



AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm
LOCATION: **In Person:** Stevenson Community Library; 120 NW Vancouver Ave, Stevenson, WA 98648
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3852820936>
Meeting ID: 385 282 0936 Passcode: 070150
Dial by your location: 206-337-9723

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Agenda Approval** ACTION
3. **Chair Announcements** INFORMATION
4. **Public Comments (limit 2 minutes each)**
5. **Consent Agenda** ACTION
 - a. Approval of the April 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of the Claims for April 2024
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1 FVRL Organizational Report: Jennifer Giltrop INFORMATION
 - 6.2 Stevenson Branch Report: David Wyatt INFORMATION
 - 6.3 March Financial Statements: Catrina Galicz ACTION
 - 6.4 2024 Summer at Your Library: Kelsey Hudson INFORMATION
7. **Business**
 - 7.1 **Facilities and Finance Committee** INFORMATION
 - Port of Ridgefield – Tax Increment Area Resolution
8. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110(1i) Litigation and RCW 42.30.410(4b) Collective Bargaining
9. **WPEA Contract** ACTION
 - 9.1 Resolution 2024-04 WPEA CBA Ratification
10. **Board Comments**
11. **Setting for next regular meeting:** Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Goldendale Community Library/Zoom
12. **Adjournment**

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Washougal Community Library
1661 C. Street; Washougal, WA 98671
Washougal Community Center
Hybrid/In-Person

Kristy Morgan, *Chair*, Clark County At-Large
Penny Love-Henslee, *Vice Chair*, City of Vancouver
Marie Coffey, *Secretary*, Clark County At-Large
Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, Skamania County
Vikram Kotwani, City of Vancouver
Olga Hodges, Klickitat County

Present Board: Kristy Morgan, Marie Coffey, Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, Vikram Kotwani, Penny Love-Henslee (virtual)

Absent: Olga Hodges

Present Staff: Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director; Zoe Nash, Branch Manager; Catrina Galicz, Finance Director; Rhonda Kay Calkins, Executive Assistant; Mike Smetana, IT Specialist; Lynne Caldwell, Collections and Technology Services Director; Justin Keeler, Outreach and Community Partnerships Director; Ruth Shafer, Interim Public Services Director; Dave Josephson, Facilities and Fleet Director; Lee Strehlow, Human Resources Director

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Fort Vancouver Regional Library Business Meeting Minutes

AGENDA:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL** – At 6:00 PM of the recording Mary Ann Duncan-Cole made a motion to approve the agenda. Vikram Kotwani seconded. Motion approved with a 4 out of 5 votes.
- 3. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS** – At 6:01 pm of the recording Kristy Morgan mentioned that the City of Vancouver has decided to replace Megan Dugan with a new trustee who will join the Board of Trustees in May. Megan can't be here tonight but wanted to recognize her for all her time and effort and especially her attention to detail. Megan served on the board for two years and also served in the capacity of Vice Chair. Megan always brought good ideas and respectful discussion to the board meetings and committees she served on. We want to thank her for her service and she will be truly missed.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – At 6:02 pm of the recording Katherine Gardner of Vancouver made a public comment about staff wages.
Jude Jacobs of Vancouver made a public comment about equity and diversity.
Lindsay Thacker of Clark County made a public comment about AFSCME 307-L statement of support of WPEA.
Abbie Hart of Olympia made a public comment about higher wages for FVRL staff.
Kristen Steger of Vancouver made a public comment about fair wages.
Melissa Perez of Vancouver made a public comment about fair wages.
Carmen Getz of Vancouver made a public comment about low wages at FVRL.
Nerissa Eckerson of Vancouver made a public comment about fair wages.
Justin Allen of Clark County made a public comment about drag queen story hour and wages.
Quil Onstead of Portland made a public comment about drag queen story hour.
Derya Ruggles of Vancouver made a public comment about fair wages.
Randy Schmidt of Clark County made a public comment about drag queen story hour.
Gary Wilson of Vancouver made a public comment about library services.
Dan Daringer of Camas made a public comment about drag queen story hour.
Eunice Ingermanson of Clark County made a public comment about book bans.

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Avien Floris of Vancouver made a public comment about drag queen story hour and wages.

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**– At 6:31 PM of the recording Marie Coffey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vikram Kotwani seconded. Motion approved with a 5 out of 6 votes.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT** – At 6:32 pm of the recording Jennifer Giltrop highlights:

National Library Workers Week: Celebrating libraries across the Nation and honor the libraries' vital role within the community and celebrate our employee and volunteer contributions. We thank the Foundation for supporting our efforts to recognize our staff. All of our Admin team delivered goodie baskets around the district to thank and recognize our employees for the work they do.

Public Library Association (PLA) 2024: I attended PLA 2024 in Columbus, OH with two staff members from the Vancouver branch. There were a lot of great sessions. For me, in particular, the highlight was regarding Levy campaigns. Talking to other Executive Directors about challenges and opportunities was also beneficial.

2024 FVRL Bookmark Contest: We had 2,500 entries and so many great artists. Thank you to all the amazing sponsors that the Foundation gathers in order to support this program.

Grant Award: Three Creeks has received an American Library Association grant for Thinking Money for Kids. This is a great program to teach financial literacy to children and we will see programs starting in the fall of this year through next year.

Security Guards: We received recognition from the Vancouver Fire Department for our security guards at the Vancouver Community Library for saving a life. The guards were quick to recognize that it was all the staff working together. Our staff work hard to ensure a safe environment for all and in this case, saving a life.

Revolutionary Reads: It is being held on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm at the Vancouver Community Library. The author and panel members will be there to discuss this title.

Patron Comments: We have received many comments about our Goldendale, Three Creeks and Vancouver Mall Community Libraries. All of our libraries do great work but some patrons are taking more time to recognize them.

Circulation: Vancouver has increased its physical circulation count by 3% over last year same time, and their visitor county by 6.95%. Yale Valley had a large increase in their visitor count, and our digital collections increase which are carrying circulation overall as a grand total. Washougal increased their visitor count by 2.55%. The FVRL card holder rate is now at 27%

Love Your Library: The event for the Woodland Community Library is on April 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Friends Fair: This event was held on April 13 at the Generations Church in Vancouver. The event included a lot of facts and how-tos, and the engagement and enthusiasm that our friends of the library have for what we do and how to support us is remarkable.

6.2. **BRANCH REPORT: WASHOUGAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY** – At 6:43 pm of the recording Zoe Nash provided an update on library activities around the Washougal Community Library.

History: Built in 1981; 2,300 sqft; 2023 circulation 97,042; 2023 visits 49,296; Programs 161 with 3,431 people.

Staff: We have two full-time and two part-time staff.

Friends: Our Friends do a lot to raise money for us. This helped us grow and get more involvement from the community. We are getting the word out about our new library.

Outreach: Senior Living Community, Teen Book Talks, with Triple Point, Schools, Recover Café, Multicultural Family Nights, Harvest and Hello Spring Festival, WACA Arts Festival.

Partnerships: Meals on Wheels, Washougal School District, City of Washougal, 54°40' Book Club, Unite Washougal.

6.3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS** – At 6:53 pm of the recording Catrina Galicz highlights the month ending February 2024.

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Cash: Decreased an additional \$1.5 million over January for a total year-to-date decrease of \$4 million. The decrease represents a year-to-date of about \$4.9 million which are ahead of year-to-date revenues of \$683,456. There is an adjustment for accrued expenditures that shows we have \$218,102 in expenses that have not impacted cash yet.

Revenue: Our primary revenues are property taxes which represents 87% of our total budgeted revenues. In February we received 364,000 more in property taxes than we did in January. This is primarily from Clark County which represents 92% of our property tax budget. We also realized 26% of other taxes in February which area leasable taxes which come from Clark County. Patron equipment use, nonresident borrower fees, and lost and damaged materials are above target and coming in at 18.8%.

Expenses: Personnel expenses are at 15.8% for the year which does include a few payouts with employees leaving as well as holiday comp options. Technology, under supplies, Expended \$87,819. There was \$200,000 spent in February for Professional Services. The \$6,000 charged to Training and travel is reflected under repairs and maintenance. It was found in the 2023 expenses. The accounting software, Great Planes and Inter-Library loan software expended about \$37,000.

RECEIVE AND FILE FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – At 7:10 pm of the recording Mary Ann Duncan-Cole made a motion to receive and file the February Financial Statements. Penny Love-Henslee seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

6.4. VOLUNTEER SERVICES – At 7:11 pm of the recording Sherry Braga provided an update on volunteer services around the district.

Volunteer Hours: In 2023 687 volunteers gave 20,384 hours to help our libraries around the district.

Newspaper Features: Volunteer services appeared in the Columbian newspaper in late 2022. They did a full-page story about our cards to seniors and Veterans.

Award Winning FVRL Volunteers: Jane Higgins was the volunteer of the year in 2023. She was presented an awarded at WLA and has given many years to the library district.

Onboarding Volunteers Process: All applicants complete a volunteer application; Adult applicants 18 and older, considered for placement complete a background check; Ongoing volunteers meet with the Volunteer Coordinator for an orientation to learning more about FVRL; Volunteers receive a handbook at the orientation; Volunteers are matched up with an opportunity and provided training.

Opportunities Available: Ambassadors for grow a reader, stickering outreach books, homemade cards for seniors in care facilities, meals on wheels, Veterans, women in shelters, teen council, conversation circles, virtual programs, maker programs, SAYL, helping at special events, game groups, read to the dog, various office work, fundraising, dinners, book stories, art4art, raffles.

Community Partnerships: Tax Assistance, businesses, service organizations, vocational training programs, workforce development

7. BUSINESS

7.1. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2024-03 CAPITAL RESERVE PLAN – At 7:22 pm of the recording Jennifer Giltrop recapped the Capital Reserve Plan discussion from the March 18 board meeting.

Kristy Morgan moved to amend the resolution with a date change from March 18 to April 15.

Penny Love-Henslee made a motion to approve the amended Resolution 2024-03 Capital Reserve Plan.

Marie Coffey seconded. Motion approved with a 4 out of 5 votes.

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7.2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: VICE CHAIR – At 7:36 pm of the recording Vikram Kotwani presented the recommendation for Vice Chair since Megan Dugan is no longer with the Board of Trustees. The recommendation for Vice Chair is Penny Love-Henslee. Penny Love-Henslee accepted.

Mary Ann Duncan-Cole made a motion to elect Penny Love-Henslee as Vice Chair. Vikram Kotwani seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: SECRETARY - At 7:39 am of the recording Vikram Kotwani presented the recommendation for Secretary since Penny Love-Henslee was nominated as Vice Chair. Marie Coffey accepted.

Penny Love-Henslee made a motion to elect Marie Coffey as Secretary. Vikram Kotwani seconded. Motion approved with unanimously.

7.3 SURPLUS AUTHORIZATION – At 7:40 pm of the recording Jennifer Giltrop presented information on a surplus request for the 2008 Scion xB. It was damaged and the repairs would cost more than the value of the vehicle.

Mary Ann Duncan-Cole made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04: Surplus Authorization. Vikram Kotwani seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

7.4 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY – At 7:42 pm of the recording Jennifer Giltrop presented information on the 2024 Legislative session from March 7, 2024.

Senate Bill 5824 – Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts. **Passed.**

House Bill 2354 – Tax Increment Financing. A provision was added back in about impacts and libraries will receive more advance notice which may help with budget analysis. **Passed.**

Senate Bill 5444 – Ban open carry firearms in libraries. **Passed.**

Senate Bill 5770 – Property tax cap. **Did not advance.**

House Bill 1793 – Digital equity and devices. **Did not advance.**

Substitute House Bill 1105 – Now requires public agencies to provide notice for public comment to include end date when public comment will be accepted. **Passed.**

Representative Mari Leavitt (district 28) secured funding for public libraries to access overdose reversal kits and training through the Department of Health.

- 8. BOARD COMMENT** - at 7:48 pm of the recording Penny Love-Henslee thanked Zoe for all the outreach programs. I have seen growth particularly with the friends of the library and a lot of that is due to Zoe and her staff and all the effort they have been putting in and all the outreach. I sat next to someone on the airplane to North Carolina who was so excited to see the Woodland Library being built.
Vikram Kotwani: FVRL boasts inclusion and diversity policies, yet minority populations seem absent from its workforce. The Human Resources department needs an overhaul to ensure recruitment reflects the vibrant diversity of our state. A wider talent pool, especially from minority communities, is essential. FVRL's current approach to diversity and celebrating various cultures, in its branches, seems limited. True inclusion requires active participation. I would encourage FVRL and all its branch managers and employees to become champions for diverse voices by actively promoting programs and authors from minority communities across all branches.
- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1i) Litigation and RCW 42.30.410(4b) Collective Bargaining at 7:55 pm of the recording.
At 7:55 pm the Board of Trustees go into Executive Session for a stated 15 minutes.
At 8:04 pm the Board Returns.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:05 pm.

FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Approval of Claims

**As of
May 20, 2024**

As required by RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090, vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and those expense reimbursement claims which have been certified as required, have been recorded on a list and made available to the Board of Directors for approval.

