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## First Credit Union Community Room for New Library

POWELL RIVER. On behalf of our members, First Credit Union has pledged \$40,000 to the Powell River Public Library. This donation will sponsor the creation of the First Credit Union Community Room, a public event space in the forthcoming library facility at Crossroads Village.

Library trustee and Fund Development Chair Chloe Smith said, "We were keen to approach the First Credit Union about being early supporters because we recognize the importance of their efforts in our community." The First Credit Union Community Room will be the library's largest venue for public talks, screening events and educational programming. The room will feature seating for 100 people, as well as up-to-date technology and audio-visual equipment.

First Credit Union CEO David Craigen is "thrilled that we are able to contribute to the new venue. The library is an important resource for the community and we are happy to support its growth." The library will relocate to its new home next year, once construction and renovations are complete.

"Because we are owned by the community, profits are given back locally in the form of patronage, sponsorships, scholarships, and donations," Craigen explained. "We strive to make a positive impact with everything we do. First Credit Union has served Powell River for over 75 years – this donation honors our legacy of investing in our community," said Craigen.

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