



**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00pm

**LOCATION:** Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82761828140> (copy and paste in browser)

Meeting ID: 827 6182 8140 ; Passcode: 507278

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**5:00 – 5:45p.m. Work Session**

Meet with Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation Board – joint planning session

**6:00 Regular Meeting**

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| 1. Call to Order  |             |
| 2. Agenda Approval  | ACTION      |
| 3. Chair Announcements  | INFORMATION |
| 4. Reports:   | INFORMATION |
| 4.1 FVRL COVID-19 Response/Organizational Report                            |             |
| 4.2 Branch Report: White Salmon; Branch Manager Ruth Shafer                 |             |
| 4.3 Foundation Report: Rick Smithrud, Executive Director                    |             |
| 4.4 2021 FVRL Work Plan Update: Amelia Shelley                              |             |
| 5. Consent Agenda   | ACTION      |
| 5.1 Minutes Approval: June 21, 2021 meeting                                 |             |
| 5.2 FVRL Expenditure Approval: Reviewed by Mary Ann Duncan Cole             |             |
| 6. Business   |             |
| 6.1 2021 Budget – YTD Review  | INFORMATION |
| 6.2 2021 Reserve Plan   | INFORMATION |
| 6.3 2022 Budget Calendar  | ACTION      |
| 6.4 Equity Policy – First Reading   | INFORMATION |
| 7. Board comments   |             |
| 8. Setting of next regular meeting – Monday, August 16, 2021 (Cascade Park) |             |
| 9. Adjournment  |             |



## JULY 2021 - ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

### 1. COVID-19 Service & Staffing Response

- All locations return to full open hours
  - Updated Guidelines Jun 30, 2021
  - All service areas in Phase 3
  - Extended browsing and computer use
  - Updated website and marketing materials
  - Added hours at La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal and Woodland

### 2. Capital Projects

- Operations Center/Grand Blvd. building
  - Insurance claims/accounting for losses/budget
  - Space planning with interior designer/architect
- Ridgefield Community Library
  - Grand opening on July 9 at 10:30 am
- Woodland Community Library
  - VE and budget review with architects
- Washougal Community Library
  - Planning for public meetings

### 3. Executive Director's Activities: June 22 - Jul 18, 2021

- Attended American Library Association Annual Conference (virtual) June 23-29
- City of Vancouver: Navigation Center negotiations
- Vancouver Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeff Snell
- Hosted virtual Coffee Talk for all Operations Center staff
- Battle Ground Village Retail Association quarterly meeting
- Kelly Lamm re: Early learning Center remodel
- Foundation Board meeting
- District website strategy meeting
- Webinar: Building Connections with Community Assets
- Mayor McEnery-Ogle at the Vancouver Community Library
- Ridgefield Community Library Grand Opening
- Finance and Policy Committee meetings
- Deputy Director recruitment (closed July 7)
- Strategic planning - multiple meetings
- Yale Valley Library District Board meeting
- Branch Managers and Supervisors meetings

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## JULY BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

### July 19, 2021

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#### SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

- Vancouver and Washougal Community Libraries have started Summer Meal service to youth ages 0-18. Participation has increased compared to last year at Vancouver while the number is picking up at Washougal which is their first year in providing the service.
- Summer @ Your Library (SAYL) is going strong. Branches partner with a variety of organizations and events to outreach to youths who may not be able to visit the library. We provide reading packets, flyers and experience/craft kits to places such as Family Resource Centers, Summer School programs at local schools, pre-schools, summer camps, Chamber of Commerce (Goldendale), 4H Programs, Farmer's Markets, Espacio de Arte en el Parque (Art in the Park), Ilani Youth Safety Fair events, and more.

#### BUILDING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

- Vancouver Library Outreach Librarian, Diane Clark, gave 3 virtual presentations to Clark College English as Second Language (ESL) classes demonstrating how to navigate the FVRL website and promoting Summer at Your Library.
- Storywalk sets (picture book on large individual panels installed outdoor) have been used at multiple locations (lawn areas in Yale, Battle Ground, Goldendale, La Center, Stevenson Farmers Market etc.) to provide literacy to children and families to enjoy. We got lots of positive comments from community members.

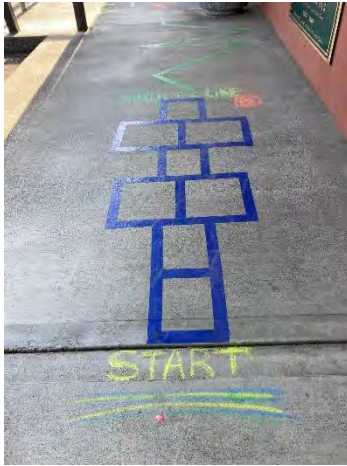


L: Storywalk outside Yale Valley Community Library R: Woodland Friends “reverse” parade

- The Friends of Woodland Community Library took part in Planters Day's “reverse” Parade where the organizations that would normally drive through town as part of the parade were parked in the High School parking lot and the “spectators” drove past in their cars.
- The Friends of Yacolt Library Express have resumed meeting and took part in Yacolt's Fourth of July parade.

## FOSTERING A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

- Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Vancouver and staff at other branches put together nice displays for Pride month in different parts of the libraries.
- Heidi, Senior Library Assistant at White Salmon Library, created some interactive games on the Library's front walkway, with chalk and duct tape. There are several activities ranging from hopping through the alphabet to skipping and spinning around. Staff witnessed an 83 year old woman play hopscotch as well as three middle school boys spin around three times, skip along a line, and then come back to play hopscotch. These are engaging passive programs and fun activities for all.



## PATRONS' COMMENTS

"I love this library and the librarians here are so friendly, even when I check out a lot of books, and I always have a blast when I come here." (from a tween boy at Three Creeks Library)

"You know, the people who work here really care about the people who get books here. You really care. I am so glad you are open again. When you think of all the books I read in a year, the library is the best thing and I've missed it."

A compliment for Carole Bryan, Senior Public Services Librarian at Vancouver Community Library and her LibAnswers work. "Your attached documents are outstanding! Thank you for retrieving them and providing answers to many of my questions. Kudos to you and the staff!"

A patron commented that he really appreciated all the work we had done to open safely for the public. He said that the traffic flow at Goldendal Library was well thought out!



# Foundation Update

The new Ridgefield Community Library is open!



Many thanks to the multitude of donors, staff, volunteers, event attendees, and other supporters who helped to bring this new, beautiful building to fruition!

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## **Great News!**

- The Foundation has received the official grant award letter from the Department of Commerce for the \$2 million Capital Budget Grant that was approved by the legislature and signed by the governor for the construction of a new library in Woodland. This represents a big step forward in raising the funds needed for a new Woodland Community Library.
- The Foundation has also received a check in the amount of \$3,316.90 from internet sales partner ThriftBooks for the sale of donated and surplus books in the month of May and a check in the amount of \$1,400.79 for sales in June.

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## **Totem Pole Dedication at Vancouver Community Library**

Please join us for the dedication ceremony of the 10-foot totem pole donated by Kyle Dittmer on Saturday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Columbia Room at Vancouver Library.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 17

**Friends of Battle Ground Library  
Harvest Days Book Sale**  
Battle Ground Library,  
10:00am–5:00pm

Saturday, July 17 – Friday, July 23

**Friends of Vancouver Library  
Mini Book Sale**  
Vancouver Library,  
2:00am–5:00pm each day

Monday, July 19

**Joint Meeting: FVRL Foundation  
Board and FVRL Trustees**  
via Zoom, 5:00pm–6:00pm

Monday, July 19

**FVRL Trustee Meeting**  
via Zoom, 6:00pm–8:00pm

Tuesday, July 22

**FVRL Foundation Board Meeting**  
via Zoom, 3:00pm–4:00pm

Monday, August 16

**FVRL Trustee Meeting**  
via Zoom (TBC), 6:00pm–8:00pm

### Building Campaigns and Cornerstone Pledges

The Ridgefield Building Campaign has received \$349,500 in donations towards naming opportunities for the new library so far.

