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Central WA	<p>Ellensburg Public Library http://www.ellensburglibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Debby DeSoer Title: Director Library Ellensburg Public Library Address: 209 N Ruby St City/Town: Ellensburg Email Address: desoerd@ellensburglibrary.org Phone Number: 509-962-7252</p>	No	No, although both the library and parks depts. have been asked to have 20% budget reduction scenarios ready just in case.	Our county government contracts for services for residents in the unincorporated areas with the four city libraries in Kittitas County. The County is facing big revenue shortfalls. The money they provide is equivalent to about 10% of our budget. If they were to pull that funding we would have to cut back somewhere, most likely hours of service.
N Central WA	<p>North Central Regional Library http://www.ncrl.org/</p> <p>Name: Dean Marney Title: Director Library: North Central Regional Library Address: 16 N. Columbia City/Town: Wenatchee Email Address: dmarney@ncrl.org Phone Number: 509-663-1117 x121</p>	No	I've discovered we are the Montana of libraries. We squeak when we walk and pay as we go. Our levy is down to .37 but our service level is extremely high.	We are reducing our use of substitutes to save up to \$100,000. Staffing is static as Medical Benefits rose 9.9% and we gave staff a 2% cola. The 2009 Materials Budget was kept at its 2008 level but is still 19.6% of the budget.
S Central WA	<p>Mid-Columbia Libraries http://www.mcl-lib.org</p> <p>Name: Danielle R. Krol Title: Executive Director Library: Mid-Columbia Libraries Address: 405 S. Dayton City/Town: Kennewick Email Address: dkrol@mcl-lib.org Phone Number: 509-737-6351</p>	No.	<p>We had a budget shortfall in Fall 2008. We had to eliminate the Training Coordinator position.</p> <p>Due to Initiative 747 we have seen our levy rate decline each year. In 2009, MCL is at a levy rate of roughly .42 in 2009 from .50 in 2000/2001.</p>	<p>MCL cut the number of staff days during the year from 2 to 1 per year. The travel and training budget was also cut.</p> <p>Three contracts with cities are being negotiated at this time. If cities do not renew their contracts with MCL it will have an impact on the level of services being provided.</p>

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NE WA	<p>Hesseltine Public Library</p> <p>Name: Cathy Miller Title: Librarian Library: Hesseltine Public Library Address: P. O. Box 185 City/Town: Wilbur Email Address: hplwilbur@hotmail.com Phone Number: 509-647-5828</p>	No, I don't think so	No	No
NE WA	<p>Liberty Lake Municipal Library http://www.libertylakewa.gov/library</p> <p>Name: Pamela Mogen Title: Director Library: Liberty Lake Municipal Library Address: 23123 E Mission Ave City/Town: Liberty Lake Email Address: pmogen@libertylakewa.gov Phone Number: 509-232-2510</p>	No	We will not be able to replace our Children's librarian when she leaves later this year. We were required to trim \$24,000 from our original budget as well as the position.	No Response
NE WA	<p>Libraries of Stevens County http://www.librariesofstevenscounty.org</p> <p>Name: Amanda McKeraghan Title: Library Director Library: Libraries of Stevens County Address: 195 S. Oak City/Town: Colville, WA Email Address: amanda@scrld.org Phone Number: 509-675-5102</p>	No	Yes. We've reduced hours, curtailed the materials, and the rest of the budget is frozen (in a time when demand is going up).	We cut all Sunday hours (four per week), which isn't much in numbers, but was an important library day for some families. The material budget was cut by about 10%.

