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Make a Splash @ your library this summer

Splish-splash, squish-squish—this summer, dive into your Timberland library’s summer program. The Timberland Regional Library District’s (TRL) system-wide 2010 Summer Reading Program is built around the themes “[Make a Splash—READ](#)” for children and “[Make Waves @ your library](#)” for teens. Quench your thirst for water science, water sports, pirates, water animals and habitats, and water-themed performances and presentations.

Children, teens and families can pick up their start-up packets at any of the 27 Timberland library branches in the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties as soon as school is out in their area. The program is all free of charge and it’s for young people of all ages, from infants through 18-year-olds. “We encourage parents and caregivers to join in with their littlest ones and enjoy time together with books and library programs. These positive early experiences with language and books provide a strong foundation for reading and learning success,” said Ellen Duffy, TRL’s Youth Services Coordinator.

Summer program and events

Perennial favorites, Wacky Days and Wacky Art Days activities will be back at all Timberland libraries. Summer entertainers and presenters are on board with the water theme. Acts include magician Jeff Evans (Aquifer Man); hilarious sound impersonator Charlie the Noiseguy Williams (Sound Waves); singer-songwriters Eric Ode (Yo Ho, a Pirate Concert) and Nancy Stewart (She Sings Sea Songs); theatrical storyteller Christopher Leebrick (Stories to Dive For); storyteller and puppeteer Glenda Bonin (Squirrely Shirley Makes Waves); musician and humorist Rick Meyers (Old-Time Music Show); and magician and comedian Louie Foxx (Oceans of Magic).

Children will have the opportunity to interact with a variety of such performers. Special presentations vary from branch to branch, so children from anywhere in the library district are welcome to attend programs at any of the 27 Timberland branches. Call ahead in case registration is required. “Make the local library a ‘must visit’ during family summer excursions,” said Duffy.



A list of summer events is online now at www.TRL.org; click on Events. Complete summer program details will be in local libraries and at www.TRL.org by early June.

Summer events for teens at Timberland libraries

In addition to reading all summer for the enjoyment of it, teens can participate in dozens of free library programs and activities at libraries throughout the system. They can whet their appetites for writing and communication with “Ship’s Blog: Blogs and Journals” and other writing programs. Teens can also get busy constructing sea monsters, making books, cartooning, and making prints. Programs involving talking about books include munching as well as chatting—pizza at some libraries and ice cream at others. Electronic music sessions such as Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Karaoke, and Dance Dance Revolution are also in the mix.

The rewards of summer at the library

Infants and preschoolers will make gains in language skills such as listening and vocabulary development. Even more importantly, little ones who are cuddling up with their parents and a book learn to associate reading with a good time.

Teens and schoolchildren retain and develop their reading skills through the summer—instead of losing them—and enrich the content of their knowledge. By participating in library activities, special performances and story time programs, children learn by watching, listening, doing and discovering.

Prizes, too: Each child and teen that participates in the TRL summer program will receive a coupon for free pizza from Papa Murphy’s Take ‘n’ Bake Pizza and a free pass to Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium or Northwest Trek. Library branches also give away many additional prizes including books, coupons, and other items donated by local businesses, Friends of the Library groups and other organizations.

For more information about summer programs and dates, contact your local Timberland library or go to www.TRL.org.

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.