



## **Press Release - TRL changes to services**

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**November 2020** – In light of Gov. Jay Inslee's announcement on Monday of changes to COVID-19 state guidelines and increased restrictions because of the rapid spread of the virus in Washington and across the country, Timberland Regional Library is halting or reducing expansion of library services.

The following changes will be effective Nov. 17, 2020, through Dec. 15, 2020, at the earliest.

### **Rural and small libraries:**

- Expanded services may continue to be offered with only one patron being allowed use of a computer or copier-scanner service at a time. Capacity must stay below 25 percent.
- In lieu of expanded services, self-service holds pick up may be offered at no greater than 25 percent capacity or Library Takeout may be offered.
- Browsing is limited to 5 minutes.

### **Urban and medium to large libraries:**

- No browsing or computer use will be allowed for the next four weeks.
- Self-service holds pick up may be offered at no greater than 25 percent capacity, or Library Takeout may be offered.
- No self-service copier-scanner use will be offered. Those libraries previously providing this service through Library Takeout may continue to do so.

TRL serves diverse communities across Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties. Our branches are as diverse as the communities they serve, and safety precautions and service restrictions are customized for each branch. For information on the services provided by your local library, visit your library's location page on our website [TRL.org](http://TRL.org) or the [Library Takeout](#) page or call your library. You can find a full list of the governor's new guidelines [here](#).

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**Timberland Regional LIBRARY** provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters.

All Timberland library programs are free and open to the public. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. For more information visit [TRL.org](http://TRL.org)

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