designee shall investigate the grievance and, if deemed appropriate by either party signatory to this Agreement, shall convene a meeting between the appropriate parties within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Library Director of Employee Relations may attend said meeting. The City Director of Labor Relations shall thereafter make a confidential recommendation to the Library Director of Employee Relations and Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee. The Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee shall give the Union a detailed answer in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days after the meeting between the parties with copies to the City Director of Labor Relations and the Library Director of Employee Relations.
- Step 4. If the grievance is not settled in Step 3, either of the signatory parties to this Agreement may mutually agree on the selection of an arbitrator or they may refer the grievance to the Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission which shall, in turn, supply both parties with a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. If no agreement is reached between the parties relative to the choice of an arbitrator from that list within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt, the dispute shall be referred to the American Arbitration Association for arbitration to be conducted under its voluntary labor arbitration regulations. Referral to arbitration shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days after the decision in Step 3, and will be accompanied with the following information: (a) the nature of the dispute, (b) the collective bargaining agreement section(s) violated, and (c) the remedy sought.

In connection with any arbitration proceeding held pursuant to this Agreement, it is understood as follows:

- a. The arbitrator shall have no power to render a decision that will add to, subtract from, alter, change, or modify the terms of this Agreement, and their power shall be limited to interpretation or application of the express terms of this Agreement, and all other matters shall be excluded from arbitration.
- b. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Library, the Union and the employee involved.
- c. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Library and the Union, and each party shall bear the cost of presenting its own case.
- d. The arbitrator's decision shall be made in writing and shall be issued to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, whichever is later, unless the parties agree to an extension thereof.
- e. Any arbitration proceeding held pursuant to this provision shall be conducted in accordance with the voluntary labor arbitration regulations of the American Arbitration Association unless stipulated otherwise in writing by the parties to this Agreement.
- f. In view of the fact that neither party to this Agreement could at the time of negotiations find an arbitration statute encompassing subpoena power that would be applicable to arbitration cases under this Article, the parties hereby agree that in the absence of any pertinent statutory subpoena power an arbitrator selected in accordance with Article 9, Section 6, of this Agreement shall have the same power of subpoena as described for arbitrators under RCW 7.04.110 relative to the parties covered by this Agreement and grievances subject to Article 9, Section 6, of this Agreement.
- g. Arbitration awards or grievance settlements shall not be made retroactive beyond the date of the occurrence or non-occurrence upon which the grievance is based, that date being fifteen (15) calendar days or less prior to the initial filing of the grievance unless the circumstances of the grievance could not have been recognized by the grievant.

B. Grievance Mediation Procedure

At any time after Step 1 of the grievance process, either the aggrieved employee, the Union or the Library may request grievance mediation utilizing the following steps.

- a. After a party, in a timely manner, has moved the grievance to the next appropriate step, a written request for voluntary mediation assistance is submitted to the Office of the Ombud Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Coordinator, with copies to the Union Staff Representative, the City Director of Labor Relations, the Library Director of Employee Relations and the Executive Director and Chief Librarian. If the Office of the Ombud ADR Coordinator determines that the case is in line with the protocols and procedures of the ADR process, within twenty (20) calendar days from the receipt of the request for voluntary mediation assistance, the Office of the Ombud ADR Coordinator or their designee will schedule a mediation conference and make the

necessary arrangements for the selection of a mediator. The mediator will serve as an impartial third party who will encourage and facilitate a resolution to the dispute. The mediation conference(s) will be confidential and will include the parties. The Union Representative, the Library Director of Employee Relations, the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee, and the City Director of Labor Relations or their designee may attend the mediation conference(s). Other persons may attend with the permission of the mediator(s) and both parties.

- b. The mediator may request to meet separately with either party.
- c. The mediator will not have the authority to compel a resolution of the grievance.
- d. The presentation of facts and considerations shall not be limited to those presented at previous steps in the grievance process. Proceedings before the mediator shall be informal in nature. There shall be no formal evidence rules. There shall be no transcript or formal record of the mediation conference, except the Agreement to Mediate and Mediation Agreement, if entered into as a result of mediation.
- e. Written material presented to the mediator shall be returned to the party presenting the material at the termination of the conference.
- f. If the parties agree to settle the matter, the mediator will assist in drafting a settlement agreement, which the parties shall sign. An executed copy of the settlement agreement shall be provided to the parties, with either a copy or a signed statement of the disposition of the grievance submitted to the Library Director of Employee Relations, the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, the Union and the City Director of Labor Relations. The parties shall provide the relevant terms of the settlement agreement to the appropriate officials who need to assist in implementing the agreement.
- g. The parties to a mediation shall have no power through a settlement agreement to add to, subtract from, alter, change, or modify the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, or to create a precedent regarding the interpretation of the collective bargaining agreement, or to apply the settlement agreement to any circumstance beyond the explicit dispute applicable to said settlement agreement.
- h. If the grievance is not settled within fifteen (15) calendar days of the initial mediation conference date, the Library Director of Employee Relations, Executive Director and Chief Librarian, the Union and the City Director of Labor Relations shall be so informed by the ADR Coordinator.
- i. Any fees and expenses of the mediator(s) shall be shared equally by the parties.
- j. If no resolution of the grievance is achieved at the conclusion of the mediation conference(s), the grievance would proceed at the next appropriate step of the grievance procedure within fifteen calendar (15) days following the conference(s).
- k. In the event that a grievance that has been mediated is appealed to arbitration, the mediator may not serve as an arbitrator, nor may the mediator be placed on a panel from which an arbitrator is to be selected by the parties. In the arbitration proceedings, there shall be no reference to the fact that a mediation conference was or was not held.

Nothing said or done by the mediator may be referenced or introduced into evidence at the arbitration hearing and nothing said or done by either party for the first time at the mediation conference may be used in arbitration.

Section 7. Property Interest Discipline Grievances

A. The burden of proof in disciplinary procedures shall be upon the Library.

B. Where an appointing authority or their designee imposes or intends to impose property level discipline, a preliminary notice of discipline shall be given to the employee. This preliminary notice of discipline shall contain (a) charges; (b) general description of the alleged acts and/or conduct upon which the charge is based; and (c) the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the preliminary notice of discipline shall be concurrently provided to the local Union office. Upon request of the Union, the Library shall provide a complete copy of the investigation files in advance of any Loudermill hearing requested, in advance of issuing the formal discipline. The Union may also request a meeting to review the investigation file with the Library's investigator and Labor Relations. Both requests must be made timely and may not unduly delay the Library's disciplinary processes.

Section 87. The grievance procedure noted in Article 9, Section 6 of this Agreement is subject to the following three exceptions:

- A. Grievances filed on behalf of employees who have been terminated shall be filed at Step 3.
- B. Grievances concerning promotions may be processed through Step 3 but shall not be a subject for arbitration.
- C. A grievance in the interest of three (3) or more employees in the bargaining unit who are not in the same Division may be filed at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 10 - WORK STOPPAGES

The Board and the Union agree that the public interest requires the efficient and uninterrupted performance of all Library services, and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. During the life of the Agreement, the Union shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, strike, slow down or other interference with Library functions by employees under this Agreement, and should same occur, the Union agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Employees shall not cause or engage in any work stoppage, strike, slow down or other interference with Library functions for the term of this Agreement. Employees covered by this Agreement who engage in any of the foregoing actions shall be subject to such disciplinary actions as may be determined by the Board, including but not limited to the recovery of any financial losses suffered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11 – CLASSIFICATION, RATES OF PAY AND OTHER COMPENSATION

Section 1. The classifications of employees covered under this Agreement and the corresponding rates of pay are set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and made a part of this

Agreement. The classifications as contained in Appendix A of this Agreement, and the corresponding classification descriptions will not be changed by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian without fifteen (15) calendar days' advance notice to the Staff Representative and Local Union President, and, upon the request of either party, subsequent consultation with the Library Director of Employee Relations during said fifteen (15) calendar-day period. Such notification to the Union must be made in writing. The Union may likewise request a review of the classification(s) contained in Appendix A of this Agreement and the corresponding classification descriptions with fifteen (15) calendar days' advance notice to the Library Director of Employee Relations and subsequent consultation with them.

Section 2. When the duties and responsibilities of a classification within the bargaining unit have changed significantly during the term of this Agreement, the Union shall be notified in advance and the effect of said change as it relates to the bargaining unit and/or salary shall be considered a proper subject for bargaining.

Section 3. The Library will inform the Union of a new classification fifteen (15) calendar days prior to posting, with the opportunity for the Union to request a meeting with the Library Director of Employee Relations prior to posting.

The Library will inform the Union if the vacation accrual rate for the new classification shall be in accordance with Schedule A or Schedule B as described in Article 12, Section 1.

If a newly developed classification is posted prior to the parties' agreement on bargaining unit status, the job announcement shall include a statement that this issue is unresolved. Should the Library and the Union fail to reach agreement on the issue of appropriate bargaining unit status, the dispute shall be referred to PERC for resolution.

Section 4. The salary rates for classifications set forth in Appendix A of this Agreement shall not be changed during the term of this Agreement without prior negotiations and written agreement with the Union.

Section 5. If the existing duties and responsibilities of an existing position within the bargaining unit are reclassified by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian to a higher-paying classification, the incumbent employee will retain that position and will receive the higher rate of pay when the position is officially reclassified, so long as the incumbent is qualified to assume and perform the duties of the reclassified position. The rate of pay shall be the lowest salary step that provides an increase of at least 2%, if such a step is available. Otherwise, it shall be the top step of the salary range.

If an existing position within the bargaining unit is reclassified by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian to a lower-paying classification, the incumbent will retain their current rate of pay so long as they remain in that position; provided, however, that subsequent across-the-board salary increases accruing to the bargaining unit shall not include the incumbent of a position which has been reclassified downward until such time as there is a salary step in the incumbent's classification that is higher than the incumbent's frozen pay rate. At that time, the incumbent's pay rate will change to the lowest salary step that provides an increase. The incumbent shall, thereafter, be eligible for subsequent across-the-board salary increases applicable to the incumbent's classification.

Section 6. Whenever an employee is promoted or appointed to either a regular or a temporary position in a higher paid classification within the bargaining unit, the employee shall be compensated at the first pay step of the higher classification for all continuous time so worked. If their own regular pay is already higher, the employee shall be compensated at the lowest pay step that provides a minimum 2 percent (2%) pay increase based on their pay rate in their current or most recent regular assignment, if such a pay step is available. The subsequent salary step increases, if available, will occur on the one-year anniversary dates of the regular or temporary appointment to the higher classification until the top step is reached. At the end of an appointment to a temporary position, the employee shall return to the salary step and schedule of salary step increases in the employee's regular classification that would be in effect if the employee had been in their regular classification continuously and without the temporary appointment.

Section 7. If someone who has served in a temporary appointment takes another appointment (regular or temporary) in the same classification within 2 years, they will start at the step they achieved in their prior appointment OR the step that represents minimum 2% increase over their regular pay, whichever is greater.

Section 78. If initially hired to the Library at Step 1, a one-time salary increase will occur at six (6) months from the date of initial hire. Subsequent pay increases will occur annually from the date of the six (6) month step increase. If initially hired at Step 2 or above, or promoted after receiving a six (6) month step increase in any prior appointment at the Library, salary step increases will occur annually from the date of appointment.

Section 89. When an employee is demoted either by management-initiated process or voluntarily to a position within a classification that has a lower pay range than that of the employee's current position, the employee shall be placed at a salary step in the lower-salaried classification that is closest to the employee's current pay rate but which represents a decrease from their current pay rate.

Section 910. The Library will inform the Union when it reallocates hours assigned to a regular position in an existing classification to a regular position in an existing different classification.

Section 101. Mileage Reimbursement Rate. An employee who is required by the Library to provide a personal automobile for use in Library business shall be reimbursed for such use at the current rate per mile recognized as a deductible expense by the United States Internal Revenue Code for a privately-owned automobile used for business purposes.

The cents (c) per mile mileage reimbursement rate set forth above shall be adjusted up or down to reflect the current rate.

Section 142. Transit Passes. The City shall provide a transit subsidy benefit consistent with SMC 4.20.370.

Section 123. Language premium. Employees assigned to perform bilingual, interpretive and/or translation services for the Library shall receive a \$200.00 per month premium pay. The Library, in consultation with the City, shall ensure employees providing language access services are independently evaluated and approved. The Library may review the assignment annually and may terminate the assignment at any time.

Section 134. Boot Allowance. ~~Upon commencement of this agreement, the boot/footwear allowance for eligible classifications will remain at \$140.00. Effective January 1, 2020, the boot/footwear allowance shall increase to \$175.00. Effective January 1, 2021, the boot/footwear allowance shall increase to \$200.00. Effective January 1, 2023 and each year of the agreement, the Library will reimburse regular employees up to \$300 to purchase or repair protective or specified footwear when such items are required by the Library.~~

Effective January 1, 2024 the reimbursement rate will be increased to \$325.

Effective January 1, 2025 the reimbursement rate will be increased to \$350.

Effective January 1, 2026 the reimbursement rate will be increased to \$375.

In the event a successor agreement is not in place January 1, 2027, the reimbursement rate will be maintained at \$375.

ARTICLE 12 - ANNUAL VACATION

Section 1. Vacation Accrual. Annual vacation with pay shall be computed for all regular full-time and part-time employees at the rate shown below for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not to exceed ~~eighty-fourty (840)~~ hours per pay ~~period~~week. "Regular pay status" is defined as regular straight-time hours of work plus paid time off such as vacation time, holiday time off, and sick leave.

For purposes of this Article, "service year" is defined as the period of time between an employee's date of hire and the one-year anniversary date of the employee's date of hire or the period of time between any two (2) consecutive anniversaries of the employee's date of hire.

Effective sixty (60) calendar days after full ratification of this replacement contract, the vacation accrual table will be as follows on a going-forward basis:

SCHEDULE A

COLUMN 1		COLUMN 2			COLUMN 3	
Accrual Rate		Equivalent Annual Vacation For Full-Time Employees			Maximum Vacation Balance	
Hours on Regular Status	Vacation Earned Per Hour	Years of Service	Working Days Per Year	Hours	Working Days Per Year	Hours
1-10,440	.0498	0 through 5	13	104	20	160
10,441-20,880	.0575	6 through 10	15	120	23	184
20,881-31,320	.0651	11 through 15	17	136	29	232
31,321-41,760	.0728	16 through 20	19	152	32	256
41,761-50,112	.0843	21 through 24	22	176	38	304
50,113-52,200	.0958	25	25	200	42	336
52,201-54,288	.0996	26	26	208	43	344
54,289-56,377	.1034	27	27	216	44	352
56,378-58,464	.1073	28	28	224	45	360
58,465-60,552	.1111	29	29	232	46	368
60,553+	.1149	30	30	240	47	376

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COLUMN 1		COLUMN 2			COLUMN 3	
Accrual Rate		Equivalent Annual Vacation For Full-Time Employees			Maximum Vacation Balance	
Hours on Regular Status	Vacation Earned Per Hour	Years of Service	Working Days Per Year	Hours	Working Days Per Year	Hours
1-10,440 6,240	.0498	0 through 35	13	104	2420	160192
10,441-20,880 6,241-14,560	.0613 .0575	46 through 710	165	120128	3223	184256
20,881-31,320 14,561-27,040	.0766 .0651	811 through 1315	2017	160136	4029	232320

31,321-	.0881	0728	16-14 through	2319	184152	4632	256368
41,760	27,041-		1820				
37,440							
41,761-	.0920	0843	21 through 2419	2422	192176	4838	304384
50,112	37,440-						
39,520							
50,113-	.0958		2025	25	200	5042	336400
52,200	39,521-						
41,600							
52,201-	.0996		2126	26	208	5243	344416
54,288	41,601-						
43,680							
54,289-	.1034		2227	27	216	5444	352432
56,377	43,681-						
45,760							
56,378-	.1073		2328	28	224	5645	360448
58,464	45,761-						
47,840							
58,465-	.1111		2429	29	232	5846	368464
60,552	47,841-						
49,920							
60,553+	.1149		25+30	30	240	6047	376480

SCHEDULE B

COLUMN 1		COLUMN 2			COLUMN 3	
<u>Accrual Rate</u>		<u>Equivalent Annual Vacation For Full-Time Employees</u>			<u>Maximum Vacation Balance</u>	
Hours on Regular Status	Vacation Earned Per Hour	Years of Service	Working Days Per Year	Hours	Working Days Per Year	Hours
1-20,880	.0843	0 through 10	22	176	3444	2723
20,881-41,760	.0958	11 through 20	25	200	3950	3124
41,761+	.1149	21+	30	240	4760	3764
						80

The vacation accrual rate shall be determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Column No. 1. Column No. 2 depicts the corresponding equivalent annual vacation for a regular full-time employee. Column No. 3 depicts the maximum number of vacation hours that can be accrued and accumulated by an employee at any time.

Employees who accrue vacation according to the rates in Schedule A include those employees in the following classifications: ~~Assistant Manager~~, Audio/Video Technician and Events Assistant, Automated Materials Handling System Operator, Building Engineer, Building Maintenance Support Lead, Building Maintenance Worker, ~~Community Resource Specialist~~, Coordinating Library Associate, Coordinating Library Technician, Custodial/Janitorial Support Lead, Sr., Custodian, Delivery Driver I, Delivery Driver II, Gardener, Janitor Lead, Janitor, Lead Page, Library Associate I, Library Associate II, Library Associate III, Library Associate IV, Library Technician I, Library Technician II, Library Technician III, Materials Distribution Services Specialist, Materials Distribution and Grounds Assistant, Page, Program Coordinator, ~~Public Service Technician~~, Security Officer, ~~Security Officer Lead~~, ~~Security Analyst~~, Senior Systems Analyst I, Senior Systems Analyst II, Senior Systems Analyst III, Senior Information Technology Specialist I, Senior Information Technology Specialist II, and Systems Analyst.

Employees who accrue vacation according to the rates in Schedule B include those employees in the following classifications: Assistant Managing Librarian, ~~Cataloging Librarian~~, Librarian, ~~Operations Manager~~, ~~Supervisor~~, ~~Senior Community Resource Specialist~~, Selection Services Librarian, Senior Librarian, Supervising Librarian, ~~and Systems Librarian~~, ~~Enterprise Applications Analyst~~, ~~SharePoint Online Administrator~~, ~~Data Engineer~~, and ~~Network Engineer~~, ~~Systems Librarian~~.

Employees covered by this Agreement shall accrue vacation from the date of entering Library service and may accumulate vacation to the maximum number of hours shown in Section 1, Column No. 3 above; ~~provided, however, such accrual will not be credited to the employee until the employee has completed six (6) months on regular pay status with the Library.~~

Accrual and accumulation of vacation time shall cease at the time an employee's vacation balance reaches the maximum balance allowed and shall not resume until the employee's vacation balance

is below the maximum allowed; provided that exceptions may be made by the applicable Director when work-related circumstances prevent an employee from using their accrued vacation balance.

Section 2. **Vacation use.** Accrued vacation may be used in quarter-hour increments.

