

# Yale Valley Library District

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2025

Yale Valley Community Library

Trustees Present: Julie Starr and Kathi Wheeler: By phone, Cynthia McAllister. Absent, Nikki Jolly

FVRL: Jennifer Giltrop, Jennifer Hauan, Angela Duncan

YVLD: Lesley Miller

Members of the Public: Rob Starr and Alesya Demenko

1. The meeting was called to order by the secretary, Kathi Wheeler at 3:12pm.
2. The agenda was approved. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees' present and by phone.
3. Kathi welcomed everyone and ask Jennifer Huaun to introduce Angela Duncan. Angela is the Vancouver Mall librarian and is shadowing Jennifer Hauan for the day.
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. March 5, 2025 Minutes. There was a miss spelling of Alesya Demenkos' name and a format mistake. The were noted. A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present and by phone.
5. **Financial Report**
  - a. February, 2025. Beginning in January, 2025 our balance for non-Capital Reserves were \$258,966.00. Tax Collections of \$1,593.00. Total non-Capital Reserves \$260,559.00. Total Capital Reserves was \$129,159. Ending February 28, 2025 total non-Capital and Capital Reserves are \$389, 718.00.
  - b. March, 2025. Beginning February 28, 2025, our balance for our non-Capital Reserves was \$260,559.00. Tax collections of \$1,981. Total non-Capital Reserves \$260,947.00. Total Capital Reserves for was \$130,523.00. Income to Capital Reserve was \$4,042.00. Ending March 31, 2025, total non-Capital and Capital Reserves are \$391,470.00.
6. **Board of Trustee Recommendations** Cowlitz County has received 4 applicants and a 5<sup>th</sup> today from members of the community to serve on YVLD Board of trustees. There is one open seat and there will be another July 9, 2025. The commissioners have asked the board to review the applicants and recommend two. The board reviewed and discussed the applicants. Alesya Demenko was one of the applicants and she discussed the use of the library when home schooling her children and the pleasure coming to the library gives

her family. Emelda Ochoa, a retired accountant living in the valley expressed a love of libraries and wanting to serve. A motion was made to recommend Alesya and Emelda. Starr/Wheeler The motion was approved by all trustees present and by phone.

7. **Facilities and Capital Outlay Update** Jennifer Giltrop presented the board with the last bill for the well project. The amount of the billings is \$6,512.42. With a budget of \$60,000.00 and a project approval amount of \$58,973.00 and a total cost of the well, \$44,848.00, the well project came in under budget by \$21,799.00. Great! A motion was made to approve the \$6512.42 expenditure. Starr/Wheeler The motion was approved by all trustees present and by phone. Jennifer updated the board on the paving project and it is scheduled for the week of May 26, 2025. It will take 2 days and the library will be closed during those 2 days. Notice will be given at the library and all the usual outlets.
8. **Branch Manager Report** Jennifer Hauan report that April 25, 2025 will be her last day as librarian at Woodland Library and Yale Valley Library. There will be a party in her honor Friday, April 25 from 3-5pm. This will be a festive sendoff for someone that has been a wonderful role model at our library and greatly helped Woodland cross the finish line building their library. She will be missed by all of us. In May, the recruitment interviews will take place for her replacement and by early summer a new librarian should be onboard. Events in the Woodland Library will continue with Fibre Federal Credit Union presenting, Financial Education Classes for Kids. Classes will be every Wednesday, beginning 4/16 through 4/30 from 4:30-5:30. Woodland Blooms will be presented April 19, 10am-2pm. This will be a Phonic Bloom app, explaining the ceiling sculpture in the children's room. This will also include paper flower making, story time and flower bombs. Family Film nite will be 4/18, 5-7pm screening **Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**. Popcorn will be served by the Woodland Friends. Summer Reading start June 15 and the theme is **Crypted in Space**. The program, **Passports to District Libraries** has begun. This program encourages patrons to visit all the libraries (including Yale) and receive a sticker if you can answer a question about the library. This fun project is to celebrate FVRL's 75 years of service. **YVLD Lesley Miller**, reported our library is seeing 1000 patron a month. That is a great milestone for the library. Yale School kids are visiting very month for story time and a craft. Amber is doing marvelous things with the book displays. Seasonal displays are especially welcome. The book discussion group is off to a great start. April 17 the discussion will be **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride**. Women's History and the Alzheimer's Discussion were very well attended.
9. **Public Comment** None
10. **Board Comment** None

11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm. The next meeting will be June 12, 2025 at 3pm in the Yale Valley Community Library. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present and on the phone.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathi Wheeler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kathi Wheeler, YVLD Secretary