

# Yaki-talk

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## Public Internet Computers Now Available

Selah and Sunnyside Libraries were the first in the system to get public Internet computers last week. Toppenish and Wapato are in the process of getting their public computers as we go to press. Other libraries will be installed as fast as the Information Technology team has time to deliver the equipment, connect the cables, and download the software.

There are holdups at some sites getting electrical wiring and data cables installed where the computers need to go. Most of these libraries were built before public computers were ever dreamed of, so we are all learning about data poles and surface conduits. We recommend that customers call ahead to check on computer availability--and to schedule time on the computers once they are installed.

So far printing accounts for most of the glitches reported to Community Services. Librarians are learning to un-jam their laser printers, but David is still working on better controls for how many pages someone prints. Sunnyside has had trouble with people reprinting the same thing several times because they think their print job is going to the old dot-matrix printer near them, rather than to the laser printer behind the desk, and by golly they are going to hit "Print" as many times as it takes!

Most community libraries will have their public Internet computers before Yakima. Yakima Library will be closed to the public from Saturday, May 23 to Tuesday, May 26, so that the main reading room can be recarpeted over Memorial Day weekend. After the new carpet is laid, the main floor will be rearranged and the computers will be installed. We will be working Tuesday, May 26, but will be closed to the public while video shelving is installed, and book shelves are moved from the basement to the public area. The Reference and Circulation Departments will also be rearranged--but we suggest you wait until their new desks arrive before you ask for a tour.

## Gleed's Last Day is May 21st

The Gleed Library has spent the past year in a temporary location in the Lower Naches Grange Hall while its Friends Group searched for a permanent location. Unfortunately their efforts to find and fund a suitable available space in the community have been unsuccessful. Without a secure, permanent site we could not install Internet lines and computers this spring, or the new automated circulation system this summer.

The Regional Board reviewed the slipping circulation statistics and evaluated the likelihood that the community would find a visible, secure, affordable site in the current real estate market. They decided that in a year's worth of effort the Friends Group had pursued every possibility, and that Gleed Library should officially be closed.

Thursday, May 21, is Gleed's last open day. The Friends of the Gleed Library are inviting the community to visit the library that day between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. for a "closing house." Refreshments will be served.

Long range, there is hope that the Gleed and Lower Naches area may be able to make use of a Library Capital Improvement District to fund a library--either in conjunction with Naches, or possibly when the population of the Gleed area itself grows enough to support an independent library building.

Kathy Pilgrim, the former Gleed Librarian, wrote a short history of the Gleed Library which follows later in this newsletter. I want to thank her, and the members of the Friends of the Gleed Library who worked hard and long to keep their library going: Dennis Bowhay, George Chambard, Thelma Edmondson, Nancy Richardson, Shirley Robert, Celia Schuler and Nellie Assink. We are especially grateful to the Lower Naches Grange, and Grange Master Dennis Bowhay, for giving the library a temporary home, and giving us the time needed to check out all of the alternatives.



## Cultural Unity Fair at Wapato Middle School

An extravaganza! A feast! A wonderful way to celebrate student learning and the marvelous diversity of the Valley!

The seventeenth annual celebration--Cultural Connections on the Unity Express--took place on Thursday, March 19, at the Wapato Middle School.

Students showcased and described their projects in the hallways. I walked from project to project listening to each student or pair of students present a short speech about their topic of study. Bands played jazz and steel drum music in the auditorium. Food from many cultures was served by students, parents, and staff in the cafeteria. There was fry bread, salmon, blueberry pie, ice cream, ceviche, nachos, pansit, lumpia, rice, teriyaki chicken, German sausage & sauerkraut, Irish stew, Euro style pickle, soda bread, pizza, hamburger, crazy cake, french fries, jello, and beverages. I tried as many as my plate would hold. They all were delicious!

The school was packed with moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, and exuberant middle school students. Everyone from the whole community was there.

