

Why we need a vibrant community library

Libraries are sewn into the fabric of America stronger than apple pie and hotdogs, but just less so than mom.

I grew up in a town of 4,000 people, a "Mayberry" just like Warrenton. My mother encouraged us often to ride our bikes to the community library so we could learn more about things that interested us and of things we weren't yet aware.

As our age and interests grew, she drove us to the bigger library in the next town. The mission revival structure was built with integrity, class and care. Its builders want-

ed to inspire those walking through the door. The ambiance doesn't whisper; it screams "what's here is important."

Books have taken me more places than I can travel and broadened my mind on topics about which I knew little.

Libraries change us as people and as a community. They make us better.

Libraries are the great equalizers. They welcome young and old, the affluent and the homeless, the immigrant and the scholar.

For those who sit behind laptops and Kindles and

wonder why money should go toward hard-cover books and library services, consider this: An estimated 60 percent of those using computers in public libraries are looking for jobs. They want to better themselves. Pay taxes like you.

That attention-sucking toy in a child's hands can't compare to the socialization of public story times with activities, as Warrenton's library provides each week. And they're essential for children without expensive toys.

A vibrant library says much about a community. It says

"We care and want to keep getting better."

On Nov. 7, voters will be asked whether they support a property tax levy to keep

the library open. I hope you'll join me in voting yes.

Cindy Yingst
Editor

The Columbia Press

Letters to the Editor

Our library too precious to lose

I urge Warrenton voters to vote in favor of measure 4-189 to save our community library.

When my mother introduced me to the library in Ilwaco as a child, I was so excited about the opportunity to find and read any kind of book imaginable.

It opened an entire new world for me and I have been

an avid reader ever since. I especially want that same opportunity available to the young people of our community. Don't allow this library to close!

Please vote with me in favor of measure 4-189 and save our precious library.

Baret Murphy-Becker
Warrenton

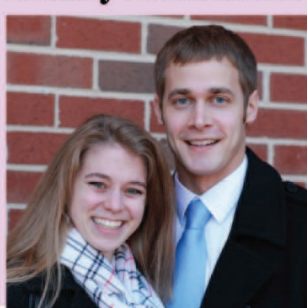
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I'm Rick Newton



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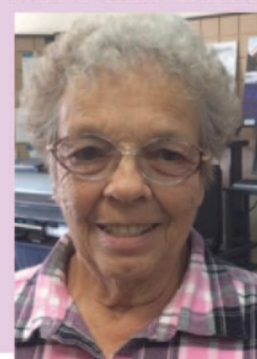
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I'm Dixie Black



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Cindy Yingst & D.B. Lewis



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