The City of Sedro-Woolley and the Central Skagit Library are working together to plan, design and build a new library. The New Library Planning Committee wants to hear from you.

An inclusive process.

The first step in planning the future library is a Needs Assessment - a systematic process to identify and address the needs and priorities of library users and non-users. Community input will be gathered through a survey and two participatory workshops with the community, staff and stakeholders.

Vision, goals and priorities.

Input will be documented and analyzed to guide the vision, goals and service priorities for the New Library. A building program, or list of spaces and requirements, will be developed to support library services and activities.

How big a building do we need?

The size of the new library will reflect the space needed to meet library service and program priorities identified in the Needs Assessment and the budget.

Where will the New Library be located?

A request for proposals has been issues to solicit proposals from property owners who want to sell real estate property for the New Library. Site selection criteria include – adequate area for the New Library and parking, proximity to the Sedro-Woolley central business district and transit options, visibility, availability and cost. Citizens with ideas for property that meet the minimum requirements may also submit their ideas for consideration by the New Library pre-design committee.

How much will the New Library Cost?

The New Library budget includes \$6.525M for land costs, construction, design/engineering, furniture, fixtures & equipment and the opening day collection. Additional funding has been requested from the state to support the New Library project.

When will the New Library be open?

The Needs Assessment/Pre-Design study is expected to wrap up at the end of 2017. Design, engineering and permitting will take approximately 6-8 months with 10-12 months for construction. Assuming an appropriate site can be identified and acquired, the New Library could be open September 2019.

How can I learn more?

A second Community Workshop/Open House will be scheduled in late November. Information will be available at the Central Skagit and Sedro-Woolley Libraries. The City maintains a web page with information on the New Library Partnership and building: http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/departments/public_library/partnership_proposal.php

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Community Workshop Open House

September 20, 2017

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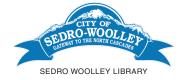
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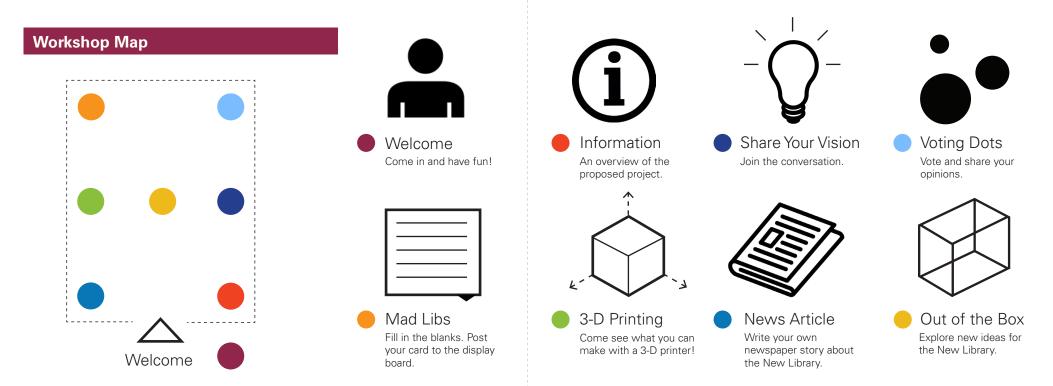
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