Employees may, with Library approval, use accumulated vacation with pay upon accrual ~~after completing six (6) months on regular pay status. "Regular pay status" is defined as regular straight-time hours of work plus paid time off such as vacation time, holiday time off, and sick leave.~~

~~For purposes of this Article, "service year" is defined as the period of time between an employee's date of hire and the one-year anniversary date of the employee's date of hire or the period of time between any two (2) consecutive anniversaries of the employee's date of hire.~~

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Section 3. **Vacation scheduling.** The supervisor of each department or branch shall arrange vacation time for employees on such schedules as will least interfere with the functioning of the department or unit, but which will accommodate the desires of the employees to the greatest degree feasible.

Section 4. An employee will not be required to take their vacation time on days that the employee is not scheduled to work.

Section 5. **Restoration of vacation leave for sick leave purposes.** If an employee becomes ill and is under the care of a fully licensed health care practitioner during the employee's vacation or other approved paid leaves for four (4) days or more, such days that the employee is ill shall be charged to sick leave. The employee is required to provide notification of such illness to their supervisor no later than the third scheduled shift following return from leave. A health care practitioner's written statement verifying the illness and length of treatment must be submitted to the employee's supervisor upon return to work. However, if it is physically impossible to give the required notice by the third scheduled shift following return from leave, notice shall be provided as soon as possible and shall be accompanied by an acceptable showing of the reason for the delay.

Section 6. **Vacation payout upon separation.** An employee who separates from the payroll after completing six (6) months on regular pay status shall be paid in a lump sum for any unused vacation balance at the employee's straight rate of pay. For purposes of this Article, an employee's last day worked is considered the "separation date."

Section 7. **Vacation payout upon death.** Upon the death of an employee who has completed six months of employment, pay shall be allowed for any unused vacation balance and shall be paid to the employee's designated beneficiary, or to the employee's estate, at the employee's straight rate of pay.

Section 8. **Vacation leave use prior to unpaid leave.** An employee who is absent as the result of sick leave eligible circumstances must exhaust their sick leave balance before requesting the use of their vacation balance. When an employee has exhausted their sick leave balance and requests further paid leave for medical reasons, the manager may approve the use of accrued vacation or other accrued leave. Employees must use all accrued applicable leave such as vacation, holiday credit and compensatory time prior to beginning an unpaid leave of absence, except for designated parental, Family or Medical Leave. An employee using vacation time during a Family Medical Leave covered absence must do so prior to being placed on unpaid leave status.

Section 9. Vacation payout upon transfer to non-vacation eligible position. Any employee who transfers after more than six (6) months on regular pay status and from a position in which they receive vacation benefits to a position in which they are not entitled to vacation benefits shall be paid in a lump sum for any unused vacation balance upon leaving or transferring from their regular position.

Section 10. Vacation accrual and re-scheduling following extended illness. If the Library cancels an employee's previously scheduled vacation, or if the employee is off work on extended illness verified by the employee's licensed health care practitioner, the employee's supervisor will re-schedule the employee's vacation within three (3) months and at a time mutually agreed upon between the employee and the Library. The employee will continue to accrue vacation during that period until the vacation is rescheduled, even if this results in accumulation of vacation above the employee's allowable maximum balance, provided that the maximum balance will again be in effect when the employee returns from the rescheduled vacation or at the end of the three (3) month period, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE 13 - HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Library-observed holidays. The following day or days in lieu thereof shall be recognized as holidays without salary deduction:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Presidents' Day	Memorial Day
<u>Juneteenth</u>	Independence Day
<u>Labor Day</u>	<u>Indigenous People's Day</u>
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day before Christmas Day	Christmas Day

In January of each year, the Library will designate the day to be observed by employees for each of the holidays except for floating holidays.

Section 2. Holiday eligibility. In order for employees to qualify for holiday pay, Library employees covered by this Agreement must ~~have been employed for a period of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the holiday and~~ have been in paid status for any portion of their scheduled work day before, and their scheduled work day following, the Library-observed holiday.

Section 3. Library-observed holidays falling on regularly scheduled work days. Employees who are eligible for holiday benefits and who are assigned by the Library to work on any Library-observed holiday shall be paid for the holiday at their straight-time rate of pay and, in addition, they shall receive either one and one-half (1-1/2) times their straight-time rate of pay for the hours worked or one and one-half (1-1/2) times the hours worked (compensatory time) to be taken off at another date. Compensation in the form of compensatory time must be agreeable to both the employee and the Library.

Once the eligibility threshold has been met and the use of a day in lieu of a recognized holiday is approved by and taken by an employee and the employee terminates prior to the recognized holiday, an amount equivalent to one day's pay shall be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

Section 4. When a Library-observed holiday falls on an employee's day off, an alternate paid day off to substitute for that observed holiday will be granted. Days for part-time employees shall be prorated as outlined in Section 7.

Section 5. When a Library-observed holiday falls within an employee's approved vacation, the observed holiday will be taken in lieu of the scheduled vacation day.

Section 6. Employees taking time off during the same pay period in which a holiday falls must first exhaust holiday pay, followed by accrued holiday credits prior to vacation or other applicable leaves. An employee will be required to use any holiday credit available prior to using vacation or other applicable leaves.

Section 7. Holiday accrual and use for part-time employees. A part-time employee covered by this Agreement shall receive holiday benefits equivalent to the percentage of hours at which the employee is appointed (i.e., a half-time employee receives fifty percent (50%) of holiday hours).

At the discretion of the employee, any difference between scheduled work hours and earned holiday hours may be addressed in the following manner:

1. The employee may take leave without pay for the difference, or
2. The employee may use accrued vacation or other applicable paid leaves for the difference, or
3. The employee may work the hours, with approval, at another time within the same pay period.

Section 8. Holiday credit accrual. When the earned holiday credit results in an overage of hours, the employee may bank the extra hours as holiday credit earned or may reduce the hours in another shift within the same pay period, with approval.

Section 9. Floating holidays. Floating holidays shall be scheduled per Article 12, Section 3.

Employees accruing vacation in accordance with Schedule A in Article 12, Section 1, shall receive two (2) floating holidays per calendar year. Employees accruing vacation in accordance with Schedule B in Article 12, Section 1, shall receive one floating holiday per calendar year.

Employees who have completed eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty (18,720) hours of regular full-time equivalent pay status on or before December 31st of the previous year shall receive additional personal holidays in each subsequent calendar year, to accrue as follows:

- A. An additional two (2) floating holidays annually for employees on Vacation Schedule A, for a total of four (4) floating holidays annually.
- B. An additional two (2) floating holidays annually to employees on Vacation Schedule B, for a total of three (3) floating holidays annually.

Floating holidays for part-time employees shall be pro-rated.

~~The floating holidays may be taken only after completing six (6) months of service.~~ Floating holidays are granted per calendar year and will be used in accordance with vacation scheduling guidelines. If the floating holidays are not taken in the calendar year, they are lost.

**ARTICLE 14 - SICK LEAVE, FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE, BEREAVEMENT LEAVE, JURY DUTY,
EMERGENCY LEAVE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Section 1. Sick Leave accrual and eligibility for use. A uniform plan for sick leave with pay shall be granted to eligible Library employees. Sick leave credit shall accumulate at the rate of .046 hour for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not more than forty (40) hours per week. Unlimited sick leave credit may be accumulated. Sick leave may be used in quarter-hour increments. ~~New employees entering Library service shall not be entitled to sick leave with pay during the first thirty (30) days of employment, but shall accumulate sick leave credits during said thirty (30) day period. However, this clause shall not be used to deny employees' rights to unpaid leave arising from pregnancy and/or maternity disability.~~ Sick leave credit may be used for time off with pay for bona fide cases of a personal illness, incapacitating injury, medical disability, pregnancy and/or childbirth, medical and dental appointments and prescribed treatment emanating therefrom from the first day of such absence. Library management is responsible for the proper administration of the sick leave benefit, which includes, but is not limited to, verification of illnesses from a licensed health care practitioner. Abuse of sick leave shall be grounds for corrective action or discipline, up to and including suspension or dismissal.

Sick leave payout upon retirement. Upon retirement, an employee's sick leave credit accumulation can be applied in accordance with Article 18.

Sick leave payout upon death. Upon the death of an employee, either by accident or natural causes, twenty five percent (25%) of such an employee's accumulated sick leave credits shall be paid to their designated beneficiary.

Sick leave use for family member. Accrued sick leave credit may be used for care of an ill child as required by State and Federal law. Accrued sick leave credit may also be used for an illness, injury, or health care appointment of an employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent or grandparent or the parent, grandparent or dependent child of the employee's spouse or domestic partner in instances where the absence of the employee from work is required, or when such absence is recommended by a health-care provider. "Grandparent" shall mean the birth, adoptive, foster or stepparent of an employee's parent, or the birth, adoptive, foster or stepparent of an employee's spouse or domestic partner's parent.

Sick leave may also be used for care of an employee's sibling or adult child, or the sibling or adult child of an employee's spouse, ~~or~~ domestic partner, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis -in instances where the absence of the employee from work is required, or when such absence is recommended by a health-care provider.

With the approval of the Director or designee, an employee may use accumulated sick leave for the non-medical care of the employee's newborn child or a dependent child placed with the employee or their spouse or domestic partner for adoption; provided that (a) sick leave under this section may be used to supplement a reduced work schedule and that the reduced work schedule

must be stable and predictable, and (b) sick leave approved for this reason may also be used to cover the employee's absence(s) to satisfy legal and regulatory requirements prior to and after the placement and reasonable travel time to claim and return home with the child, and (c) sick leave for this purpose must begin and end by the first anniversary of the newborn child's birth or the first anniversary of the dependent child's adoption.

Use of vacation leave for sick leave purposes. An employee who has used all accrued sick leave may be allowed to use accrued vacation leave and/or compensatory time off for sick leave purposes when approved in advance or authorized by the employee's manager.

Family and Medical Leave (FMLA). Consistent with federal and state law, an employee who has worked for the Library for at least twelve (12) consecutive months and for one thousand forty (1,040) hours during the twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the requested leave, is entitled to up to twelve (12) work weeks of Family and Medical Leave per year for any combination of the following:

- A. Parental leave to care for a newborn or newly placed adopted or foster child;
- B. Personal medical leave due to the employee's own serious medical condition that requires the employee's absence from work;
- C. Family medical leave to care for a family member who suffers from a serious medical condition that requires care or supervision by the employee.

A "Family Member" for purposes of Family and Medical Leave includes all of the following: the employee's spouse or domestic partner (as defined in Article 27), the employee's child, the child of the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the parent of the employee/spouse/domestic partner, ~~the employee's grandparent, the employee's grandchild, the employee's sibling.~~

Under the FMLA, a child includes an employee's biological, adoptive, step, or foster child, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis. Standing in loco parentis means a person is in the role of a parent.

The twelve (12) week Family and Medical Leave entitlement is available to employees each rolling calendar year, provided that the eligibility requirements listed above are met.

During an approved Family and Medical Leave absence, the Library will continue the employee's existing employer-paid health insurance benefits.

Approved Family and Medical Leave may be taken immediately or as part of a reduced work schedule when medically necessary.

Family Leave (Washington Family Care Act). Employees may also be eligible for family leave, as defined by the Washington Family Care Act.

Paid Family Care Leave and Bea's Law. Employees may also be eligible for family leave, as defined by the Washington Family Care Act.

~~Section 2. Bereavement Leave. Five (5) days off with pay shall be granted for bereavement purposes to an employee in the event of the death of a relative or family member, including domestic partner (see Article 27 for definition of a domestic partner). In extenuating~~

~~circumstances, an employee may be granted an additional two (2) days and may use accrued vacation leave instead of sick leave for these two (2) additional days at the employee's discretion.~~

~~The term "close relative" shall mean the spouse or domestic partner, child, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, brother, sister, grandchild, grandfather or grandmother of the employee or spouse or domestic partner, an employee's legal guardian, ward or any person over whom the employee has legal custody, and the term "relative other than a close relative" shall mean the uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, or the spouse or domestic partner of the brother, sister, child or grandchild of the employee or spouse or domestic partner; or the uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, spouse or domestic partner of the brother or sister of the spouse or domestic partner of such employee.~~

All employees covered by this Agreement are allowed five (5) days off without salary reduction for bereavement purposes in the event of the death of any relative. Bereavement leave may be used in full day or increments of one (1) hour at the employee's discretion. Bereavement leave must be used within a year; employees may submit for exceptions to this within 30 days (requests that come in after the 30 days will be considered) of death if they know they will need longer than one year to use leave. In extenuating circumstances, an employee may be granted two (2) additional days and may use available leave balances at the employee's discretion.

For purposes of this Section, "relative" is defined to mean any person related to the employee by blood, marriage, adoption, fostering, guardianship, loco parentis, or domestic partnership.

Section 3. Jury Duty. An employee covered by this Agreement shall suffer no monetary loss while on jury duty. The amount of any compensation derived from jury duty during the employee's normal work schedule, except for transportation allowance, shall be remitted to the Library for such period; provided that an employee excused by the court on any day of such duty falling within their normal work schedule shall notify their supervisor and, if so directed, report for work for the balance of their normal shift.

Section 4. Emergency Leave. Eight (8) hours of emergency leave per agreement year without loss of pay may be taken with approval of the employee's supervisor when it is necessary that the employee be off work in the event of an unforeseen occurrence. ~~with respect to the employee's household that necessitates unexpected and immediate action on the part of the employee. The "household" is defined as the physical aspects of the employee's residence.~~ The eight (8) hours of emergency leave may be used in two (2) separate instances, but no more than eight (8) hours shall be allowed per instance. In the event an unforeseen occurrence requires additional time beyond eight (8) hours, the employee may request the use of accrued vacation leave.

Section 5. On-the-Job Injury or Illness. The Library agrees to contract with the City of Seattle's Personnel Department to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.

- A. Any employee who is disabled in the discharge of their duties, and if such disablement results in absence from their regular duties, shall be compensated, except as otherwise

hereinafter provided, up to a maximum amount of eighty percent (80%) of the employee's normal hourly rate of pay, not to exceed two hundred sixty one (261) regularly scheduled workdays counted from the first regularly scheduled workday after the day of the on-the-job injury; provided the disability sustained must qualify the employee for benefits under State Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid Acts.

- B. Whenever an employee is injured on the job and compelled to seek immediate medical treatment, the employee will be compensated in full for the remaining part of the day of injury without effect to their sick leave or vacation account. Scheduled workdays falling within only the first three (3) calendar days following the day of injury shall be compensable through accrued sick leave. Any earned vacation may be used in a like manner after sick leave is exhausted, provided that, if neither sick leave nor accrued vacation is available, the employee shall be placed on no-pay status for these three (3) days. If the period of disability extends beyond fourteen (14) calendar days, then (1) any accrued sick leave or vacation leave utilized that results in absence from their regular duties (up to a maximum of eighty percent (80%) of the employee's normal hourly rate of pay per day) shall be reinstated by Workers' Compensation or (2) if no sick leave or vacation leave was available to the employee at that time, then the employee shall thereafter be compensated for those three (3) days at the eighty percent (80%) compensation rate described in Section 5(a).
- C. Such compensation shall be authorized by the City Personnel Director or their designee with the advice of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian on request from the employee supported by satisfactory evidence of medical treatment of the illness or injury giving rise to such employee's claim for compensation under Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.
- D. Compensation for holidays and earned vacation falling within a period of absence due to such disability shall be at the normal rate of pay but such days shall not be considered as regularly scheduled workdays as applied to the time limitations set forth within Section 5(b). Disabled employees affected by the provisions of SMC 4.44 shall continue to accrue vacation and sick leave as though actively employed during the period set forth within Section 5(b).
- E. Any employee eligible for the benefits provided by City Ordinance Number 104878 whose disability prevents them from performing their regular duties but who, in the judgment of their licensed health care practitioner, could perform duties of a less strenuous nature, shall be employed at their normal rate of pay in such other duties as the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee shall direct, with the approval of such employee's licensed health care practitioner until a closure is requested of such employee's claim pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.
- F. Sick leave shall not be used for any disability herein described except as allowed in Section 5(b).
- G. The afore-referenced disability compensation shall be understood to be in lieu of State Industrial Compensation and Medical Aid.

- H. Appeals of any denials under this Article of benefits that are mandated by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries shall be made through the Department of Labor and Industries as prescribed in Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Title 51.
- I. In this Article, terms such as "normal rate of pay" and "regular pay" and "hourly rate of pay" are determined by the compensation received by an employee as determined by the employee's hourly rate of pay in their regularly appointed classification with reference to the number of hours per pay period to which the employee is regularly appointed and scheduled to work, and shall not be determined by reference to compensation received from work for unscheduled extra or temporary or similar hours worked in the employee's regular classification beyond those to which the employee is regularly appointed.

ARTICLE 15 - GENERAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Leaves of absence without pay may be granted at the discretion of the Board and the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee for reasons including, but not limited to, the following: physical or mental illness, infant care, prolonged illness in the employee's immediate family, continuing education, service in an exchange or other Library position for a limited term, teaching or position as a Library consultant. Leave of absence without pay may also be granted for serving in any elected position and for travel. Seniority accrual shall continue during general leaves of absence for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years from the date a leave of absence without pay was granted.

Applications for medical leaves of absence must be accompanied by a licensed health care practitioner's statement indicating the reason necessitating such a leave and the approximate duration if known. An employee who is ready to return from a medical leave of absence must also submit to the Library Human Resources Director a licensed health care practitioner's statement that they are physically and/or mentally able to resume their normal duties.

Section 2. Leaves of absence without pay may be granted for reasonable periods not to exceed one (1) year, but extendible for an additional year for good cause as approved by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee.

- In cases of leaves of absence of three (3) months or less, an employee will return to the position held prior to the leave.
- In cases of leaves of absence of more than three (3) months, at the discretion of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee the employee may be returned to the position held prior to the leave, or will have return rights to their same position or a different but comparable position, per Section 4 below, at the expiration of said leave of absence.

Section 3. When an employee has been granted a leave of absence with right to return to their previous position, and the employee has notified the Library Director of Employee Relations of their intent to return to work thirty (30) days in advance of the end of leave, upon conclusion of the leave the employee will be returned to the position held prior to leave. If the position no longer exists, the employee shall be returned to their previous classification in a position with at least as

many hours as the employee previously held. If no such position is immediately available, the employee shall be considered laid off and will have call back rights to an existing and regular position in their former classification, consistent with Article 23, Section 13. Employees who are laid off while on leave may be placed in an alternative position immediately, but will not be expected to return to work until the conclusion of their approved leave. Employees wishing to return to their previous position must request so in writing at the time the leave of absence request form is submitted.

Section 4. When an employee has been granted a leave of absence without right of return to their previous position, and the employee has notified the Library Director of Employee Relations of their intent to return to work thirty (30) days in advance of the end of leave, the employee shall be returned to their previous classification in a position with at least as many hours as the employee previously held. If no such position is immediately available, the employee will have call-back rights to an existing and regular position in their former classification, consistent with Article 23, Section 13.

Section 5. Applications for a leave of absence without pay, or an extension thereof, must be made in writing to the supervisor who will forward it for review to the applicable Director, Library Director of Employee Relations, and Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee. The granting of such a leave of absence, and extension thereof, or the refusal of such a leave and reasons thereof, will be in writing from the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee. If granted, the Executive Director and Chief Librarian's or designee's response shall specify the approved length of the leave of absence. If a leave of more than three (3) months' duration is approved, the response shall designate whether or not the employee will have return rights to their same position or a different but comparable position, per Section 2 above, at the expiration of said leave of absence.

