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White Salmon Valley Community Library Welcomes New Branch Manager

**Ruth Shafer selected as manager; “Meet and Greet” event scheduled for June 20**

VANCOUVER, Wash. -- Fort Vancouver Regional Library District has selected a new branch manager for the vacant position at White Salmon Valley Community Library.

The newest branch manager is Ruth Shafer, a long-time FVRL librarian who most recently has been the Public Services Manager at Vancouver Community Library for the past three years. Prior to that, Shafer spent 23 years as the Youth Services Librarian at Vancouver Community Library, serving for seven of those years as FVRL’s Young Adult Services coordinator and helping to develop and implement a district-wide young adult services plan. In her most recent position, Shafer has supervised nine librarians and oversaw and coordinated dozens of programs every month for people of all ages. Most recently she was instrumental in developing a makerspace program at Vancouver Community Library.

Shafer began her new position at the White Salmon location on June 1.

FVRL and the Friends of the White Salmon Valley Community Library are hosting a “Meet and Greet” event with Shafer on Tuesday, June 20 from 4-6 pm at the library, 77 NE Wauna Avenue, White Salmon, WA 98672. Public is invited to visit with and welcome their new community librarian.

The branch manager position became open with the retirement of former branch manager Jennifer Hull at the end of March.

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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.