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Yakima Valley Library awards building contract to Blew's Construction

Yakima Valley Libraries announced the award of the Richard E Ostrander West Valley Community Library building contract to Blew's Construction, based in Spokane, WA. The new facility will be located 223 South 72nd Avenue, and will replace the current Summitview Library.

"The low bid of \$1,216,700 will allow us to stay within our budget and to offer enhanced library services to the public," says Kim Hixson, Director of Yakima Valley Libraries.

The new library will be 9,960 square feet, a 44% increase in size over the current, Summitview Library. The additional space will allow the library to offer additional public computer access, a larger reading room area, and processing space for books and materials. The current Summitview Library circulates the largest number of materials in the district, a total of 251,395 in 2010.

Named for former Yakima Valley Libraries' director, Richard E. Ostrander, this library building was designed by Sheri Brockway, of Brockway-Opfer-Raab of Yakima. Ms. Brockway and her staff solicited information from Summitview Library staff to insure that the new space will best meet the needs of both library customers and staff.

"We are very excited about this project," says Hixson, "and the difference it will make in our community."

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