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Centralia Library Fundraising for New Children's Area

The vision is a dedicated children's center for early learning.

This month, the Centralia Timberland Library kicks off a fundraising program to raise \$50,000 for a new children's area within the library. The goal is in addition to nearly \$50,000 that already has been raised or pledged.

Citing early education experts, library manager Susan Faubion asserted that "play is the work of childhood." "Studies prove," she continued, "that playtime is essential early learning time for babies, toddlers and preschoolers."

The expanded area will be a space for self-directed and parent-assisted play. Glass partitions will provide noise control for patrons in other areas of the library, while allowing for easy staff and parent supervision. Older children will also benefit from the project with a separate reading and hangout space.

Library manager Susan Faubion is now working on two fronts – finalizing project details and directing the fundraising. Work is slated to begin this fall and may take several months to complete. Faubion promises that when it is finished, there will be a grand opening celebration, and that "kids will love the new space!"

The <u>Centralia Timberland Library</u> is located at 110 S. Silver Street. For more information, call the library at 360-736-0183 or visit <u>www.TRL.org</u>.

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and 6 partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance.