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Dial me a story . . .

Take a telephone pixie, four exciting bedtime stories, three librarians and scores of children—add all together you have the Yakima Valley Regional Library's "Dial-A-Story" program.

This unique new project is designed to interest four to 10-year-olds in reading. Every Friday between 6 and 7 p.m. children can call GL 2-8542 and ask for Pixie.

Pixie is really Mrs. Bernita Lisle, supervisor of youth services, and assistant librarians Mrs. Stanley Spain and Sandra Ogren.

Pixie will say "Hello, how old are you?" After an answer, she will read one of four stories, depending on the age of the child. Then Pixie will sign off with "Come visit me at the library. Good night, pleasant dreams."

"We're very excited about the project," said Mrs. Lisle. "This is a new venture and we hope to stimulate children's interest in the wonderful world of books, and encourage them to visit the library."

"Dial-A-Story" will be on every Friday through April 21. The first pixie time was Friday and stories included "Snow White," "The Lion's Paw," "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "How the Coyote Brought Fire to Indians."

Mrs. Lisle emphasized that the Pixie stories would not be on a recording. "Children get enough mechanical communication with television and radio. We want to have a personal relationship with each and every child who phones," she said.



"HELLO THERE" — "This is Pixie speaking. I'll tell you a story about a lion who hurt his paw," said Mrs. Stanley Spain to a child who called the library. Sandra Ogren, left, waited to tell about Snow White. Dial-A-Story is a new project to interest children in reading.



"PIXIE, PLEASE" — Martha Hill, left, placed a call to Pixie at the Yakima Valley Regional Library. She heard a story and then her friend, Carolyn Casey, had her turn. Martha is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Casey are Carolyn's parents.