Next year the Cultural Unity Fair will be in late February or early March.

It's a unique experience. Don't miss it next year!

*Anne E. Nacey*

## "As the Staff Changes..."

In this episode: Carol Breshears leaves a half-time job as Children's Programming Specialist to become a full-time assistant at Summitview Branch Library. Karen Spence, the Children's Dept. Manager, works with Anne and Mary Lou on possibilities for rewriting department roles before they fill the vacancy. A revised 20 hour/week position is currently open. The new person will cover more public service hours at the Children's desk, freeing Karen to spend more time on collection development for all libraries in the system. We will be recruiting other staff and volunteers who are interested in doing children's storytimes, but for this summer Karen will do most of the storytimes at the community libraries.

Debuting this episode: Antonio (call him "Tony") Brito starts as David Little's assistant in the Information Technology Department. Tony grew up in Prosser, and has spent a year as an exchange student in Mexico City and a couple of years in Seattle before returning to the Yakima Valley. He says he is very excited to be on the team, and will help us with our automation project in every way he can. One of his first assignments (after installing the public access Internet terminals) will be working on our Web page.

Playing through last month: Loraine Brown retired April 25, after working for the Union Gap Library for more than 30 years. She was the librarian for six months when the library first opened in 1946, before she left to work for the school district and raise her family. She came back in 1968 as the assistant, and has been in charge of the library for the last 16 years.

Loraine has made threatening noises about cutting back or retiring for several years, but we kept pretending she was joking. Unfortunately for us, she was serious this time and set a date. The Union Gap Library Board hosted a party in honor of Loraine on her last day, Saturday, April 25. The Board had originally wanted to surprise her, but Loraine kept asking why they were trying to raise money with a book sale? She is looking forward to helping out with her newest grandson, who arrived six weeks early, in time to be the star of the retirement party. *We will miss you, Loraine!*



## ***"As the Staff Changes...(continued)"***

Lorinda Bowden has been hired as Loraine's replacement. Lorinda, who has worked as a library assistant at the Union Gap Library for the last five years, was selected after an internal search. She has worked hard to teach herself to use the public access PC at Union Gap, and attended all workshops and meetings available through YVRLS. But she said the best training she's had has been working with Loraine as a role model and mentor.

## ***Remodeling Temporarily Closes Terrace Heights***

The Terrace Heights Library was closed most of April since work started on repairing the roof of the civic building. The Terrace Heights Improvement Association had discovered damage to some of the roof beams, caused by the big snow load in the winter of 1996-97. Their contractor had originally thought the library could be open during part of the repair work, but when they exposed the beams they found more extensive damage. Librarian Terry Walker hears that the work will be complete and the library reopened by mid-May (if the contractor gets delivery of the right beams by their promise date, etc.).

While the library is closed, Terry and Assistant Katie Ruffcorn are working their hours in Technical Services, helping to process new books. Nancy Jones says their help is much appreciated, and your new books come to you a little faster because of it!

## ***Library Hours Update***

Buena and Tieton are now open new hours, as part of the expansion of open hours in the community libraries:

**Tieton** is open longer on the same days:

Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 6

**Buena** is open now on Saturdays:

Tuesday and Thursday 2 - 6

Saturday 10 - 2

Your new list of libraries and open hours is attached.

## **OUR WEB PAGE**

Tony is working on the YVRLS home page (the screen the libraries get when they first go into Netscape). Please look at this page occasionally to check for updates. You can watch his progress as he works through and adds information on all libraries.

In particular, please click on the link to the information on your library. You are our best proofreader for this information. (For example, Karla noticed right away that the Buena phone number was incorrect.) You are also the best source for additional information that we could add. If you notice something that needs to be corrected, or you have an addition to suggest, please send Tony a note, or e-mail it to him at: [tbrito@yvrls.lib.wa.us](mailto:tbrito@yvrls.lib.wa.us).

