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## Washington libraries host free “Money Smart Week” workshops

Timberland Regional Library will host six free workshops during Money Smart Week (April 23-30) in Thurston, Mason and Lewis County Timberland libraries.

Money Smart Week is a multi-state public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances through access to help, free educational seminars and activities. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Money Smart Advisory Council began the initiative in 2002 to equip consumers with information to become more financially literate and in turn make more informed, smarter financial decisions. Washington became the first west coast state to join in 2010. The TRL workshops include:



***Credit Repair & Budgeting***

with Lyn Peters of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions  
Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
[Centralia Timberland Library](#)  
110 S. Silver St., Centralia

***Solving the Credit Report Mystery***

with Katie Hopkins of Kitsap Credit Union  
Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.  
[North Mason Timberland Library](#)  
23081 N.E. State Route 3, Belfair

***Start Up 101: Market Research Strategies***

with Tiffany Scroggs of the Thurston County Economic Development Council  
Thursday, April 28 at 1 p.m.  
[Lacey Timberland Library](#)  
500 College Street SE, Lacey

***Identity Theft:***

with the WA State Employees Credit Union  
Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.  
[Lacey Timberland Library](#)  
500 College Street SE, Lacey

***Credit Reporting 101***

with Kelly Wells of Credit Restoration of Washington  
Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m.  
[Shelton Timberland Library](#)  
710 W. Alder St., Shelton

***Credit: Buy Now, Pay Later***

with Marilyn Ball-Brown, President/CEO of Generations Credit Union  
Saturday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m.  
[Olympia Timberland Library](#)  
313 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Olympia

Money Smart Week is a coordinated effort of organizations that include financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, and government agencies. For more information, visit [www.moneysmartweek.org](http://www.moneysmartweek.org). For more details on Timberland library programs, visit [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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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 ay contact the library one week in advance.