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MEDIA RELEASE

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FVRL SPELLING BEE BUZZES BACK INTO TOWN ***Show off your spelling talent by registering for the Sport of Spelling.***

Abbotsford, BC – Spelling enthusiasts who are currently in grades six or seven are invited to showcase their spelling skills by competing in the Fraser Valley Regional Library's (FVRL) *Sport of Spelling*. The library is now accepting registrations for nine spelling bees to be held in October and November at the Clearbrook, Walnut Grove, City of Langley, Tsawwassen, Chilliwack, Ladner Pioneer, Mission, Murrayville and George Mackie branches.

The top three spellers from each bee will receive medals and advance to the Grand Championship at the Clearbrook Library on November 26, 2011, where they will compete for spelling supremacy and other prizes including books and a \$100 Chapters gift card. Registration is required by October 15 but early registration is recommended as space is limited to a maximum of 25 competitors per bee. Visit any of the participating branches to register.

The goal of the *Sport of Spelling* is to engage young people in positive competition while having fun. For more information, please visit www.fvrl.ca or any of the participating libraries.

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About Fraser Valley Regional Library

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 24 community libraries serving over 680,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, FVRL is funded through taxes raised in the community it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

FVRL Member Libraries

<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>Aldergrove</i>	<i>Boston Bar</i>
<i>Brookwood</i>	<i>Chilliwack</i>	<i>Clearbrook</i>
<i>Fort Langley</i>	<i>George Mackie</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Ladner Pioneer</i>	<i>City of Langley</i>	<i>Maple Ridge</i>
<i>Mission</i>	<i>Mount Lehman</i>	<i>Muriel Arnason</i>
<i>MSA Centennial</i>	<i>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Tsawwassen</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>	<i>Walnut Grove</i>
<i>White Rock</i>	<i>Yale</i>	<i>Yarrow</i>

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BROOKWOOD MURRAYVILLE MSA CENTENNIAL WALNUT GROVE HOPE MAPLE RIDGE MISSION TERRY FOX

SPORT OF SPELLING BACKGROUNDER

How the Spelling Bee Works:

- A maximum of 25 spellers will compete at each library bee.
- Bees will be conducted in rounds.
- Competitors will spell one word in each round.
- If the competitor spells the word correctly, they will advance to the next round.
- If the competitor spells the word incorrectly, they will wait until the end of the round, and then proceed to the reserved seating area. They may still need to participate in a spell off.
- If all spellers in a round miss their word, everyone will continue to the next round.
- The top three spellers from library bees will receive medals and will advance to the FVRL Grand Championship Spelling Bee.

Spelling the Word:

- The pronouncer will call out the competitor's word and provide a definition.
- The competitor may ask to have the word repeated and for it to be used in a sentence.
- The competitor is required to say the word clearly before spelling it.
- After the competitor starts to spell the word, they may ask the pronouncer only once to repeat it.
- The competitor may stop and restart spelling a word, but the original letter sequence must remain the same.

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