We have been entering the names of the board members for the local library boards, in addition to the names of the staff. It is unlikely (but possible) that our site may be indexed by a search engine, and these names would then be searchable by anyone on the Internet. Let us know if you have a problem with your name appearing in this way.

For those of you accessing our homepage from home, our URL is: [www.yvrls.lib.wa.us](http://www.yvrls.lib.wa.us). See you on the net!

## ***White Swan Gets \$21,400 Jeld-Wen Grant***

Jennifer Lewis reports that Jeld-Wen officially awarded the White Swan Library a grant for \$21,400 for improvements including new wiring, heaters and carpet. The contractors have started work and the library is temporarily closed this week while the carpet is being put down.

Once the rewiring is done, David and Tony will install Jennifer's staff computer, and she can start catching up to the rest of you on the Internet!

## **BOOK SALES**

White Swan is planning the next library book sale. They will have a booth set up as part of the flea market being held in White Swan during the Treaty Days celebration in June.

Sunnyside Library made over \$300 at their book sale April 17 and 18.



## New Summitview Library

The Summitview Branch Library is tentatively scheduled to move to their new site the end of May or beginning of June. I say "tentatively" because we can't move until the building is ready for occupancy (there's a fair amount of work yet to be done) and the Regional Library Board has to approve the lease agreement, which is still in negotiation. The move date has already been rescheduled twice when the building wasn't finished as early as we had hoped.

The new site is just north of the current building, at 5709 Summitview Ave. It faces the Chalet Shopping Center, and has its back towards Shopko. It will be 6,900 square feet, almost twice the size of the current library, with a drive-up book drop and a meeting room for library programs. There will be more room to accommodate a growing book collection as well as new computers and videos. The building will have a security system, and will be handicap-accessible. The Regional Library leases a building for the Summitview Branch as part of our contract with the City of Yakima.

## CATALOGING CLASS

Over 20 YVRL staff attended the first MARC cataloging class on Friday, May 1. Dale Burke presented a brief introduction of cataloging rules, and the meaning of the various tags and fields in a MARC record. MARC is MAchine Readable Cataloging, the record that the computer has of each title. This is the standard used in most libraries, and we are upgrading our system's records to MARC so that they will be searchable by people outside our system. In some cases, other libraries may even copy our cataloging for their books.

The final two classes are May 15 and May 29, and we are trying to do our homework: find and decide on MARC tags for three uncataloged books. It seems obvious how a book should be cataloged when you're holding one that's all library processed. It's tough when you're faced with a "bare-naked" book or video! Is it fiction or non-fiction, memoir or literature? Is that middle name part of the author's last name or not? Do you credit the illustrator of *Little Red Riding Hood* as the author if it's a traditional folk tale? And when the cover title and the title page contradict each other, which goes in the 240 MARC tag, and which in the 246? And does

either one go in the 130 field for uniform title main entry?

Some of us think we know why there is a shortage of catalogers in libraries these days, while others are humming while sharpening our pencils to needle-sharpness and saying "I always knew these details were essential!" It takes all kinds to make our library work. There will be a 2 to 4 hour class for general staff in June, for the rest of us who need less detail.

## Library Surplus

Surplus furniture and equipment are building up at the main library as libraries close or get rearranged to accomodate comuputers. We will redistribute anything that another library can use. Then the plan is to sell the remainder through a surplus auction in September, conducted by Heaverlo Auctions.

If you have YVRL equipment you no longer need, please send it in, or send Amy a note about what you are no longer using. It can then be passed on to someone else, or be surplussed. [Note: we are handling only those items bought with YVRL funds. If you have a surplus item that was bought by your city, board, or friends group, it goes back to them to handle as surplus.]

If you have a need, please send Amy a note (or e-mail) describing what you need. Most of this surplus is first-come, first-served, so you have a better chance of getting what you need if you speak up soon! For example, Zillah has asked for a study table and chairs, and will probably get them when the Yakima Library main floor is rearranged.

