1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dingwall, Second Vice Chair

2.00 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as circulated.

2.011 Minutes

Enclosure:

- Wednesday, September 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

2.012 Correspondence

Enclosure:

- FVRL Appointments: Mission
- FVRL Appointments: Abbotsford
- FVRL Appointments: Chilliwack
- FVRL Appointments: Langley City
- FVRL Appointments: District of Hope
- FVRL Appointments: Township of Langley

2.013 Library Activities

Enclosure:

- Library Reports

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 Board and Staff Introductions

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

4.02 Library Act Review Discussion

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure:

- Library Act: Part 3 - Regional Library Districts

4.03 Introduction to FVRL

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

4.04 Board Meeting Dates 2019

Motion

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer
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4.05 Request to Cancel December Board Meeting
  Motion

THAT the Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 12 be cancelled.

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

4.06 Funding Formula Review
  Discussion

Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance

4.07 Offer From Previous Board Executive

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

4.08 Christmas Chocolate Deliveries
  Discussion

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer

5.00 OTHER BUSINESS

6.00 AROUND THE TABLE

7.00 QUESTIONS

8.00 NEXT MEETING
  Information

FVRL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 9:00 am
FVRL Administrative Centre
34589 DeLair Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

FVRL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 9:00 am
FVRL Administrative Centre
34589 DeLair Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

9.00 ADJOURNMENT
  Motion

THAT the meeting of the FVRL Board be adjourned.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
FVRL Administrative Centre
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Attendees from the Board
Councillor Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
Councillor Chuck Stam, City of Chilliwack
Director Ray Boucher, Fraser Valley Regional District
Mayor Wilf Victor, District of Hope
Mayor John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent
Councillor Gayle Martin, City of Langley
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Township of Langley
Councillor Corisa Bell, City of Maple Ridge
Director Maria Harris, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Jenny Stevens, District of Mission
Councillor Bill Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Laura Dupont, City of Port Coquitlam
Councillor Bill Lawrence, City of White Rock

Regrets
Councillor Heather King, Corporation of Delta
Councillor Sonja Reyerse, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Attendees from Staff
Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer
Cathy Renshaw, Director of Organizational Development
Heather Scoular, Director of Customer Experience
Jeff Narver, Director of Infrastructure & Resources
Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance
Emily Duquette, Executive Office and Information Manager (recorder)
Brad Fenrick, Manager of Information Technology
Dean Kelly, Manager of Support Services
Devan Mitchell, Deputy Manager of Information Technology and Finance
Bryan Pezzi, Acting Communications Officer
Nicole Glentworth, Library Manager—Chilliwack & Upper Fraser Valley
Jo-Ann Sleiman, Acting Library Manager—Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows
Courtney Novotny, Manager—Mission Library & Outreach Services
Hilary Russell, Library Manager—Abbotsford
Kimberley Constable, Library Manager—City of Langley and Port Coquitlam
David Theissen, Library Manager—Township of Langley & White Rock
Sandi Burgess, Library Manager—Delta

CUPE Local 1698
Laurie Dyck
Balbir Gill
CALL TO ORDER
Councillor Chuck Stam, Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board to order at 9:06 am.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
It was MOVED Councillor Stevens, SECONDED Director Boucher, THAT the consent agenda be approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
It was MOVED Councillor Dupont, SECONDED Councillor Dingwall, THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Variance Report
Nacy Gomerich, Director of Finance, reviewed the 2018 Variance Report.

It was MOVED Councillor Bell, SECONDED Councillor Dupont, THAT the 2018 Variance Report be received.

Financial Management Policy Amendment
Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance, reviewed changes to the Financial Management Policy to include the disposal of assets, and purchasing/procurement.

It was MOVED Councillor Dingwall, SECONDED Mayor Van Laerhoven, THAT the amendments to the Financial Management Policy be approved.
4.03 **2019 Budget Vote**

The Board discussed questions on the value for money of library services, the life cycle of library materials, and purchasing power in the current economy.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Stevens, **SECONDED** Councillor Dupont, **THAT** the proposed 2019 FVRL budget Option 2 with an increase in total Member Assessment of $848,829 or 3.34% over 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/05
Approved

4.04 **Board Policy Updates**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Lawrence, **SECONDED**, Director Boucher, **THAT** the Weighted Vote Board Policy be approved.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/06
Approved

It was **MOVED** Councillor Bell, **SECONDED** Director Harris, **THAT** the Customer Code of Conduct Board Policy be approved.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/07
Approved

It was **MOVED** Councillor Dingwall, **SECONDED** Councillor Dupont, **THAT** the Donations Board Policy be approved.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/08
Approved

It was **MOVED** Mayor Van Laerhoven, **SECONDED** Mayor Vicktor, **THAT** the Smoke Free Environment Board Policy be rescinded.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/09
Approved

4.05 **2019 Board Meeting Dates**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Dupont, **SECONDED** Councillor Barkman, **THAT** the 2019 Board Meeting dates be approved.

**CARRIED**
18.09.19/10
Approved
4.06 Union of BC Municipalities Conference in Whistler
Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the success of a joint event, Future Focused: BC Public Libraries, including FVRL’s entire Playground, with FVRL and Whistler Public Library at the UBCM Conference in Whistler. The event was also supported by our partner agencies, BC Library Association, BC Library Trustees Association, BC Libraries Cooperative and the Association of BC Public Library Directors, and was attended by over 100 delegates, including the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming. The event was preceded by a meeting with the Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Education and their staff.

