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Teens Consider Links Between Food, Community and Social Justice

It's part of the "Curiosity Society," a series of programs for teens at the Olympia Timberland Library.

How does locally grown food support social justice? Teens will explore those connections at the second meeting of the "Curiosity Society," an Olympia Timberland Library series for young people in grades 7 through 12.

"Food Justice with Elise Krohn and Guests" takes place Saturday, Mar. 4, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Library.



Members of the food justice group, Tend, Gather, Grow.

Members of the *Tend, Gather, Grow Project* will talk about the power of food to either strengthen communities or divide them. They will show how food relates to issues of health, cultural diversity and environmental sustainability.

The presenters will include Kim Gaffi, co-founder of Garden Raised Urban Bounty (GRuB), Squaxin Island Tribal member Aleta Poste and wild food educator Elise Krohn. They will share strategies for empowering communities through food-related issues and practices, and offer samples of wild spring greens native to this area.

The *Curiosity Society* meets on the first Saturday of each month. The series provides opportunities for teens to spend time with local experts from a variety of fields.

Registration is required two weeks prior to all *Curiosity Society* programs. Register by phone, 360-352-0595, or in person at the library's Youth Services desk.

All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. The **Olympia Timberland Library** is located at 313 8th Ave. SE. For more information, contact the library at (360) 352-0595 or visit www.TRL.org.

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