**COLFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES  
*$10,000 Grant Will Help the Library Work with Residents on Better Building Access***

COLFAX — COLFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in round three of Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a $10,000 grant that will help the library repair and improve its wheelchair ramp.

*“We are so proud to be chosen again for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt. “This third round of funding will provide our library with an additional grant to help us continue what we started in the first round.”*

As part of the grant, Colfax Public Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about improving accessibility in the Colfax Municipal Building and use the grant funds to make the wheelchair ramp more sound and easy to use.

“The Colfax Public Library is a community hub and we are committed to making it accessible to everyone in the community.”

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt at (715) 962-4334 or visit [www.colfaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.colfaxpubliclibrary.org) for more information.

Since 2014, ALA’s Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

*“Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).”*