

Call to JONA Subscribers to Support the Sprague Library, Fort Walla Walla Museum

As many of you know, Rick and Linda Sprague donated their professional library to the Fort Walla Walla Museum (FWWM) in 2012 to help the museum become a regional resource for Northwest anthropology, archaeology, and ethnohistory. What you may not know is that Northwest Anthropology LLC, publisher of JONA, and FWWM have teamed up help complete the transfer and cataloguing of the library. The reason is simple. The Sprague Library is an important resource for the editors and staff of JONA. We are regularly accessing the library looking for references and materials that might improve the quality of manuscripts that have been submitted for publication. Given your interest in Northwest anthropology, I would like you to consider supporting the Sprague library. Please take a moment to read about our accomplishments to date.

In 2013, we completed the transfer of the library (minus burial records) from Moscow, Idaho, to Walla Walla, Washington. We have rented an office at the museum for cataloging the books, journals, and ephemera, and begun processing the material under the tutelage of a retired librarian, Darcy Dauble (Walla Walla Community College). To date, through the efforts of part-time employee Kim Sutherland (B.A. Anthropology U of Wyoming) and a museum volunteer, we have catalogued nearly half of the library. Having now seen the collection, we are as convinced as ever that the Sprague Library, appraised at \$500,000, will help establish the museum as a regional center and curation facility for historical archaeology in the Pacific Northwest.

All of the accomplishments have been made possible through the use of museum funds, financial contributions from Northwest Anthropology LLC, third party contributions, and FWWM volunteer staff. We would like to complete the cataloguing of the Sprague material by July 1, 2015, so we can move forward with making the library available to students and researchers. We are only limited by funds, hence our call to colleagues.

Northwest Anthropology LLC has issued a Challenge Grant to JONA subscribers, museum members and others who wish to join the museum or contribute to the museum or the Sprague library. Any new memberships or new cash contribution will be matched (up to a total of \$25,000). Any funds you contribute to the museum will be used to help complete the cataloguing; the match will be placed into the library endowment so that funds will be available in the future to maintain the library and keep it accessible to local, regional, and national researchers, as Rick and Linda intended.

Please help us get the Sprague library catalogued in time for JONA's 50th Anniversary; yes, believe it or not, we will be publishing Volume 50 in 2016. You can use the envelope enclosed (checks payable to Fort Walla Walla Museum), noting direction to apply to the Sprague Library. Or you can visit the museum website at www.fortwallawallamuseum.org and use the "Donate Now" button. Becoming a museum member or a contributor to the Sprague Library will keep you informed of our progress. Thanks much. JONA and the museum will greatly appreciate any help you can provide.