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Contract With Regional Library Signed Tuesday

At the regular meeting of the Yakima Valley Regional Library Board of Trustees Tuesday afternoon, a contract with the City of Selah was unanimously approved and signed. Bob Olander, city supervisor and Nancy Rogers, chairman of the Selah Library Board of Trustees represented the city at the meeting.

The library services contract had been approved by city council members at their meeting the previous Tuesday, and was already signed by Mayor Frank Rowland before presentation to

the regional library board.

The contract will go into effect on January 1, 1978. "I don't think people are going to see the changes," Rogers said. One of the advantages will be the immediate availability, she noted.

Also with the contract, residents of the Selah area who do not live in the city limits, will be able to use the Selah library at no charge and Selah residents will be able to use any other branch of the regional library, including the main branch in Yakima, at no extra charge.

Up until now, Selah residents who wished library privileges with the regional system paid eight dollars for a library card. County residents who wished to use the Selah Library have also been paying an eight dollar fee.

According to the terms of the contract the Regional Library will provide library services to the City of Selah at the existing facilities. The city will pay the library for those services according to the value of property within the city limits.

Selah is responsible for providing the quarters for the library, heat, light, water, janitorial services, and furnishings, in addition to the fee paid to the regional library. The library will provide the salary of the local staff, supply books, pamphlets, and other library materials, and supervise the operation care and management of library services in Selah.

According to Mrs. Rogers, the staff at the library will remain the same, at least for the present. She

does not foresee any changes in the library board's relationship with the library. The Selah Library Board of Trustees will be working with the regional library in much the same way that they now work with the City of Selah, Mrs. Rogers feels.

The contract with the regional library will be in effect until Dec. 31, 1978. It will be renewed automatically from year to year, unless either of the parties cancel the contract by giving written notice 90 days prior to the end of the year.

A cancellation of the contract would become effective at the end of that year. On notice of the cancellation, all books, pamphlets, and other library materials in the Selah library will become the property of the City of Selah.