



## Washington State Senate

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*Sharon Watt  
Secretary, Friends of Woodland Community Library  
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*RE: Woodland Community Library Endorsement*

*To whom it may concern;*

*The Friends of the Woodland Community Library, are asking for support as they increase their efforts to build a new library in Woodland. They have already raised over \$300,000, plus the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District has set aside \$750,000. However, the architects are projecting costs in the region of \$4 million.*

*The 1906 building has been used as the public library for well over half a century. Needless to say, our population has increased dramatically during this period, and this trend is expected to continue. New businesses have located in Woodland, a new police station has been erected, and the new high school will be ready to open in 2015. Apart from not meeting code regulations, the library has become much too small to meet the needs of our growing community.*

*Some people may think that libraries are the dinosaurs of the architectural world as more people are turning to electronic forms of books and communications. So why build new libraries? Libraries are not just storage places for books anymore. They provide much needed space for a large variety of activities for residents of all ages. Many people cannot afford their own expensive electronic equipment and depend on public libraries to provide access to information.*

*I wholeheartedly support these efforts and agree with their vision for the community.*

*Respectfully,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Rivers".

*Senator Ann Rivers  
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