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Book a Getaway Adult Winter Reading Contest

The New Year kicks off with the Adult Winter Reading Contest. Gather up or download all those books you've been meaning to read. Prepare your reading station: chair, lamp, blanket, cushions and, if you listen to audiobooks, your headphones. Ready, set, read! The more books you read by March 15, the better your chance of winning.

You can't lose with this contest—hours of blissful reading, and you might win a great getaway.



Here's how it works:

- Between January 1 and March 15, 2016, read or listen to at least five books.
- Pick up entry forms — one for every five books you read or listened to — at any Timberland library, or download from the website (www.TRL.org, hover over **Programs** and click on **Adult Winter Reading**).
- On each form write the titles, the authors' names, and a brief review of each book and a ranking from 1 (would not recommend) to 5 (highly recommended).
- Turn in the forms at any Timberland library. Each form serves as a contest entry.

Prizes

Grand prize overnight getaways at local bed & breakfasts and resorts.

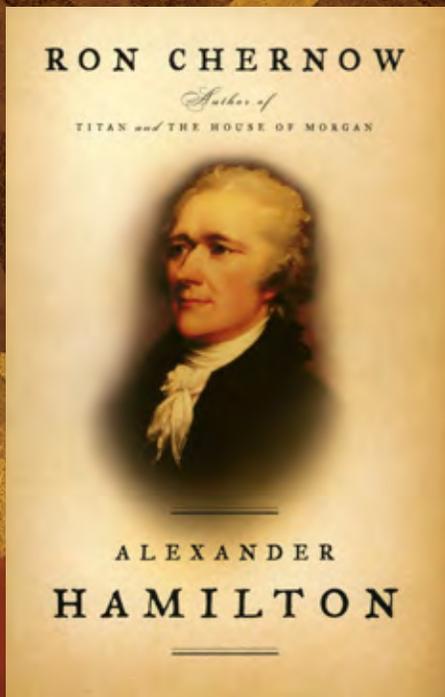
Adult Winter Reading book bags containing reading material and specialty foods.

Rules

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and be current TRL cardholders. Only one grand prize and one local prize per person. TRL board members, employees and their immediate family members are not eligible for the contest.

It Started With a Book

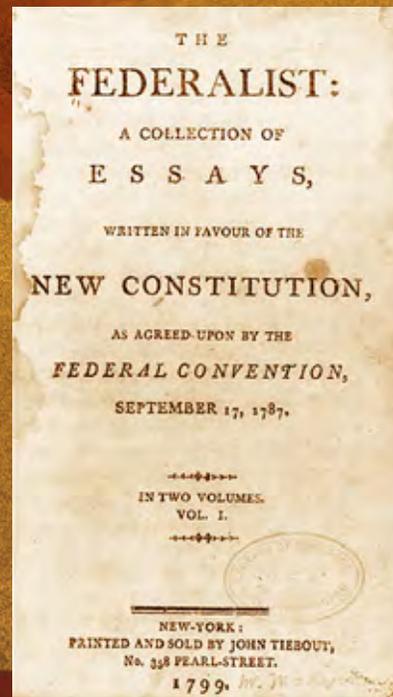
From the *The Federalist Papers* to today's Broadway sensation, your library has it



The musical *Hamilton* is the hottest show on Broadway right now. Based on the life of the youngest founding father, Alexander Hamilton, it's a hip-hop smash hit. How did writer-composer Lin-Manuel Miranda pair the 18th century American statesman with hip-hop? He read a book.

The musical is based on Ron Chernow's 2004 biography, *Alexander Hamilton*, a book Miranda picked for some light reading. He was electrified by Hamilton's rags-to-art-to-riches story — a classic hip-hop narrative — and a show was born!

Find Chernow's *Alexander Hamilton* at TRL. Check out the soundtrack, *Hamilton — Original Broadway Cast Recording*, also at TRL. Of course, TRL also has *The Federalist Papers*, by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay, published in 1799.



Raymond Voters Put Library on Solid Financial Ground

This past November, Raymond city residents voted by a 75% majority to annex to Timberland Regional Library. Prior to that vote, the City of Raymond, which owns the building, paid for library services through a portion of its often-tight city budget.

With this vote, taxpayers agreed to pay for library services with their property taxes. If taxes were to be paid this year, property owners would be assessed about 41 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property they own. Thus the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay approximately \$41. (Please note: property tax bills for Raymond city residents will not include this fee until 2017.)

Thanks to Raymond voters, the library services budget will be tied to a stable, equitable revenue source. The community will continue to reap the benefits, and everyone can share the pride of ownership.

Multiple Library Accounts in Your Family? Link Them!

Linking accounts is a new benefit for families with several individual library cards. It allows multiple accounts to be managed (linked) under a single login. Each patron within a linked group can:

- See all items checked out and on hold by all group members
- Check out or renew items for a linked group member
- Monitor activity of all linked patrons — a benefit for parents and caregivers

For more information or to set up a linked account, visit any Timberland library.

