

# NOVEMBER 8, 2022

## BOND ELECTION FACTS

The San Juan Island Library District will ask voters to approve a \$12 million bond proposal to build a new library at 660 Spring Street

### Voting **YES** means:

- Ample, flexible spaces for children, teens, and adults
- Improved and expanded parking
- Well-equipped, multiple sized meeting spaces for a variety of uses
- Convenient location in town for schools, senior services, and many community partners
- Abundance of green spaces for outdoor programs, events, and social activities
- Increased space for existing and new materials for lending
- Opportunities to implement renewable energy and energy efficient features, including electric vehicle charging
- Increased space for large group programs and special exhibits
- Room to grow with evolving community needs



# Voting **NO** means:

- Increased maintenance burden on an aging facility that is no longer adequate for our community needs
- Library budget pressure caused by ongoing maintenance may lead to decreases in programs and services
- No way to improve existing parking
- No way to increase meeting, collection, or program spaces
- Infrastructure deficiencies for technology needs
- Noisy library with no designated quiet areas

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How much will my property taxes increase if I vote "yes"?**

This will vary based on assessed value. The estimated annual cost to property owners will be \$88/year for a \$500k home, \$132/year for a \$750k home, and \$176/year for a \$1 million home.

### **Why can't the library simply expand on the current lot?**

The current site is .66 of an acre; too small for additional building and parking. The 660 Spring Street site is 2.5 acres with ample space for improved, increased parking, a 15,000 square foot library, outdoor activity spaces, and room to grow.

### **How will the full project be paid for?**

The voter-approved bond will cover 60% of the project costs; private donations and grants will cover 40% of the total \$20 million budget (\$14.5 construction, \$2.075 repayment for property purchase, \$3.4 for architecture and construction management).

### **How can I get involved and help?**

Come to the library or visit [www.sjlib.org](http://www.sjlib.org) to make a financial contribution or pledge. There will be many opportunities to volunteer and provide input once the bond passes.

**For more information go to [www.sjlib.org](http://www.sjlib.org).**