

The Chewelah Public Library was established in 1914 by the Chewelah Women's Club. In 1923, the City of Chewelah began funding the library and settled into its current location in 1986. The library has played a vital role in providing access to information and resources to area residents and visitors. In 2019, the library was visited 107,000 times, circulated almost 70,000 items, and provided over 171 programs for people of all ages, including early literacy activities, local author talks, science and technology learning opportunities, and more.

The Chewelah library building was purchased from the City of Chewelah in 2018. Significant improvements are needed to ensure that the facility can meet community needs. These include adding a restroom, reconfiguring spaces to create a flexible meeting and reading area, private study rooms, and replacing the front doors to improve access for those with mobility issues. Other infrastructure enhancements include replacing furniture, windows and carpeting, upgrading fire alarm and electrical systems and improving staff work areas. Together, these improvements will support increased use of technology and meet the needs of this busy library.

The library district has received a grant from the state to partially fund these improvements, but the grant must be matched by local fundraising. The total cost of planned improvements to the Chewelah Public Library is \$195,000.



"The area is in great need of meeting places and spots where individuals can work on the internet. These renovations will go a long way in improving Chewelah's quality of life and adding more tools to its local economy."

- Brandon Hansen, Chewelah resident

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Your support will create an enduring legacy for our community and enrich the lives of our community for generations to come.

- Make a tax-deductible gift to the library - www.loscfoundation.org
- Include the library in your estate plans
- Leave a legacy and make a memorial gift in honor of a loved one
- Ask your family, friends and employer to support this fundraising effort
- Get involved in your library



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The Fundraising Campaign to Improve Library Facilities

It is an exciting time for our libraries! Based on demonstrated need, four of our libraries received grants totaling \$1,021,333 through the State of Washington's Library Capital Improvement Program. These grants, which must be matched by local fundraising, will benefit Chewelah, Colville, Loon Lake, and Northport. We are building upon this opportunity to expand services and make improvements to all libraries in Stevens County.

Our total budget for these improvements (including the \$1.02 million in grants already received) is \$2,262,971. Funding will come from library savings, in-kind donations (e.g. labor), and your generous donations.

Volunteers from each library, local Friends groups, the Colville Public Library Improvement Club, and the Library of Stevens County Foundation are taking the lead on raising the funds to support these improvements.



Please donate to keep our library strong. Your investment in the Libraries of Stevens County at this critical time will benefit our community for decades!

	Project Budget	Grants	Fundraising Goals	Raised as of 05/22
Loon Lake Library	\$1,206,483	\$648,875	\$557,608	\$95,000
Colville Public Library	\$574,618	\$264,000	\$310,618	\$180,000
Chewelah Public Library	\$195,000	\$87,000	\$108,000	\$2,000
Northport Library	\$107,775	\$46,500	\$61,275	\$0
Lakeside Library	\$32,010		\$32,010	\$0
Hunters Public Library	\$32,010		\$32,010	\$0
Kettle Falls Public Library	\$20,075		\$20,075	\$0
Rural Locations (Novel Branches)	\$95,000		\$95,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,262,971	\$1,021,333	\$1,241,638	\$277,000

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