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**Yakima Valley Libraries to Give Away FREE Books to Youth for Jolabokafloð**

Yakima, WA – Yakima Valley Libraries will give away free books to kids this holiday season. Youth ages 0-18 are invited to their nearest library location to pick out a FREE book on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> between 1-4PM in celebration of Jolabokafloð.\*

"Books are the perfect gift this holiday season, with something for everyone," said Madison Gailus, Youth Services Coordinator. "Come celebrate this special tradition by visiting the library to choose a book for yourself or a loved one, and share the love of reading!"

Jolabokafloð is an Icelandic tradition that started during World War II, when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland. Because of this, Icelanders gave books as gifts while other commodities were in short supply, turning them into a country of book-lovers to this day.

Yakima Valley is a community of book lovers, too; and libraries across the district that are open on Mondays are participating in the tradition. Those libraries include Buena, Granger, Harrah, Mabton, Selah, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Wapato, West Valley, Yakima Central, and Zillah.\* Hot chocolate will also be provided.

For more information, visit YVL's calendar of events at <https://yvl.libcal.com/>.

*\*While supplies last.*

*\*\*Zillah Library will participate between 11AM-2PM.*

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