As of this date, May 20, 2024 The Board of Directors, by a vote does approve for payment the following vouchers, warrants, voids, and electronic transfers issued

	<u>April 1, 2024</u>	through	<u>April 30, 2024</u>	
Accounts Payable Warrants Issued	Numbers		119419 Through 1194663	<u>\$ 1,703,591.53</u>
Accounts Payable EFT Payments			EFT02009 Through EFT02049	<u>\$ 112,500.69</u>
Accounts Payable Voids	Numbers		119367, 119608, 119610	<u>\$ (330.46)</u>
Subtotal FVRL General Fund Warrants, EFTS, Voids				<u>\$ 1,816,422.68</u>
Payroll Electronic Fund Transfers	Numbers		20240410 Through 20240425	<u>\$ 950,367.95</u>
Other Electronic Fund Transfers (Manual Payments) Completed				
<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>		
KAISER HSA	4/8/2024	\$15,731.33		
KAISER HSA	4/8/2024	\$ 48.75		
KAISER HSA	4/28/2024	\$15,878.33		
WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/4/2024	\$ 5,871.18		
WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/11/2024	\$77,889.84		
WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/25/2024	\$ 5,027.77		
WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/29/2024	\$ 59.54		
WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/26/2024	\$78,585.38		
DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES	4/26/2024	\$28,657.13		
WASHINGTON DEPT OF REVENUE	4/16/2024	\$ 1,161.80		
ADP	4/19/2024	\$ 4,756.68		
ENDICIA	4/19/2024	\$ 8,000.00		
FNBO Visa	4/16/2024	\$12,539.39		
KAISER HSA	4/28/2024	\$ 48.75		
				<u>\$ 254,255.87</u>
Total Transactions for Approval				<u>\$ 3,020,385.58</u>



 DISTRICT LIBRARY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



 DISTRICT LIBRARY - BOARD PRESIDENT

Vendor ID	Document Type	Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Amount
AT&T0001	Payment	4/3/2024	119419	AT & T	\$ 49.72
AVIS0001	Payment	4/3/2024	119420	AVISTA UTILITIES	147.55
CLAR0004	Payment	4/3/2024	119421	CLARK PUD	2,221.90
COMC0002	Payment	4/3/2024	119422	COMCAST INSTITUTIONAL NETWORKS	10,217.19
EMBA0001	Payment	4/3/2024	119423	CENTURYLINK formerly Embarq	422.21
NORT0005	Payment	4/3/2024	119424	NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY	332.11
VANC0001	Payment	4/3/2024	119425	CITY OF VANCOUVER UTILITIES	676.73
VERI0002	Payment	4/3/2024	119426	VERIZON	632.45
WOOD0001	Payment	4/3/2024	119427	CITY OF WOODLAND	181.84
GALE0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119428	GALE GROUP	681.29
MIDW0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119429	MIDWEST LIBRARY SERVICE	141.36
ACTI0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119430	ACTION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS	325.78
AMAZ0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119431	AMAZON.COM CREDIT	367.20
AMER0031	Payment	4/11/2024	119432	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS	293.00
AT&T0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119433	AT & T	387.92
AT&T0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119434	AT&T MOBILITY	757.36
BAKE0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119435	BAKER & TAYLOR	19,689.85
BATT0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119436	CITY OF BATTLE GROUND	553.41
BREM0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119437	BREMIK CONSTRUCTION INC	660,387.76
CASC0010	Payment	4/11/2024	119438	CANOPY	520.00
CBMS0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119439	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - LC	1,197.33
CBMS0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119440	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - RI	5,688.41
CBMS0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119441	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - ST	3,216.42
CBMS0004	Payment	4/11/2024	119442	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - VM	4,161.42
CBMS0005	Payment	4/11/2024	119443	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - YAC	1,131.05
CBMS0006	Payment	4/11/2024	119444	CBM SYSTEMS LLC - YAL	1,886.25
CITG0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119445	CIT GROUP- DW LEASE	17,363.42
CLAR0004	Payment	4/11/2024	119446	CLARK PUD	8,740.18
CLAR0026	Payment	4/11/2024	119447	CLARK REG WASTEWTR	98.26
CLAR0045	Payment	4/11/2024	119448	CLARK COUNTY JUNK REMOVAL LLC	9,588.00
CLEA0007	Payment	4/11/2024	119449	CLEAN WORLD MAINT-WS	1,943.61
CLEA0009	Payment	4/11/2024	119450	CLEAN WORLD MAINT- WD	467.62
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CLEA0013	Payment	4/11/2024	119453	CLEAN WORLD MAINT - HQ	4,386.77
CLEA0017	Payment	4/11/2024	119454	CLEAN WORLD MAINT - TC	2,832.50
CLEA0018	Payment	4/11/2024	119455	CLEAN WORLD MAINT - VA	34,636.84
CLEA0020	Payment	4/11/2024	119456	CLEAN WORLD MAIN - CP	4,979.64
COLU0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119457	COLUMBIA RESOURCE COMPANY	139.34
COLU0032	Payment	4/11/2024	119458	COLUMBIA RIVER DISPOSAL	85.78
DESH0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119459	MONIKA DESHPANDE	375.00
DUNC0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119460	DUNCAN-COLE, MARYANN	56.28
EMBA0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119461	CENTURYLINK formerly Embarq	463.80
EMPA0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119462	EMPATHY STUDIOS, LLC	1,869.00
FEDE0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119463	FEDERAL EXPRESS	184.00
FIND0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119464	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS, LLC	1,833.77
GALE0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119465	GALE GROUP	1,171.34
GBMA0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119466	GB MANCHESTER CORPORATION	4,406.72

GROO0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119467	GRO OUTDOOR LIVING	2,387.50
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HARR0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119469	HARRYS KEY SERVICE, INC.	103.27
HOME0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119470	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1,660.22
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JRTM0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119473	JRT MECHANICAL, INC	2,793.59
KANO0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119474	KANOPY LLC	8,101.00
KETE0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119475	KETER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	101.63
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LANS0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119478	LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN	1,680.00
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LESS0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119480	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER	108.66
LOVE0008	Payment	4/11/2024	119481	PENNY LOVE-HENSLEE	28.14
MACD0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119482	MACDONALD-MILLER	25,520.01
MANA0003	Payment	4/11/2024	119483	THE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.	1,646.65
MIDW0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119484	MIDWEST TAPE	13,392.49
NORT0005	Payment	4/11/2024	119485	NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY	1,113.82
OFFI0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119486	OFFICE DEPOT CARD PLAN	925.71
OTIS0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119487	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	2,030.75
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PAMP0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119489	PAMPLIN PRINTING	2,254.95
PANA0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119490	PAN ASIAN PUBLICATION USA INC	989.13
PARK0008	Payment	4/11/2024	119491	PARKROSE HARDWARE/BLUE TARP	16.25
PLAT0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119492	PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY	1,088.47
REPU0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119493	REPUBLIC SERVICES #487	140.40
REVC0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119494	REV.COM, INC	376.64
SKAM0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119495	SKAMANIA COUNTY PUD #1	598.27
SMAR0005	Payment	4/11/2024	119496	SMARSH	44.15
STAN0013	Payment	4/11/2024	119497	STANLEY CONVERGENT SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC.	303.26
STAR0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119498	STAR RENTALS	131.94
STEV0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119499	CITY OF STEVENSON	328.47
TECT0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119500	ENAVATE MANAGED SERVICES, INC	271.75
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ULIN0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119502	ULINE	353.23
UNUM0002	Payment	4/11/2024	119503	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	14,090.19
VERI0004	Payment	4/11/2024	119504	STERLING VOLUNTEERS	816.00
WALT0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119505	WALTER E NELSON COMPANY	1,184.67
WAPI0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119506	WAPITI NW, LLC	623.71
WAST0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119507	WASTE CONNECTIONS INC	4,812.17
WAVE0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119508	ASTOUND BROADBAND POWERED BY WAVE	5,418.63
WHEE0006	Payment	4/11/2024	119509	WHEELERCREEK STUDIO INC.	210.00
WHIT0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119510	CITY OF WHITE SALMON	180.70
ZIPL0001	Payment	4/11/2024	119511	ZIPLY FIBER	122.53
ALIN0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119512	A-LINE CONCRETE CUTTING LLC	600.00
ALLSTAR01	Payment	4/17/2024	119513	ALL STAR RENT A FENCE	2,343.60
ALLY0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119514	ALLYNS BUILDING CENTER	63.41
ALTA0003	Payment	4/17/2024	119515	ALTA LANGUAGE TESTING	154.00

AMAZ0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119516	AMAZON.COM CREDIT	43.46
BAKE0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119517	BAKER & TAYLOR	17,466.00
CAND0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119518	CANDID	7,995.00
CDWG0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119519	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	233.98
CENT0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119520	CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	426.66
CHIC0004	Payment	4/17/2024	119521	CHICAGO DISTRIBUTION CENTER	62.21
CINT0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119522	CINTAS CORPORATION - 463	83.57
CITG0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119523	CIT GROUP- DW LEASE	87.41
CLAR0004	Payment	4/17/2024	119524	CLARK PUD	3,850.40
COLU0007	Payment	4/17/2024	119525	COLUMBIA HARDWARE	67.13
COLU0024	Payment	4/17/2024	119526	COLUMBIA LANGUAGE SERVICES	2,376.76
COMC0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119527	COMCAST INSTITUTIONAL NETWORKS	10,216.25
DUNC0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119528	DUNCAN-COLE, MARYANN	29.48
ENOC0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119529	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	21.95
ENTE0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119530	ENTEK CORPORATION	933.06
ENVI0003	Payment	4/17/2024	119531	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS	544.09
GALE0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119532	GALE GROUP	1,555.96
GBMA0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119533	GB MANCHESTER CORPORATION	2,199.78
GOLD0003	Payment	4/17/2024	119534	CITY OF GOLDENDALE	299.45
GORG0011	Payment	4/17/2024	119535	GORGE AUTO PARTS	39.28
HACK0003	Payment	4/17/2024	119536	HACKER	90,892.23
HARR0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119537	HARRYS KEY SERVICE, INC.	1,056.02
HIST0002	Payment	4/17/2024	119538	HISTORICAL INFORMATION GATHERERS	2,650.00
INGR0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119539	INGRAM	13,232.93
JRTM0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119540	JRT MECHANICAL, INC	7,680.92
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KOTW0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119542	KOTWANI, VIKRAM	22.78
LAZE0004	Payment	4/17/2024	119543	GISI MARKETING GROUP	163.85
LECT0001	Payment	4/17/2024	119544	LECTORUM PUBLICATIONS INC	916.19
LIBR0018	Payment	4/17/2024	119545	LIBRARY MARKET	5,512.50
LING0003	Payment	4/17/2024	119546	LINGUAVA	1,099.69
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ZZZZ0427	Payment	4/17/2024	119578	GUYTON, TINA	25.00
ZZZZ0428	Payment	4/17/2024	119579	HORROCKS, NOELLE	15.00
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CASC0010	Payment	4/23/2024	119584	CANOPY	425.00
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FERG0001	Payment	4/23/2024	119603	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC #3007	24.09
FIRE0003	Payment	4/23/2024	119604	FIRE SYSTEMS WEST, INC.	678.29
FORT0002	Payment	4/23/2024	119605	FVRL FOUNDATION	20.00
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GOLD0005	Payment	4/23/2024	119607	GOLDENDALE SENTINEL	365.00
GROV0001	Payment	4/23/2024	119608	GROVER ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING	27.73
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SCHO0004	Payment	4/23/2024	119620	SCHOLASTIC INC	20,751.01
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TOWN0007	Payment	4/23/2024	119624	THE TOWN OF YACOLT	400.00
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SENT0001	Payment	4/30/2024	119656	SENTRUM BOOKSTORE	759.10
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VANC0001	Payment	4/30/2024	119659	CITY OF VANCOUVER UTILITIES	1,668.82
VASH0001	Payment	4/30/2024	119660	VASHA-KNIGA.COM	17.95
VERI0002	Payment	4/30/2024	119661	VERIZON	1,197.76
WAPI0001	Payment	4/30/2024	119662	WAPITI NW, LLC	295.73

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				Subtotal Warrants (Not Voided)	\$ 1,703,591.53

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KASK0001	Payment	4/23/2024	119610	KASKI ELECTRIC LLC	(275.00)
				Subtotal Warrants (Voided)	\$ (330.46)

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COFF0002	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02012	MARIE COFFEY	17.42
GETP0001	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02013	GET PROGRAM	232.00
HARD0003	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02014	ERIN HARWOOD- GARDEN DELIGHTS HERB FARM	50.00
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STRE0005	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02018	STREET TEAM PRODUCTIONS	400.00
WEST0004	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02019	US CENTENNIAL VANCOUVER MALL LLC	9,732.18
WEXB0001	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02020	WEX BANK	4,679.46
WPEA0001	Payment	4/11/2024	EFT02021	WPEA	2,655.71
BLOO0002	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02022	BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING INC	1,461.57
BROW0008	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02023	BROWN, GENEVIEVE	9.38
CLAR0036	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02024	CLARK, LAURA	2.48
COFF0002	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02025	MARIE COFFEY	42.88
CRUZ0003	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02026	CRUZ, BRANDON	8.04
GUND0003	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02027	MOLLY GUNDERSON	513.82
JOSL0003	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02028	CLARK-JOSLIN, AARON	12.00
MCDO0003	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02029	BONNIE COBB	16.08
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MINT0005	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02031	MINTZ, KATHLEEN	5.24
NOBA0001	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02032	NOBARA, AINSLEY	332.00
OLSO0003	Payment	4/17/2024	EFT02033	OLSON, DONNA	18.76
CROU0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02034	JARED CROUSE	14.56
CUNI0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02035	CUNIO, STERLING	1,500.00
GETP0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02036	GET PROGRAM	232.00
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OCAS0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02039	ANGEL OCASIO'S COMEDY	500.00
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TDJC0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02041	TERESA D. JOHNSON CPA, INC.	28,421.68
WALROOO1	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02042	WALRAVEN, TREVOR	1,500.00
WPEA0001	Payment	4/23/2024	EFT02043	WPEA	2,562.56
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KATH0001	Payment	4/30/2024	EFT02045	KATHY'S JANITORIAL - KATHLEEN L WHITNER	1,224.00
SHRE0001	Payment	4/30/2024	EFT02046	SHRED NORTHWEST, LLC	130.44
SUPE0005	Payment	4/30/2024	EFT02047	SUPERFAB	20,296.00

