Library Archives Building Project
State Archives

SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC GOVERNMENT RECORDS
Regional Archives

• Five Branches
  • Central
  • Eastern
  • Puget Sound
  • Northwest
  • Southwest

• Serve multiple counties and the public
Digital Archives

- Over 200 million records
- Nation’s first for electronic records
- State of the art research
Out of the Archives

• Washington State Constitution
• Legislative and Executive records
• Gubernatorial papers
• Election results
• “Sasquatch” hair
Present State of the Library

• Located in a rented office building in Tumwater.

• Consists of Washington State and PNW history, culture, natural resources, and gov’t documents.

• Inadequate environmental standards for storing priceless territorial documents.

• Annex is not readily accessible to the public.
Present State of the Archives

• The potential for irreplaceable loss is critical.
• Leaking water and sewer pipes hang inches from priceless historic documents.
• Three major floods since 1997.
• 1960s-era building does not have sufficient fire suppression.
• Over capacity since 2006.
Future of the Archives and Library

• Library-Archives Building
• Addresses current issues
• Consolidates facilities
• HB 2015
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