

## Seattle Public Library Cost incurred or Estimated due to Vandalism

During the pandemic, Seattle Public Library has experienced ever-more increased activities of loitering and vandalism across the 26 branch libraries and the Central Library. The table below demonstrates financial burden SPL has experienced without any planned for or budgeted coverage of costs.

Branch	CM District	Cost Elements & Estimates	Notes														
CENTRAL	DIST 7	<p>1. September 2021 - 7 window panels on lower level and 2 Diamond-shaped windows on upper level on the Spring Street side – possibly shot by BB gun or pellet gun – estimated cost \$170,000</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Materials – 7 regular window panels</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Materials – 2 specialized diamond shaped window</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scaffolding &amp; I-beam set up</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$28,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fencing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crane/Street permit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$60,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Labor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$24,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$170,000</b></td> </tr> </table>	Materials – 7 regular window panels	\$15,000	Materials – 2 specialized diamond shaped window	\$35,000	Scaffolding & I-beam set up	\$28,000	Fencing	\$8,000	Crane/Street permit	\$60,000	Labor	\$24,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<p>Central Library Building has faced many challenges since March 2020, including increased number of homeless campers, escalated illegal activities and disruptive behaviors around the building. In most recent incident, the Central Library Building endured what looks like bullet holes on 7 window panels on the lower part of the building and 2 diamond-shaped window panels on the upper level of the building on the Spring Street side. Two outer window panels were completely shattered and the inner window panels had lesser impact due to the security films put on earlier to the area. Not only are these incidents a financial burden on SPL (the diamond-shaped windows are specialized and require a long lead time to replace), but SPL staff feel extremely concerned for safety at work.</p>
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		<p>2. March 2021 – Uninsured motorist ran into the Central Library Building on the Madison side, resulting in 4 large window panels shattered and window frames as well as bending supporting steel beams – estimated cost \$85,000</p>															
		<p>3. May/June 2021 – 2 window panels on the lower level of the Central Library Building shattered by insecurely-housed patrons on the Spring Street Plaza – actual cost \$13,008</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Window panel replacement</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,341</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Window security films</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,667</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$13,008</b></td> </tr> </table>	Window panel replacement	\$5,341	Window security films	\$7,667	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,008</b>									
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<p>4. Multiple graffiti removal and pressure washes to remove human defecation – actual cost \$1,091</p>																	
<b>Total Estimated Cost of damages: \$269,099</b>																	

<p>BALLARD and FREMONT</p>	<p>DIST 6</p>	<p>1. BALLARD - December 2020 - A fire broke out by campers at night, resulting in window on the North side of Ballard Library building to burn and crack – actual cost \$59,765</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="561 369 1094 520"> <tr> <td>Window replacement</td> <td>\$5,435</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grate replacement</td> <td>\$52,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fence</td> <td>\$2,330</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Cost:</b></td> <td><b>\$59,765</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>2. BALLARD – April 2020 - Graffiti removal – actual cost \$609</p> <p>3. FREMONT – November 2020 - Broken windows – actual cost \$835</p> <p><b>Total Cost at damages: \$61,209</b></p>	Window replacement	\$5,435	Grate replacement	\$52,000	Fence	\$2,330	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$59,765</b>	<p>Ballard has been extremely challenging for the Library as it faced continuous issues such as campers’ escalated behavioral issues or burning items to warm up their bodies/food, which led a fire that caused a building window to catch alight and crack. We must pressure-wash weekly to clean up human defecation left behind by insecurely-housed campers and deploy security officers for the additional safety of patrons and staff.</p>
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<p>LAKE CITY and NORTHGATE</p>	<p>DIST 5</p>	<p>1. LAKE CITY – December 2020 – 2 windows broken due to nearby campers – actual cost \$2,727</p> <p>2. LAKE CITY – August 2021 – 2 windows broken when insecurely-housed patron escalated disruptive behavior – actual cost \$2,455</p> <p>3. NORTHGATE – September 2020 – window panel broken – actual cost \$2,053</p> <p>4. LAKE CITY Graffiti – September 2021 – actual cost \$498</p> <p><b>Total Cost of damages: \$7,733</b></p>									
<p>NORTHEAST and UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>DIST 4</p>	<p>1. NORTHEAST – July 2020 – windows broken – actual cost \$1,004</p> <p>2. UNIVERSITY – January 2021 – attempted break-in while a custodian was cleaning, resulting in broken window and door – actual cost \$638</p> <p>3. UNIVERSITY – August 2021 – someone broke in through a window and attempted to get into computer system – estimated cost of repair and code changes \$2,000</p> <p><b>Total Estimated cost of damage - \$3,642</b></p>									

RAINIER BEACH and BEACON HILL	DIST 2	<p>1. RAINIER BEACH – October 2020 – two incidents: 1) rocks/bricks were thrown at windows and damaged one window and 2) someone broke into building and tried to steal books – actual cost \$1,968</p> <p>2. RAINIER BEACH – March 2021 – A drive-by shooting that resulted in one window with bullet hole and another broken window – actual cost \$36,512</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 512 1094 625"> <tr> <td>Window replacement</td> <td>\$1,557</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Window security films</td> <td>\$34,955</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total cost</b></td> <td><b>\$36,512</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>3. BEACON HILL – August 2021 – A drive-by shooting that resulted in two windows broken – estimate cost \$52,800</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 730 1094 844"> <tr> <td>Window replacement</td> <td>\$7,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Window security films</td> <td>\$45,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total cost</b></td> <td><b>\$52,800</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Total estimated cost of damages: \$89,312</b></p>	Window replacement	\$1,557	Window security films	\$34,955	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$36,512</b>	Window replacement	\$7,500	Window security films	\$45,300	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$52,800</b>	
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SOUTH PARK	DIST 1	<p>1. SOUTH PARK – August 2021 – Window broken – actual cost \$3,193</p> <p><b>Total Cost of damages: \$3,193</b></p>													
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$ 434,188</b>													

To provide additional context to the information provided in the table, please note:

- We have been experiencing considerable increase in campers and tents on and around the library branches – most notably at the Central Library, Ballard, Lake City and South Park branches.
- With the proliferation of campers and tents at our facilities, we are experiencing increased garbage and loitering with evidence of illegal drug activities on or around the property.
- Patrons are complaining at an increased rate that they feel unsafe as they receive services; staff have voiced concerns about safety on overnight cleaning, early morning deliveries or working during curb-side services. We are particularly concerned for the safety of SPL employees who work at these locations alone on late night (11 pm) or early hour (3 am) shifts with no security present.