TDJC0001	Payment	4/30/2024	EFT02048	TERESA D. JOHNSON CPA, INC.	2,976.60
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Subtotal EFT's					\$ 112,500.69

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WASH0013	Payment	4/4/2024	00000000000113227	WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	5,871.18
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WASH0013	Payment	4/29/2024	00000000000113230	WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	59.54
WASH0013	Payment	4/26/2024	00000000000113231	WASH DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM	78,585.38
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KAIS0005	Payment	4/28/2024	00000000000113237	KAISER HSA	48.75
Subtotal ACH's					\$ 254,255.87

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ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-Net Payroll Wages	346,450.15
ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-Federal Payroll Taxes	112,536.91
ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-Oregon Payroll Taxes	3,168.25
ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-PFML Taxes	3,680.79
ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-WA Cares Fund Taxes	2,695.23
ADP001	Payment	4/10/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.10.2024	ADP-OR Transit Taxes	47.43
Subtotal - 1st Pay Period					468,578.76
ADP001	Payment	4/25/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.25.2024	ADP-Net Payroll Wages	353,693.37
ADP001	Payment	4/25/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.25.2024	ADP-Federal Payroll Taxes	118,790.29
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ADP001	Payment	4/25/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.25.2024	ADP-WA Cares Fund Taxes	2,774.28
ADP001	Payment	4/25/2024	Payroll Pay Date 4.25.2024	ADP-OR Transit Taxes	41.49
Subtotal - 2nd Pay Period					481,789.19
Total Payroll for Month					\$ 950,367.95

Total Monthly Payments for Approval 3,020,385.58



Organizational Report: Highlights from April 2024

Battle Ground Community Library

The Tween Book Group is picking up speed- seven people came this month and we are having a great time with this group. The kids made some incredible clay sculptures of creatures inspired by this month's book, *Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate. We discussed subjects ranging everywhere from friendship to bullying and environmental issues.



Battle Ground hosted a celebration for all the participants in our bookmark contest. Around 40 people including grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins and friends all came together to congratulate the artists. We enjoyed a cake with all five of the Battle Ground winning bookmarks.





Cascade Park Community Library

Staff hosted a successful Poetry Workshop led by past poet laureate Armin Tolentino and new Clark County Poet Laureate Susan Dingle. This program led to a Poetry Open Mic Night two weeks later. We plan to keep hosting a monthly open mic.



Cascade Park organized the Seed to Supper program in partnership with Clark County Food bank. This program was a 6 week series that participants registered for and attended. It regularly had close to 20 people, encouraging the staff to do the program again in the future. Facilities installed the shelves in the storage closet and the Friends were able to move and organize books, files and other items. Thank you Facilities!

Goldendale Community Library

The bookmark winners at Centerville School had a lovely celebration with the Goldendale staff.

Our Child Abuse Awareness Month display featured resources thanks to Programs and Outreach Department, but also additional thanks to local Programs for Peaceful Living, who brought brochures to add to the display.





La Center Community Library

The La Center Community Library had several partnership opportunities this month. Staff attended the Ridgefield/La Center Kiwanis meeting this month and took a board position with the organization.

Staff met with Margene Rivera, from the newly formed La Center Arts Council, to discuss future collaboration between our two organizations.

Ridgefield Community Library

The Healthy Kids Event with the “Y” and other partners went very well. Pepa, the therapy horse, did spend time inside the community meeting room. Staff set-up a LEGOS table, managed an art bar, and had a variety of quick and simple outdoor games for children. This event was fun and well-attended. A Friends member gave out free books to children.





Stevenson Community Library

Skamania County Bookmobile continues its 23/24 school year routes. More active outreach to Skamania School has increased usage dramatically at this small school. In March there were 36 visits at this bookmobile stop, compared to 130 in April even with one week missed for spring break. This improvement is especially impressive as there are only about 80 students at the school.

Library service for tribal members continues at Fishing Access Sites at the Bonneville site visit twice a month, our weekly stop at the White Salmon site, and our stop at Glenwood School which is on Yakama Nation land.



Three Creeks Community

We are pleased to report that the corner of the library that was hit by a vehicle is now repaired! .





During Spring Break, Three Creeks hosted a large "Build It: " program with various crafts and building challenges. They had 135 participants join us and 9 teen volunteers came to help.

Three Creeks also offered an Intro to 3D Design and a 3D Printer Certification workshop for the public. They had 11 participants with 2 interested on the waitlist for the Intro to 3D Design class and 7 registered for the Certification class.



Vancouver Community Library

Sensory storytime continues to be a success. We get incredible feedback and see wonderful interactions and connections.



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Vancouver offered several different tax assistance this year, all very successful.

- AARP Tax-Aide attendance at VA was up 34% from last year!
- The Facilitated Self-Assistance (FSA) Tax Service that AARP piloted at VA was the most successful pilot location in the country.
- The pilot program served a range of demographics, from those not eligible for AARP Tax-Aide, those seeking to learn how to e-file their taxes, and those who know how to file their taxes but need assistance using the computer and access to the technology.

During the Vancouver program Thursday “Teen Thing” a parent struggling with homelessness came into the teen room to see her teen, and spoke to staff. The mom was in tears and thankful for the safe space for her teen. The mother shared that having the library not only helped her child, but also helped her to be able to find resources to find affordable housing and is currently able to finally find a place for her family.

Vancouver Mall Community Library

Vancouver Mall celebrated spring break with a fantastic spring-themed Lego party, showcasing some truly impressive creations in their main window. It was a great success and a testament to the kid’s creativity and spirit.



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Washougal Community Library

Staff has been hosting a group of developmentally disabled adults, along with kids and families, at the Everyone's an Artist program. Participants learned about Pointillism and created their own world of art with q-tips and paint.

Kids had fun at our weekly Funtastic Friday where kids made sock creatures.



White Salmon Valley Community Library

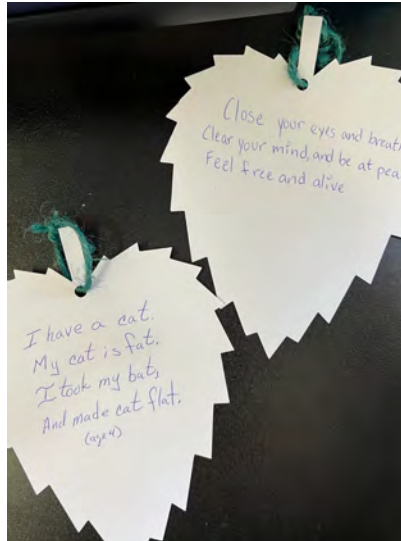
For A-List this month participants built bridges with newspaper and masking tape. Students had the option of making them free-standing or making a platform to suspend between two surfaces, and we tested the structural integrity by stacking books on them. The creativity and problem-solving was really impressive. Lots of testing and adjusting, figuring out what worked and why, and a lot of ignoring hints about using triangles ;) But hey, we had some pretty solid results regardless!





Woodland Community Library

For National Poetry Month, the Woodland Community Library staff created a Poet Tree and encouraged people to write a haiku or other poem. Here are a couple of our favorites.



Close your eyes and
breath. Clear you mind,
and be at peace. Feel free
and alive.

I have a cat. My cat is fat.
I took my bat, and made
cat flat. (age 4)

The last and best “Love Your New Library” event for Woodland was a great success. The event brought in over \$35,000 with the paddle raise alone brought in \$16,000! The attendance was the highest it has ever been at over 200. All the volunteers, the FVRL Foundation and Friends of the Library worked so hard and did a terrific job.



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Three Creeks, Vancouver, Vancouver Mall, Washougal, White Salmon Valley, Woodland, Yacolt, Yale



The Yacolt Express Library

On April 9th, the Yacolt Head Start students visited the library again this year with the help of a staff member from Battle Ground. They were all issued library cards and got to check out one book. It was great to be able to introduce them to the library in their community and to show them how their library card is the key to get in. They each got to use the self-checkout kiosk to check out their books and had a wonderful time walking back to school.



Yale Valley

On April 25th, the Yale Girl Scouts visited the library and created bird houses with recycled materials. We talked about the birds we are most likely to see in our area and how best to attract them. There were 7 girls in attendance with parents and leaders.



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Patron Comments Received

4/8/2024 – Cascade Park

Hi, I am a large woman and it would be really great if you had a few chairs without arms for people like me. These rigid arms hurt my hips. It is very painful.

4/11/2024 – Vancouver Mall

I must say I have only been in this library and it was packed, I left – So here I am once again. I must say the gentleman found time to help me get my iPad to post all of my pictures for my sale. I kept watching my watch as he proceeded to finish this project for me. He was the kindest, helpful person I've ever met.

4/19/2024 – Three Creeks

I have a service cat for PTSD and he is legal in other business even Cost Co and Chucks. Why is he not allowed in a library 100% contained in his stroller?

4/20/2024 – Cascade Park

Reason May 2024. Free Minds and Free Markets. The content violates propaganda regulations, this content is Russian propaganda. Please remove this from our library as it is damaging to FVRL's image and not appropriate.

4/20/2024 – Three Creeks

This is my local library and we walk here often. The staff are super helpful, kind and patient. I really enjoy coming here and the library has good resources.

4/29/2024 – Goldendale

Just discovered this library. What a gorgeous building! Library staff were friendly, knowledgeable and helpful from the moment I stepped in the door.

4/30/2024 – Goldendale

Goldendale FVRL is like my second office. I come here to meet with students about employment or work readiness skills. I also scan and make copies. All staff are always helpful and polite. I have heard patrons in distress being addressed with compassion and resources – and concern for health and welfare. Thank you!

12/14/2023 (Received 5/1/2024) Cascade Park

Hello, I would request renewal of Knit, Crochet art classes from pre-Covid times. I am 56+ years old and I would love to learn such skills as above, or weaving, making basic jewelry classes. Thanks!

5/4/2024 – Goldendale

Hello, just an overdue thank you for your wonderful library and staff. Always a clean and cherry place to come to. From the computer to the references, every surface has a shine to it. Well done!

Patron Comments Received

5/4/2024 – Goldendale

Hello – I would like you to know these two ladies worked for over an hour to get something to print for me. We rearranged the copy, tried different printing requests, kept our fingers crossed and finally the labels printed. I didn't expect these ladies to keep working on this issue since I was sending an email to a friend. Everyone on your staff has always been very helpful and patient with me! Thank you so much.

5/9/2024 – Three Creeks

I use the app for holds. Please get the app back.

