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## Where Will the Videos Go?

In case you have been wondering how in the world you would fit shelves of videos into your library, relax. When we start using Polaris, the entire video collection will be available through reserves to all customers. People will be able to search for the titles or stars they want on the computer, place reserves, and pick the video up at their local library. However, we will wait to set up a video collection in most community libraries until the collection has grown and libraries have adjusted to their new computers and made space for it.

Members of the Materials Selection Committee were wracking our brains (what there is left of them) trying to figure out how many videos we'd have to buy in order to put a selection of videos in each library, where the money would come from, and how to clean and check them between each use.

Many libraries had complained that they had nowhere to put a collection of videos. However, if each video had to be routed through Headquarters or another library with a video cleaning machine to be checked every time it circulated, and if we take reserves for videos, we figured there would be almost nothing actually on the video shelf at any one time.

Given these disadvantages, Clara Eustis said, "Do I have to have a collection of videos right now in my library? If I just have a small collection, what are the chances that I'll have much on the shelf that interests a particular customer? Isn't it enough that we give everyone access to all videos through reserves, and everyone can see what we have by looking on the on-line catalog?"

After intense discussion, the committee and Anne agreed to start building up the collection now, and phase in video collections in additional libraries in the future. So, you have some breathing space before being hit with videos.

We do want to respond to community demand, so stay tuned in to what your customers ask for. Sooner or later, it will be videos.

## **Public Internet Update**

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public Internet computers.

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.

Yakima Library was closed around Memorial Day weekend for recarpeting. The main floor is being rearranged. New desks for the Circulation department, Reference and Childrens should be installed in early July. Additional book shelves will be moved from the basement to the public area.

## Naches, Nile and Summitview Grow Through Gleed Legacy

Now that the Gleed Library is closed, several other libraries in the area will benefit from the use of their collection and bookshelves.

The Nile Library will take some bookshelves from Gleed to fill in the space left from the removal of their wood stove. The Nile Women's Club added electric wall heaters to the Nile Library, making the wood stove redundant. Its removal makes more room for the computers, and for additional shelving.

The Naches Library will store other bookshelves in preparation for future expansion. When Naches City Hall moves out of the current building, the library will be moved next door into the former city quarters. If possible, the Naches Board would like the library to occupy the entire building, but nothing can be finalized until the City finishes its move.

Many of the books from the Gleed Library are being shifted temporarily to the Summitview Library. This will help fill in the gaps left by problem books when we re-barcode the