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## Library use Local History benefits many

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If anyone has any notion that Yakima Valley Regional Library doesn't belong to the people of the Yakima area — one should listen to Mrs. Irvin (Bernita) Lisle give an overview of her youth services department.

Her work as youth services librarian moves ahead as a combined librarian-teacher in direct ratio to an opposite curtailment in library services now felt in fund-short Yakima area schools.

But her work would move at first-rate pace, regardless of the passage or failure of school levies. Her job is to acquaint all comers — especially the young comers — in the use of library and in the benefit of books and reading.

Mrs. Lisle told the library board of trustees Tuesday how in her own way, she and her staff "carry on, extending services and knowledge of the library's services" as they can. She told of her department's low-cost, high-benefit creation of a "Puppet Show" which appeared at Barge-Lincoln School. It brought a boy and his father to the library before the young library puppeteers were back on duty in the library.

She outlined the benefits to preschoolers and senior citizens alike of the Friday "family" movies presented by the library. A Christmas Fantasy on Dec. 5 is arranged by her department, open to the public. This will include the showing of several films.

From hand-picking the last 881 new books in the youth department to helping a third grader to a science research project, Mrs. Lisle's philosophy is one of "teacher as well as librarian."

"A four year old boy came in, asked for a book on West Point," she said. "Luckily we had a book in the juvenile department suitable for him. Our guide and goal is to furnish the book needed at the moment it is needed."

She said "the library belongs to people using it," but it was backed by her teacher-librarian attitude of helpfulness in its use.

In other business, the board will ask the city of Yakima to

install half-hour parking meters in the six spaces on the north alley to the library and adjacent to the drive-in book drop. This parking area has always been marked "reserved for library patrons" but the acute parking downtown has prompted greater abuse of this free parking area, said Mrs. June Thurston, regional librarian.

"Half hour parking will be of more service to more people," said Mrs. Ernest Falk, who presided over discussion of half-hour or two-hour parking in the area. Other board members concurred.

Five 30-minute parking meters have been installed in front of the library and on the south side, angle parking allows for two-hour parking.

Mrs. Thurston read of letter from the Yakima Junior Aid which said the library will be beneficiary again to the proceeds of the Junior Aid Follies. Two years ago \$1,500 from the Follies purchased the first of a circulating library of pictures. Others to benefit from the Follies proceeds with the library are "The Place," Planned Parenthood, The Southeast Community Center, Portia House, Gray Poplars and Yakima Chamber Orchestra.