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## Book outlay higher in library budget

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Yakima Valley Regional Library is planning to spend \$100,000 for books, pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers according to its 1973 preliminary budget approved by the library board Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernest Falk, president, led the budget discussion with the following board members, Mrs. William R. Baker, Mrs. William L. Gannon, Charles Countryman and James Daily, vice president. Charles C. Flower was late. Walter Lewis was not present.

Estimated income from unincorporated county areas will be \$348,455.00; by city appropriation, \$204,849.00; from contracting towns, \$50,965.00 and from miscellaneous receipts, \$38,597.00.

Estimated income for 1973 totals \$640,866.00 as compared to the 1972 amended budget of \$627,612.46.

Expenditures estimated in the 1973 budget includes \$448,200.00 for salaries and employee benefits, \$128,030.00 for capital outlay of which \$100,000 is for books, and \$84,636.00 for operation and maintenance.

This compares with the 1972 amended budget as follows: \$416,481.00 for salaries and employee benefits; \$144,448.46 for capital outlay; and \$86,683.00 for operation and maintenance.

The board members met with Mrs. June Thurston, regional librarian, in a study session recently before

presentation of the preliminary budget.

They discussed improvement of salaries so that each employee was assured of getting at least a five per cent raise. Library personnel had indicated that they would prefer promotion in grade — more steps for promotion.

Mrs. Thurston explained that a library two position was usually department head: "Have to wait until they die or move away for promotion."

Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Myrtle Eddy attended Budgeting Accounting Reporting System for counties and cities to learn about the bookkeeping system now required by the state auditor's office.

Idea behind the new bookkeeping system is to standardize accounting reports to the state auditor. The library will have four separate budgeting categories, administration, public service, organization and distribution of materials, and building maintenance.

Countryman questioned the ruling — if it was a taxing district. Mrs. Baker remarked, "Find out quick before we change over and Mrs. Eddy does all this work!"

Mrs. Thurston reported more than 3,918 books were checked out during the first month at the new Summitview branch.

Mrs. Steve Drussell and Mrs. S. W. Searle from Apple Valley branch reported just as many books are being checked out from their branch as before the new branch opened.