April 2024 – Total Circulation and Visitors

Location	April 2024		April 2023		Change	
	Total Circ	Visitors	Total Circ	Visitors	Total Circ	Visitors
Battle Ground	42,968	11,503	40,382	10,001	6.40%	15.02%
Cascade Park	61,603	22,914	62,067	22,251	-0.75%	2.98%
Goldendale	6,041	3,796	6,056	3,138	-0.25%	20.97%
Klickitat Bookmobile	1,128	609	1,147	727	-1.66%	-16.23%
La Center	5,555	2,634	5,591	2,301	-0.64%	14.47%
North Bonneville	221	58	364	94	-39.29%	-38.30%
Ridgefield	9,736	6,192	9,423	5,371	3.32%	15.29%
Skamania Bookmobile	1,204	654	997	425	20.76%	53.88%
Stevenson	4,545	3,590	3,981	3,120	14.17%	15.06%
Three Creeks	44,339	12,767	46,178	11,444	-3.98%	11.56%
Vancouver	63,200	28,655	64,336	28,003	-1.77%	2.33%
Vancouver Mall	9,434	5,937	10,718	6,023	-11.98%	-1.43%
Washougal	7,575	4,315	7,953	4,059	-4.75%	6.31%
Woodland	4,782	2,845	5,190	3,068	-7.86%	-7.27%
White Salmon Valley	9,470	6,994	9,752	6,255	-2.89%	11.81%
Yacolt	5,331	2,963	4,591	2,094	16.12%	41.50%
Yale Valley	824	820	944	756	-12.71%	8.47%
Green Mountain	271	No Visitors	256	No Visitors	5.86%	No Visitors
Books by Mail	1,058	No Visitors	1,126	No Visitors	-6.04%	No Visitors
Operations Center/ILL	508	No Visitors	575	No Visitors	-11.65%	No Visitors
Location Total	279,793	117,246	281,627	109,130	-0.65%	7.44%
Digital Collections	180,398		161,106		11.97%	
Grand Total	460,191		442,733		3.94%	

April 2024

Clark and Skamania
County schools on spring
break April 1-5

TOTAL CIRCULATION

APR 2023

Physical 281,627

Digital 161,106

APR 2024

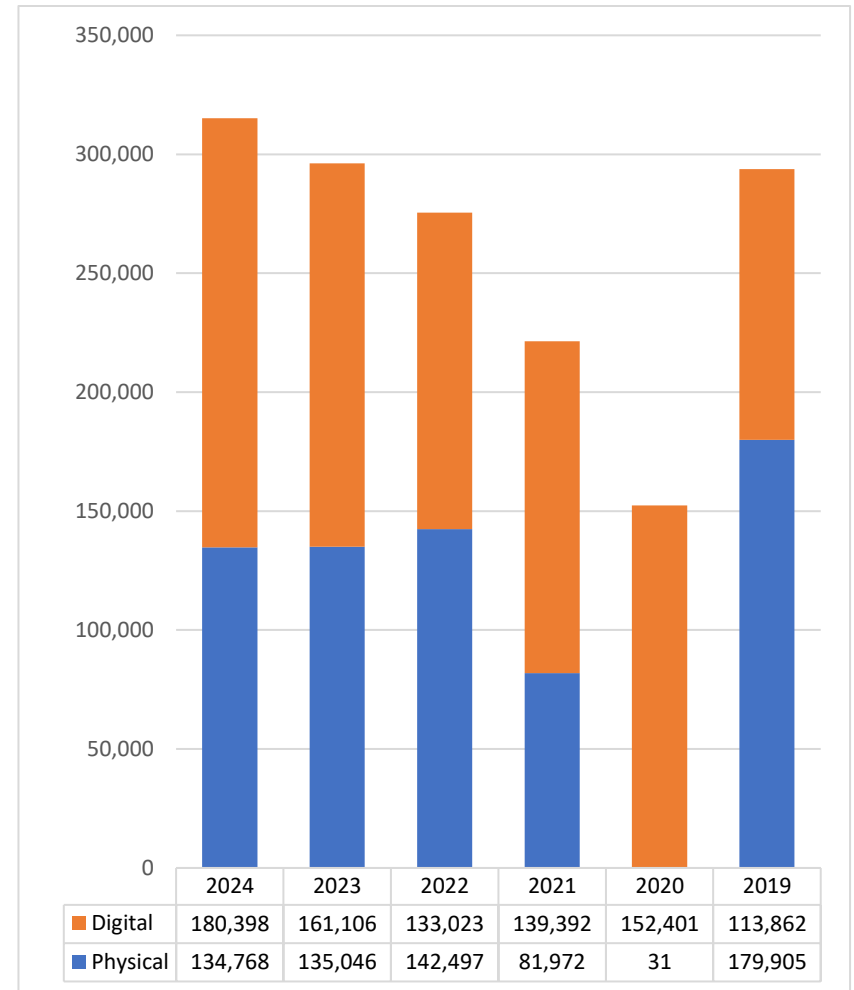
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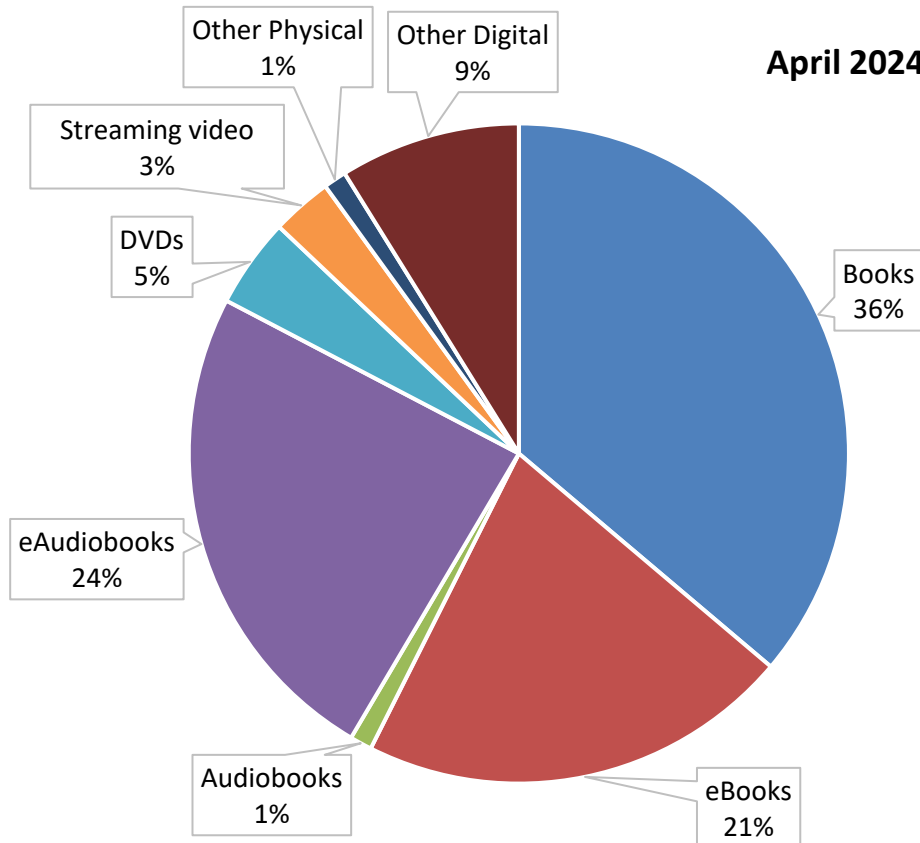
Collection Use – April 2024 Checkouts by Item Format

Categories	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Books	114,005	113,782	118,497	69,102	18	135,077
eBooks	66,929	62,046	53,652	58,543	67,981	47,972
Audiobooks	3,402	3,792	4,134	2,651	2	7,418
eAudiobooks	76,199	64,491	52,132	49,862	45,631	36,498
DVDs	13,831	13,805	16,120	8,347	3	32,115
Streaming video	9,367	8,813	8,456	8,207	10,854	3,681
Other Physical	3,530	3,667	3,746	1,872	8	5,295
Other Digital	27,903	25,756	18,783	22,780	27,935	25,711
Totals	315,166	296,152	275,520	221,364	152,432	293,767

Physical & Digital Collection Checkouts 2019-2024



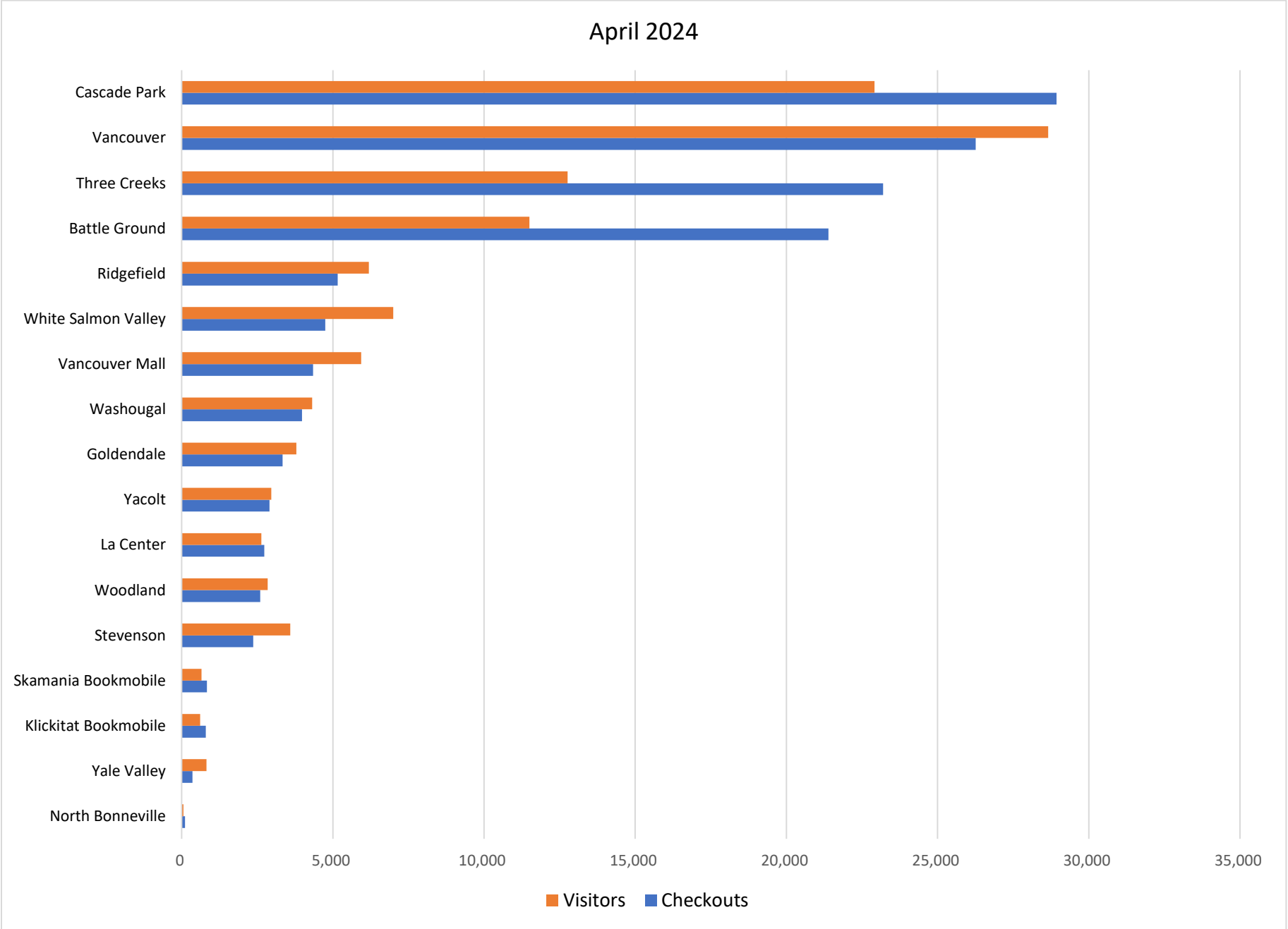
April 2024



Other Physical includes magazines, games, kits, music, Chromebooks, and miscellaneous items.

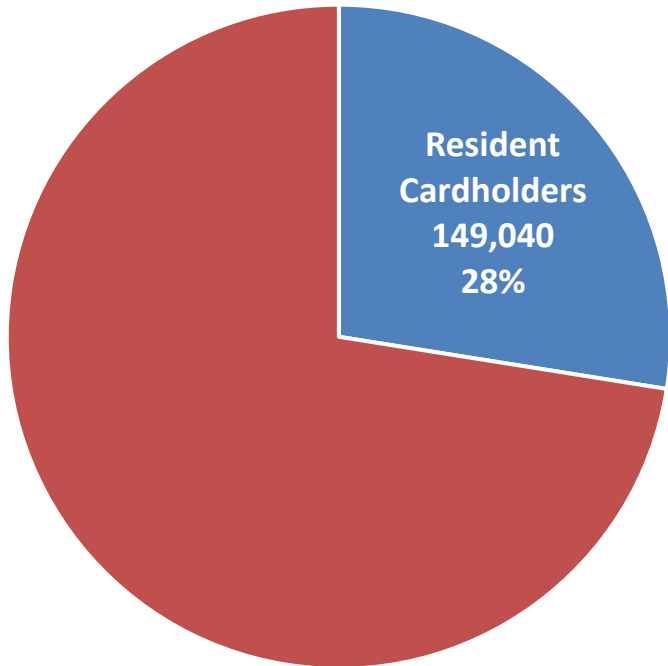
Other Digital includes magazines and streaming music.

April 2024 – Library Activity: Checkouts and Visitors by Library

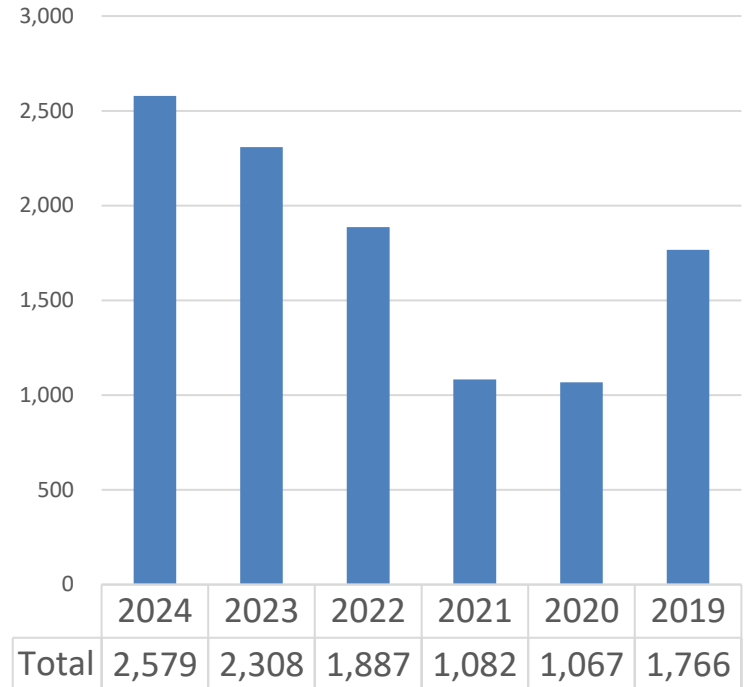


April 2024-Cardholders, Programs, and Tech Use

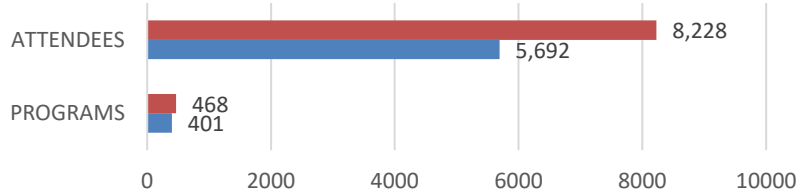
Population Served - 541,715
Washington State Office of Financial Management (4/1/2023)



New Accounts Added in April



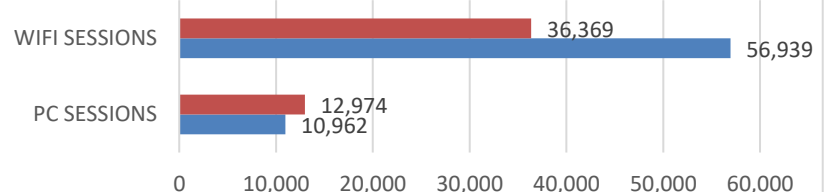
Programs



	PROGRAMS	ATTENDEES
2024	468	8,228
2023	401	5,692

2024 2023

Computer and Wifi Use



	PC SESSIONS	WIFI SESSIONS
2024	12,974	36,369
2023	10,962	56,939

2024 2023



Foundation Update

Thank You!

