



AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm

LOCATION: HYBRID: Zoom Meeting / Goldendale Community Library;

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7248898607> or <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 724 889 8607: Passcode: 136299 Or Dial: 206-337-9723

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Agenda Approval ACTION
- 3. Chair Announcements INFORMATION
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110 (1) – Personnel
- 6. Reports: INFORMATION
Organizational & Strategic Plan Report – Admin Team
Goldendale Community Library: Terra McLeod, Branch Manager
April 2023 Financial Statements: Attar Bhangal, Finance Manager
- 7. Consent Agenda ACTION
Minutes Approval: May 15, 2023 meeting
FVRL Expenditures Approval: Reviewed by Kristy Morgan
- 8. Business
 - Finance Committee
 - a. 2022 Annual SAO Financial Report INFORMATION
 - b. 2024 Budget Calendar INFORMATION
 - Policy Committee
 - a. Library Internet Use and Safety Policy: First Reading DISCUSSION
 - Foundation MOU Committee INFORMATION
 - Personnel Committee INFORMATION
- 9. Board Comments
- 10. Setting of next regular meeting – Monday, July 17, 2023 (Hybrid/White Salmon Community Library)
- 11. Adjournment



June 2023 - ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

1. Capital Projects

- Woodland Community Library
 - 100% Construction Drawing Review
 - Release of Invitation to Bid
 - Contractor site walk 06/14/23
 - Groundbreaking 06/17/23
- Grand Boulevard building
 - Lighting and casework completed
 - Electrical and low voltage complete
 - Ceiling and lighting started

2. Executive Director's Activities: May 16 to June 20, 2023 (highlights)

- C TRAN - KATU camera agreement
- City of Woodland - intergovernmental exchange of property
- Clark College Early Childhood Education Advisory Council
- Policy Committee Meeting
- Grand Boulevard - Q&A
- Quarterly staff reviews
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Public Libraries of Washington
- New Employee Orientation
- Vancouver Branch Manager interviews
- Branch Managers meeting
- Annual insurance renewals
- VAN Talks
- Goldendale Branch visit
- Board finance review
- City of Washougal - MOU for parking project
- Klickitat and Skamania County - 2022 annual reports
- Meet with Executive Recruiter
- City of Vancouver - I-5 Bridge Community Forum
- Grand Boulevard Q&A
- Woodland - Planters Day Parade w/Friends
- Cascade Park Mural dedication
- Senator Wilson - Washougal
- Yale Valley Library District Board meeting
- Revolutionary Reads author talk at Goldendale
- Battle Ground Village Retail Association
- Clark County - Vancouver Library Capital Facilities Area 2022 annual report

FVRL Branch Library Report - May 2023

La Center

Juneko Martinson held a wonderful needle felting workshop this month. She taught patrons to make a bird & nest wool sculpture. Patrons enjoyed the class immensely and we will definitely plan to do this.



Three Creeks

On May 6th, we celebrated Día del libro/Día del niño (Children's Day/Book Day)! Luis and Jair, the wonderful interns from Latino Leadership Northwest read stories in English and Spanish. In addition, we had a variety of crafts for all ages, and a tasty treat: paletas! One of the little boys had never tasted a popsicle or a paleta before and his mom was very pleased that his first experience was with a paleta! The participants had a great time and enjoyed interacting with Luis and Jair. The families were also excited to attend an event which included Spanish.



Vancouver Mall

Staff May has one of our branch's holy days,



It did not disappoint!

Goldendale

A local homeschool group came to the library for a tour. 15 excited littles (around age 8) got to tour areas of the library they wouldn't normally visit, including the bookmobile! The library also participated in the annual Home and Garden Show.



Woodland

We had a visitor come into the library who grew up in Hawaii and currently manages the Japanese war memorial on Bainbridge Island, WA. She was so complimentary about our Asian - American Cultural display. She was a wealth of information and I suggested she contact her local library as a place to share her experience and expertise. It made me appreciate the sharing of ideas and connections with others at work that we wouldn't necessarily cross paths with in our personal lives.



Yale Valley



On May 12th the Port of Woodland hosted an event at the library to celebrate the Fiber internet project, and gave the Yale community an opportunity to ask questions and talk with the ISP. It was very well attended, and provided an opportunity for many people to visit the library. Throughout the event Lesley issued 16 new library cards.

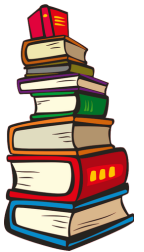
Battle Ground

May began our annual deluge of school visits. 372 students, teachers, and caregivers from five different schools explored and learned more about their community library. The smallest group was a homeschooling family of three, and the largest included over 60 Yacolt first graders. For this visit, we split into three groups for discussion, a tour of the building, and outdoor chalk art. The kids especially loved getting a tour of the back work room and witnessing our AMH in action.



Yacolt

Yacolt Primary school kindergarten students visited the library twice. There were seven classes in total with roughly 140 students. They all received new library cards, toured the library, learned how to check out a book, and also listened to a story. Genevieve and I took turns going out to help with the storytime. It was a juggling act to fit them all in but it was a great experience for all of us.



Cascade Park



A big highlight in May was the *Trashion Show*. Libs, Rebekah, Hanna, Mandie and other CP staff planned and hosted a fashion show where contestants used “trash” to create their fashions. We had 9 contestants, and 69 people in the audience! We gave out 5 prizes: adult category, teen category, and 3 judges' choices. We had 1 judge from the teen council, 1 judge from Kindred Homestead Supply, and 1 judge from the Friends.



Washougal

Mount Pleasant School visited the library on a field trip and had a great time learning about the library resources and summer at your library activities.



Dear Librarian,

Thanks for the tour of the Washougal Library. I had lots of fun with the scavenger hunt. I now have lots of activities to do in the summer! Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Sarah

Goldendale Monthly Report

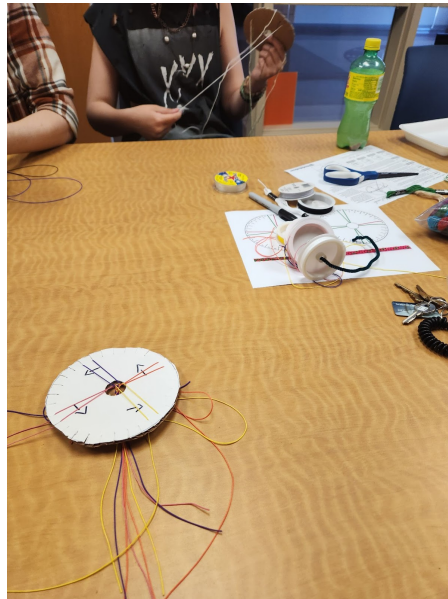
May 2023

Equity

- A newly turned 18 years of age patron came in and was able to take advantage of the amnesty program. She was so happy she was able to check out books again.

Bookmobile

- Adding a shelf of RRR to the BKK was originally for students who weren't able to check out a book but has become another resource for others such as our young patrons at other stops who may have had issues with their account in the past.
- We continued our crafty adventures in Georgeville, Bickleton and Roosevelt last month. We had a very active first turnout at the Georgeville Community Center, with many littles and several parents enjoying the bead or Kumihimo crafts and gathering. They enjoyed all the color options and had a blast making their items to take home. We also had many new visitors after the crafting was over, who were all excited to see the Bookmobile for the first time. Both Linda and Adrienne missed taking pictures as they had so many little hands to help—including 2 new library card signups. Huzzah! Bickleton had a smaller turnout this time around, as it seemed they had several other events going on that day. The patrons that did show, enjoyed the crafts and a chance to check out titles from the craft book display.





Connections

- Susan received a phone call from a gorge area retired educator. She had a large number of “literacy kits” she wanted to pass on to local libraries. She offered to bring the kits to the branch to review, however while talking with her, it became more apparent that they may not be right for the library and Susan offered to introduce her to the Headstart coordinator. It turned out that Ellen, the coordinator for Headstart was interested and a time was decided for all parties to meet at the GD Headstart to look at te kits. Susan was right that the kits did not fit our needs, but Ellen was very happy to accept them, believing all of the teachers would appreciated using them. The kits were large bins with props for one story which Headstart also had storage for. It is rewarding to connect people with local community members and partners that meet their needs.
- We planned ahead for May the 4th, used the district cutouts, and had a very spacey storytime.



- A local home school group came to the library for a tour. 15 excited littles (around age 8) got to tour areas of the library they wouldn't normally visit, including the bookmobile!