Ridgefield has 61 Cornerstones, 15 Stepping Stones, 2 Keystones, and 5 Capstones.

Washougal has 24 Cornerstones, 2 Stepping Stones, and 1 Keystone.

Woodland has 27 Cornerstones, 4 Stepping Stones, 3 Keystones, and 4 Capstones.

*\*Please note: some Cornerstones have graduated to Stepping Stones, which is why some Cornerstone totals have gone down.*

### How Board Members Can Help

–Spread the word about the Fred Meyer Rewards program:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

## The grand opening of the new Ridgefield Community Library was an overwhelming success!



Photos by FVRLibraries

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District**  
**Staff Report 2021-20**  
**2021 FVRL Work Plan Update**

**Completed:**

- **Construction** of the Yale Valley and Ridgefield Community Libraries
- RFQ and selection of **Conceptual Design Architect** for Washougal
- **Lighting upgrades** at the Vancouver Community Library
- **Staff area refresh** at the Battle Ground Community Library
- Implement a new catalog module that will allow for **new book suggestions**
- Library online catalog has added a **tabbed display** to include **articles and database** results
- Expanded open hours to **six days a week** minimum (excludes NB and YV)
- 2021 **Summer Learning Program** through August 15
- **Chromebooks and hot spots** for patron checkout
- **Read, Return, Repeat** places library materials at assisted living facilities
- Additional **book return** in Alderdale
- **Expand Courier route** to include Yacolt and Yale Valley
- **Hire new staff** for Yacolt, Yale Valley and Ridgefield Libraries

**In Process:**

- Equity Statement and Lens
- 2021-23 Strategic Plan
- FVRL's **website** will be updated to a newer version of our web platform (Drupal 8)
- Hosting our third annual **Revolutionary Reads** - August 12, 7 pm
- Cascade Park Community Library **Teen area refresh**
- Cascade Park Community Library **Mural - call for artists**
- FVRL Operations Center **flood recovery and renovation**
- **Automated materials handler** Request for Proposals (up to 3 locations)
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** (EDI) committee developing an equity statement and lens
- **Anti-bias education framework** for children's programming developed and in training
- Automating **cash receipts** and **accounts payable** processes

**Delayed, postponed or not yet begun:**

- **Outreach vehicle** to deliver library materials and programs to populations (postponed)
- White Salmon Valley Community Library **meeting room flooring** (delayed)
- **Technology plans** for emergencies and future growth and innovation (delayed)
- Improve **auto attendant phone system** for call management and routing (delayed)
- Three Creeks Community Library **sound dampening panels** (not yet begun)
- Stevenson Community Library **basement upgrades** (delayed)

**FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees Public Meeting**

*June 21, 2021*

**5:30pm Executive Session**

Topics: Real Estate: RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) (c)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm noting that there was an Executive Session prior to this meeting on Real Estate. No decisions were made.

**ATTENDEES: All participation was virtual per Governor's proclamation #20-25.2.**

*Board Members:* Jane Higgins, Kelsi Gilkey, Brian Carrico, Mary Ann Duncan Cole, Kelly Smith, Kate Maple

*Administrative Team:* Amelia Shelley, Executive Director; Lynne Caldwell, Collection & Technology Services Director; Dave Josephson, Facilities Director; Justin Keeler, Outreach & Community Partnerships Director; Amy Lee, Public Services Director; Tak Kendrick, Communications & Marketing Director; Carrie Greenwood, Finance Director; Lee Strehlow, Human Resources Director; Recording: Sami Bretherton, Executive Assistant; Guests: Terra McLeod, Kelsey Hudson, Sam Wallin

**2. AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Jane Higgins moved and Kelsi Gilkey seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

**3. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Smith noted that we anticipate our next Board meeting will be in person and to please check the FVRL website for details. The meeting location is not determined yet. As a reminder to the public, each citizen wishing to speak gets 3 minutes for their comments. Also, Chair Smith mentioned that Ridgefield Community Library grand opening is July 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30am and invited everyone to join us.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Executive Director's Organizational Report and FVRL COVID-19 Response: Amelia Shelley and Administrative Team**

Shelley and the Administrative team reported on the work the library district is doing to continue to serve our patrons and support our employees as we move into the final phases of the pandemic. Kelsey Hudson gave an overview of Summer At Your Library (SAYL) program.

**4.2 Branch Report: Goldendale Community Library, Terra McLeod**

Terra McLeod gave an overview of Goldendale's library activities.

**4.3 Operations Center – Flood Restoration Status**

Josephson and Shelley discussed the Operations Center current state and future plans for the building including the construction budget and schedule. Smith said she appreciated the effort for maximizing resources as we rebuild.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Minutes Approval – May 17, 2021 meeting**

**5.2 FVRL Expenditure Approval: Reviewed by Kate Maple**

**5.3 Library Privileges Policy**



## 5.4 Security Monitoring Policy

Chair Smith asked to pull the May minutes from the Consent Agenda and amend them in this manner: In Item #1 Call to Order Brian Carrico is inaccurately listed as unable to attend Executive Session. Kate Maple should be listed instead of Brian Carrico as not in attendance for both Executive Session and the regular Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Jane Higgins moved and Mary Ann Duncan Cole seconded amendment of the May minutes. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

**MOTION:** Mary Ann Duncan Cole moved and Jane Higgins seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

## 6. **BUSINESS**

### 6.1 FVRL Strategic Plan Update, Justin Keeler, Sam Wallin

Keeler and Wallin reviewed the draft 2021-23 Strategic plan for the Board. Chair Smith commended staff for the clarity of the goals, mission and vision. Higgins would like hard copies of the presentation. Higgins worked with library staff on this plan and commends the level of commitment to the work and was grateful for the time. Shelley thanked the Strategic Planning Group for their work and the time involved noting the importance of this work. This item comes back to the Board in the July meeting.

### 6.2 FVRL Annual Report to Washington State Library, Sam Wallin

Wallin focused on 5 different service measures and the patterns they illustrate for FVRL during 2020.

### 6.3 FVRL Annual Report to Washington State Auditor's Office, Carrie Greenwood

As is required annually, Greenwood presented the FVRL annual report to the Washington State Auditor's Office.

## 7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Written comments were received from: R Lord, Dennis Anderson, Gary Wilson, Quill Onstead

## 8. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Chair Smith thanked the staff for their presentations and reports.

## 9. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next meeting is Monday, July 19, 2021 (Location TBD)

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Approved:

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Kelly Smith, Chair

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Date

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Kelsi Gilkey, Secretary

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Date

**FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT**

**Approval of Claims**

**As of**

**July 19, 2021**

As required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090, vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and those expense reimbursement claims which have been certified as required, have been recorded on a list and made available to the Board of Directors for approval.

As of this date, July 19, 2021, The Board of Directors, by a \_\_\_\_\_  
 vote does approve for payment the following vouchers, warrants, voids, and electronic transfers issued  
June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

<b>Accounts Payable Warrants Issued</b>	Numbers	<u>112523</u>	Through	<u>112780</u>	<u>\$ 1,477,444.68</u>
<b>Accounts Payable EFT Payments</b>		<u>EFT00891</u>	Through	<u>EFT00906</u>	<u>\$ 15,032.83</u>
<b>Accounts Payable Warrants Voided</b>	Numbers	112150, EFT00898			<u>( \$ 580.00 )</u>
<b>Payroll Warrants Issued</b>	Numbers		Through		<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Payroll Transactions Voided</b>	Numbers				<u>( \$ 1,312.24 )</u>
<b>Payroll Direct Deposits Issued</b>	Numbers	<u>6/9/2021</u>	Through	<u>6/24/2021</u>	<u>\$ 806,040.98</u>
<b>Electronic Fund Transfers Completed</b>					
<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Date</i>			<i>Amount</i>	
WA Dept. of Revenue	6/25/2021			904.78	
Endicia (postage)	6/9/2021			7,500.00	
Kaiser	6/29/2021			61.75	
Kaiser	6/15/2021			15,980.61	
WA Dept of Retirement	6/11/2021			6,648.40	
WA Dept of Retirement	6/15/2021			88,191.99	
WA Dept of Retirement	6/25/2021			6,180.87	
WA Dept of Retirement	6/28/2021			87,770.01	<u>\$ 213,238.41</u>
<b>Subtotal FVRL General Fund Warrants, Transfers, Direct Deposits, Voids</b>					<u><u>\$ 2,509,864.66</u></u>
<b>Total Transactions for Approval</b>					<b>\$ 2,509,864.66</b>