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NE WA	<p>Pend Oreille County Library District http://www.pocld.org</p> <p>Name: Matt Becvarov Title: Director Library: Pend Oreille County Library District Address: 116 S. Washington Ave. City/Town: Newport, WA 99156 Email Address: mattb@pocld.org Phone Number: 509.447.2158</p>	No	<p>We have reduced the FY2009 budget by \$30,000 due to a shortfall last year in Timber Harvest Tax revenue. The reduction may be even larger and require another budget cut mid-year.</p> <p>We cut budget lines for travel, continuing education, and eliminated some increases for collection materials over last year's amounts.</p>	<p>We have already instituted a 6% budget reduction. We believe it likely that mid-year the reduction may have to move to 10-11%. An additional 4-5% reduction would prompt a reduction in the materials budget lines in order to keep staff coverage for current hours at all four branches. Core services and programs will remain intact.</p>
NE WA	<p>Spokane County Library District http://www.sclld.org</p> <p>Name: Mike Wirt Title: Director Library: Spokane County Library District Address: 4322 N Argonne City/Town: Spokane Email Address: mwirt@sclld.org Phone Number: 509-893-8201</p>	No	No	NA
NE WA	<p>Spokane Public Library http://www.spokanelibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Pat Partovi Title: Director Library: Spokane Public Library Address: 906 W. Main Ave. City/Town: Spokane, WA Email Address: ppartovi@spokanelibrary.org Phone Number: 509-444-5305</p>	No	<p>Spokane Public Library has suffered cutbacks over many years, culminating in 2005 with a 13% cut. We have not recovered yet and are facing a 4% cut for 2010 which could result in a branch closure.</p>	<p>We do not expect cuts in 2009 but do expect them in 2010, as said above, probably 4%. That doesn't sound that bad until you factor in that severe cuts have already taken place over the last decade.</p>

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SE WA	<p>Walla Walla Public Library http://www.walnet.walla-walla.wa.us/walpub/default.html</p> <p>Name: Martha Van Pelt Title: Library Director Library: Walla Walla Public Library Address: 238 East Alder St City/Town: Walla Walla Email Address: mvanpelt@ci.walla-walla.wa.us Phone Number: 509-524-4440</p>	No	<p>Yes, all three. A long term librarian retired and we were instructed that we had too many MLS librarians (4) and that we had to replace librarians with non-MLS professionals to save money. Our budget was also reduced.</p> <p>Reduced hours, no new materials and reduced staff is forecasted for 2010.</p>	No Response
SE WA	<p>Asotin County Library http://www.aclib.org</p> <p>Name: Jennifer Ashby Title: Director Library: Asotin County Library Address: 417 Sycamore Street City/Town: Clarkston Email Address: jashby.acl@valnet.org Phone Number: (509)758-5454</p>	No	<p>We have made a serious effort to cut spending and increase revenue sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped Saturday shifts for 2 people. • We are not ordering materials other than standing orders, patron requests, or special circumstances. We reduced magazine subscriptions. • Decreased travel. • Decreased programming. • Cut the heating/cooling to one degree below comfortable in July and have had it at two degrees below comfortable since mid-January. <p>Because of the 1% cap, we have increasingly had to dip into our reserves. They are perilously low at the moment. If we are not able to pass our levy lid lift in August, we will have to make serious cuts in service hours and staffing.</p>	No Response

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SE WA	<p>Denny Ashby Library http://www.pomeroy.lib.wa.us</p> <p>Name: Lillian Heytvelt Title: Library Director Library: Denny Ashby Library Address: PO Box 680 City/Town: Pomeroy Email Address: dashbylib@pomeroy.lib.wa.us Phone Number: 509-843-3710</p>	No	No	My library is doing well so far.
SE WA	<p>Whitman County Library http://www.whitco.lib.wa.us</p> <p>Name: Kristie Kirkpatrick Title: Director Library: Whitman County Library Address: 102 S. Main City/Town: Colfax, WA Email Address: kirkpatr@colfax.com Phone Number: 509-397-4366</p>	No	Tax initiatives have caused our budget to be stagnant for years. The annual budget has not kept up with inflation and rising costs have resulted in a loss of buying power and lower materials budgets each year. Our board has focused on maintaining hours because so many people depend upon the free Internet/computer access and our numerous county locations for job hunting and children's programs ... but our collections have certainly suffered!	We have 13 FTEs running a library system that is open more than 8,500 hours per year and our materials budget is a meager 6% for 2009.
NW WA	<p>Bellingham Public Library http://www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Pamela Nyberg Kiesner Title: Director Library: Bellingham Public Library Address: 210 Central Avenue City/Town: Bellingham Email Address: pkiesner@cob.org Phone Number: 360-778-7221</p>	No	Yes. We were asked by the City, along with all other City Departments, to prepare to reduce our 2009 budget by 3% and 5%. The Library Board chose primarily non-personnel cuts for the first round. Our 3% cut (totaling \$122,000), which was just approved by the City Council, includes a 20% cut in the materials budget. Other reductions are in	At the end of February, our circulation was up 15% over last year. Our visitor count was up 7%. We are enthusiastic about the increases (our library hasn't experienced anything but increases in several years), yet we are struggling to keep up. Our next level of reductions will include personnel cuts and corresponding service reductions. We