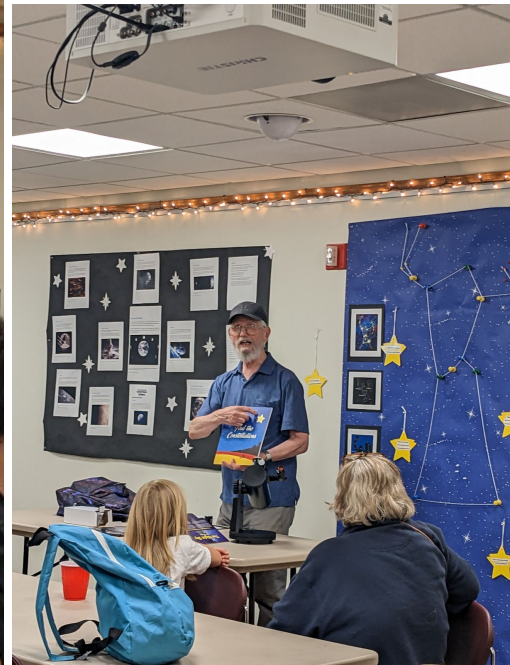
(we all learned to whisper in the quiet zone)





- The last of the Teen Wellness series brought new attendees and a great presentation from the middle and high school counselors. Well done Adrienne for putting this series together!
- Lou Palermo, the new executive director of the of the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum, gave a very informative presentation on women artists through history. We hope to have her again!
- Tacos & Telescopes brought more people than anticipated, and, thanks to Steve Stout, retired astronomer from the GD Observatory, included a great, sweet & short presentation on the reflective telescopes soon to be in our catalog. Unfortunately the clouds did not allow for us to use them to observe the moon. The displays on the wall were amazing and informative–kudos to Linda Ott for her creativity and willingness to do so much!





Bookmobile

- The most recent craft project on the bookmobile was a great hit where youth wrote about their favorite thing about the bookmobile but ultimately what they liked about books and reading, they're quite colorful!



- Working in rural areas means sometimes delaying our drive for a cattle run. My first one! The bull gave us the side eye as it walked past....



- I was able to attend the Goldendale Lamboree as the Librarian of their special collection. Someone from Yakima later visited the library and got themselves a reciprocal library card!



Partnerships

- We partnered with Fairy Godmother Creations, a local event company, in providing storytime at the local Home & Garden show. It was very well received, and the balloon tree is amazing! Partnering in this way was much more engaging with people than with the bookmobile that we had brought to the event last year.



- I gave a tour of the FVRL website and online resources at this month's Senior Services Advisory Board meeting. Attendees were surprised at the wealth of resources and I agreed to send a resource highlight for the monthly senior services newsletter.

- The first of a monthly share of business-related resources was published this month in the GD Chamber newsletter!

Business Resources

The Goldendale Community Library holds a number of resources that support small businesses. eResources allow an entrepreneur to search for local demographic information, find legal resources, and stay on top of current trends. There are, of course, many books available as well. In the coming months, a new book, series, or eResource will be highlighted, all available through your community library free with your library card. Want to see something on a specific topic? Please let your librarian know.



Check out these resources at the Goldendale Community Library



Stay Connected with the Library [HERE](#)

Organizational Culture

- We got our new and improved microfilm reader! Thanks John for coming out and putting it together!



- And thank you Amelia for visiting!

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Statement Of Cash
For the Month Ending April 2023 (With year-to-date totals)

December 31, 2022 Ending Cash Balance	\$20,940,100
Year-to-date Revenue Received	\$12,493,423
Year-to-date Expenditures	-\$9,854,789
Add back Expenditures incurred but unpaid	-\$59,398
Cash Balance April 30, 2023	\$23,519,336

January 01, 2023 - December 31, 2023 Fiscal Year

Restatement of cash balance with cash reserve plan summary -

January 1, 2023 Starting Cash Balance:	\$20,940,100
April 30, 2023 Ending Cash Balance:	\$23,519,336
Reserve Plan Objectives 1-5:	-\$12,040,426
Operational Reserve (Unassigned)	\$11,478,910

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Statement Of Revenue - Calendar Year 2023
For the Month Ending April 2023 (With year-to-date totals)

	2023 Budget (Approved 12/22)	April 2023 Revenues	Year-to-Date Totals thru April 2023	Year - to - Date Annual Budget Percent
Property Taxes				
311.10.(Property Taxes - Clark	25,300,000	10,023,840	11,992,881	47.40%
311.10.(Property Taxes - Skamania	690,000	46,372	90,114	13.06%
311.10.(Property Taxes - Klickitat	1,315,000	134,726	155,932	11.86%
311.10.(Property Taxes - Cowlitz	315,000	17,525	19,832	6.30%
Total Property Taxes	27,620,000	10,222,463	12,258,759	44.38%
Other Taxes				
312.10. Other General Tax	25,000	-	22,283	89.13%
318.20 Leasehold Excise Tax	95,000	1,349	32,894	34.63%
Total Other Taxes	120,000	1,349	55,177	45.98%
Intergovernmental, Grants & Contracts				
332.00 Federal in-lieu of Taxes	15,000	10,365	16,220	108.14%
335.05 State Forest Boards	150,000	269	11,897	7.93%
333.00 State Grants	25,000	-	-	-
338.7 Yale Valley Library Dist	180,000	-	-	0.00%
338.72 Contracts - Clark County Jail	500	-	-	0.00%
Total Intergovernmental, Grants & Contracts	370,500	10,634	28,117	7.59%
Charges for Services				
341.60 Equipment Use Fees	20,000	2,515	10,541	52.71%
347.21 Non-Resident Borrower Fee	6,000	66	800	13.33%
347.90 Lost / Damaged Material Fee	25,000	381	2,244	8.98%
347.50 Collection Agency Referral Fee	0	-	150	0.00%
Total Charges for Services	51,000	2,962	13,735	26.93%
Miscellaneous				
361.11 Investment Interest	200,000	36,052	113,789	56.89%
362.00 Rental Income	1,000	200	239	23.91%
367.10 Gifts/Contributions	15,000	6	169	1.13%
369.90 Library Friends Groups' Reimbursements	300,000	3,712	6,157	2.05%
369.90 Library Foundation Reimbursements	2,500,000	1,150	4,729	0.19%
369.40 Insurance Reimbursements	2,500	-	7,000	280.00%
369.90 Miscellaneous	2,500	59	3,048	121.94%
367.1 Private Grants	50,000	-	1,153	2.31%
369.90 Other Miscellaneous - E-Rate	150,000	-	-	0.00%
395.00 Sale of Assets	20,000	388	1,349	6.74%
Total Miscellaneous	3,241,000	41,567	137,634	4.25%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 31,402,500	10,278,975	12,493,423	39.78%
Transfer in from Reserves	\$ 2,500,000	-	-	0.00%
Total Revenues and Transfer from Reserve	\$ 33,902,500	10,278,975	12,493,423	36.85%

Jan.-Dec. 2023 Fiscal Year

April is the 4th month of the fiscal year.
Year-to-date budget percentages should
be at 33.00%, representing 4/12
months.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Statement of Expenses - Calendar Year 2023
For the Month Ending April 2023 (With year-to-date totals)

<u>Bars</u>	<u>Description</u>	2023 Budget (Approved 12/22)	April 2023 Expenditures	Year-to-Date Totals thru April 2023	Year to Date Annual Budget Percentage
Personnel					
572.10	Wages	12,750,000	1,038,988	4,007,819	31.43%
572.24	Benefit - Medical	2,300,000	185,383	740,327	32.19%
572.24	Benefit - Dental	240,000	20,908	83,515	34.80%
572.24	Benefit - Life, LTD, AD&D	75,000	11,975	49,043	65.39%
572.22	Benefit - PERS	1,324,725	102,286	404,168	30.51%
572.21	Benefit - FICA	975,375	77,964	300,626	30.82%
572.25	Benefit - L & I - Workers Compensation	100,000	6,746	25,051	25.05%
572.25	Benefit - PFML	27,785	2,276	8,771	31.57%
572.28	Unemployment Expense	10,000	-	2,947	29.47%
	Personnel Subtotal:	17,802,885	1,446,525	5,622,267	31.58%
Supplies					
572.30	Supplies	458,000	26,074	102,476	22.37%
572.35	Small Equipment (FF&E)	250,000	4,203	40,299	16.12%
572.38	Technology	462,000	9,137	36,094	7.81%
572.33	Professional Collection / Tech	300,000	15,669	112,247	37.42%
	Supplies & Small Equipmt/Tech Subtotal:	1,470,000	55,082	291,117	19.80%
Library Books / Materials					
572.34	Library Books & Materials	1,903,500	76,586	451,344	23.71%
572.39	Electronic Resources	1,896,500	93,191	531,107	28.00%
	Library Materials Subtotal:	3,800,000	169,777	982,450	25.85%
Other Services / Charges					
572.41	Professional Services	2,079,225	117,447	445,610	21.43%
572.42	Communications	410,000	22,101	142,996	34.88%
572.43	Training / Travel	108,000	7,608	36,355	33.66%
572.44	Advertising	30,000	40	1,228	4.09%
572.45	Rentals / Leases	560,000	56,493	186,521	33.31%
572.46	Insurance	250,000	426	7,689	3.08%
572.47	Utilities	450,000	34,141	160,400	35.64%
572.48	Repairs & Maintenance	870,000	124,719	300,790	34.57%
572.49	Misc / Dues / Printing / Other	163,750	5,846	51,412	31.40%
572.50	Intergovernmental Services	3,640	244	1,427	39.21%
	Other Charges & Services Subtotal:	4,924,615	369,063	1,334,429	27.10%
Capital Outlay					
594.62	Buildings / Non-Owned	300,000	-	-	0.00%
594.62	Buildings / Owned	5,500,000	74,748	198,948	3.62%
595.62	Yale	40,000	-	-	0.00%
594.64	Machinery & Equipment	65,000	8,098	50,868	78.26%
	Capital Outlay Subtotal:	5,905,000	82,847	249,816	4.23%
Total Operating Expenditures:		33,902,500	2,123,294	8,480,078	25.01%
Total Reserved Projects			311,195	1,374,711	
Grand Total All Expenditures:		33,902,500	2,434,489	9,854,789	29.07%



Public Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

Location: Hybrid: Zoom Meeting/Stevenson Community Library

Call to Order 6:00 PM
Chair Morgan, called the regular meeting to order.

