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## The White Rock Public Library is now open Sunday afternoons year-round

The White Rock Public Library will now be open on Sunday afternoons year-round as a result of White Rock City Council approving the 2013 – 2017 Financial Plan.

Traditionally, the library has only been open on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. between Thanksgiving and Easter, which would have meant that the library would close on Sunday afternoons starting April 7, 2013 until Thanksgiving. With the new hours in effect, the library will now remain open on Sunday afternoons all year-round.

"The White Rock Library provides an important service to our community," said Mayor Baldwin. "Extending their hours to include Sunday afternoons throughout the entire year will enable more residents to take advantage of this local resource."

Councillor Helen Fathers, the City representative on the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board, has championed the idea for some time now.

"It has been a pleasure working with the FVRL over the last four years," said Councillor Fathers. "I hope the new Sunday afternoon hours will allow library users that extra time to enjoy all that our library has to offer."

"I would like to thank the City of White Rock for opening the library year-round on Sunday afternoons," said David Thiessen, Manager, Township of Langley and White Rock Libraries, with Fraser Valley Regional Library. "I am very pleased with this decision, as I have received far more requests from White Rock residents for this increase in hours than I have for anything else."

The White Rock Public Library offers a wide variety of books, magazines, CDs, videos, and programs to satisfy all ages. In addition to book clubs, author readings and regular Philosopher's Café, it also offers a regular drop in chess club, laughter yoga, and a large assortment of adult and children's programs.

To learn more about the FVRL visit them online at <u>www.fvrl.bc.ca</u>.

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