



Stanley Community Library

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Dear Friends and Patrons of the Stanley Community Library,

As the Stanley Community Library celebrates its 30th anniversary, we've been reflecting on where we are and where we're going. The past few years have been busy for library staff and trustees. We now have an active and enthusiastic Friends of the Library group, which provides assistance in many areas. We all have been working hard to improve services, programs, and facilities. At the same time, we have been looking toward the long-term future of the library. We want to take this opportunity to tell you what we've been doing and what we hope to do. We also want to hear from you. What are we doing well? What should we improve? Do you think we are on the right track? Our decisions should be informed by what you, the community, thinks is best. After all, we are here to serve you!

Current Library Activities

Services

- Nearly 6,500 books and audio books plus Interlibrary Loan for hard-to-find items
- Computer, print, copy, and fax services
- Wireless Internet service 24/7

Children's Activities

- Excellent children's book collection
- Services to complement school programs
- Story Time
- Summer reading program

Adult Activities

- Monthly Book Club discussions
- Authors' readings
- Lectures, slide shows, concerts, and other programs like Game Nights
- Computer classes, test proctoring, and tech assistance
- Open house and used book sales

Usage by the Community in 2008

- Approximately 385 registered borrowers
- Nearly 7,500 visits and over 3,400 computer users
- Busiest day of summer: 99 visitors
- 24 children's programs with 280 participants; 26 adult programs with 367 participants

Development Initiatives

- Formation of Friends of the Stanley Library Committee to help plan for the future
- Creation of online and print newsletters
- Sponsorship of informational gatherings
- Tours of other small new Idaho libraries for ideas
- Evaluations of library services to constantly improve benefits to the community
- Commitment to pool resources and ideas with other community groups

Access to the World through Books and So Much More

After evaluating current and projected demands on the library, we have concluded that our current facility does not meet our needs. While it has been a great location for the past 10 years, we are outgrowing it. We have investigated purchasing and remodeling the building, but have been advised that it would be more economical to design and build a new, efficient library facility to meet the community's unique needs. We are currently working with the City to secure a free building site along Airport Road. We have been evaluating potential costs and have a committee working on a preliminary building design. We're striving to make the most fiscally responsible decisions for the library's future.

Future Library Plans

Problems with Current Facility

- Too small (1,315 square feet on two floors)
- Not ADA-compliant
- Inadequate space for books (shelving is completely full)
- Inadequate space for computer users, including wireless
- Children's area is cramped and not visible to librarian
- No work area for librarian; inadequate storage
- Facility is rented and cannot be remodeled to meet library needs

Proposed Facility

- New building on land donated by City
- Estimated size: 2,000 to 3,000 square feet on one floor for better visibility
- Separate multipurpose room accessible after hours to community groups
- Estimated cost: \$500,000 to \$650,000 (no land cost)

Probable Funding

- Capital campaign to raise a significant portion from individual donors and foundations
- Bond issue financing for balance
- Three- to five-year time frame

What You Can Do

- Visit and use the library; become a Friend of the Library
- Share your knowledge and ideas for the library's facility needs
- Stay up to date on library activities and plans via our newsletters and website (www.ruralnetwork.net/~stanlib)

We need your help. Please give us your feedback on our current services and future plans, using the separate sheet provided—or contact any of us by phone or e-mail. You may also receive a phone call this spring soliciting your opinion. Thank you for your support of the Stanley Community Library.

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Please Give Us Your Feedback!

Name (optional): _____

E-mail (optional): _____

(Survey responders will not be contacted by phone. Survey responders who wish to remain anonymous may be contacted by phone.)

What does the Library do well?

What does the Library need to improve?

What services, programs, or cultural events would you like to see us add?

Would you support a bond to meet partial costs of constructing a new library? Are there other options to meet our growing needs?

Do you have any other suggestions or ideas for us?

Please return to the Library or drop in the mail. Alternatively, call or e-mail us with your comments—or fill out the survey online (find a link on our website: www.ruralnetwork.net/~stanlib). Thank you for your participation!

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