Behind the Scenes at TRL: Meet the Selectors

They are the people who keep our libraries filled with treasure

Where do all the library materials come from and who decides what to buy? At TRL, this job is done by three librarians called selectors: Robin Bradford, Jackie Marquardt and Kim Storbeck. They are usually found glued to their computers, surrounded by stacks, boxes and carts of books, DVDs, catalogs and trade magazines. Think of them as TRL's shopaholics.

Why did you become a collections selector?

Robin I got hooked in 1997 when my supervisor at Indiana State University Library asked me to create a popular materials collection. I remember buying a beautiful silver and blue hardcover called *A Game of Thrones*. It was exactly what I wanted to do.

Jackie I was a bookworm as a kid. I considered law school but my professor said law school had ruined her ability to read for fun, so I ruled that out and became a children's librarian. When a selector job opened up, I applied. It turned out to be my dream job.

What do you like about your job?

Robin I love talking with publishers, authors, musicians and directors and hearing what they're excited about. (It's not just books, I also do music CDs, feature films and TV shows.) I love watching trends and supporting art by buying and promoting it.

I worked in libraries while getting degrees to do other things (English and Law). I never seemed to want to do other things. I love this job! I might give it up to be general counsel to the Chicago White Sox, but that's the only job I would trade it for.

Kim I love all the new stuff I get to see every day. I love knowing people get excited about the new material.

What's the biggest frustration?

Robin My job is to discover new things, tell everyone about them, and make sure they're available for the public. Anything that hinders that — budget, shelf-space, people who don't understand the brilliance of public libraries — is a frustration.

Jackie That I can't read all the books! I'm constantly surrounded by irresistible books and movies and I only have time to enjoy a fraction of them.

Kim Knowing that I can't make everyone happy with collection choices. Also, the constantly changing online environment with e-books is frustrating.

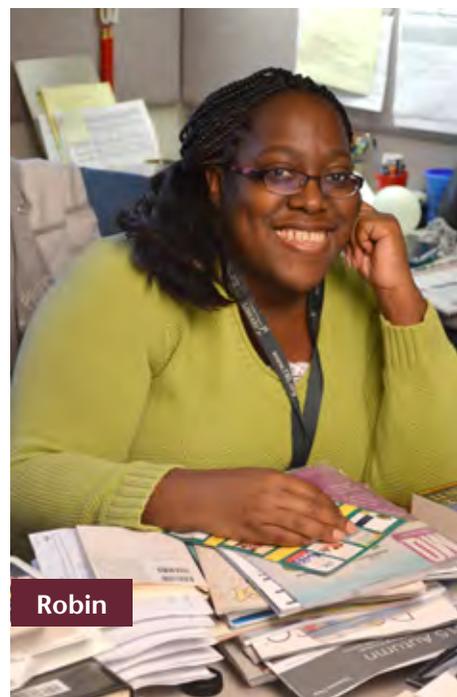
What do public libraries mean to you? Why are they important?

Jackie Public libraries are the best invention EVER for society. Where else can people come together to share things? Kids come to learn and play; parents meet other parents. You can learn how to fix a car, find a job, learn to knit or build a robot, get computer training, use Wi-Fi. You can check out e-reader tablets loaded with books! And there are so many DVDs and TV shows available now, you would not believe it! Libraries are for everyone!

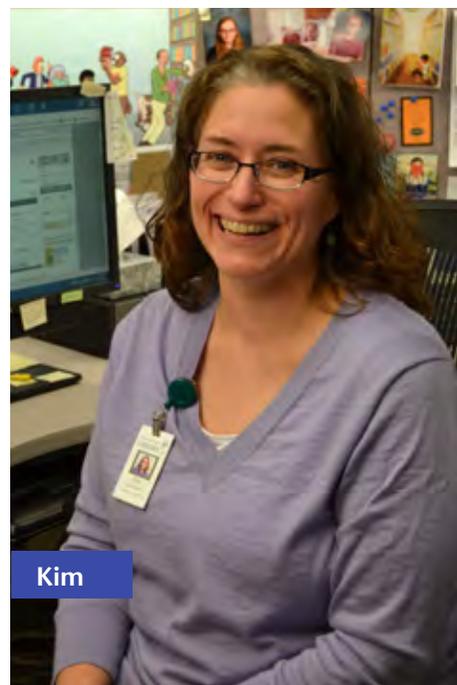
Kim Public libraries mean opportunity to me. The opportunity to learn, to be entertained, to be "in the know" regardless of your income or social status. Public libraries can level the playing field if people take advantage of them.



Jackie



Robin



Kim

Ask a Librarian!

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Knowledge Unlimited: January is National Hobby Month

January is National Hobby Month, and that seems perfect for the wintery Northwest. A good hobby might be just what we need to brighten the days and lift soggy spirits.

Online at www.TRL.org, you will find a marvelous place called the **Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center**. It's an online compilation of popular pastimes, from arts and crafts, to space and technology. Solitary pursuits, competitive challenges, indoor hobbies, outdoor activities, things for the artsy and the techie — just touring the options will take up an afternoon. Get hooked on a hobby this winter. Before you know it, the crocuses will be blooming.

