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**Yakima Valley Libraries Partners with Yakima Valley Museum for YVL's Summer Reading Program**

Yakima Valley Libraries (YVL) is pleased to announce a partnership with the Yakima Valley Museum (YVM) that will allow the public to visit the Museum for free, from 10am to 3pm, on Saturday, July 22.

The event—Free Admission Day @ Yakima Valley Museum—is offered as part of the Library's annual Summer Reading Program, which encourages kids and teens to complete literacy and library-related challenges while also earning rewards for reaching reading goals.

"The main purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to help ensure that young people have access to books and other educational materials during the summer months when school isn't in session," said programming librarian, Krystal Corbray. "In addition to our summer reading challenge, the Library also offers free, fun, and engaging recreational experiences designed to spark creativity, exploration, and learning; so, this partnership with the Museum is a natural extension of our mission and services."

Similar to the robust array of resources and services available from the Library, the Yakima Valley Museum houses a collection of more than 48,000 objects that cover a wide range of historical, cultural, geological, and special interest topics.

During the Free Admission Day event, YVL staff will host a storytime, plus a variety of drop-in crafts and activities. With the help of YVM staff, YVL has also designed a museum-wide scavenger hunt-, which will take kids and their grown-ups on a fun exploration of the Museum's many exhibits and artifacts, including a new mountaineering exhibit, a collection of antique carriages and cars, and a real-life bee hive.

Most activities are best suited for ages 3 and up, but all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Free Admission Day begins at 10:00am, storytime starts at 10:30am, and drop-in activities will follow until 3:00pm.

In addition to the Free Admission Day @ Yakima Valley Museum event, there are still more Summer

Reading activities for the whole family to enjoy, including:

**Planetary Geology**

*An online class with the Pacific Science Center followed by in-person activities, including a rock and mineral exhibit (For ages 5-12)*

Moxee Library - Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm

Sunnyside Library - Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am

**Origami Workshops**

*Origami lessons with "Super Cute Origami" author, Yuki Martin*

West Valley Library

Storigami (ages 3-6) – Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00am & 11:15am

Origami Toys (ages 7-10) – Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30am & 3:30pm

Registration required. Call (509) 966-7070 to sign up.

**Chemistry 101**

*Kid-friendly chemistry workshops with Mobius Discovery Center (For ages 7-10)*

Yakima Central Library - Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am, 1:30pm & 3:00pm

Registration required. Call (509) 575-3430 to sign up.

To learn more about the Summer Reading Program, including how to sign up, visit:

[www.yvl.org/summer](http://www.yvl.org/summer).

For more information about Yakima Valley Museum, visit: [www.yvmuseum.org](http://www.yvmuseum.org).

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