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BORROW A GOOD BOOK AND “READ AWAY” LIBRARY FINES *FVRL kicks off 2011 by encouraging children to “read away” their fines!*

Abbotsford, BC – Make a fresh start! How? It’s easy, simply borrow a good book and read it! If you have an FVRL children’s card you can “pay down” your pre-existing overdue fines by reading between January 4 and February 28, 2011.

Pick up your free Read Away Fines Reading Record from any of FVRL’s 24 libraries. Each day that you read and track between now and the end of February will earn you a \$1 credit, to a maximum of \$55, towards paying down your overdue fines.

“The 2011 Read Away Fines program for children is a celebration of FVRL’s elimination of overdue fines on children’s material borrowed on children’s cards,” said Rita Penco, Director of Client Services at FVRL. “Reading is an essential skill for every child. Children now have free access to library materials without worrying about the threat of overdue fines. This program gives children who may have stopped using the library because of pre-existing fines, the chance to get rid of their old fines in a fun way while rediscovering FVRL.”

In addition to the removal of overdue fines on children’s materials borrowed on children’s cards, FVRL has made changes to its entire fine structure. In an effort to encourage on-time return of high

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demand materials and to improve accessibility of library resources, FVRL has adopted a new fines structure that brings FVRL in line with other library systems in the Lower Mainland.

Late charges on adult books, magazines and CD books are now \$0.35/item/day. Late charges on adult DVDs and music CDs are now \$1/item/day. Late charges on children's materials borrowed on adult cards will remain \$0.10/item/day. Adult materials borrowed on a children's card are subject to the current fines schedule.

Borrowing library materials is always free. Just remember to return materials on-time to avoid late charges. Items may be returned to any public library in British Columbia. If you need a little longer, most items may be renewed up to three times; high demand items and items with holds are not renewable. You can renew online, by phone, or in person at any FVRL location. All fines that FVRL collects go to support library programs and services offered to all customers at no charge.

For more information on the Read Away Fines Program or FVRL's new fines structure please visit us online at www.fvrl.ca or in person at your nearest FVRL location.

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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 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 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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