It was MOVED Councillor Dingwall, SECONDED Mayor Van Laerhoven, THAT the UBCM in Whistler Report be received.

CARRIED 18.09.19/11 Approved

4.07 2018 Staff Day Report
Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, recounted a successful Staff Day, which was well received and regarded by all staff.

It was MOVED Councillor Dingwall, SECONDED Mayor Van Laerhoven, THAT the Staff Day Report be received.

CARRIED 18.09.19/12 Approved

5.00 OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business

6.00 AROUND THE TABLE
Board Members all wished each other well and good luck with their future endeavors.

Director Boucher noted that since being on the FVRL Board he has spent more time in the library, and it has proved to be an educational experience well worth his time.

Mayor Vicktor remarked on the valued friendships that he has developed while on the board and noted how the library is a core service expected by the community.

Mayor Van Laerhoven said that as an educator he understands the value of libraries, and thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Board. Whenever the opportunity arose, he always spoke highly of the library, and will very much miss the people he has met, and everything about FVRL.

Councillor Martin has enjoyed her time on the board and has appreciated the support of all FVRL staff, and couldn’t be happier representing the library board.
Councillor Arnason exclaimed how amazing FVRL is, and how she is always impressed with FVRL’s endeavors, and hopes to be back to continue to work on the Board.

Director Harris noted that the happiest communities have an abundance of public amenities for public to access, and libraries, as a part of that, are places that everyone wants to go.

Councillor Stevens said that there is more laughing at this board table than any other she’s ever known, and will greatly regret not being here again.

Councillor Lawrence, being one of the newest members of the board, thanked all for their warm welcome. He noted that his time on the board has been fantastic, and the library is on the leading edge of the future.

Councillor Dupont expressed how much she has enjoyed every minutes of this board, and how she loves that our libraries are consistently building connections to make a stronger sense of community.

Councillor Dingwall remarked that the FVRL Board has been a highlight for him in the last four years.

Councillor Bell wished everyone well with their future plans.

Concillor Stam noted that after nineteen years, he too will be leaving the public eye and the FVRL board. He noted he has had a great term, and that the library has made tremendous progress over the years and he greatly enjoyed the enthusiasm from children during summer reading club. He will miss the Board very much.

7.00 QUESTIONS
There were no questions.

8.00 NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 21, 2018 - 9:00 am
FVRL Administrative Centre
34589 DeLair Road

9.00 ADJOURNMENT
It was MOVED Councillor Stevens, SECONDED Director Harris, THAT the meeting of the FVRL Board be adjourned.

CARRIED
18.09.19/13
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.
November 5, 2018

Emily Duquette  
Executive Office and Information Manager  
Fraser Valley Regional Library  
c/o eduquette@fvrl.bc.ca

Dear Emily:

Re:  Inaugural Council Appointments to Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

I am pleased to inform you that on November 1, 2018 the District of Mission Council approved the following appointments.

Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
- Councillor Plecas
- Councillor Herar (Alternate)

For your records, the contact information for the entire 2018-2022 District of Mission Council is as follows:

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Yours truly,

Christine Brough
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
November 6, 2018

File: 0540-03

Via email: irene.geng@fvrl.bc.ca

Fraser Valley Regional Library
34589 Delair Road
Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

Attention: Irene Geng, Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Ms. Geng:

Re: 2019 Representative and Alternate to the Board of the Fraser Valley Regional Library

Please be advised that at the Inaugural meeting of Council on November 5, 2018, Council appointed Councillor Bruce Banman as the 2019 representative to the Board of the Fraser Valley Regional Library on behalf of the City of Abbotsford, with Councillor Les Barkman, appointed as his alternate.

Should you have any questions regarding the above matter please feel free to contact me at (604) 864-5603 or bflitton@abbotsford.ca.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

Bill Flitton
Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk
November 7, 2018

Irene Geng
Fraser Valley Regional Library
Administrative Centre
34589 Delair Road
Abbotsford BC V2S 5Y1

Dear Ms. Geng:

Re: 2019 Fraser Valley Regional Library Board of Directors

Council, at its Inaugural Meeting held November 6, 2018, considered the 2019 City Council Board and Advisory Committee Appointments. On behalf of Council, I am pleased to advise of the Mayor’s 2019 appointments as follows:

Fraser Valley Regional Library Board of Directors

Councillor Sue Attrill

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Corporate Services Department at 604-793-2986.

Yours truly,

Jacqueline Morgan,
Corporate Officer
November 9, 2018

Emily Duquette, Executive Office and Information Manager
Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
34589 DeLair Road
Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1
VIA EMAIL: eduquette@fvrl.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Duquette:

Re: Appointments to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

At its November 8, 2018 Special Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley passed the following resolution:

THAT Councillor Gayle Martin be appointed to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2019; and

THAT Councillor Teri James be appointed as an alternate.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY

Kelly Kenney
Corporate Officer
November 6, 2018

Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
34589 DeLair Rd
Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Appointments to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

The Council of the District of Hope, at their November 5, 2018 Inaugural Meeting of Council, appointed the following Council Members to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

- Councillor Victor Smith
- Councillor Craig Traun (Alternate)

Should you require any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services
November 7, 2018

Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
34589 Delair Road
Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

