



Woodland Chamber of Commerce

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The Woodland Chamber of Commerce is fully supportive of the efforts of the Friends of the Woodland Community Library and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) to establish a new public library facility in Woodland.

The mission of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce is to promote and advocate for businesses and the Woodland Community. Greater Woodland is in every sense a rich community. A community with a long history and a community that is attractive to a growing and vibrant business sector. A new library will only enhance and make more attractive this wonderful community.

The current 2,376 sq. ft. building is over 100 years old. In the available space, library patrons have four computers with four chairs and one work table with two chairs. Since the library first moved into the second floor of the current building in 1926, it has been, and is still not fully accessible.

The current library serves the greater Woodland area with an ever-increasing population of over 10,000. The Woodland Community Library counted 56,583 visits and had a circulation of more than 60,000 items in 2015. They offer a variety of programs to the community. These programs are limited by a lack of adequate space. In all, there were 263 programs last year, serving 9,274 patrons. A new library building should have sufficient and appropriate space for community members and employees, plus rooms for existing and new programs requested by businesses and the community.

The FVRL Board of Trustees has pledged 1 million dollars to help finance a new library. Friends of the Woodland Community Library have raised an additional \$400,000. Architects have studied the library needs and sites and recommend a 10,239 sq. ft. library.

The Chamber joins the committed community members to seek to make the dream of a new library a reality for Woodland.

Sincerely,

Michael Z. Green, President
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