The Olympia Timberland Library located at 313 8th Avenue SE in downtown Olympia has a planned renovation scheduled for this winter. Currently the planned closure dates are:


Reopening on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Updates on any changes to the schedule will be posted on TRL.org and on the Olympia Timberland Library Facebook page.

This renovation closure is the result of library space planning that has been in process for the past few years. Timberland staff and management have been reviewing the physical layout of the city-owned building and identifying changes that can be accomplished to better serve library patrons, while making sure all public space is ADA accessible. This will be accomplished by:

- Widening the aisles
- Repositioning the shelves and furniture
- Improving service points with new information desks
- Creating a condensed computer bay to improve staff ability to assist patrons with technology
- Providing accessible and flexible community space to accommodate programming opportunities
- Addressing areas needing carpet replacements

There is no “good time of year” to temporarily close a library building or limit access to library services, however the renovation is occurring during the historically slowest months of the year. Library staff have been in contact with the City of Olympia and local community service providers regarding the impact the temporary closure may have on the homeless community.

During the renovation, patrons will be able to pick up their holds Monday - Friday, 1-6 p.m. (except on holidays) by using the side entrance to the Meeting Room (doors nearest to the corner of Adams St & 9th Ave). Patrons may also transfer holds to other locations.

Timberland libraries in Lacey and Tumwater (which are both located on the bus route and less than 5 miles away from the Olympia branch) are available for everyone in our community to use.

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 news library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, federal funds, 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

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