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## **Portia Masterson appointed as trustee to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District**

*Lyle resident and author selected to represent Klickitat County on seven-member Board of Trustees*

VANCOUVER, Wash. -- Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is pleased to announce that Portia Masterson of Lyle, WA has been selected by joint resolution of the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat, Clark and Skamania counties to serve as trustee to FVRL.

Masterson is the author of *Bicycling Bliss: Riding to Improve Your Wellness*, written from her years of experience as the owner of a bicycle and bike accessory store in Golden, Colorado. After 24 years as the owner of the store, she retired and soon moved to Washington where she has lived for 10 years, homesteading on 12 acres and building a cob cottage with woodshed, workshop and a root cellar for the various edibles she gardens.

In promoting her book, Masterson visited hundreds of libraries in small towns and big cities across the western US, which gave her “a broader understanding of the importance of libraries in democracy as well as the role of libraries in the digital age.” She said that when she first visited the FVRL’s White Salmon Community Library that it “Felt like home. I am so impressed by the great diversity of programs and selections of books they have.”

Besides libraries and reading, Portia’s hobbies include gardening and sharing her knowledge by teaching classes in German, bicycle maintenance, nutrition and store management. She also has a special interest in Native American heritage and school populations and was an organizer of the Lyle River People’s Cultural Exchange from 2009-2011.

The FVRL Board of Trustees is composed of seven positions representing all of Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. Board members are not compensated for their time. They are appointed by a joint resolution of the commissioners of Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, generally for seven-year terms.

Masterson was appointed to represent Klickitat County, filling a vacancy created when the previous trustee, Kate



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Maple, moved out of the county. Masterson will serve the remainder of Maple's term, which runs through December 31, 2021.

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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](http://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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