Waldport Library Foundation

A Non-Profit 501 (c)(3) Organization
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The Waldport Library Foundation began in July of 2021. Three people comprised the board of president, secretary, and treasurer in order to raise funds for a new library. We sought to encourage tax-deductible donations and initiate fund-raising efforts. Five years of raffles, bazaar sales, teas, investments and donations have resulted in our current $50,000 goal nearly reached. Half of this amount came from one donor.

We are in full pursuit to continue options for community support to build a new library and we equally want to help address the immediate needs of our current library through assistance from the City of Waldport. All monies raised by the Waldport Library Foundation are securely earmarked for a new facility, and our fundraising efforts will continue to grow this amount. Alongside this endeavor, we have been given approval from the Waldport City Council to focus on some reconfigurations of the existing library to alleviate current deficiencies of cramped spaces and limited services. In our April 2020 Facilities Needs Assessment for the Waldport Public Library, the community determined that a new library was merited due to,

> *"The current building suffers from many deficiencies, is cramped and noisy, offering inadequate space for the library collection, seating, events and youth services. The facility's limitations restrict the library's ability to fully serve the community."*

Our new library remains ***a far distant future reality*** *that will definitely meet the needs and desires to expand for our beloved community. However, the needs exist now and the city owns the current building that can be reconfigured to ease our increasing patron concerns.* ***Because this is a city building, any changes will need to be done through the city and the Library Board.*** *The Waldport Library Foundation would like to assist in helping with the groundwork for this effort, based on plans for remodel that began in 2006. We firmly believe that patrons who see improvements in the current library, will seek to expand even further to make our new library a reality.*