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation wishes to thank our sponsors for making this event possible.

**BOOKMARK
CONTEST**

2024

Generously sponsored by:

FVRLibraries’ 2024 Bookmark Contest has ended—congratulations to the five grand-prize-winning artists.

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors for their support of this fun event!

Great News!

- The Foundation has received access to the state grants it had secured for the Woodland Community Library building project and was recently able to write a \$1,808,120.87 check to FVRL District for construction expenses.
- The Love Your Library fundraiser generated over \$35,000 for the Woodland Library Building Fund, with contributions continuing to come in.
- The Friends of Vancouver Community Library recently added \$10,000 to their investment account.
- OnPoint Community Credit Union awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Foundation to help support FVRL’s 2024 Summer at Your Library Program.
- The Foundation’s partnership with ThriftBooks generated \$2,191 in revenue in April from online sales of used books.

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 20

[FVRL Trustee Meeting](#)

Hybrid: Stevenson Community Library and Zoom
6:00pm–8:00pm

Thursday, May 23

[FVRL Foundation Board Meeting](#)

FVRL Foundation Office
3:00pm–4:00pm

Monday, May 27

[All libraries will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day](#)

Saturday, June 1

[Ridgefield Friends Book Sale](#)

Ridgefield Community Library
10:00am–3:00pm

Monday, June 17

[FVRL Trustee Meeting](#)

Hybrid: Goldendale Community Library and Zoom
6:00pm–8:00pm

Wednesday, June 19

[All libraries will be closed in recognition of Juneteenth](#)

Thursday, June 27

[FVRL Foundation Board Meeting](#)

FVRL Foundation Office
3:00pm–4:00pm

Building Campaigns and Cornerstone Pledges

Washougal has 45 Cornerstones, 2 Stepping Stones, 3 Keystones, 1 Capstone, and 1 naming opportunity.

Woodland has 38 Cornerstones, 5 Stepping Stones, 9 Keystones, 4 Capstones, and 14 naming opportunities.

**Please note: some Cornerstones have graduated to Stepping Stones, which is why some Cornerstone totals have decreased.*

How Board Members Can Help

–Spread the word about the Fred Meyer Rewards program:

fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards

Thank you to the generous sponsors of the Love Your Library fundraiser for the Woodland Library Building Fund—the event was a great success!

Advanced Electric Signs

ANC Movers

Bellisle Events & Entertainment

Boar's Head

Cecilia Adalynn Photography

Craig Stein Beverage

Fadin' By 9

Foster Farms

Kalama Sourdough Bread

Misty Mamas

Pacific Seafood

Peterson Red Barn

Red Canoe Credit Union

Safeway Foundation

Simply Thyme Catering

Total Merchant Concepts

Umpqua Bank

US Bank

Vivian Mosby

Walt's Meats

Woodland Corner Store



Construction continues on the eagerly awaited Woodland Community Library, which is currently anticipated to open in late fall 2024.



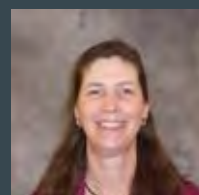
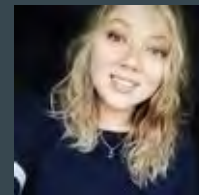
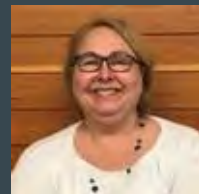
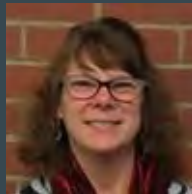
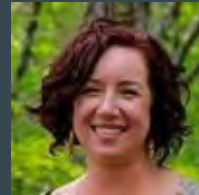
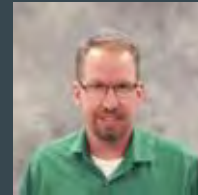
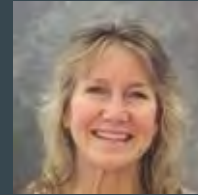
Stevenson North Bonneville Skamania Bookmobile



Community Libraries in Skamania
2023 & 2024

Staff!

- 8 dedicated staff, 6.8 FTE, 3 of which regularly drive the bookmobile.
- 8 flexible substitutes from across Skamania and Klickitat
- Approximately 68 public service hours each week spread across three service points
- Providing service from Washougal to Glenwood (approximately a 90 min drive)



Service Area



- Skamania County has just 7.3 inhabitants per square mile, the lowest population density county that FVR Libraries serve.
- Bookmobile spends about 25hrs a week on the road. $\frac{1}{3}$ of its routes are in Carson, the largest population center in Skamania without a brick and mortar library location.
- According to the 2020 census, the fastest growing area in the county is North Bonneville, with approximately 30% growth since 2010. Growth since 2020 has been more modest, but still the highest of any Skamania census tract.

Friends of the Library

Host Artists of the Gorge, soon to enter its 45th year, fundraise with Friendship products, and participate in community events like Christmas in the Gorge.

Over 2,000 volunteer hours in 2023!



Stevenson Community Library

Originally founded by the Stevenson Woman's Club, the Stevenson Community Library's first purpose built location was opened in 1938. The current library building was opened nearly 60 years ago, and was last remodeled in 2017.

- Open 48 hrs per week
- Circulation: 52,636
- Visits: 41,265
- Residents with library accounts: 56.8%



Skamania County Bookmobile

Many bookmobiles have served our area since they originally began in 1941. Our current vehicle has been in operation since 2018.

- Open 14 hrs per week over 4 days
- Circulation: 10,918
 - Staff checkouts: 10 per hr
- Visits: 6,142
- Residents with library accounts: 25.7%



North Bonneville Community Library

FVRLibraries has operated a library in North Bonneville City Hall since 1954, and moved with City Hall in 1979 when Bonneville Dam was expanded and flooded out the original town.

- Open 6 hrs per week
- Circulation: 4,458
- Visits: 932
- Residents with library accounts: 27.2%
- Highest holds as percentage of checkout in district at 70%



Winter Crafts

- Our annual winter craft programming series including centerpiece and sock gnome workshops had about 300 participants compared to the 211 of the 2022/2023 series.
- Community Art Studio of Skamania (CASS) hosted the sock gnomes event, while the rest were put on by staff.
- Shifting these events to Saturdays, and drop in events have greatly increased participation, and streamlined workload for staff.



Jeff Kinney Prize Winners

Four local students from Carson Elementary won a combined \$1,100 in donations for Stevenson Community Library at a Jeff Kinney event.



Thanks,
and see you next time!



Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Statement of Cash
For the Month Ending March 2024 (With year-to-date totals)

December 31, 2023 Ending Cash Balance	19,056,296
Year-to-date Revenue Received	2,567,816
Year-to-date Expenditures	(7,804,699)
Adjustment for accrued expenditures	(61,086)
Cash Balance March 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 13,758,327</u></u>

	Operational Reservices as of January 1, 2024	Net Operational Activity March 2024	Year-to-Date Totals thru March 2024	Operational Reserves as of March 31, 2024
Operational Reserve (Unassigned)	<u>\$ 8,315,870</u>	<u>(134,791)</u>	<u>(4,076,418)</u>	<u>\$ 4,239,452</u>
Target: Operational Fund > 60 to 90 days of annual operational budget				

	Reserves as of January 1, 2024	March 2024 Expenditures	Year-to-Date Totals thru March 2024	Cash Reserves at March 31 2024
Obj 1 - Capital repairs and maintenance	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Obj 2 - Replacement Vehicles	98,380	-	-	98,380
Obj 3 - Capital Projects				
Washougal	2,992,678	-	-	2,992,678
Woodland	3,521,932	(880,768)	(1,221,551)	2,300,381
Grand Blvd Remodel	893,604	-	-	893,604
Brush Prairie	500,000	-	-	500,000
Unassigned Capital	19,306	-	-	19,306
Obj 4 - Innovation	100,000	-	-	100,000
Obj 5 - Budget Stabilization Fund	1,864,526	-	-	1,864,526
Cash Reserve Fund Expense Total	<u>\$ 10,740,426</u>	<u>\$ (880,768)</u>	<u>\$ (1,221,551)</u>	<u>\$ 9,518,875</u>

	Beginning January 1, 2024	Ending March 31, 2024
Overall Cash Balance	<u><u>\$ 19,056,296</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,758,327</u></u>

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Statement Of Revenue - Calendar Year 2024
For the Month Ending March 2024 (With year-to-date totals)

	2024 Budget (Adopted 12/2023)	March 2024 Revenues	Year-to-Date Totals thru March 2024	Year - to - Date Annual Budget Percent
Property Taxes				
311.10.1 Property Taxes - Clark	26,100,000	1,739,566	2,226,899	8.53%
311.10.1 Property Taxes - Skamania	715,000	25,601	31,665	4.43%
311.10.1 Property Taxes - Klickitat	1,360,000	15,750	55,759	4.10%
311.10.1 Property Taxes - Cowlitz	325,000	22,612	25,062	7.71%
Total Property Taxes	28,500,000	1,803,530	2,339,385	8.21%
Other Taxes				
312.10. Other General Tax	25,000	19,620	20,136	80.55%
318.20 Leasehold Excise Tax	95,000	907	31,809	33.48%
Total Other Taxes	120,000	20,527	51,945	43.29%
Intergovernmental, Grants & Contracts				
332.00 Federal in-lieu of Taxes	25,000	-	-	0.00%
335.05 State Forest Boards	50,000	622	8,530	17.06%
333.00 State Grants	25,000	-	-	-
338.7 Yale Valley Library Dist	185,000	-	-	0.00%
338.72 Contracts - Clark County Jail	500	-	-	0.00%
Total Intergovernmental, Grants & Contracts	285,500	622	8,530	2.99%
Charges for Services				
341.60 Equipment Use Fees	40,000	4,588	11,021	27.55%
347.21 Non-Resident Borrower Fee	8,000	2,089	3,719	46.49%
347.90 Lost / Damaged Material Fee	32,000	6,357	13,302	41.57%
Total Charges for Services	80,000	13,034	28,042	35.05%
Miscellaneous				
361.11 Investment Interest	400,000	43,642	131,914	32.98%
362.00 Rental Income	2,000	1,150	1,650	82.50%
367.10 Gifts/Contributions	10,000	10	51	0.51%
369.90 Library Friends Groups' Reimbursements	600,000	-	1,525	0.25%
369.90 Library Foundation Reimbursements	2,500,000	-	80	0.00%
369.40 Insurance Reimbursements	2,500	-	-	0.00%
369.90 Miscellaneous	2,500	1,424	1,580	63.18%
367.1 Private Grants	50,000	-	-	0.00%
369.90 Other Miscellaneous - E-Rate	120,000	-	-	0.00%
395.00 Sale of Assets	10,000	421	3,115	31.15%
Total Miscellaneous	3,697,000	46,647	139,914	3.78%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 32,682,500	1,884,360	2,567,816	7.86%
Use of Cash Reserves	\$ 4,000,000	880,768	1,221,551	30.54%
Total Revenues and Use of Cash Reserves	\$36,682,500	2,765,128	3,789,367	10%

Jan.-Dec. 2024 Fiscal Year

March is the 2nd month of the fiscal year. Year-to-date budget percentages should be at 25%, representing 3/12 months.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Statement of Expenses - Calendar Year 2024

