

Lifting the Levy video script

Announcer: Meet the Anderson family!

Announcer: The Anderson's are avid Sno-Isle library users — Mom loves sitting back with a medieval fantasy novel, Dad and Baby love library Story time, little Timmy sure does love the access to mingle languages, and Grammy can't get enough of Library on Wheels.

Announcer: The Anderson's want to know more about the library levy on the April 24th ballot, which asks voters to consider restoring 9¢ to the library levy rate.

Timmy: But how does the levy work?

Announcer: Good question Timmy!

Announcer: Just like public schools and fire departments, the library depends on a levy to operate. In fact, 98% of the library funding comes from property taxes approved by voters. The April 24th ballot measure would restore 9¢ to the levy rate for every \$1000 of assessed property value.

Announcer: If voters approve, the library's operating levy rate would be 47¢ in 2019. This would help Sno-Isle libraries maintain services to communities and customers through at least 2025.

Grammy: So, if our home is valued at \$300,000 – that means that restoring the levy rate by 9¢ would add up to an extra \$27 annually?

Announcer: That's correct Grammy!

Announcer: Not restoring the levy rate would mean reducing the budget, starting in 2019, with cuts to things like: library materials, services, and hours. That means mom might not be able to read the newest George R. R. Martin, fewer hours for Dad and Baby's storytime program, reduced online resources for Timmy, and less frequent bookmobile visits to your retirement community.

Grammy: Now I understand, thanks, that will help me make an informed choice on the April 24th ballot.

Announcer: That's great, Grammy. Visit Sno.Isle.org/levy to learn more.