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## **Chug-chug-chug on Over to YVL's Character Word of the Month Program**

Yakima, WA- I think I can! I think I can! I know I can! In an effort to continue fostering partnerships with our communities the Yakima Valley Libraries are coordinating a word of the month program in our libraries. Each month the library will open up opportunities for a variety of community leaders to read a themed story in their local library. The stories are selected based on the Character Word of the Month published by the Yakima School District. The word of this month is **Courage** and leaders of local government have been asked to read the story of *The Little Engine that Could* in their community libraries. Currently scheduled for our libraries are: Chief Rick Hayes to read at Selah Library on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, Officers Nate Henyan and Scott Gylling will read at Yakima Central Library on Thursday July 18 at 10:30 am, Sheriff Ken Irwin to read at Buena Library on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm, Deputy Chief Phil Schenck to read at Sunnyside Library on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and Chief Stew Graham to read at Naches Library on Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

“We are excited about these community partnerships; they raise awareness about the importance of good character in our community” Kim Hixson, Yakima Valley Libraries Director.

Each month we will be selecting a focus story and group to read based on the character word of the month. If you are interested in reading at your local library as part of the Character Word of the Month program please contact Charlotte Hinderlider, Community Library Resources Manager at [chinderlider@yvl.org](mailto:chinderlider@yvl.org).

Yakima Valley Libraries strives to support lifelong learning and an informed citizenry by providing free, open and full access to a vast array of ideas and information. We look forward to serving you.

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