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 AUDITING TRUSTEE

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BOARD COVER WORKSHEET**

**BOARD DATE:** July 19, 2021

Date Paid	Warrant Numbers	Amount	Void/Cancel Amounts
<b><u>Accounts Payable</u></b>			
June 4, 2021	112523-112560	208,122.72	
June 11, 2021	112561-112609	146,099.76	
June 18, 2021	112610-112662	202,375.35	
June 25, 2021	112663-112714	509,029.16	
June 30, 2021	112715-112780	411,817.69	
Total Accounts Payable Warrants Issued		<u>1,477,444.68</u>	
<b><u>Accounts Payable EFT Payments</u></b>			
June 11, 2021	EFT00891-EFT00894	1,863.90	
June 18, 2021	EFT00895-EFT00901	12,020.59	
June 23, 2021	EFT00902-EFT00905	1,025.00	
June 25, 2021	EFT00906	123.34	
Total Accounts Payable EFT Payments		<u>15,032.83</u>	
<b><u>Accounts Payable Voids and Cancels</u></b>			
June 18, 2021	112150		80.00
June 23, 2021	EFT00898		500.00
Total Accounts Payable Warrant Voids and Cancels			<u>580.00</u>
<b><u>Total ADP ACH Auto Pull</u></b>			
June 9, 2021		301,078.72	
June 9, 2021	State Family & Medical Leave	1,766.74	
June 9, 2021	Federal	99,150.73	
June 9, 2021	Oregon	3,128.12	
June 24, 2021		299,366.69	
June 24, 2021	State Family & Medical Leave	1,741.85	
June 24, 2021	Federal	96,661.97	
June 24, 2021	Oregon	3,146.16	
Total Payroll Direct Deposit Transfers		<u>806,040.98</u>	
<b><u>ACH EFT Transfer</u></b>			
June 25, 2021	WA Department of Revenue	904.78	
June 9, 2021	Endicia (postage)	7,500.00	
June 29, 2021	Kaiser	61.75	
June 15, 2021	Kaiser	15,980.61	
June 11, 2021	WA Dept of Retirement	6,648.40	
June 15, 2021	WA Dept of Retirement	88,191.99	
June 25, 2021	WA Dept of Retirement	6,180.87	
June 28, 2021	WA Dept of Retirement	87,770.01	
Total ACH EFT Transfers		<u>213,238.41</u>	
<b><u>Payroll Voids/Cancels</u></b>			
June 25, 2021			123.34
June 9, 2021			1,188.90
			<u>1,312.24</u>
Subtotal FVRL General Fund Warrants, Transfers, Direct Deposits, Voids		<u>2,511,756.90</u>	<u>1,892.24</u>
<b>Total Funds to Approve for Disbursement</b>			<b><u>2,509,864.66</u></b>

Finance Director Reviewed Carrie Greenwood

# Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Statement Of Revenue - Calendar Year 2021  
For the Month Ending June 2021 (With year-to-date totals)

	2021 Budget (Approved 12/20)	June 2021 Revenues	All Revenue Received thru June 2021	Year - to - Date Annual Budget Percent
<b>Property Taxes</b>				
311.10 Property Taxes - Clark	\$23,469,214	\$193,438	\$13,286,771	56.61%
311.10 Property Taxes - Skamania	\$664,136	\$86,811	\$440,536	66.33%
311.10 Property Taxes - Klickitat	\$1,196,404	\$135,415	\$851,591	71.18%
311.10 Property Taxes - Cowlitz	\$326,395	\$24,036	\$178,323	54.63%
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$25,656,149</b>	<b>\$439,700</b>	<b>\$14,757,220</b>	<b>57.52%</b>
<b>Other Taxes</b>				
311.11 Other General Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
318.20 Leasehold Excise Tax	\$92,000	\$31,344	\$65,110	70.77%
<b>Total Other Taxes</b>	<b>\$92,000</b>	<b>\$31,344</b>	<b>\$65,110</b>	<b>70.77%</b>
<b>Intergovernmental, Grants &amp; Contracts</b>				
332.00 Federal in-lieu of Taxes	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%
333.00 Grants through ESD 112	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
336.02 State In-lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$1,499	\$10,274	0.00%
334.84 State Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
335.05 State Forest Boards	\$170,000	\$3,909	\$57,672	33.92%
338.72 Yale Valley Library Dist	\$730,000	\$5,122	\$583,889	79.98%
338.72 INET City of Vancouver (PEG)	\$61,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%
338.72 Contracts - Clark County Jail	\$500	\$0	\$500	100.00%
<b>Total Intergovernmental, Grants &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>\$966,500</b>	<b>\$10,530</b>	<b>\$652,335</b>	<b>67.49%</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>				
341.60 Equipment Use Fees	\$20,000	\$187	\$1,072	5.36%
347.21 Non-Resident Borrower Fee	\$2,000	\$580	\$2,783	139.17%
347.90 Lost / Damaged Material Fee	\$5,000	\$1,154	\$5,731	114.62%
347.50 Collection Agency Referral Fee	\$5,000	\$190	\$670	13.40%
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>\$2,111</b>	<b>\$10,256</b>	<b>32.05%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
361.11 Investment Interest	\$177,000	\$12,661	\$72,373	40.89%
362.00 Rental Income	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	0.00%
367.09 Restricted Contribution - GD	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
367.10 Gifts/Contributions	\$3,351	\$13	\$12,127	361.89%
369.90 Library Friends Groups' Reimbursements	\$660,000	\$0	\$645	0.10%
369.90 Library Foundation Reimbursements	\$2,136,000	\$0	\$1,299,690	60.85%
369.40 Insurance Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,556,983	\$3,681,748	245.45%
369.90 Miscellaneous	\$8,500	\$97	\$110	1.29%
367.11 Private Grants	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	0.00%
369.90 Postage Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
369.90 Other Miscellaneous - E-Rate	\$200,000	\$0	\$11,644	5.82%
395.00 Sale of Assets	\$12,000	\$143	\$379	3.16%
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$4,701,851</b>	<b>\$1,569,897</b>	<b>\$5,078,716</b>	<b>108.02%</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,448,500</b>	<b>\$2,053,582</b>	<b>\$20,563,638</b>	<b>65.39%</b>
<b>Transfer in from Reserves</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Revenues and Transfer from Reserve</b>	<b>\$31,448,500</b>	<b>\$2,053,582</b>	<b>\$20,563,638</b>	<b>65.39%</b>

6/12 months = 50.00%

Jan.-Dec. 2021 Fiscal Year

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District**  
Statement of Expenses - Calendar Year 2021  
For the Month Ending June 2021 (With year-to-date totals)

