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## **Groundbreaking for new West Valley Library**

Groundbreaking for the new Richard E. Ostrander West Valley Library will take place at 1:00pm on Monday, October 17, at the site of the new facility at 223 South 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Yakima.

“This is an important event for our community,” says Kim Hixson, Director of Yakima Valley Libraries. “This new library facility will provide enhanced library services to families in the fast-growing West Valley area.”

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. Named for former Yakima Valley Libraries’ director, Richard E. Ostrander, this library building was designed by Sheri Brockway, of Brockway-Opfer-Raab of Yakima.

Presiding at the groundbreaking ceremony will be Yakima County Rural District board members, James Barnhill and Richard E. Ostrander; architect Sheri Brockway; former Yakima City Manager Dick Zais, and Director Kim Hixson.

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

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