

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

June 14, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Yee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Goldendale Community Library.

2. PRESENT

Chair Bill Yee presiding. Other Board members: Brian Carrico, Jane Higgins, Merle Koplan, Karen Peterson and Bonnie Reynolds. Administrative Team members attending included: Bruce Ziegman, Executive Director; Patty Duitman, Operations Director; Mary Devlin, Community Libraries Director; Melinda Chesbro, Content Management Director; and Karin Ford, Vancouver Community Librarian. Becky Pettigrew, recording.

Other staff and citizens attending: Nancy Barron, Ruth Bruns, Teddy Cole, Sue Dunn, Naomi Fisher, Rita Levesque, Mary Jean Lord, Mary Nygaard, Donna Rush, Rick Smithrud and Judy Thomas.

3. AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Board and staff, Yee thanked the Friends of Goldendale Community Library for the outstanding dinner they generously provided prior to the meeting.

Yee then noted that Special Projects Director Doreen Turpen and Community Libraries Director Mary Devlin are both retiring this month. There was applause in recognition of their contributions and to congratulate them.

Library Board and Foundation Board members have been invited to special VIP tours of the new main library, so they can see the progress of construction. Yee encouraged members of both boards to take the tour.

The political campaign in support of the levy lid lift is underway, and Yee said that Board members are allowed to participate in these activities. He noted that there is a public disclosure form that must be filled out if you spend money to support the campaign. Yee also mentioned that campaign meetings were held in Stevenson, Goldendale and White Salmon.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Barron said she is President of the Friends of Goldendale Community Library. She thanked the Board for coming to the Goldendale library and welcomed them. The Friends appreciate that the Board visits their community so they can see how the library is being

used there. Barron said the effects of regionalization are important in her community and they appreciate being part of the library district. Yee said the Board and staff love the visit to Goldendale and that it's a great drive especially in June when weather is so beautiful.

7. **BUSINESS**

A. FVRL Expenditure Approval

MOTION: Brian Carrico moved and Karen Peterson seconded approval of the accounts payable, payroll and payroll payables as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area Expenditure Approval

MOTION: Brian Carrico moved and Jane Higgins seconded approval of the Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2010-6: Surplus

Duitman said a wind storm in Vancouver caused a tree to fall on top of our 2004 Facilities van. We received an insurance settlement for about half the value. Yee asked why the insurance company only paid half the value and Duitman said depreciation was taken into consideration; it is based on the current value and not replacement cost. Another vehicle that Duitman said needs to be replaced is a 1996 Plymouth Voyager that was stationed in Stevenson. This vehicle has had electrical problems; while driving all the dash electrical goes out including the speedometer and gas gauges, which makes it illegal to drive. Staff has looked into having the vehicle repaired; however, the repair costs exceed the vehicle's current value. Yee asked about this vehicle's mileage and Duitman said it has about 200,000 miles on it.

MOTION: Merle Koplan moved and Bonnie Reynolds seconded approval of Resolution 2010-6, declaring the 2004 Freightliner Sprinter and 1996 Plymouth Voyager as surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 2010-7: 2010 Budget amendment

Duitman explained that the Freightliner Sprinter served as one of our Facilities vehicles. Although Facilities staff has tried to operate without it, it has resulted in a few times when they could not go out to a branch. They really need a replacement. The cost for a replacement is about \$45,000 and we received \$21,000 from the insurance company. Regarding the 1996 Plymouth Voyager, Duitman said it has been stationed in Stevenson but the library does rotate vehicles around based on mileage. Newer vehicles are stationed in Vancouver because they get a lot more miles put on them by staff traveling upriver and other places. Duitman said the staff plans to move the vehicle that is currently in Goldendale to the Stevenson library and then Goldendale would receive a newer four wheel drive van that is currently stationed in Vancouver. The Vancouver van would then be replaced. Staff has considered whether a full passenger van or Scion are needed, and determined that based on usage of the vehicles a van is needed for the replacement. Duitman said the total budget amendment is \$53,000 to replace the two vehicles. Staff plans to purchase a Freightliner Sprinter and a Sienna Van.

MOTION: Karen Peterson moved and Brian Carrico seconded approval of Resolution 2010-7, amending the 2010 Budget to include the purchase of two vehicles. The motion carried unanimously.

Koplan asked if staff has researched negotiated prices on the replacements or if the prices were based on current retail. Duitman said the prices have been negotiated and she provided some details.

Ziegman said that vehicles are moved around based on where they get the most use but that in all cases our vehicles must be safe. Several years ago staff developed a vehicle replacement procedure that was reviewed with the Board. Due to our financial situation, however, we have not followed the replacement cycle. There have been enough problems with vehicles for us to see that we may have no choice but to plan for funds to replace vehicles on a 12 year cycle.