<u>Bars</u>	<u>Description</u>	2021 Budget (Approved 12/20)	June 2021 Expenditures	Year-to-Date Totals thru June 2021	Year to Date Annual Budget Percentage
<b>Personnel</b>					
572.00	Wages	11,563,314	877,109	5,115,816	44.24%
572.24	Benefit - Medical	2,501,458	171,956	1,174,211	46.94%
572.24	Benefit - Dental	306,644	23,714	139,089	45.36%
572.24	Benefit - Life, LTD, STD	132,891	8,589	50,575	38.06%
572.22	Benefit - PERS	1,459,354	110,111	650,819	44.60%
572.21	Benefit - FICA	871,318	65,457	381,524	43.79%
572.25	Benefit - L & I - Workers Compensation	117,603	5,788	33,060	28.11%
572.25	Benefit - PFML	17,941	1,287	7,505	41.83%
572.28	Unemployment Expense	10,000	0	1,600	16.00%
	<b>Personnel Subtotal:</b>	<b>16,980,523</b>	<b>1,264,011</b>	<b>7,554,199</b>	<b>44.49%</b>
<b>Supplies</b>					
572.30	Supplies	400,000	38,347	243,021	60.76%
572.35	Small Equipment (FF&E)	500,000	16,987	192,478	38.50%
572.38	Technology	525,000	93,763	444,351	84.64%
572.33	Professional Collection / Tech	300,000	15,905	116,538	38.85%
	<b>Supplies &amp; Small Equipmt/Tech Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,725,000</b>	<b>165,002</b>	<b>996,388</b>	<b>57.76%</b>
<b>Library Books / Materials</b>					
572.34	Library Books & Materials	2,400,000	146,916	783,113	32.63%
572.39	Electronic Resources	1,400,000	109,277	808,274	57.73%
	<b>Library Materials Subtotal:</b>	<b>3,800,000</b>	<b>256,193</b>	<b>1,591,387</b>	<b>41.88%</b>
<b>Other Services / Charges</b>					
572.41	Professional Services	1,238,000	134,703	610,483	49.31%
572.42	Communications	419,400	47,965	234,325	55.87%
572.43	Training / Travel	108,000	4,586	9,711	8.99%
572.44	Advertising	29,000	3,400	6,304	21.74%
572.45	Rentals / Leases	519,200	82,198	565,977	109.01%
572.46	Insurance	223,700	159,057	184,885	82.65%
572.47	Utilities	408,500	25,978	149,870	36.69%
572.48	Repairs & Maintenance	775,000	129,468	328,935	42.44%
572.49	Misc / Dues / Printing / Other	131,200	15,297	48,189	36.73%
572.50	Intergovernmental Services	2,500	240	2,007	80.28%
	<b>Other Charges &amp; Services Subtotal:</b>	<b>3,854,500</b>	<b>602,892</b>	<b>2,140,686</b>	<b>55.54%</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
572.62	Buildings / Non-Owned	2,000,000	138,161	300,717	15.04%
594.62	Buildings / Owned	2,000,000	34,813	1,524,882	76.24%
597.62	Yale Project	730,000	37,082	387,441	53.07%
594.64	Machinery & Equipment	196,477	117	120,879	61.52%
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal:</b>	<b>4,926,477</b>	<b>210,173</b>	<b>2,333,918</b>	<b>47.37%</b>
<b>Reserved Amount</b>					
572.41	Professional Services-2021 Projects	0	0	0	0.00%
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$ 31,286,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,271</b>	<b>\$ 14,616,578</b>	<b>46.72%</b>
<b>Total Reserved Projects</b>		<b>162,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132,769</b>	<b>81.96%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$ 31,448,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,271</b>	<b>\$ 14,749,347</b>	<b>46.90%</b>

June is the 6th month of the fiscal year.  
Year-to-date budget percentages should  
be at 50.00%, representing 6/12 months.

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District  
Staff Report 2021-22  
2021 Reserve Fund Plan**

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Amelia Shelley  
**Date:** 07/19/2021

**Subject: Reserve Fund Allocations for 2021**

**Key Points to Consider:**

- 2020 unanticipated income remains unallocated
- Ridgefield capital reserve funds are fully expended
- Unreserved capital funds will be spent on new Operations Center
- Woodland and Washougal capital funds unchanged

Fund	Amount
Repairs and Maintenance	\$100,000
New vehicles	\$48,380
Innovation	\$68,467
Budget Stabilization	\$926,025
Unrestricted Capital	\$5,903,559
Washougal	\$1,547,814
Woodland	\$915,536
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>\$888,501</b>
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$10,398,282</b>

**Overview:**

As part of the FVRL Fiscal Management Policy, the Board of Trustees are required to adopt a Reserve Plan and review it annually. At the end of 2020, FVRL had \$888,501 in unanticipated revenue that was placed into reserves. Staff are asking the Board to consider possible allocation of the 2020 unanticipated revenue to one or more of the existing funds.

**Repairs and Maintenance:** Funds set aside for replacement of building systems and/or facility costs such as roofs, elevators or HVAC systems.

**New Vehicles:** This fund replaces bookmobiles and other expensive vehicles.

**Innovation:** This fund supports new or unanticipated opportunities to innovate or introduce a new service.

**Budget Stabilization Fund:** FVRL's operational reserve is 90 days of expenditures. Our goal is to build this fund over time to help FVRL sustain operations during an economic downturn.

**Unrestricted Capital:** FVRL will deplete its Unrestricted Capital Reserve Fund with the purchase of 2018 Grand Boulevard for a new Operations Center.

**Washougal:** This project is starting conceptual design.

**Woodland:** This project has completed initial conceptual design and recently was awarded a \$2 million state capital grant.

Staff is asking the Board to consider the options for allocating the 2020 unanticipated income into one or more of these funds.

**Advantages:**

Creates clarity for the start of the 2022 budget process and realigns funds toward FVRL's long-term priorities. These priorities could also be driven by the new strategic plan.

**Disadvantages:**

None.

Assignment	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Finance, ED</b>	Revenue & Expenditure 1st estimate	Review process before instructions go out	Update 5 year forecast, reserves and amended 2021 budget	Updated Revenue & expenditures, balance budget	1st reading of budget to Board	2nd reading of budget to Board	Board budget approval, public hearing
<b>Finance Committee</b>		Review 6 month expenditure for current year, revenue estimate	Identify budget goals, priorities, shortfalls, etc.	Draft 2022 and amended 2021 budgets prepared	Final revenue and expenditure forecasts	Final 2022 budget and 2021 amendments prepared	Adoption of Budget
<b>Admin Team</b>		Budget requests & instructions to Departments/ Managers	Budget retreat, draft Division Budget Requests Due (Date?)	Finalize Division budget requests	Develop 2022 work plans and narratives	Finalize work plans and budget narrative	Final budget document to Board
<b>ED</b>		2021 workplan review and status report to Board	Initiate budget narrative, identify data points	Determine budget goals, outcomes	Prepare amended budget request, reserve allocations for Finance Committee	Property tax levy set and filed with county, Nov. 30 if possible	Submit final levy rate and budgets to all County Assessors



# FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

## EQUITY POLICY

### DRAFT

## Purpose

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries (FVRLibraries) recognizes that inequities exist and historically have not been identified or addressed within our organization and the communities we serve. The Equity Statement serves as the framework for creating and maintaining an environment of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

## Policy

This policy implements FVRLibraries Equity Statement.

### **FVRL's Equity Statement**

*FVRLibraries is committed to the work of creating equity in our communities by becoming an organization that listens to and acts upon the perspectives and experiences of people from systemically marginalized groups in our decision-making, policies, and practices.*

FVRLibraries continuously promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion by identifying and eliminating barriers impacting our staff and the public, by supporting broader public access to library programs, resources and services, and by providing the public and staff opportunities for growth through employment and education.

As a key component of our Strategic Plan, FVRLibraries will engage staff in EDI training, learning, self-reflection, and discussion in an effort to do this work.

This policy applies to all Library staff and volunteers including members of the Board of Trustees and all library policies, practices and activities.

## Definitions

The various terms and definitions used in this policy can be found in the [Equity Toolkit Glossary](#) (Make this a hyperlink to Source)

## Administration

The Executive Director is responsible for the administration of this policy, for establishing administrative procedures for its implementation and for making the policy available for the public at each branch and via the Library's web site.

## Severability

The Board of Trustees hereby declares its intention that the provisions of this policy are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph,

**FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT  
EQUITY POLICY  
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subdivision, section, chapter, title or other portion of this policy, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the policy, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Continuance**

The Board of Trustees hereby declares its intention that the provisions of this policy shall be construed and applied as a continuation of the provisions of the policy, as amended, insofar as applicable, and the repeal of any part of this policy shall not be construed as affecting such continuous application.