Attendees

Board Members Present: Kristy Morgan, Megan Dugan, Penny Love-Henslee (virtual), Olga Hodges (virtual), Marie Coffey (virtual), Vikram Kotwani (virtual), Mary Ann Duncan-Cole.
Administrative Team: Executive Director, Amelia Shelley; Three Creeks Branch Manager, Elizabeth Moss; Executive Assistant and Recorder, Rhonda Kay Calkins; Collection & Technology Services Director, Lynne Caldwell; Communications and Marketing Director, Tak Kendrick; Human Resources Director, Lee Strehlow; Finance Manager, Attar Bhangal
Guests: Stevenson Branch Manager, David Wyatt, Student and Youth Partnerships Coordinator, Kelsey Hudson and PFM Financial Advisor, Duncan Brown (virtual).

Agenda Approval 6:03 PM
Motion: Megan Dugan
2nd: Penny Love-Henslee
The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Announcements 6:04 PM
Amelia Shelley welcomes Ruth Shafer as the temporary Public Services Director.

Public Comments 6:04 PM

- In support of DQSH: Emily Gandy, Quil Onstead
- Against DQSH: Phil Kronebosch, Tiffany Heine, Gary Wilson, Julia Dawn Seaver
- Against Censorship: Jude Jacobs, Katherine Gardner, Ash DeBuse

Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110 (1g) – Personnel and Publicly Bid Contracts 6:22 PM
Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:22 pm for 25 minutes.
Meeting restarted at 6:46 pm.

Reports

Facility Financing Options: Duncan Brown, PFM Financial Advisors 6:46 PM
Mr. Brown provided a debt overview and market update. He explained how bonds work within library districts and discussed tax increment finance areas.

Summer at Your Library: Kelsey Hudson, Youth Outreach and Program Coordinator 7:23 PM
Ms. Hudson discussed upcoming summer programs.

Stevenson Community Library Branch Report: David Wyatt 7:38 PM
Mr. Wyatt shared updates about the Stevenson Community Library including the Skamania Bookmobile. Mr. Wyatt shared upcoming programs and recent events.



- March 2023 Financial Statements:** Attar Bhargal 7:49 PM
Mr. Bhargal discussed March 2023 financial statements.
- FVRL Foundation Report:** Rick Smithrud, Foundation Director 7:54 PM
Discussed the most current event, Love Your Library in Woodland along with upcoming fundraising events.
- FVRL Expenditure Approval: Reviewed by Megan Dugan** 8:08 PM
Megan Dugan attested that she reviewed the April expenditures and found them in order.
- Consent Agenda** 8:08 PM
Chair Morgan, asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and meeting minutes from April 17, 2023.
Motion: Megan Dugan
2nd: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole
Motion carried unanimously.
- Business**
- Fee Forgiveness for Minors at 18 + Resolution 2023-12:** Lynne Caldwell 8:10 PM
A resolution was brought to the board for account forgiveness to minors when they turn 18.
Motion: Megan Dugan
2nd: Marie Coffey
Motion carried unanimously.
- Ridgefield Tax Increment Financing Area:** Amelia Shelley 8:13 PM
Ms. Shelley presented information on tax increment finance, or TIF's, adding on to what Mr. Brown presented and what impacts will look like for Ridgefield areas.
- Woodland Community Library:** Amelia Shelley 8:18 PM
Ms. Shelley presented information about the Woodland's groundbreaking event for June 17, 2023 at 2:00 PM. FVRL is looking to put the project to bid in early June.
- Grand Boulevard – Foundation:** Amelia Shelley 8:19 PM
Ms. Shelley presented information on the Operation Center's move to Grand Boulevard. The Foundation has chosen to find office space elsewhere. FVRL is still moving forward with the July 10, 2023 date.
- Right of First Refusal Limited Waiver – Resolution 2023-11:** Amelia Shelley 8:20 PM
Ms. Shelley presented on a limited waiver of a right of first refusal held by FVRL for property adjacent to the Vancouver Library.
Motion: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole
2nd: Penny Love-Henslee



Personnel Handbook (second reading): Lee Strehlow 8:34 PM
Ms. Strehlow shared information from the most recent Policy Committee meeting. Discussion on whether or not the Handbook required Board approval. Ms. Shelley and Ms. Strehlow to research.

Foundation Policy: Amelia Shelley 9:09 PM
This was requested by the MOU Committee.

New Business

Media Communications: Tak Kendrick 9:17 PM
Mr. Kendrick discussed media communication protocols and how we handle media requests.

Public Comments at Board Meetings: Kristy Morgan 9:31 PM
Chair Morgan discussed splitting the current public comment protocol at future board meetings. No changes were made.

Executive Director Search: Lee Strehlow 9:39 PM
Ms. Strehlow discussed that the Personnel Committee has met twice. They have met with consultants and are in the process of finalizing a contract with a firm to assist with the hiring process of the future Executive Director. Ms. Strehlow discussed the hiring process and timeline.

Board Comments: 9:44 PM
Ms. Dugan expressed they had a good time at the Woodland fundraiser and thanked the Foundation.
Chair Morgan thanked David Wyatt for having us and also the Foundation for coming to the meeting.
Ms. Hodges and Coffey thanked Lee Strehlow for all her efforts.

Setting of next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (Hybrid/Goldendale Community Library) 9:45 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting
Moved: Penny Love-Henslee
2nd: Chair Morgan adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment 9:45 PM
Approved:

Kristy Morgan, Chair _____ Date _____

Megan Dugan, Vice Chair _____ Date _____

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Staff Report 2023-31
Finance Committee Report**

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Finance Committee, Amelia Shelley

DATE: 6/20/2023

SUBJECT: SAO 2022 Annual Report, 2024 Budget calendar

SAO 2022 Annual Report Summary:

The State Auditor's Office requires each tax collecting entity in Washington to file an annual financial report by May 28 for the prior year. FVRL engaged Teresa D. Johnson CPA and Associates for the purpose of filing this report and others as required by law. Under our Fiscal Management Policy and state statute, FVRL is required to provide a copy of the annual report to the Board for their review.

Highlights from the report:

Starting cash for 2022 was \$19,674,309, with a total revenue of \$27,837,204. Operational expenditures of \$25,369,102 and capital expenditures debt service (long term leases) of \$2,003,910 combined for a total expenditure of \$27,373,012. Ending cash was \$20,941,111, an increase of \$1,266,802 in cash over the prior year.

The District's estimated liability for vacation pay benefits on December 31, 2022 is \$716,836, the estimated liability for paid family medical leave is \$18,910 and the estimated liability for sick leave benefits on December 31, 2021 is \$336,300.

New reporting requirements for lease liabilities are shown as Note 8. This reflects the total value of the lease for the number of years that the lease is enforced and shows on the financial report as debt service. The total shows leases for various properties and equipment.

The annual report also includes information on the Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area bond debt liabilities, which are administered by the Clark County Council, managed under its own budget and funded through a separate property tax assessment.

Action:

None required at this time. Obligation to share the report with the Board and Counties is completed.

2024 Budget Calendar Summary:

June starts the annual budget calendar with a first projection of annualized expenditures by the end of the month. This will be shared with the Finance Committee as a starting place for the 2024 budget and to determine if there may be a need for a budget adjustment later in the year. June is also a good

opportunity to review the entire budget planning calendar to anticipate tasks that are in the months ahead to ensure that everyone is aware of the timing of various steps and expectations.

Staff have prepared a five year look ahead budget that reflects an average of 3% growth annually in revenue (based on our historical average) that will serve as the basis for the 2024 budget projections until estimated and actual figures come from the county assessors in the fall.

Action:

None required at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT CERTIFICATION

Fort Vancouver Regional Library
(Official Name of Government)

1637
MCAG No.

Submitted pursuant to RCW 43.09.230 to the Washington State Auditor’s Office

For the Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2022

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION:

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Official Phone Number _____

AUDIT CONTACT or PREPARER INFORMATION and CERTIFICATION:

Audit Contact or Preparer Name and Title Teresa Johnson CPA
Contact Phone Number _____
Contact E-mail Address team@tdj.cpa

I certify 16th day of May, 2023, that annual report information is complete, accurate and in conformity with the Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting Systems Manual, to the best of my knowledge and belief, having reviewed this information and taken all appropriate steps in order to provide such certification. I acknowledge and understand our responsibility for the design and implementation of controls to ensure accurate financial reporting, comply with applicable laws and safeguard public resources, including controls to prevent and detect fraud. Finally, I acknowledge and understand our responsibility for immediately submitting corrected annual report information if any errors or an omission in such information is subsequently identified.