For the Month Ended March 2024

<u>Bars</u>	<u>Description</u>	2024 Budget (Adopted 12/2023)	March 2024 Expenditures	Year-to-Date Totals thru March 2024	Year to Date Annual Budget Percentage
Personnel					
572.10	Wages	\$ 13,323,750	\$ 981,303	\$ 3,111,200	23.35%
572.24	Benefit - Medical	2,622,000	193,925	595,817	22.72%
572.24	Benefit - Dental	249,600	19,683	60,843	24.38%
572.24	Benefit - Life, LTD, AD&D	78,750	12,351	37,137	47.16%
572.22	Benefit - PERS	1,337,972	91,692	289,046	21.60%
572.21	Benefit - FICA	1,019,267	73,433	232,928	22.85%
572.25	Benefit - L & I - Workers Compensation	101,000	6,355	18,205	18.02%
572.25	Benefit - PFML	29,035	2,075	6,579	22.66%
572.28	Unemployment Expense	10,001	-	909	9.09%
	Personnel Subtotal:	18,771,375	1,380,817	4,352,664	23.19%
Supplies					
572.30	Supplies	458,000	26,657	81,152	17.72%
572.35	Small Equipment (FF&E)	250,000	661	5,287	2.11%
572.38	Technology	462,000	3,253	95,026	20.57%
572.33	Professional Collection / Tech	300,000	46,074	108,420	36.14%
	Supplies & Small Equipmt/Tech Subtotal:	1,470,000	76,644	289,885	19.72%
Library Books / Materials					
572.34	Library Books & Materials	1,823,500	119,578	407,824	22.36%
572.39	Electronic Resources	1,896,500	95,908	466,676	24.61%
	Library Materials Subtotal:	3,720,000	215,486	874,500	23.51%
Other Services / Charges					
572.41	Professional Services	2,080,000	88,151	341,264	16.41%
572.42	Communications	428,200	14,248	72,256	16.87%
572.43	Training / Travel	108,000	14,055	36,561	33.85%
572.44	Advertising	30,000	359	1,841	6.14%
572.45	Rentals / Leases	576,800	51,005	146,462	25.39%
572.46	Insurance	255,000	(716)	23,531	9.23%
572.47	Utilities	469,000	42,846	118,598	25.29%
572.48	Repairs & Maintenance	887,400	100,544	258,381	29.12%
572.49	Misc / Dues / Printing / Other	165,388	10,067	41,237	24.93%
572.50	Intergovernmental Services	3,676	(30)	295	8.02%
	Other Charges & Services Subtotal:	5,003,464	320,529	1,040,425	20.79%
Capital Outlay					
594.62	Buildings / Non-Owned	250,000	11,217	11,217	4.49%
594.62	Buildings / Owned	3,327,261	14,456	14,456	0.43%
595.6	Yale	40,400	-	-	0.00%
594.64	Machinery & Equipment	100,000	-	-	0.00%
	Capital Outlay Subtotal:	3,717,661	25,674	25,674	0.69%
	Total Operating Expenditures:	32,682,500	2,019,150	6,583,148	20.14%
	Total Reserved Projects	4,000,000	880,768	1,221,551	30.54%
	Grand Total All Expenditures:	\$ 36,682,500	\$ 2,899,918	\$ 7,804,699	21.28%

March is the 2nd month of the fiscal year. Year-to-date budget percentages should be at 25%, representing 3/12 months.



Summer at Your Library 2024

June 15 - August 15 | For Everyone!

SAYL GOALS

1. Nurture learning, strengthen communities, and encourage library participation by encouraging patrons to explore, create, and share together.
2. Support children who are most likely to need learning support over the summer but be the least likely to receive it.

SAYL BASICS

Challenge: Read, Learn, Create, and Explore all summer long

Programs: Educational, entertaining, and hands-on programming in library and online

Outreach: Bring SAYL and library information/resources to families and children in our communities



2023

By the Numbers

10,005 Challenge
Participants

705 Programs

11,202 Program
Attendees

2,230 Children reached
through outreach

17+ Community
Partners



2024

By the Numbers
(so far...)

23 Libraries and
departments

115 Volunteer
hours

6865 Incentive Books
Purchased

300 Grand Prize
Pieces Purchased

4 SUMMER GOALS FOR PATRONS



1

READ

for 30 days

2

LEARN

one new thing

3

CREATE

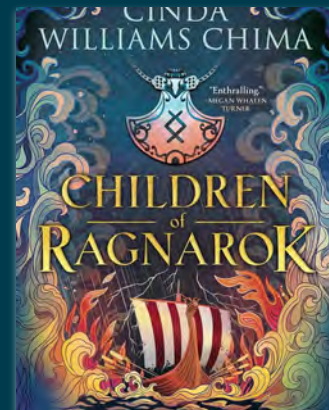
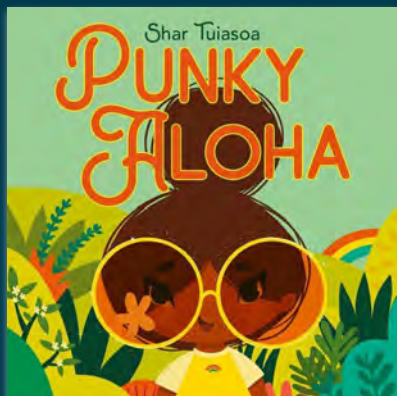
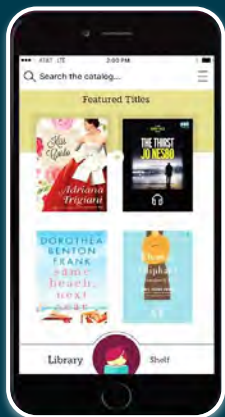
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EXPLORE

some part of your world

ALL READING COUNTS!



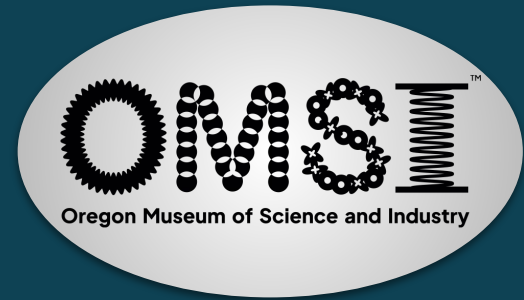


Grand Prize Gift Baskets





PROGRAMS
for all ages
and interests!



PASSIVE ACTIVITIES

Summer Trivia




How many types of cryptids are found in WA state?

Share your answer with staff!




Would You Rather?



Option 1 go camping by a lake

OR Option 2 stay in a hotel at the beach

Share your answer with



SUMMER LIBRARY



Branch Community Library
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SUMMER LIBRARY Searching for Cryptids

Can you find the hidden cryptids? Look around the library and see what you can find. Let staff know when you've found them all!



NAME: _____

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SUMMER OUTREACH

Prioritize events and partners that:

- Reach families who may not be using the library
- Work with kids and families who may need the greatest support





HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Staff Report 2024-06
Finance Report - Port of Ridgefield Tax Increment Finance Area

TO: FVRL Board of Trustees

FROM: Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director

DATE: 5/20/2024

SUBJECT: Port of Ridgefield Tax Increment Finance Area

Summary: Included in the February 2024 Board Packet was an over view of the Port of Ridgefield proposed [Local Tax Increment Finance Area](#) (LTIF) to be used to finance public improvements. The Port estimates that the total cost of public projects is \$62M in today's dollars. The Port assumes some of the project costs would need to be paid by additional funding sources, as the projects would be more than the estimated amount of tax allocation revenues generated by the proposed TIA. The TIA is estimated to generate \$45.8M of total tax revenue over 25 years to pay for the debt service.

The Port of Ridgefield has not approved the LTIF areas as attached in the resolution.

Tax Increment Financing

In 2021, Washington passed legislation which allows local government - defined as cities, towns, counties, port districts, or any combination thereof – to create Local Tax Increment Finance (LTIF) areas to fund public improvements. The resulting [39.114 RCW](#) impacts cities, counties and other taxing districts by capturing the increment of property value growth due those entities over a set period of time or amount of tax collections. It excludes any property taxes imposed by school districts, excess school levies, state support for schools, public utilities, and existing bond financing. Library Districts are not protected from this loss.

A Tax Increment Area (TIA) is property identified by a county, city or port district that requires public improvements to allow for development. The taxing entity creates the TIA as a means to leverage the increasing value of new or existing taxable property to service the debt created by the LTIF. The governmental entity creating the LTIF is able to retain the new increment of taxes on identified properties that would have previously gone to other taxing agencies. LTIFs are used to pay for public projects and service the associated debt on limited tax general obligation bonds (LTGO).

Once the LTIF has been paid off, any additional funds collected must be returned to the County Treasurer for distribution to the taxing entities impacted by the TIA.

Impact

The main impact to FVRL is foregone property tax revenues - future increases to the base value of the property. Those lost revenues (as estimated by the Port) are approximately \$2.7M over 25 years.

TIF projects are bound to become more common as a financing tool and it is not something FVRL can control. It will complicate our levy calculations to some degree, and have an impact on our overall growth potential in that TIA.



P.O. BOX 55
RIDGEFIELD WA 98642

April 15, 2024

Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director
Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries
2018 Grand Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98661

Executive Director Giltrop,

I am enclosing a copy of the adopted resolution creating a Tax Increment Area for the Port of Ridgefield. This resolution was approved by our board on April 10th, 2024. Please provide this certified resolution to your governing body. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Mueller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Mueller
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 411

The undersigned, duly appointed, qualified and acting CEO for the Port of Ridgefield, Washington (the "Port") hereby certifies that attached hereto as an exhibit is a true, complete, and correct copy of the Resolution No. 2024 - 411 designating a tax increment area pursuant to RCW 39.114.020 and authorizing the use of tax allocation revenues to pay public improvement costs; identifying the public improvements to be financed with the tax allocation revenues and the deadline for the City to commence construction of such public improvements; setting a sunset date for the tax increment area; authorizing reimbursement of the Clark County Assessor and Treasurer for their costs pursuant to RCW 39.114.010; authorizing the execution and delivery of other instruments, documents or agreements appropriate to designate a tax increment area and related matters; and delegating certain authority to the chief executive officer and director of finance and accounting (the "TIA Resolution"), which was passed by the Port of Ridgefield Commission at their meeting on April 10, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Port as of the 15th day of April, 2024.

PORT OF RIDGEFIELD



CEO, Port of Ridgefield

EXHIBIT A
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 411

[SEE ATTACHED.]

**PORT OF RIDGEFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 411**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF RIDGEFIELD,
WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING A TAX INCREMENT AREA PURSUANT TO RCW
39.114.020, IDENTIFYING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE PAID FOR OR
FINANCED WITH THE TAX ALLOCATION REVENUES, IMPOSING THE DEADLINE FOR
THE PORT TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS, AND
SETTING A SUNSET DATE FOR THE TAX INCREMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1189 as Chapter 201, Laws of 2021, titled "AN ACT Relating to tax increment financing; amending RCW 84.55.010 and 84.55.120; and adding a new chapter to Title 39 RCW" which was codified as RCW 39.114 Tax Increment Financing ("TIF Act"), which authorizes local governments, including any port district, to use tax allocation revenues to pay for public improvements, including infrastructure improvements owned by a local government within or outside of and serving the increment area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to exercise authority under RCW 39.114.020 to designate an increment area that will assist the Port to pay for or finance certain public improvements described herein from tax allocation revenues derived from the increment area with the boundaries described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission of the Port of Ridgefield (the "Port Commission") has determined it is in the best interest of the Port to designate an increment area and use the tax allocation revenues from the increment area for the public improvements described herein.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Port of Ridgefield Commission as follows:

1. **Designation of Increment Area.** The Port designates the area more particularly depicted and described on Exhibit A attached hereto (and incorporated by this referenced) as the "Port of Ridgefield Tax Increment Area" (the "Increment Area"). Generally, the boundaries of the Increment Area properties include the Ridgefield waterfront, part of the adjacent downtown, and an area along the I-5 corridor around the 179th Street and 219th Street interchanges. In providing this designation, the Port Commission asserts that the Increment Area (i) is the only increment area presently designated by the Port pursuant to the TIF Act, (ii) is located within the boundaries of the Port, (iii) does not include the entirety of the Port's territory, and (iv) does not have an assessed value on the date of this resolution which is more than the lesser of (A) \$200,000,000 or (B) 20 percent of the Port's total assessed valuation of taxable property (*i.e.* 20% of a total assessed value of \$8,064,364,154 or \$1,612,872,831). The current assessed value of the properties in the Increment Area is \$198,036,238.

2. **Sunset Date for Increment Area.** The sunset date for the Increment Area will be the earlier of (i) the date that is 25 years after the date on which tax allocation revenues are first collected from the Increment Area or (ii) the date on which the Port certifies to the County Treasurer in writing that the tax allocation revenues are no longer necessary or obligated to pay the public improvement costs (including but not

limited to reimbursements to the Port for principal and interest payments required to be made by the Port from revenue sources other than tax allocation revenues on the Port's bonds issued to finance the portion of public improvement costs that are intended to be paid and retired, in whole, from tax allocation revenues pursuant to RCW 39.114.060(1) and legal, other professional services and insurance costs and expenses related to the issuance of such bonds) to be paid or reimbursed with tax allocation revenues derived from the Increment Area, as they have been fully paid.

