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What's in store Local library for storehouses of knowledge?

Will a recent obscenity ruling by the United States Supreme Court restrict the kinds of materials available to library patrons?

Can we expect curtailment of library services as a result of decreased funding of tax-supported public institutions at the local, state and federal level?

How are libraries coping with the "information explosion" in terms of making increasing volumes of information readily available to patrons?

These are some of the questions to be explored Monday when the League of Women Voters of Yakima County and the Yakima Parent-Teacher Association Council sponsor a public information program outlining "New Dimensions in Library Services."

The panel discussion will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Yakima Valley Regional Library.

Panelists will include Dick Ostrander, director of the regional library, who will discuss the impact of the recent obscenity ruling. He will also outline some of the more successful new programs being introduced in libraries around the country.

Library financing and the responsibilities of regional library board members will be described by Walter Lewis, a member of the regional library's board of directors.

Information retrieval, which becomes increasingly important as the body of knowledge increases, will be the topic of Virginia Smith, librarian at Yakima Valley Community College. She will also discuss use of the college library's resources by the community at large.

Doris Svendsen, librarian at Davis High School, will speak of the high school librarian's role in a time of rapidly changing curriculum. Special problems and responsibilities confronting libraries in bi-lingual communities will be brought out by Marge Anderson, librarian at Toppenish High School.

Ellen Brzoska, elementary school librarian for Yakima School District No. 7, will describe ways in which she varies her preparation for visits to the several schools she serves.