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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**THE LIBRARY RECOGNIZES \$10,000 DONATION**

***Joint Diversity and Training Trust of the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1518 and Overwaitea Foods Group helps grow FVRL’s bilingual picture book collection!***



Abbotsford, BC – Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) has just added over 5,000 bilingual children’s picture books to its collection. The addition of these much needed materials was made possible by a \$10,000 donation from the Joint Diversity and Training Trust of the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1518 and Overwaitea Foods Group.

The Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver have a culturally diverse and multilingual population. This area is home to nearly 80 per cent of BC’s recent immigrants and since 2005 BC has welcomed over 35,000 children without official language ability. “FVRL strives to offer a comprehensive collection of materials in many world languages,” says Rob O’Brennan, Chief Executive Officer of FVRL.

Bilingual books present stories in both English and another language along with illustrations that support vocabulary learning in an entertaining way. “The donation to FVRL from the Joint Diversity and Training Trust of the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1518 and Overwaitea Foods Group will help both English-speaking and English-learning children and families realize their true potential.”

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**PHOTO** (left to right): Rob O’Brennan - FVRL CEO; Ivan Limpricht - UFCW Local 1518 President; Darrell Jones - OFG President; Councillor Grant Ward - Township of Langley & FVRL Board Chair; Councillor Ted Schaffer - City of Langley & FVRL Board Alternate.

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## ABOUT FVRL

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 community 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's FOCUS ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Fraser Valley Regional Library has established a World Languages collection containing material in 14 different languages to better serve the culturally diverse communities it operates in. The collection is designed to meet the needs of native speakers of a variety of European, Asian and Middle Eastern languages. FVRL's staff also includes a Diversity Services and Programming Coordinator as well as a number of multilingual librarians fluent in several languages who provide reference, information and readers' advisory services to adults and children.

## 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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