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Celebrate Library Snapshot Day, April 12

Libraries all across the United States are celebrating the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians during National Library Week, being held April 10-16.

Along with hundreds of other libraries across Washington State, the Timberland Regional Library District (TRL) will participate in Library Snapshot Day, being held on National Library Workers Day, which is Tuesday, April 12. People are invited to participate by coming into any Timberland library and having their photo taken while attending events or using the vital library services many rely upon each day.



The 2011 theme of Library Snapshot Day is “A day in the life of your library” and is meant to capture what happens in the library on a typical day. How many books are checked out? How many people receive help searching for a job? Doing their taxes? Doing their homework? The number of library visitors and checkouts, questions answered and other statistics will be tracked all day. Librarians also hope people will share their favorite library stories on comment cards.

From school to public, academic to medical, libraries are joining together to demonstrate the positive community impact libraries make in people's lives every day. “This gives people a glimpse into what our communities would be missing without their public library, even for one day” stated TRL's Reference & Adult Services Coordinator Tim Mallory.

The idea for “Snapshot Day” came from librarians from all types of libraries in New Jersey working on a “Libraries Transform Lives Task Force,” with the goal to showcase what would happen if there were no libraries, even for a day. How that could impact the state, the nation and the citizens in the communities they serve. Over 30 states have held Library Snapshot Days.

For a look at what your public library offers every open day, visit www.TRL.org and drop by your local Timberland library, especially on Tuesday, April 12.

Partners in Washington's Library Snapshot Day include the Washington Library Association, Washington Library Media Association, Library Media Director's Council, Association of College and Research Libraries, Washington State Library, Pacific Northwest Library Association, Washington Medical Library Association and Special Libraries Association, College Librarians and Media Specialists of Washington State.

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.