



Rural Library Project

Stocking the Stacks at the Outpost

The Chinook Pass Lending Library, Naches, Washington, is this year's selection for the Michael Pritiken Rural Library Project.

The library was nominated by Yakima's Inklings Books. Here's what Event

Coordinator, and former librarian, Emily Ring had to say:

"This tiny library, located in the unincorporated Nile region northwest of Yakima, used to be part of the Yakima Valley Libraries system. But after the [2009 landslide](#) that temporarily closed part of State Route 410, the library system decided to close the library."



Residents still pay taxes allowing them access to the wider library system, but the remoteness of the region ensures that most people are "cut off."

The Nile Women's Club now oversees ongoing volunteer effort to keep the branch open, solicits donations to freshen the stacks, and holds bake sales and other fundraising events to pay overhead costs. The donations from this year's RLP will go a long way to lightening their load in the coming months.

See the Yakima Herald story [HERE](#).