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## **Local Fulbright scholar talks on Finland: 4 Months in the “Best Country in the World”**

Finland was dubbed the “best country in the world” by Newsweek and the nation consistently tops the world in education according to PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) scores. Local teacher-librarian Sarah Applegate will give a talk, illustrated with projected images, to show what makes Finland an amazing place to live, grow up, and learn. The program will be at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Thursday, September 29 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Ms. Applegate stayed in Finland on a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching grant from January through May this year. She has been a teacher and teacher-librarian at River Ridge High School since 1995 and teaches in the Antioch University-Seattle Library Media Specialist endorsement program as an adjunct faculty member.



The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, please call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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