

LOWER UMPQUA LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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A CALL TO ACTION

The Lower Umpqua Library District Board of Directors wants to know what you want in your Library. You can obtain hard copy survey forms in English or Spanish at the Library. You can also complete the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReedsportLibrary>.

Don't miss this opportunity to influence the future of the Library. Results of the surveys will be reported back to the board as a group so this is totally anonymous. Your voice is important. Even if you do not use the Library yourself, tell the Board what you need that is not currently available.

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

Today Libraries are all about technology. We use computers to check books in and out; search the catalogue; and develop materials that are published regarding Library operations. Patrons use the computers as well. The equipment in use is gradually being updated through grants. The most recent is a grant of \$7,500 from the Douglas County Library Foundation. Our Library Consultants, Penny Hummel and Lance Murty, delivered a technology assessment and plan at the last meeting. Copies are available at the Library upon request. It will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan under development.

NEW DIRECTOR

The new Director, Sue Cousineau started her employment on February 12, 2019. She attended her first Board Work Session and Regular meeting on her first day. She is quickly taking charge and helping Jennifer and Shannon get things organized. Sue will have many hats to wear in her new position. As Director she is in charge of the operation including budget, personnel, security and safety, as well as more traditional library duties such as collection development. Sue is grateful to all the volunteers who continue to be an important resource to the Library.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

So far, the Library Consultant has conducted several personal interviews and two Focus Groups with one more pending to generate input about the Library in our future. These groups represent small communities themselves and are affording a broad spectrum of input to Library planning. The final Strategic Planning will be conducted with representatives of our community partners as well. The final result will give us a clear mission, values and objectives which will guide the Board of Directors in their decision making.