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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Headline: Whitney Benefits announces Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library Gift for \$133,000.**

Whitney Benefits announces a gift of \$133,000 to Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library for the specific intent of the renovation and expansion of the Library facilities and reading room to further the educational provisions as provided in Mr. Edward A. Whitney's Will. Whitney is funding the grant request of the Sheridan County Library Foundation, in which they were asked to support the capital campaign for the renovation and expansion of the library.

Whitney Benefit's grant intent was that the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, in conjunction with the Kiewit and Scott Foundations, use the Whitney Grant monies to meet and maximize these organizations matching challenge pledges. Sam Scott, Whitney Benefits Trustee said, "Whitney Benefits is pleased to encourage and support the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library capital campaign program with its pledge of \$133,000. Whitney is particularly pleased in that matching community dollars were used by each organization to improve the library and the community. Val Burgess, Whitney Benefits Trustee said, " Whitney is pleased to assist this vibrant and productive educational institution in our community and looks forward to seeing the educational benefits that the library provides to the county residents."

In December 2004 Sheridan County Library Foundation successfully completed a capital campaign, raising \$2.1 million in contributions and pledges to fund construction of a new parking lot, maintenance building and interior renovation of Fulmer Library. The parking lot was completed in September 2004. Architectural work of the second phase of the project—construction of a maintenance building and remodel of Fulmer Library began in April 2006. The maintenance building was recently completed, and interior renovation is expected to continue through September 2007. All areas of the library, with the exception of the Wyoming Room, will be renovated. Three new meeting rooms, located on the mezzanine, are available free of charge for public meetings and programs. An administrative office area, located near the center of the library and a refurbished Inner Circle will be ready for use in six – ten weeks. When the project is completed, the library will have a central circulation desk; a new reference / customer service center; a larger young adult area; refurbished and ADA compliant restrooms; a family restroom; and a portal into the Children's Library. LuAnn Marks, chair of the Sheridan County Public Library Board of Trustees, said "The entire project—from parking lot to the new circulation area—was designed with the needs of library patrons as the top priority. The Library Foundation Board worked hard for several years to raise the money needed to complete this project. The pledge of \$133,000 from Whitney Benefits took us over the top. We thank the Whitney Benefits Board, and are deeply grateful for their generous support of our public library."

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