Attention: Irene Geng

Dear Ms. Geng:

Re: Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

At its November 6, 2018 Special Closed meeting, Council made the following appointments to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for a one year term:

Councillor Petrina Arnason
Phone: 604.532.3585
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Alternate: Councillor Eric Woodward
Phone: 604.532.3588
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Yours truly,

Kim Stepto
COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CLERK
AUTHOR BRINGS A CLASS TO THEIR FEET

Children’s author, Gabrielle Pendergast, conducted an author reading at the library to a captive audience from Agassiz Christian School. The meeting room was packed with eager young readers and Gabrielle was able to mesmerize them as she read excerpts from her book entitled “Pandas on the East Side.” Strong relations between the library and the school allows for opportunities such as these to prosper and engage your readers in the love of the written word. The students left with enthusiasm and a few books in their hands. The teachers used this opportunity to get the children eager to go and read the book as they were fortunate to meet the author!
AUTOR READINGS A HIT WITH OUR YOUNGER READERS

Chilliwack hosted Gabrielle and Glenda

Chilliwack Library was delighted to host author Gabrielle Pendergast at Robertson Elementary School. We had a total of over 60 children attend a fun-filled event based on Gabrielle’s book ‘Pandas on the East Side’. Gabrielle was such an engaging speaker and clearly the audience enjoyed the visit!

Local author and inspirational speaker, Glenda Standeven also visited the library and delivered an author reading on her latest book. The event drew a small crowd of her followers to the library to listen to her latest inspirational stories.

Sardis hosted Polly and Rachelle

Sardis Library welcomed author Polly Horvath, world renowned writer of books for children. In addition to introducing students to some of her favourite characters, Polly engaged them in an interactive presentation explaining the different elements of building a story.

Sardis Elementary School’s Teacher Librarian, Christopher Hunt, tweeted the following comment during the program:

“Polly Horvath has been explaining the amazing and very lengthy process a book goes through from the writer’s brain to the readers’ hands... A very informative author visit”.

The author visit with Rachelle Delaney was hosted at the Mount Slesse Middle School (across the street from the Sardis library). The event saw 600 kids in attendance!! This visit just coincided with the school’s “Drop Everything and Read Day”! Rachelle was amazing at connecting with the tweens and had many wanting to talk with her after the session. It was a great promotion for her and the library as well. It also fostered a solid connection between the library staff and the teacher librarian at the school.

YARROW BOOK CLUB

A Lifesaving Meeting

The Yarrow Library has hosted an adult book club, which includes a core group of women who have attended the monthly meetings regularly since 2008 and have become quite close. The membership has changed in size over the ten years and interestingly, when new members arrive they feel like they have always been part of the group. The following captures how special this group is and how it saved one of its member’s life.
On October 16, the Yarrow Book Club arrived for their monthly book club meeting at 2 pm in the afternoon. Five minutes into the meeting, one of the members asked staff to phone one of the members who had not arrived yet, who always arrives early or on time. Staff phoned the member and immediately was concerned because she did not sound herself; her speech was very slow, sporadic and she responded in a confused way. Slowly her speech and talking normalized and she was able to answer our concerning questions, “…are you okay?” Staff explained to the member that she was asked to call to see if she was coming the book club meeting and then passed the phone to the other member in the library. The book club member arrived 10-15 minutes later and it was obvious she was not well and seemed to exhibit some symptoms that were stroke related. Staff later learned that two members proactively got this member to go to the hospital where she was told she did suffer a stroke, actually the medical staff believed this incident was probably her second TIA, and that these were warnings to a bigger stroke that could be life threatening.

It was determined that this member had just suffered a TIA around or during our phone call from the library. Afterword staff found out she said she was tired, had decided to sit down, and completely forgot about the meeting and then the library called. If she had gone unattended, the possibility of a more severe stroke was inevitable which would cause damage that is more permanent or possible death. In addition, she found out that she was suffering from another condition that needed medical attention and this condition only surfaced when she had the TIA and will be treated for this condition.

This is a real testament to how close these group members are and a touching story of friendship that began when a Book Club started at the Yarrow Library ten years ago. Staff are relieved that there was a happy conclusion and look forward to see this member come to many more Yarrow Book Club meetings in the future.
A BUSY AUTUMN OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The sun was shining this fall, but that did not stop people from pouring into the library to enjoy our vast array of programs and special events!

Science Literacy Week
The City of Langley Library celebrated Science Literacy Week from September 17th to 23rd. Customers learned about everything from robotics to artificial intelligence, and how to build the best paper airplane. The week culminated in a visit from the ever popular Science World on the Road, where families dropped in to try out a Van de Graaff static electricity generator, see the world through an infrared camera, and learn how they could play music by touching fruit and vegetables!

Breastfeeding Challenge
The City of Langley Library partnered with Fraser Health to participate in the 2018 Breastfeeding Challenge on September 28th. There was a Storytime for the little ones, and followed by a mass latch-on at 11:00 am. This event celebrates nursing mothers, and promotes breastfeeding around the world.

150 Rocks!
Twenty two folks ventured out one recent evening to celebrate Canada through our rocks and minerals. The group was fascinated by the presenter’s show and tell, and they reported learning a lot about geology in one relatively short program. One rock fan even requested that the library run more programs of this nature in the future!

