

Selah Council Ends Contract with Library

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SELAH – Citing unfair fees for service, the Selah City Council has voted to end its contract with the Yakima Valley Regional Library.

The city is being asked to pay more than \$100,000 of the \$170,000 local operating costs next year, when only one-third of the library's users live within Selah, city Supervisor Frank Sweet said.

"For one-third of the usage of the operation, we shouldn't be paying so much," Sweet said.

He said talks between Selah and the Yakima Valley Regional Library to renegotiate the contract broke down, leaving the city no other option than to terminate the contract. Library director Monica Weyhe countered that the city has been unwilling to talk.

Under the contract, the city had to notify the library before Oct. 1. Services will end Dec. 31, unless the library moves to renegotiate. That's what Sweet hopes will happen.

"We'll find a way to keep the library out there," he said.

In addition to Selah, six other cities contract with Yakima Valley Regional

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