

## Seattle local events that might have impacted SPL checkout data:

### **Library Levy Report (including overall improvement but also budget cuts) → 2012-2013**

- The Seattle Public Library faced significant budget cuts in these years, which led to reduced funding for materials and services “for an estimated \$5 million.”(4)

“For 2013, we face our fifth year of budget cuts, this time for an estimated \$5 million. Without a levy, a cut of that size could mean shuttering five of the branches we invested in during Libraries for All and cutting the books and materials budget in half.” (Page 4)

While the 2012 budget cuts initially led to reduced services and potential declines in circulation, the subsequent approval and implementation of the 2012 Libraries Levy helped restore and enhance library services.

[https://www.spl.org/Seattle-Public-Library/documents/about-us/levy/reports/1-18\\_2013levyreport\\_bookmark.pdf](https://www.spl.org/Seattle-Public-Library/documents/about-us/levy/reports/1-18_2013levyreport_bookmark.pdf)

[https://www.spl.org/Seattle-Public-Library/documents/about-us/levy-reports/1-18\\_2012levyproposal.pdf](https://www.spl.org/Seattle-Public-Library/documents/about-us/levy-reports/1-18_2012levyproposal.pdf)

### **1. May Day protests → May 1, 2012**

- On May 1, 2012, international protests occurred in response to the global economic crisis. In Seattle, thousands joined the *May Day* demonstration for worker’s rights and social justice.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/may/02/occupy-may-day-protests>

### **2. Seattle City Council Proposed Budget Allocations and Negotiations → 2012**

- Ongoing debates over budget allocations for city services, including public libraries, fire services, transportation, parks etc.
- <https://www.seattle.gov/documents/departments/financedepartment/12proposedbudget/2012cityofseattleproposedbudget.pdf>

### **3. Seattle Mayoral Election → Nov 5, 2013**

- In the 2013 Seattle mayoral election, Ed Murray won by defeating incumbent Michael McGinn in the general election + Murray ran on a platform that included public safety, transportation improvements, and city budget management.

<https://seattletransitblog.com/2013/05/13/ed-murray-on-transportation>

<https://www.seattle.gov/documents/departments/ethicselections/election%20reports/2013report.pdf>

#### **4. Seattle Charter Amendment 19 → Nov 2013**

- Proposed change to the Seattle City Charter aimed at shifting the election of seven of the nine City Council members from an at-large system to district-based elections. The goal was to provide more localized representation, allowing council members to better address specific needs the city may need.

[https://clerk.seattle.gov/~CFs/CF\\_313380.pdf](https://clerk.seattle.gov/~CFs/CF_313380.pdf)

#### **5. Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment → 2016**

- The 2016 Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment was a comprehensive survey conducted by the City of Seattle's Human Services Department to better understand the experiences and needs of individuals experiencing homelessness in the city. "[The project] was administered by the trained survey team between October 4 and November 17, 2016." (29)

<https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/HumanServices/CDBG/CityOfSeattle2016-HomelessNeedsAssessment.pdf>

#### **6. Seattle Minimum Wage Ordinance Implementation → 2016**

- In 2016, Seattle implemented the next phase of its \$15 minimum wage law, affecting smaller businesses. The ordinance drew public attention to economic and labor issues, prompting residents to seek information about wage laws, local regulations, and community impacts, likely increasing library use and research activity.

[https://www.nber.org/system/files/working\\_papers/w23532/revisions/w23532.rev1.pdf](https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w23532/revisions/w23532.rev1.pdf)

#### **7. Seattle Police Budget Approval Controversy → Mar 2017**

- The YES! Magazine article describes how the grassroots coalition *Block the Bunker* successfully pressured Seattle city officials in 2017 to reconsider a \$150 million police precinct in North Seattle. Through protests and public advocacy, the group argued that funds would be better spent on community services like affordable housing and education.

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/social-justice/2017/03/09/defunding-police-how-antiracist-organizers-got-seattle-to-listen>

#### **8. Women's March on Seattle → Jan 2017**

- A protest against the inauguration of Donald Trump

[https://mohai.org/collections-and-research/search/item/2014.43/-2.4%23.P157/?searchQuery=Protests+and+Demonstrations&Rognon&Co\\_&Merrihew&Anderson&Bushnell&Sons&Bros\\_&m](https://mohai.org/collections-and-research/search/item/2014.43/-2.4%23.P157/?searchQuery=Protests+and+Demonstrations&Rognon&Co_&Merrihew&Anderson&Bushnell&Sons&Bros_&m)

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