



Timberland
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Library computer system upgrade planned for May Each branch to close one day in April; 2-day closure in May

Timberland Regional Library will install a major upgrade of the library catalog system in mid-May. The new system is expected to include several useful new features. The online public catalog will be attractive and easy to use and credit and debit payments for lost books and overdue fines will be available. The current system, installed in January 2005, is becoming outdated and is no longer being developed by the vendor.

The upgraded system is being provided by the same vendor as the existing system so there are no license fees for modules the library currently uses. There are data conversion, installation and training costs as well as charges for several new modules, such as new public catalog and statistical modules. Library officials expect the cost of the new system hardware, software, training and installation to be approximately \$160,000. The library allocates money annually to a fund for major system upgrades, so funds are available when needed.

The new system is scheduled to “go live” to the public on Thursday, May 13. In order to train all public services library staff, the 27 Timberland library branches will be closed one day each between April 12 and April 30. The schedule of closures is below.

All Timberland libraries will be closed Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11 for installation of the system. Libraries will have regular open hours on Wednesday, May 12 and people will be able to check out books and other items, but staff will not be able to check in any items. The Internet will be available. On Thursday, May 13, libraries with morning hours will not open until noon so staff can check in the backlog of returned items. More details will follow when finalized.

Timberland library branch closures for training

For open hours at other libraries during the training closures, and for information on any other topic, call a TRL Central Reference (CR) librarian Monday through Saturday at 704-4636 in the Olympia area and 1-800-562-6022 in other areas, or go to www.TRL.org. Closure schedule:

Grays Harbor libraries:

Mon., April 12—Aberdeen

Tues., April 13—Westport

Wed., April 14—Hoquiam

Wed., April 14—Montesano

Wed., April 14—Oakville

Thur., April 15—Amanda Park
Thur., April 15—McCleary
Fri., April 16—Elma

Thurston County libraries:

Fri., April 16—Tumwater
Wed., April 21—Yelm
Thur., April 22—Tenino
Mon., April 26—Olympia
Thur., April 29—Lacey

Mason County libraries:

Mon., April 19—Shelton
Tues., April 20—Hoodsport
Wed., April 21—North Mason

Lewis County libraries:

Thur., April 22—Centralia
Fri., April 23—Chehalis
Tues., April 27—Packwood
Tues., April 27—Winlock
Wed., April 28—Mountain View
Wed., April 28—Salkum

Pacific County libraries:

Wed., April 28—Naselle
Wed., April 28—Ocean Park
Wed., April 28—South Bend
Thur., April 29—Raymond
Fri., April 30—Ilwaco

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.