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LIBRARY GOES GREEN WITH HYBRID DELIVERY TRUCKS ***30% Reduction in Greenhouse-Gas Emissions***

(Abbotsford, BC) – Two new diesel-electric hybrid delivery trucks will be introduced to the fleet of Fraser Valley Regional Library at a reception on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at FVRL's Administrative Centre in Abbotsford.

"These trucks are among the first 30 hybrid delivery trucks of their kind anywhere in British Columbia," said Chief Executive Officer Maureen Woods. "They are expected to reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse-gas emissions by 30%. When travelling at speeds of 50 kilometers per hour or less, the trucks can source electrical power from their lithium ion batteries. They are quieter, more efficient in stop-and-go driving and there are no fumes from idling diesel engines. FVRL is proud to add them to our fleet."

FVRL's hybrid delivery trucks support the provincial government's carbon neutral objectives for BC. Choosing hybrid trucks is one more way that FVRL upholds the commitment of local governments that have signed the BC Climate Action Charter to becoming carbon neutral by 2012. A grant from the Fraser Basin Council – Green Fleets BC program helped offset the difference between the cost of a hybrid truck and a conventional one.

"We are pleased to take a leadership role with hybrid delivery trucks and, more importantly, to do our part to help the environment," said Maureen Woods. "Watch for the brightly coloured FVRL hybrid trucks delivering library resources in your community." The hybrid delivery trucks are used to deliver materials to FVRL's 24 libraries and to homebound customers.

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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 670,000 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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