

Glacier Bank Gives Generously to the *Next Chapter Campaign*



Glacier Bank has committed \$25,000 to the *Next Chapter Campaign* and is honored to support the North Lake County Public Library District's renovation.

Glacier Bank has 16 branches across Western Montana and is focused on

making a difference in those communities. The bank is always looking for projects like the library that it can support, especially projects that further the greater good focusing on youth, education, and the aging population.

"Luckily the library supports everybody. It's not an age-specific entity," said Glacier Bank Polson Branch Vice President Shauna Rubel.

Rubel learned about the library's importance while serving on the Greater Polson Community Foundation Board.

"Learning what's available for everybody, adults included, was pretty eye opening," said Rubel as she noted library services for adults including computers, technology classes, and the ability to copy and fax documents.

With Glacier Bank's support of the *Next Chapter Campaign*, the library will have the opportunity to serve and support even more people throughout the area.

Technology Services Expand Under Next Chapter Campaign

The North Lake County Public Library Foundation's *Next Chapter Campaign* is excited to expand the Library's essential technology services to the community through the upcoming renovation.

"COVID-19 has highlighted the importance for virtual learning and remote working," said Connie Brownell, president of the North Lake County Library Foundation. "We see how vitally

important technology is for everyone, and the library is committed to offering the community a safe place to access reliable internet and technology."

The bigger interior space will allow the library to have more computers for adults and a dedicated kids' computer section. The plans also include a dedicated Makerspace to house the library's 3-D printer and offer a space for community members to utilize special equipment for creative projects.

"We're proud to offer tech support to our patrons as well as computer and Wi-Fi access, printing, copying and faxing, and access to our 3-D printer," Library Director Abbi Dooley said.

The library currently offers nine public access computers, two kids' game computers and reliable Wi-Fi throughout the facility. During the 2019 fiscal year, there were 7,612 internet sessions launched from computers and nearly 20,000 Wi-Fi sessions from patrons' personal devices.

To support the *Next Chapter Campaign* contact Connie Brownell at nlclfoundation@gmail.com.

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