Sphero Playtime
Sphero Playtime was a hit, as always, with the Pro-D Day crowd. Kids began the day by practicing coding the Spheros to get ready for the obstacle course competition at the end of the day. The happy grand prize winner received a mini Sphero!
Friendly Help
The City of Langley Library offers an array of wonderful programs like those mentioned above, as well as access to a vast collection of materials through the Fraser Valley Regional Library. We believe that it is our friendly and expert service, however, that keeps people coming back again and again. Recently staff were gifted a lovely package of cookies with a note from a family that read “We love visiting the library and always borrow a large amount of books. Thank you for your friendly help!”
EVENTS FOR ALL AGES AT THE DELTA LIBRARIES

Frankenweek, Thanksgiving and Family History Month
Staff at the Delta Libraries embraced the themes of October and delivered events and activities to celebrate Frankenweek, Thanksgiving and Family History Month.

Frankenweek
All three Delta Libraries screened Frankenstein’s Daughter in celebration of Frankenweek, a week to celebrate Mary Shelley’s classic novel. This campy 1958 low-budget horror movie is one of many adaptations of Frankenstein and available on IndieFlix, one of FVRL’s e-databases. Featuring the film celebrated literature, but also showcased the variety of e-resources available to FVRL customers.

In Ladner, the Frankenstuffie program was a great success. Children took apart donated stuffies and then reassembled them in new and creative ways. It was the first time many of the kids had sewn before, let alone thread a needle, so this event allowed staff to deliver the “A for Art” in STEAM programming in a fun and engaging way. Some of the kids sat for the entire two hours working away on their projects and practicing their new sewing skills!

Tsawwassen Library hosted a Halloween Escape Room, based off of the Frankenstein story. Teams were invited to work together to use science to try and solve the clues and escape the notorious laboratory.

Ancestry Demo
To highlight Family History Month, all three Delta Libraries invited customers to attend introductory workshops on Ancestry Library Edition to get started on their family trees. This free electronic resource allows customers to trace and track their ancestors and is a popular resource for those interested in genealogy and family roots. Customers who could not make the scheduled program were invited to book a one-on-one Book-A-Librarian session to learn and explore the resource.
Gratitude Tree

One of the October highlights for the Ladner Library was the interactive Gratitude Tree. Staff turned one of the library's interior columns into a giant tree. Customers were supplied with colourful paper leaves and invited to write what they were grateful for on a leaf to be displayed on the tree. The first day of the display saw over 50 leaves of gratitude submitted and many mentioned being thankful for the library, books and library staff, which was heartwarming all month for staff and customers alike!
HOPE LIBRARY PARADES DOWN THE STREETS OF HOPE
Hope Library staff walked the parade route handing out candy and small books to eager children as they stood by and cheered on their local library. Staff were thrilled to be accompanied by LiLi, the Library Live on Tour Car! Following the parade, LiLi and library staff held a pop-up information booth outside the library (at the entrance to the Brigade Days Fairgrounds) where several residents and visitors to the town dropped in to find out what the library and FVRL have to offer. The following day, library staff partnered with ReadRight Society and held a Storytime at Brigade Days event at the Curling arena. They set up a tent and showcased the importance of literacy through stories and songs all morning long!
A VISIT TO A RECOVERY CENTRE

LiLi Visits an Addiction Recover Centre

Community Development Specialist Janeen Parent visited a treatment and recovery facility for men in the Township of Langley. When Janeen initially connected with the facility’s Intake Coordinator to visit, he was very receptive and encouraging of the public library and mentioned that this may be the first time the library has ever visited the facility, which runs a year-long program for people dealing with addiction. It is always great for LiLi and the Library to create new community connections.

Local Langley library staff joined Janeen to assist in making library cards for the group of 30 men who attended the library presentation. The Intake Coordinator at the facility introduced the library by offering two stories about former clients who have used the public library to better their situations, which was uplifting and encouraging for both the men present and the library staff.

During the presentation, the men were especially interested to learn about Storytime programs at the library, the telescopes FVRL lends out and our virtual reality programs. They were also interested in the Book-A-Librarian service and genuinely were looking forward to making the library a part of the lives in the future.
**WELCOMING FALL**

Even while we lament the diminishing daylight and miss the warm, outdoor fun of summer, we also look forward to autumn, the return of regular programming like Storytime, Babytime, Teen Advisory Group and World Films, and the excitement of Diwali, one of our most notable fall events.

**Diwali: Festival of Lights**

Every year for over a decade, the library has joined the Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society and other community organizations, like Family Education and Support, ISS of BC, Ridge Meadows Multicultural Society and Interfaith Building Bridges, to celebrate Diwali: Festival of Light – a joyous Hindu celebration of enlightenment and renewal that originated in India and is now observed by people of many faiths all over the world. The bright colours, jubilant music and wonderful aromas of Indian food seem to take over the library, and the atmosphere is distinctly joyful and welcoming. Children enthusiastically paint clay diyas or sit patiently as their hands are decorated with henna, while everyone enjoys traditional dancing and delicious food.

The event is always well attended by the community and by local dignitaries. This year, we were joined by MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission, Bob D’Eith, who spoke about the importance of community celebration, and by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, and BC Minister of Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. In keeping with our local custom, Dr. Biju Mathew, President of the South Asian Cultural Society, spoke warmly about Diwali’s history and significance.