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	Bellingham Public Library (continued)		computer hardware, travel/conference/training funds, and funding for substitute Librarian funds. I expect more cuts this year, and have been asked to prepare for likely and more drastic reductions for 2010 and beyond.	are working on scenarios for reducing our number of hours open to the public. We'll know by the end of April the additional dollars/percentage we need to cut. We are also working on streamlining all of our processes in order to staff our services and keep up with the increases we are experiencing.
NW WA	Burlington Public Library http://www.burlington.lib.wa.us Name: Maggie Buckholz Title: Library Director Library: Burlington Public Library Address: 820 E Washington Ave City/Town: Burlington Email Address: maggiieb@ci.burlington.wa.us Phone Number: 360-755-0760	No	Yes, We started the 2009 budget year with an 8% cut from 2007 figures. And the city has asked all departments to collectively reduce the budget by another \$1 million. Primarily, our book budget was cut to 2005 levels.	There is a possibility that full-time staff may see a 4% to 14% cut in hours this year if city sales tax revenues continue to decline. Our door count has increased by 36% over the prior year.
NW WA	La Conner Regional Library http://www.lclib.lib.wa.us/ Name: Joy Neal Title: Director Library: La Conner Regional Library Address: 614 Morris Street City/Town: La Conner Email Address: jneal@lclib.lib.wa.us Phone Number: 360-466-3352	No	No. We are maintaining the same level of service we did last year. We do have some reserves to fall back on.	No Response

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NW WA	<p>Mount Vernon City Library http://www.ci.mount-vernion.wa.us/ (Hyperlink text shortened, hover to see full)</p> <p>Name: Brian Soneda Title: Library Director Library: Mount Vernon City Library Address: 315 Snoqualmie St. City/Town: Mount Vernon Email Address: brians@mountvernonwa.gov Phone Number: 360-336-6209</p>	No	Yes. While our materials budget was kept as is, we lost an FTE to retirement and she was not replaced, and we closed on Sundays starting February 1.	We went from about 20 FTE's to 19 FTE's and from 58 hours of operation per week to 54 hours per week.
NW WA	<p>Sedro-Woolley Public Library</p> <p>Name: Debra Peterson Title: Library Director Library: Sedro-Woolley Public Library Address: 802 Ball Street City/Town: Sedro-Woolley Email Address: ddpeters@fidalgo.net Phone Number: (360) 855-1166</p>	I sincerely hope not, but the Library is in our City's general fund revenue and is therefore vulnerable.	<p>Yes, we had a 15% cut to our 2009 Budget from the year previous; another 3% cut in February 09; a new cut of some 10% beginning in April 09 - so far.</p> <p>Right now our City is expecting a direct reduction of some \$450,000 in revenue for 2009. We do not know about our April property tax revenue yet. We may experience some unexpected closures thru 2009.</p>	This Library has always been run on a tight budget, therefore any cut is hard. Our overall circulation is up more than 22% over last year, our computers are jammed. Right now am looking at few new books for our community. My salary is now cut 8%, but so far my other staff haven't had a reduction. But this is only March.
NW WA	<p>Upper Skagit Library http://www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us Name: Aimee Hirschel Title: Library Director Library: Upper Skagit Library Address: P. O. Box 99 City/Town: Concrete Email Address: hirschel@upperskagit.lib.w.us Phone Number: 360-853-7939</p>	Probably not this year.	Due to loss of timber taxes and state forest funds this year and next, and with the potential non-payment of taxes, next year may be impacted more seriously.	No Response

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Olympic Peninsula	<p>Jefferson County Rural Library District http://www.jclibrary.info</p> <p>Name: Ray Serebrin Title: Director Library: Jefferson County Rural Library District Address: 620 Cedar Ave. City/Town: Port Hadlock Email Address: rserebrin@jclibrary.info Phone Number: 360-385-6544</p>	No	No	NA
Puget Sound	<p>Everett Public Library http://www.epls.org</p> <p>Name: Eileen Simmons Title: Director Library: Everett Public Library Address: 2702 Hoyt Ave. City/Town: Everett Email Address: esimmons@ci.everett.wa.us Phone Number: 425-257-8022</p>	No	We have been asked to hold off on a budgeted self-check project, and are now being asked to look for other savings. No amount has been specified, and no staff cuts to date.	No staff reductions. Our self-check project was added to our regular budget, so while it's a cut, our operating budget has yet to be cut.
Puget Sound	<p>King County Library System http://www.kcls.org</p> <p>Name: Bill Ptacek Title: Director Library: King County Library system Address: 960 Newport City/Town: Issaquah, Email Address: billp@kcls.org Phone Number: 425 369 3232</p>	No	No	Business is way up but our ability to respond has not been compromised

