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Library Program Studied by Board

Hope that branch county libraries can be put into operation in Union Gap, Terrace Heights, Zillah, and Ahtanum by January 1 was expressed last night by members of the Yakima County Library board at a meeting in the office of George Martin, board chairman.

The board authorized signing of a contract with Union Gap, which has provided for its share of branch library expense by assessment of a 2 mill levy, subject to approval at a public hearing September 21.

Popularity of the Yakima public library with rural residents shown by a report given by Miss Helen Rensberg, city librarian and county library supervisor. In July 228 out-of-city patrons took out library cards, and 321 registered in August. Circulation of books to rural residents was 1987 in July, 2888 in August. Use of the public library by rural residents began last July 1, when a

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contract was signed by city and county boards.

Martin reported that the state had granted an application for funds by the county board. The amount of the grant is \$1811. Two per cent coupon warrants worth \$10,000 were received from the printer yesterday by the board. Larson library fund money was used for the purchase of \$5000 worth; the remainder of the warrants will be put up for sale today.

Miss Rensberg and Miss Carol Trimble, county librarian, reported on the operations of several coast county libraries which they visited recently.