Signatures

Teresa Johnson (team@tdj.cpa)

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

		<u>001 General</u>
Beginning Cash and Investments		
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	19,674,309
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-
Revenues		
310	Taxes	26,818,520
320	Licenses and Permits	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	186,618
340	Charges for Goods and Services	314,969
350	Fines and Penalties	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	517,097
Total Revenues:		<u>27,837,204</u>
Expenditures		
510	General Government	-
520	Public Safety	-
530	Utilities	-
540	Transportation	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-
560	Social Services	-
570	Culture and Recreation	25,369,102
Total Expenditures:		<u>25,369,102</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		2,468,102
Other Increases in Fund Resources		
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-
397	Transfers-In	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	229,269
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	573,341
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		<u>802,610</u>
Other Decreases in Fund Resources		
594-595	Capital Expenditures	1,723,199
591-593, 599	Debt Service	280,711
597	Transfers-Out	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		<u>2,003,910</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:		<u>1,266,802</u>
Ending Cash and Investments		
50821	Nonspendable	-
50831	Restricted	-
50841	Committed	-
50851	Assigned	-
50891	Unassigned	20,941,111
Total Ending Cash and Investments		<u>20,941,111</u>

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is a special purpose governmental entity that provides library services to the general public and is supported primarily through property taxes. The District was founded in 1950 and operates under the provisions of RCW 27.12, the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a library district. The District uses single-entry, cash basis accounting which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The District reports financial activity in accordance with the Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed, but are not included in the financial statements.
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The Schedule of Liabilities is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances are presented using classifications that are different from the ending net position classifications in GAAP.

A. Fund Accounting

The financial transactions and accounts of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for with a separate set of single-entry accounts that comprises its cash, investments, revenues, and expenditures as appropriate. The District's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following are the fund types used by the District:

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Governmental Fund Type

General Fund: This fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for the financial resources of the District except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received, and expenditures are recognized when paid.

In accordance with state law the District also recognizes expenditures paid during twenty days after the close of the fiscal year for claims incurred during the previous period.

C. Cash and Investments

It is the District's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The amount is included on the statement of resources and uses arising from cash transactions as net cash and investments. See Note 2, *Deposits and Investments* for detailed year-end information and data.

D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 3 years. Capital assets are long-lived assets of the District and are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Collection materials (books, magazines, videos, electronic resources, etc.) are recorded as operating expenditures when purchased.

E. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 240 hours and is payable upon separation or retirement. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

Sick leave may accumulate indefinitely. Upon separation or retirement, employees with over 10 years of employment will be paid 25% of their balance up to 240 hours. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

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Vacation leave and sick leave liabilities are reflected on Schedule 09, the schedule of long-term liabilities. The District's estimated liability for vacation pay benefits on December 31, 2022 is \$716,836, the estimated liability for paid family medical leave is \$18,910 and the estimated liability for sick leave benefits on December 31, 2021 is \$336,300.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The District's deposits are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission as utilized by the Clark County Treasurer's Office.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District investments are held by Clark County as its agent in the District's name involuntarily. The pool is not rated or registered with the SEC. Rather, oversight is provided by the County Finance Committee in accordance with RCW 36.48.070. The District's cash is invested by Clark County Local Government Investment Pool. Investments in the pool are reported at fair value and the financial statement reports the investments at original cost, with interest reported when received. The fair value increase at December 31, 2022 was \$(705,221) as reported on the investment pool statement. Deposits and investments by type at December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Cash on Hand/Petty Cash	2,092
Cash held by Clark County*	<u>672</u>
Subtotal - Cash	2,763
FVRL Investment	<u>20,938,348</u>
Subtotal - Clark County Investment Pool	20,938,348
Total Cash & Investments	<u><u>20,941,111</u></u>

* \$401,779 held to pay warrants outstanding at 12/31/2022

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NOTE 3 – BUDGET

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund. This budget is appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end. The annual appropriated budget is adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budget is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Final Appropriated Amount</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$31,535,500	\$27,373,011	\$4,162,489

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between object classes within departments by the Finance Manager, however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District’s Board of Trustees (the District’s legislative body).

NOTE 4 – PENSION PLANS

Substantially all District full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the following statewide retirement systems administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined contribution retirement plans, PERS 1 and PERS 2/3.

The State Legislature establishes, and amends, laws pertaining to the creation and administration of all public retirement systems.

The Department of Retirement Systems, a department within the primary government of the State of Washington, issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each plan. The DRS CAFR may be obtained by writing to:

Department of Retirement Systems
Communications Unit
PO Box 48380
Olympia, WA 98504-8380.

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The DRS CAFR may also be downloaded from the DRS website at www.drs.wa.gov.

At June 30, 2022 (the measurement date of the plans), the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities (assets) was as follows:

Plan	Employer		Liability (Asset)
	Contributions	Allocation %	
PERS 1	422,480	0.068935 %	1,919,403
PERS 2/3	708,071	0.088138 %	(3,268,845)

Net pension liabilities are reported on the Schedule of Liabilities.

NOTE 5 – PROPERTY TAX

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed (at/after) the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by the District. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District's regular levy for the year 2022 was \$.31855 per \$1,000 as follows:

County	Assessed Valuation	Levy
Clark	\$ 76,012,441,378	\$ 24,213,602
Skamania	2,101,788,372	669,520
Klickitat	4,175,702,293	1,330,161
Cowlitz	1,000,265,615	318,632
	<u>\$ 83,290,197,658</u>	<u>\$ 26,531,915</u>

NOTE 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District purchases insurance from commercial carriers to protect itself against general liability, employee dishonesty, and automobile and property damages. The insurance is purchased through Biggs Insurance Services.

The District has had no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage for the past three years.

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The District participates in the State of Washington Labor and Industries worker's compensation insurance program, however, management has elected to become self-insured through the Washington State Employment Security Department on a reimbursement basis. No reserve for self-insurance has been established as the potential liability is not considered to be material to the financial statements.

NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Library Capital Facility Areas

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District serves as fiscal agent for Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area.

In 1995, The Washington Legislature adopted legislation, codified as Chapter 27.15 RCW, permitting the creation of library capital facility areas (LCFA) for the purpose of financing the construction of library capital facilities (libraries). A LCFA is formed when a library district and a city or town request a county legislative authority to both establish a library capital facility area and submit a ballot proposition to create a LCFA. Once formed, a LCFA may issue general obligation bonds with a super majority (60%) approval of voters in the LCFA and then construct a library capital facility including the building, equipment, collection, and other items needed to operate a library with the LCFA.

The District has entered into two such library capital facility areas with Clark County. The LCFAs are independent taxing districts that are separate from the County, the Library District and the City. The District has been designated by interlocal agreements with Clark County to perform specific functions relative to the Capital Facility Areas and serve as administrator of them. The Library District, with assistance from the County Treasurer, is responsible for selecting the underwriter, bond counsel and other consultants necessary for issuance of the Bonds.

In 2016 the VLCFA issued \$26,115,000 of general obligation refunding bonds to retire \$28,365,000 of existing 2007 and 2009 series bonds. This refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 12 years by \$2,955,249. VLCFA will reduce its levy proportionally in ensuing years as the tax burden is reduced over the life of the bonds.

The books, records and financial statements of the Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area are available at FVRL's District Headquarters located at 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98663.

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Yale Valley Library District

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District serves as fiscal agent for Yale Valley Library District. In May 2003, citizens in the Yale precinct successfully voted to form a partial-county, rural library district. Yale Valley Library District contracts with Fort Vancouver Regional Library District for services. During 2022, the Yale Valley Library District reimbursed the District for \$51,419 construction expenses paid on its behalf and \$124,578 for operating expenses and annual contract payment for services.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation exists to provide assistance and aid in the development, maintenance, promotion, growth and preservation of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation have a current agreement entered into on August 21, 2015. The articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the foundation specifically limit the activities of the foundation to projects that support Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. The relationship between the foundation and the library is contractual. The foundation has agreed to solicit and manage donations on behalf of the library in return for administrative support. The Foundation supports programs which complement, but do not supplant, tax-based funding for FVRL. During 2022, the foundation provided \$143,687. In addition to general contributions.

NOTE 8 – LEASES

The District leases buildings for \$20,541 per month under lease agreements that range from 5 to 10 years. The leases began in March of 2013 and will end September 2039.

The District leases printers and copiers for \$14,636 per month under 5-year lease agreements with rotating end dates.