Section 6. Employees on leave without pay shall be granted the opportunity to maintain retirement and death benefits as well as medical and dental plans pursuant to rules and regulations regarding such continuation in effect at that time.

Section 7. An available position within the bargaining unit shall not be posted as long as there is an individual on leave of absence who is automatically eligible for the position and who has properly notified the Library Director of Employee Relations of their availability for reemployment.

Section 8. An employee who is ordered to active military duty by the United States government and who has exhausted their annual paid military leave benefit and who is on unpaid military leave of absence shall be eligible to receive the difference between their base military wage and the regular base rate of pay, excluding overtime, they would have received for their Library position, if higher.

ARTICLE 16- PARENTAL LEAVE

For purposes of this Article, references to an employee refer to all people. For clarification purposes, this Article does not address policy or procedure on maternity disability before and/or

after birth. This Article describes leave only for purposes of caring for a child in the circumstances described below.

Parental Leave - Paid and unpaid leave, as described below, to be taken for reasons of care for a newborn child, adoption, legal guardianship, or foster placement of a child under the age of eighteen (18), or care of a terminally ill child under the age of eighteen (18).

Sick Leave - Accrued paid leave taken by an employee under provisions of Article 14.

Parent - Parent means a biological, adoptive, ~~or~~ foster parent, ~~or~~ stepparent, or a domestic partner who is a parent and recognized by the employee on an Affidavit of Marriage/Domestic Partnership.

Section 1. All employees can request parental leave consistent with state and federal laws, as outlined in Article 14 and the Library's Parental Leave Guidelines.

Section 2. Employees may elect to use all vacation, and/or applicable sick leave as defined in Article 14, Section 1, or compensatory time, then unpaid leave of absence, with the combined leave time not to exceed six (6) months and consistent with state and federal leave laws.

Section 3. Employees on leave without pay shall be granted the opportunity to maintain retirement and death benefits as well as medical and dental plans pursuant to rules and regulations regarding such continuation in effect at that time.

Section 4. The employee will be returned to their former position if the position still exists at the end of parental leave, consistent with the Library's Parental Leave Guidelines. If the position no longer exists, the employee shall be notified of the first available position in the employee's regular classification that is at least at the same hours as the employee's former position. However, the process to determine qualifications shall not unnecessarily delay an employee's return to work. An employee wishing to return to their position must state so in writing when requesting parental leave. Seniority shall continue to accrue during parental leave.

If no opening in the employee's classification is available when the employee is scheduled to return, the employee may be offered and may accept an assignment to a temporary position for which they are qualified, including positions in other classifications, provided that they shall remain on the recall list for positions in their original classification. That assignment to the temporary position will not add to the maximum time on the recall list.

Section 5. If an employee on parental leave is scheduled to return from leave during a layoff process, the employee will be returned to their former position if available, or to their former classification if they have sufficient seniority. If the employee does not, they will be placed on the recall list in order of seniority.

Section 6. At least twelve (12) weeks before the expected date of parental leave to care for a newborn child, the employee shall notify their supervisor/manager and the Library Director of Employee Relations, by written note from the employee's physician, of the expected date of birth, intent to take parental leave, and the length of the leave. The employee and supervisor/manager will schedule the leave in the best interests of the employee and the department.

Section 7. At least twelve (12) weeks before the date of adoption or arrival of a foster child, the employee will notify the Library Director of Employee Relations and supervisor/manager in writing

of the intent to take parental leave, including date of adoption/fostering and length of leave. Application for parental leave must be accompanied by a statement from the adoption agency or adoption/foster agency facilitator confirming the expected date of adoption/expected foster date. In the event of an adoption or foster date not being known, parental leave can begin as soon as can be reasonably scheduled between the employee and the applicable manager which, under normal circumstances, shall begin no later than six (6) weeks after the date of adoption or fostering. In unusual circumstances, the Library may authorize parental leave to start at any time up to one (1) year after the date of adoption/fostering.

Section 8. In the event of the terminal illness of a child under age eighteen (18), the employee may take parental leave at any time during the illness, provided that the time does not exceed the six (6) month limit, and the employee has submitted a request to take parental leave in writing to the Library Director of Employee Relations and supervisor/manager as soon as possible after the employee knows of the nature of the illness and the intent to take parental leave. Application for parental leave must be accompanied by a licensed health care practitioner's statement indicating the nature of the terminal illness and its expected duration, if known.

Section 9. If an employee on parental leave wishes to return to work earlier than originally scheduled, the employee must notify the Library Director of Employee Relations in writing. The employee will then be placed on a call back list until their former position becomes vacant or the original parental leave date expires, whichever occurs first.

If an employee on parental leave wishes to extend their leave past the return date originally planned, and the Library agrees to such an extension, the employee's return rights will be governed by Article 15, Section 3.

Section 10. Parental leave will be granted once per birth, adoption, or foster care, and is granted as a continuous leave, rather than short blocks of time. Parental leave cannot be taken within one (1) year of the conclusion of previous parental leave, except where an employee has used less than twelve (12) weeks within a twelve (12) month period.

Library employees, who have been employed at least six (6) months and are a regular employee or a benefits-eligible temporary employee, will be entitled to ~~four (4)~~ twelve (12) weeks of Paid Parental Leave, upon the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care or legal guardianship. The leave must be taken within twelve (12) months of the child's birth or placement, and employees may only use this benefit once per twelve (12)-month period. An employee need not exhaust their paid or unpaid leave prior to requesting and taking Paid Parental Leave. Furthermore, Paid Parental Leave shall not be taken on a reduced schedule or intermittent basis unless the employee and the Library agree. Employees will be required to submit documentation to certify the leave and the Library retains the right to recover the value of the Paid Parental Leave should the employee fail to return to work following their leave of absence. Employees who use Paid Parental Leave will have the same benefit and job protections as provided to employees who take Family and Medical Leave. Paid Parental Leave will run concurrently with any and all other applicable leaves. The benefit will be prorated for part-time employees.

The employee benefit shall apply to the qualifying event of a birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care. The Library will oversee the administration of Paid Parental Leave, including any backfill costs associated with an employee on such leave.

ARTICLE 17 - HEALTH CARE, DENTAL CARE AND INSURANCE

Section 1. Medical, Dental and Vision Care. The Library shall provide medical, dental and vision plans for all regular employees. Said plans, changes thereto and premiums shall be established through the Joint Labor-Management Health Care Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement established to govern the functioning of said Committee as contained in Appendix D.

Section 2. Retiree Medical. Employees who retire and are under the age of sixty-five (65) shall be eligible to enroll in retiree medical plans that are experience-rated with active employees.

Section 3. Life Insurance. The Library shall offer a voluntary Group Term Life Insurance option to eligible employees. The employee shall pay sixty (60) percent of the monthly premium and the Library shall pay forty (40) percent of the monthly premium at a premium rate established by the Library and the carrier.

Section 4. Long-Term Disability Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, the Library will provide a Long-Term Disability Insurance (LTD) program for all eligible employees for occupational and non-occupational accidents or illnesses. The Library will pay the full monthly premium cost of a Base Plan with a ninety (90) day elimination period, which insures sixty percent (60%) of the employee's first \$667 base monthly wage. Employees may purchase, through payroll deduction, an optional Buy-up Plan with a ninety (90) day elimination period, which insures sixty percent (60%) for the remainder of the employee's base monthly wage (up to a maximum \$8,333 per month). Benefits may be reduced by the employee's income from other sources as set forth in the Plan Description. The provisions of the plan shall be further and more fully defined in the Plan Description issued by the Standard Insurance Company.

During the term of this Agreement, the Library may, at its discretion, change or eliminate the insurance carrier for any of the long-term disability benefits covered by this Section and provide an alternative plan either through self-insurance or another insurance carrier; however, the long-term disability benefit level shall remain substantially the same.

Section 5. Long-Term Care. The Library may offer an option for employees to purchase a new long-term care benefit for themselves and certain family members.

Section 6. Life Insurance Supplement. The Library will offer an option for employees to purchase additional life insurance coverage for themselves and their eligible dependents.

Section 7. Benefit Eligibility. New regular employees will be eligible for benefits on the first day of the month following their date of hire (or immediately, if hired on the first working day of the month).

ARTICLE 18 - RETIREMENT

Section 1. Seattle City Employees Retirement System. Pursuant to City Ordinance Number 112479 and subsequent revisions thereof, as cited in the SMC Number 4.36.100 and subsequent revisions thereof, all eligible employees shall be covered by the Seattle City Employees Retirement System.

Section 2. Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA).

- A. Retirement VEBA. Each bargaining unit will conduct a vote to determine whether to participate in a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) to provide post-retirement medical expense benefits to members who retire from City service.

Contributions from Unused Paid Time off at Retirement:

- 1) Eligibility-to-Retire Requirements:
 - a) 5-9 years of service and are age 62 or older;
 - b) 10-19 years of service and are age 57 or older;
 - c) 20-29 years of service and are age 52 or older; or
 - d) 30 years of service and are any age
- 2) The City will provide each bargaining unit with a list of its members who are expected to meet any of the criteria in paragraph A above as of December 31, 202~~6~~⁴.
- 3) If the members of the bargaining unit who have met the criteria described in paragraph A above vote to require VEBA contributions from unused paid time off, then all members of the bargaining unit who are eligible to retire and those who become eligible during the life cycle of this contract shall, as elected by the voting members of the bargaining unit:
 - a) Contribute 35% of their unused sick leave balance into the VEBA upon retirement; or
 - b) Contribute 50% of their unused vacation leave balance into the VEBA upon retirement; or
 - c) Contribute both 35% of their unused sick leave balance and 50% of their unused vacation leave balance upon retirement

Following any required VEBA contribution from a member's unused sick leave, the remaining balance will be forfeited; members may not contribute any portion of their unused sick leave balance to the City of Seattle Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan or receive cash.

- 4) If the members of the bargaining unit who have satisfied the eligibility-to-~~retire~~^{retire} requirements described in paragraph A above as of December 31, 202~~6~~⁴ do not vote to require VEBA contributions from unused sick leave, members may either:
 - a) Transfer 35% of their unused sick leave balance to the City of Seattle Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan, subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law; or
 - b) Cash out their unused sick leave balance at 25% to be paid on their final paycheck.

In either case, the remaining balance of the member's unused sick leave will be forfeited.

- B. Active VEBA: Contributions from Employee Wages (all regular employees who are part of the bargaining unit)

Each bargaining unit will conduct a vote for all regular employees, as defined in the City's employer personnel manual, to determine whether to participate in a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) for active employees to participate in an Active VEBA. Once they begin participating in the VEBA, employees may file claims for eligible expenses as provided under the terms of the VEBA.

If the bargaining unit votes to require VEBA contributions from employee wages, then all members of the bargaining unit shall, as elected by the bargaining unit as to all of its members, make a mandatory employee contribution of one of the amounts listed below into the VEBA while employed by the City:

1. \$25 per month
2. \$50 per month

- C. Allocation of responsibility: The City assumes no responsibility for the tax or other consequences of any VEBA contributions made by or on behalf of any member for either the active or post-retirement options. Each union that elects to require VEBA contributions for the benefit of its members assumes sole responsibility for insuring that the VEBA complies with all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Code, and agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless for any taxes, penalties and any other costs and expenses resulting from such contributions.

ARTICLE 19 - HOURS OF WORK

Section 1. A normal work day for full-time employees will be eight (8) hours. A normal work week will be forty (40) hours, except when the employee and Library management have agreed on other schedules.

Section 2. Shifts less than 8 hours will be minimized wherever operationally feasible, however Employees will be scheduled to work a minimum of four (4) hours per work shift, with exceptions outlined in Article 19, Section 3:

- A. For all authorized hours indicated on a Personnel Action Form, and/or
- B. When the Library requires an employee to work, the employee will be scheduled to work a minimum of four (4) hours. In the event the employee actually works less than the four (4) hour minimum, they shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours at their regular rate, or if mutually agreeable, an equivalent amount of compensatory time off.

Section 3. Employees may work less than the minimum four (4) hours per work shift when, on a voluntary basis, they:

- A. Request to work less than the minimum four (4) hours for their assigned shift, or
- B. Work "extra hour" assignments in excess of their authorized hours as indicated on a Personnel Action Form, or
- C. Are Union representatives participating in Union business.

Section 4. Regular and temporary staff outside Public Services will be notified of their schedules a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance. Regular and temporary Public Services employees will have an annual, one-year fixed schedule. Staff shall be informed of work schedules in advance and will have a period of time to review and request trades prior to implementation, as detailed below.

After staff receive their annual schedules, there will be a schedule trade period of two pay-periods. The trade period will end at least one pay period before new schedules are implemented to allow time for implementation of changes. Staff can request trades by identifying a consenting colleague in the same classification or function in the same region who is willing to make a trade. Requests for trades will be considered, provided that operational needs are met.

When one partner in a schedule trade leaves their position: (1) If the trade did not require a waiver, the remaining staff member is unaffected and the vacated schedule posts. (2) If the trade did require a waiver, the original schedule of the vacated position will post and the remaining staff member retains their altered schedule through the posted schedule period (30 days.) During this time, they may seek a new trade partner. If unsuccessful, their schedule will revert to the original one they were provided. If a trading partnership emerges after that 30 day period, it may be accepted at manager and scheduler's discretion.

Staff will have the ability to initiate a shift trade with a colleague in the same classification or function up to twice per month, through the established scheduling process, provided that operational needs are met. Additional shift trades may be authorized at manager and scheduler discretion.

~~Employees shall be informed of the work schedules a minimum of one (1) month in advance. Unanticipated circumstances may occasionally necessitate adjustments to the previously posted schedules. In such circumstances, a supervisor shall discuss with the employee the adjustment to the employee's schedule. Employees affected by such schedule changes will be given as much notice as possible. If an employee feels that the posted or adjusted work schedule presents an undue hardship to the employee, the employee may appeal to their supervisor. The supervisor shall consider the information presented by the employee and inform the employee of their decision.~~

Section 5. The standard number of nights worked per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) shall be no more than two (2) nights for full-time employees and regular part-time employees working twenty (20) hours or more per week who are covered by Appendix A of this Agreement. Nights will be scheduled consecutively wherever operationally feasible. If said employees, except Audio/Video Technician and Events Assistant, Automated Material Handling System Operator, Custodial/Janitorial Support Lead Sr., Custodian, Janitor, Janitor Lead, and Security Officer are required to work in excess of two (2) nights per week, they will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular straight-time rate of pay for any time worked between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any subsequent additional night worked. Employees may request to work more than two (2) nights per week at their regular straight-time rate of pay upon prior

written approval from their supervisor. Temporary special assignments tied to a specific program, outreach, or service may be posted with more than two nights per week.

It is recognized that Automated Materials Handling System Operators, Custodians, and Janitors, may be hired and regularly scheduled to work a day, swing or night shift. Such employees shall have the right to request a change to a different shift when an opening occurs within their respective job classification. Opportunities to change shifts shall be filled according to seniority within the respective classifications, unless the Library determines there are performance and/or job-related factors that would preclude a shift change based on seniority, as documented by the employee's supervisor/manager.

Section 6. Overtime.

- A. All work performed over forty (40) hours in any one work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay.
- B. If compensatory time off is used as a method of compensating employees for overtime work, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) hours of compensatory time off for each hour of overtime work. Compensatory time off must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. Compensatory time off shall be taken as soon as practical. An hourly employee may not accumulate in excess of two hundred and forty (240) hours of compensatory time. Once employees have accrued 240 hours of compensatory time, they will automatically be paid for time worked over 40 hours per work week that is in excess of the 240 hour maximum. Once the employee's compensatory time balance is below two hundred and forty (240) hours, the employee may again accrue compensatory time for overtime work.
- C. The classifications of Assistant Managing Librarian, ~~and~~ Supervising Librarian, Operations Managers Supervisor, Data Engineer, Enterprise Applications Analyst, SharePoint Online Administrator, and Network Engineer are exempt from all provisions of this contract that provide for pay or compensation over and above their fixed salary, provided they also qualify for exemption from the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Employees in those classifications that are exempt from the overtime provisions of this Agreement shall accrue vacation in accordance with the Schedule B rate in Article 12, Section 1 and shall accrue holidays according to the provisions in Article 13, Section 2.

Section 7. Split Shift. When the Library requires an employee to work a split shift in one (1) work day in which they are off work for two (2) or more hours between the scheduled shift segments, which total the equivalent of up to a full-time employee's work day, the second part of the scheduled shift for that work day shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time. Scheduling of compensatory time must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. The second segment of a scheduled split shift shall not be eligible for emergency call-back pay nor standby pay during the time between shift segments.

An employee who voluntarily requests in writing to work a split shift shall not be eligible for compensation at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time.

Section 8. Twelve (12) hours between shifts. Library employees shall have a minimum of twelve (12) hours off duty between scheduled shifts. When an employee is required to work the next shift without the minimum twelve (12) hour break, the scheduled shift shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time. Scheduling of compensatory time must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. An employee who requests, in writing, to work a shift with less than twelve (12) hours off duty shall not be eligible for one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or compensatory time off for the shift.

Section 9. Shift differential. An employee who is scheduled to work not less than four (4) hours of their regular work shift during the evening/night shifts, between the hours 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., shall receive the following shift differential pay for all scheduled hours actually worked during such shift, effective ~~December 25, 2019~~January 1, 2023:

Evening Shift (7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
\$~~1.2500~~ per hour

Night Shift (12:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.)
\$~~1.7550~~ per hour

The above shift premiums shall apply only to time worked as opposed to time off with pay; and therefore, for example, the premium shall not apply to vacation, holiday pay, bereavement leave, etc. The shift differential will be paid to employees working overtime only if they work four (4) or more consecutive hours on the extra shift, in which case it will be paid for all hours of overtime work for that shift.

The shift differential amounts shall be increased annually according to the appropriate cost of living adjustment.

Section 10. Standby. Employees who are assigned standby duty shall receive ten percent (10%) standby pay while so assigned. Standby pay shall not apply to hours actually worked if the employee responds remotely or is called in, nor to hours in a paid leave status, including vacation and sick leave. When standby is assigned to take place on a paid holiday, standby pay shall be paid in addition to holiday pay.

When an employee on assigned standby duty is required to perform their regular duties, either remotely or when called in, for fifteen (15) minutes or more, the employee shall be compensated for such time at the employee's regular and straight-time rate of pay in increments of fifteen (15) minutes; provided, however, that all time actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1-1/2). By mutual agreement, such time actually worked may be compensated by compensatory time off. Employees on standby are not eligible for Emergency Call-Back pay.

Section 11. Emergency Call-Back. Employees who are either responding remotely or are called back in to work at a Library facility and are required to work after completing their regular shift and prior to their next regular shift, inclusive of employees' days off, shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours' pay or, if mutually agreeable, compensatory time off. Compensation for call-back time will be at the straight-time rate, provided that time actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1-1/2).

