

CONFUSED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FUTURE SEQUIM LIBRARY?

Despite a magnificent ballot outcome, with over 12,642 people (65.35%!) casting a YES vote on Prop 1 and 11,391 people (58.68%!) saying YES to Prop 2, at this time **Sequim will not be getting a new and larger Branch Library.**

Puzzled about why the Sequim Library Ballot measures didn't pass? Here's a brief explanation:

The Library Capital Facilities Area (LCFA) law is the mechanism through which WA State libraries can fund capital projects. LCFA ballot measures have some very specific, and challenging, approval requirements:

There are two separate measures. One measure ("Proposition 1", in this case) establishes the tax district, and the other ("Proposition 2") funds the capital project. Both measures must be approved.

The two measures have different requirements for a "passing" vote.

Prop 1 requires a simple majority of YES votes. **(Approved!)**

Prop 2 has a minimum voter turnout requirement. Simply put, the results of the measure (regardless of how it turns out) are "validated" only if the number of ballots returned in the proposed tax district equals at least 40% of the number of ballots returned in that same district in a previous similar election (in this case the general election of 2017). **(Approved: voter turnout was sufficient to meet this requirement)**



Prop 2 also requires at least a 60% "super" majority of YES votes. **(Not approved: Proposition 2 received 58.68% approval, falling short of the required super majority by 1.32%)**

While the ballot results clearly reflect a very high level of community support for the library, they do not meet the legal requirements for passing a capital bond measure.

NOLS remains committed to offering the best library service possible at the Sequim Branch. We look forward to continue to work with the community to find a solution to the overcrowded and outdated facility.



(Election result numbers are from the official ballot count on Thursday, November 15.)

SEQUIM LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA Proposition No. 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF SEQUIM LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA Establishment of the Sequim Library Capital Facility Area

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes 	12,642	65.35%
No 	6,704	34.65%
Total Votes (not including write-ins)	19,346	

PASSED

SEQUIM LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA Proposition No. 2: FINANCING A LIBRARY IN THE SEQUIM LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA Financing a New Library in the Sequim Library Capital Facility Area

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes 	11,391	58.68%
No 	8,021	41.32%
Total Votes (not including write-ins)	19,412	

FAILED - REQUIRED 60% (SUPERMAJORITY)