



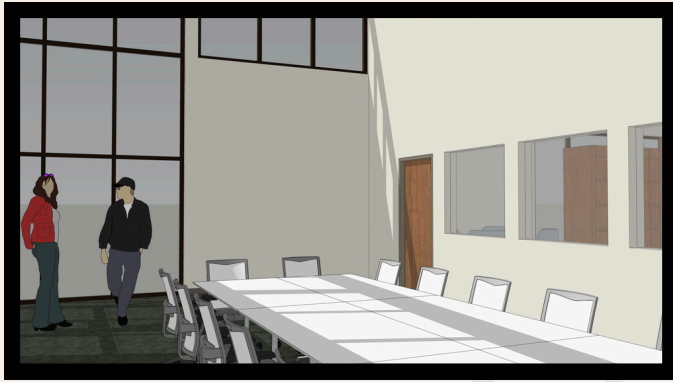
LIBRARIES OF STEVENS COUNTY LEGACY PROJECT

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Join Us!



A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform libraries for generations to come!

- Building and Updating our Community Spaces
- Modernizing Technologies and Collections
- Focusing on The Future
- Benefiting All of Stevens County



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Rural public libraries are more than a place to check out books, they are a gathering spot where people work on projects, take classes, attend storytimes, build their businesses, learn new skills, and access information. Libraries are essential for supporting healthy, vibrant, informed communities and are an investment in our future generations of thinkers, doers, and leaders.

Yet today, our Stevens County libraries are too small and can't meet modern demands for technology, accessibility, and collaborative meeting spaces. Lack of space and outdated infrastructure are barriers to meeting the needs of our communities. Our local tax dollars are enough to keep the doors open, but not enough to renovate or build new facilities.

Fortuitously, we have an unprecedented opportunity to expand our local libraries and increase access to library resources for every resident. In 2019, the Washington Legislature created the Library Capital Improvement Program (LCIP) to help upgrade library buildings in rural areas. This is the first time the state has ever appropriated funds for public libraries.

The Libraries of Stevens County submitted competitive grant proposals for four projects, totaling \$2 million, to build a new library in Loon Lake and renovate existing libraries in Northport, Chewelah, and Colville. Incredibly, all four grants were awarded, for a total State contribution of \$1 million, with a required dollar for dollar local match of \$1 million.

The planned building improvements will provide meeting rooms, co-working spaces, and current technologies that will create new opportunities to spur economic development, support early literacy, promote lifelong learning, and offer Stevens County residents of all ages access to the information and skills needed to succeed.

Unfortunately, COVID put everything on hold for two years and inflation has increased costs substantially since the initial proposals were submitted in 2020. With the addition of the necessary building accessories that are not covered by the LCIP grants (e.g., HVAC renovations, furniture, shelving, interactive children's materials), the total projected cost is now \$4.7 million.

We're already making progress! Stevens County received a \$1.74 million grant for the new Loon Lake Library, and the Library Foundation received a \$300,000 Congressional appropriation. In addition, the volunteer Friends Groups and the Colville Library Improvement Club have, so far, raised close to \$200,000 and the City of Colville has appropriated \$380,000.

Now we need your help! Though we have made great progress in raising over 70% of the required funds, we still need to raise \$1,000,000 to complete these exciting projects. By providing these additional necessary funds you can be a part of a legacy that will transform our communities. Every dollar is valuable and needed. Together we will create a legacy that benefits everyone in Stevens County for generations to come.



80%

The time for impact is now. Join us!

Catharine Whitby

Co-chair, LOSC Legacy Project

Rick Moore

Co-chair, LOSC Legacy Project

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Chewelah Library

Work Completed:

- ADA Compliant Restroom
- ADA Automatic Entrance Door System
- Community Room Addition
- Carpet Replacement

Additional Improvements Needed:

- Furnace & HVAC System Improvement Package
- Upgraded Children's Furniture & Shelving
- Water Bottle Filling Station

Funding Secured:

- \$87,300 State of Washington Library Capital Improvement Program
- \$10,000 American Library Association Accessibility Grant
- \$5,000 Friends of the Chewelah Public Library
- \$1,000 Colville Walmart



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Colville Library

The City of Colville is planning for renovations for the Colville Library building.

