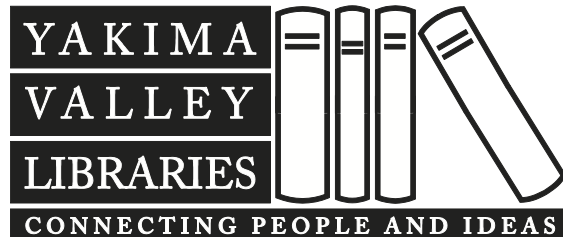


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# Friends of the Library Policy



## **PURPOSE**

Friends of the Library are community members who organize in an official capacity to provide support to Yakima Valley Libraries (Library District) in tangible ways. The Friends are able to help advance the library, to share ideas and enthusiasm for the library district, and to express the views of the community with the Library District. Their support and advocacy are invaluable to the Library. Examples of this support may include sponsoring programs, cultural events and exhibits, and by raising awareness of the role of Yakima Valley Libraries in our communities.

The purpose of Yakima Valley Libraries is to oversee, direct, and provide library services to the population of Yakima County.

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria and relationship of Friends Groups with the Library District.

## **POLICIES**

- A group who wishes to form a *Friends of the Library* entity should meet with the Director to discuss their intent to support one or more of the community libraries.
- Groups may be a 501(c)(3), a non-profit, charity, or association-type organization or in the process of forming one of the aforementioned groups.
- The relationship between the Library District and Friends is acknowledged by a Mutual Agreement in order to allow and maintain a separation of responsibilities, activities, and fiscal reporting thus preserving the unique legal status of both entities.
- The Friends and Library District mutually agree that at all times and for all purposes, both entities will act in an independent capacity and neither as agent or representative of the other.
- The Friends will work together with the Library District supporting the mission of the Library District and, within the Policies adopted by the Trustees, as administered by the Director.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### *Library District* –

Yakima Rural County Library District, also known as Yakima Valley Libraries, is the rural county library districting supporting the population of Yakima County. The Library District includes the rural county population as well as annexed and contracted cities and towns within the County. The Library District is established and governed by the Revised Code of Washington – RCW 27.12.

### *Community Library* –

an individual branch library that is a component of Yakima Valley Libraries (Yakima Rural County Library District) governed by the Trustees and managed by the Director as outlined in RCW 27.12.

A community library may be a part of a contract city/town, annexed city/town, or established in a designated rural county area.

*Friends –*

may be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a charity, or other entity organized to support the Library District, or a specified Community Library, maintaining their own organizational structure.

*Library Services –*

Activities and services determined by the Library District through the Mission Statement, Board directives, and strategic plan.

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