

**CITY COUNCIL  
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TO: Mayor and City Council Members of Sedro Woolley

RE: Library Proposal

I have questions about the library proposal.

The mission statement of the Central Skagit Partial Library (CSPL) is to provide easy access to virtual and physical information for Rural Skagit County.

What other options did the CSPL explore? What virtual services have they implemented? Why aren't they offering book mobiles? Bookmobiles have a long history of success in serving rural populations and provide easy access.

Did they research our bordering counties Snohomish and Whatcom county library systems that work with existing City Libraries? Both systems are successful models of cooperation and sharing of resources to insure all residents of their county have access to library services

How has the CSPL used their tax resources to fulfill their mission?

As the stewards of the City of Sedro Woolley resources I trust due diligence has been performed and you can

provide me with this information and if you support this proposal, why?

It was the efforts of city residents, in the early 1900's that established our library. Starting with donated books these people recognized the benefits of a public library and how it would enrich our residents and city government.

The Ladies Library Association helped to bring a Carnegie Library to our City in 1915. It baffles me why our elected officials would consider cannibalizing our library to help the SCPL develop their system.

For the SCPL to be seeking our library to help them fulfill their mission sets a bad precedent and is a flawed strategy. I'm opposed to turning over our dynamic, versatile, literacy resource.

If this proposal is to be acted upon then it needs to be voted on by city residents whose taxes have supported the library for over a hundred years.

Sincerely,

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