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Library Board Hires Amelia Shelley to Lead District

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees unanimously approved a hiring contract with former Garfield County (Col.) Public Library District executive director Amelia Shelley at a special Sept. 9 public meeting at district headquarters in Vancouver.

Shelley will assume her new duties as FVRL executive director on Monday, Oct. 12.

Shelley took the helm of the Garfield Public Library District in Dec. 2007, following local voter approval to convert the county library system to an independent taxing district. Voters also had approved funding for major capital improvement projects, and Shelley led the effort to produce six unique library facilities on time and under budget. Her 17 years of library administration experience include 10 years as youth and outreach services manager at Laramie County Library in Wyoming.

She earned her master's degree in library science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a bachelor of arts degree at the University of California at Davis.

The library board approved an annual salary of \$145,000 for its new executive director. Shelley fills the position being vacated by Nancy Tessman with her retirement at the end of September after leading FVRL since July 2012.

About Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Established in 1950, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides a vast range of information and cultural services to more than 464,000 Southwest and South Central Washington citizens in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and the city of Woodland and Yale Valley Library District in Cowlitz County. FVRL provides a collection of more than 750,000 items, online library services at www.fvrl.org, two bookmobiles, telephone information services, 24/7 online help, outreach programs, and 15 public library locations: Community Libraries in Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Washougal, White Salmon Valley and Woodland; The Mall Library Connection at Westfield Vancouver; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.

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