3. **Identification of Public Improvements.**

The exact configurations and operational features of the public improvements described above are to be determined by the final plans and specifications for such public improvements. As authorized by RCW 39.114.020(1)(h), the Port may expand, alter, or add to the public improvements identified above only if the Port Commission determines that such changes are necessary to assure that the public improvements identified above can be constructed or operated as intended. The list of improvements are:

(a) **Rebuilding the Ridgefield Waterfront:** Specific projects may include:

- **Infrastructure.** Upland and in-water improvements, including demolition, grading, complete streets, utility work, parking facilities, docks, EV charging, and brownfield mitigation.
- **Park.** Planning and construction of a waterfront park and accessory infrastructure on the Ridgefield Waterfront.
- **Multipurpose Public Parking Lot.** To accommodate overflow boat launch parking, kayakers, and visitors to the downtown, Overlook Park, Splash Pad, Waterfront Park, and Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.
- **Building One.** Planning and construction of a multistory mixed-use building with office, retail, and community spaces on the Ridgefield waterfront, along with accessory parking, street, and utility work.
- **Day Docks.** New docks on Lake River in combination with Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue and Clark County Sheriff's Office marine facilities.

(b) **Community Enhancements & Mitigation.** Specific projects may include:

- **Downtown Small Business Facilities.** Public facility planning, construction, and renovation, brownfield mitigation, street and parking improvements.
- **Railroad Avenue Facility.** Pedestrian bridge, parking facilities, and EV charging.
- **Voluntary Mitigation.** Contributions to future fire stations, public library facilities, city and county parks, and other public facilities as voluntary mitigation to impacted taxing jurisdictions.

(c) **New Small Business Facilities.** Specific activities may include:

- **Southern Port District Business Facilities.** Site acquisition, streets, utilities, public facility construction, parking facilities, and contribution to the planning and construction of freeway interchange and other transportation facility improvements.

4. **Increment Area Effective June 1, 2024.** The Increment Area designated in this resolution shall take effect on June 1, 2024.

5. **Deadline for Commencement of Construction of Public Improvements.** The deadline for the Port to begin construction on the public improvements identified herein is June 1, 2034 unless such deadline is extended for good cause.

6. **Issuance of bonds or other obligations.** The Port intends to issue bonds or other obligations, payable in whole or in part, from tax allocation revenues to finance the public improvement costs. Based upon the project analysis, the Port estimates \$22,000,000 is the maximum amount of obligations contemplated to be financed with tax allocation revenues. The actual amount of obligations financed by tax allocation revenues will depend on future decisions of the Port Commission, as well as on actual tax allocation revenues received and the terms of indebtedness agreed to.

7. **Required Findings of Port.** The Port Commission finds, based on the Project Analysis, that:

(a) The public improvements proposed to be paid or financed with tax allocation revenues are expected to encourage private development within the Increment Area and are expected to increase the assessed value of real property within the Increment Area;

(b) Private development that is anticipated to occur within the Increment Area as a result of the proposed public improvements will be permitted consistent with the applicable zoning and development standards of the City of Ridgefield and Clark County, the applicable permitting jurisdictions;

(c) The private development would not reasonably be expected to occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future without the proposed public improvements; and

(d) The increased assessed value within the Increment Area that could reasonably be expected to occur without the proposed public improvements would be less than the increase in the assessed value estimated to result from the proposed development with the proposed public improvements.

8. **Project Analysis.** In considering whether to designate an increment area, the Port prepared a Project Analysis Report consistent with the requirements of RCW 39.114.020(2), and submitted the analysis to the Office of the State Treasurer for review. The Port

Commission has received and considered comments expressed in the letter to the Port from the Office of the State Treasurer received prior to the date hereof, summarizing its review of the Project Analysis and providing comments and recommendations for consideration by the Port.

9. Mitigation for Certain Fire Protection Agencies.

(a) Project analysis conducted by the Port forecasts that the increment area will not impact at least 20 percent of the assessed value of Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue District and Fire District #6, and thus the Port (as required by RCW 39.114.020(5)) is not currently required by law to negotiate a mitigation plan with Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue District and Fire District #6, (the "Fire Districts") to address level of service issues in the increment area.

10. Reimbursement to County Assessor and Treasurer. Pursuant to RCW39.114.020(6), the Port intends to reimburse the Clark County (the "County") Assessor and County Treasurer for their costs as provided in RCW 39.114.010(6)(e), and such expenses shall be considered as part of the public improvement costs to be paid or reimbursed from tax allocation revenues derived from the Increment Area.

11. Public Hearings Held by Port and Publication. Pursuant to RCW 39.114.020(7)(a), prior to the adoption of this resolution, the Port held two public briefings (on February 27, 2024 and again on April 3, 2024) for the community solely on the tax increment project, that included the description of the Increment Area, the public improvements proposed to be financed with the tax allocation revenues, and a detailed estimate of tax revenues for the participating local governments and taxing districts, including the amounts allocated to the increment public improvements. The briefings were announced two weeks prior to the date such briefings were held, including by publication of notice of such briefings in *The Reflector* (a legal newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the Port) and notice of such briefings on the Port's website and all Port social media sites.

Prior to the adoption of this resolution, the Port has published in *The Reflector* (a legal newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the Port), that describes the public improvements identified herein, describes the boundaries of the Increment Area, and identifies the location and times where this resolution and other public information concerning the public improvement may be inspected.

12. Severability. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this resolution to be performed on the part of the Port is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such covenant or agreements will be null and void and will be deemed separable from the remaining covenants and agreements of this resolution and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

13. Compliance with State Law. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Port Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Port Commission, and that all deliberations of this Port Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington.

14. **Effective Date of Resolution.** That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage and signatures heron in accordance with law.

Adopted by the Port of Ridgefield Commission at a regular meeting thereof this 10th day of April, 2024

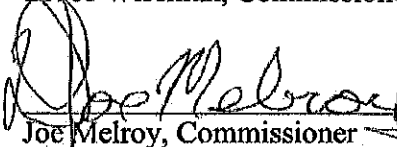
PORT OF RIDGEFIELD COMMISSION



Scott Hughes, Commissioner

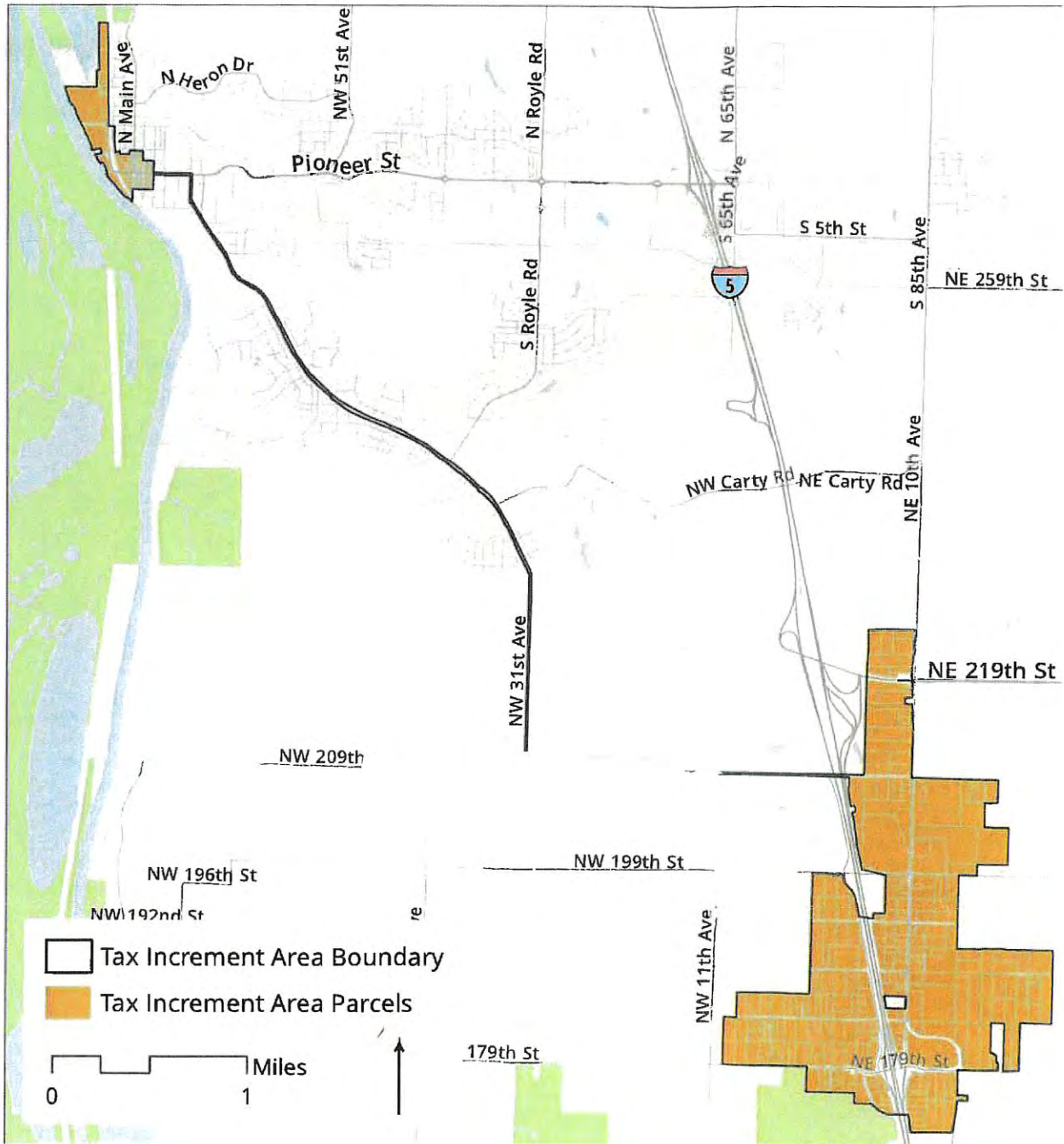


Bruce Wiseman, Commissioner



Joe Melroy, Commissioner

Exhibit A
Port of Ridgefield Tax Increment Area



**FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-05
RESOLUTION OF THE FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) BETWEEN THE
FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION (WPEA) UFCW LOCAL 365**

The regular meeting of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) Board of Trustees was held May 20, 2024 at Stevenson Community Library, attended by a quorum of the Board for the conduct of such business; and, after due consideration and deliberation, the following resolution was duly passed by a majority vote of all Trustees then attending.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees shall authorize the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA) UFCW Local L365 and the FVRL for adjustments to the compensation plan and employee pay and other conditions of employment per the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees recognizes that the specific terms of future increases in 2024 and 2025 are outlined in this CBA, and;

WHEREAS, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees authorizes the increase to the WPEA compensation plan and employee pay be effective on the first day of the pay period immediately following the adoption of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution 2024-04, authorizing the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between WPEA UFCW Local 365 and FVRL.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2024.



Kristy Morgan, Chair



Marie Coffey, Secretary

Liam, Olivia still No. 1 for babies

Names most popular for 5th year in a row

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Liam and Olivia have for a fifth year together topped the list of baby names for brand new boys and girls born in the U.S. in 2023. And Mateo joins the top 10 baby names list for the first time.

The Social Security Administration annually tracks the names given to girls and boys in each state, with names dating back to 1880. The agency gathers the names from applications for Social Security cards.

Based on cultural and population trends, the list shows how names can rise and fall in popularity. The latest was released Friday.

Liam has reigned supreme seven years in a row while Olivia has topped the girls' list for five, after unseating Emma, previously No. 1 for five years.

After Liam, the most common names for boys are, in order: Noah, Oliver, James, Elijah, Mateo, Theodore, Henry, Lucas, and William.

And after Olivia, the most common names for girls are Emma, Charlotte, Amelia, Sophia, Mia, Isabella, Ava, Evelyn and Luna.

The Social Security Administration's latest data show that 3.58 million babies were born in the U.S. in 2023. That's a slight decrease from last year's 3.66 million babies, representing an overall decline in the American birthrate.

Social media stars and popular television shows are having some impact on the rising popularity of certain names, Social Security says. The fastest rising name for boys is Izael while the second fastest rising, Chozen, shot up to number 813 in 2023.

The character Chozen was a protagonist in the last season of the Netflix show "Cobra Kai."

For girls, one of the fastest rising baby names is Kaeli, which rose 1,692 spots. "Parents must have really smashed the 'like' button for YouTube and TikTok star Kaeli McEwen, also known as Kaeli Mae, who routinely promotes a clean, tidy, and neutral-aesthetic lifestyle," Social Security said in a news release.

The complete, searchable list of baby names is on the Social Security website.



Participants in the Cascade Park Community Library's 2023 Trashion Show show off their upcycled creations.

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Trashion Show at Cascade Park library highlights trashy togs

By **MONIKA SPYKERMAN**
The Columbian

Clark County has a thriving community of designers creating new fashions from used clothes. That's a good thing, seeing as synthetic fabrics like polyester take hundreds of years to break down in landfills. But what if designers made garments and accessories not only out of discarded clothes but also out of pure trash?

Curious onlookers can see for themselves at the second annual Trashion Show, 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cascade Park Community Library, where local upcyclers can test their ingenuity and explore the outer limits of haute couture.

"It's a great opportunity to get more engaged with your community and see what kinds of cool things people are coming up with," said Libs Martin, senior public services librarian at Cascade Park Community. "It's fun to see how we can use materials and make new things out of them and ways that we can be more conscious in our use of resources."

IF YOU GO

What: Trashion Show

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday

Where: Cascade Park Community Library, 600 N.E. 136th Ave., Vancouver

Details and registration: fvrl.librarymarket.com/conscious-consumption-series-trashion-show-0

The Trashion Show is part of the Conscious Consumption Sustainability Education Series, a collaboration among the city of Vancouver, Clark County Green Neighbors and the Cascade Park Community Library. (The next Conscious Consumption event is Composting with Red Worms, 2 to 3:30 p.m. June 1.)