Reynolds asked if the bookmobiles are considered on this replacement cycle and Ziegman said they are considered separately from this. Yee asked if the insurance company now owns the vehicle after paying the replacement value and Duitman said the insurance company does now own it. Ziegman added that they gave us a choice to receive a lesser amount if we kept the vehicle, but since the damage to the vehicle was so extensive it was in our best interests to turn the vehicle over to them.

8. REGULAR REPORTS

A. Community Libraries report

Devlin shared highlights from her written report, attached. One of the highlights she shared was about the discovery of a letterbox in the new Battle Ground library.

Higgins said that the letterbox was placed in that location secretly by a family when the new library opened. Goldendale Branch Manager Naomi Fisher said her library is a geocache site, which is similar to letterboxing. The person who placed the geocache container came to Fisher at the time to ask for help in figuring out the best place to put it.

Fisher then provided a report on the Goldendale library. Many of their programs are done in cooperation with other community groups. Learn & Play programs began in February in partnership with the Goldendale Primary School and have become popular. Last year, the Goldendale library participated with other Carnegie libraries in Washington State in "Mr. Carnegie's Grand Tour of Washington." More than 50 people came from out of town to the Goldendale library during the 18 weeks of the tour. Fisher said she spoke to City Council about the program to let them know how good it was for tourism.

Other programs the Goldendale library has done in cooperation with community groups have included concert series and film discussions. One of the topics for the film discussion series was global food issues. Fisher was approached by the Healthy People Alliance of Goldendale to do a series of documentaries on health and economic effects on health.

The Goldendale library is offering community classes on resume and cover letter writing to help job seekers as part of the Get Job Help @ Your Library program. Two netbook computers are available for use in the library by job seekers. Fisher showed attendees a netbook, which has been covered with a graphical “skin” that identifies it as belonging to FVRL. Reynolds asked about the use of the netbooks but no numbers were available to provide at the meeting.

Fisher also showed two books that have been published by the Goldendale Friends: *Stories Told by Early Pioneers of Klickitat County* (their newest book) and *Bluelight to Pucker Huddle: Discovering Klickitat County*. The newest book includes a republished work done by Homer Townsend, who was involved with the Goldendale library many years ago. Fisher said the Friends put a lot of work into supplemental material to enrich this piece.

Details about the Goldendale Friends membership were shared. Fisher said they have 170 households in the local area on their Friends list, which constitutes about 5% of the total households in the Goldendale library service area. She was very pleased with this level of involvement and said it’s clear that the community is proud of the library and its building.

Yee thanked Fisher for her report and for the building tour she gave to the Board prior to the meeting.

B. Financial report

Duitman provided a financial report for the month of May. Property tax for the first half has come in, providing us with 52.58% of our projected property tax revenue. Last year we had received 52.3% by this time.

Revenue from the state forest boards have come in higher than projected. The Department of Natural Resources does not provide an indication as to whether more will come in during the year. Duitman said she was told this morning we received funds from a private harvest in Clark County. She did not know whether this was due to construction. Overall, Duitman said FVRL’s revenue is about where we expected it to be. The Yale Valley Library District generally pays for its contract services with us in two increments, but they decided not to have a June board meeting and so we’ll receive one payment in September instead.

In expenses, Duitman said wages and benefits are as expected to this date. The revenue and expenses associated with the temporary parking lot for the new main library are still not reflected fully. Duitman anticipated that the funds provided by the City of Vancouver for this expense may not come in until 2011.

Duitman noted that professional services includes janitorial as well as attorney costs. We have not made much use of attorneys so far this year. In small equipment, we’re still waiting on purchases for the replacement of the print management system, which is why there is a difference in what was projected and spent. We spent less than projected in May for library materials; this trend will need to be updated next year to

take into consideration the closing out of one spending pattern year and the opening of the next.

Higgins asked about the sale of the old Battle Ground library building. Duitman said it has not closed yet and that staff is working with the purchaser on this.

C. Building Project Updates

The most recent time lapse video of the new main library was shown. Building Projects Manager Rita Levesque then provided an update. She said the project is on schedule despite dealing with rain. The next step is to finish up the glazing on the south side, and then they can start the raised access floor (it has to be dry to put it in). The rain screen and insulation panels should start going in soon. Roof contractors are on site and the building is getting dried in. A number of tours are being given of the site as it's under construction, and those have been very well received. Levesque noted that Ford is working on coordinating the interior FF&E schedule.

Levesque said that the Cascade Park library building project is almost closed out at this point. The final retention has been paid to the contractor.

Yee encouraged Library Board and Foundation Board members to take a tour of the new main library. Rush said she has signed up.

D. FVRL Foundation Update

Foundation Director Rick Smithrud provided a number of handouts, including flyers for the midnight showing of *Eclipse* in Battle Ground, a private wine tasting event to benefit the Foundation and the Safeway LPGA Classic, which will also benefit the Foundation. He then introduced Foundation Board member Donna Rush. Rush said she's been on the board a few years now, works for First Independent Bank, and as a resident of Skamania County she represents both Skamania and Klickitat Counties on the Foundation Board. Rush and Smithrud then shared details from the Foundation's written report, which is attached.

