The Operating Budget funds expenditures such as: salaries and benefits; library collection materials; office, operating and maintenance supplies; professional services; utilities; technology, communication, financial, and other service fees; insurance premiums; staff training; organizational memberships, and more. Most of NOLS’ extensive programming activities are funded by Friends of the Library donations.

As a library tax district, the majority of NOLS’ operating budget revenues come from property taxes. The 2016 levy rate is 50¢ per $1,000 of county assessed valuation. In 2016, operating revenues include a transfer-in from reserves, and significant donations from Friends of the Library groups and other benefactors.

Notable 2016 expenditures include:
- .5% (1/2 of 1%) COLA for General and Management Union staff
- 1% increase in funds for Collection Materials.
The Capital Budget funds improvements and enhancements to NOLS facilities, purchases of capital machinery and equipment, and construction capital assets.

### 2016 Capital Project Highlights

- Improve security measures—All branches
- Enhance workspaces and file storage—Administration
- Purchase landscaping utility shed—Clallam Bay
- Refinish parking lot—Port Angeles
- Maintain, upgrade, improve IT hardware, software, systems and peripherals—All branches
- Replace library equipment such as desks, seating, display shelving, and mobility scooter—All branches
- Additional NOLS vehicle—Systemwide use

### Timber Revenues

Timber revenues from the previous year are used to address capital needs in the following year. This reduces reliance on the volatile and unpredictable timber revenue stream, and insures availability of funding to address capital maintenance and improvement needs. The Capital Replacement Account (CRA) serves as the repository for all timber revenues.

2015 Timber Revenues: $334,554
CRA Balance on 12/31/15: $1,790,308
2016 Capital Budget: $334,400

### From NOLS’ Strategic Roadmap:

- Provide library facilities that are safe, comfortable, functional and energy efficient.
- Be the Third Place, where community comes together to think, meet, work, play and create.
- Be nimble, flexible, and adaptable in responding to social and technological change.
- Utilize public resources responsibly.

For more detailed information about the Library budget, the Strategic Roadmap, and the 2015 annual report, visit www.nols.org/about-nols.

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