



Washington State Legislature

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Woodland Library
P.O. Box 894
Woodland WA. 98674

To whom it may concern:

The 19th District Legislators are writing this letter in support of the efforts to build a new library in Woodland.

The Friends of the Woodland Community Library have raised over \$300,000.00 and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District has set aside \$500,000.00. Unfortunately, the architect's projection is expected to be in the region of \$4 million. Clearly, they will need additional funding for a new library.

The current library is over a 100 years old with only street parking. There are only four computers, one work table, restrooms and offices for four staff people are very small. Since the library first moved into the second floor of the current building in 1926, it is still inaccessible to people with special needs

Libraries are not just for books. The Woodland Library provides many activities for all ages in the community. They support programs, such as English-language and bilingual story time for children and parents, monthly programs for children including Lego building and making fairy and gingerbread houses and many books geared to teens. In the summer the library presents a summer reading program and there is a monthly book discussion group that serves adults. In addition, they serve the Woodland Care Center and go into the local schools. .

There were 263 programs last year serving 9,274 patrons. It is clear to us that the community of Woodland would benefit from a new library. Please support a new library.

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