Have you always wanted to own your own card catalog? How about one of the 1950's Danish Modern chairs that supposedly are back in style now? And who knows what other treasures we will find scattered around the system between now and the auction? We will notify you--and the public--when we have a date and details on the surplus auction itself. Since we are selling to recoup money for the system, the more buyers the better!

## Newsletter Contributions

Send news items to Amy Ravenholt, Community Services, 102 N. 3rd St., Yakima WA 98901 (509) 452-8541 (e-mail to [aravenholt@yvrls.lib.wa.us](mailto:aravenholt@yvrls.lib.wa.us)).



# History of the Gleed Community Library

by Kathy Pilgrim

The Yakima County Library bookmobile made two stops along the highway in the Gleed area in the early 1950's. It wasn't Highway 12 then, it was the original two-lane Highway 410 and if you were a reader you watched for the big yellow bookmobile at the crossroads. You hurried because it stopped for only 15 or 20 minutes, and selections needed to be made quickly. One of the cheerful, efficient library aides, Dorothy McKay Adamson, soon learned your reading preferences and had a book in her hand to give to you.

One of the bookmobile librarians was Mrs. Erwin Drake who always enjoyed her stop in Gleed because that was where her daughter, Mrs. Edith Schnellman, lived. Edith loved books. Eventually she and her mother dreamed up the idea of a community library in Gleed. That very first library was a group of book shelves in the hardware store which Edith and her husband, Walter, operated.

Walter was a member of the Gleed volunteer Fire Department and with the help and backing of the whole Gleed Fire Department the books and book shelves found a home in the back of that building. At first the library shared the space with a big fire truck. Little by little, with donated materials and labor the books and book shelves had a room of their own, separated from the rumble and roar of the truck when it answered an emergency call.

The grand opening was on June 14, 1956. It was open one day a week. Library board members were Mrs. Eleanor Coyle, John Hudson and Mrs. Don Kohl.

When Mrs. Schnellman retired from her job as librarian, Mrs. Kohl became librarian for a year. The position then passed to Miss Marjory Gilde who remained there for 11 years. When her duties as secretary of the Lower Naches Primary School became too numerous, she resigned and Mrs. Eleanor Coyle became librarian and

remained there for 18 years. During this time library days were increased to two days a week. When Mrs. Coyle retired, the position was filled by her daughter, Mrs. Kathy Pilgrim, who has been librarian from then to now. In these years from 1956 to the present, many more books and services have been added.

The firemen, the Lower Naches Women's Club, Garden Club, Lion's Club, Grange, and many members of the community have donated time and materials to make our library a pleasant place to come and relax, learn, and enjoy the magic of reading.

The Gleed Library patrons have been as diverse as our community. We've had many senior citizens use the library frequently. Many of the seniors came here because they didn't feel they could drive safely into town. Some who are disabled sent a family member in for them. Many times as librarian I picked out books and had them ready for these customers. Also at times I delivered them because of bad weather or illness, so that the customers didn't have to give up their enjoyment of reading.

There are more and more families that home school their children and use the library for reports and for fun. Many young families came in to start their children out with the joy of being read to.

Other customers at the Gleed Library included school children doing reports or participating in the Summer Reading Program, high school and college students, some Spanish-speaking users, and other adults who just plain liked to read or wanted a quiet place to stop and think after a busy day.

Over the last few years it became evident that the library would have to find a new home. The Gleed Fire Department passed a bond issue which enabled it to build a new building. Due to legalities beyond anyone's control the library was unable to move to the new site. The library



stayed at the old fire hall until the building was sold to help repay the bond.

Community meetings were held and a Friends Group was formed to help find the library a home. A temporary site was found and on May 31, 1997 the Gleed Community Library was boxed up and moved to the Lower Naches Grange.

