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Two-time Newberry Honor Winning Author Presenting at Vancouver Community Library on Oct. 22

*Gary D. Schmidt will be special guest speaker and awards presenter at Fort Vancouver Regional Library
District's Imagined Ink Awards Celebration for teen writing*

VANCOUVER, Wash. – In a celebration of youth writing, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is bringing award winning author of young adult novels Gary D. Schmidt to Vancouver Community Library on Saturday, October 22 at 2 p.m.

A professor of English at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Schmidt received both a Newbery Honor and a Printz Honor for *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* and a Newbery Honor for *The Wednesday Wars*. His book *Okay for Now* was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2011.

Schmidt will be on hand to speak and present the awards for FVRL's annual district-wide writing contest for youth, Imagined Ink. Aspiring young writers submitted original stories of no more than 1,000 words in any genre, topic or format to the contest in September, with prizes awarded in two age groups: grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. The winning stories are published on FVRL's website at www.fvrl.org.

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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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