A makeshift runway will be set up in the library's Community Room, Martin said, where participants will model their designs. Prizes will be awarded in teen and adult categories and each of the five judges will also bestow a "judge's choice" award.

Judges include a member of the library's Teen Council; a representative from event co-sponsor, Clark County Green Neighbors; a representative from Friends of Cascade Park Community Library; and a com-



Contributed photo

A participant of the 2023 Trashion Show models her upcycled outfit for onlookers.

munity member who served as a judge last year. The criteria are use of materials and creativity, Martin said.

"Some people used really creative things like plastic wrap that you'd find in an Amazon package to make a bow," Mar-

tin said. "One person made a dress out of ties."

Martin was surprised and excited to welcome 69 spectators to last year's Trashion Show — a fairly large number for the type of event, Martin said. She emphasized that the runway is open to all genders, ages and experience levels, even those who've never made so much as a handkerchief. Case in point: Among the 12 trashion designers registered for this year's show is a contestant who is just 6 years old, Martin said.

If your interest is piqued, Martin has good news: Saturday's show still has room for more designers. It's not too late to sign up today or Friday. It doesn't matter if the garment or accessory you want to share was made some time ago or made at the last minute, Martin said, as long as it's the participant's own original design.

"I think sometimes people might feel a little intimidated, but I would love to encourage anyone who is interested to participate, even if you're not an experienced designer," Martin said. "Just trying to explore different materials in creating something is really exciting and we'd love to see it."

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Taylor Swift adds songs from new album to tour

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Childish Gambino re-releases '3.15.20,' announces tour

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Go marching in

The Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association's Parade of Bands will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. This year's theme is "The Power of Music." The popular parade starts at Fire District 6, 8800 N.E. Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, and winds through town with spectators lining the roads. This is Hazel Dell's 58th annual parade, featuring 25 local bands, parade floats, classic vehicles, youth groups and horses. To see a complete map of the parade route and get additional details, visit hdsca.org.

Affair of the art

The Society of Washington Artists Spring Show and Sale is noon to 7 p.m. today and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Vancouver United Vancouver United Church of Christ, 1220 N.E. 68th St., Vancouver. The show is one of the largest in Southwest Washington, showcasing the work of fine artists

throughout the area. Visitors will see original paintings, sculpture and photography. Admission is free. For more details, email info@swavancouver.com. Learn more about the society at swavancouver.com.

Feeling Blue

Southwest Washington Wind Symphony will present "Tributes," 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Union High School's Performing Arts Center, 6201 N.W. Friberg-Strunk St., Camas. Patrick Murphy from the University of Portland will conduct the 55-member symphony and pianist Julia Hwakyu in George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," in honor of the song's 100th anniversary. The program also includes John Philip Sousa's "Sesquicentennial Exposition March," written for the 150th anniversary of America's independence, and Dwayne Milburn's "Fantasy on American Folk Songs." Admission is free. Learn more at swwindsymphony.org.

All keyed up

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music Series final concert of the season is "Classical Keys" featuring artist-in-residence Orli Shaham at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main St., Vancouver. The program includes Joseph Haydn's "Piano Concerto in D Major," Hob XVII:11, and Mozart's "Divertimento in D major," K136, as well as "Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor," K466. Shaham is the soloist and conductor, leading the orchestra from her seat at the keyboard. Tickets (\$25 general admission and \$10 for students) are available at vancouver-symphony.org.

Training day

Southwest Washington Model

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Find more events to attend or submit your event at www.columbian.com/events. Sign up for our weekly entertainment, food and dining newsletter delivered to your inbox each Friday at www.columbian.com/newsletters

Railroaders will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the auxiliary building of Memorial Lutheran Church, at the corner of East 29th Street and Grand Boulevard in Vancouver. See three layouts in operation. Admission is free, although donations are accepted. The basement is accessed via stairs.

... And more

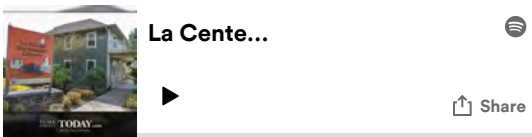
For more details about these and other events — like game day at Covington Historic House, high school productions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Lightning Thief" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" or the bird language workshop at the Water Resources Education Center — see Page B6 or events.columbian.com.

— Monika Spykerman

La Center Community Library celebrates 20 years



File photo



The library opened on May 8, 2004 in its historic building at 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Rd.

La Center Community Library is celebrating its 20th anniversary with live music, llamas, and cake on Tuesday, May 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. The library opened on May 8, 2004 in its historic building at 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Rd.

In 2001, the circa 1905 building was destined to be burned as a firefighting exercise, but Margaret Colf Hepola envisioned something more for it. Soon the Friends of La Center Community Library was formed.

In August of that year, the former hospital building was moved a half-mile to its present location. After three years of fundraising by the Friends of the Library, and with contributions from the Colf Family Foundation, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, multiple grants and donations, the refurbished 3,380 square-foot building began its new life as La Center Community Library. In 2019, the building was refreshed with interior paint and carpet.

Today, the library is a community hub, serving over 2,000 patrons per month. In 2023, the library welcomed more than 29,000 visitors and checked out or renewed approximately 40,000 library items. Program offerings include two story times per week, book groups for youth and adults, maker events, genealogy group, and more.

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Library Con: Free Comic Book Day meets Star Wars Day in one giant celebration in Vancouver

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries will celebrate May 4 with events at all branches

By [Monika Spykerman](#), Columbian staff writer
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Darth Vader makes his entrance in the 1977 movie "Star Wars." Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries will celebrate Free Comic Book Day and Star Wars Day (May 4, as in "May the fourth be with you") in one giant event on Saturday. (AP files)

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Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries will celebrate Free Comic Book Day and Star Wars Day (May 4 — as in “May the fourth be with you”) in one giant event Saturday: Library Con, a celebration of fan culture with activities at all local library branches.

Kick off the festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Vancouver Community Library with several rounds of trivia followed by a showing of “Star Wars: A New Hope.”

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, all library branches will give away comic books. Many branches are offering additional activities such as crafts, photo opportunities, trivia contests and movie showings; visit fvrl.org for complete information. In addition, Vancouver Community Library will host presentations by award-winning comic creators Taki Soma, Diana Schutz and David F. Walker. See the schedule below for more details.

- Family Trivia, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Cascade Park Community Library. Join other fans for several rounds of trivia about Star Wars, Disney and Marvel.
- Library Con at the Mall, 11 a.m. to noon, Vancouver Mall Library. Activities include photo opportunities with Storm Troopers and other Star Wars characters, building a light saber, button-making and comic creation.
- A Life in Pictures: Creating Graphic Biographies with Taki Soma, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Vancouver Community Library. Explore the creative universe of Taki Soma, a Hugo Award-nominated artist, writer and colorist whose body of work includes “Dick Tracy,” “The After Realm” and “Iron Man,” as well as her autobiographical graphic novel, “Sleeping While Standing.” Audiences will see a preview of Soma’s

biography of Vincent Van Gogh. Soma also explores the therapeutic power of storytelling through visuals. Online attendance is available through Google Meet.

- Family Story Time, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cascade Park Community Library. Enjoy family story time with singing to celebrate Star Wars and Free Comic Book Day.
- Careers in Comics with Comic Editor Diana Schutz, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cascade Park Community Library. Award-winning comics editor Diana Schutz will offer a presentation about how to get started in the comics industry. Formerly the senior executive editor at Dark Horse Comics, Schutz has worked with authors Michael Chabon, Neil Gaiman and the late Harlan Ellison. She was comic pioneer Will Eisner's Dark Horse editor until his death in 2005. Schutz now translates European graphic novels, including "Moebius Library" and "Blacksad." Online attendance is available through Google Meet.
- Padawan Academy, 2 to 4 p.m. Three Creeks Community Library. A meet-and-greet with Storm Troopers at 2 p.m. will be followed by lightsaber training and Jedi crafts at 3 p.m.
- Adult Manga and Graphic Novel Group, 3 to 4 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library. This discussion group is for adults ages 18 and over who enjoy manga and graphic novels. The group meets on the fourth Saturday of every month.
- Fuse Bead Pixel Art, 3 to 5 p.m. La Center Community Library. Attendees will use fuse beads to design Star Wars and comic book characters.
- Star Wars Movie Night, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cascade Park Community Library. Celebrate May the Fourth with a showing of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." The event includes snacks and activities.
- From Fan to Maker with David F. Walker, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Vancouver Community Library. Eisner Award-winning author David F. Walker will share the story of his evolution from a comic-loving kid to a working comics creator.
- Star Wars and Comics Trivia Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library. Fans can test their knowledge of both Star Wars and comic books with multiple rounds of trivia.

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Skyview StormBots taking robot 'Connie' to Houston for high school championship

Each January, high school robotics teams are presented with a challenge and given six weeks to design and build a robot to accomplish it

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Members of the Skyview StormBots, the high school's robotics team, take part in a robotics competition in Portland in early April. The team is preparing to compete in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship in Houston. (Photo contributed by Adele Meyer) [Photo Gallery](#)

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The days before a world championship are tense.

Those feelings aren't lost on Michael Wilde, a senior on Skyview High School's robotics team, the StormBots. Not only is it his last year with the team, but it's the first time in six years Skyview will compete in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship in Houston.

"I feel like this is my last chance to give all my knowledge to the team. I gave it my all," Wilde said. "Our last group of seniors never got a chance to go (to the world championship). This is the best way to go out."

While Wilde and his fellow teammates might have a good grasp on what their robot, named Connie, needs to do to secure further success, it's not remotely simple.

Each year, high school robotics teams from across the nation and beyond are presented with a game-like challenge and given six weeks to design and build a robot that can effectively accomplish the challenge.

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In January, the StormBots received details of the challenge: a team game that requires robots to pick up a series of orange foam rings, climb an apparatus and insert the rings into a counting mechanism, much like dunking a basketball.

"It's confusing if you've never seen it before," junior Adele Meyer said, laughing.

Essentially, imagine a Roomba zooming around a cluttered living room floor and sucking up the foam rings one at a time, like giant Cheerios. That's what the StormBots came up with.

Connie got the team through previous rounds before the world championship, competing with and against local schools along the way.

There isn't one way to win, Wilde said. The best robots have to be able to do as much as possible: collect rings, dispense them and even block other teams from getting them.

"There were arguments about defense and offense," Wilde said. "But this year, we decided we wanted our core robot to meet as many requirements as possible."

'More than BattleBots'

Two of the team's leaders, Meyer and junior Samantha Phan, aren't deeply tied to the construction and design of the robot itself, like Wilde is. The duo focuses on the business and marketing side of the StormBots. That means collecting sponsors, finding ways the team can make a difference in the community and recruiting new members.

"As someone who was never interested in touching the robot, I'm so invested," Phan said. "We're doing a lot more than just building robots."

The StormBots run camps and workshops for elementary and middle school students at the nearby Three Creeks Community Library. The team has adopted the Chinook Neighborhood Park and helped build pneumatic equipment to aid students in Top Soccer — a sports program for children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

The team's work earned the StormBots this year's Impact award, which goes to teams that have used their influence and intellect in robotics to make a difference in their local communities.

"I feel like winning the Impact award alone solidified us this year," Phan said.

The community work also gives the team a better chance of succeeding at the world championship. Judges, team members said, don't place value just on individual robot performance, but also on how the team members work with each other and other teams and operate outside the competition.

The team's game plan this year focused on cooperation and constant improvement, the students said. In competitions, the StormBots work as an "alliance captain," meaning they work to identify the strengths of other teams to best work together as a larger unit.

"A big thing that stands out about us — not only did we enter the competition as a strong robot that can do everything, but each week and each competition we improved," Wilde said. "You have to keep working to improve, even after you win."

Final touches

On Thursday evening, with less than a week until the championship, a “skeleton crew” of StormBots team members worked on making buttons for the team to wear and perfecting their game plan.

Wilde said the last aspect the team is concerned about is its performance in the “autonomous” section of the competition. For 15 seconds, teams are given the chance to have their robots operate completely on their own, sucking up the foam rings and progressing without any manual control.

In that section, due to its extreme difficulty, more points are at stake. Wilde worked with a few students to tweak their practice robot to better detect the rings with sensors and cameras. In the blink of an eye, the robot — which is about the size of a large lawnmower — would jerk in the direction of the orange ring. The speed with which the device moves is unbelievable.

“It’s amazing to have high school students that can create a robot in their minds and go through the process of putting it together in the field,” said Jeff Ahner, a teacher and StormBots adviser. “The seniors have learned their way through it. That’s what’s fun about being a coach — seeing how they work from freshman year on.”

Meyer said the prospect of the world championship is daunting.

“It’s mind-blowing. There’s going to be 600 teams there,” she said. “There used to be these teams we’d look at amazed, wondering how they could do what they did. Now, we’re one of those teams.”

She and other teammates are hopeful their success can be an inspiration to students from varying backgrounds who might be curious about robotics — whether as an engineer, designer or marketing leader.

“We compare ourselves to sports, where only the top athletes will get scholarships or play professionally — but a majority of us will go on to school or to be engineers,” Meyer said. “Everyone will go pro. That’s what we like to say.”

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