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Librarian Ross Carter resigns Yakima post

Yakima Valley Regional Library

The resignation of Ross Carter, assistant regional librarian, was announced at a meeting of the Yakima Valley Regional Library board of trustees Tuesday afternoon.

Carter, who joined the library staff four years ago, has accepted a position as head librarian at Vancouver City College in Vancouver, B.C. He will remain in Yakima until mid-October.

With Carter's move, Yakima loses two librarians. His wife, Sue, is librarian at Eisenhower High School.

The board will seek a replacement immediately.

In other business Charles Countryman announced that the library is named beneficiary of a bequest estimated at \$5,000 from the late Mrs. Lila James Miller, widow of Alexander Miller, Yakima pioneer. Mrs. Miller died July 21.

A donation of \$160 from the Women's Council, Yakima Board of Realtors, was acknowledged. The gift is to be used for purchase of books related to real estate and associated fields.

The board approved the 1970 library budget request submitted by Mrs. June Thurston, regional librarian. The budget, which will be submitted to the Yakima City Council and the Yakima County Commission, includes a 5 per cent cost of living increase for all staff members and a slightly higher per cent increase for beginning clerks who now receive \$230 a month, and community librarians, who now receive \$1.50 to \$1.80 per hour.

Since the anticipated income from the county, city, contracting communities and from gifts shows an increase of only 4.8 per cent, from \$359,787 in 1969 to \$376,953, Mrs. Thurston reported that the salary increases have necessitated other cuts. One full-time clerical position will be cut from the staff and half-time positions will be cut from both the adult circulation department and the bookmobile program.