The total amount paid for leases in 2022 was \$280,711. As of December 31, 2022, the future minimum lease payments are as follows:

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	<u>Total</u>
2023 \$	384,900
2024	394,980
2025	404,040
2026	408,585
2027	384,223
2028-2032	924,220
2033-2037	1,029,250
2038-2042	<u>392,739</u>
\$	<u><u>4,322,938</u></u>

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Schedule 01

For the year ended December 31, 2022

MCAG	Fund #	Fund Name	BARS Account	BARS Name	Amount
1637	001	General	3083100	Restricted Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$0
1637	001	General	3084100	Committed Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$0
1637	001	General	3085100	Assigned Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$0
1637	001	General	3089100	Unassigned Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$19,674,309
1637	001	General	3111000	Property Tax	\$26,818,520
1637	001	General	3329210	COVID-19 Non-Grant Assistance	\$132,618
1637	001	General	3321523	Payment In-Lieu of Tax	\$54,000
1637	001	General	3472000	Library Services	\$238,927
1637	001	General	3479000	Other Culture and Recreation Fees	\$76,042
1637	001	General	3611000	Investment Earnings	\$217,886
1637	001	General	3620000	Rents and Leases	\$125,575
1637	001	General	3670000	Contributions and Donations from Nongovernmental Sources	\$1,858
1637	001	General	3699100	Miscellaneous Other Operating	\$171,778
1637	001	General	5721010	Administration	\$4,252,949
1637	001	General	5721020	Administration	\$1,659,132
1637	001	General	5721030	Administration	\$533,383
1637	001	General	5721040	Administration	\$586,563
1637	001	General	5722010	Library Services	\$6,859,113
1637	001	General	5722020	Library Services	\$3,010,664
1637	001	General	5722030	Library Services	\$3,887,358
1637	001	General	5722040	Library Services	\$3,595,845
1637	001	General	5724040	Training	\$106,494
1637	001	General	5725010	Facilities	\$584,864
1637	001	General	5725020	Facilities	\$270,219
1637	001	General	5725030	Facilities	\$10,703
1637	001	General	5725040	Facilities	\$11,815
1637	001	General	5083100	Restricted Cash and Investments - Ending	\$0
1637	001	General	5084100	Committed Cash and Investments - Ending	\$0
1637	001	General	5085100	Assigned Cash and Investments - Ending	\$0
1637	001	General	5089100	Unassigned Cash and Investments - Ending	\$20,941,111
1637	001	General	3823000	Non-Fiduciary Collections for Others	\$573,341
1637	001	General	3850000	Special or Extraordinary Items	\$229,269
1637	001	General	5917270	Debt Repayment - Libraries	\$280,711
1637	001	General	5947260	Capital Expenditures/Expenses - Libraries	\$1,723,199

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Schedule of Liabilities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

ID. No.	Description	Due Date	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities						
264.30	Net Pension Liability		822,391	1,097,012	-	1,919,403
259.12	Vacation Sick Leave Liability		910,519	161,527	-	1,072,046
263.57	3 facility leases and 3 equipment leases		3,965,303	638,346	280,711	4,322,938
	Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:		5,698,213	1,896,885	280,711	7,314,387
	Total Liabilities:		5,698,213	1,896,885	280,711	7,314,387

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN Number	Other Award Number	Expenditures			Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
				From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total		
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES, TREASURY, DEPARTMENT OF THE	CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS	21.027		-	132,618	132,618	-	
Total Federal Awards Expended:				-	132,618	132,618	-	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 1

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Financial Assistance is prepared on the same basis of accounting as the District's financial statements. The District uses the cash basis method of accounting.

NOTE 2

PROGRAM COSTS

The amounts shown as current year expenditures represent only federal grant Distinctions of the program costs. Entire program costs, including the District's costs, may be more than shown.

NOTE 3

INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under Uniform Guidance.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library
(District)

**Local Government Risk Assumption
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

1. Self-Insurance Program Manager: _____ Amelia Shelley _____
2. Manager Phone: _____ 360-906-5010 _____
3. Manager Email: _____ ashelley@fvrl.org _____
4. How do you insure property and liability risks, if at all?
 - a. Formal self-insurance program for some or all perils/risks
 - b. Belong to a public entity risk pool
 - c. Purchase private insurance
 - d. Retain risk internally without a self-insurance program (i.e., risk assumption)
5. How do you provide health and welfare insurance (e.g., medical, dental, prescription drug, and/or vision benefits) to employees, if at all?
 - a. Self-insure some or all benefits
 - b. Belong to a public entity risk pool
 - c. All benefits provided by health insurance company or HMO
 - d. Not applicable – no such benefits offered
6. How do you insure unemployment compensation benefits, if any?
 - a. Self-insured (“Reimbursable”)
 - b. Belong to a public entity risk pool
 - c. Pay taxes to the Department of Employment Security (“Taxable”)
 - d. Not applicable – no employees
7. How do you insure workers compensation benefits, if any?
 - a. Self-insured (“Reimbursable”)
 - b. Belong to a public entity risk pool
 - c. Pay premiums to the Department of Labor and Industries
 - d. Not applicable – no employees
8. How do you participate in the Washington Paid Family & Medical Leave Program?
 - a. Self-insured (“Voluntary Plan”) for one or both program benefits
 - b. Pay premiums to the State’s program for both benefits
 - c. Not Applicable – No Employees

If the local government answered (a) to any of the above questions, then answer the rest of the form in relation to the government's self-insured risks and copy the table below as needed.

	<u>Please list the title of the self-insurance program or type of risk covered by self-insurance:</u>				
	<i>Program/Risk 1</i>	<i>Program/Risk 2</i>	<i>Program/Risk 3</i>	<i>Program/Risk 4</i>	<i>Program/Risk 5</i>
Self-Insurance as a <i>formal</i> program?	<u>YES</u>				
If yes, do other governments participate?	<u>NO</u>				
If yes, please list participating governments.	<u>N/A</u>				
Self-Insure as part of a joint program?	<u>N/A</u>				
Does a Third-Party Administer manage claims?	<u>NO</u>				
If no, does an employee or official reconcile claims payments to the information in the claims management software or other records of approved claims? (Not applicable for self-insured unemployment compensation.)	<u>N/A</u>				
Has program had a claims audit in last three years?	<u>NO</u>				
Are program resources sufficient to cover expenses?	<u>YES</u>				
Does an actuary estimate program liability?	<u>NO</u>				
Number of claims paid during the period?	<u>3</u>				
Total amount of paid claims during the period?	<u>5,689.75</u>				
Total amount of recoveries during the period?	<u>N/A</u>				

Provide any other information necessary to explain answers to the Schedule 21 questions above.

FVRL 2023 Budget Updated 061423

Category	2021 (IPD/Amended)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Beginning cash	\$ 18,004,057	\$ 19,646,201	\$ 20,941,111					
Property Taxes	\$ 25,967,515	\$ 26,580,717	\$ 27,620,000	\$ 28,448,600	\$ 29,302,058	\$ 30,181,120	\$31,086,553	\$32,019,150
Other Taxes	\$ 144,563	\$ 238,803	\$ 120,000	\$ 122,400	\$ 124,848	\$ 127,345	\$129,892	\$132,490
Intergovernmental, Grants & Contract:	\$ 1,203,136	\$ 422,614	\$ 370,500	\$ 435,950	\$ 441,563	\$ 452,342	\$458,295	\$464,424
Charges for Services	\$ 52,850	\$ 79,200	\$ 51,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,624,694	\$ 1,318,478	\$ 3,241,000	\$ 1,416,000	\$ 841,000	\$ 841,000	\$841,000	\$841,000
Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$500,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$ 33,992,758	\$ 28,639,812	\$ 33,902,500	\$ 32,983,950	\$ 32,770,469	\$ 32,662,807	\$33,076,740	\$33,518,064
Personnel	\$ 15,776,511	\$ 16,511,337	\$ 17,802,885	\$ 18,769,125	\$ 19,317,680	\$ 20,053,992	\$20,824,220	\$21,636,073
Supplies & Small Equipmt/Tech	\$ 1,455,403	\$ 1,391,295	\$ 1,470,000	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 1,469,000	\$ 1,488,280	\$ 1,507,845	\$ 1,527,698
Library Materials	\$ 3,307,049	\$ 3,112,000	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 3,654,000	\$ 3,709,620	\$ 3,716,909
Other Charges & Services	\$ 4,202,345	\$ 4,662,913	\$ 4,924,615	\$ 5,003,464	\$ 5,084,851	\$ 5,040,651	\$ 5,099,210	\$ 5,158,539
Capital Outlay	\$ 3,745,595	\$ 1,723,199	\$ 3,905,000	\$ 890,400	\$ 890,804	\$ 891,212	\$ 891,624	\$ 892,040
Reserves	\$ 3,863,711	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Debt Service			\$ -		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Total Expenditures:	\$ 32,350,614	\$ 27,400,744	\$ 33,902,500	\$ 32,812,989	\$ 32,712,334	\$ 32,428,135	\$ 32,832,518	\$ 33,731,260
Activity	\$ 1,642,144	\$ 1,239,068	\$ (0)	\$ 170,961	\$ 58,134	\$ 234,672	\$ 244,221	\$ (213,196)
Ending cash	\$ 19,646,201	\$ 20,941,111	\$ 20,941,111					

Assignment	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Finance, ED	Revenue & Expenditure 1st estimate	Review process before instructions go out	Update 5 year forecast, reserves and review of 2023 budget	Updated Revenue & expenditures, balance budget	1st reading of budget to Board	2nd reading of budget to Board, levy public hearing	Board budget approval, public hearing
Finance Committee		Review 6 month expenditure for current year, revenue estimate	Identify budget goals, priorities, shortfalls, etc.	Draft 2024 and amended 2023 budgets prepared	Final revenue and expenditure forecasts	Final 2024 budget and 2023 amendments prepared	Adoption of 2024 Budget
Admin Team		Budget requests & instructions to Departments/ Managers	Budget retreat, draft Division Budget Requests Due	Finalize Division budget requests	Develop 2024 work plans and narratives	Finalize work plans and budget narrative	Final budget document to Board
ED/Board of Trustees		2023 workplan review and status report to Board	Initiate budget narrative, identify data points	Determine budget goals, outcomes	Prepare amended budget request, reserve allocations	Property tax levy, approval and resolution; filed with counties, Nov. 30	Submit final levy rate and budgets to all County Assessors and Clerks

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Staff Report 2023-32

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Amelia Shelley
DATE: 6/20/2023
SUBJECT: Internet Use and Safety Policy

Summary:

The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) E-Rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries by providing up to 80% of the cost of equipment and connectivity available as a rebate. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) dictates that all Internet access in libraries must be filtered to be eligible for E-Rate funding. FVRL's existing Internet Use Policy includes language about Internet filtering as required by CIPA, but does not address what safety measures are in place concerning minor's access to the Internet at the library. Staff are requesting an amendment to the existing Internet Use Policy to address this deficiency.