In addition to the details in the report, Rush explained that as part of her work with First Indy she is involved in their Helping Hands Community, a community involvement group. They decided to run a book donation campaign during the month of June with book donations going to the Friends of the Library groups.

Smithrud said the Foundation works very hard to get sponsorships for the Summer Reading program. As part of their 100th anniversary, First Independent Bank wanted to do something very special for the community. They looked at a number of different nonprofit organizations. As there are more than 1,000 nonprofits in the area, Smithrud said he feels deeply honored that they decided to support the work of the library. They gave \$25,000 to support summer reading, as a way to take it to the next level. Smithrud expressed his gratitude to First Indy for their tremendous support. He noted that the Foundation's written report includes a photo of Firstenburg Family Foundation, First Independent Bank, FVRL Foundation and FVRL Library members with the giant check.

Smithrud also noted that the Foundation has upgraded its insurance. They provide insurance as an umbrella to the Friends of the Library groups. Additionally, he mentioned that the Foundation has pledged \$85,000 to Citizens for Better Libraries in support of the political campaign for the library levy lid lift. This is the maximum amount that the Foundation can legally contribute.

On behalf of the Board, Peterson expressed how much the library appreciates Rush's involvement in the FVRL Foundation and First Indy's support of the summer reading program. Peterson said that she signed a thank you card on behalf of the Board that went to the Firstenburg Foundation.

Peterson, who serves as a liaison to the FVRL Foundation and attends their meetings, reported that the Foundation board as part of having 501(c)3 status needs to have in place a whistleblower policy. They did an update to this policy and it was passed at their last board meeting. Koplan asked if the FVRL Board needs to have this type of policy as well, and Ziegman said it is not required. Duitman said the details that FVRL needs are reflected in our Personnel Policy.

E. Other Reports

Reports from a number of FVRL departments were provided to the Board and have been attached.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ziegman said in an effort to provide information to our patrons and communities, the staff will be wearing lanyards that say, "Ask me about the library levy." He provided lanyards for each Board member to wear. Inside the lanyard pocket are several business-card sized handouts containing bullet points about the levy. Ziegman said the idea for this came from another library system that used this as a way to generate interest and communicate information within their communities.

Duitman, Ford and Ziegman have been giving informational speeches about the levy lid lift to community groups. Carrico asked if the Board could be informed about upcoming speaking engagements, in case any members wanted to attend to show support. Pettigrew will send the information to the Board.

Information about the political campaign was shared. The political campaign has been putting out small yard signs; big yard signs will go up soon. There have been tables at the Farmers Market in Vancouver and there will be one at the Six to Sunset concerts. Campaign supporters marched in the Hazel Dell Parade and will be in the Battle Ground Parade in July. Literature dropping is going on. Voter registration efforts are being worked on. There will be direct mail pieces.

In late June, Ziegman will be meeting with the editorial board of the Columbian to talk about the levy lid lift.

Ziegman said he was unsuccessful in receiving funds from the Washington State Library for a one year demonstration project to provide library cards to children in the Woodland School District who live outside our service area. He had hoped that, following this one-

year project, a campaign would have taken place to annex the rest of the school district area into the FVRL district. Ziegman said that with so many other projects going on right now, he will unfortunately need to put this concern aside for now.

The Battle Ground library's first anniversary celebration was held on May 15 and was hosted by the Friends. Ziegman said the Friends conducted a survey at the event to find out what feature in the new library people liked best. Higgins said the three top features (in order) were the Friends bookstore, self checkout, and the more abundant parking available there versus the old site.

FVRL has a new children's services coordinator, Sarah Nelsen. The current children's services coordinator, Jacquelyn Keith, will become Early Learning Coordinator. Ziegman noted that this split in Keith's position occurred as a result of Doreen Turpen's retirement, to provide coverage of the early learning components that were part of Turpen's job.

Radon testing in Washougal City Hall resulted in a temporary closure there. Ziegman said the Washougal library was tested several times and radon levels in the library were low.

Ziegman also noted that FVRL's circulation continues to increase, as libraries are being heavily used.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mary Jean Lord said that there is a library levy yard sign about a block away from the Goldendale library. She then noted that Klickitat County has large rural areas that are served by the Goldendale library. In recognition of this, the Friends group started an outreach program and as a result Lord went to Bickleton with the bookmobile recently. She reminded the Board that Goldendale staff member Judy Bane gave a report about the bookmobile a few years ago. Lord said she enjoyed the trip on the bookmobile; it was on a gorgeous day and they enjoyed seeing all the flowers in bloom along their route. At the bookmobile stops, many children came with their families. Lord said that the bookmobile carries a lot of materials and still runs smoothly and efficiently. She could see for herself why the service is so well loved by the rural communities it serves. The bookmobile driver had brought with her books that were for special requests from library patrons along the route. Barron has also gone out on the bookmobile, as part of the Friends efforts to get support and involvement from more of the Goldendale library's service area.

