

Library has soft spot for readers

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The Portola Library's children's reading room has a comfortable new couch thanks to the family of Jenny Lynn Sheets McCarey.

Sheets, a Portola graduate and avid reader, passed away last year and the family asked that donations be made to the Portola Library.

The burgundy couch is designed to look like an open book, with the arms resembling books as well.

The plaque on the couch reads: Donated in Memory of Jenny Lynn Sheets McCarey.

Portola librarian Cindy Alexander said the new couch is getting a lot of use.

"We have had mothers sitting and reading to their children, older brothers and sisters reading to young children, and young children sit-

ting by themselves reading—it's great to see it getting so much use," she said.

In fact, the entire library has seen a lot of use this summer, according to Alexander.

The Summer Reading Program has about 100 children registered and Monday Morning Storytime is always crowded with young children and their parents.

"They are reading all types of books, including some classics, as well as making good use of the library's computers," said Alexander.

Plumas County librarian Margaret Miles said she is very grateful to the Sheets family for the donations in Jenny's name.

"The new couch makes for a comfortable reading place for children and a much needed addition for the library," she said.

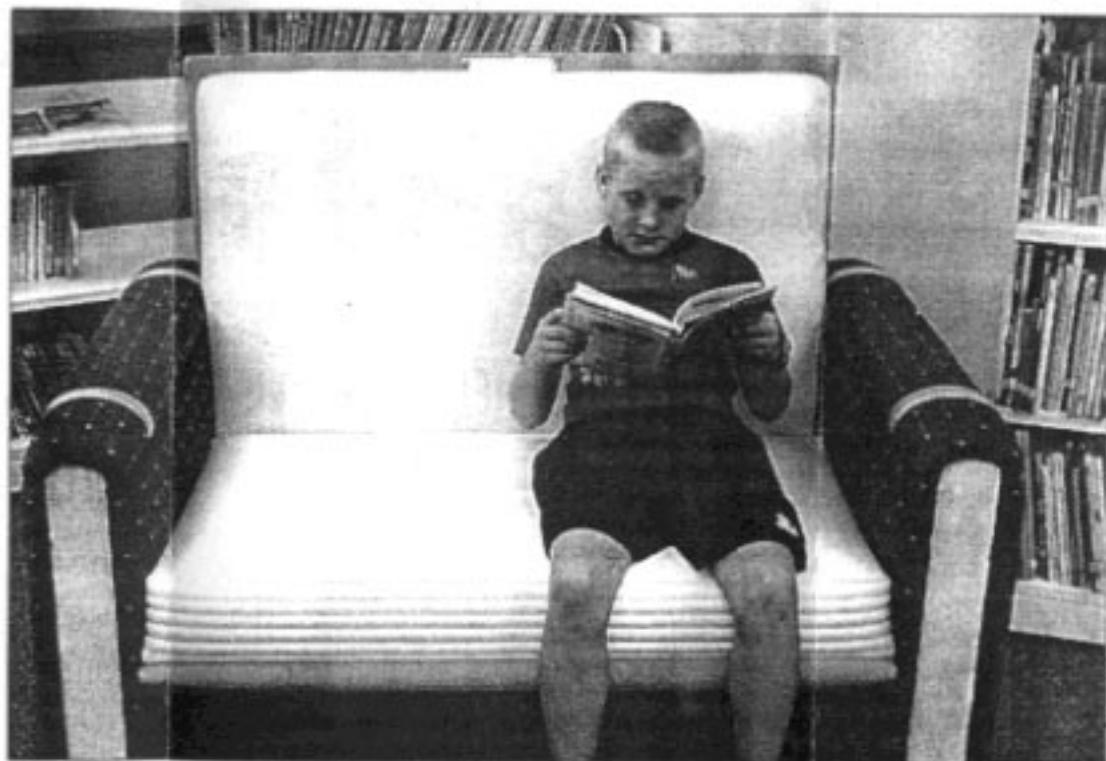


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Chad Joyce, 9 years old, is just one of the many children that can be found enjoying the new reading couch at the Portola Library. The plaque on the couch reads: Donat-