

Library District Benefits

How does being part of Fort Vancouver Regional Library District give me more than I would receive if my library was funded and operated locally?



Direct benefits

- District collection available to all – individual collections range from 2,801 to 359,353 (district has 749,091 cataloged items)
- Database licensing (\$173,000)
- Open hours
- Delivery systems (pick up and shipping)
- Centralized services expand the open hours
 - Telephone information
 - Computer system 24/7
- Reference back-up and training
- Interlibrary loans
- Convenience -- multiple outlets to choose from
- Elimination of unserved pockets (people who live in the gaps between cities)
- People outside the city are contributing to pay for the services provided
- Predictability of services and practices.

Indirect benefits



Economies of scale

- **Central support services**
 - Computer support
 - Facilities
 - Graphics
 - Collection (selection, acquisition, and cataloging)
 - Young adult services
 - Youth and family literacy
 - Circulation
 - User interfaces
 - Reference
 - Training
 - Foundation / fundraising
- **Administrative functions**
 - Fiscal
 - Payroll
 - Human Resources
- **Infrastructure**
 - Catalog (finding tools)
 - Telecommunications
 - Technology
 - Facilities – new and maintenance
 - Bookmobiles and vans

Predictability – income and planning

- District is the government entity
- Able to plan for system changes: e.g., replacement of the catalog in 2005/2006

Development

- Planning
- Trend tracking (especially with technology)



Mutual benefits

- Diversity of collection
- Innovation
- Space
- Programming diversity – local support
- Community contacts