Rush said she forgot to mention that there are celebrations for Summer Reading throughout the district. The library's otter mascot, Sophie, will be visiting the Goldendale library on July 30 during a Raptor Discovery program. Rush said she's soliciting volunteers from First Independent Bank to help.

11. BOARD COMMENTS

Carrico said his children visit the library every couple weeks and recently picked up their summer reading packets. His children love to read and he has found the summer reading program to be very successful in their household. His son is excited about filling in the lily pads that are in his reading log. Carrico also said he is impressed with the Goldendale library facility. He said it's obvious the community takes good care of it and supports it.

Koplan spoke about her involvement in the levy lid lift political campaign as a volunteer. She marched in the Hazel Dell parade and she noted that it moved so slow she was able to talk to the people along the route. There were lots of families there and she observed a great deal of support for the library. Koplan said she has been involved in literature dropping and as part of that has talked with many of our residents. From that, she has also heard much community support. She said it has been a very positive experience that others may also enjoy. Koplan has also been communicating with Friends presidents to encourage their help in initiating voter registration efforts in our communities.

Recently Koplan participated in one of the tours of the new main library. She said the building is coming along beautifully and will have large, bright windows and a tremendous view. As modern technology continues to improve, she said there will only be increasing benefit to outlying areas from having a main library.

Yee said the libraries in Hood River County are going to close on June 30, following their unsuccessful ballot measure to create their own taxing district. The community there is grieving over the loss. As that area will no longer pay library taxes, their residents will also be unable to obtain a free library card from FVRL. Reynolds said that the library measure there was unsuccessful in part due to the opposition from their outlying areas. She said it is good that FVRL pays attention to the needs of people in its outlying areas. Ziegman said that Hood River County plans to run another election in November and so it's possible their libraries could re-open if that is successful. Mary Jean Lord said our state has the greatest libraries in the world and she feels fortunate to belong to the best library district in the state.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is Monday, July 12, 2010 at the Ridgefield Community Center.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 12, 2010 meeting

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- Demo completed for the RFP for a new PC Management, Print Management, and Payment System

The demos on the new PC Management, Print Management, and Payment System were performed by the two finalist vendors. The first demo was held on May 4th and the second demo was held on May 6th at Cascade Park. The demos attendees were given a good overview of each proposed systems strengths and weaknesses. Thanks are extended to Mike Smith and IT staff for their work in coordinating the hardware/software setup work required for each demo presentations.

- Additional Selfcheck stations

Two new selfcheck stations were installed by IT this month. On May 17th, a fourth selfcheck station was added into the Three Creeks Community library. On the following day May 18th, a selfcheck station was installed at the Woodland Community library.

- Collection Maintenance

Brenda Cameron started meeting with Melinda Chesbro, Patty Duitman, Mary Devlin, Yvonne Iverson, Meg Zaleski and Megan Dugan about our responsibilities and procedures on discarding items from the collection. An important topic that is tied to this conversation concerns how FVRL deals with the bill records that need to be deleted before some items can be removed from the catalog. .

- Surplus Sale

Help Desk staff were involved with the Surplus Sale held in mid-May. Since Facilities was short on staff, Aaron helped them move the surplus IT equipment from storage to the tennis courts for the sale. Aaron was also assigned to work at the sale. Brenda is working on a procedure to dispose of the discard equipment rather than store it until the next sale. Brenda has spoken to Kelly and Carl about this and it appears that this will be possible. If so, the new process will save on staff time and storage space.

- IT Manager Interviews

Between the 17th and 21st of this month, we interviewed four potential candidates for the IT Manager position. They were all good candidates and I expect that we will have a person in place by end of June. Much thanks to Mary Devlin, Patty Duitman, Amy Lee, Brenda Cameron, and Mike Smith for their time and assistance during this selection process.

- Language Databases

Amy Lee enlisted the help from several ECC volunteers and participants to evaluate three language databases that the library is considering for subscription service. She

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summarized their opinions and submitted the information along with her own feedback to give to Content Management.

- Meetings, Conferences, and Continuing Education

May 3rd, I attended a conference call to discuss the workstation furniture being designed by Turner Exhibits.

May 5th, Amy Lee the library's Volunteers Appreciation Reception.

May 7th, I attended a another conference call to discuss the workstation furniture being designed by Turner Exhibits.

May 12th, I attended a product demo presented by Counting Opinions.

May 19th, Amy Lee attended the monthly LCRG (Latino Community Resource Group) meeting and passed out information about the Library lid-lift levy to the group.

May 19th, I attended a webinar presented by the ULC (Urban Libraries Council). The topic of this webinar was "Libraries as Catalyst for Economic Growth & Community Development."

May 20th, Amy Lee attended "The future is mobile" webinar sponsored by Library Journal/OCLC. It was announced at the meeting that there were over 1,000 people attending the live webcast throughout the country! The 3 hour long webinar has been archived and is available at: <http://bit.ly/axuSRe>. Since our partnership with the State Library and OCLC is enabling us to offer "Text-a-librarian" reference service via texting on a cell phone. Amy reports that we are better able to meet the needs of the people, especially the younger generation, whose phone has become the most convenient information device for them.