The celebration is only possible through the outstanding charitable spirit of volunteers from the community, from the event’s many partnering organizations, from the Maple Ridge Friends of the Library and from the Library’s Teen Advisory Group.

Celebrations like Diwali highlight both the unifying role the library plays in the community and the delights of being a part of a wonderfully rich and diverse society.
IT’S A CRIME NOT TO READ: BACK IN SESSION

The Popular School Outreach Program Returns

It’s a Crime Not to Read, Mission Library’s partnership program with the local RCMP detachment and the Mission School District is once again up and running.

This year, grade 3 classes from six schools are participating and receiving monthly visits by the library and the Mission RCMP. During these visits, an RCMP officer reads stories to the students and answers any questions they have about working for the RCMP, reading preferences, police dogs and more. Every student participating in the program is connected to the library with a library card and later in the school year, their families will be invited to participate in a family event at the library, to connect the whole family with their public library.

To include even more children, as well as other customers, Mission library staff set up an activity area in the library, where customers can read along with a fictional crime story and try to solve the mystery each month. This activity is engaging and entertaining and promotes reading and problem solving among children and families.

This partnership promotes literacy and safe and healthy communities and connects key community players with students, teachers and families. The Mission Library is proud to be facilitating these connections.
FALL PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH
After a busy summer of outdoor celebrations and Summer Reading Club events, the library returns to its school-year schedule of outreach and regular library programs. Halloween helps to punctuate the fall with some extra fun for staff and customers.

Special Halloween Visits
Every year, many young customers come into the library just for the thrill of showing off their costumes to their library staff friends. On Halloween Day, twenty pumpkins, witches, bugs and other critters from local Day Care Love 2 Learn stopped by to sing a song about monsters and wish everyone a happy Halloween. The children are regulars to the library’s Storytimes.

Halloween Baby Social
At the October 31st session of the library’s weekly Baby Social, some parents and children dressed up for their first Halloween together. Baby Social and Babytime give parents and caregivers with young children a chance to bond with the library, connect with each other and learn how they can support pre-literacy development from early infancy. Some of our smallest customers attend in their first weeks, and their caregivers take advantage of the program’s monthly Public Health Nurse visits to assess their children’s physical progress and discuss central parenting issues like sleep and feeding.

Spooky Storytimes
The library’s twice-weekly Storytimes are always fun, but in the lead-up to Halloween, storytime becomes a little spookier, staff put on costumes and their best eerie voices, and children listen with delight to tales full of spiders, monsters and ghosts. Storytime continues the social and literacy-building benefits that begin with babytime, providing toddlers and preschool children with experiences that help them to enjoy stories, poetry, music and physical activity in a group environment and to improve their ultimate readiness for Kindergarten and
primary learning. Staff extend the benefit of Storytimes and other programming to children outside the library, with visits to the Katzie First Nation and to SD42 StrongStart Centres.

**Paws 4 Stories**
To the delight of customers and staff, Paws 4 Stories began another six-week session in October. The program is a longstanding partnership between Pitt Meadows Public Library and the St. John’s Ambulance Therapy Dog Program, providing reading support for reluctant readers in early elementary grades. The extremely calm and friendly Cheeto and his equally understanding owner Rose make very encouraging reading companions, and children visibly gain confidence with every twenty-minute session. Some participants like to take Cheeto for a walk around the library before they settle in.

**Rachelle Delaney Author Visit**
As part of an FVRL-wide tour, library staff took award-winning Vancouver author Rachelle Delaney to Edith McDermott Elementary School for an engaging talk about her latest book, Clara Voyant, and about the novel-writing process. Ms. Delaney explained where she finds ideas for her novels (often from newspapers!) and got children thinking and talking about their own story-writing possibilities, finally closing with a bookmark-signing session. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all and supported enthusiastically by Edith McDermott teachers and Principal Alan Millar.
REPORT TO THE
FVRL BOARD

Terry Fox Library
By Kimberley Constable, Library Manager
Meeting of Wednesday, November 21, 2018

SO MANY WAYS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THE LIBRARY

Terry Fox Library has had a very busy autumn, with a multitude of programs and events that were definite crowd-pleasers.

Science Literacy Week
There was something for everyone during Science Literacy Week! Our youngest customers enjoyed a special science themed Storytime. At an afterschool Playground event, school age kids built structures with KEVA planks, learned about conductivity using a Minion Operation Game and a Makey Makey circuit kit, and created their own boats out of wood. To cap off a great week, the library set up Virtual Reality for all to enjoy!

Culture Days
For Culture Days, ceramic artist Clive Tucker brought examples of his pottery to the library. He chatted with customers about his work, and showed people how to hand build pots and sculptures from the simple lumps of clay he brought. One teen stayed for almost two hours as she created and perfected her clay bird!

Student Tours and Workshops
We hosted a number of classes from a local middle school, as well as a group of home learners who requested a research skills workshop. The middle school students got tours of the library’s physical space and collection, as well as our virtual offerings. One teacher was so excited about our innovative collections that he led a discussion about the changing role of libraries in our community. Staff have already seen several of these young teens back in the library - one checked out books on drawing, and another checked out a ukulele. The home learners came prepared with a research topic about Canada in between the two World Wars. Staff showed them how to search in our catalogue and online resources, as well as how to evaluate and cite sources. The parent leaders have already booked two more research skills workshops!

