

Yale Valley Library District

Regular Meeting

August 21, 2025

Yale Valley Community Library

Trustees Present: Cynthia McAllister, Julia Starr, Emelda Ochoa, Alyssa Demenko, Lottie Stoll-Smith

FVRL: Jennifer Giltrop, Holland Christie

Friends of the Yale Valley Community Library: Tina Moir

Members of the Public: Rob Starr and Kathi Wheeler

1. The meeting was called to order by Cynthia McAllister at 3:01pm. Name tags were handed out to the trustees by Jennifer Giltrop.
2. Agenda approval – Emelda Ochoa moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to add the agenda item of a report by the Friends of the Yale Valley Community Library (FYVCL) with Tina Moir, president of FYVCL, presenting. Alyssa Demenko seconded. The motion was approved with 5 out of 5 votes.
3. Chair McAllister welcomed everyone and asked that the board go around the table and introduce themselves. Giltrop introduced the newest Trustee, Lottie Stoll-Smith. All board trustee vacancies have now been filled.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. June 12, 2025 Minutes. An edit was noted for correction on the minutes, a spelling error on item #8, Facilities Update, first sentence "...paving id (should be is) done." Julie Starr made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ochoa seconded. The motion was approved with 5 out of 5 votes.
5. Friends of the Yale Valley Community Library Report — President Moir attended the ALA United for Libraries (Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations) virtual conference, sponsored by the Vancouver Friends, which focused on items like strategic planning and assessing strengths and opportunities to interact with the community. An example would be handing out a survey to the library patrons asking what they would like to see the YVCL do for the library. Moir requested that FYVCL be added as an agenda item to future board meetings. At the board meetings, Moir will provide updates and work to ensure FYVCL are collaborating with the board. FYVCL's

next meeting is September 21, 2025 at 11a.m. This meeting will focus on jump starting a strategic plan for 2026.

6. Financial Report – Three months of financials; May, June and July 2025 were included for the board's review. Giltrop focused her oral report the most current month's financials, July 2025.

Tax Revenue for July, 2025 was \$1,951. Miscellaneous income was \$1,449. Total income for July was \$3,400. There were no Expenditures for July. Ending July 31, 2025 Total non-Capital reserves were \$265,764. Capital Reserves were \$146,740.

The financials were discussed. Thus far, the library District has not had to transfer any capital reserves, though this will be assessed as we approach year end. The library District is doing very well for now. It is anticipated that a levy lid lift for YVLD may be considered in the next 3-5 years.

Starr made a motion to approve receiving and filing the July 2025 financial statements. McAllister seconded. Motion approved with 5 out of 5 votes.

7. Branch Manager Report – Holland Christie provided the Yale Valley Monthly Report for August 2025. She discussed the current events at the Yale Valley Library, which included welcoming over 1,400 patrons this month. The Summer Reading at Your Library program wrapped up, with a thrilling 63 YVCL readers signing up. Additionally, the library hosted some wonderful programs, each with higher turnouts than expected. The special highlight was the 75th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday August 12th, hosted by the Yale Valley Friends group in which around 50 patrons stayed after the entertaining StuntEddy Flea Circus and enjoyed lunch, explored the library and celebrated this special milestone.
8. Public comments – Kathy Wheeler made a public comment that she is thrilled to see that her donated painting was put up.
9. Board comments – None, but Giltrop did stress the importance of the upcoming October and November meetings. These meetings involve reviewing the 2026 budget which requires at least 3 board members to approve. Additionally, the Board will hold required public hearings on the levy rate and adoption of the budget.
10. McAllister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Starr seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The motion was approved by all trustees. The next regular meeting will be October 9, 2025 at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Emelda Ochoa, Secretary of the YVLD