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FVRL TO EXPAND ITS ACCESSIBLE MATERIALS COLLECTION

Customers with print disabilities will have free access to electronic materials from the Centre for Equitable Library Access.

Abbotsford, BC – Fraser Valley Regional Library’s (FVRL) Outreach Services department coordinates *Library For You* – accessible library materials and services, including free delivery, for customers unable to use traditional library services due to illness, age or disability. Accessible library materials available to borrow include audiobooks in MP3 and CD Book format, electronic audiobooks, large print books, braille and audiobook players.

“FVRL’s Outreach department does an amazing job providing library services and specialized collections to customers who can’t visit the library or use traditional books. I am excited for the expansion of its accessible materials collection,” says Chuck Stam, FVRL Board Chair and City of Chilliwack Councillor.

FVRL currently offers much of its accessible electronic materials for customers with print disabilities through the National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS). Beginning April 23, FVRL will expand access to accessible electronic materials and more through a one-year pilot project offering customers with print disabilities free access to the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA).

CELA offers a large collection of items in accessible formats, including DAISY audiobooks, print braille, electronic braille, as well as DAISY and e-text newspapers and magazines. “I am thrilled that FVRL is expanding its offerings for customers with print disabilities by offering free access to CELA,” says Petrina Arnason, FVRL Board Member and Langley Township Councillor.

To learn more, or to apply for *Library For You* services, contact FVRL’s Outreach Services Department at 1-888-668-4141 (ext 7076) or email libraryforyou@fvrl.bc.ca. Visit www.fvrl.ca to learn more about FVRL’s other programs and services.

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ABOUT FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

FVRL is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 25 community libraries serving almost 700,000 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>Abbotsford Community</i>	<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>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Sardis</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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