Coming Full Circle
At a monthly Storytime visit to the Circle of Friends playgroup, a customer recognized a library staff person from when she registered her for a library card over 3 years ago during a visit to the Food Bank with Library Live and on Tour (LiLi). The customer told the staff person that she is in a much more stable situation now, and she has a 3 year old son who loves books and reading! The little boy was very engaged with the Storytime, and his mom said she plans to start bringing him to Storytime at the library.
**Family Fort Night**

Family Fort Night was another great success with 77 people attending the after-hours event! After a short Storytime, the families spread out to construct their forts by flashlight in the darkened library. Staff handed out popcorn, lemonade, water and glowsticks to each family, and it was wonderful to see many families reading together inside their forts. There was a lot of laughter floating through the air during the event, and staff received many compliments about this very special program.

**Quiver**

Quiver is a delightful app that brings colouring pages to life in glorious three dimensional colour. Staff have set up a Quiver colouring table for anyone to use, and they recently demonstrated the app using the library’s tablet for our weekly Colouring Club members. These colouring enthusiasts expressed great interest in the app, and the group included a woman with special needs and her care worker. Staff helped the very excited care worker to download the app to her personal and business phones. Her client was absolutely thrilled when her hard work of colouring for a full hour sprung to life with the app. The care worker said she was going back to share this with her colleagues, and she was so very grateful to have learned about this fun tool!

**Outstanding Service**

We recently received a glowing feedback form from a customer. “Staff here is amazing, creating a unique atmosphere with a personal touch. Interaction between staff and customers are very friendly with a smile and laugh. They find time to engage in a conversation, wish “Happy Thanksgiving,” give a nice advice when asked, and very importantly, listen patiently and helping us. Very enthusiastic and welcoming. I hope it will be the same in a new library. Thank you very much for an outstanding service.”
TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES CELEBRATE SCIENCE LITERACY WEEK
To celebrate Canada’s national Science Literacy Week, Township of Langley and White Rock libraries partnered in holding a series of 13 programs aimed at youth that focused on our science related Playground. Children were provided a passport they could collect stamps with and those that collected at least 7 stamps could enter to win a mini-sphero.

34 youth attended at least 7 different programs - making them eligible for the draw. More than 200 attended in total - participating in programs including: “Walk the Keva Plank” program featured combination of our Green Screen and Keva Planks; Makey-Makey circuit board programs; “Jiro Dreams of Sphero” where participants could try their hand at navigating a Sphero SPRK+ and getting their picture taken at the green screen with an autumn scene or with a giant piece of sushi (this event also had separate stations for Keva planks, Makey Makey, and the telescope that could be visited while waiting for a turn with the screen or the Spheros) – among others.

We also had Engineers & Geoscientists BC run a program on how engineering shapes our lives as well as a hands on activity where the participants could build structures with sets supplied by the Geoscientists. One group of kids nearly reached the ceiling!

This series of programs was successful in several ways. They highlighted the Township’s 6 libraries, as many came to libraries they had never visited or didn’t know existed to get their passport stamped; they directly resulted in borrowing and requesting of our Playground collection; they also helped change perceptions of the library-spreading awareness that their library is embracing the constantly changing world around us.
WHITE ROCK LIBRARY CELEBRATES SCIENCE LITERACY WEEK

To celebrate Canada’s national Science Literacy Week, the White Rock Library partnered with Township of Langley libraries in holding a series of 13 programs aimed at youth focusing on our science related Playground.

Children were provided a passport they could collect stamps with and those that collected at least 7 stamps could enter to win a mini-sphero. 34 youth attended at least 7 making them eligible for the draw. More than 200 attended in total.

32 youth attended White Rock’s part in this partnership – an exploration of the FVRL Playground. Kids worked in teams to create Keva Plank mazes and tried their hand at navigating a Sphero through it. Kids also had a chance to try FVRL’s telescopes, play a banana piano with a Makey-Makey circuit board, and get their photo taken on the moon thanks to FVRL’s green screen technology.

Customers were thrilled with the event, with many asking for the next date. When polled, their favourite activities were the Keva Planks and the Sphero Robots. The program directly resulted in the borrowing / requesting of our Playground collection. It also helped change perceptions of the library - spreading awareness that their library is embracing the constantly changing world around us.
SCIENCE PREVAILS AT YALE AND BOSTON BAR LIBRARIES

Makey-Makey is a Hit!
Both Yale and Boston Bar Libraries celebrated Science Literacy Week with events at both libraries. These two small community libraries were able to benefit from the purchasing power of Fraser Valley Regional Library by hosting Makey Makey programs. Makey Makey is an invention kit which allows users to connect everyday items to computer programs while creating a small invention. It explores creativity and the scientific mind, making science out of life and vice versa.
PART 3 – REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICTS

How a regional library district is established
14 (1) Two or more municipalities and one or more regional districts each representing one or more electoral participating areas may, by bylaw, enter into an agreement to request the Lieutenant Governor in Council to establish a regional library district.

(2) When the agreement is executed, the parties must send a copy to the minister for presentation to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) After receiving the agreement, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish a regional library district comprising

(a) the area within each municipality that is a party to the agreement, and

(b) the electoral participating areas of each regional district that is a party to the agreement.

Role and status of the library board
15 (1) A regional library district is to be managed by a library board called the "[insert name] Regional Library District Board".