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Related Policies:

Applicable Statutes: RCW 1.20.100 Diverse Cultures and Languages;

Approval:

	June Circulation			YTD Circulation		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	2020	Change
Battle Ground Community Library	36,837	1,742	2014.64%	172,015	146,912	17.09%
Cascade Park Community Library	54,754	3,173	1625.62%	255,948	160,703	59.27%
La Center Community Library	7,059	377	1772.41%	30,486	15,231	100.16%
Ridgefield Community Library	4,261	453	840.62%	27,942	16,470	69.65%
Three Creeks Community Library	42,159	2,249	1774.57%	190,049	144,644	31.39%
Vancouver Community Library	40,842	2,651	1440.63%	209,437	232,038	-9.74%
Vancouver Mall Library	10,639	780	1263.97%	51,973	43,216	20.26%
Washougal Community Library	8,278	637	1199.53%	44,269	23,958	84.78%
Green Mountain Library Express	1	0	#DIV/0!	89	386	-76.94%
Yacolt Library Express	1,810	73	2379.45%	13,095	14,433	-9.27%
LibCabinet at Vancouver Mall	530	0	100.00%	5,736	0	100.00%
<b>Clark County Total</b>	<b>207,170</b>	<b>12,135</b>	<b>1607.21%</b>	<b>1,001,039</b>	<b>797,991</b>	<b>25.44%</b>
Woodland Community Library	4,861	537	805.21%	24,646	16,178	52.34%
Yale Library Express	444	9	4833.33%	1,223	1,200	1.92%
<b>Cowlitz County Total</b>	<b>5,305</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>871.61%</b>	<b>25,869</b>	<b>17,378</b>	<b>48.86%</b>
Goldendale Community Library	4,227	445	849.89%	22,371	23,113	-3.21%
White Salmon Valley Community Library	9,820	612	1504.58%	47,936	34,138	40.42%
Klickitat County Bookmobile	145	0	#DIV/0!	551	3,165	-82.59%
<b>Klickitat County Total</b>	<b>14,192</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1242.67%</b>	<b>70,858</b>	<b>60,416</b>	<b>17.28%</b>
North Bonneville Community Library	530	81	554.32%	3,372	1,579	113.55%
Stevenson Community Library	3,988	355	1023.38%	20,672	17,165	20.43%
Skamania County Bookmobile	547	0	#DIV/0!	1,671	2,883	-42.04%
<b>Skamania County Total</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1061.70%</b>	<b>25,715</b>	<b>21,627</b>	<b>18.90%</b>
District-wide renewals	235	72	226.39%	1,366	1,114	22.62%
Mail	4,341	423	926.24%	27,461	3,544	674.86%
InterLibrary Loan Materials	208	0	#DIV/0!	465	992	-53.13%
<b>Misc Total</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>866.46%</b>	<b>29,292</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>418.44%</b>
Downloadable eBooks	56,594	67,130	-15.69%	371,046	364,350	1.84%
eMagazines	2,153	2,124	1.37%	15,528	16,809	-7.62%
Downloadable & streaming audiobooks	50,230	46,816	7.29%	312,002	272,011	14.70%
Downloadable & streaming music	21,707	23,031	-5.75%	146,871	140,743	4.35%
Streaming video	9,492	9,271	2.38%	57,332	50,028	14.60%
<b>eContent Total</b>	<b>140,176</b>	<b>148,372</b>	<b>-5.52%</b>	<b>902,779</b>	<b>843,941</b>	<b>6.97%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376,692</b>	<b>163,041</b>	<b>131.04%</b>	<b>2,055,552</b>	<b>1,747,003</b>	<b>17.66%</b>

Circulation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2021	354,354	319,583	342,027		315,867	345,954	376,692						
2020	483,598	449,054	340,879		152,603	156,419	163,041	254,675	362,437	345,682	358,318	332,472	359,326
2019	477,043	438,875	477,211		460,003	466,499	471,854	528,029	516,490	476,265	506,404	472,214	461,191
2018	392,454	351,781	385,228		366,670	363,980	385,974	404,541	443,089	433,060	484,385	457,456	440,719
2017	380,454	358,623	406,079		375,833	367,121	385,120	397,687	398,107	352,918	376,854	364,317	349,375
2016	369,011	352,219	380,314		353,056	352,544	393,273	390,305	400,616	366,446	385,751	378,491	362,957
2015	377,040	335,845	375,191		363,677	350,381	384,435	411,510	396,692	364,930	384,285	357,395	352,286
2014	364,890	326,688	387,534		363,722	359,409	378,737	403,111	383,340	341,168	386,424	345,988	344,107
2013	364,478	324,143	349,755		355,702	348,329	372,329	390,912	377,589	328,140	360,895	339,723	315,994
2012	358,207	346,336	367,829		338,075	351,923	388,769	380,579	375,582	332,854	370,860	350,841	314,357
2011	305,926	293,701	346,568		309,024	306,768	335,800	350,535	369,819	330,437	347,941	343,405	317,387
2010	301,432	277,709	317,131		296,673	291,102	341,362	341,358	324,505	306,311	313,173	290,997	281,436

**Circ by Branch**

June	2021	2020	2021	2020
eContent	140,176	148,372	37.3%	91.0%
Cascade Park	54,754	3,173	14.6%	1.9%
Three Creeks	42,159	2,249	11.2%	1.4%
Vancouver	40,842	2,651	10.9%	1.6%
Battle Ground	36,837	1,742	9.8%	1.1%
Vancouver Mall	10,639	780	2.8%	0.5%
White Salmon	9,820	612	2.6%	0.4%
Washougal	8,278	637	2.2%	0.4%
La Center	7,059	377	1.9%	0.2%
Woodland	4,861	537	1.3%	0.3%
Mail	4,341	423	1.2%	0.3%
Ridgefield	4,261	453	1.1%	0.3%
Goldendale	4,227	445	1.1%	0.3%
Stevenson	3,988	355	1.1%	0.2%
Yacolt	1,810	73	0.5%	0.0%
BKS	547	0	0.1%	0.0%
North Bonneville	530	81	0.1%	0.0%
LibCabinet	530		0.1%	
BKK	145	0	0.0%	0.0%
Yale	9	9	0.0%	0.0%
Green Mountain	1	0	0.0%	0.0%
	375,813	162,969		

**Circulation by format**

June	2021	2020	2021	2020
Book	198,422	11,224	52.8%	6.9%
eBook	56,594	67,130	15.1%	41.2%
eAudio	50,230	46,816	13.4%	28.7%
DVD & Video	22,801	2,548	6.1%	1.6%
eMusic	21,707	23,031	5.8%	14.1%
eVideo	9,482	9,271	2.5%	5.7%
Audiobook	9,134	584	2.4%	0.4%
Magazine	4,698	268	1.3%	0.2%
eMagazine	2,153	2,124	0.6%	1.3%
Misc	167	27	0.0%	0.0%
Misc	167	14	0.0%	0.0%
Hotspots	55	-		
	375,555	163,037		

# Letter: Libraries open to suggestions

*Amelia Shelley, FVRL Executive Director, Vancouver*

2-3 minutes

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By

Published: June 17, 2021, 6:00am

I was devastated to read the letter to the editor concerning the library's books-by-mail program and our failure to meet a disabled patron's needs. Any mail-qualified patron can simply save the mailing envelope in which they received their library books, cross off their address and write, "Return to Sender" on the outside of the envelope, and put it out for the postal service to collect. Any return postal fees will be charged to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District.

During the pandemic, FVRL made the decision to expand our books-by-mail program to any interested users as a way of expanding access to library

materials. In the last 12 months, our books-by-mail service grew from 276 to 914 total patrons, and we are currently mailing an average of about 100 books each weekday. We did not intend to burden any existing mail-qualified users, but recognize that our decision created an undue hardship for some, and I sincerely apologize for creating that situation.

I take personal responsibility for the quality of our services and hope that our solution will work for any users who need assistance returning library materials through the mail. We value our library patrons and are always open to suggestions for how we can serve our communities better. You can reach me at [ashelley@fvrl.org](mailto:ashelley@fvrl.org) or by calling 360-906-5011.