Section 12. Four-Day Work Week. It is hereby agreed that the Board may, notwithstanding Section 1 of this Article, implement alternative work schedules affecting employees covered by this Agreement, such as a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week. In administering the alternative work schedules, such as a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week, the following working conditions shall prevail:

- A. Employee participation shall be on a voluntary basis.
- B. All work performed over forty (40) hours in any one (1) work week shall be considered as overtime, except for bargaining unit members covered under the conditions of Section 3, paragraph C above.
- C. Holidays shall be granted in accordance with Article 13 provided that the holiday benefit for employees on alternative work schedules shall be prorated based on the employee's authorized appointment and that the holiday benefit will not exceed eight (8) hours per paid holiday.

Section 13. Religious accommodation. A staff member may be excused from work on their regular day of worship and/or for breaks for religious tenets for bona fide religious reasons only if they present a letter from a minister, pastor or responsible official of a religious group verifying the religious tenets that prohibit the staff member from working on that day.

Section 14. All regular and temporary Public Services employees who work an average of twenty (20) or more hours per week, shall have at least every other weekend off. Staff working less than 72 hours per pay period will have at least two consecutive days off per pay week.

All other non-public services staff, except Automated Materials Handling Systems Operator, Building Engineer, Building Maintenance Support Lead, Building Maintenance Worker, Custodial/Janitorial Support Lead Sr., Custodian, Delivery Driver I, Gardener, Janitor, Janitor Lead, Materials Distribution and Grounds Assistant, Materials Distribution Services Specialist, and Security Officer who work an average of twenty (20) or more hours per week, shall have at least every third Saturday off except where such an arrangement is precluded by a personnel shortage due to sickness, injury or vacation; provided, however, that time off with pay which encompasses a normal Saturday off shall, for purposes of this provision, be calculated as a Saturday off; provided, further, that any employee who misses their normal Saturday off because of a personnel shortage shall be entitled to an alternate Saturday off as soon as it can be arranged in their schedule, but not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

Similarly, all other non-Public Services staff, except Automated Materials Handling Systems Operator, Building Engineer, Building Maintenance Support Lead, Building Maintenance Worker, Custodial/Janitorial Support Lead Sr., Custodian, Delivery Driver I, Gardener, Janitor, Janitor Lead, Materials Distribution and Grounds Assistant, Materials Distribution Services Specialist, and Security Officer who work an average of twenty (20) or more hours per week, shall have at least every third Sunday off except where such an arrangement is precluded by a personnel shortage due to sickness, injury or vacation; provided, however, that time off with pay which encompasses a normal Sunday off shall, for purposes of this provision, be calculated as a Sunday off; provided, further, that any employee who misses their normal Sunday off because of a personnel shortage shall be entitled to an alternate Sunday off as soon as it can be arranged in their schedule, but not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

~~All employees, except Automated Materials Handling Systems Operator, Building Engineer, Building Maintenance Support Lead, Building Maintenance Worker, Custodial/Janitorial Support Lead Sr., Custodian, Delivery Driver I, Gardener, Janitor, Janitor Lead, Materials Distribution and Grounds Assistant, Materials Distribution Services Specialist, and Security Officer who work an average of twenty (20) or more hours per week, shall have at least every third Saturday off except where such an arrangement is precluded by a personnel shortage due to sickness, injury or vacation; provided, however, that time off with pay which encompasses a normal Saturday off shall, for purposes of this provision, be calculated as a Saturday off; provided, further, that any employee who misses their normal Saturday off because of a personnel shortage shall be entitled to an alternate Saturday off as soon as it can be arranged in their schedule, but not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.~~

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Section 15. No employee will work more than seven (7) consecutive days unless agreed to in writing.

Section 16. Work schedules that conflict with Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14 or 15 of this Article may be agreed upon in writing between the employee and the applicable Director or designee. This Section shall function as an exception to Article 19, Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14 or 15 and shall hold said Sections in abeyance for as long as such a written agreement is in force. Copies of such an agreement that hold said Sections in abeyance for a duration longer than two pay periods shall be copied to the Local Union President and to the Library Director of Employee Relations.

Section 17. Meal and rest breaks. Employees working a shift longer than five (5) hours shall be provided a meal break of at least thirty (30) minutes. Meal periods shall be on the Library's time when the employee is required by the Library to remain on duty on the premises or at a prescribed work site. Employees shall be allowed a paid fifteen (15) minute rest break for each four (4) hours of work time. Rest periods shall be scheduled as near as possible to the midpoint of each four-hour work period. In an emergency situation, if an employee is required to work through their rest period, the employee should be given a break at the first available time. Rest breaks cannot be used to shorten the work day or extend lunch and/or dinner breaks.

Section 18. In the event of budget reductions, management and the Union will meet to negotiate the impacts on bargaining unit members. In the event of a reduction in force, employees retain the right to fixed schedules but such schedules may need to be revised, per Article 23 section 1.

Section 19. Fixed Schedules Implementation and Reopener: In recognition of the complexity of the transition to fixed schedules, it is agreed that a collaborative labor/management

implementation team will be formed to implement fixed schedules, as well as meet monthly to address or troubleshoot issues that arise. It is also agreed that fixed schedules, as outlined here in Article 19, can be reopened as a contract topic one full year after the initial implementation.

ARTICLE 20 - WORK OUTSIDE OF CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS

Section 1. Whenever the Library requires an employee to assume the normal duties and accept the substantial majority of the significant responsibilities for more than five (5) consecutive work shifts of any employee who works in a position in a higher-paid classification within the bargaining unit, they shall be compensated at the first pay step of the higher classification for all continuous time so worked. If their own pay is already higher, the employee shall be compensated at the pay step that provides a minimum 2 percent pay increase.

Additionally, whenever the Library requires a Library Associate 1 to assume the normal duties of a Library Associate 2 for the entirety of the employee's scheduled work shift (prescheduled shifts, sick call redeployment, or voluntary Extra Hours shifts), they will receive a 5% working-out-of-classification pay premium.

Section 2. If an employee has reason to believe their position is not properly classified, they may petition the applicable Director for reclassification consideration. Such a petition must be in writing and address the differences between the employee's current duties and those listed in the position classification description. The Library will notify the Union when a petition for reclassification consideration is received.

The applicable Director will review the request and refer it to the Library Director of Employee Relations within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving the request, provided sufficient information has been obtained from the employee. The Library Director of Employee Relations will review the request and make a decision within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the request, provided that sufficient information has been obtained from the employee. The decision of the Library Director of Employee Relations will be forwarded to the employee.

The employee may appeal the decision of the Library Director of Employee Relations by filing an appeal statement within fifteen (15) calendar days, in writing, with the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee. The employee has a right to request and receive Union representation during the appeal. The appeal decision of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, or their designee, will be made within fifteen (15) calendar days and forwarded to the employee. The decision on appeal shall be final and shall not be subject to the grievance process.

Section 3. Whenever an employee's position is reclassified to a position in a higher-paid classification within the bargaining unit, the employee shall be compensated at the first pay step of the higher classification, effective as of the date the reclassification request was initiated. If their own pay is already higher, they shall be compensated at the lowest pay step that provides a minimum 2 percent (2%) pay increase. The subsequent salary step increases, if available, will occur on the one-year anniversary date of the reclassification to the higher classification, until the top step is reached.

Section 4. Whenever the Library creates a new classification that the Library maintains has a community of interest with work performed by the bargaining unit, the Union will be notified in

advance. Following such advance notification, the Library will provide the Union a copy of the draft classification specification and provide the Union an opportunity to comment. Once the classification specification has been finalized, the Library will provide the Union a copy of the finalized classification specification and will negotiate with the Union the salary range assigned to the new classification.

ARTICLE 21 - APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, DEMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

Section 1. Definitions: The following definitions shall apply to the appointment, promotion, demotion and/or transfer of employees in the bargaining unit:

Appointment: Initial assignment to a position in the Seattle Public Library system within a specific job classification.

Initial Posting: For Library Associate I, ~~and~~ Library Associate II, [Library Associate IV, Librarian, Float and Intermittent staff, Delivery Driver, Janitor, Custodian, Security Officer, and AMHS Operator](#) vacant positions, the first announcement that also creates a 90-day pool from which subsequent similar positions may be filled.

Similar Position: Referring ~~only~~ to Library Associate I and Library Associate II classifications, a position in the same classification, in the same region, and within 16 hours of the posted hours of the initial posting. [Referring to Library Associate IV, Librarian, Float and Intermittent staff, Delivery Driver, Janitor, Custodian, Security Officer, and AMHS Operator classifications, a position in the same classification, in the same unit or branch, and within 16 hours of the posted hours of the initial posting.](#)

Direct Placement: Placement of an employee into a vacant position without announcing the vacancy for recruitment.

Promotion: Placement of an employee in a position within a classification that has a higher pay range than that of the employee's current position.

Demotion: Placement of an employee in a position within a classification that has a lower pay range than that of the employee's current position.

Transfer: For purposes of this Article, the definition of transfer is reassignment of an employee, at the sole discretion of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee, for more than thirty (30) days to a position of the same classification and same pay rate in a different department or unit.

Internal Candidate: Current Seattle Public Library employees including temporary employees and employees in recall status.

Recall: See Article 23 - Layoff and Recall [link to article 23].

Section 2. Regular Position Recruitment: Whenever a position identified by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee as available for competitive bidding by qualified Library employees becomes vacant in any existing job classification covered by this Agreement, Human Resources will announce the position vacancy to all Library staff electronically. Regular vacant positions will be announced to an agreed upon online announcements webpage available to staff and will also be sent to all Library staff work email accounts. Additionally, Library staff may elect to receive position announcements via their personal email.

- A. Regular position vacancies in classifications covered by this Agreement—~~other than Library Associate I and Library Associate II~~—will be announced for 10 calendar days and the vacancy will not be filled prior to the closing of the application period except where the creation of a pool is permitted as described below. During this period, employees who wish to apply for the vacant position, including current employees desiring a change in hours and/or work location on a regular basis and employees on recall, may do so by submitting written materials as specified in the applicable job announcement.
- B. Regular position vacancies in the classifications of Library Associate I, Library Associate II, Library Associate IV, Librarian, Float and Intermittent staff, Delivery Driver, Janitor, Custodian, Security Officer, and AMHS Operator may be filled as above, or may be filled from a 90 day candidate pool created by a previous initial posting, from which subsequent openings for similar positions may be filled. Initial postings for Library Associate I and Library Associate II regular position vacancies will be announced to all Library staff electronically for a minimum period of ten (10) calendar days and will not be filled prior to the closing of the application period. During this period, employees who wish to apply for the vacant position, including current employees desiring a change in hours and/or work location on a regular basis and employees on recall, may do so by submitting written materials as specified in the applicable job announcement.
- Initial posting vacancy announcements for regular positions in these classifications will have specific language that this posting will be used to create a 90-day pool for filling subsequent similar position vacancies. Any staff member interested in working in a Library Associate I or Library Associate II position in a specific region, or Library Associate IV, Librarian, Float and Intermittent staff, Delivery Driver, Janitor, Custodian, Security Officer, and AMHS Operator in a specific branch or work unit, should apply to initial postings.~~Initial postings for these two classifications will be used to create 90-day pools from which subsequent openings for similar positions in the region may be filled. Initial posting for Library Associate I and Library Associate II classification position vacancy announcements will have specific language that this posting will be used to create a 90-day pool for filling subsequent similar position vacancies and the specific date that the 90-day pool expires. Any staff member, interested in working in these two classifications in a specific region should apply to initial postings.~~
 - For subsequent similar position vacancies, a hiring manager may choose to utilize an existing 90-day pool created from an initial posting or create a new initial posting which will establish a new 90-day pool. In situations where a hiring manager elects to utilize an existing 90-day pool to fill their vacancy, a subsequent position vacancy announcement will be posted electronically for at least 5 calendar days, but will not be open for new applicants. Staff who applied to the initial posting will be given an opportunity to submit an optional letter of interest, if desired.

- If the subsequent similar position vacancy is for the same unit/branch with the same hiring manager as the initial posting, that hiring manager may choose to fill the position immediately from an existing 90-day pool. The position vacancy announcement will be announced electronically but will not be open for new applicants or letters of interest.

For exceptions, see Article 15, Section 7, and Article 23, Section 10.

All job postings shall include, among other things, desired and required job qualifications, minimum educational requirements and work experience; general duties and responsibilities, current salary, general location, and scheduled number of hours per pay period.

Section 3. Temporary Appointment/Position Recruitment

A “temporary appointment” shall be defined as either:

- A. A full-time regular employee who is temporarily placed into a different position in their same classification or a different classification on either a full-time or part-time temporary basis.
- B. A part-time regular employee who either:
 - Is temporarily placed into a different part-time position in their same classification or a different classification on a part-time temporary basis.
 - In addition to working their current part-time regular appointment, is temporarily placed into another part-time regular position in their same classification on a part-time temporary basis, not to exceed eighty (80) hours per pay period.
 - Is temporarily placed into a full-time regular position in their same classification or a different classification on a full-time temporary basis.

Vacant temporary position in any existing classifications covered by this Agreement will be filled as follows:

- A. If the vacant temporary position is greater than six (6) months duration and is identified by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee as available for competitive bidding by qualified Library employees, Human Resources will announce the position vacancy to all Library staff electronically. Temporary positions greater than six (6) months duration will be announced via an agreed upon online announcements webpage available to staff and will also be sent to all Library staff work email accounts. Additionally, Library staff may elect to receive position announcements via their personal email.

The process for filling vacant temporary positions greater than six (6) months duration will follow that which is described in Section 2 of this Article.

- B. If the vacant temporary position is six (6) months or less in duration, the Library may fill by direct placement, or, at the Library’s discretion, the position may be announced following the process described in Section 3.A. of this Article. If the Library elects to directly place an individual into a vacant temporary position that is six (6) months or less in duration, the Library may do so by utilizing candidates who have responded to previous initial postings by classification as described in Section 2 of this Article, or by initiating a letter of interest process specific to the vacancy.

The letter of interest process may be utilized to fill a vacancy without requiring a full application. It should have an announcement that includes the required elements of a job posting as described in Section 2 of this Article. Letter of interest announcements will be made available as specified in Section 2 of this Article.

The Library will notify the Union when a temporary appointment with an initial duration of six (6) months or less is extended beyond six (6) months, including information regarding the reasons for the extension.

The duration of a temporary appointment may not initially exceed twelve (12) months. If a temporary appointment is extended, causing the appointment term to be greater than twelve (12) months in total duration, the Library must seek mutual agreement with the Union. An extension of a temporary appointment beyond twelve (12) months shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months total duration in the temporary appointment. Grant funded project positions are excluded from duration limitations noted above.

If the total duration of the temporary appointment is twelve (12) months or less, or twenty-four (24) months if the appointment has been extended beyond the initial one year, the employee will be returned to their former position if it still exists. If it does not exist, the employee will be returned to a vacant position in their previous classification with at least as many hours as they previously held. If no such position is immediately available, the employee will have call-back rights to an existing and regular position in their former classification, consistent with Article 23, Section 13.

Regular employees who accept temporary out-of-class positions shall have all rights and privileges of regular employees, including seniority for layoff purposes in their regular classification in which they hold regular status and for which they have not forfeited rights to return at the conclusion of their temporary appointment. However, employees in probationary status must complete their applicable probationary period(s) before they can accept a temporary appointment as outlined in Article 8.

Section 4. Notification to Candidates: Within 14 calendar days of a completed hiring process, internal candidates will be notified that a selection decision has been made, either by Human Resources or the Hiring Manager, who will also inform candidates that they may request feedback from HR and/or the Hiring Manager on their competitiveness for a specific position vacancy and/or the quality of their application materials. Candidates who are active in a subsequent recruitment for a vacant position in the same classification may have to wait until they are no longer an active candidate in a recruitment to receive feedback.

Section 5. Vacant Hours Reallocation:

- A. Vacant regular hours, to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per week, may be added to an assignment of a regular employee within the work unit or to more than one regular employee within the work unit on a regular basis by mutual agreement among the Library, the Union, and the affected employee. In the event that these vacant regular hours are not filled within the work unit, the hours may be made available for competitive bidding.
- B. Additional vacant regular hours may be added to an existing regular position that is currently vacant on an ongoing basis if such additional vacant hours do not, on their own, constitute a full-time or part-time position. The vacant position, including the vacant regular hours, shall

be posted if it is to be filled on a regular basis and has been identified by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee as available for posting.

Section 6. Transfers: The Library will notify the Local Union president in advance of the transfer of an employee. An employee who is to be transferred shall be given two (2) weeks' notice, with an additional one (1) week for extenuating circumstances, and the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee shall, during that time, discuss the reasons for the impending transfer with the affected employee. Any personal hardship caused by such a transfer shall be identified by the affected employee for consideration by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee within one (1) week after notice of transfer. However, this Section shall not apply to temporary appointments of thirty (30) days or less; or in extraordinary circumstances that may require more immediate action.

Section 7. Qualifications: Qualifications for appointments, promotional or otherwise, shall be determined by the Library.

Section 8. Promoting from Within: The Board recognizes the desirability and value of filling vacancies by promotion from among existing employees. In the event the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee feels the best qualified person is not among applicants from within the Library, they may hire an applicant from outside the Library.

Section 9. Notification of Unfilled or Reduced Positions or Positions Unavailable for Bidding: The Union shall be notified in the event that the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee determines that a vacant bargaining unit position will not be filled, or that the authorized hours of a vacant regular bargaining unit position will be reduced on a permanent basis, or in the event vacant bargaining unit positions are not made available for competitive bidding.

ARTICLE 22 - PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS AND PERSONNEL FILES

Section 1. Performance Appraisals. Formal performance appraisals shall be discussed with the employee, have space for the employee's comments, be signed by the employee, and contain a statement to the effect that an employee's signature does not necessarily constitute agreement with the appraisal; provided, however, that if an employee refuses to sign their appraisal, a note to that effect, undersigned and dated by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee, shall validate the appraisal.

It is the intention of the Library to address performance deficiencies with an employee as expeditiously as possible. Performance deficiencies not brought to the attention of an employee within a reasonable time prior to the performance appraisal will not be included. Where performance deficiencies are cited in an appraisal, an improvement plan will be developed by the supervisor with input from the employee, with specific recommendations for improvement, expected outcomes and a timeline for achievement and review.

Employee appraisals shall remain the property of the Library, and shall be maintained in the Human Resources Department, except that the affected employee shall be provided with one copy, and the employee's supervisor shall retain one copy. Every possible precaution shall be taken to ensure the confidentiality of an employee's personnel file.

All materials related to an employee's appraisal held at the work location shall either be transferred to the employee's personnel file or be destroyed at the end of one year, except for documentation needed for performance reviews in process and/or current disciplinary actions under consideration.

Section 2. Personnel File. The Human Resources Department shall be the central depository for all official personnel records and files, which shall be maintained by the Department. Materials placed in the employee's official personnel file after the employee's date of hire are available for review by the employee with the Library Director of Employee Relations or designee at any mutually agreeable time. Files maintained by supervisors regarding an employee are considered part of the employee's personnel file and are subject to the same requirements of state law as official personnel files maintained by Human Resources.

An employee will be notified by the supervisor/manager or by the Library Director of Employee Relations or designee when written materials that they believe might have an adverse effect on their employment are placed in the employee's official personnel file. A copy of such materials will be provided to the employee upon request.