Key Points:

As a recipient of E-Rate, FVRL is required to include in our Internet Use Policy to provisions that cover Internet safety for minors including:

- Using filtering software to restrict access to inappropriate images on the Internet;
- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
- CIPA does not require the tracking of Internet use by minors or adults

Background:

FVRL has been a recipient of E-Rate funds for some years that have helped offset the cost of connectivity and some computer equipment used throughout the District. CIPA requires that libraries where members of the public have access to the Internet on computers, "has in place a policy of Internet safety for minors that includes the operation of a *technology protection measure* (filter) with respect to any of its computers with Internet access that protects against access through such computers to visual depictions that are considered obscene, child pornography or harmful to children as well as a *policy of Internet safety*.

FVRL has in place a [Rules of Conduct Policy](#) that prohibits behaviors related to Internet safety including any illegal behavior or behavior of a sexual nature such as unwanted touching or language that could be

seen as harassment. The policy also prohibits openly viewing explicit sexual material. All of these behaviors can result in immediate exclusion from all FVRL premises without prior warning at the discretion of staff. Any person engaged in illegal activity may lose all library privileges for up to life and the incident may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Policy revisions:

The following new provisions have been added to the existing Internet Use Policy to ensure CIPA compliance; defining the policy as covered under CIPA, specific information about filtering software and the responsibilities of parents and guardians to protect and guide their minor children's Internet use.

The following is added to prohibited behaviors:

1. Use FVRL's Internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send, or receive images or graphics of obscene materials as defined by law or material that violates laws relating to child pornography;
2. Dissemination, exhibit, or display to minors materials that are harmful to minors as defined by law;
3. Falsification of one's age to gain access to Internet sites;
4. Gain unauthorized access to any computing, information, or communications devices or resources;
5. Damage, alter, or degrade computer equipment, peripherals, software, or configurations

Action requested:

Staff is asking for a first reading prior to a public hearing (required by CIPA) in July before approving the revised policy.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Library Internet Use Policy

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides access to the internet for our patrons through library computers as well as wireless access through patron-owned devices.

The following behaviors are prohibited while using FVRL electronic resources or services:

1. Viewing sexually explicit images.
2. Engaging in threatening or harassing behavior.
3. Interfering with others' use of computers or electronic resources.
4. Accessing, disseminating, downloading or printing information in violation of copyright laws.
5. Engaging in or attempting to engage in any activity that would be a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance.
6. Destroying, damaging, or defacing library facilities, materials, equipment or software, or using them in a manner to bypass security, cause injury, or interrupt services.

Disclaimer:

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Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Library Internet Use **and Safety** Policy

PURPOSE

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides **free** access to the Internet for our patrons through library computers as well as wireless access through patron-owned devices. **This policy sets the requirements and expectations for such use by library patrons of all ages.**

POLICY

FVRL is committed to offering open access to the Internet, to supporting the right to privacy and confidentiality of customers, and to following the provisions of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). However, the Internet is a decentralized, unmoderated global network; FVRL has no control over the content found there and is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the Internet. ~~Internet access provided by FVRL uses filtering software to block sexually explicit images.~~

INTERNET SAFETY FOR MINORS

FVRL’s Internet access is filtered on all library public computers and WiFi service to block access to material that may be considered offensive. Parents, guardians and caregivers are in charge of what their own minor children read, view, or listen to in the library as well as online. Families should discuss together Internet use, Internet safety, and sharing personal information online.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES

Patrons recognize that their use of the Internet on library premises is conducted in a public place shared by many and acknowledge that the Library District cannot protect the privacy of data that is transmitted to parties via the Internet.

Library patrons shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws. The following behaviors are prohibited while using FVRL electronic resources or services:

- 1. ~~Viewing sexually explicit images.~~ Use FVRL’s Internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send, or receive images or graphics of obscene materials as defined by law or material that violates laws relating to child pornography;**
- 2. Disseminate, exhibit, or display to minors materials that are harmful to minors as defined by law;**
- 3. Engage in threatening or harassing behavior including cyberbullying on social media sites.**
- 4. Interfere with others' use of computers or electronic resources.**
- 5. Accessing, disseminate, downloading or printing information in violation of copyright laws.**
- 6. ~~Engaging in or attempting to engage in any activity that would be a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance.~~**
- 7. Destroying, damage, or deface library facilities, materials, equipment or software, or use them in a manner to bypass security, cause injury, or interrupt services.**
- 8. Falsification of one’s age to gain access to Internet sites.**
- 9. Gain unauthorized access to any computing, information, or communications devices or resources.**
- 10. Damage, alter, or degrade computer equipment, peripherals, software, or configurations.**

FVRL is not responsible for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of the Internet services. Library staff will not track the use of the Internet in any way other than as directed by the Confidentiality of Patron and Circulation Records Policy.

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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 FVRL'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, 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.

References: [Children's Internet Protection Act; RCW 9.68A;](#)

Related Policies: Confidentiality of Patron and Circulation Records Policy; Rules of Conduct; Security Monitoring Policy; Social Media Policy

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Library Internet Use and Safety Policy
CLEAN DRAFT

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8. Gain unauthorized access to any computing, information, or communications devices or resources.
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	May Circulation			YTD Circulation		
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change
Battle Ground Community Library	41,827	42,810	-2.30%	212,422	215,282	-1.33%
Cascade Park Community Library	64,295	66,123	-2.76%	318,001	320,837	-0.88%
La Center Community Library	5,675	6,452	-12.04%	29,632	32,716	-9.43%
Ridgefield Community Library	9,717	9,498	2.31%	48,810	45,947	6.23%
Three Creeks Community Library	47,620	44,273	7.56%	238,360	223,331	6.73%
Vancouver Community Library	61,068	57,437	6.32%	294,534	271,670	8.42%
Vancouver Mall Library	11,287	11,634	-2.98%	57,690	57,950	-0.45%
Washougal Community Library	8,405	8,274	1.58%	41,254	39,262	5.07%
Green Mountain Library Express	280	263	6.46%	1,265	1,118	13.15%
Yacolt Library Express	5,284	4,750	11.24%	24,710	24,092	2.57%
LibCabinet at Vancouver Mall	0	2	-100.00%	0		
Clark County Total	255,458	251,516	1.57%	1,266,678	1,232,205	2.80%
Woodland Community Library	5,049	5,008	0.82%	27,419	24,840	10.38%
Yale Library Express	1,046	905	15.58%	4,966	3,845	29.15%
Cowlitz County Total	6,095	5,913	3.08%	32,385	28,685	12.90%
Goldendale Community Library	6,263	6,420	-2.45%	33,756	31,370	7.61%
White Salmon Valley Community Library	10,178	9,974	2.05%	51,861	50,553	2.59%
Klickitat County Bookmobile	1,118	957	16.82%	5,925	5,256	12.73%
Klickitat County Total	17,559	17,351	1.20%	91,542	87,179	5.00%
North Bonneville Community Library	353	493	-28.40%	2,096	2,034	3.05%
Stevenson Community Library	4,328	4,416	-1.99%	22,622	21,948	3.07%
Skamania County Bookmobile	1,293	1,405	-7.97%	5,307	5,860	-9.44%
Skamania County Total	5,974	6,314	-5.38%	30,025	29,842	0.61%
District-wide	184	127	44.88%	1,127	621	81.48%
Mail	1,358	937	44.93%	6,545	5,501	18.98%
InterLibrary Loan Materials	343	320	7.19%	1,748	1,501	16.46%
Misc Total	1,885	1,384	36.20%	9,420	7,623	23.57%
Downloadable eBooks	62,314	56,325	10.63%	312,498	276,586	12.98%
eMagazines	1,211	1,606	-24.60%	7,201	8,879	-18.90%
Downloadable & streaming audiobooks	66,155	54,764	20.80%	320,562	260,730	22.95%
Downloadable & streaming music	25,275	18,784	34.56%	117,387	91,648	28.08%
Streaming video	8,745	8,656	1.03%	44,536	41,503	7.31%
eContent Total	163,700	140,135	16.82%	802,184	679,346	18.08%
TOTAL	450,671	422,613	6.64%	2,232,234	2,064,880	8.10%

Activists show, discuss nuclear documentary ‘Atomic Bamboozle’ at Kiggins in Vancouver

[columbian.com/news/2023/jun/02/activists-show-discuss-nuclear-documentary-atomic-bamboozle-at-kiggins-in-vancouver](https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/jun/02/activists-show-discuss-nuclear-documentary-atomic-bamboozle-at-kiggins-in-vancouver)

Scott Hewitt



Get used to the phrase “small modular nuclear reactor” and its abbreviation, SMR. A global debate about this old-made-new energy idea is already heating up, with big implications for the people and environs of the Pacific Northwest.

SMRs are either the cleaner, safer, cheaper future of nuclear power or the return of the same old bundle of hazards, dressed up in newly attractive camouflage.