(2) The members of the library board and their successors in office are a corporation with the powers and duties given in this Part.

How the library board is appointed
16 (1) The library board is to consist of a representative of each municipality and regional district that is a party to the agreement to establish the regional library district.

(2) A municipal council must, by resolution,

(a) appoint one of its members to be a member of the library board, and

(b) appoint another of its members as an alternate member to serve on the library board if the member appointed under paragraph (a) is absent or unable to act.

(3) If there is more than one electoral participating area in the regional library district, the regional district board must, by resolution,

(a) appoint from among the directors of the electoral participating areas a member of the library board, and

(b) appoint another of the directors of the electoral participating areas as an alternate member to serve on the library board if the member appointed under paragraph (a) is absent or unable to act.
(4) If there is only one electoral participating area in a regional library district,
(a) the director of the electoral participating area is a member of the library board, and
(b) the alternate director of the electoral participating area is the alternate member on the library board if the director of the electoral participating area is absent or unable to act.

When members are appointed
17 (1) Each municipal council and each regional district board must appoint its representative and alternate representative at the first meeting of the municipal council or regional district board after the regional library district is established under section 14 (3).

(2) All subsequent regular appointments must be made each November at the first meeting of the municipal council or regional district board.

(3) A vacancy arising during the term of an appointment is to be filled, for the remainder of the term, by an appointment made at the first meeting of the municipal council or regional district board after the vacancy arises.

(4) If an appointment is not made at the time specified in this section, the appointment must be made as soon as convenient.

Term of office
18 (1) A member of the library board holds office for a term of one year, or for the remainder of the year for which the appointment is made.

(2) A member is eligible for reappointment, but no member may serve for more than 8 consecutive years.

(3) The term of office of a member continues until a successor is appointed unless the member is removed for cause.

(4) A municipal council or regional district board may remove its representative on the library board for cause, including if the representative fails to attend 3 consecutive regular meetings of the library board without the written approval of the library board.

Election of chair and vice chair
19 (1) The library board must elect a chair and a vice chair at the first meeting in each year.

(2) If the chair is not present at a meeting of the library board, the vice chair has all the powers of the chair and is subject to all rules applicable to the chair.

(3) If neither the chair nor the vice chair is present at a meeting of the library board, the members present may elect an acting chair who has, during the meeting, all the powers of the chair and is subject to all the rules applicable to the chair.

Regular and special meetings of library board
20  (1) The library board must meet at regular intervals at least 4 times a year.

(2) A majority of all the members of the library board is a quorum.

(3) The chair or any 2 members may call a special meeting of the library board by notifying, in writing, the other members at least 5 days before the meeting and stating in the notice the purpose of the meeting.

**General powers and duties of library board**

21  The library board

(a) may make rules for managing its business and for regulating the use of its facilities and services by the public,

(b) may appoint any committees of its members that it considers necessary to carry out its business,

(c) must appoint a chief librarian,

(d) may hire and dismiss employees, enter into collective agreements with employees and set the terms of their employment, including fixing their remuneration and duties,

(e) may acquire land and lease or construct buildings for library purposes,

(f) may dispose of land or buildings,

(g) may acquire personal property for library purposes and dispose of personal property,

(h) may contract, for a term of not more than 5 years, for professional or other services for library purposes,

(i) may sue and be sued,

(j) may have a common seal and may alter or change it, and

(k) must prepare an annual report in the form approved by the minister and must send copies of the report to the minister.

**How population is determined**

22  (1) For the purposes of sections 23 and 24, the minister is to determine the population of an area by compiling the population figures for the most recent year for which figures are available for that area.

(2) In determining population the minister may take into account any changes in the boundaries of an area and may use

(a) information or estimates provided by the Minister of Finance,

(b) information in the most recently available Census of Canada, and

(c) other information the minister considers relevant.

**Voting on expenditures**
23 (1) On questions involving the expenditure of money,

(a) each member of the library board has one vote, plus one additional vote for each complete 1,000 of the population of the municipality represented by the member or of the electoral participating areas of the regional district represented by the member, and

(b) a majority of the weighted votes cast decides those questions,

unless a proposal is adopted under subsection (2).

(2) If at least 2/3 of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board adopt a proposal on the number of votes each representative on the library board has on questions involving the expenditure of money, the proposal binds all the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

(3) A proposal adopted under subsection (2) may be changed or cancelled by a resolution adopted by at least 2/3 of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

Sharing the cost of library service

24 (1) In this section, "converted value of land and improvements" means the converted value of land and improvements within the meaning of the Community Charter.

(2) The cost of providing library service must be apportioned

(a) 1/2 on the basis of the converted value of land and improvements of each municipality and of the electoral participating areas of each regional district, represented on the library board, and

(b) 1/2 on the basis of the population of each municipality and of the electoral participating areas of each regional district, represented on the library board,

unless a proposal is adopted under subsection (3).

(3) If at least 2/3 of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board adopt a proposal on apportioning the cost of providing library service, the proposal binds all the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

(4) A proposal adopted under subsection (3) may be changed or cancelled by a resolution adopted by at least 2/3 of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

Budget and financing

25 (1) In each year the library board must prepare and approve a budget for providing library service in the next financial year.

