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NCW LIBRARIES TO HOST COMMUNITY TOWN HALL EVENT ON AUGUST 7

7/12/2024 - NCW Libraries will host a community town hall event on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm at the Cashmere Riverside Center.

During the event, attendees will hear about the upcoming move of the Cashmere Library to the Cashmere Riverside Center. Community members will be invited to provide feedback on potential changes to the interior library space.

The event is free and open to all community members and all ages. A short presentation will be provided by an interior designer from Library Forward, a nationally recognized design firm specializing in library spaces. Following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to explore design concepts and vote on the design elements they would like to see at the new Cashmere Library.

Additional opportunities for the community to provide input will be available on August 7th at pop-up events outside Weeds Café from 9:00-10:30am, and outside the Cashmere IGA from 3:30-5pm. The public can also provide feedback via online surveys available on the library's webpage and paper surveys available at the library branch.

“Our goal is to reach as many members of the community as possible, both current library users and non-library users,” said Lisa Lawless, Cashmere Librarian. “We hope to hear from the community how they want to engage with the library and what will serve their needs.”

The community engagement events are part of the NCW Libraries Reimagining Spaces project, a multi-year interior redesign effort at all NCW Libraries branches throughout the five-county system. Library Forward and Forte Architects of Wenatchee have been hired by NCW Libraries to lead community engagement efforts and develop interior design plans.

In Cashmere, the redesign will happen in coordination with the library's move to its new permanent home at the Riverside Center. “We've been really excited to get the project started in Cashmere because we have such a beautiful building to work with and the community is already so invested in its library,” says Tim Dillman, NCW Libraries Executive Assistant. “The city saw an opportunity to better maximize the community's use of the space by relocating the library and we're fortunate that the timing aligns with our Reimagining Spaces project which will allow the library to apply the funds our Board of Trustees set aside for Cashmere to update the space and allow it to serve the community even better.”

Design plans for the new interior space will begin in September following a two-month community engagement period. The goal is to complete the space redesign and library relocation by the Spring of 2025.

For more information about community engagement for the Cashmere Library and the Reimagining Spaces project, visit ncwlibraries.org/reimagining-spaces.

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