

May 5, 2011

Lacey Timberland Library to be remodeled

- *Main areas of library will be closed as of May 23; reopening by July 25*
- *Beginning May 25, meeting room opens for pickup and checkout of library materials*
- *Summer Reading Program signups for children and teens begin June 24 in the lobby*

The [Lacey Timberland Library](#) will close May 23 for remodeling. The lobby and meeting room only will open on Wednesday, May 25 to provide basic services. The entire library will reopen by July 25.

The project includes new carpet and paint throughout. All lighting is being replaced, except for the lamps that hang from the cathedral ceiling down the length of the library. The carpet, paint and lights have been selected with an eye toward brightening the library. The lights will be brighter and more energy efficient. “When people walk

into the library after the remodel, they’ll be bedazzled. The Lacey library is very inviting; it feels like home,” said Wade Duffy, Lacey’s Building Official, Fire Marshall and Project Manager.



Interim Services and programs

Library staff will provide basic services from the library meeting room. In the meeting room, people will be able to pick up the books and other library materials they’d previously placed on hold, check the items out and return them. The library book drops will also be available. Three large storage units for books and furniture will be in the parking lot, but many parking spaces will still be available.

A library catalog computer and a self-checkout station will be available for public use in the meeting room. Library staff can also check out books for patrons and provide library cards to newcomers. There will be no books for browsing and no public Internet computers. Lacey library staff will answer calls made to the library’s regular number, (360) 491-3860.

Some Lacey library employees will work at other nearby Timberland Regional Library locations during the project. The youth services librarians will be visiting local schools. Signup for the library’s Summer Reading Program for preschoolers, schoolchildren and teens will be in the library lobby beginning June 24. Special summer performances will all be presented at Huntamer Park in Lacey. Programs in the library for both youth and adults will likely resume July 21, even if TRL employees are still placing books back on the shelves. For all program dates, times and locations, people may call the Lacey library or visit the TRL Web site.

Open hours in the meeting room, beginning May 25 (Except holidays)

Monday	10-6	Thursday	10-7
Tuesday	10-6	Friday	10-5
Wednesday	10-7	Saturday	10-5

In addition to stopping by the meeting room, Lacey library patrons are encouraged to make use of the following libraries and services:

- Olympia Timberland Library; 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia; (360) 352-0595
- Tumwater Timberland Library; 7023 New Market Street, Tumwater; (360) 943-7790
- TRL Web site: www.TRL.org. From their own Internet computers, people can access their library accounts and the catalog of library materials; place holds on items they wish to borrow; use TRL's extensive online resources for research, study and leisure activities. All 27 Timberland library locations and their hours and programs are also on the Web site.
- Reference Librarians: People can ask for information on any topic. On the TRL Web site, click on "[Ask a Librarian](#)," or telephone reference librarians at 704-4636.

Cost and funding

The cost for this project is estimated to be \$223,500, paid for by the City of Lacey, with contributions by the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library and the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) district.

- City of Lacey, \$172,500
- Friends of the Library, \$26,000
- Timberland Regional Library, \$25,000

Lacey's libraries

The Lacey Timberland Library building is 20 years old. Lacey's library began in a bookmobile in 1966 and moved into rented space in Market Square in December 1966. It moved to a 4,800 square foot space in the Lacey Village Shopping Center in 1976. The current 20,000 square foot library at 500 College Street, adjacent to Lacey City Hall, opened in March 1991.

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.