In accordance with RCW 49.12.250, an employee may respond in writing to materials in their official personnel file which have been reviewed by the employee and judged by the employee to have an adverse effect upon their employment. The employee's written response shall be attached to the materials and shall become a part of their written personnel records.

Section 3. Removal of Materials from Personnel File. An employee may petition in writing to the Library Director of Employee Relations for the removal of materials relating to records of verbal warnings (after a period of one (1) year from date of issuance) and/or written reprimands (after a period of three (3) years from date of issuance) from their personnel file in the event there have been no additional corrective and/or disciplinary actions taken of the same or similar nature after a period of one (1) year for verbal warnings and three (3) years for written reprimands from the date of issuance. The Library Director of Employee Relations shall, within fifteen (15) days of such a request, inform the employee of the decision and the basis for the decision to remove or retain the materials. The decision to remove or retain materials shall be at the sole discretion of the Library. An employee may not grieve the retention and/or removal of such materials. Nothing in this section, however, shall be interpreted as preventing the Library and the Union from reaching mutually agreeable timelines for requiring the removal of such materials on an individual basis, as a result of a grievance settlement relating to a disciplinary action and/or another related issue.

ARTICLE 23 - LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section 1. The Library and the Union shall meet within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Library Board has officially decided that there may be or will be layoff(s) that directly affect the bargaining unit. At this meeting the Library shall inform the Union of the details of the layoff situation, including the reasons therefore. The Union, in turn, may submit alternative ideas in lieu of layoff that shall be discussed at this meeting or any subsequent meeting mutually agreed upon for that purpose. The Library and the Union may explore alternative strategies to avoid the impacts of the layoff and bumping provisions in this Article on Library operations and the membership. Upon mutual agreement, such alternative strategies may include, but not be limited to, the placement

of affected employees in existing and regular, alternate vacant positions for which they are qualified as determined by the Library. In the event such strategies are implemented, the parties will agree upon specific terms of such placements.

Section 2. In the event of budget reductions resulting in layoffs or reduction of hours, the Library and the Union will meet to negotiate impacts on bargaining unit members.

Section 3. Layoff shall be by classification, as approved by the Board upon recommendation by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian.

Section 4. Each employee to be laid off shall be given at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of layoff and a copy of such notice shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Section 5. An involuntary reduction in an employee's hours of work shall be considered as a layoff.

Section 6. The Library agrees to restore hours, within the timeframe for recall as outline in Section 13 of this Article, to any employee in the bargaining unit who has suffered a reduction in hours, and who is qualified, before hiring new employees for any added hours of work in a classification in which an existing employee is suffering a reduction in hours.

Section 7. In a reduction of force that involves the layoff of regular employees, the regular job classification and job duties of any employees in the bargaining unit may be changed. The Union shall be notified of any significant changes and may request the opportunity to negotiate the impact of such changes.

Section 8. Seniority rights, for the purposes of layoff and recall, shall be determined by each employee's initial date of hire to a represented position and continuous employment in represented classifications within the library. If a represented employee leaves the bargaining unit through any means other than separation, but returns to a represented position within a period of 24 months or less, seniority shall not be broken and shall continue to accrue from the point at which the employee left the bargaining unit. No employee will acquire such seniority rights until completion of the employee's twelve (12) month initial probationary period, at which time the employee's seniority shall be retroactive to the date of hire. An individual who was hired as a temporary employee and who subsequently becomes a regular employee without a break in service with the Library, shall have seniority for purposes of layoff computed retroactively to the date of hire as a temporary employee once the employee has served a probationary period as a regular employee. A regular employee who has received a temporary assignment without a break in service shall be considered a regular employee for purposes of layoff.

Section 9. Should the Library find it necessary to effect a reduction in its work force, temporary employees who hold no right to a regular appointment and initial probationary employees in classifications affected shall be separated first, provided:

- A. The separation of a temporary employee shall occur before the separation of an initial probationary employee and shall not allow such temporary employee to bump a regular employee because the temporary employee does not accrue seniority.
- B. A temporary or probationary employee possessing skills, abilities or qualifications which the Library has determined necessary to retain and which are not available among regular

employees in the same classification may be retained at the discretion of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian.

Section 10. When it becomes necessary to lay off regular employees, regular full-time or regular part-time employee(s) in the affected classification who have the least seniority shall be laid off first; provided, however, that employees possessing skills, abilities or qualifications which the Library has determined necessary to retain and which are not available among senior employees in the same classification may be retained or recalled regardless of seniority at the discretion of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian; and provided further that a promotional employee serving a trial service period in a position in a job classification affected by the layoff shall be downgraded to a position in their former job classification if said employee has greater seniority than the least senior employee in their former job classification. In the event that the employee does not have greater seniority than the least senior employee in their former job classification, the employee shall have bumping rights in accordance with Section 10.B. of this article.

The following procedures shall apply, in order, to regular employees affected by layoff:

A. Placement in vacant positions: If there is an existing and regular vacant position either in the same classification as the affected employee's classification, or in a classification with the same salary range as the affected employee's classification, or in the next immediately lower-salaried classification from the affected employee's classification, and the Library has determined that the affected employee in the position to be eliminated is qualified for this position, the Library will offer the affected employee that existing and regular vacant position. If more than one employee from the same classification to be reduced is affected by the elimination and all are determined by the Library to be qualified for the existing and regular vacant position, the position will be offered to the employee with the most seniority by the most recent date of hire and ensuing continuous employment in a represented position with the Library. If more than one existing and regular position is vacant in the same classification as the affected employee's classification, or in the same salary range as the affected employee's classification, or in an immediately lower-salaried classification from the affected employee's classification, the Library will determine which of the existing and regular positions will be offered to the employee, or to each of the employees, subject to layoff from the positions in the affected classification to be eliminated.

An employee may refuse to accept an offer of an existing and regular position in an immediately lower-salaried classification. In such cases, the employee's name will be placed on the call-back list according to seniority by most recent date of hire and continuous employment in a represented position with the Library.

B. Bumping into filled positions: Bumping of regular employees into filled positions shall be governed by the following provisions.

1. In order to bump:

- a. An employee seeking to bump is required to possess the skills, abilities or qualifications, as determined by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, for an existing and regular position in a lower-salaried classification.
- b. The employee must have notified the Library Director of Employee Relations in writing, pursuant to the instructions given with layoff notification, within

seven (7) calendar days of receipt of their layoff notice of their desire to bump, or to decline to exercise an option to bump, forfeit all further bumping rights, and have their name placed on the call-back list according to seniority. Failure to respond within the specified period will result in the affected employee being placed on the recall list.

2. The bumping process shall be conducted in the following order:

- a. The Library makes a determination whether the least senior employee in the affected classification is qualified for the next immediately lower-salaried classification.
- b. If the affected employee has greater seniority by date of hire and continuous employment in a represented position with the library than the least senior employee in the lower-salaried classification and has been determined qualified, they may exercise their option to bump the least senior employee in the lower-salaried classification.
- c. If the affected employee has less seniority than the least senior employee in the next immediately lower-salaried classification, the affected employee may bump the least senior employee in successively lower-salaried classifications for which they have been determined qualified by the Library.

Section 11. The Library shall provide the Union with a current seniority list of the bargaining unit members who have seniority under this Article within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Library Board has officially decided that there will be layoffs that would directly affect the bargaining unit. This list shall remain in effect for one (1) calendar year from its date of issuance or until it is determined by the Library that a more recent list is needed.

Section 12. Should the seniority of any two employees be equal, the affected employees shall draw lots.

Section 13. Call-back rights, as outlined in this Section, shall be extended to the following employees:

- All regular employee affected by layoff who are not immediately offered placement in an existing and regular position in their regular classification with at least as many hours as they previously held; and
- All regular employees returning from leave without rights to a specific position who are not immediately placed in an existing and regular position in their former regular classification with at least as many hours as they previously held; and
- All regular employees who either did not successfully complete a promotional “trial service” period or who requested to return from promotional placement to their previous classification during their “trial service” period, but are not immediately placed in an existing and regular position in their former, regular classification with at least as many hours as they previously held; and
- All regular employees who accepted a position on a temporary basis, but for whom no existing and regular position in their previous classification is available upon conclusion of their temporary appointment.

- A. Call-Back List. Names of affected employees shall be placed on a call-back list in order of seniority by most recent date of hire and continuous employment within the bargaining unit. Names of employees affected by successive reductions-in-force shall be incorporated into one call-back list in order of seniority.
- B. Call-Back Rights. Call-back rights for affected employees shall be for a period of twelve (12) calendar months. For employees affected by layoff, return from temporary appointment, or return from "trial service" period, this call-back period shall begin on the first day following the employee's last day of employment with the Library; in the case of employees returning from leave who do not have right of return to a specific position, this period shall begin on the first day following the employee's last day of leave. Within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the end of the twelve (12) month period and upon receipt of the employee's written request, the Library may extend the employee's call-back rights for an additional twelve (12) month period. While remaining on the call-back list, an employee may be placed in a lower-hours position and/or lower-salaried classification for which they are qualified.
- C. Restoration of Hours. Employees who have suffered a reduction in hours due to a reduction-in-force shall have the right to have those hours restored before employees with lesser seniority are recalled from layoff; provided that such cutback in hours qualifies as a layoff.
- D. Reinstatement. When regular employees on the call-back list are reinstated, the order of call-back shall be according to seniority, with the person with the most seniority reinstated first. The Union and the employee on the call-back list who is eligible for reinstatement shall be notified of the job available. The Library will mail a notice by certified mail to the employee at their last known address, with a copy to the Local Union President. It is the responsibility of the employee to provide the Library with current contact information.
1. An employee will be considered fully reinstated and have no further call-back rights when the employee accepts an existing and regular position in their former regular classification that is at least the same hours as the employee's former position.
 2. An employee who has been placed in or who has bumped into a lower-salaried classification due to a reduction-in-force and whose name is on the call-back list, when offered an available existing and regular position in their former classification, shall choose between the offered position and the currently held position in the lower-salaried classification, inasmuch as the employee will not be allowed to fill both positions simultaneously.
 3. If the employee fails to report for work or otherwise respond to the Library within seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of notification, or if the notification letter is returned unclaimed, the employee shall forfeit all call-back rights; provided, however, an employee may refuse in writing no more than two offers of an existing and regular position that does not result in the employee being fully reinstated. Any further refusal will result in the employee forfeiting all call-back rights. If a person exercises an option to refuse a particular recall, the employee may not at a later date change their mind and request that they displace a less senior employee or new-hire who has accepted the position after their refusal.
 4. If an employee declines an offer of an existing and regular position in their former regular classification that would result in their being fully reinstated, they will forfeit

rights to return to their former position and their name will be removed from the call-back list.

E. Employees whose names are on the call-back list and who have been actually laid off (as opposed to employees who have been placed in or who have bumped into a lower-salaried classification due to a reduction-in-force) shall be given priority for any temporary work for which the employee is immediately qualified by virtue of past experience or present qualifications.

F. A reopened existing and regular position within the bargaining unit will not be posted for competition as long as there is an individual on the call-back list who is eligible for the position.

ARTICLE 24 - JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Board and the Union, recognizing the value of mutual cooperation, hereby agree to establish a Joint Labor-Management Committee (hereinafter called the "JLMC") as described in Section 2, to enhance labor-management relations within the Library. The JLMC shall operate consistent with the principles and characteristics of the Labor-Management Partnership Agreement.

Section 2. The function of the JLMC is to discuss possible methods and means of enhancing Library services; promote the effective implementation and administration of this Agreement; discuss any other matters pertaining to Library service and/or the welfare of Library employees covered by this Agreement, except individual grievances; and approve recommendations for expenditures of training and educational development funds. The JLMC may also advise the Executive Director and Chief Librarian on labor-management issues, or on other issues as requested by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, and shall function in an advisory capacity. Final decisions resulting from this process shall reside with the Executive Director and Chief Librarian. It is further understood that the JLMC shall not be considered a collective bargaining forum nor shall this Article be construed to limit, restrict or reduce either party's rights as outlined in this Agreement.

Section 3. The Union representatives and/or the Library representatives may initiate discussion of any subject outlined above. An agenda describing the issues in question shall be prepared by the party presenting topics for discussion and shall be distributed to all JLMC members at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of each meeting. It is the responsibility of the committee members who wish to place a topic on the agenda to obtain relevant information about the topic prior to initiating discussion of the topic at the meeting. Prior to bringing topics to the JLMC, every effort shall be made to resolve the issue at the lowest possible level within the Library. The JLMC shall discuss all issues submitted by representatives of either party in hopes of facilitating a possible resolution to those issues.

The parties shall alternate, by mutual agreement, the chair, agenda, and minutes-taking responsibilities. The Chairperson shall develop a written agenda for the meeting with input from both parties, and distribute the agenda in a method mutually agreed upon. Minutes will be taken, written, and distributed within the Library in a manner mutually agreed upon.

Section 4. Composition of Committee. The JLMC shall consist of fourteen (14) members, seven (7) of whom shall be appointed by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian, to include the

Director of Employee Relations, and seven (7) bargaining unit members appointed by the Union, to include the Union Business Representative. With the exception of the Union Business Representative, all committee members shall be employees of the Library.

Section 5. The Library and the Union agree that any time the JLMC convenes there must be a quorum. A quorum is at least four (4) representatives from each side.

Section 6. The Library and the Union agree that the JLMC shall meet twelve (12) times per year, unless mutually agreed upon to meet more or less often.

ARTICLE 25 - EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. The Board and the Union agree that continuous upgrading of employee skills and knowledge is most important in providing accurate information and creative, efficient Library service to the public. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities available for continuing study and self-improvement. To this end it shall be a policy of the Library to allow employees covered by this Agreement, at the discretion of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee, Library time off plus related expenses to attend job-related meetings, conferences, and other training and educational programs insofar as this practice is compatible with the continuation of full Library service to the public. In the event paid time off is granted, an employee shall be compensated for actual time spent in the conference, workshop, class or other training event, or educational program, regardless of whether the employee has been appointed to a full-time or part-time position. Intermittent employees are eligible for optional local and virtual training; however, they are ineligible for paid time off for optional training.

Section 2. In addition, when an individual wishes to take a class for college or continuing education credit which is closely related to their position as determined by the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee, the following principles will be applied insofar as possible:

- A. It is understood that any adjustment affecting either time or salary takes into account the work of the position involved, and the importance of the course and/or courses in relation to this work.
- B. The schedule of work of the employee is adjusted to permit attendance at approved classes.
- C. One-half (1/2) of the time required for attendance at classes, during the individual's regularly scheduled working hours, to a maximum of three hours a week, is granted without reduction of salary.

Section 3. If funds and/or job-related leave with pay are desired by a bargaining unit employee, written application for such funds and/or leave shall be made five (5) weeks in advance whenever feasible to the employee's supervisor/manager. Those requests that are approved by the employee's supervisor/manager and Director or designee shall be forwarded to the Library Training and Development Manager. The employee may originate the application, or the supervisor/manager may originate an application on behalf of the employee after discussion with the employee if the supervisor/manager has determined that the employee needs the training. All copies of the current approved training request form shall be forwarded to the Training and

Development Manager. The form shall be signed by the employee, their supervisor/manager, and Director or designee, and shall include the total requested funds.

The Training and Development Manager will develop draft guidelines for use of Educational Development funds and present them to JLMC for approval. The Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee will have final approval of the guidelines. The guidelines will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised as needed.

When training requests are received by the Training and Development Manager, they will be reviewed and any funding formula applied. Recommendations for training funds will be presented at the JLMC meetings for approval. In the event of any split between Labor and Management, or tie vote on the approval of a request, it will be sent to the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or their designee for a final decision.

The Joint Labor-Management Committee may establish a mutually agreed upon process to consider and approve training requests between the regular meetings.

Section 4. During each year of the contract, the Library shall allocate the sum of \$47,000 for an Educational Development Fund to be used for job-related educational development. Any unused funds shall be carried over into the subsequent budget year.

Section 5. Reports of training and educational development expenditures will be made for the Joint Labor-Management Committee on at least a quarterly basis, showing requests made, action taken, approved expenses and total funds spent year-to-date.

Section 6. It is hereby agreed and understood that this Article does not, in any way, interfere with the Executive Director and Chief Librarian's or their designee's authority to grant or deny leave with or without pay and with or without related expenses.

ARTICLE 26 - LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SAFETY

Section 1. The Library recognizes the joint desire with the Union to create and maintain a safe and secure working environment. The Library, under the direction of the Executive Director and Chief Librarian or designee, will assign Security Officer staffing as it deems necessary and at the appropriate levels. The Library and the Union will meet annually, or more often upon request of either party, to identify emerging security trends in the Branch Libraries. Staffing and deployment requests will be considered; however, the Library will retain the right to determine the appropriate levels and deployment strategies.

Section 2. Whenever possible, with the exception of the Central Library, the Library will operate with a minimum of three (3) staff members at all public-facing library facilities during public service hours. An employee will not be required to open or maintain public service hours unless at least two (2) staff members are present with a 3rd staff member expected within the next 2 hours, as referenced in the Public Services Scheduling Guidelines. Staff members will contact the appropriate authority, who will make every effort to obtain a third staff member so that relief staff are available during meal and break times. However, in the event that relief staff are not available, in order to maintain the ~~two-person~~ minimum staffing levels, staff members will remain ~~on~~

~~available~~ and in the building during their meal breaks. In this instance, staff members will be compensated for their meal breaks.

Section 3. The Library shall provide for adequate safekeeping of employees' clothing worn to and from the workplace but not worn on duty.

Whenever the Library requires employees to wear a uniform or other article of wearing apparel of a specific style or color, it must be furnished by the Library. Usual and customary wearing apparel in conformance with a general dress standard need not be furnished by the Library.

Section 4. The Library prohibits smoking in any Library-owned or controlled building or vehicle and on any Library-owned or controlled property.

Section 5. All work shall be done in a competent and safe manner, and in accordance with the State of Washington safety codes and The Seattle Public Library's safety procedures. All employees are expected to comply with established safety procedures, promote safety, and to assist in the prevention of accidents. All employees are expected to participate and cooperate in the overall Library accident prevention program.

Section 6. It is the mutual goal of both the Library and the Union that an area designated for employee breaks will be established at each permanent work site.

Section 7. The Library will maintain a Health and Safety Committee consisting of represented employees and management representatives. The purpose of the committee shall be to investigate safety and health issues and to advise the Library management of education and preventative health measures for the workplace and its employees. ~~When the Union or employees report a hazardous condition in a Library operated workplace, the Library's Safety Manager or designee will conduct a risk assessment (when appropriate) to identify potential hazards and make efforts to mitigate any findings. Both the risk assessment and mitigation plan will be shared with the labor Union.~~

The Committee shall consist of ~~equal membership representation of~~ employee-selected and Library-selected members; provided that one such member shall be designated as a Union representative. ~~The number of employee-selected members must equal or exceed the number of employer-selected members.~~

The Committee shall have regular monthly meetings and special meetings may be called if needed. Minutes of the meetings will be posted to the intranet in an area accessible to all staff.

