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Friends of Woodland Community Library  
P.O. Box 894  
Woodland, WA 98674

Dear Friends,

In addition to having been twice elected as the Sheriff of Cowlitz County, I am also a former Woodland resident. Having lived in Woodland for a time while growing up, attending school there, as well as continued friendships I enjoy, I still consider Woodland "home" to a degree.

When I was a boy, my parents took me to the library. It is hard to believe that it is still in the same building, considering that was over a half-century ago! It is commendable that the community has continued to fund and support the library there, but as with so many other things, it is time to move forward.

In this day of electronic information, the need for libraries is even greater. Teaching our children the value of reading, and the benefit of the non-screen time, is essential. Ask any leader and they will tell you the importance of reading. This is not something any community can afford to lose, or allow to stagnate. It must grow to have life.

I encourage everyone to support this excellent community resource, and even though I don't reside in Woodland any longer, it is still part of who I am.

I support the Friends of the Woodland Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Nelson".

Mark Nelson  
Cowlitz County Sheriff