May 25th, Mike Smith and I attended a conference call with BestTel. The topic of the call was regarding the phone system for the new Vancouver Community library in downtown Vancouver.

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Community Libraries Report For May 2010

PROGRAMS

Gorge artist Bonnie White's retrospective, "Painting my way through life," opened May 4 in the Stevenson Library gallery. One of her large watercolors was commissioned for the Cascade Park library, and draws admiring comments from visitors there.

"Backyard Chicken Keeping" was a very popular program in Stevenson. Many people stayed after the event asking questions. More people are keeping chickens or expanding their flocks and more books have been ordered on chickens to help keep up with demand.

Goldendale held a Lego play day program. Kids created wonderful constructions which now grace the front display case. Everyone was very excited about the program. About ¾ of the participants were boys, so it's a very effective program to balance the demographic reach of the children's programs.

Community Choices' Unnatural Causes series was held at Cascade Park, Battle Ground and Vancouver. Discussion followed DVD presentations. Cascade Park hosted Becoming American, Battled Ground hosted Not Just a Paycheck, and Vancouver hosted Place Matters.

Cascade Park's Women in Combat program came out of conversations Teresa Torres had with a patron, a Viet Nam nurse. The theme was how the role of women in combat has changed over the last 40 years. The three women who spoke did a tremendous job sharing their stories from Viet Nam through the war in Iraq. The Viet Nam nurse had never told her story to anyone including her family. Her daughter came up afterwards and said she was so thankful to finally hear what her mom had gone through. There were nearly 60 people in attendance—from middle schoolers to Viet Nam veterans.

The Beginning Reader Book Club at Vancouver Mall is designed for 6-8 year olds and their parents. Students read a beginning reader book and then use critical thinking skills to discuss the books. After discussion they play literacy games. One person commented: "I'm a secondary language arts teacher and I believe this is exactly the type of literacy instruction beginning readers need."

Washougal celebrated the one year anniversary of the Gaming Group with cake, pizza, and a series of toasts that thanked the staff, touched on the highlights of the past year, both famous and infamous, and marked the gaming session as a milestone. During the game that day the players retrieved the first section of the Rod of Seven Parts, also a milestone.

The Battle Ground Friends hosted a First Anniversary Open House on Saturday May 15. About 175 people came to celebrate the beautiful library. There were door prizes, tours, cake and cookies, and a slideshow. The Friends provided corsages for the staff members, thanking them for their hard work in creating a positive experience for patrons.



“Murder in the Gorge” at White Salmon was a reading and book signing by four regional authors of murder mysteries set in the Columbia River Gorge. Having a story set in the local area gives an added level of interest for local readers. The authors were Miralee Ferrell from White Salmon, M.C. Lemley from Goldendate, Sheila Simonson from Vancouver and Mary Freeman from Portland. Among those in attendance were some new young authors in our area who had an opportunity to meet with more experienced writers.

White Salmon held their first series of “Imagine That!”, a Pirate Party. Participants were encouraged to wear pirate attire based on the book, “A Pirate’s Alphabet” by Patti Wigington. The highlight of the program was when the kids had a treasure hunt for the letters of their names, which were hidden in gold coins, sand, ice-cold water, and gooey gunk.



La Center hosted a “Teddy Bear Tea Party” at the La Center Community Center. There were over 120 attendees that enjoyed the teddy bear themed crafts and snacks, as well as entertainment by magician Bob Eaton.

Stevenson hosted a “measuring-free” pie-making class led by Jean Johnson. To get a sense of how much fun people had go to:

<http://www.measurefreehippiecook.com/2010/05/little-aunties-pie-class-a-photo-essay/>

Kendra Pearce from the Urban Farm School presented attendees at La Center with a coop full of information on raising, caring for, and housing chickens in the backyard. Kendra was gracious enough to spend over two full hours with the chicken raising public of La Center.

To recognize National Endangered Species Awareness month, Vancouver hosted Cathy Wright from Wild on Wildlife. She presented an excellent program that included three live birds (screech owl, red-tail hawk, and falcon). After her talk, the children made posters that expressed their concerns for endangered plants and animals.

Tween book discussions are taking off in Woodland. They are being held at the Intermediate School and also at the Yale School.

YOUNG ADULTS

The Ridgefield Teen Manga series ended colorfully with several participants dressing for the occasion. One out-fit included a black trench coat and another featured tiger stripes—and ears!



Gen Brown (Battle Ground) reported that at the Battle Ground Rose Float Princesses visited the Teen Council meeting. The five Princesses shared information about Battle Ground’s Rose Float, the process of becoming a Princess and service projects they are involved in. The Princesses were impressed with all the Teen Council does to help the library and several volunteered to help during summer reading.

