

# How Will Annexation Affect LIBRARY SERVICE?

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## *How will my library system change with annexation?*

Currently, residents of unincorporated King County are part of the King County Library System's (KCLS) service area. Once annexed to Renton, residents will become part of the Renton Public Library (RPL) with service provided by the main downtown library and Highlands branch library.

## *How will annexation change my access to libraries across the region?*

As the table below shows, KCLS has reciprocal borrowing agreements with RPL, Seattle Public Library (SPL), and Enumclaw Public Library (EPL), which allows KCLS residents to obtain library cards from all of these systems. Once annexed to Renton, residents will still be able to obtain a KCLS library card through the RPL/KCLS reciprocal borrowing agreement. However, because no reciprocal agreements currently exist between Renton and Seattle or Renton and Enumclaw, residents would no longer be able to use SPL or EPL branches. It is important to note that reciprocal borrowing agreements change over time, and there are no guarantees that current agreements will remain in place indefinitely.

### **Comparison of Library Systems**

	<b>Residents of Unincorporated King County</b>	<b>Residents of Renton</b>
<b>Home Library System</b>	King County Library System 43 Branches 67 Open Hours/Week - Bellevue	Renton Public Library 2 Branches 60 Open hours/Week - Main
<b>Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements in King County</b>	Renton Public Library 2 Branches 60 Open hours/Week - Main  Seattle Public Library 25 branches 58 Open Hours - Main  Enumclaw Public Library 1 Branch 55.5 Open Hours	King County Library System 43 Branches 67 Open Hours/Week - Bellevue

**Source: KCLS, SPL, RPL, EPL**

Through reciprocal borrowing agreements, KCLS residents currently have access to twelve library systems throughout the region in Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. If annexed to Renton, residents would have access to these systems' books and materials through the interlibrary loan program at the Renton Public Library.

## *How will annexation change my payment of the library capital bond levy?*

King County Library System voters recently approved a library capital bond levy. For 2006 through 2011, the new KCLS bond levy will be combined with the 1988 bond levy (which will expire in 2011). Even if KCLS residents annex to Renton and are no longer in the Library District, taxpayers in those annexed areas must continue paying property taxes for the bond levy through 2022. The bond levy component of property taxes is approximately \$0.08 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$24 per year for a \$300,000 house).

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