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MEDIA ADVISORY

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FVRL BOARD MEMBERS EARN BCLTA AWARDS **Two *Super Trustees* Honoured for Service to Libraries**



Councillor Grant Ward, Township of Langley (L), and Mayor Peter Fassbender, City of Langley (R), display their BCLTA awards for service to BC's libraries.

Abbotsford, BC — Mayor Peter Fassbender, City of Langley, and Councillor Grant Ward, Township of Langley, were presented with awards for their distinguished service to libraries at the annual BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) conference held in Victoria on April 9, 2011.

Councillor Grant Ward, who served on the Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) Board from 2002–2010, received the *Super Trustee Award* for his contributions to his local Township of Langley libraries and for his work with the FVRL Board. He was commended for his frequent attendance at library events as well as his respected Board participation and his unwavering commitment to libraries as “jewels” of the community.

Mayor Peter Fassbender, currently chair of the FVRL Board, received two awards: the *Super Trustee Award*, in honour of his support of his local library, as well as the prestigious *Nancy Bennett Merit Award* for his outstanding service to BC libraries at regional and provincial levels.

BCLTA paid special tribute to Mayor Fassbender who, when BC's libraries faced potential provincial funding cuts, lent his expertise to develop effective strategies that mitigated the crisis, and then exerted his influence to enhance public libraries' relations with the provincial government. Fraser Valley Regional District Director Bill Dickey

stated, "When a strong voice was needed to ensure the provincial government did not lose sight of the importance of the BC library system, Peter's abilities could not be surpassed."

The BC Library Trustees Association represents over 65 library boards and more than 650 library trustees who govern local public libraries in British Columbia.

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About Fraser Valley Regional Library

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 24 community libraries serving over 680,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the communities it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

FVRL Member Libraries

<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>Aldergrove</i>	<i>Boston Bar</i>
<i>Brookwood</i>	<i>Chilliwack</i>	<i>Clearbrook</i>
<i>Fort Langley</i>	<i>George Mackie</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Ladner Pioneer</i>	<i>City of Langley</i>	<i>Maple Ridge</i>
<i>Mission</i>	<i>Mount Lehman</i>	<i>Muriel Arnason</i>
<i>MSA Centennial</i>	<i>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Tsawwassen</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>	<i>Walnut Grove</i>
<i>White Rock</i>	<i>Yale</i>	<i>Yarrow</i>

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