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NCW LIBRARIES LAUNCHES PHASE 2 OF WENATCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY REMODEL

NCW Libraries is launching Phase 2 of the Wenatchee Public Library Modernization Project. A Request for Qualifications for Library Design Services has been published with responses due April 1, 2022.

NCW Libraries has been connecting people across the five-county region to vital library resources and opportunities for more than 60 years. In addition to its 30 community library locations, the district offers 2 community bookmobiles, a Mail Order Library, and a robust array of digital collections and online resources along with STEM and bilingual outreach services.

Thanks to the generous support from donors in the community and a significant investment of its own funds, NCW Libraries completed Phase 1 of a 2 part remodel process of the Wenatchee Library in early 2020. Phase 1 focused on the upper and mezzanine floors of the library along with the main entrance. The project upgrades to the structure, lighting, flooring, restrooms, signage, furniture, and equipment all contributed to the development of a bright, fresh, and modern space designed for accessibility, wayfinding, and practical use. Visitors can easily browse the collection by topic or genre, access computers, printing, and wifi, charge a device, gather for study groups, sit down for a quiet read with a newspaper or magazine, re-fill their water bottles, and more.

Phase 2 of the project will finish several areas that were not updated in Phase 1 including a gathering space for teens, room to host maker programming, and more. NCW Libraries received a \$789,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to fund this work.

This project aligns with NCW Libraries strategic priority of creating safe, accessible, and welcoming library spaces that are designed with each unique community in mind.

In late 2021, NCW Libraries launched their Facilities Improvement Plan, a \$10 million, multi-year revitalization of 28 of its community libraries. As an owned location that has already seen recent upgrades, the Wenatchee Library will not receive any further funds through the Facilities Improvement Plan.

The district's Winthrop Library is currently under construction and on track to be completed early this summer. NCW Libraries has worked closely with the Friends of the Winthrop Library, which is overseeing construction of

the new facility, to apply their portion of the Facility Improvement Plan fund to furnitures, fixtures, and other allowable costs.

For more information about the Wenatchee Library work, the NCW Libraries Facilities Improvement Plan, or the Winthrop Library Construction, please check out www.ncwlibraries.org.

For more information about the Request for Qualifications, please see attachment.

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