

What brought us to
tonight?

2012

- Council retreat
- Petition
- Ballot initiative
- Initiative succeeds

2013

- District Board Appointed (3-13)

2014

- City reaches out

2015

- New District Library Director 7/15
- City rejects Reciprocal Borrowing Proposal 9/15
- Pie Summit 11/12
- No-pie Summit 12/3
- First Joint Public Meeting 12/15

2016

- Mayor's Proposal to the District 01/21/16
 - Contract to partner (20 years)
 - Leverage our strengths
 - Build a new modern library IN Sedro-Woolley *
 - Everyone pays the same (\$0.50/1000)
 - Available to ALL S-W School District patrons
 - NO tax increase or additional fees
 - All City staff retain pay and benefits
 - Library to be operated by District (City representation)
- District agrees to discuss Mayor's proposal 04/05/16
 - Negotiating teams formed and met on three occasions







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tournament win
Wildcats

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Report: Rail expansion needed for coal

Sidings required to avoid rail bottleneck

By MARK STAYTON
Staff writer

BELLINGHAM — Increased train traffic generated by the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal north of Bellingham would likely require building additional track parallel to the existing line to avoid a bottleneck in the track section

that stretches from Bow to Coater, according to a recent report by a railroad analysis firm.

The report by the firm Transit Society Management was commissioned by the volunteer advisory group Communitywise Bellingham. The report's preliminary findings were presented Monday to the Bellingham City Council.

The parallel track, called a siding, allows trains to pass each other while going different directions. According to the report, these sidings would be necessary to handle the type of increased rail traffic — up to nine additional round-trips per day — that the Gateway Pacific Terminal is proposing at full build-out.

The company in charge of the Gateway Pacific Terminal — SSA Marine — recently submitted its

project application to Whatcom County's Planning Department, which deemed the application complete. The application includes proposals to build a coal-export terminal and wharf on a 1,200-acre project site at Cherry Point, as well as a railroad spur that would connect the terminal from the main line heading north to Canada.

But the company's application did not include plans to build sidings.

NEW CHAPTER FOR S-W LIBRARY?



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John Noyes, of Sedro-Woolley, helps his daughter, Mackenzie, 3, choose a book to check out, Tuesday from the Sedro-Woolley Library. Supporters of Sedro-Woolley's library plan to ask voters to approve a rural county partial library district that would provide library access to all residents living within the city and Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries.

Officials want to pitch rural partial library district to those within school district boundaries

By ERINN UNGER
Staff writer

SEDRO-WOOLLEY — With the drooping economy and an uncertain future for the Sedro-Woolley Public Library, its supporters are looking to keep it healthy and stable with an expansion.

Library officials say they want to pitch the idea of a rural partial library district to city and county residents living within the Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries. They say the move would provide better service to current

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Information

Members of the Sedro-Woolley Library District Committee will talk about the proposal during public comment at the Sedro-Woolley School Board meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, May 14, at the Support Services Building.

Measure Statement: Proposed Rural Partial-County Library District

Official Ballot Title:

**Proposed Rural Partial-County Library District
Proposition No. 1**

Shall a rural partial-county library district be formed in the unincorporated area of the Sedro-Woolley School District?

YES [] NO []

Explanatory statement

This proposition would form a Rural Partial-County Library District in the unincorporated area of the Sedro-Woolley School District. It would provide Library services such as: access to books, e-books, downloadables, audiobooks, DVD's, CD's, materials, magazines, literacy kits, early childhood programming, mobile services, outreach services that include distribution and pick up, and technology.

The funds for the establishment and maintenance of the library services provided by the proposed rural partial-county library district will be generated through a regular property tax levy in the district of not more than \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year for the initial levy rate.

Submitted by: The Committee for a Rural Partial-County Library District within the Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries. Beverly Conn, Chairperson 360.420.8465

No arguments for Proposed Partial County Library District, Proposition 1 were submitted.

No arguments against Proposed Partial County Library District, Proposition 1 were submitted.

Area's local initiatives are passing

Skagit Valley Herald staff

Voters were asked to decide a handful of local initiatives in Tuesday's general election, including the future of a rural partial-county library district in Sedro-Woolley, and money toward public safety in Sedro-Woolley and La Conner.

Proposition 1, Sedro-Woolley rural partial-county library district

Skagit County could have a new rural partial-county library district, if supporters hold onto their strong lead from Tuesday night.

A proposal to form the district, which would be in the boundaries of the Sedro-Woolley School District but outside city limits, was passing Tuesday with 59 percent of the vote.

"It's too wonderful to absorb in just a few minutes," Sedro-Woolley city librarian Debra Peterson said when the results came in. "Thank you, thank you, to everyone who believes in libraries."

Skagit County commissioners must now appoint a five-person committee to help guide the formation of the new district. The group pushing the measure hopes to recommend some people for that governing body, said Beverly Conn, who worked on the campaign.

That group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Sedro-Woolley City Library, and people interested in being on the governing committee can come to a meeting for information.

At press time, 2,190 people living in the proposed district had voted to approve it, and 1,236 people had voted against it.

The property tax levy created to fund the district, which would not exceed 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, takes effect in 2014.



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Rural partial-county library district supporters react to the results of the vote to create the district. From left are Sedro-Woolley librarian Debra Peterson, district committee member Beverly Conn and Debra's sister, Cheryl Peterson.



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September 30th, 2015

The Central Skagit Rural Partial Library District
ATTN: Jeanne Williams, Library Director
100 W. State Street, Suite C
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

To the Board & Director:

We, the members of the Library Board of the *Sedro-Woolley City Library*, have discussed, at some length, within tonight's Library Board meeting - your current proposal in regards to Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges between our two library systems. Our decision rests on the inequities that would occur within our community at this time in terms of your collection development. Therefore, we are unable to accept the terms of the proposed Reciprocal agreement at this time.

Respectfully Yours -

Dagny R. Cole

Beverly Longhouse

Sharon O. Smith
Robert H. Adams

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- 2. CSL → CITY (K)
- 3. Joint ops (P)
- 4. Annexations
- 5. Hybrid

Maysr-elect
Eron
Debra
City Council (1-2)
Trustee (1-2)

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CITY
- New library
✓ Stories
✓ Place
✓ STEM
✓ lifelong learning
11,000 POP
\$350-400K
Trustees (2)
Seanne
County Comm. 2

CSL
- New library
✓ Community hub
✓ destination
✓ dynamic
✓ 10% of income on collection
No more than 70% on personnel
✓ children's programming as foundation
✓ customer service
15,000 POP
\$800,000 budget
+ \$1160-240K timber tax

CITY
Building
Staff!
Collection
Partners

50¢/1000/N
STEM Center
1 FTE - Director
+ P/T
- Collection
- Retool bldg.
- Access to other bldgs.
- PD/FD & ROLC, etc

CSL
- Location
- Staff
- Policies
- Budget
Staff
Cash
Union & new perspective
Partners

Same
- Library
w/ all needed staff
Collection
Tech
Meeting Space
- Mini Book mobile
Director + 3 P/T
4 P/T

11/12/2015