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# Papier-mâché butterflies alight at Vancouver Community Library

*Scott Hewitt*

4-5 minutes

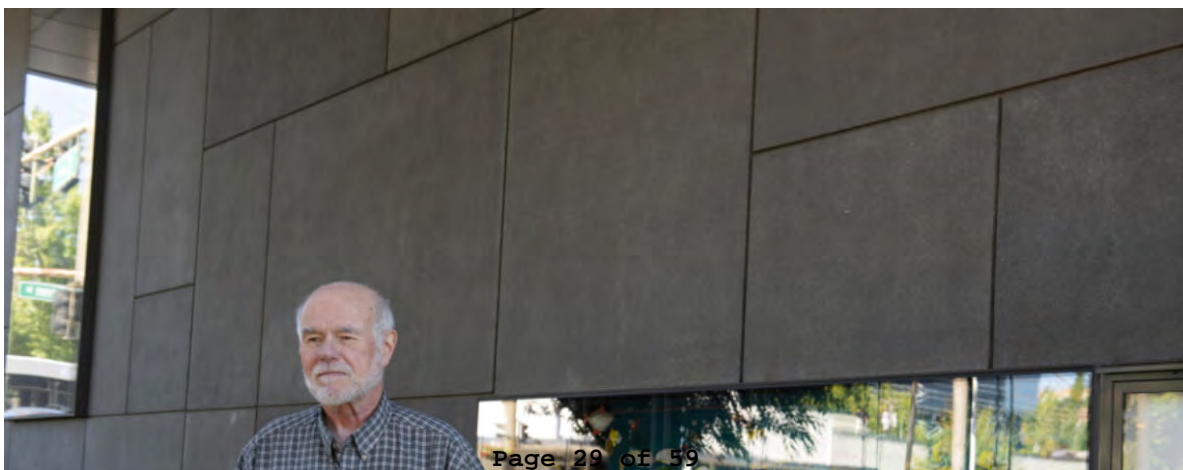
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**Vancouver native shares his creations, which include tropical fish, at facility in city's downtown**

By , Columbian Arts & Features Reporter

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Artist Jeff Hill shows off the "fish tank," full of his papier-mâché tropical fish, that's on display outside the Vancouver Community Library. The fish stop swimming at the end of this month, but a similar papier-mâché butterfly exhibit is on display inside the building through July. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian) Photo Gallery

While Vancouver native Jeff Hill enjoys bird-watching, he's always found the built-in suspense and the inevitable distance from his quarry a little frustrating. When the career anesthesiologist retired and moved to Hawaii part-time, he discovered how much easier it is to get up close and personal with tropical fish.

He fell in love with those scuba social visits, he said, and one year settled on a fish-ornament Christmas tree. Surprised to discover there were no such ornaments, he taught himself to make them out of papier-mâché.

That was nearly a decade ago, but you can see the colorful results in the front display window of the Vancouver Community Library, which is dolled up to



# N. nprofit organization to give out free meals at Washougal library

 camaspostrecord.com/news/2021/jun/24/nonprofit-organization-to-give-out-free-meals-at-washougal-library

Ju. e 24, 2021

## CAMAS-WASHOUGAL POST-RECORD

June 24, 2021 10:17 am | [comments](#)

Share, a Vancouver-based nonprofit organization, will provide free food to people 18 and younger at the Washougal Community Library this summer.

The “grab and go” meals will be available from noon to 1 p.m. every weekday from Monday, June 28, to Friday, Aug. 13, as part of Share’s “Summer Meals” campaign, a federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses providers who serve free meals to children when school is not in session.

“Food is incredibly important for a developing child or teen, and yet over 20,000 children in Clark County are considered food insecure, meaning they do not know when or where their next meal is coming,” Becci Read-Ryan, Share’s hunger and nutrition programs manager, said in a news release. “Share has partnered with Evergreen Public Schools, Vancouver Public Schools, as well as multiple faith-based communities and local apartment complexes. We are extremely grateful for their participation and commitment to helping feed children in our community.”

For more information, contact Read-Ryan at [bread-ryan@sharevancouver.org](mailto:bread-ryan@sharevancouver.org) or 360-553-8064.

# Clark County gets ready for 3 days of triple-digit heat

*Becca Robbins*

6-8 minutes

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## Cooling centers to be open amid hazardously hot weekend weather

By , Columbian staff writer

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Kayakers paddle on the water Saturday at Battle Ground Lake State Park. (Taylor Balkom for The Columbian)

The county is bracing for record-breaking triple-digit temperatures forecasted to peak at 109 degrees on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

With cooling shelters opening and services altering their schedules to keep employees out of the heat, Clark County Public Health warns people to be mindful of staying hydrated and taking care of themselves.

“We encourage everyone to avoid or limit physical activity outdoors, take shelter in air-conditioned buildings and drink plenty of fluids during this stretch of intense heat,” Public Health Director Alan Melnick said in a news release. “We strongly recommend organizers of outdoor events consider rescheduling or canceling those events.”

The National Weather Service also encourages people to check on their loved ones and neighbors, especially those who are elderly or very young. Those people are often more sensitive to heat.

The warming begins Friday and will bring three days of temperatures exceeding 100 degrees, according to forecasters. Although Vancouver reached 105 degrees in June 1942, forecasters say three days of triple-digit heat is unusual for the area.

## **heat stroke and heat exhaustion**

### **Warning signs of heat stroke include:**

- Body temperature above 103 degrees.
- Red, hot and dry skin; no sweating.
- Rapid pulse.
- Throbbing headache.
- Nausea.
- Dizziness.
- Confusion.

If you see someone experiencing heat stroke, officials warn people to call 911 and get them in cool water, whether from a bath, shower or garden hose. Don't try to get them to drink fluids, according to Public Health.

### **Warning signs of the less-severe heat exhaustion include:**

- Heavy sweating.

- Paleness.
- Tiredness.
- Weakness.
- Dizziness.
- Headache.
- Vomiting.

Vancouver's hottest day in recorded history was 108 degrees in July 2009.

Forecasters expect Monday and Tuesday to be cooler, but only back into the 90s.

Don't expect it to cool off much overnight either.

Forecasters predict overnight lows in the 70s or upper 60s.

Battle Ground activated the splash pads at Kiwanis and Whispering Pines parks for the rest of the summer.

Vancouver also turned on the Esther Short Park fountain Thursday. The Waterfront Vancouver interactive water feature debuts for the season in July.

County health officials have lifted the advisory for Vancouver Lake because water quality has improved. Still, public health warns people to avoid floating algae blooms in the lake.

## **Cooling centers**

Cooling shelters will be open throughout the county over the weekend.

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries are open with 50 percent capacity through the end of the month. The Vancouver Community Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at 901 C St.

The Cascade Park Library is open during the same hours at 600 N.E. 136th Ave., except that it is closed on Sunday.

The Three Creeks Library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 800 N.E. Tenney Road. It is closed Sunday but is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

People can go to the Battle Ground Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at 1207 S.E. Eighth Way. It is closed Sunday.

In Vancouver, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Living Hope Church will be open over the weekend with snacks and drinks. All three churches are also allowing pets

St. Joseph is open from 3:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 400 S. Andresen Road. It will also be open from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Trinity Baptist will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday at 6700 MacArthur Blvd. Living Hope's hours are 2 to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Monday. It is at 2711 N.E. Andersen Road.



The Battle Ground Community Center is encouraging anyone looking to cool down to bring games and come to the center from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 912 E. Main St.

The Ridgefield Administrative and Civic Center will be open from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 510 Pioneer St.

Cooling spaces will also be at:

- Marshall Park: 1069 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.
- Marine Park Boat Launch: 4501 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver.
- Leroy Haagen Memorial Park: Northeast Ninth Street, Vancouver
- North Devine Road at Burnt Bridge Creek.

