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Library District Brings Celebrated Authors to Clark County

*Mystery and horror novelist JA Jance coming to Vancouver Community Library on September 19;
author Jack Gantos visits Battle Ground Community Library on September 23*

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is bringing two award-winning authors to town next week, with J.A. Jance providing a lunchtime read at the Vancouver Community Library on Monday, Sept. 19, at noon; and Jack Gantos at Battle Ground Community Library on Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

Vancouver's Vintage Books will be on hand at both events with copies of the author's books for purchase and signing.

J.A. Jance on September 19 at Vancouver Community Library

New York Times bestselling author J.A. Jance will discuss and sign copies of her newest book *Downfall: A Brady Novel of Suspense* at a special community brown bag on Monday, September 19 from 12-1:30 at Vancouver Community Library. Public are invited to bring a lunch and join Jance at the library, 901 C St., Vancouver, WA 98660, in the Columbia Room on the first floor.

Paced at breakneck speed, *Downfall* is everything readers have come to expect from a Jance novel. In this latest installment, Cochise County Sheriff Joanna Brady has a lot on her plate. Pregnant and gearing up for a reelection bid, Joanna is managing multiple cases plus trying to be a wife, and a mother to her college bound daughter and rambunctious five-year-old son. But when a personal tragedy forces her to the sidelines, she's torn between the duty to her family and to the people she's sworn to serve and protect.

J.A. Jance is the author of the J. P. Beaumont series, the Joanna Brady series, the Ali Reynolds series, and five interrelated thrillers about the Walker Family as well as a volume of poetry. Born in South Dakota and brought up in Bisbee, Arizona, Jance lives with her husband in Seattle, Washington, and Tucson, Arizona.

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Jack Gantos on September 23 at Battle Ground Community Library

Newbery Award Winning author Jack Gantos will talk about his writing experiences, answer questions, and sign books at a special evening presentation on Friday, September 23 at Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604. The event starts at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30.

Best known for the fictional characters Rotten Ralph and Joey Pigza, Gantos has written books for readers of all ages, from picture books and middle-grade fiction to novels for young adults and adults. His works include *Hole in My Life*, a memoir that won the Michael L. Printz and Robert F. Sibert honors; *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, a National Book Award Finalist, *Joey Pigza Loses Control*, a Newbery Honor book, and *Dead End in Norvelt*, the 2012 Newbery Award Winner, and the Scott O'Dell Award Winner for Best Historic Fiction.

Gantos' most recent book is *The Trouble in Me*, a fiery autobiographical novel capturing a pivotal week or two in the life of the fourteen-year-old author, revealing the moment he began to slide off track as a kid who in just a few years would find himself locked up in a federal penitentiary for the crimes portrayed in the memoir *Hole in My Life*. Set in the Fort Lauderdale neighborhood of his family's latest rental home, *The Trouble in Me* opens with an explosive encounter in which Gantos first meets his awesomely rebellious older neighbor, Gary Pagoda, just back from juvie for car theft. Instantly mesmerized, Gantos decides he will do whatever it takes to be like Gary. As a follower, Gantos is eager to leave his old self behind, and desperate for whatever crazy, hilarious, frightening thing might happen next. But he may not be as ready as he thinks when the trouble in him comes blazing to life.

Gantos' visit to Battle Ground Community Library is provided with support from the Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.

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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.