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YVL Celebrates 80 Years as a Library District with a Time Capsule & Event

Yakima, WA – Yakima Valley Libraries celebrates 80 years of service to Yakima County as a library district! To commemorate this milestone, YVL is compiling contributions from Yakima county residents for a 2024 Time Capsule. The community is also welcome to an 80 Year Celebration event.

Time Capsule Contributions

Yakima County residents are invited to participate by donating items they believe represent 2024. Donations may range from photos, artwork, figurines, restaurant menus, and other materials. 3-dimensional items should be no bigger than a modern cell phone in its longest measurement. Food and drinks, including empty cans or wrappers, will not be accepted.

Participants are encouraged to drop off items to their nearest YVL branch through August 5th. The Time Capsule, with the selected contributions, will be preserved by YVL until 2044.

YVL 80 Year Celebration event

A special 80 Year Celebration event will take place on Saturday, August 10 from 2-4pm at Yakima Central Library. Community members are welcome to join the all-ages, free event to close out the Summer Reading Program and seal the 2024 Time Capsule. Event activities will also include a history presentation, a tour of the Northwest Reading Room, a vintage card catalog activity, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit www.yvl.org/80-year-celebration.

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