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Library facility expanded



LINDA HAUCK . . . helped relocate books on moving day.

Summitview Branch of Yakima Valley Regional Library was opened with trepidation two-and-a-half years ago.

This past week, with full confidence, the size of the facility, located in Tuft's Pharmacy in Chalet Mall, was doubled.

Purpose of the space increase is the business done by the branch. Book circulation went from 59,566 in 1973 to 70,494 in 1974, Richard Ostrander, YVRL director, said.

The new lease contract with pharmacy owner Roy Tufts, for the additional space increases the monthly rate by \$235 to \$400 a month, Ostrander said.

When the Summitview Branch was open, many were concerned whether the location was right and if it would be used. It is the only branch in the Yakima City limits.

The increase in book circulation is not peculiar to the Summitview Branch. Increases were noted in all but two of the YVRL's circulation areas.

Ostrander also pointed out it is a nationwide trend. Librarians across the country have noted book borrowing up but seem to have no one reason why.

He attributed some increase here to a new service — mailing reserved books to patrons' homes.

Circulation of books through the bookmobiles was down by 9,745. Ostrander said that was due to the necessity of shortening routes because of the gasoline shortage.

Service to the Yakima City Jail decreased as inmates were transferred to the consolidated city-county facility the Yakima County Jail. In turn an increase was noted there.

Books borrowed from all the library's branches rose from 316,109 in 1973 to 336,709 last year. At the main library, a 14,604 increase was recorded.