Section 8. Recognizing the joint commitment of the Library and the Union to reducing exposure to physical hazards in the work place, including work-related musculoskeletal hazards, the Joint Labor-Management Committee and the Library Safety Committee shall review, discuss and make recommendations to the Library in matters relating to injury prevention efforts including, but not limited to, staff training for injury prevention and performance standards for using safe work methods. The Library will respond to any request for an ergonomic assessment brought forward by an employee or the Union ~~by performing an ergonomic assessment of the affected work space. Solutions to identified issues/concerns will be implemented within available resources.~~ Decisions on the acquisition and use of ergonomic equipment, staff training for injury prevention, and

performance standards for using safe work methods will be made by the Library and communicated, as applicable, to employees and the Union.

Section 9. All employees are expected to be physically and mentally fit to perform their jobs in a safe manner at all times and are subject to The Seattle Public Library Fit for Duty Administrative Procedures, as identified by the Library.

ARTICLE 27 – DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP DEFINITION

A "domestic partnership" shall exist between two (2) persons when they complete, sign, and cause to be filed with the Seattle Public Library an "Affidavit of Domestic Partnership" that attests to the following:

1. The two parties share the same regular and permanent address.
2. The two parties have a close personal relationship.
3. The two parties are jointly responsible for "basic living expenses," as defined below.
4. The two parties are not married to anyone.
5. The two parties are each eighteen (18) years of age or older.
6. The two parties are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the state of Washington.
7. The two parties were mentally competent to consent to contract when the domestic partnership began.
8. The two parties are each other's sole domestic partner and are responsible for each other's common welfare.

"Basic living expenses" means the cost of basic food, shelter, and any other expenses of a domestic partner that are paid at least in part by a program or benefit for which the partner qualified because of the domestic partnership. The individuals need not contribute equally or jointly to the cost of these expenses as long as they agree that both are responsible for the cost.

ARTICLE 28 – SEVERABILITY

If an Article of this Agreement or any addenda thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and addenda shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such Article.

ARTICLE 29 - SUBORDINATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. It is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the Library are governed by the provisions of applicable Federal or State Law. When any provisions thereof are in conflict with or are different from the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of said Federal or State Law are paramount and shall prevail.

Section 2. Provisions of City Ordinances that have been made legally applicable to the Library by the Library Board shall be paramount except where they conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

Section 1. The Agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no oral statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions.

Section 2. The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each party voluntarily and unqualifiedly agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter whether or not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement shall be effective January 1, 2012~~39~~ and remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2024~~6~~

Written notice of intent to modify, amend or terminate this Agreement must be served by the requesting party at least sixty (60) but not more than ninety (90) days prior to December 31, 2024~~6~~. Any modifications requested by the opening party shall accompany the opening letter, and any modifications requested at a later date shall not be subject to negotiations unless mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Section 2. This Agreement shall be subject to amendment at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. Such an amendment shall be reduced to writing, state the effective date of the amendment, be executed in the same manner as this Agreement, and be approved by the Library Board.

APPENDIX A- WAGE SCHEDULE

Section 1. The base wage and salary rates enumerated in Appendix "A" are as follows:

54.0% percent Annual Wage Increase (AWI) for 2023~~19~~ included
Effective ~~December 26, 2019~~ January 4, 2023

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Code	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
89016	AMH Syst Op	TBD\$21.16	TBD\$22.25	TBD\$23.28	TBD\$24.48	TBD\$25.70
89018	AMH Syst Op Ld	TBD\$23.42	TBD\$24.53	TBD\$25.76	TBD\$27.00	TBD\$28.36
89590	Asst Mgr	\$33.03	\$34.68	\$36.43	\$38.28	\$40.14
89439	Asst Mnging Librn	TBD\$40.93	TBD\$42.92	TBD\$45.10	TBD\$47.33	TBD\$49.66
89928	Audio/Video Tech&Events Asst	TBD\$24.43	TBD\$25.68	TBD\$26.90	TBD\$28.27	TBD\$29.68
89900	Bldg Engr-Libr	TBD\$31.49	TBD\$33.09	TBD\$34.75	TBD	TBD
89850	Bldg Maint Wkr	TBD\$26.49	TBD\$27.83	TBD\$29.23	TBD\$30.64	TBD\$32.15

89942	Bldg Maint Supp Ld	TBD\$33.09	TBD\$34.75	TBD\$36.49	TBD\$38.31	TBD\$40.24
	Comm Resc. Spc	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Comm Resc. Spc. Sr.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
89432	Coordinating Library Tech	TBD\$26.01	TBD\$27.26	TBD\$28.63	TBD\$30.06	TBD\$31.51
89956	Custdl/Janitorial Supp Lead,Sr	TBD\$25.81	TBD\$27.12	TBD\$28.46	TBD\$29.89	TBD\$31.39
89840	Custodian	TBD\$21.09	TBD\$22.11	TBD\$23.19	TBD\$24.35	TBD\$25.51
	Custodian *Intermittent	TBD	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
	Data Analyst, Sec	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Data Engineer	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
89510	Delivery Dvr I	TBD\$21.53	TBD\$22.59	TBD\$23.67	TBD\$24.88	TBD\$26.11
89530	Delivery Dvr II	TBD\$23.42	TBD\$24.53	TBD\$25.76	TBD\$27.00	TBD\$28.36
	Enterprise Sysms. Anal.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
89875	Gardener	TBD\$24.92	TBD\$26.15	TBD\$27.48	TBD\$28.74	TBD\$30.17
89907	Info Technol Spec 1,Sr	TBD\$34.82	TBD\$36.31	TBD\$38.08	TBD\$40.00	TBD\$42.22
89908	Info Technol Spec 2,Sr	TBD\$35.38	TBD\$37.16	TBD\$38.97	TBD\$40.93	TBD\$42.97
89831	Janitor	TBD\$20.18	TBD\$21.16	TBD\$22.25	TBD\$23.28	TBD\$24.48
	Janitor *Intermittent	TBD	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
89957	Janitor Lead	TBD\$24.72	TBD\$25.94	TBD\$27.25	TBD\$28.59	TBD\$30.04
89523	Lead Page	TBD\$21.02	TBD\$22.04	TBD\$23.15	TBD\$24.27	TBD\$25.48
89447	Library Assoc I	TBD\$20.11	TBD\$21.11	TBD\$22.17	TBD\$23.22	TBD\$24.40
NEW	Library Assoc I *Floating	TBD\$20.11	TBD\$21.11	TBD\$22.17	TBD\$23.22	TBD\$24.40
89881	Library Assoc I*Intermittent	TBD\$20.11	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
89448	Library Assoc II	TBD\$21.16	TBD\$22.25	TBD\$23.28	TBD\$24.48	TBD\$25.70
	Library Assoc II *Floating	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Library Assoc II *Intermittent	TBD	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
89449	Library Assoc III	TBD\$22.61	TBD\$23.70	TBD\$24.93	TBD\$26.16	TBD\$27.49
89437	Library Assoc IV	TBD\$28.57	TBD\$29.99	TBD\$31.41	TBD\$33.01	TBD\$34.65
	Library Assoc IV *Floating	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Library Assoc IV *Intermittent	TBD	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
89429	Library Tech I	TBD\$21.39	TBD\$22.43	TBD\$23.58	TBD\$24.72	TBD\$25.89
89430	Library Tech II	TBD\$22.82	TBD\$23.93	TBD\$25.08	TBD\$26.35	TBD\$27.67
89431	Library Tech III	TBD\$24.43	TBD\$25.68	TBD\$26.90	TBD\$28.27	TBD\$29.68
89313	Librn	TBD\$34.27	TBD\$35.98	TBD\$37.72	TBD\$39.66	TBD\$41.55

NEW	Librn * Floating	TBD\$34.27	TBD\$35.98	TBD\$37.72	TBD\$39.66	TBD\$41.55
89881	Librn*Intermittent	TBD\$34.27	(Position also receives pay in lieu of benefits)			
89929	Librn,Supvsng	TBD\$38.84	TBD\$40.68	TBD\$42.70	TBD\$44.82	TBD\$47.07
89917	Mats Distrib Svcs Spec	TBD\$28.80	TBD\$30.22	TBD\$31.74	TBD\$33.30	TBD\$34.98
89011	Operations MgSupervisor	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
89445	Page	TBD\$19.75	TBD\$20.74	TBD\$21.78	TBD\$22.82	TBD\$23.93
89433	Prgm Coord	TBD\$31.74	TBD\$33.32	TBD\$34.95	TBD\$36.68	TBD\$38.47
89896	Prin Applics Spec	TBD\$36.78	TBD\$38.62	TBD\$40.57	TBD\$42.59	TBD\$44.69
89855	Security Ofcr	TBD\$26.22	TBD\$27.52	TBD\$28.83	TBD\$30.27	TBD\$31.80
89856	Security Ofcr, Ld	TBD\$30.27	TBD\$31.80	TBD\$33.39	TBD\$35.06	TBD\$36.82
89131	Selection Svcs Librn	TBD\$39.38	TBD\$41.36	TBD\$43.45	TBD\$45.65	TBD\$47.90
89130	Sr Libr	TBD\$38.84	TBD\$40.68	TBD\$42.70	TBD\$44.82	TBD\$47.07
89909	Systs Anlyst 1,Sr	TBD\$47.92	TBD\$50.32	TBD\$52.89	TBD\$55.48	TBD\$58.23
89910	Systs Anlyst 2,Sr	TBD\$48.99	TBD\$51.45	TBD\$54.06	TBD\$56.75	TBD\$59.57
89911	Systs Anlyst 3,Sr	TBD\$50.12	TBD\$52.61	TBD\$55.26	TBD\$58.04	TBD\$60.92
89185	Systs Anlyst	TBD\$40.44	TBD\$42.48	TBD\$44.63	TBD\$46.85	TBD\$49.17
89905	Systs Librn	TBD\$50.12	TBD\$52.60	TBD\$55.26	TBD\$58.04	TBD\$60.92
89909	Systs Anlyst 1,Sr	TBD\$53.13	TBD\$55.79	TBD\$58.64	TBD\$61.52	TBD\$64.56
89910	Systs Anlyst 2,Sr	TBD\$54.31	TBD\$57.04	TBD\$59.94	TBD\$62.91	TBD\$66.04
89905	Systs Librn	TBD	TBD \$58.31	TBD \$61.27	TBD \$64.31	TBD \$67.54
89620	PC Technician	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
89622 89905	Enterprise Applications Analyst - ExemptSysts Librn	TBD\$55.57	TBD \$58.31	TBD \$61.27	TBD \$64.31	TBD \$67.54
89629 89620	SharePoint Online Administrator - Exempt PC Technician	TBD\$28.55	TBD \$29.54	TBD \$30.71	TBD \$31.86	TBD \$33.14
89626 89622	Data Engineer – ExemptEnterprise Applications Analyst– Exempt	TBD\$50.60	TBD \$53.13	TBD \$55.79	TBD \$58.58	TBD \$61.50
89625 89629	Network Engineer- ExemptSharePoi nt-Online Administrator– Exempt	TBD\$54.31	TBD \$57.04	TBD \$59.94	TBD \$62.91	TBD \$66.04
89626	Data Engineer– Exempt	\$54.31	\$57.04	\$59.94	\$62.91	\$66.04

<u>89625</u>	<u>Network Engineer Exempt</u>	<u>\$55.57</u>	<u>\$58.32</u>	<u>-\$61.27</u>	<u>-\$64.31</u>	<u>-\$67.54</u>
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Section 2. For employees in classifications that are exempt from the overtime provisions of this Agreement, the listing of hourly rates in this Appendix is for comparison purposes only.

Current staff in the PC Technician, Info Technol Spec 1,Sr-Libr, Info Technol Spec 2,Sr-Libr, Sysys Anlyst 1,Sr-Libr, Sysys Anlyst 2,Sr-Libr, and Sysys Librn classifications will be red circled (remain non-exempt) until vacating the position/classification. The parties further agree to allow the additional conversion of IT positions/classifications to exempt status, providing such classifications meet the criteria under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Section 3. Effective January 4, 2023 the following classifications have a market wage adjustment as reflected in the Wage Schedule above.

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
<u>LA 1</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>LA 2</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>LA 3</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>LA 4</u>	<u>4%</u>
<u>Page</u>	<u>4%</u>
<u>Lead Page</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Security Officer</u>	<u>8%</u>
<u>Security Officer Lead</u>	<u>8%</u>
<u>Security Data Analyst</u>	<u>8%</u>
<u>Enterprise Application Analyst</u>	<u>17%</u>
<u>Info Technol Spec 2</u>	<u>10%</u>

In addition, effective January 10, 2026 the following classifications have a market wage increase as reflected in the table below.

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
<u>Security Officer</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
<u>Security Officer Lead</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
<u>Security Data Analyst</u>	<u>2.1%</u>

APPENDIX B - WAGES AND SALARIES – ANNUAL WAGE INCREASE

~~2019— Effective December 26, 2018—wages will be increased by .5% plus 100% of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2016 through June 2017 to the period June 2017 through June 2018, minimum 1.5%, maximum 4%.~~

~~2020 — Effective December 25, 2019, wages will be increased by 1% plus 100% of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2017 through June 2018 to the period June 2018 through June 2019, minimum 1.5%, maximum 4%.~~

~~2021 — Effective January 6, 2021, wages will be increased by 1% plus 100% of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2018 through June 2019 to the period June 2019 through June 2020, minimum 1.5%, maximum 4%.~~

2023 — Effective January 4, 2023 employee base wages will be increased by five percent (5%).

2024 — Effective January 3, 2024 employee base wages will be increased by four and one half percent (4.5%).

2025 — Effective January 4, 2025, employee base wages will be increased by one hundred percent (100%) of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2023 through June 2024 to the period June 2024 through June 2025. However, this percentage increase shall not be less than two percent (2%) and a maximum of four percent (4%).

2026 — Effective January 10, 2026, employee base wages will be increased by one percent (1%), plus one hundred percent (100%) the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2024 through June 2025 to the period June 2025 through June 2026. However, this percentage increase shall not be less than two percent (2%) and a maximum of four percent (4%).

APPENDIX C — MARKET RATE ANALYSIS

The City of Seattle (“City”), shall initiate a market wage study to be completed no later December 31, 2021 according to the methodology set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the City and The Coalition of City Unions (“Coalition”) regarding the City’s compensation philosophy and methods and process associated with conducting a market wage study as agreed upon November 8, 2018. The agreed upon methodology set forth in the MOA shall serve as the exclusive method relied upon to review any classifications (including Seattle Public Library classifications) requested by the Coalition. The City is committed to fully engage the coalition regarding the process, timelines and milestones, from the beginning to the end of the wage methodology. Any adjustments to wages that may be bargained as a result of the study shall be effective no earlier than January 1, 2019.

APPENDIX CD - HEALTH CARE

The City, the Library and the Union hereby agree that the contractual provisions identified as follows have been established through the City's Coordinated Bargaining process and shall be incorporated into the collective bargaining agreement between the Union and the Library, as mutually agreed by the parties.

The Memorandum of Agreement governing the Health Care Committee shall not be amended so that for the ~~2023-19~~ through ~~2021-2026~~ contract years the following concepts shall continue to apply:

1. The City shall pay up to one hundred seven percent (107%) of the City's previous year's costs to the extent required to cover increases in the total health care costs for a given program year (e.g., ~~2023, 2024, 2025, 2026~~~~2019, 2020~~~~or 2021~~);
2. The Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) shall be utilized for any given program year until it is exhausted to cover costs in excess of the City's obligation identified in 1, above;
3. After the RSF has been exhausted, additional costs shall be shared by the City paying eighty-five percent (85%) of the excess costs and employees paying fifteen percent (15%) of the excess costs;
4. Intent: Plan designs are to be maintained during this Contract, not to be diminished. The respective health care plan benefit designs may only be modified by the Health Care Committee for any contract year by the written, mutual agreement of the parties (Coalition of City Unions and the City);
5. Intent: Should the parties agree to reduce premium costs, the reduction would apply to City as well as employee premiums. Use of resources from the RSF during any contract year to reduce projected increases in health care costs that exceed the resources provided through 1, above, shall be authorized only if applied to the total, annual premiums of the respective health care plan(s); and
6. No decision by the Health Care Committee shall be permitted that modifies the established percentages in 3, above.

APPENDIX DE: FLOATING AND INTERMITTENT EMPLOYEES

The Library recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Floating and Intermittent employees in represented positions. ~~the Librarian and Library Associate I (LAI) classifications.~~

Library Floating and Intermittent employees, are employed to fill in for short periods when needed for vacation, absences and other operational needs. These positions shall not supplant traditional benefitted positions. At times they may be placed on unit schedules when required by management. They may be used to fill in for employee absences, vacation, operational needs or after the library has attempted to fill a shift through regular part-time staff using the Extra Hours process. At the Library's discretion, Floating Librarians and Library Associates ~~(IV, II, I)~~ may be used to fill up to 40 hours per benefitted employee per pay period of extra hours prior to such hours being posted or offered to other staff. Floating and Intermittent employees (excluding Intermittent Janitors and Custodians) can be used to backfill for community engagement activities at Central and branches that require advance confirmation of Library participation and are tied to a designated budget source for backfill hours. They may work to augment existing staff for short-duration, workload overflow events such as branch openings.

The Library ~~shall attempt to may~~-employ up to ~~three (3) fourteen (14) or more~~ Floating Librarians, or Floating Library Associates IV, Library Associates II, and Library Associates I ~~when operational needs and budgeting allow~~. The library shall not offer hours to employee(s) in an Intermittent classification without first offering hours to Floating employee(s) in the same classification.

Floating Employees

Hiring and hours worked. Floating employees are hired to work in other than a temporary status at forty (40) but less than eighty (80) hours in a two-week pay period.

Scheduling. Floating employees shall be informed of their work schedules a minimum of fifteen (15) days in advance. Due to the nature of their work, Floating employees are exempt from Article 19 sections 4, 5, 8, 7, 10, 11, 14.

Availability. Floating employees may be contacted 7 days, 3 days, or “day of” for a possible work shift and will be given the opportunity to work in excess of their allocated forty (40) hours in a two-week pay period. Floating employees are expected to be available to answer their phones between the hours of 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. every morning they are not already scheduled to work, or to notify the sick call line before 8:00 a.m. of their unavailability. Such employees do not have regularly scheduled days off but may refuse up to four offered shifts during a pay period. Any “day of” shift offers, or offers made for a day when the employee is already scheduled to work, shall not count toward a refusal of shift.

Assignments. Floating employees may be assigned to any branch, the Central Library, or an outreach location during the hours that the library is open to the public or the allotted time of the outreach event.

Floating employees shall be subject to the provisions in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, except for those noted above.

Intermittent Employees

Hiring and hours worked. Intermittent employees shall not be scheduled to work in excess of 1040 hours per calendar year. The Human Resources Division, in consultation with the Union, will review all such hours worked.

The base rate of pay for Intermittent employees is the same as the first step of the pay range for the regular classification. In addition to this base rate, Intermittent employees will receive a premium amount equivalent to:

- 5% of base rate for 1 through 520 hours.
- 10% of base rate for 521 through 1040 hours.
- 15% for 1041 through 2080 hours (or 20% if the employee worked 800 or more hours in the prior 26 pay periods).
- 20% for 2081 and up (or 25% if the employee worked 800 or more hours in the prior 26 pay periods).

