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Strengthening our community libraries

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### **Rediscover your local library...**

It was a dark and stormy night. A light snow was falling that January evening in Umatilla County. Not only was it gloomy, but the howling wind made it seem colder and lonelier than usual. The Smith family found themselves at home looking at each other. What to do? They piled into the car looking for warmer pursuits. Just ahead their brightly lit local library beckoned them to stop and explore.

As our family entered the library, the younger kids spotted the children's section and sprinted off to investigate. Their first discovery was an inviting interactive AWE computer specifically designed to target early childhood education. The library staff later explained most libraries in the County, though not all, had an AWE computer. After exploring the AWE computer, they spied the children's DVDs. After selecting a couple of DVDs, it was onto fun looking at children's books.

Meanwhile, Junior, a teen too cool to be seen with his parents, made a beeline to the teen section. First he perused the teen DVDs; and then nonchalantly looked at the book collections.

While the rest of the family was off to the far corners of the library, Dad learned how to check out books on the new e-reader he received for Christmas. Mom learned about Rosetta Stone on-line and now plans to learn Japanese for her dream trip to Japan.

After checking out their items and on their way out the door, our family picked up a brochure and learned much of the funding for their library's services came from the Umatilla County Special Library District. After rediscovering their local library, our family set a date to return again.

Formed in 1986 and governed by a five-member voter-elected Board of Directors, the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) is an independent taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. UCSLD's mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs, and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages, thereby strengthening their communities through individual, family, economic, and community development.

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