

YAKIMA VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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Background on Library Buildings in the Yakima Valley Regional Library (prepared February 23, 1996, for Yakima County Planning/Capital Survey)

From the Policy Statement of the Yakima Valley Regional Library:

B. Library service shall be extended to all rural residents of Yakima County and the contracting Cities and Towns by means of Community Libraries, and mail service.

C. A headquarters shall be maintained where administrative personnel supervise services throughout the area.

D. The Regional Library may contract to provide library service to any City or Town within Yakima County, limited to that which can reasonably be supplied by the Regional Library with its facilities; and therefore, the amount and extent of such services shall remain within the jurisdiction and judgment of the Trustees of the Regional Library Board....

(2) The Town shall provide suitable quarters with bookshelves, furniture, and equipment for its own Library and shall provide satisfactory heat, electricity, water and janitorial service without cost to the Yakima Valley Regional Library.

(3) The Yakima Valley Regional Library shall provide the salaries of the Community Library Staff, supply books and library materials upon the same basis as for the people living in the unincorporated areas of the county, and shall supervise the operation, care and management of such library service.

Since the policy statement was last amended, YVRL has started paying a small maintenance rebate to the entity which provides the library facility, based on the number of hours the library is open per week and the size of the library. Incorporated towns pay the remaining expenses of maintaining the library out of their own budget. Libraries in the unincorporated area have no taxing ability, and must rely on volunteer labor, donations, and fund-raising activities to provide and maintain their facilities.



Libraries located in the unincorporated area of Yakima County:

(community group provides building; YVRL receives property tax from residents, with a limitation of \$.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation)

Apple Valley Library, located in one room of the Apple Valley Grange Hall, supported by the Apple Valley Library Board through an agreement with the Washington State Grange.

Buena Library, looking for new building while located temporarily in a rental house, supported by the Buena Library Association.

Gleed Library, located in a room provided by the Gleed Fire District, in the Gleed Fire Station; also supported by the Gleed Women's Club and Gleed Garden Club. Needs a new home when the Fire Station moves.

Nile Library, located in a room in the Nile Clubhouse, supported by the Nile Women's Club.

Terrace Heights Library, located in a room in the Terrace Heights Community Center, supported by the Terrace Heights Improvement Association.

White Swan Library, located in a building owned by the White Swan Friends of the Library, supported by that Friends group and the United Way.

Libraries in incorporated towns which are annexed to YVRL:

(Town provides building; YVRL receives property tax directly from residents at the same rate as from the unincorporated area)

Harrah Library - located in a room next to City Hall

Moxee Library - located in complex with City Hall and Police Dept.

Libraries in incorporated cities and towns which contract with YVRL:

(Town provides building; town pays contract fee to YVRL at the same rate as from the unincorporated area)

Granger - Separate building, partially funded by LSCA grant and donations

Mabton - Separate building

Naches - In same building as City Hall (remodeled fire station)

Selah - In same building as City Hall (remodeled fire station)

Sunnyside - Separate building (built in 1960s with LSCA grant)

Tieton - In same building as City Hall

Toppenish - Separate building, shared with Museum

Union Gap - In same building as City Hall

Wapato - Separate building

Zillah - In one room of building owned by City

Yakima: YVRL provides the main library building, and leases space for the Southeast Branch and the Summitview Branch within Yakima City limits.

All YVRL libraries are open to all residents of our service area, and the main building functions both as the public service and administrative center for the system.

Incorporated towns in Yakima County which do not contract with YVRL:

Grandview (city provides both building and services of public library)