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Connect Card Links Lyle Students to Library District's Resources

Students able to use online learning materials through new partnership

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Lyle School District and Fort Vancouver Regional Library District are partnering on student success. The two organizations have launched their “Connect Card” to all K-12 students in the Lyle School District as a way of better supporting students’ learning and educators’ efforts.

The Connect Card is a new initiative piloted by FVRL to allow students access to FVRL’s extensive library of online learning resources and eBooks. Through the partnership, students are registered for a special student account (the Connect Card) that allows them to freely access FVRL’s eResources, but not check out physical materials such as books.

“The Connect Card ensures that all students and educators have access to the electronic resources they need. Lyle School District has been an enthusiastic partner and their willingness to pilot this program with their students shows a commitment to their student’s success and a tremendous collaborative attitude,” said Jennifer Studebaker, FVRL’s Community Partnerships and Outreach Coordinator.

Students wanting access to physical materials can apply for a traditional library card at any of FVRL’s locations, including those in White Salmon and Goldendale. By separating Connect Cards from traditional cards, the partnership ensures students always have access to the materials they need for school – with no fees or fines – regardless of whether their traditional account is blocked.

Lyle School District students were automatically signed up for the Connect Card at the beginning of the school year, although parents can “opt-out” if they choose. In addition, FVRL staff recently provided instructional staff at Lyle School District an overview of the services available to students as well as specific training on popular eResources including Overdrive eBooks and eAudio.

“A central goal in the district improvement plan in Lyle has been to increase access and equitable opportunities for each of our students,” Lyle School District Superintendent Andrew Kelly said. “Our partnership with Fort Vancouver



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Regional Library supports this goal by providing our students access to resource materials that previously have been unattainable. The staff in Lyle look forward to increasing use of these resources in hopes of opening doors and removing barriers for our students.”

FVRL is also partnering with Vancouver Public Schools this year as part of the Connect Card pilot; the district plans to expand the project to additional school districts in FVRL’s service area of Klickitat, Skamania and Clark Counties in coming years.

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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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