“They’re going to make nuclear energy cool again,” said former Trump administration energy secretary Rick Perry (consistently mispronouncing the word “nuclear”) in a news clip featured in the new documentary film “Atomic Bamboozle.”

“Atomic Bamboozle” is the latest in a series of timely, social-issue documentaries directed by Jan Haaken, a retired Portland State University psychology professor. Last year, Haaken produced a film about the courtroom victories of local oil-train protesters called “Necessity:

Climate Justice and the Thin Green Line,” which screened, along with a panel discussion, at Vancouver’s Kiggins Theatre.

The same will happen at a Wednesday screening of “Atomic Bamboozle” at Kiggins. Environmental activists featured in the film will discuss the potential resurgence of nuclear power in the Pacific Northwest through supposedly safe, small, factory-built nuclear plants.

IF YOU GO

What: Screening of “Atomic Bamboozle” (with “Portrait 2: Trojan”) plus panel discussion with local environmental and health activists

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Tickets: \$15

Where: Kiggins Theatre, 1011 Main St., Vancouver

On the web: www.kigginstheatre.com, www.atomicbamboozle.com

Panelists are Cathryn Chudy and Lloyd Marbet of the Oregon Conservancy Foundation; Desiree Hellegers, English professor and director of the Collective for Social and Environmental Justice at Washington State University Vancouver; public interest attorney Dan Meek; Dr. Patricia Kullberg, former medical director of the Multnomah County Health Department; “Atomic Days” author Joshua Frank; and film director Haaken.

(Frank’s book about the decommissioned Hanford nuclear site in Eastern Washington, “Atomic Days: The Most Toxic Place in America,” is the Fort Vancouver Regional Library system’s “Revolutionary Reads” book for this year. Free copies of the book are available to all at library branches.)

Climate wedge

Although small modular nuclear reactors are still more blueprint than reality, they’ve become a wedge issue among some environmentalists who are desperate to beat climate change, said Chudy, who lives in Vancouver.

“SMRs sound pretty cool but there are very big problems that they don’t want to talk about,” Chudy said during a phone interview with The Columbian.

“Atomic Bamboozle” reviews the troubled history of Oregon’s only commercial nuclear power plant, Trojan, which operated from 1976 through 1992 near Rainier, just across the Columbia River from Kalama. Trojan’s cooling tower dominated the skyline until it was demolished in

2006, but problems plagued the plant throughout its short life, including construction flaws, unexpected cracks, steam leaks and discovery of previously unknown earthquake fault lines nearby.

“We had assurances the plant was safe. The public relations around Trojan were amazing,” said Chudy, a pediatric mental health therapist at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland.

Chudy said today’s youth are struggling as never before with existential worry about a world that grown-ups have failed to steward. Proposed SMRs represent an opportunity to choose wisely and safely now rather than punting complicated problems into an unknown future, she said.

“Kids don’t trust adults to make good decisions,” Chudy said. “We are all putting our lives in the hands of people we elect ... but I don’t think we can rely on them to steer the ship in the right direction without all of us being involved.”

Unsolved problems

Both Oregon and Washington have adopted clean energy policies for the future, Chudy said, but both include a loophole for nuclear power because nuclear plants do not emit carbon pollution.

She argues that nuclear power is actually a big cause of carbon pollution and a driver of global warming from many sources other than operating the plants themselves, including uranium mining as well as construction, decommissioning and materials transportation.

Necessary economies of scale are another serious question about nuclear power, Chudy added.

SMR boosters like them because they’re small. But what they contain is standard, old-school nuclear technology that’s simply operating on a tiny scale, M.V. Ramana, professor of physics, public policy and global affairs at the University of British Columbia, said in the film.

Early experiments with nuclear power started small too, Ramana said, but grew huge in pursuit of financial efficiency. Nothing has changed about that, he argues in the film, and new forecasts show the production costs of nuclear power climbing.

“All nuclear reactors used to be small. The only way the nuclear industry could figure out to reduce cost was to go to larger reactors,” Ramana said. “There’s no way small modular reactors are going to be economically competitive.”

Soaring projected costs have led some members to drop out of a consortium of Western cities now pursuing an SMR on the Snake River in Idaho, according to Reuters.

The risk of nuclear accidents always remains, Ramana said in the movie. But siting decisions are made by politicians and investors in state and national capitals, far removed from the action.

“They’re not the people who are going to be affected,” Ramana said. “It’s common people living near these facilities who are going to pay the price.”

On-site impacts aren’t the only accident risks, Chudy added. Transporting hazardous materials on the nation’s crumbling rail lines has already led to fiery disasters within recent memory in places like East Palestine, Ohio, and even Mosier, Ore.

Perhaps the most significant problem with nuclear power remains the radioactive waste, which stays radioactive for tens or even hundreds of thousands of years, Ramana said.

“There are no viable solutions for that,” Chudy said.

Numerous federal attempts to designate a single national repository for such waste — in places like New Mexico, Texas, Nevada and even Eastern Washington’s own Hanford — have failed. Decades after our use of nuclear power began, there is still no safe, permanent safe storage facility for radioactive waste in the U.S. Meanwhile, nuclear waste is stored at the plants that generate it.

An Oregon law has banned the development of any new nuclear plants until there’s a permanent federal nuclear-waste repository. But there are efforts now underway to repeal such state restrictions by SMR designer NuScale, Chudy said. Bellevue-based SMR designer TerraPower’s pilot project is planned for Wyoming. A project by SMR designer X Energy, long expected to be sited in Grant County in eastern Washington, is now headed for Texas, according to The Seattle Times.

“The question of what should be done with nuclear waste has been one forever characterized by deceit,” Portland attorney Greg Kafoury said in the film. “They’re going to pretend to have solutions, and then the solution is to give it to our grandchildren.”

Chudy believes efficiency, conservation and renewable energy — all deployed with greater smarts — are the only climate answers we really need.

“What kinds of energy choices are we going to make?” she wondered. “What kinds of harms will we do if we make the wrong choices?”

Family-friendly story times scheduled at area libraries

clarkcountytoday.com/youth/family-friendly-story-times-scheduled-at-area-libraries

ClarkCountyToday.com

June 4, 2023



Local author Sharon Czerwien will host family-friendly story times based on her book “Bumps Are Okay for Kids” with a monster truck theme at two Fort Vancouver Regional Library locations, offering crafts and activities for children of all ages. Photos courtesy www.bumpsareokay.com

Area author Sharon Czerwien will be reading excerpts and hosting activities based on her book *Bumps Are Okay for Kids*, featuring a monster truck theme

Leah Anaya

For Clark County Today

In the coming week, there are two family-friendly story times being offered at two different Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) locations. Area author Sharon Czerwien will be reading excerpts and hosting activities based on her book *Bumps Are Okay for Kids*, featuring a monster truck theme.

“Life is not always easy,” Czerwien’s website reads. “In fact, sometimes life is just plain bumpy and overwhelming. Life’s ‘bumps’ (trials) are okay, though!”



Sharon Czerwien

The structure of the book consists of 12 STEM-based monster truck facts, each with an accompanying Bible lesson. For each of the story times, children will also be able to participate in crafts and other activities, geared for ages preschool through second grade, although kids of all ages are welcome.

The first story time is at the Cascade Park Library (600 NE 136th Ave., Vancouver) Community Room on Sat., June 10, at 10 a.m.. The second is at the Three Creeks Community Library (800 NE Tenney Rd., Vancouver) on Mon., June 12, at 10 a.m.

“I totally respect that these faith-based story times are not for everyone,” Czerwien told Clark County Today. “My heart is so happy, though, that families who want to attend these have the opportunity to do so!”

The events are not sponsored by FVRL, and are not official library events.

Czerwien lives right here in Clark County and homeschools her two children. Her son’s love of monster trucks is what inspired the book. Her first book, *Core: Biblical Principles for When Life Gets Bumpy*, is geared towards adults and is part of her Bumps Are Okay writing and speaking ministry. Her blog, *Grace Through the Bumps*, is found at <https://www.bumpsareokay.com/>.

Lyle News: Join the library summer reading program

goldendalesentinel.com/features/lyle-news-join-the-library-summer-reading-program/article_ed86a7aa-0544-11ee-9257-9b7aeb55d907.html

Mildred E. Lykens

June 7, 2023

Hear ye, hear ye! The Lyle Twin Bridges Historical Museum is officially open for the summer! You can visit each Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. to see all the great new exhibits the staff has been working on all winter. There are displays both inside and out, including a great mural painting by Linda Esaacson. Admission is still free but donations are what keep the doors open and the electric bill paid—hint, hint.

The park was alive with laughter and fun for the town folk and children last Wednesday. It was the Art in the Park program I was telling you about. I hope you made it and enjoyed yourself. There was face painting, origami, art projects of different kinds, a few physical challenge games, and even a little bit of food provided. It was a huge success, so when you see one of the Lyle School Officials, thank them for the good time they provided that was had by all.

As we celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors, let's not forget about the 8th grader's promotion. Their achievements were recognized on June 5. These kids worked just as hard for their advancement. I remember how proud I was at my 8th-grade graduation (that's what we called it back in the '50s) I was ready for high school and whatever challenges it would bring. So don't forget to give these kids their recognition—they deserve it, too. The girls are having a fundraiser on Sunday, June 11, doing a community volleyball tournament to raise money for our volleyball team. To enter the upcoming fundraiser, the team registry is \$100, and if you are an individual, it costs \$20 to be placed on a team with an opening. Register by email at shelly.casey@lyleschools.org by June 8. If you love volleyball and want to join in, this is a good time to show off your moves and a good way back up our girls.