- Vancouver Waterfront Park/Portland Loos (restrooms):  
695 Waterfront Way.
- Ballfields by the old Vancouver public library at Mill  
Plain Boulevard and Fort Vancouver Way.

### **Vaccination site**

The COVID-19 vaccination site at Tower Mall will close early at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and noon Monday due to the heat. The center is closed on Sundays.

The vaccination site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, which is its last day of operation. COVID-19 vaccinations are widely available at pharmacies and medical offices.

### **Water your trees**

Vancouver's Urban Forestry staff are encouraging people to ensure they're watering trees enough over the summer. Trees typically need about 10 gallons of water for every inch of diameter of the tree trunk, each time you water, according to the department.

Urban Forestry recommends people either turn a hose on low for 15 minutes, make holes in the bottom of a five-gallon bucket and fill it with water at the base of a



tree or install a slow-release watering bag to ensure that water reaches deeper roots.

They also recommend that people water in the mornings to reduce evaporation and mulch 3 feet around trees.

People can find more information about tree watering at [www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry).

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# Artist Claudia Carter's sculpture on permanent display at Vancouver Community Library

*Wyatt Stayner*

4-5 minutes

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By , Columbian staff writer

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Claudia Carter's Elephant Goddess sculpture sits behind a glass case in the Vancouver Community Library's fifth-floor Vancouver Room. Carter is known for creating an annual Black History Month exhibit at the library. (Joshua Hart/The Columbian) Photo Gallery

As Vancouver resident Claudia Carter continues to fight stage 4 pancreatic cancer, she recently crossed one more thing off her bucket list.

Carter, 66, is known around Clark County for her artwork and efforts to educate people about local Black history. In February, during Black History Month, Carter installed her fourth consecutive Black History Month exhibit at the Vancouver Community Library.

When Carter was diagnosed with cancer in February

2020, she was worried she wouldn't live to install another exhibit, and yet she did. In April, Carter achieved another major wish — or bucket-list item — by selling a sculpture to Friends of the Vancouver Community Library, which donated her sculpture to the downtown library.

Now, Carter's sculpture is a fixture of the library at 901 C St., residing in the Vancouver Room on the fifth floor. But it might be moved to the Columbia Room, which faces outside, when the library has a permanent display pedestal and signage made, said Beth Wood, senior public services librarian with Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries — Vancouver Community Library.

“All I know is that this piece I have done is going to live at the library forever, which is the best place because I love books, history and art,” Carter said.

Carter's sculpture is called Elephant Goddess and symbolizes the quiet strength that both elephants and women possess.

“I wanted people to look at it and feel that quiet strength that we have in us,” Carter said.

In an email, Wood said Carter is passionate about teaching the history of Black people in Clark County;

Carter has volunteered for the library, worked with children's programs, and displayed artwork at the library's First Friday artwalks and its Gray Space gallery.

"Claudia is the type of person who brings a community together through her actions and her energy, and we are so delighted to have one of her sculptures be on permanent display at the building where she volunteered her time and talent," Wood said in the email.

For the first time this year, Carter was able to bring her Black history exhibit to Clark County schools in the form of an educational video and study guide.

Carter said it's important for Black children to know they have local roots.

"Black history is all history, because it touches everybody," Carter told *The Columbian* in February.

"Once we acknowledge and accept that, we will be so much further along in this world."

As Carter nears the end of her life, she's raised roughly \$6,000 out of a \$12,000 fundraising goal to help herself and her family. Carter, who has two adult sons, used to work at the Boys & Girls Clubs, but she had to leave

due to the severity of her cancer. She said she regrets not better preparing financially for death, but she acknowledged, “You tend to think you are going to live forever.”

“It’s hard to talk about,” Carter continued. “I’m not trying to give up hope. I’m just trying to look out for my family. I don’t want to leave my family struggling.”

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# Crowd of hundreds celebrates new library building in Ridgefield

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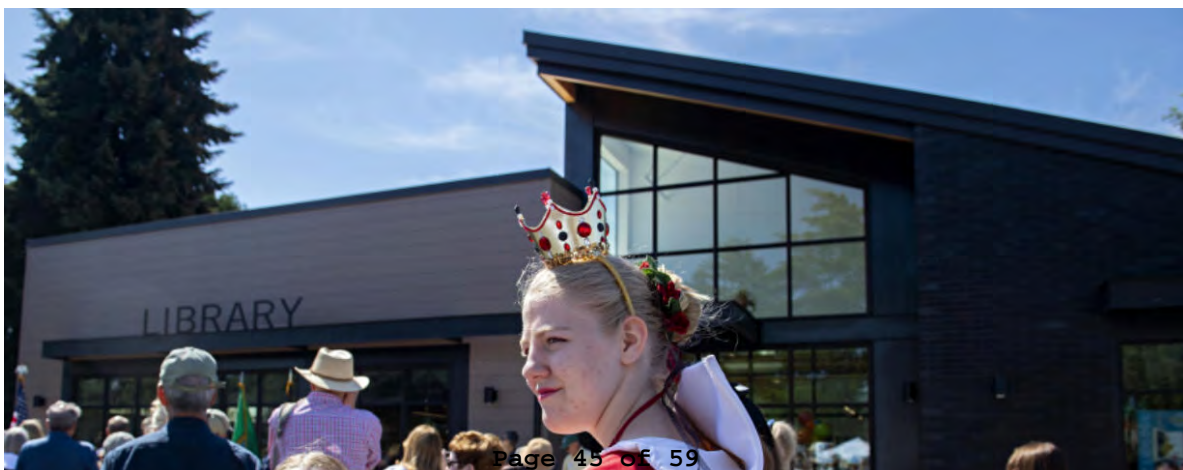
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**“This is all about the citizens of Ridgefield,” Mayor Don Stose said. “It’s all about you.”**

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A cast of book characters helped celebrate Friday's grand opening of the new Ridgefield Community Library, including 10-year-old Iris Taylor dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, and her sister, Guinevere Taylor, 14, dressed as the Queen of Hearts. About 500 attended the opening of the nearly 8,000-square-foot library at 210 Main Ave. in Ridgefield. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian) Photo Gallery

RIDGEFIELD — Minutes into her exploration of the new Ridgefield Community Library, Luci Groesbeck scoured the shelves, then found a comfy spot on a plush sofa.

The self-described bookworm also found a problem — a good problem to have.

“There’s so many books,” the 9-year-old said.

City officials estimated 500 community members came out to celebrate the launch of a bigger, better — and expanded — Ridgefield Community Library during its grand opening Friday.



Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries executive director Amelia Shelley invited all children 18 years and younger to be the first in line for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Friday's grand opening. Several dozen participated.

"Libraries are really about the future," Shelley said, "the future of this community, the future of their lives and the future of literacy."

Community support and donations, including 75 individuals and businesses who gave \$1,000 or more, helped contribute to the \$3.6 million total funding to remodel and construct the new library. The final \$500,000 needed to complete the cost came from grant money from the state's 2020 capital budget. Sen. Lynda Wilson, R-Vancouver, of the 17th Legislative District and Rep. Brandon Vick, R-Vancouver, of the 18th Legislative District joined city officials, library leaders, and community members at the ceremony.

The celebration also poured into Davis Parks featuring food, book sales, arts and crafts tents, police vehicles and fire engines from the city of Ridgefield and Clark-Cowlitz Fire and Rescue for kids to browse and a scavenger hunt downtown.

Discussions for a larger library in Ridgefield began with facilities and pre-design studies in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Since then, fundraising efforts and donors raised the money needed to expand the library from its previously small space of 2,300 square feet inside the former Ridgefield Community Center to a nearly 8,000-square-foot of space at the same location.

In 2019, the Ridgefield Community Center Association donated their property to allow the library to remodel the space, expand services and also keep the library downtown at 210 Main Ave.

The expanded library features adult, teen and children's literacy section areas, computer stations, study and meeting spaces, bookstore, laptop bar, and a community room. Added touches included whimsical wildlife that also serve as sound dampening pieces, and historical photos of Ridgefield on exterior windows surrounding the building.