Intermittent employees shall be eligible for overtime when such hours exceed forty (40) hours in a normal work week, and shift differential.

Scheduling and availability. Intermittent employee can be pre-scheduled for shifts up to 7 days in advance.

On days when the Intermittent employees are not pre-scheduled, they are expected to be available to work and answer their phones between the hours of ~~8:00~~ and 10:00 a.m. every morning, or to notify the sick call line before ~~8:00~~ 7:30 a.m. of their unavailability. -The minimum shift length to be offered to an Intermittent employee is three hours. Such employees shall be granted breaks and lunches in accordance with labor law and library practice. Intermittent employees do not have regularly scheduled days off and may refuse up to five (5) offered shifts per pay period. Employees hired prior to the implementation date of this contract shall not be subject to this refusal limit.

Vacation, paid and unpaid leave. Intermittent employees are not eligible for contractually-granted paid leaves of any kind, with the exception of sick/safe leave. However, employees may indicate periods of at least five (5) days during which they are unavailable for assignments, not to exceed a total of 30 days in a calendar year.

However, the Library recognizes that a need may arise that Intermittent staff must be away from work for medical or parental need. In such cases, the employee may notify the Library at least 30 days in advance of such need and become inactive for the purposes of scheduling for a period not to exceed six (6) months, with the appropriate medical documentation, for the purpose of time off work. Following this period of inactivity, the employee would be eligible to return to the intermittent program based on program needs. An Intermittent employee who is away from the Library under this provision must inform the Library of their interest in returning to the intermittent program at least thirty (30) days in advance of the end of their approved period of inactivity. If they do not, they will be separated from Library employment. An Intermittent employee who remains unavailable beyond six (6) months will forfeit their ability to become reinstated in the intermittent program.

They shall inform the manager of the Library Intermittent Program at least thirty days in advance of each expected leave. The scheduling of this time by an Intermittent employee shall not adversely affect the status of that individual in the program. This period of time will be granted unless it creates an undue hardship on the Library. If this is the case, the Library will grant an alternative time off that is acceptable to the Intermittent employee, without consequence to the Intermittent employee's status in the program.

Assignments. Intermittent employees ~~will~~ may be assigned to any branch location or the Central Library ~~during the hours that the library is open to the public.~~

Paid Sick and Safe leave. Intermittent employees are eligible for paid sick leave under the Paid Sick and Safe Leave law. The Seattle Public Library is designated as a Tier 3 employer pursuant to the sick safe leave law. There is no sick/safe leave cash out at the termination of employment; however, employees who separate from Library

service and who return within 12 months or less will have their sick/safe leave balance restored.

Relationship to regular employment. Regular status, temporary status and intermittent employment are distinct categories of the Library employment program. Intermittent employment does not constitute any promise, implied or otherwise, of subsequent appointment to a regular or a temporary status position.

Potential for regularization. Intermittent employees who work 1040 or more hours in 26 consecutive pay periods (one year) will be appointed to a floating position that is at least half-time.

Exclusive assignment. An Intermittent employee may not hold appointments to more than one intermittent classification (~~Librarian, Library Associate~~) and may not hold appointments to any regular or temporary non-intermittent position. A regular Library employee or a temporary Library employee may not hold an appointment to an intermittent classification. A Floating or Intermittent employee may not hold an appointment with any other City of Seattle department. City of Seattle Temporary Employment Services (TES) enrollees will not be assigned to intermittent employment at the Library.

The Seattle Public Library shall be free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, veteran status, military status, political ideology, and any other basis prohibited by federal, state, or local laws.

Retirement contribution. Time worked in Intermittent employment is not automatically eligible for service credit in the City Employee's Retirement System. Intermittent employees have the option to purchase service time in the City Employee's Retirement System. They will need to arrange with the Library Payroll Specialist and the City of Seattle Retirement Office to pay their portion of the retirement contribution. Both work hours and sick leave hours used are subject to retirement deduction.

Exemptions from Collective Bargaining Agreement. The following Articles in the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall not apply to the classification of Intermittent employees:

- Article 2
- Article 8, section 3
- Article 12
- Article 13
- Article 14
- Article 15
- Article 16
- Article 17
- Article 19

- Article 20, Section 2
- Article 23
- ~~Article 25~~
- Article 27

Management reserves the right to contact Intermittent employees based on their performance in the position. In the event an Intermittent employee hired after January 1, the implementation date of this contract 2019 refuses more than five offered shifts during a pay period and subsequently refuses more than five offered shifts during another pay period, within a rolling 8 week period, the Library reserves the right to terminate the Intermittent employee.

Workers' Compensation. Intermittent employees are covered by the City of Seattle Workers' Compensation program for any on-the-job injury or occupational illness and are subject to the rules of that program.

Paid Sick and Safe leave. Intermittent Employees may use Paid Sick and Safe Time (PSST) to cover a pre-assigned shift. Pre-assigned shifts are those scheduled 3 or 7 days in advance. There will be no pre-arranged days outside of 3 or 7 days for scheduling.

The Seattle Public Library is designated as a Tier 3 employer pursuant to the sick safe leave law. Sick and safe leave credit shall accumulate at the rate of 0.034 hours per work hour. Accrued sick leave balances will show on an employee's pay stub each pay period. Sick leave balances can also be found in Employee Self Service (ESS). New intermittent employees entering Library service shall not be entitled to use sick/safe leave with pay during the first 90 days of employment, but shall accumulate sick/safe leave credits during said 90 days. Intermittent employees are allowed to carry forward a maximum of 72 hours each calendar year. Intermittent employees may use sick/safe leave in increments as small as 15 minutes. There is no sick/safe leave cash out at the termination of temporary employment. Employees who separate from Library service and who return within 12 months or less will have their sick/safe leave balance restored.

Paid sick and safe time may be used for:

- An Intermittent employee's personal illness, injury or health condition or medical appointment, or to take care of a family member with an illness, injury or medical appointment. (Sick Time)
- Closure of the Intermittent employee's place of business or child's school/place of care ~~by order of a public official for health reasons.~~ (Safe Time)
- For reasons related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking—for the Intermittent employee or a family or household member. (Safe Time)

For paid sick and for paid safe time, "family member" includes a spouse, registered domestic partner, child, grandchild, parent, sibling, grandparent, and parent-in-law.

For paid safe time only, “household member” includes stepparents and stepchildren, grandchildren, current and former spouses and domestic partners, persons who have a child in common, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who have resided or are residing together, and persons 16 years of age or older who are or were residing together and who are or were in a dating relationship.

The Library will request documentation when an intermittent employee uses PSST if:

aAn Intermittent employee uses PSST for more than three (3) consecutive days.

If the Library requests documentation that accrued PSST hours are being used for a reason that is covered by the law, the Intermittent employee is not required to disclose the nature of the illness or other specific reason for the absence. The Library will maintain the confidentiality of information provided by the intermittent employee or others in support of an Intermittent employee's request for PSST.

- For sick time: The Intermittent employee must provide a signed statement by a health care provider indicating that sick time is necessary.
- For safe time: The supporting documentation must indicate that the Intermittent employee or a family or household member is experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that the leave was taken for a purpose covered by the law. This could include a police report, a court order, or other documentation that the intermittent employee or the employee's family member is experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including a written statement by the intermittent employee. For safe time related to closure of a child's school or place of care, the intermittent employee may provide the notice of closure the intermittent employee received.

Reasonable notice requirements:

- If an intermittent employee is sick or unable to report to work for a pre-assigned shift, the employee is expected to notify the Library. Librarians and Library Associates should call the sick call line (206-684-7545) by 7:30 8:00AM on the date of the assigned shift. Sick Call takers will monitor the line until 10:00AM and report to the appropriate Supervisor any sick calls that are made after 07:308:00 AM. When leaving a message on the sick call line, staff should speak loudly and clearly:
 - Your full name,
 - Your classification,
 - The branch/location where you are scheduled,
 - The start and end time of your work shift,
 - The reason that you are calling in sick (you or family member are sick)
 - Repeat this information again, because some phone messages are garbled.
- Intermittent Custodial Services employees will follow established department procedures.
- If an Intermittent employee's need for PSST during a pre-assigned shift is foreseeable (e.g. doctor appointment), the employee must make a written request to the manager of the Library Intermittent Program at least 10 days, or as early as possible, before the date of use.

On-Call Status/Shifts. Intermittent employees may not use sick/safe leave to cover an on-call shift. An on call shift is defined as a shift assigned the day of. Shifts are assigned by a call from a supervisor between the hours of 8:30AM to 10AM each day. Intermittent employees are expected to be available for these calls. All other applications involving the use of sick/safe leave will follow the procedures outlined above under Sick/Safe Leave and in compliance with Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 14.16.

~~The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached hereto as Appendix EF and signed by the City of Seattle and the Coalition of City Unions (“Parties”), is adopted and incorporated as an Appendix to this Agreement to address certain matters with respect to membership and payroll deductions after the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Janus v. AFSCME. The Agreement is specific and limited to the content contained within it. Nothing in the MOU is intended, nor do the Parties intend, for the MOU to change the ability to file a grievance on any matter of dispute which may arise over the interpretation or application of the collective bargaining agreement itself. Specifically, nothing in the MOU is it intended to prevent the filing of a grievance to enforce any provision of the deduction of Union dues as outlined in this agreement. Any limitations on filing a grievance that are set forth in the MOU are limited to actions that may be taken with respect to the enforcement of the MOU itself, and limited specifically to Section B of the MOU.~~

APPENDIX EF – JANUS VS. AFSCME MEMORANDUM

~~Certain Unions representing employees at the City of Seattle have formed a coalition (herein referred to as “Coalition of City Unions”) to collectively negotiate the impacts of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision and other conditions of employment with the City of Seattle (herein referred to as “City,” together the City and this Coalition of City Unions shall be referred to as “the Parties”); and~~

~~This Coalition of City Unions for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall include the following individual Unions, provided that the named Unions are also signatory to this MOU: the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, Local 104; the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #5; the Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific; Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46; the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 32; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 763; the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 286; the UNITE Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees, Local 8; the Public Service & Industrial Employees, Local 1239; the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 21 and Local 2083; the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada, Local 15; the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 66; the Seattle Municipal Court Marshals’ Guild; the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, Local 289; the~~

Commented [AC3]: Rights outlined in this addendum are now incorporated into the main body of the contract.

~~Seattle Parking Enforcement Officers Guild; the Seattle Police Dispatchers' Guild; the Seattle Police Management Association; and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild.~~

Background

~~In June of 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued the *Janus v. AFSCME* decision. In response to this change in circumstances, this Coalition of City Unions issued demands to bargain regarding the impacts and effects of the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court decision.~~

~~Included in the Parties' collective bargaining agreements is a subordination of agreement clause that in summary states, it is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by the provisions of applicable federal law, City Charter, and state law. When any provisions thereof are in conflict with or are different from the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of said federal law, City Charter, or state law are paramount and shall prevail.~~

~~The parties have agreed to engage in negotiations over the impacts and effects of this change in circumstances to reflect compliance with the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court decision.~~

Agreements

Section A. Amended Union Dues and Membership Language

~~The Parties agree to amend and modify The Seattle Public Library collective bargaining agreement as follows: Article 4, Union Security.~~

~~The Library agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved. The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the Library and the Library shall honor the terms and conditions of each worker's Union payroll deduction authorization(s) for the purposes of dues deduction only. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the Employer for deducting dues from Union members, including those that have communicated a desire to revoke a previous deduction authorization, along with all other issues related to the deduction of dues or fees.~~

~~The Library will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the bargaining unit. The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee's normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.~~

~~The Library will require all new employees to attend a New Employee Orientation (NEO) within thirty (30) days of hire. The NEO will include an at minimum thirty (30) minute presentation by a Union representative to all employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. At least five (5) working days before the date of the NEO, the Library shall provide the Union with a list of names of their bargaining unit members attending the Orientation.~~

~~The individual Union meeting and NEO shall satisfy the Library's requirement to provide a New Employee Orientation Union Presentation under Washington State law. The Seattle Public~~

~~Library, including its officers, supervisors, managers and/or agents, shall remain neutral on the issue of whether any bargaining unit employee should join the Union or otherwise participate in Union activities at The Seattle Public Library.~~

~~New Employee and Change in Employee Status Notification: The Library shall supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employees: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate.~~

~~Any employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of payments to their Union by written notice to the Union in accordance with the terms and conditions of their dues authorization. Every effort will be made to end the deductions effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll, after receipt by the Library of confirmation from the Union that the terms of the employee's authorization regarding dues deduction revocation have been met. The Library will refer all employee inquiries or communications regarding Union dues to the Union.~~

~~Section B. Agreement on Impacts of the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court Decision~~

~~The Parties further agree:~~

~~1. Member Training: During each year of this agreement a Union's principal officer may request that Union members be provided with at least eight (8) hours or one (1) day, whichever is greater, of paid release time to participate in member training programs sponsored by the Union. The Parties further agree that the release of employees shall be three (3) employee representatives of the Union; or two percent (2%) of the Union's membership, to be calculated as a maximum of two percent (2%) of the Union's membership, whichever is greater. The approval of such release time shall not be unreasonably denied for arbitrary and/or capricious reasons. When granting such requests, the Library will take into consideration operational needs. At its sole discretion, the Library may approve paid release time for additional employee representatives on a case-by-case basis.~~

~~2. The Union shall submit to the Director of Employee Relations, as far in advance as possible, but at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance, the names of those members who will be attending each training course. Time off for those purposes shall be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor.~~

~~3. New Employees: The Library shall work with its Information Technology department to develop an automated system to provide the Union with the following information within ten (10) working days after a new employee's first day of work: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate, FTE status. Until the process has been automated the Library may provide the Union notice at the same time the Library notifies SDHR benefits, by sending an email to the Union providing the notice of hire. Upon automation the Library may elect to not provide notice to the Union and official notice will only be given by SDHR. The Parties agree to continue to work to provide notice of new hires to the Union no later than 10 working days from the employee's first day of work.~~

~~4. This agreement is specific and limited to the referenced demand to bargain and the associated negotiations related to the impacts regarding the *Janus v. AFSCME* decision and sets no precedent or practice by the City and cannot be used or introduced in any forum or proceeding as evidence of a precedent or a practice.~~

~~5. Issues arising over the interpretation, application, or enforceability of the provisions of this agreement shall be addressed during the Coalition labor management meetings and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in the Parties' collective bargaining agreements.~~

~~6. The provisions contained in "Section B" of this MOU will be reviewed when the current collective bargaining agreements expire. The Parties reserve their rights to make proposals during successor bargaining for a new agreement related to the items outlined in this MOA.~~

~~7. This Parties signatory to this MOU concur that the Library has fulfilled its bargaining obligations regarding the demand to bargain filed as a result of the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court decision.~~

APPENDIX E - RSJI CHANGE TEAM REOPENER

The Coalition of City Unions and the City of Seattle ("the Parties") have agreed to initiate interest-based bargaining (IBB) on the subject of Change Team co-lead compensation, workload balance, and workplace protections.

In the event that labor agreements are reopened for the purpose of incorporating language related to the Change Team, Local 2083 and The Seattle Public Library will also meet to review and potentially incorporate new contract provisions related to the Change Team.

APPENDIX FG: WASHINGTON STATE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave. For the duration of this agreement, the City and the Coalition agree to re-open each collective bargaining agreement, upon receipt by a Coalition Union of a demand by the City, for the following mandatory subjects of bargaining:

- A. Changes associated with revisions made to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- B. Changes arising from or related to the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Program (Title 50A RCW) including, but not limited to, changes to the City's current paid leave benefit which may arise as a result of final rulemaking from the State of Washington, which may include changes to the draw down requirements associated with the City's Paid Family and Parental Leave programs.

Employees will pay the employee portion of the required premium [listed as the WA Paid Family Leave Tax and the WA Paid Medical Leave Tax on an employee's paystub] of the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Program effective December 25, 2019.

APPENDIX F - TELEWORK

The Library and the Union recognize that for some job classifications, there is a mutual benefit to allow telework as part of a hybrid work schedule. The Library implemented a telework request and approval/denial process. Any proposed changes to the current telework system will be discussed as a topic at meetings between Union Leadership and Library Leadership. Nothing in this section will abridge the rights of management to determine work schedules or work locations, or any other management rights enumerated in this contract.

APPENDIX G – STAFF SUPPORT AFTER SERIOUS INCIDENT REOPENER

The Library is committed to supporting staff during and after serious incidents. During the first year after the ratification of this contract, the Library and the Union will meet to review and clarify library processes for staff support following a serious incident.

APPENDIX H - SECURITY OFFICERS ADDENDUM TO MASTER AGREEMENT

Union: Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 2083

Employer: The Seattle Public Library

This Addendum by and between the Union and the Employer is supplemental to the Master Agreement between the Union and the Employer.

ARTICLE 1 – SCOPE OF BARGAINING UNIT

The Library recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all regular, full-time and regular, part-time Security Officers working at The Seattle Public Library. For the purposes of this Appendix, "Security Management" does not include Lead Officers.

Commented [AC4]: Union representation of regular and temporary Officers, Lead Officers, and the data analyst is clearly documented in the main body of the contract.

ARTICLE 12 – HOURS OF WORK

Section 1. A normal work week for full-time employees will be forty (40) hours, except when the employee and the Library management have agreed on other schedules. When management deems it necessary, work schedules may be established other than Monday through Friday. Employees shall be informed of the work schedules a minimum of one (1) month in advance. Unanticipated circumstances may occasionally necessitate adjustments to the previously posted schedules. In such circumstances, ~~the Facilities & Security Manager or Security Supervisor Management (which does not include Lead Officers)~~ shall discuss with the employee the adjustment to the employee's schedule. Employees affected by such schedule changes will be given as much notice as possible. If an employee feels that the posted or adjusted work schedule presents an undue hardship to the employee, the employee may appeal to their supervisor.

Section 2. Employees may be assigned to work outside of their regular work schedule to cover Library events, emergency situations and/or other non-regularly scheduled work. Employees affected by such assignments will be given as much notice as possible. If such notice is less than seven (7) days in advance of the assignment, the non-regularly scheduled work shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time.

In the event there are no employees available to work the assignment on a voluntary basis, mandatory scheduling may be necessary.

Section 3. Schedule assignments.

At the time this Addendum is adopted, the method for selecting Security Officers regular work schedule shall be as follows:

- A. Upcoming year's annual schedule options (without officer names) are made available to officers in October of the preceding year.
- B. ~~The Security and Facilities Manager~~Management will notify individual Officers if they are to remain in their current schedule for the upcoming year, or if they must select a different schedule that is fundamentally dissimilar to their current schedule based on the Security Officer's knowledge, skills, abilities and workplace performance.
- C. Officers shall email the Security Supervisor their preferred annual schedule and annual vacation request selections by November 1st. Each officer's selections will rank in numerical order that officer's preference for all available schedules.
- D. Immediately following the submission deadline, ~~the Security and Facilities Manager~~Management or their designee will process the requests based on officer seniority and release the upcoming annual schedule, including vacation schedule, with officer names added by November 15th.
- E. The new annual schedule will begin the first pay period of the New Year.

