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**Celebrate 10 years of Battle Ground
Community Library on May 18**
*Library and local Friends of the Library presenting activities,
demonstrations and refreshments in the recently refreshed library*

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Ten years ago the community of Battle Ground helped make a new Battle Ground Community Library a reality. In honor of the anniversary, the library and Friends of Battle Ground Community Library are presenting activities and demonstrations to commemorate the date and thank the community for a decade of support.

The celebration will be held on May 18 from 1 to 5 pm at the library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604, in the Meyer Memorial Trust Community Room. There'll be music, crafts for the entire family, a 3D printer demonstration, refreshments, and more.

Refreshed and Ready

As part of the lead-up to the library's 10th anniversary, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries recently completed a "refresh" of the facility. Highlights of the "refresh" include a new mural in the teen area, new furniture in the children and teen areas, and new carpet and reupholstered furniture throughout the library. New acoustical panels, donated by Battle Ground Lions Club and



Friends of Battle Ground Community Library have also been installed to help reduce noise levels. The library was closed for the “refresh” for most of April, but reopened on April 29.

Recognizing Over 10 Years of Community Support

The May 18 celebration is not simply a party for the library’s 10 years or an opportunity for the public to see the “refreshed” space, but also a way of recognizing the community and the efforts of volunteers and donors to make the library happen.

The story of Battle Ground Community Library’s 14,000 square foot building represents the best intentions of the community coalescing to help fund the library. For 50 years the library was housed in a 3,870 square foot building without enough space for materials, let alone the library’s 140,000 visitors a year. After bond measures to build a new library in Battle Ground failed in 1999 and 2000, the local Friends of the Library group took it upon themselves to fundraise in support of the \$3 million facility.

“After many tries to pass a bond issue to build a larger library, the community of book-readers decided to do it on their own and after many fundraisers and begging we did just that. We are so thankful for the generous support of our community,” said Louise Tucker, member of the Friends of Battle Ground Community Library.

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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 Vancouver Mall; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.

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