



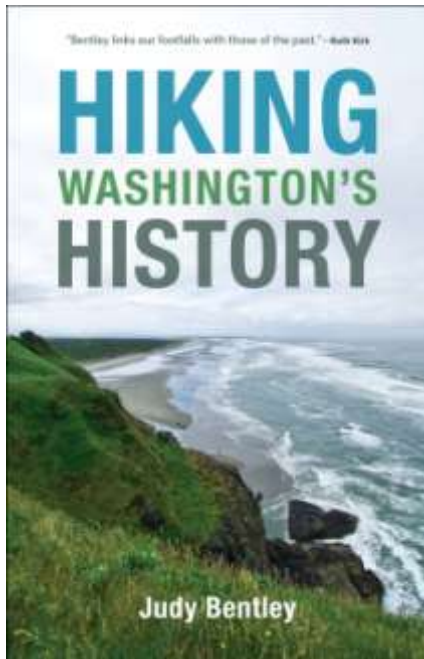
Timberland
Regional
Library

News Release

(360)943-5001 - Fax (360)586-6838 - www.trlib.org - 415 Tumwater Blvd SW - Tumwater, WA 98501

March 17, 2011

Visit with Judy Bentley, author of “Hiking Washington's History”



Not rocks and earth alone, Washington’s trails have stories to tell, and hiker Judy Bentley shares them in her new trail guide, *Hiking Washington's History*. Bentley will discuss the book at the Tumwater Timberland Library on Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Hiking Washington's History reveals the stories embedded in Washington's landscape. The guide narrates 40 historic trails, ranging from short day hikes to three- or four-day backpacking trips over mountain passes. Every region in the state is included, from the northwesternmost tip of the continental United States at Cape Flattery to the remote Blue Mountains in the southeast.

Each chapter begins with a brief overview of the region's history followed by individual trail narratives and historical highlights. Quotes from diaries, journals, letters, and reports, as well as contemporary and historic photographs, describe sites and trails from Washington's past. Each trail description includes a map and provides directions, so hikers can follow the historic route. Bentley tells readers how to get there, what to expect, and what to look for.

Bentley is an avid hiker and the author of 14 books for young adults. She teaches part-time at South Seattle Community College. Her Website is www.judybentley.com/index.htm.

The Tumwater Timberland Library is at 7023 New Market Street, Tumwater, 98501. For more information, contact the library at (360) 943-7790 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.