Battle Ground staff created a reading nook for teens to gather in by moving the magazines, graphic novels and manga. Now there is a cozy spot with the bean bag chairs where teens can read and lounge during their visit to the library. The internet computers in the teen area now have a sign stating that between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm those two computers are for teen use only. This has been a big success, and the teens really make use of it.

COORDINATORS

Jen Studebaker (YA Coordinator) spearheaded the Vstories competition. Vstories was a digital storytelling competition cosponsored by FVRL and the Digital Storytelling department of WSU-V that took place throughout April on FVRL's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/fvrlldistrict. The final winner was announced on May 3rd. The Facebook page had a large spike in activity and a very large gain in fans before and during the contest. One of the goals was to get as many fans for the page as possible and that goal was met. Another success was creating a rather complicated program from nothing in only a couple of weeks. As far as we can tell, there is no other organization using Facebook in such a way. Overall, the Vstories program was successful.

Jen did several trainings as well. She traveled to the Battle Ground library and visited Branch and Supervisor Days to present Teen Summer Reading information. She visited Three Creeks library to briefly present Trends in Young Adult Literature. The major training this month was the annual YA spring training. Each year in May, FVRL staff who work with teens gather to learn new skills, collaborate, share information, and attend workshops.

The latest teen eNewsletter is at <http://www.fvrl.org/teens/enews/0610.htm>

Jacquelyn Keith (Children's Service Coordinator) met with Rick Smithrud and Shay Shinall to discuss the three year lease of the 2011 Toyota from McCord's Vancouver Toyota. The van will be used to promote children's literacy throughout the district beginning in September.

Jacquelyn met with Jodi Wall and Corina McIntyre (both ESD 112) and Tom Nadal (Evergreen School District) to discuss the future of Read and Plays in the Evergreen School District. Tom said that the participating schools will continue to have staff available for the parent education part of the Read and Play.

District circulation is up 14% for the month of May.

More than 74% of all new checkouts were transacted at checkout machines installed in 10 branches. Cascade Park and Battle Ground exceeded the district goal with more than 80% of their checkout done by customers in May. Self-check has been installed in Woodland and people are eager to use it.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Secretary of State Sam Reed visited Stevenson, Goldendale and White Salmon Libraries. In Stevenson, he received a tour of Bonnie White's show and learned about library events and activities. In Goldendale, Naomi Fisher gave him a tour and several Friends members came to greet him. Conversation centered on the historic building, the support of the community and the benefits of the State Library, which Reed was instrumental in saving in the last budget cycle. In

White Salmon, he had a tour and used a visitor pass to access the Internet. A photographer from the *Enterprise* took pictures for the local White Salmon paper.

Chris Hughey (Stevenson) met with North Bonneville planner Tom Jermann to go over historic items from the city's collection that were digitized. Tom provided many interesting historic facts. Evan Robb (State Library) has trained staff on new cataloging software. The next step is entering data that will be uploaded with pictures onto the state website.

Naomi Fisher (Goldendale) attended the Wishram School book fair, a reward fair for student achievements in the Accelerated Reader point program. She promoted Summer Reading, the bookmobile schedule and remote library catalog access. About 125 people attended.

Demand for proctoring services has increased in Goldendale, a result of the closure of the Learning Center combined with more adults in college and training programs. Naomi is streamlining the proctoring process so that staff can access files and start students' tests without a supervisor being present.

In conjunction with Westfield's WFamily program, Vancouver Mall hosted two story times, one each on Saturday and Sunday. Westfield is putting out a monthly Family Events and Promotion calendar listing all of the library's programs, story times and summer reading.

100 second graders from Sunset Elementary toured the Washougal Library in groups of 20. Sean promoted libraries, library services, and Summer Reading and told a story to each group.

Johanna Bateman (Children's Services) was a committee member for the 2010 Clark County Provider Appreciation event. This is hosted by Child Care Resource and Referral with the help of several other agencies including FVRL. Similar events took place in Skamania and Klickitat counties. The event gives recognition to those who provide care for children in the district.

The May "Forum at the Library" featured two panelists discussing the pros and cons of using nuclear power for generating electricity.

White Salmon staff took part in the White Salmon Spring Festival parade. The library van was decked out with a gigantic stack of books created last year by Tricia Dunn, a new 'book cover' with this year's Summer Reading Theme "Make a Splash! Read!", and a dozen brightly colored balloons. A teen volunteer joined marched along side the van helping to distribute candy donated by the Friends of the Library. The van entry garnered 3rd place.

Use of the Renew WA Job Lab at Vancouver has been steady, with a total of 53 visitors this month, an average of over 6.5 per session. Staff continue to get positive feedback from those who use the Lab.

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

Vancouver Mall Friends purchased more display stands. There are now more than 100 stands and staff comment on how often they need to be refilled as patrons check the items out.

The second of two White Salmon Valley School District K-12 student shows was featured in the Sprint/Baker Gallery. "Festival of Color" had dozens of brightly painted birds hanging in tiers

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from the ceiling, large exotic three-dimensional insects hanging from the walls, and an array of other student works in various media.

