



Spokane County was first organized in 1858 from part of Walla Walla County. Five years later it was voted out of existence by the Territorial Legislature and merged into Stevens County. In 1879 it was recreated and named after the Spokane Indians; the name means ~child of the sun.” It is located in the northeastern part of the state and is bounded by Idaho on the east. The county was first visited by fur traders in 1810, who established Spokane House as a trading center. Two years later the Pacific Fur Company built Fort Spokane. Missionaries arrived in the county in the 1830s. The first permanent settlements in the county were established in the 1870s and the county’s prosperity was assured with the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1890. Today Spokane County has a prosperous and varied economy based on manufacturing and agriculture. Its county seat, Spokane, is the second largest city in the state and is a regional transportation, financial and cultural center.

Bounded by: Whitman, Lincoln, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties and the state of Idaho

County Seat: Spokane

Chambers of Commerce:

Deer Park Area Chamber of Commerce, (www.deerparkchamber.org) 316 E Crawford, PO Box 518, Deer Park, WA 99006-0518. Phone 509-276-5900. Fax same.

Hangman Creek Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 345, Fairfield, WA 99012. Phone 509-283-2414 (Fairfield City Hall)

Greater Spokane Incorporated, (www.greaterspokaneincorporated.org) 801 Riverside Ave. Suite 100, Spokane, WA 99201. Phone 509-624-1393. Fax 509-747-0077.

Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, (www.spokanevalleychamber.org) 9507 E. Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206. Phone 509-924-4994. Fax 509-924-4994.

West Plains Chamber of Commerce, (www.westplainschamber.org) 201 1st St., Cheney, WA 99004. Phone 509-235-8480. Fax 509-235-9338.

County Government: W 1116 Broadway, (www.spokanecounty.org) Spokane, WA 99260. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Assessor: Phone (509)477-3696. Fax (509)477-3697.

Auditor: Phone (509)477-2270. Fax (509)477-6451.

Clerk: Phone (509)477-2211. Fax (509)477-3916.

Treasurer: Phone (509)477-4713. Fax (509)477-3674.

Genealogical Society:

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, (<http://www.ewgsi.org/>) PO Box 1826, Spokane, WA 99210-1826.

Health Department: Spokane Health District, (www.srhd.org) W 1101 College, Spokane, WA 99201. Phone 509-324-1500. Fax 509-324-1507.

Historical Society:

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society, (www.ierhs.50megs.com/) PO Box 3950, Spokane, WA 99220. Phone 509-982-2389.

Rockford Historical Society, PO Box 107, Rockford, WA 99030.

Southeast Spokane County Historical Society, PO Box 426, E 300 Main St, Fairfield, WA 99012. Phone 509-283-2193.

Libraries - Academic:

Eastern Washington University Library, (www.library.ewu.edu) John F. Kennedy Library, 816 F St, Cheney, WA, 99004-4840. Phone 509-359-6263. Fax 509-359-4840.

Gonzaga University, (www.foley.gonzaga.edu) Ralph E Higgins Foley Center, 502 E Boone Ave., Spokane, WA 99258-0095. Phone 509-323-6532. Fax 509-323-5904.

Spokane Community College, (www.scc.spokane.cc.wa.us) Learning Resources Center, N 1810 Greene St, MS 2160, Spokane, WA 99217-5399. Phone 509-533-7045. Fax 509-533-7276.

Spokane Falls Community College, (<http://libcat.spokane.cc.wa.us>) 3410 W Ft Wright Dr, Spokane, WA 99224-5228. Phone 509-533-3800. Fax 509-533-3144.

Whitworth College, (www.whitworth.edu/Library/Index.htm) Harriet Cheney Cowles Memorial Library, 300 W Hawthorn Rd, MS 0901, Spokane, WA 99251. Phone 509-777-3260. Fax 509-777-3221.

Libraries - Public:

Spokane County Library, (www.sclld.org) 4322 N Argonne Rd, Spokane, WA 99212-1853. Phone 509-924-4122. Fax 509-928-4157.

Spokane Public Library, (www.spokanelibrary.org) 906 W Main Ave, Spokane, WA 99201-0976. Phone 509-444-5300. Fax 509-444-5365. EWGS Holdings are here at the Spokane Public Library

Libraries - Special:

Diocese of Spokane, Archives of the Diocese of Spokane, (www.dioceseofspokane.org/) PO Box 1453, Spokane, WA 99201. Phone 509-358-7300.

Spokane East Family History Center, E 13608 40th Ave, Spokane, WA. Phone 509-926-0551.

Spokane Family History Center, 1717 E 30th Ave, Spokane, WA. Phone 509-455-7164.

Spokane North Family History Center, 401 West Regina, Spokane, WA. Phone 509-466-4633.

Spokane West Family History Center, 10405 West Melville Road, Cheney, WA. Phone 509-455-9735.

Spokesman-Review Newspaper, Reference Library, PO Box 2160, Spokane, WA 99210-2160. Phone 509-459-5468. Fax 509-459-5482.

Museums and Historical Sites:

Children's Museum of Spokane, (www.childrensmuseum.net) Phone 509-624-5437.

Armed Forces and Aerospace Museum 5813 E 4th Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99212-0308 Phone 509-244-0244 or 509-995-5272 (<http://www.armedforces-aerospacemus.org/>)

Fairfield Museum, Southeast Spokane County Historical Society, PO Box 426, E 300 Main St, Fairfield, WA 99012. Phone 509-283-2193.

Northwest Museum of Art and Culture, (www.northwestmuseum.org) 2316 First Ave W, Spokane, WA 99204. Phone 509-456-3931. Fax 509-363-5303

Spokane House Interpretive Center, (www.parks.wa.gov) 96028 W Old Charles Rd, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026-9625. Phone 509-456-2729. Fax 509-456-2902.

Tilicum Museum, 1122 Gary Street, Cheney, WA 99004. Phone 509-235-2422.

State Archives Branch:

Eastern Regional Archives Branch, (www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/archives-eastern.aspx) Eastern Washington University, 960 Washington St., Cheney, WA 98004. Phone 509-359-6900. Fax 509-235-7505. Email era@secstate.wa.gov.