

Dear Maryan

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Miss Maryan Reynolds
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Dear Maryan:

You have probably heard something about Yakima's recent gift of the books and papers belonging to a local historical, the late Click Relander. I have talked some to Hazel Mills about it to get her technical advice, but I also have a question involving library law that probably only you can answer.

We were given this great collection of unsorted materials without even an inventory, on an all or nothing basis, and accepted it because there is a great deal of valuable material in it that we didn't want to have lost or sold out of the state. It contains archival material, manuscripts, and a great deal of source material that we are not equipped to handle, and we are going to need expert advice on that as well as money to hire some staff to work on it. But it also contains a lot of material that will be of little use to us or any other library. There are pictures for instance that would be of no value except for the frames, that might bring something as antiques. There are many books that are neither rare nor scarce, of which we have adequate copies. There were no strings attached to the gift whatever, so that if we could sell any of these materials and realize a little money on them to help take care of the important items, we would like to do so. So my question is about the sale of library materials. Before we even acquisition any of the material, is there any reason we can't try to dispose of some of this kind of material locally? I can find nothing specific in the library law, and the county purchasing agent feels that anything that has been declared surplus by the Library Board, we should be able to sell. I would greatly appreciate your advice on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) June Thurston
Regional Librarian

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