STAFF

Many staff members attended the YA Spring Training organized by Jen Studebaker.

Staff at Vancouver Mall have received several very nice comments from the public. A patron told Amanda Morris that she was a “day saver!” because of her assistance. Cynthia Ernst helped a patron find a mis-shelved book and was told that she was, “a good luck charm”.

Assistant 1 & 2s at Vancouver have had training on how to better handle basic questions from the public while out shelving. The information desk staff are already seeing results with the Assistants bringing patrons to the information desks.

VOLUNTEERS

Ridgefield honored local volunteers with a reception on May 25. Sherry Braga provided decorations and other items from the district-wide reception.

FRIENDS

Stevenson Friends met to plan their annual meeting. They will no longer have a separate board; officers will serve as board members. The new president will be Kathleen Roulet.

Goldendale Friends hosted their annual membership party this month which was combined with a Goldendale volunteer appreciation day. The Camplan Room was beautifully decorated in an “Alice in Wonderland” theme by volunteer Ruth Marvin. Another Friends member made a fabulous cake, and Teddy graced the party dressed as the White Rabbit.

Washougal Friends group agreed to give \$250.00 to support Teen Summer Reading.

Battle Ground Friends distributed a comment form at the anniversary celebration, asking what people liked most about the new library. The top three features were: "Ben's Books" book sale room; self checkout; and better parking. Handwritten additions to the checklist commended staff for their dedication, and the library in general.

Vancouver Friends continue to be very supportive of services and programs; they are contributing \$1000 towards the Teen Summer Reading program this year.

FACILITIES

Megan Dugan is coordinating preparations for the Ridgefield and La Center self-check desks.

Three Creeks added a fourth self-check machine at the information desk. Staff are seeing more people use self-check and envision getting to 80% checkout for the month of June.

TIDBITS

Johanna Bateman said that a parent at the Orchards Read and Play told her that her four year old son now “reads” to his almost two year old brother and imitates the things that Johanna does--- like talking about the end papers.

Erica Rhodes (Children's Services) reported that a family attending the Silver Star Read and Play recently moved to Lake Oswego but continue to come. Both parent and daughter love the program and the mother has frequently said how much of an affect the program has had on her family. "This program has been the cornerstone of our daughter's early education. We feel so prepared for her to start school in the fall thanks to you."

Walter H. Yost came to the Battle Ground Library desk with his library card. The card didn't look anything like our standard, barcoded FVRL card. Mr. Yost served on the FVRL Board of Trustees during the '60s, and received his lifetime library card as a thank you. Unfortunately, without the barcode he was unable to use it to check out, but he didn't seem to mind.

Gen Brown (Battle Ground) happened upon a "letterbox" stashed in the library. Letterboxing combines navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry in a "treasure hunt". Players stash a box somewhere in North America and place clues on a website. Participants seek hidden letterboxes by cracking codes and following clues. They stamp their discoveries in a personal journal, and use their own rubber stamp, called a *signature stamp*, in the logbook with the letterbox, sometimes writing a note about the weather or their adventures. The box that Gen found and restashed is about the size of a cough drop box. The logbook inside says: "Battle Ground Community Library - The Library That Love Built! Placed at Battle Ground Community Library at its beautiful new location May 2009 in commemoration of its opening! The Morris Five." Six letterboxers have stamped its logbook. It is still there!

Family Movie Matinee at White Salmon continues to be popular for all ages. One grandfather commented after this month's show that, "This is exactly what I was looking for to do with my granddaughter. I came to the library expecting to check out a few books and ended up watching a movie, eating some popcorn, getting my voter's registration info, and finding some great books."

The first week Porter attended the Vancouver story time he sat a table with his head down and cried the entire time. The next week he sat at the table but didn't cry, just watched. Third week he and his grandmother sat closer, but not on the floor. The fourth week he sat on the floor and listened. After that, he came bounding in every week, got his name tag and carpet rectangle. His grandmother insisted that his mother attend the last program, since she had never seen her son participate positively in a group setting. Now they're going to sign him up for kindergarten. Apparently he had had a bad preschool experience. The grandmother said, "He will now have 12 years of positive schooling, now that he understands that it can be fun and meaningful!"