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Puget Sound	<p>Pierce County Library System Director: Neel Parikh http://www.piercecountylibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Clifford Jo Title: Director of Finance & IT Library: Pierce County Library System Address: 3005 112th Street E City/Town: Tacoma Email Address: cjo@piercecountylibrary.org Phone Number: 253-536-6500 x153</p>	No. We have adequate cash reserves to sustain operations through 2011.	No. We have kept our budgets, staffing, and services stable. When we passed our levy lid-lift in 2006, we set aside a large sum of money to sustain operations for 5 to 6 years. We are in the third year without making any reduction. However, we are very concerned about depleting our cash reserves in 2012. Even though we had planned to use cash reserves, we may begin making reductions as soon as 2010, due to falling tax revenues.	At this time, we are sustaining operations.
Puget Sound	<p>Puyallup Public Library http://www.puyalluplibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Mary Jo Torgeson Title: Library Director Library: Puyallup Public Library Address: 324 S. Meridian City/Town: Puyallup Email Address: mjtorgeson@ci.puyallup.wa.us</p>	No	<p>Yes, frozen FTE position.</p> <p>I don't know when the position will be opened. It is a wait and see.</p>	I have a staff of 19.2, down to 18.2
Puget Sound	<p>Renton Public Library http://library.rentonwa.gov</p> <p>Name: Bette Anderson Title: Director Library: Renton Public Library Address: 100 Mill Ave. S City/Town: Renton Email Address: banderson@rentonwa.gov Phone Number: 425-430-6820</p>	We hope to remain stable for the rest of 2009. We are exploring annexation to KCLS to be voted on early in 2010; it's hard to predict whether voters will be willing or able to pay more for library services. If the vote is against annexation, the Renton Library will be subject to whatever reductions the city will be compelled to implement.	City revenue has fallen sharply, and all departments have been required to make reductions. We are currently planning for a city-wide, 5-day furlough, and the libraries will be closed on those days. Because of a separate source of revenue due to an annexation, the library has been able to avoid other cuts.	The library is actually in better financial shape for 2009 than many other city departments, but we would be affected adversely if the city goes into a RIF scenario. Union contract requires that part-time staff would be the first to go, and that would reduce the library's staffing by 4 fte (out of a total of 22 fte).

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Puget Sound	<p>Roy City Library http://roylibrary.home.comcast.net</p> <p>Name: Cecelia Hanson Title: Library Director Library: Roy City Library Address: P.O.Box 700 City/Town: Roy, Wa. 98580 Email Address: roylibrary@comcast.net Phone Number: 253-843-2331</p>	No, unless the City of Roy is forced to close its doors.	We have had the library's annual budget severely cut. My assistant's hours were cut from 40 hours a month down to 8 hours a month. The library service hours were cut from 20 hours a week down to 10 hours. Economic times are hurting our library due to lessened city revenues.	No
Puget Sound	<p>Seattle Public Library http://www.spl.org</p> <p>Name: Susan Hildreth Title: City Librarian Library: Seattle Public Library Address: 1000 Fourth Ave. City/Town: Seattle, WA 98104 Email Address: susan.hildreth@spl.org</p>	No	Are planning for some reductions in 2009 and 2010.	Have been asked to submit 3% reductions for 2009 and anticipate additional reductions for 2010.
Puget Sound	<p>Sno-Isle Libraries http://www.sno-isle.org</p> <p>Name: Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory Title: Library Director Library: Sno-Isle Libraries Address: 7312 35th NE City/Town: Marysville Email Address: jwoolf-ivory@sno-isle.org Phone Number: 360-651-7008</p>	No	Reduction in materials budget. Reduction in facilities budget. Reduction in equipment budget.	Not at this time

