



**SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY LEVY\*  
Friday, March 23, 2012  
10:30 a.m.**

“What’s happening to libraries lately is like they’re shooting the stars out of the sky. Libraries are such unnatural, incredible incandescent miracles and it’s so easy to take little chunks out of them, like nighttime hours when people stuck doing something they don’t much like the rest of the day can spend a few hours checking out the rest of the universe...” - Anne Herbert

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**A. Call to Order**

**B. Public Comment**

**C. Items of Business**

1. **Chair’s Report**  
(10 minutes)

*Presenter: Councilmember Richard Conlin*

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2. **Core library services recommended for levy funding by the Seattle Public Library**

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION (30 minutes)

*Presenters: Marcellus Turner, City Librarian; Eve Sternberg, Capital Finance Manager, and Tim Morrison, Finance and Operations Manager, Seattle Public Library; Marie McCaffrey, President, and Dan Dixon, Vice President, Seattle Public Library Board*

*Supporting Document:*

- a. [Presentation on Library Levy Service Components](#)

3. [C.B. 117425](#) **Relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the August 7, 2012, general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of supporting, maintaining and improving core public library services; authorizing creation of a new subfund; ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; and providing for effective dates.**

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION (30 minutes)

*Presenters: Julie McCoy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor; Beth Goldberg, Director, City Budget Office; Patricia Lee and Sara Belz, Council Central Staff*

*Supporting Document:*

- a. [Council Central Staff Memo](#)

4. **Next Steps**

(5 minutes)

*Presenters: Patricia Lee and Sara Belz, Council Central Staff*

**D. Adjournment**