Date: June 14, 2010
To: Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board of Trustees
From: Patty Duitman
Subject: Operations Report

ADMINISTRATION

- Continue to monitor the 2010 budget
- Working on the 2011 budget
- Participated in the bi-monthly Labor and Management meeting on June 3
- Bruce and I toured the Kenton Library in Portland
- The Levy Lid Lift resolution was delivered to all four county offices as required to be on the August ballot
- Participated on the interview teams for the IT Manager and Children's Service Coordinator positions
- Attended the quarterly Clark County Investment Committee meeting
- Spoke at several local organizations to provide updates and information on changes taking place throughout the library district

ACCOUNTING

- Prepared updated property tax collection report which tracks tax revenue from counties gathering revenue for FVRL
- Completed and submitted all the Washington State reports required by the State Auditor by the May 31 due date

FACILITIES

- Completed (89) work orders and (11) special events
- Cascade Park – secured proposals for HVAC services
- Goldendale – repaired security camera and installed defibrillator
- Three Creeks – working on fountain repairs
- White Salmon – painted restrooms
- Assisted with the May surplus sale
- Updated the Vancouver building system assessment

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Our 2010 Health and Wellness program is underway with Kaiser providing free consultations with a medical assistant and a health coach to staff on June 2 in Library Hall; 29 employees took advantage of this opportunity

PURCHASING and MAIL

- Gathering detailed furniture information for the new main library
- Purchasing additional furniture for the Battle Ground Library
- Researching and costing self-check workstations
- Organizing for the next surplus sale on Friday, August 20



Foundation Update

Great News!

- FVRL Foundation recently received \$420,134 as part of a bequest from the estate of a Clark County woman. The bequest is unrestricted.
- In 2008, the Foundation worked with a local couple and Riverview Asset Management to establish a living trust. In 2009, the trust distributed \$1,555 to the Foundation. Recently, the trust forwarded a contribution of \$3,682. The couple plans to continue adding to the trust so that each year the distributions will continue to grow.
- Earlier this year, NW Natural contributed \$7,500 to be the presenting sponsor of FVRL's 2010 Summer Reading Program. Recently, NW Natural contributed an additional \$3,000 to cover the cost of decorating a Story Time Van that will be donated by McCord's Vancouver Toyota in September.



Upcoming Events

First Independent Bank Book Drive

- June 1st-30th at all area bank branches
- Donations will benefit Friends of the Library groups

Friends of Battle Ground Community Library Eclipse Movie Fundraiser

- Wednesday, June 30th at 11:59 p.m. at Battle Ground Cinemas
- Tickets \$9 each

Six to Sunset Concerts

- Thursdays, 5-9 p.m.
- July 8-5 Guys Named Moe
- July 15-Patrick Lamb
- July 22-The Antics
- July 29-Quarterflash
- August 5-Zuzo Blue
- August 12-Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts

Private Wine Tasting at Evergreen Wine Cellars

- Saturday, July 10th
- Two seatings: 5-6:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m.
- \$25 per person to benefit the Foundation
- Seating is extremely limited

Safeway LPGA Classic Tickets

- August 16th-22nd at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course
- Purchase \$25 tickets and select Foundation as ticket donation recipient

www.safewayclassic.com

Shorty's Garden & Home Oktoberfest

- Friday, September 24th
- 5:30-11 p.m.

FVRL District Levy Lid Lift August 17, 2010

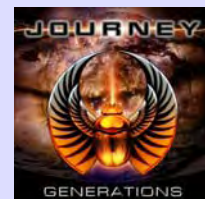
How Board Members Can Help!

Upcoming Events

- Donate books at First Independent Bank branches
- Purchase Safeway LPGA Classic tickets
- Sell Private Wine Tasting tickets
- Attend Foundation events

Now You Know...

Shay Shinall and her daughter, Chloe (6) live in Salmon Creek. For 'fun' they like to golf, play soccer and visit the Farmer's Market for lunch. Her favorite books tend to be those she read as a child: No Flying in the House, My Side of the Mountain and books by Judy Blume. At any given time you can find Journey, The Eagles, Eddie Rabbit, or Van Morrison on her CD player.



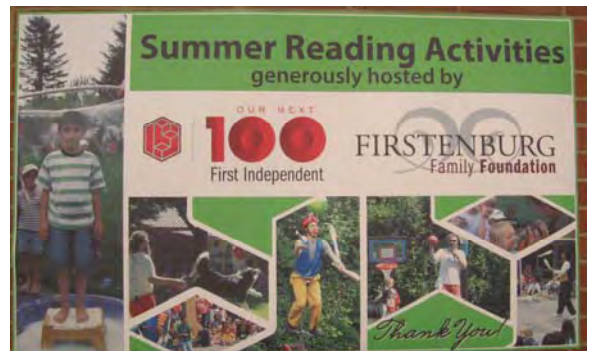
Major Foundation Contributions

July 1, 2009-May 31, 2010

Selected Program	Amount
Battle Ground Building Fund	\$170,922
Cascade Park Building Fund	\$21,565
Citizens for Better Libraries	\$20,000
Collection Expenses	\$21,774
"Hello, Baby" Book Bags	\$25,191
Teen Summer Reading	\$18,766
Selected Programs TOTAL	\$278,218

*Please note this selected list also does not include individual branch library support provided by the Friends of the Library groups

May 18th-First Independent Bank & Firstenberg Family Foundation Summer Reading Sponsorship Presentation



Marc Grignon, Firstenberg Family Foundation;
Bill & Jeanne Firstenberg,
First Independent Bank;
Rebecca Blaisdell; Donna Rush;
& Bruce Ziegman