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Puget Sound	<p>Timberland Regional Library http://www.trlib.org</p> <p>Name: Jodi Reng Title: Executive Director Library: Timberland Regional Library Address: 415 Tumwater Blvd City/Town: Tumwater Email Address: jreng@trlib.org Phone Number: (360) 943-5001</p>	If we are unable to make adequate cuts, our reserves will fall below the level needed for cash flow to cover our expenses by the end of 2010.	Due to the failure of our lid lift, we have to cut 13%, or \$2.5 million from our budget.	We are trying to cut public hours and reduce workloads to the point where we will be able to function without the use of substitutes or part time people working "extra hours."
SW WA	<p>Camas Public Library http://www.ci.camas.wa.us/library</p> <p>Name: David Zavortink Title: Director Library: Camas Public Library Address: 625 NE Fourth Ave City/Town: Camas Email Address: dzavortink@ci.camas.wa.us Phone Number: 360-834-4692 ext 4701</p>	No, we are on a calendar year budget, so OK for this year....	Yes. To begin 2009, a 5.37% overall reduction, but 20% cut in materials, and 3.5% in personnel. In addition, any vacated positions remain unfilled.	Currently we are consistently 5 days behind with shelving (ca. 5,000 books) due to unfilled position and increased use. I expect more cuts to come, as early as April. Depending on the severity of the cuts, could mean RIF and reduction in hours or services.
SW WA	<p>Castle Rock Public Library http://ci.castle-rock.wa.us/library.htm</p> <p>Name: Vicki Selander Title: Library Director Library: Castle Rock Public Library Address: PO Box 1350 City/Town: Castle Rock Email Address: rocklibrary@hotmail.com Phone Number: 360-274-6961</p>	Yes	Yes, our municipal library (Castle Rock) was surviving on an annual excess tax levy after having been cut from the City budget. In November our levy failed by four votes - no budget for 2009!	100% reduction in total operating expenses. We are operating on the generous donations of our citizens. Our operating hours have been cut by 9 per week, which is about 11%.

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SW WA	<p>Fort Vancouver Regional Library http://www.fvrl.org</p> <p>Name: Bruce Ziegman Title: Executive Director Library: Fort Vancouver Regional Library Address: 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd City/Town: Vancouver Email Address: bziegman@fvrl.org Phone Number: 360-699-8813</p>	No, but it is possible that more cuts will be needed in 2010 to balance the budget against new revenue.	Yes. As of 2/1/09 FVRL eliminated 24 out of 246 positions, closed 4 branches an additional day/week, closed 1 branch hours that equate to a day/week, will close 2 more branches an additional day by the end of 2009, and made several other budget cuts for 2009 totaling approximately \$1.2 million (2009 budget ends up at \$17.9 million).	<p>Salaried staff receive no pay increases, union staff received only their 2.5% contracted longevity increase, and the executive director and operations mgr took 2.5% pay cuts.</p> <p>We also eliminated our free books by mail service (saving approximately \$500,000 in postage) for all but homebound and rural patrons over 10 miles from a branch.</p>
SW WA	<p>Kalama Public Library</p> <p>Name: C. Louise Thomas Title: Director Library: Kalama Public Library Address: 312 N 1st St. P. O. 576 City/Town: Kalama Email Address: louise@kalamalibrary.org Phone Number: 360-673-4568</p>	unknown at this time	Yes, lost book budget and we are looking at possible further cuts in the future. We will be using our reserve to fund one month of operations as of today, 3-27-09. Property taxes will be coming in April but we do not know how we will fare later in the summer as sales tax revenues are down.	City governments see libraries as providing non-essential services and always want to balance budgets on the backs of libraries. Libraries are the first to be cut before any other departments.
SW WA	<p>Longview Public Library http://www.longviewlibrary.org</p> <p>Name: Chris Skaugset Title: Library Director Library: Longview Public Library Address: 1600 Louisiana St. City/Town: Longview Email Address: chris.skaugset@ci.longview.wa.us Phone Number: 360.442.5309</p>	No	Yes, we took a budget reduction of about 8% which included the loss of 5 hours per week in hours and a loss of 3 part-time staff members and a reduction in all other part-time hours. We also lost nearly half of our budget for books and other materials.	No Response

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WA Coast	<p>Ocean Shores Public Library http://www.osgov.com/library.html</p> <p>Name: Judith Stull Title: Director Library: Ocean Shores Address: P.O. Box 669 City/Town: Ocean Shores Email Address: oslibrary@osgov.com Phone Number: 360-289-3919</p>	Don't think so.	Lost one staff member out of four. Cut back from 6 days to 5 days a week open.	Jan. 08 to Jan. 09 = 15% increase in daily circulation. Feb. 08 to Feb. 09 = 20% increase in daily circ. AND we are closed an extra day a week!