Klickitat County Burn Ban Zone 2 is now in effect and encompasses fire districts No.4 (Lyle), 5 (Centerville), 6 Dallesport), 7 (Rural 7), 11 (Wishram), 12 (Klickitat), 14 (High Prairie), 15 (Wahkiacus), and the City of Goldendale. Please be responsible when burning; you could be held liable.

Reminder: on June 10 head on out to our local lakes and join in the fun! The Washington Game Commission is offering a free Fishing Day. First it's at Spearfish Lake where sponsors will teach fishing with bait, tackle, and poles provided, from 9 a.m. to noon. Then it's at Horsethief Lake where there will be games, prizes, and kayaking instruction from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a good way for your youngsters to find a great outdoor hobby. Questions? Call (541) 506-8475.

To expand your or your little one's learning and entice imaginations, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library (in Goldendale and White Salmon) is sponsoring a summer reading program from June 15 through August 15 that offers contests and prizes for summer reading. Those who join will receive a free book (as supplies last) and be registered to receive prizes by competing in weekly categories. This is a good opportunity to keep your minds active all summer long. You can register at fvrl.org or at the library. This is for all ages, so bring the kids and grandparents—they can compete with each other.

Last week your Lyle firefighters were out at the Lyle Park training with their practice fire shelters and checking out their brush trucks for the coming fire season. They deploy these fire drills yearly for Red Card certification. They all carry a fire shelter on their belts or on the bottom of the fire backpacks when out fighting wildland fires. Hopefully they will never be in a situation where this is the last resort to stay alive, but at least they are trained just in case. Now they are looking for affordable or donated fridges for the fire hall, if anyone has any they are willing to part with. We have to keep our volunteers hydrated so they can save us, or our properties, in case of a catastrophe.

Did you ever want to know more about our fine feathered friends? Well, here's your chance. The local libraries have joined forces and will present an event at the Lyle Activity Center called "Meet the Birds" on June 28 at 2 p.m. Bring the kids and share the learning at the same time and do a little bonding along with it. There's nothing like getting a little schooling during the summer months.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you of High Prairie's Bingo Night. It's held the second Thursday of each month (June 8 this month) from 6 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages are for sale, and there are some mighty nice cash prizes. It's at 701 Struck Road. All minors must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Submit your news to Mildred E. Lykens, (509) 365-2273 or lykensme41@gmail.com.

FVRL breaking ground on new Woodland Community Library

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June 12, 2023



Image courtesy Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries

Groundbreaking ceremony to be held Saturday

As part of Woodland’s Planters Day festivities, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries (FVRLibraries) invites the community to help us “plant” our newest library with a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday (June 17) from 2-3 p.m. at the site of the new library, 411 Lakeshore Drive, Woodland.

About the new library

The new Woodland Community Library is the fruition of a multiyear project to provide the public in Woodland with a modern library on a new site, effectively replacing the current 1909-constructed building with a welcoming and accessible library that:

- Is a flexible and inspiring environment for learning and collaboration
- Enriches connections to the community
- Becomes a central destination for generations to come

- Anchors future development in Woodland

In doing so, the library will encompass nearly three times as much space (approximately 7,500 square feet versus the current building's 2,376 square feet). Features include:

- An exterior courtyard for programs, performances, and enjoyment of library materials
- Designated children's area with spaces to read, explore, and play
- Adult area with computer center, study tables, and art display
- Study rooms for individual study or small group meetings
- Teen area with laptop bar
- Flexible community room for meetings, events, and performances that is reservable by the public
- A bookstore for Friends of Woodland Community Library to sell their gently used books

Support for the new library comes from Friends of Woodland Community Library and Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation. This project also received partial assistance from Washington State Department of Commerce's Library Capital Improvement Grant program.

Project History

In 2013, a Strategic Facilities Study determined that new library facilities were needed in the communities of Ridgefield, Woodland, and Washougal. Shortly thereafter, the Friends of Woodland Community Library and Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation began fundraising, while FVRLibraries began looking for potential locations to site a new library in Woodland.

In May of 2017, the library district purchased a 2.4-acre piece of property at the corner Goerig Street and Lakeshore Avenue at the gateway to Woodland's downtown core. Over the next two years, FVRLibraries worked to remove existing structures on the property and hired Hacker Architects to design the new facility. Due to the pandemic and other mitigating factors, design development was delayed until late 2022.

An Invitation to Bid (ITB) for construction on the project was recently issued, with a submission deadline of July 10. FVRLibraries will select a winning bid in mid-July.

More information about the new Woodland Community Library can be found at: <https://www.fvrl.org/imagineWoodland>

Foundation Update

Authors & Illustrators
2023 DINNER AND AUCTION

David Baldacci

FUNDRAISER | OCTOBER 17, 5:30–9:30 pm | Hilton Vancouver

COMING SOON

TICKETS: \$120
Tables of 10: \$1,200

Save the Date!

FVRL Foundation’s Authors & Illustrators Dinner & Silent Auction will take place October 17 at the Hilton Vancouver and will feature globally recognized author David Baldacci. Baldacci has written 48 novels, including 1996’s *Absolute Power* and the recent *Simply Lies*, all of which have been international bestsellers, with several adapted for film and television.

Tickets will be available at fvrlfoundation.org beginning in early July.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Great News!

- Raise Your Media is building & hosting the Foundation’s new website as a *pro bono* donation.
- The Friends of Woodland Community Library transferred \$7,000.00 to their investment account.
- The Foundation’s partnership with ThriftBooks generated \$4,050.99 in revenue in May from the online sale of used books.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 17

[New Woodland Library Groundbreaking Ceremony](#)

411 Lakeshore Drive, Woodland
2:00pm–3:00pm

Monday, June 19

[All libraries will be closed in observance of Juneteenth](#)

Tuesday, June 20

[FVRL Trustee Meeting](#)

Hybrid: Goldendale Community
Library and Zoom
6:00pm–8:00pm

Thursday, June 29 **Date TBC**

[FVRL Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Via Zoom
3:00pm–4:00pm

Tuesday, July 4

[All libraries will be closed in observance of Independence Day](#)

Monday, July 17

[FVRL Trustee Meeting](#)

Hybrid: White Salmon Valley
Community Library and Zoom
6:00pm–8:00pm

Building Campaigns and Cornerstone Pledges

Washougal has 41 Cornerstones,
1 Stepping Stone,
and 4 Keystones.

Woodland has 35 Cornerstones,
5 Stepping Stones, 8 Keystones, and
6 Capstones.

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

How Board Members Can Help

–Spread the word about the Fred
Meyer Rewards program:

[fredmeyer.com/ii/community/communi
ty-rewards](http://fredmeyer.com/ii/community/community-rewards)

Upcoming Book Sales:

[La Center Friends Pop-Up Book Sale:](#)

Saturday, June 24

La Center Community Library
10:00am–2:00pm

[Goldendale Friends Book Sale:](#)

Friday and Saturday, July 7–8
Goldendale Community Library
10:00am–4:00pm Friday;
10:00am–2:00pm Saturday

[Friends of Stevenson and North Bonneville Libraries Book Sale:](#)

Saturday, July 8

North Bonneville Community Library
9:00am–2:00pm

Help Support FVRL Foundation with a Tasty Meal from Panda Express!



On Tuesday, August 15, the new Panda Express located
at **304 SE 123rd Avenue** in Vancouver will be offering
50% OF TOTAL SALES of food purchased on FVRL
Foundation's behalf back to us!

You can order ahead or on the day of the event:

- Online, enter **355914** in the fundraiser code box at pandaexpress.com or on the app.
- **In-person, bring the official Panda Express flyer or show it on your smartphone.**

Please note that this is the only Panda Express location
participating in the fundraiser.

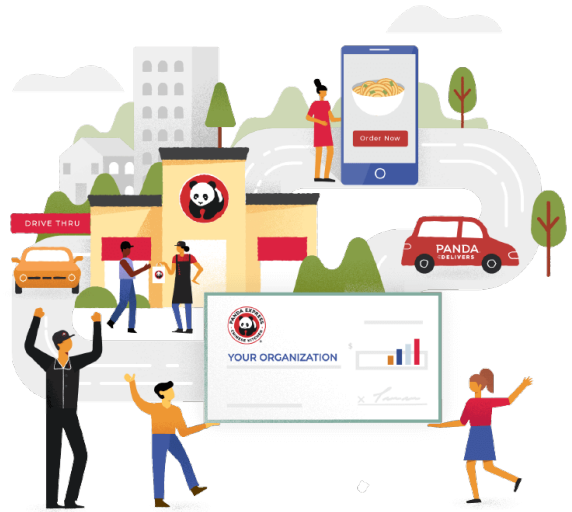


Fundraiser for

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation

50% of event sales will be donated

The Fort Vancouver Library Foundation raises funds for literacy programs .




When

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Time: 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:
304 Se 123rd Vancouver WA 98683
(564) 888 - 2378


How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 355914 in the fundraiser code box


or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Tuesday, August 15, 2023



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as **America’s safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.