Planned Work Includes:

- Installation of an elevator
- New children's area

Additional Improvements Needed:

- Flexible Children's Furniture
- Moveable Children's Shelves (providing flexible program space)
- Meeting Room Furniture
- Meeting Room Technology
- Children's Collection Expansion
- Comfortable Adult Seating
- Children's Circulation Desk
- Water Filling Station



Examples of possible furniture improvements & flexible spaces

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Loon Lake Library

Opening Soon:

- A new 5,000 sq foot library
- Large community meeting room
- New children's space
- Modern technology

Additional Improvements Needed:

- Outdoor Patio and Programming Space
- New Children's Furniture & Flexible Shelving
- Community Meeting Room Technology
- Collection Expansion
- Water bottle filling station

Funding Secured:

- \$629,530 State of Washington Library Capital Improvement Program
- \$20,000 from the Darryl Troutman Estate
- \$80,000 from Friends of Loon Lake Library
- \$10,000 from Innovia Foundation grant
- \$1,740,000 from Community Development Block Grant in partnership with Stevens County



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Northport Library

The Northport Library is located in a previous residence and needs renovations for accessibility and library services.

Work Completed:

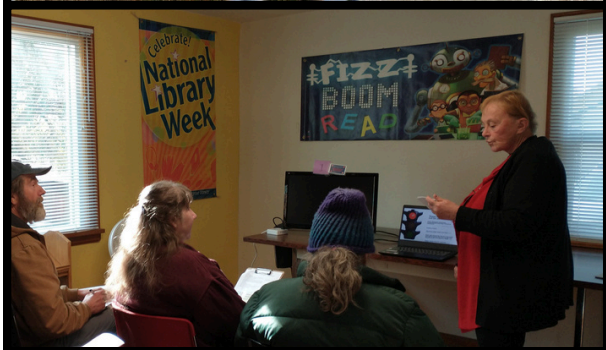
- ADA Accessible Entry Ramp
- ADA Bathroom Renovation

Additional Improvements Needed:

- Water Bottle Filling Station
- New Furniture & Moveable Shelving
- Collection Expansion

Funding Secured:

- \$48,500 - Library Capital Improvement Program Matching funds from the Department of Commerce WA
- \$10,000 - American Library Association Accessibility Grant



Project Timelines

The timeline for our building projects is quickly advancing.

The time to give is now!



April 2024

Loon Lake Library Proposed Plan -
Community Meeting

July 2024

Chewelah Library &
Northport Library renovations begin

Early Fall 2024

Loon Lake Library facility breaks ground

Late Spring 2025

Loon Lake Library completed

Fall 2025

Colville Library renovations go to bid &
are awarded to contractor

June 2024

Chewelah Library & Northport Library renovations
go to bid & are awarded to contractor

August 2024

Loon Lake Library goes to bid & awarded to contractor

Spring 2025

Chewelah & Northport Library renovations completed

Summer 2025

Colville Library final grant funding secured

2026

Colville Library renovations completed



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2023 by the numbers...

The library is the most publicly accessible resource for all community needs.

24,078

Unique WiFi Connections

Over 28,000 GB of info was transferred on just wifi connections!

249,548

Items Borrowed

including books, DVDs, magazines, book club kits, STEM kits, & more

13,624

Public Computer Sessions

on 47 public computers

7,930

Reference Questions

requiring more than a few minutes of assistance

1,618

New Library Cards

issued in 2023

113,149

Visitors to the Libraries

for services, materials, and programs

42,600+

Active Website Visitors

to the library homepage

Libraries are for everyone.

Since 1998, Stevens County Rural Library District has been encouraging a love of literacy, entertaining and educating residents, as well as providing important reference resources to all. Libraries encourage life-long learning through new skill development, alternate perspectives, and creditable sources. Access to information is the key to success in any community. Libraries don't just bridge the gap for our most vulnerable; they fiercely champion access for everyone, furnish vital resources for our communities, and ignite fresh ideas for all.