Security Officers shall be allowed up to ten minutes to change uniforms at the beginning and end of their shifts. Security Officers may agree to switch shifts among themselves, pending approval of ~~the Security and Facilities~~Security Management~~Manager~~, or designee. The Security Officers' regular schedule shall consist of at least two (2) consecutive days off per week, unless otherwise agreed by the Security Officer and the Security Supervisor on a non-regular basis. Upon a majority vote of the Officers, and with the approval of ~~the Security and Facilities Manager, or designee~~Security Management, the practice of how an officer's regular schedule and vacation schedule is determined may be changed. Any such change shall be documented in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Union and the Library.

Section 4. Overtime.

- A. All work performed over forty (40) hours in any one work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight time rate of pay.

B. If compensatory time off is used as a method of compensating employees for overtime work, the overtime rate shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) hours compensatory time off for each hour of overtime work. Compensatory time-off must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. Compensatory time off shall be taken as soon as practical. An hourly employee may not accumulate in excess of two hundred and forty (240) hours of compensatory time. Once employees have accrued 240 hours of compensatory time, they will automatically be paid for time worked over 40 hours per work week that is in excess of the 240 hour maximum. Once the employee's compensatory time balance is below two hundred and forty (240) hours, the employee may again accrue compensatory time for overtime work.

Section 5. Split Shift. When an employee works a split shift in one (1) work day in which they are off work for two (2) or more hours between the scheduled shift segments, which total the equivalent of a full-time employee's work day, the second part of the scheduled shift for work that day shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time. Scheduling of compensatory time must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. The second segment of a scheduled split shift shall not be eligible for emergency call-back pay nor standby pay during the time between shift segments.

An employee who requests in writing to work a split shift shall not be eligible for compensation at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time.

Section 6. Twelve (12) hours between shifts. Library employees shall have a minimum of twelve (12) hours off duty between scheduled shifts. When an employee is required to work the next shift without the minimum twelve (12) hour break, the scheduled shift shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight time rate of pay or one and one-half (1-1/2) times compensatory time. Scheduling of compensatory time must be mutually agreeable to the employee and the Library. An employee who requests, in writing, to work a shift with less than twelve (12) hours off duty shall not be eligible for time and one half (1-1/2) the straight time rate of pay or compensatory time off for the shift.

Section 7. Shift differential. An employee who is scheduled to work not less than four (4) hours of his/her regular work shift during the evening/night shifts, encompassing the hours 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., shall receive the following shift differential pay for all scheduled hours actually worked during such shift. Beginning on ~~December 25, 2019~~ January 1, 2023, these amounts shall be raised to:

Evening Shift (7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)

\$~~1.25~~00 per hour

Night Shift (12:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.)

\$~~1.75~~50 per hour

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The shift differential amounts shall be increased annually according to the appropriate cost of living adjustment.

Section 8. Standby. Employees who are assigned standby duty shall receive ten percent (10%) standby pay while so assigned. Standby pay shall not apply to hours actually worked if the employee responds remotely or is called in, nor to hours in a paid leave status, including vacation and sick leave. When standby is assigned to take place on a paid holiday, standby pay shall be paid in addition to holiday pay.

When an employee on assigned standby duty is required to perform their regular duties, either remotely or when called in, for fifteen (15) minutes or more, the employee shall be compensated for such time at the employee's regular and straight time rate of pay in increments of fifteen (15) minutes provided, however, that all time actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half (1-1/2). By mutual agreement, such time actually worked may be compensated by compensatory time off. Employees on standby are not eligible for Emergency Call-Back pay.

Section 9. Emergency Call-Back. Employees who are either responding remotely or are called back in to work at a library facility and are required to work after completing their regular shift and prior to their next regular shift, inclusive of employees' days off, shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours' pay or, if mutually agreeable, compensatory time off. Compensation for call-back time will be at the straight time rate, provided that time actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week shall be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half.

Section 10. Training and Mandatory Meetings. Employees who are required by management to attend training sessions or mandatory meetings that fall on their regularly scheduled day off shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours pay at their regular rate or, if mutually agreeable, compensatory time off at their regular rate. Compensation for such time shall be at the rate of time and one-half (1-½) the employee's regular rate of pay for those hours actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week.

The Library agrees that two (2) (two)-additional blocks of three (3) (three)-hour training sessions shall be provided with content to be determined between the Security Officers/Union and Management. This is in addition to the mandatory 3 hour block of training every year for defensive tactics.

Section 11. Four-Day Work Week. It is hereby agreed that the Board may, notwithstanding Section 1 of this Article, implement alternative work schedules affecting employees covered by this Agreement, such as a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week. In administering the alternative work schedules, such as a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week, the following working conditions shall prevail:

- A. Employee participation shall be on a voluntary basis.
- B. All work performed over forty (40) hours in any one (1) work week shall be considered as overtime.
- C. Holidays shall be granted in accordance with Article 13 of the Master Agreement, provided that the holiday benefit for employees on alternative work schedules shall be prorated based on the employee's authorized appointment and that the holiday benefit will not exceed eight (8) hours per paid holiday.

Section 12. Religious accommodation. An employee will be excused from work on their regular day of worship for bona fide religious reasons, as stated in the Master Agreement.

Section 13. No employee will work more than seven (7) consecutive days unless agreed to in writing unless the employee is scheduled to work a non-regularly scheduled assignment.

Section 14. No employee shall work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours without a minimum ten (10) hour break between shifts.

Section 15. Work schedules that conflict with Sections 1, 6, 13 or 14 of this Article may be agreed upon in writing between the employee and the applicable Director or designee. This Section shall function as an exception to Article 2, Section 1, 6, 13 or 14 and shall hold said Sections in abeyance for as long as such a written agreement is in force. Copies of such an agreement that hold said Sections in abeyance for a duration longer than two pay periods shall be copied to the Local Union President and to the Library Employee Relations Director.

Section 16. Meal and rest breaks. Employees working a shift longer than five (5) hours shall be provided a meal break of at least thirty (30) minutes. Meal periods shall be on the Library's time when the employee is required by the Library to remain on duty on the premises or at a prescribed work site. An employee's regular work schedule may be adjusted accordingly.

Employees shall be allowed a paid fifteen (15) minute rest break for each four (4) hours of work time. Rest periods shall be scheduled as near as possible to the midpoint of each four hour work period. In an emergency situation, if an employee is required to work through their rest period, the employee should be given a break at the first available time. Rest breaks cannot be used to shorten the work day or extend [meal lunch and/or dinner](#) breaks.

ARTICLE 32 – UNIFORMS

Each new employee, on a one-time-only basis, will be provided a complete uniform as specified in Appendix A of this addendum. The Library will repair or replace uniforms or Library-furnished personal equipment that is damaged, destroyed, or lost.

Each officer covered by this Agreement shall purchase clothing in accordance with department standards and shall receive an annual uniform allowance, following the end of their probationary period, of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Library to be used at a Library designated store (vendor) and to be used for items designated on Appendix A – Uniforms.

The Library will provide [eligible Security Officers-employees](#) ballistic body armor [\(at least NIJ LEVEL II\)](#) outside of their approved annual uniform allowance.

Library-issued uniforms and equipment will not be worn or used for non-Library events or personal use. Each officer covered by this agreement shall follow Library standards for professional appearance.

ARTICLE 43 – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNION PRIVILEGES

Employees shall have rights to consideration for defense by the City Attorney in litigation arising from their conduct, act, or omissions in the scope and course of their Library employment by the terms allowing such defense as provided in SMC Chapter 4.64. The Union may submit their opinion in-writing regarding the scope of conduct in question to the department head for his/her consideration before a final determination is made. Issues arising out of application of this Municipal Code provisions shall not be a proper subject for the grievance procedure herein, but may be submitted for review by the Employer in its normal process for such review.

In addition to those privileges stated in the Article 7 of the Master Agreement, the Library agrees that during working hours, one (1) designated employee representative of the Security Officers shall be allowed to attend negotiation sessions with the City and/or Library representatives resulting in a labor agreement, to a maximum aggregate of twenty-five (25) hours of paid time, including associated overtime hours.

SECURITY OFFICERS ADDENDUM – APPENDIX A: UNIFORMS

Security Officers shall receive at least the following uniforms and equipment when hired:

Item Description	Item Quantity
Jacket with linear (including patches)	1
Shirt (short or long sleeve or combination) (including patches)	3
Pants	3
Boots or shoes	1 Pair
Duty Gloves	1 Pair
Ballistic Body Armor (at least NIJ LEVEL II)	1
Metal Badge	1
Duty Belt	1
Inner Belt	1
Duty Belt Keepers	4
Duty Belt Key Holder	1
Handcuffs (hinged or unhinged) and Duty Belt case's	2
Collapsible baton and Duty Belt case	1
O/C pepper spray and Duty Belt case	1
Flashlight and Duty Belt case	1
CPR Mask and Duty Belt case <u>(if Security Officer desires)</u>	1
Black Socks	4 Pairs
White Undershirt	4
Baseball Cap (if Security Officer desires)	1
<u>Stalking Watch</u> Cap (if Security Officer desires)	1
Suspenders (if Security Officer desires)	1
Radio Earbud System (if Security Officer desires)	1
Additional Equipment as designated by the Security Manager	

SIGNATURE PAGE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Between The Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 2083 for the respective bargaining units.

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The Seattle Public Library

NEWS RELEASES

Date			Title
01	03	2024	January 2024 author readings and community events with The Seattle Public Library
01	05	2024	The Central Library to host College Football Playoff National Championship watch party on Monday, Jan. 8
01	11	2024	Free Tax Help Offered at 11 Seattle Public Library Locations
01	19	2024	The Fifth Annual Black-owned Business Excellence Symposium Celebrates and Empowers Black Businesses Jan. 31 - Feb. 2



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MEDIA COVERAGE

Date	Organization	Headline	Details	Link
2-Jan-2024	Smithsonian Magazine	<u>Public Libraries Reveal the Most Borrowed Books From 2023</u>	Across the country, public libraries are announcing their most popular titles from last year. While no definitive nationwide rankings have been published, many popular texts appear on lists from multiple library systems. ... The Boston Public Library published several lists sorted by age group, library branch and more. The Seattle Public Library's rankings were broken down even further, with lists such as "most popular adult fiction physical books" and "most popular adult nonfiction e-books."	https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/the-most-borrowed-books-from-public-libraries-in-2023-180983521/
5-Jan-2024	KING5	<u>Go Dawgs! Cheer on UW in College Football Playoff National Championship at these local watch parties</u>	Seattle Public Library: The Seattle Public Library's Central Library (1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle) is hosting a free watch party in the Level 1 Microsoft Auditorium. Doors to the auditorium open at 4 p.m. Library events are free and everyone is welcome and no tickets are required; the auditorium can accommodate about 265 people.	https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/uw-college-football-playoff-national-championship-local-watch-parties/281-796ce0d3-9c6a-45fd-b3f0-c2e39abf1f09

5-Jan-2024	Curiocity	10 awesome free or cheap date ideas in Seattle this winter	Believe it or not, you can actually check out select local museums for free. That's all thanks to a handy dandy pass that you can check out from Seattle Public Library. So plan ahead and get the most out of your library membership by snagging a free pass to a local museum.	https://curiocity.com/free-or-cheap-date-ideas-seattle-this-winter/
5-Jan-2024	Seattle Times	Where to watch the national championship game around Seattle	Central Library: Seattle Public Library's Fourth Avenue location is holding a free watch party. Doors to the auditorium will open at 4 p.m., and no registration is required. While the rest of the library closes at 6 p.m., football fans can stay until the game concludes.1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle; 206-386-4636	https://www.seattletimes.com/life/where-to-watch-the-national-championship-game-around-seattle/
8-Jan-2024	Seattle Medium	The Central Library To Host CFP National Championship Watch Party On Jan. 8	Break out the purple and gold, and get ready to make some noise! The Seattle Public Library's Central Library (1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle) will host a FREE watch party for the College Football National Championship on Monday, Jan. 8 in the Level 1 Microsoft Auditorium. The official game broadcast begins at 4:30 p.m. PST, and kickoff is at 4:45 p.m. PST, with doors to the auditorium opening at 4 p.m.	https://seattlemedium.com/the-central-library-to-host-cfp-national-championship-watch-party-on-jan-8/

8-Jan-2024	JackFM	<p><u>Where To Watch And Hear The College Football Championships In Seattle</u></p>	<p>Seattle Public Library: The Seattle Public Library’s Central Library (1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle) is hosting a free watch party in the Level 1 Microsoft Auditorium. Doors to the auditorium open at 4 p.m. Library events are free and everyone is welcome and no tickets are required; the auditorium can accommodate about 265 people.</p>	<p>https://jackseattle.iheart.com/featured/lee-callahan/content/2024-01-08-where-to-watch-and-hear-the-college-football-championships-in-seattle/</p>
9-Jan-2024	Secret Seattle	<p><u>The Top 50 Free Things To Do In Seattle</u></p>	<p>The Seattle Public Library system is spread throughout the city with charming libraries situated in every neighborhood, but you can’t miss the Seattle Central Library located downtown. The building itself is an awe-inspiring attraction worth visiting. You can use the computers and free Wi-Fi, try the free Short Story Dispenser, search for hidden murals, and check out the epic Red Floor. In addition to spending time in the gorgeous library, here are 10 free things you can do with a Seattle library card—including free museum access!</p>	<p>https://secretseattle.com/free-things-to-do-in-seattle/</p>

11-Jan-2024	Publisher's Weekly	<u>OverDrive: Record Number of Libraries Hit One Million Digital Lends in 2023</u>	OverDrive's Top 10 Circulating Library Systems 2023: Los Angeles Public Library; Toronto Public Library; King County Library System (WA); National Library Board Singapore; Harris County Public Library (TX); New York Public Library; Multnomah County Library (OR); Seattle Public Library; San Diego County Library; Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	<u>https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/94069-overdrive-record-number-of-libraries-hit-one-million-digital-lends-in-2023.html</u>
15-Jan-2024	Seattle Times	<u>What's open and closed on MLK Day 2024 in the Seattle area</u>	All branches of the Seattle Public Library and the King County Library System will also be closed, as well as Seattle Public Schools.	<u>https://www.seattletimes.com/business/local-business/whats-open-and-closed-on-mlk-day-2024-in-the-seattle-area/</u>
15-Jan-2024	MyBallard	<u>Free tax help at Ballard Library starting in February</u>	The United Way of King County and AARP are offering free tax help at 11 different Seattle Public Library locations, including Ballard. The in-person tax preparation service starts in January at some locations and will begin on Feb. 6.	<u>https://www.myballard.com/2024/01/15/free-tax-help-at-ballard-library-starting-in-february/</u>
16-Jan-2024	Street Insider	<u>Sistah Scifi Announces Nisi Shawl's West Coast Book Tour for 'Kinning', A Bold Sequel in the Realm of Afrofuturism</u>	Sistah Scifi, the first Black-owned bookstore focusing on science fiction and fantasy, is hosting the West Coast Book Tour for Nisi Shawl's sequel, "Kinning," visiting locations such as the Seattle Public Library, Northwest African American Museum, and the Museum of the African Diaspora.	<u>https://www.streetinsider.com/Press+Releases/Sistah+Scifi+Announces+Nisi+Shawls+West+Coast+Book+Tour+for+Kinning%2C+A+Bold+Sequel+in+the+Realm+of+Afrofuturism/22634775.html</u>

17-Jan-2024	KUOW	<u>At least 5 people in Seattle died from hypothermia during the extreme cold</u>	Jay Anderson, 63, was a wild spirit. His brother, Marc Anderson, says when they were younger he traveled the world, worked on boats in Alaska, and raced motorbikes. “He won his first race and a second race and he just was a natural at whatever he put his mind to,” Anderson said. Jay Anderson lived in his car with his little terrier, Frankie. They loved going to the library and Ballard Commons Park. Last week, when temperatures dropped below freezing, Anderson died in that car from exposure to the cold. He and Frankie were parked right outside the library.	<u>https://kuow.org/stories/at-least-five-people-in-seattle-died-from-hypothermia-during-the-extreme-cold</u>
18-Jan-2024	Seattle Times	<u>At least 5 people died from hypothermia during Seattle cold snap</u>	Authorities have not said whether any of them were experiencing homelessness, but extreme cold presents a troubling and increasingly common danger facing the people forced to live outside. ...Jay Matthew Anderson, 63, died in a vehicle parked outside the Seattle Public Library Ballard Branch.	<u>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/law-justice/at-least-5-people-died-from-hypothermia-during-seattle-cold-snap/</u>

18-Jan-2024	Queen Anne & Magnolia News	<u>Free tax help available at Seattle Public Library locations</u>	The Seattle Public Library, United Way of King County (UWKC) and AARP are collaborating to offer free, in-person tax preparation service from January through April at 11 Library locations. The Library will offer free drop-in tax help with UWKC starting on Jan. 13 at two locations and with AARP starting on Feb. 1 at nine more locations. AARP also offers facilitated self-assistance at three locations.	https://queenannene.ws.com/news/2024/jan/18/free-tax-help-available-at-seattle-public-library-locations/
23-Jan-2024	New Day NW - King 5	<u>Reading Recommendations from Seattle Public Library</u>	Misha Stone and Jane Singer from the Seattle Public Library share their favorite books to add to your "To Read" list.	https://www.king5.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/new-day-northwest/reading-recommendations-from-seattle-public-library-librarians-new-day-nw/281-3e39abe3-6da4-46e1-b7b2-c7ec3f38e1ad
23-Jan-2024	New Day NW - King 5	<u>Game On - Name That Book</u>	Amity is joined by librarians Misha Stone and Jane Singer and her book club friend Simrin Parmar to see which team can guess the most famous books.	https://www.king5.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/new-day-northwest/game-on-name-that-book-new-day-nw/281-72775f6a-a4ed-4e65-bdcb-72df20843562
25-Jan-2024	<i>The Facts NW</i>	<u>The Fifth Annual Black Owned Business Excellence Symposium Celebrates and Empowers Black Businesses</u>	The Seattle Public Library cosponsors BOBE events.	https://www.thefactsnewspaper.com/post/the-fifth-annual-black-owned-business-excellence-symposium-celebrates-and-empowers-black-businesses

26-Jan-2024	The Guardian	<u>Books and looks: gen Z is 'rediscovering' the public library</u>	“Coffee shops get so crowded, and you have to spend money to be there, but libraries are open for everyone,” said Anika Neumeyer, a 19-year-old English student who volunteers at the Seattle Public Library. “There’s a lot less pressure to be doing something in the public library. No one’s going to judge you.”	https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/jan/26/books-and-looks-gen-z-is-rediscovering-the-public-library
29-Jan-2024	West Seattle Blog	<u>Full room and many topics at Gina Topp’s first community-conversation meeting as Seattle Public Schools Board director</u>	More than 20 people filled the meeting room at High Point Library on Sunday afternoon as West Seattle’s new Seattle Public Schools Board director, Gina Topp, held her first community-conversation meeting.	https://westseattleblog.com/2024/01/full-room-and-many-topics-at-gina-topps-first-community-conversation-meeting-as-seattle-public-schools-board-director/