WE'VE COME A LONG WAY
Nederland Community Library opened its doors for the first time in 2001. It was located in the old Community Center, staffed by one part-time library director and many volunteers. The next year, residents within a five-mile radius of the center of town showed their support by voting to create the new Nederland Community Library District. We hired a full-time library director, expanded our hours, bought books and established programs. The library flourished.

Two years later a heavy March snowstorm brought the roof down. Volunteers stepped up and had the library in full operation again in no time.

By 2006 our patronage had more than doubled and we had outgrown our space so we were forced to move again - this time to the Caribou Shopping Center where we are today.

WE'RE BURSTING OUR SEAMS
We're averaging over 100 visits a day. That's almost 40,000 visits a year. We've run out of room again. Some popular children's programs have been limited or moved off-site; patrons often wait to use the computers; and we don't have enough shelf space to expand our collection.

We need a new, bigger library.
A SOLUTION
Thanks to the generosity of the Town of Nederland and the Library Foundation, we have the land. We’ve contracted with OZ Architecture and have a preliminary design.

Imagine a welcoming new building that captures the flavor of our town. Green-built for long-term sustainability, the library will take advantage of the site and the creek that runs through it. Inside, 4800 square feet will give us room to expand collections and programs - have more computers, more privacy, cozy reading spots, a multipurpose room open to public use.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE
Our new library will thrive for many years to come. Current costs for design and construction are low due to the weakened economy. Building now will save taxpayers money over the long term. Hiring locally will help our community.

The new library will cost $1.9 million to build. To fund construction, we are asking residents of the library district to approve a twenty-five year general obligation bond on November 3rd. We are also asking for approval to increase our operating budget to manage a larger facility. For the owner of a house valued at $250,000, this will mean an increase in property taxes of about $11.50 per month - less than the cost of a paperback book.

Please vote YES on 5A and YES on 5B. Your support will make the difference.

For more information visit www.nedlibrary.org or email nlf@nednet.net