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To save a life: AEDs in libraries

The Timberland Regional Library District (TRL) and the local American Red Cross Mt. Rainier chapter have partnered to save lives by installing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in each of the library district's 27 libraries and Administrative Center. AEDs are portable electronic devices that diagnose life threatening cardiac arrest and treat through defibrillation, allowing the heart to re-establish effective rhythm.

The Philips HeartStart FRx units were chosen for their ease of use, CPR coaching and pediatric key that enables everyone from infants to adults to receive this valuable treatment. The purchase of the AEDs was made possible through a combination of donations from individuals and organizations and the library district's building fund. TRL recently trained library staff in the correct operation of AEDs. TRL Library Director Michael Crose commented, "As the most visited public building in many of our communities, it's the library's responsibility to be prepared for emergency situations that may impact patrons and staff."



To mark this milestone, representatives from TRL, the American Red Cross and Philips Healthcare will host two public events on Thursday, February 16. The first will occur at the [Aberdeen Timberland Library](#), located at 121 East Market Street from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the second will be held at the [Chehalis Timberland Library](#) at 400 North Market Boulevard from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The events will include presentations from the Timberland Regional Library Director Michael Crose, Red Cross Health and Safety Manager Marty Mullins and a demonstration by Katie Boucher, with Philips Healthcare.

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and 7 library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's program may contact the library one week in advance.