Libraries of Stevens County

Contact the Library

✉ info@scrlld.org

☎ (509) 233-9621

📍 PO Box 744
Loon Lake, WA 99148

Foundation Donation Address



PO Box 213
Chewelah, WA 99109-0213

Give Online



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Our team of volunteers is ecstatic to announce our upcoming Legacy Project! The Legacy Project involves building a new library in Loon Lake, as well as renovating existing libraries in Northport, Chewelah, and Colville. These enhancements will create modern spaces with meeting rooms, technology, and resources essential for economic development, literacy promotion, and lifelong learning.

We hope you'll join us in reaching our fundraising goal of \$1,000,000.

Donate online: <https://loscfoundation.org>

Donate offline:

I pledge to contribute a sum of \$_____ according to the following payment plan:

☐ One-time contribution \$_____

☐ Multiple contributions \$_____ for the next_____ years

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Annually

Payment Information:

I would like to pay by:

☐ Check attached

☐ Credit card: # _____ Exp. Date ____/____

☐ Add 3% to help cover the credit card processing fees

☐ Please keep my donation anonymous

Donor Information

Name: _____

In recognition/memory of (please circle one): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Where most needed in Stevens County

☐ Colville Library

☐ Northport Library

☐ Chewelah Library

☐ Loon Lake Library

☐ Other: _____

The Libraries of Stevens County Foundation qualifies as an exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)(3). Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Checks payable to Libraries of Stevens County Foundation and this donation form may be delivered to any SCRLD library or mailed to:



**PO Box 213
Chewelah, WA 99109**



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Create Your Legacy

Your support will make a huge impact on Stevens County and leave a legacy for future generations. As a recognition of your support, you will receive the following*:

Titan - \$50,000+	These three levels have the option of having their name displayed on a limited number of major projects in the library of their choice. Please call (509) 233-9621 for availability or more information
Cornerstone - \$25,000-\$49,999	
Pillar - \$10,000-\$24,999	
Visionary - \$5,000-\$9,999	A river rock will be inscribed with the name of the donor/family/organization. These rocks will be prominently placed in the new Loon Lake Library either on the exterior façade or entrance pillars.
Champion - \$2,500-\$4,999	
Advocate - \$1,000-\$2,499	
Partner - \$500-\$999	An oversized 3D-printed building brick featuring the donor/family/organization's name will be incorporated into sculptures or wall-art and displayed in the 5 larger library branches so that legacies will be recognized throughout Stevens County.
Benefactor - \$250-\$499	
Supporter - \$100-\$249	Donors are acknowledged on social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) for the Libraries of Stevens County, the Libraries of Stevens County Foundation, and the Legacy Project, as well as digital displays at all library locations.
Bedrock - \$10-\$99	



John and Sue Poe

***Donors receive the recognition incentives for their donation level plus those for the lesser donation levels.**

Anonymous donations are also welcomed.

We are so grateful for your support and can't wait for these projects to get started! If your payment spans several years, the LOSC Foundation will provide pledge reminders and updates about how your generous contribution is being used.



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BUDGET SUMMARY & COST REPORT
UPDATE: 05/13/2025

PROJECT REVENUE ESTIMATE TO DATE (Loon Lake, Chewelah, & Northport)	
2,535,330	Grants
80,000	Friends of Loon Lake Library
5,000	Friends of Chewelah Library
11,000	Corporate
20,000	Estate Donations
76,500	Legacy Project
2,727,830	CURRENT REVENUE TOTAL

COLVILLE REVENUE ESTIMATE (Managed by the City of Colville)	
556,000	Grants
50,000	Colville Improvement Club
60,000	Vinson Fund
320,000	City of Colville
986,000	CURRENT REVENUE TOTAL

ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET				
LIBRARY PROJECTS	CURRENT PHASE	CONSTRUCTION BUDGET	ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED	BUDGET AT COMPLETION
Loon Lake Library	Construction	2,720,000	300,000	3,020,000
Chewelah Library	Completed	320,000	120,000	440,000
Northport Library	Completed	97,000	45,000	142,000
Colville Library	Design	986,000	155,000	1,141,000
Project Totals		4,123,000	620,000	4,743,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED	1,029,000
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