The Friends of the Gleed Library worked very hard at finding a permanent site. It seemed that no matter what lead they came up with something always blocked the way. They spoke with all the local service groups, did a phone survey of the whole Gleed area, checked into trusts and grants, talked with land owners and real estate agents for possible buildings or land, placed articles in the local papers, and worked on obtaining non-profit status for the Friends Group in order to raise funds; all with no luck in finding a permanent home for the library.

The whole Yakima Valley Regional Library System is undergoing many new changes, one of which is a Valley-wide computer system and

Internet connection. With no permanent site the Gleed Library could not be linked to this system as all other libraries were. The Gleed Library's future was studied by YVRL staff, the Regional Board, and the Gleed Friends of the Library with no solution found. On March 19, 1998, with much regret the decision was made to close the Gleed Community Library in May.

The Friends of the Gleed Library will continue to meet and work on finding a permanent site for a library in our community.

From a group of book shelves in the hardware store, to the back wall of the Grange, the library has provided almost 50 years of service to our community. The great amount of knowledge and enjoyment obtained from this service will be greatly missed in our small community. We will now have to reach out to the many other YVRLS sites and services (like outreach to the homebound) to provide this for us. With the closing of the Gleed Community Library so closes another page in the history of our community.

FEBRUARY			MARCH		
Library	Circulation	Reference	Library	Circulation	Reference
Buena	408	0	Buena	516	0
Gleed	239	20	Gleed	361	7
Granger	1,781	32	Granger	1,770	34
Harrah	209	0	Harrah	248	0
Mabton	891	114	Mabton	907	119
Moxee	1,089	259	Moxee	1,204	216
Naches	502	9	Naches	476	31
Nile	151	0	Nile	104	0
Selah	3,150	271	Selah	3,641	305
Southeast	132	0	Southeast	189	0
Summitview	15,852	346	Summitview	17,226	142
Sunnyside	8,253	295	Sunnyside	7,972	711
Terrace Hts	670	58	Terrace Hts	875	38
Tieton	213	6	Tieton	171	7
Toppenish	2,913	176	Toppenish	3,071	103
Union Gap	1,813	117	Union Gap	1,742	104
Wapato	1,717	181	Wapato	1,979	171
White Swan	358	22	White Swan	503	54
Zillah	845	15	Zillah	871	0
C. L. Sub-total	41,186	1,921	C. L. Sub-total	43,826	2,042
Yakima	26,933	HQ Ref. 3,078	Yakima	27,932	HQ Ref. 2,987
Outreach	1,947	HQ JRef: 1,289	Outreach	2,073	HQ JRef: 1,154
Total:	70,066	Ref. total: 6,288	Total:	73,831	Ref. total: 6,183



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2-6  
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P.O. Box 797  
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SATURDAY  
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2-5  
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TUESDAY  
THURSDAY  
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P.O. Box 447  
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MON & WED  
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7-9p.m.

MOXEE LIBRARY  
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P.O. Box 339  
Moxee, WA 98936\*  
MON. & FRI.  
TUES, WED & THURS  
SATURDAY  
9-12 & 1-6  
11-3 & 4-8  
9-2  
575-8854

NACHES LIBRARY  
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P.O. Box 310  
Naches, WA 98937\*  
TUES. & THURS.  
SATURDAY  
2-7  
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653-2005

NILE LIBRARY  
\*1891 Nile Road  
Mail c/o 10020 State RT. 410  
Naches, WA 98937\*  
WEDNESDAY  
SATURDAY  
1-7  
10-4  
658-2660

SELAH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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Selah, WA 98942  
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TUES. evening  
SAT. (in school yr.)  
9-6  
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SUNDAY  
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12-4  
966-7070

SUNNYSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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Sunnyside, WA 98944  
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9-30-9  
9-30-6  
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1-8  
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100 East 5th St.  
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MON. thru SAT.  
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9-5  
6-8  
877-2882

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\*391 1st Street  
P.O. Box 151  
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