Mayor Don Stose called the library a centerpiece of downtown. Friday's celebration also fell on the city's Main Street Day, which encourages community members to explore downtown Ridgefield's businesses, restaurants, parks and services.

“This is all about the citizens of Ridgefield,” Stose said.

“It’s all about you.”

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# In Our View: Cheers & Jeers: No big bangs; short on shots

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**Cheers:** To the tens of thousands of Clark County residents who followed the rules and didn't set off fireworks this year. Although there is no way to prove it, their responsible actions undoubtedly saved local firefighters from extinguishing dozens of fires. The Clark County fire marshal said the holiday weekend was relatively quiet, although two house fires are being blamed on fireworks. In Portland, which also had a ban, fireworks fires fell by 80 percent compared with the same time last year.

As if we need reminding, the area has suffered from unprecedented hot, dry weather, so the one-year fireworks ban in several jurisdictions, most notably unincorporated Clark County, was a prudent idea.

Cheers to people who were wise enough to follow the

law and obey the rules.

**Jeers:** To falling behind on vaccines. We're not talking about the COVID-19 vaccine here, but rather about the regular immunizations children get to ward off diseases such as measles and chicken pox. A report shows the number of vaccinations given to children in Washington dropped by hundreds of thousands of doses during the pandemic. It's understandable; people of all ages postponed preventive care during the pandemic, in part because they feared they would be exposed to COVID-19 at medical offices. And, doctors and nurses were busy!

Now it will be up to parents and health care providers to close the gap as quickly as possible. Public schools plan to offer in-person learning this fall, and summer gatherings are already taking place. It's important to protect our children from as many diseases as possible.

**Cheers:** To three new Career Launch programs at Clark College. The new programs have been developed in cooperation with local businesses and offer an Associate in Applied Technology degree to students pursuing careers in cuisine management or welding, and a Bachelor of Applied Science in

cybersecurity. The partners are Beaches Restaurant & Bar, Madden Fabrication and PeaceHealth.

The trio of new career programs join a half-dozen others that connect people looking for good-paying jobs and employers looking for skilled workers, fulfilling one of the community college's most important missions.

**Jeers:** To summer travel woes. When the pandemic hit, it devastated the travel industry. Now the pandemic has eased and Americans are eager to scratch their travel itch. But airlines in particular can't ramp up services as fast as demand has increased. That's led to a summer full of canceled flights, delays and customer service issues. A shortage of trained workers, including certified pilots, is largely to blame, and airlines say it may take months to reach full staffing. So if you're traveling this summer, be sure to pack patience along with your face mask.

**Cheers:** To a newly expanded and remodeled Ridgefield Community Library. The branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library celebrated a ribbon-cutting on Friday, capping a yearslong process to identify funding and a location. The 2,300-square-foot library ended up expanding into existing space at 210 N. Main Ave., where it now offers nearly 8,000 square feet of

library materials, computers, areas for children, teens and adults, and a meeting room. It's a great addition to Washington's fastest-growing city.

**Jeers:** To state Rep. Jim Walsh, who recently wore a yellow Star of David while making a speech critical of vaccines. Walsh issued an apology after media reports and a photo surfaced, but he should be deeply ashamed. Comparing life-saving efforts with the extermination of millions of people is abhorrent and such comments have no place in a civil society.

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# Ridgefield lib.ary opens to large crowd

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# The Reflector



The first members of the public browse the adult section of the Ridgefield Community Library during its grand opening on July 9.

Photo by Rick Bannan

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A project to give Ridgefield's library a bigger home to fit the growing city came to completion on July 9 as the new Ridgefield Community Library opened its doors to the public for the first time.

Coinciding with Ridgefield's Main Street Day, the grand opening of the roughly 7,900-square-foot facility brought hundreds to the ceremony, and eventually into the new building.

"This is an amazing turnout," said State Rep. Brandon Vick, R-Vancouver, adding Friday's event was the biggest ribbon-cutting event he has attended as a legislator in nine years.

Vick, alongside State Sen. Lynda Wilson, also a Vancouver Republican, were among dignitaries present at the grand opening.

Lawmakers secured some of the last funds for the roughly \$3.6 million project when \$500,000 was allocated in the state capital projects budget in 2020. Vick added the rest of the fundraising and general support from the city “made (legislators’) job a lot easier” as they worked to get the facility built.

“Ridgefield is good at this,” Vick remarked.

A fact sheet from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL), which oversees the operations and funds of the Ridgefield library as well as ones in Battle Ground and Woodland, showed the project received \$1 million in anonymous matching funds. The district itself covered more than \$1.5 million of the cost, and \$250,000 came from the Firstenberg Foundation.

Friends of the Ridgefield Community Library also raised \$300,000 for the project, which broke ground in August 2020. Friends of the Ridgefield Community Library member Tevis Laspa listed a plethora of different fundraisers the group undertook to get the facility built, including book sales, food and drink sales, a variety of classes, bunco and golf tournaments, tea parties, and a number of other events and activities.

Another Friends member, Kathy Winters, made fundraising pushes for years, beginning with an “80 for 80” campaign to raise \$80,000 for her 80th birthday, which turned out to raise more than \$100,000.

“It’s everything I had hoped for,” Winters said while inside the building as it filled with the first members of the public.

Mayor Don Stose said he’s been asked how Ridgefield is able to undertake so many projects.

“For me, (answering) that is easy: It’s all about partnerships,” Stose said. “That’s one of the reasons why this library project came together the way that it did.”

The new facility is an overhaul of the old Ridgefield Community Center, where the original 2,300-square-foot facility was housed. In 2018, the community center board offered the entire building to FVRL, allowing for the expansion.

Apart from sections focused on children, adults and teens, the library includes a technology area, meeting room and a community room that can be used after hours. The community room features a “hearing loop” which allows direct transmission of sound to hearing aids.

Ridgefield Community Library Branch Manager Sean McGill was delighted with the space. Having worked in the old facility for years, McGill said the new space is remarkable.

“I feel like a forest giant (going through the new building.) It feels spacious to me,” McGill said.

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## Harvest Days and other local events

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# The Reflector



Harvest Days will make an appearance this year, and organizers are ready to host a variety of festivities, including a pancake breakfast, vendor fair, parade and a newly-added lowrider cruise.

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The Battle Ground Festivals Association is preparing to host a number of events July 16-18 for the annual Harvest Days after last year's cancellation. Here's what to expect before you go.

### **Fire District 3 pancake breakfast**

This year's Harvest Days pancake breakfast hosted by Fire District 3 will benefit a local family.

A Fire District 3 paramedic nominated Nathan and his family. Nathan Klassen, a local child, was involved in an accident that involved a 10 foot log and required an airlift to the Randall Trauma Center.

"Thankfully, he's on the road to recovery after five skull fractures and a two-week stay in the hospital. He's home now and reunited with his brother and three sisters," the Fire District 3 GoFundMe page wrote.

The funds will go toward hospital bills, ongoing therapy and personal necessities. The goal is to raise \$3,000, Savanna Wood, Fire District 3 administrative assistant, wrote in an email.

Family tickets cost \$20 and individual tickets cost \$5.

The breakfast will be from 7 to 10 a.m. July 17 on the corner of Parkway Avenue and Main Street in Battle Ground.

Those unable to attend can donate to the GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/b2f9e362>.

### **Vendor fair, carnival and parade**

Community groups and familiar local figures will stroll down Battle Ground's Main Street for the Harvest Days parade at 10 a.m. on July 17.

Vendors made up of local businesses, political figures and nonprofits will occupy the area outside of the Battle Ground High School.

Profits from booth fees will benefit the Battle Ground Drama Club Boosters. Vendors will be set up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carnival rides presented by Butler Amusements will run from July 16-18.

### **Mini book sale**

After disruptions caused by the pandemic, the Friends of the Battle Ground Library are back to host their traditional Harvest Days mini book sale.

Attendees can browse fiction and nonfiction books, along with DVDs. A special table will feature art books donated by a professional artist.