(2) Before March 1 of the year for which the budget is approved, the library board must provide a copy of the budget to each of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.
(3) The approved budget must show the share of the cost of providing library service that was apportioned under section 24 to each of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

(4) The secretary to the library board must provide to each of the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board a certificate of the amount shown under subsection (3) in the budget for that municipality or regional district.

(5) Each municipality and regional district represented on the library board must pay the amounts certified under subsection (4) to the library board in equal instalments on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year.

(6) The library board may borrow money needed to meet its current expenditures if the amount borrowed

(a) is not more than 50% of the revenue the library board is to receive from all sources in the current year to cover those expenditures, and

(b) is repaid when the anticipated revenue is received.

**Expenditures and financial statements**

26  (1) The library board has, subject to the approved budget, exclusive control over the expenditure of

(a) all money provided to it for library purposes by the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board,

(b) all money given to the library board,

(c) the revenue derived from any source, including

(i) fees,

(ii) fines, and

(iii) money recovered by the library board for detention, damage or loss of library materials, and

(d) all money received by the library board under an agreement to provide library service.

(2) The library board must

(a) prepare annual financial statements to be audited by the auditors appointed by the library board, and

(b) provide a copy of the audited financial statements to the municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board.

Powers and duties of chief librarian

27 The chief librarian
(a) has general supervision and direction of the regional library district and its staff,

(b) is the secretary to the library board, and

(c) has the powers and duties the library board assigns to the chief librarian from time to time.

Extension of regional library district

28 (1) A municipality or regional district may, by bylaw, enter into an agreement with the library board to extend the regional library district to include the municipality or the electoral participating areas within the regional district.

(2) When the agreement is executed, the parties must send a copy to the minister for presentation to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) When the agreement is approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the area within the municipality or the electoral participating areas within the regional district, as the case may be, become part of the regional library district.

(4) At its first meeting after the agreement is approved or as soon afterward as convenient, the municipal council or the regional district board that entered into the agreement must appoint its representative as a member of the library board under section 16 (2) or (3).

Withdrawal from regional library district

29 (1) A municipality or regional district may withdraw from a regional library district only by bylaw adopted with the assent of the electors.

(2) No vote to obtain assent may be taken after October 1 in any year.

(3) If a bylaw under subsection (1) is adopted, the municipality or regional district must send a copy of the bylaw to the minister for presentation to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) If the Lieutenant Governor in Council approves of the municipality or regional district withdrawing from the regional library district, the area within the municipality or the electoral participating areas within the regional district ceases to form part of the regional library district on January 1 after the date of approval.

(5) If the Lieutenant Governor in Council approves of the municipality or regional district withdrawing from the regional library district, the library board may enter into an agreement with the municipality or regional district to transfer to it a reasonable share of library assets, including library materials.

(6) If the share of library assets is not agreed on by January 1 after the date of approval, the library board must submit the matter for determination by one arbitrator appointed under the Arbitration Act and that Act applies to the dispute.

Disestablishment of regional library district by agreement
30 (1) The municipalities and regional districts represented on the library board may, by bylaw, enter into an agreement for disestablishing the regional library district and winding up the library board.

(2) When an agreement under subsection (1) is executed, the parties must send a copy to the minister for presentation to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) An agreement under subsection (1) has no effect until it is approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may approve the disestablishment of the regional library district and, in the order or any subsequent order, may provide for winding up the library board on any terms and conditions the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers advisable.
2019 Board Meetings and Important Dates
By Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer
Meeting of Wednesday, November 21, 2018

The following dates are proposed for the 2018 schedule of regular FVRL Board meetings. These meetings take into account:

1. Spring Break March 18-29
2. Lower Mainland Local Government Association Conference May 9-11
3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference May 30 – June 2
4. Union of BC Municipalities Convention September 23-27
5. Time off for vacations (local governments and FVRL) in July and August

MEETING TIME AND PLACE
Board meetings are scheduled from 9 am to 11:30 am, with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Meetings are held at FVRL Administrative Centre, 34589 DeLair Road, Abbotsford, unless otherwise announced.

DATES
- January 23
- February 27-28 (Board Planning Days)
- April 17
- May 22
- June 19
- September 18
- October 9 (Employee Recognition Dinner)
- October 23
- November 20
- December 11

BOARD PLANNING DAYS
- Two full days of meetings from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with a focus on Board Orientation, Strategic Planning, and the Annual Plan. This year Orientation will take place at the Sandman Signature Hotel in Langley (8828 201 Street, Langley, BC V2Y0C8)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DINNER
Each year FVRL hosts a dinner for employees who have achieved a milestone in their years of service. The dinner is held at the Quality Hotel in Abbotsford, starting at 6:30 pm (36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford BC V3G 2C6).

IF ISSUES ARISE BETWEEN MEETINGS
According to the Library Act, Section 20 (3):
“The chair or any 2 members may call a special meeting of the library board by notifying, in writing, the other members at least 5 days before the meeting and stating in the notice the purpose of the meeting.”
According to FVRL Board Policy:

“When an issue of significance arises that must be addressed in a timely manner by the FVRL Board and circumstances preclude:

a. waiting until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting or
b. calling a special meeting of the Board,
c. then an exchange of electronic communications is an acceptable strategy for the Board to deal with the issue.

When electronic communication is appropriate to deal with an issue of significance, the Board Chair and the Board Executive Committee or their designate shall provide direction to the Chief Executive Officer or his/her designate regarding a suitable course of action.”