

New Library Service Helps “Indie” Authors Reach New Readers

Countless self-published e-books are created every day. Countless readers are looking for the next great book. But how do authors and readers find each other without the marketing campaigns of commercial publishing companies? Enter the new web-based platforms, SELF-e and BiblioBoard.

SELF-e is a portal that allows local authors who publish their work independently to upload their e-books to a participating library's website. BiblioBoard is the companion portal where library patrons can find and download these books, with no cost, no waiting, and no returning of books.

E-book submissions are made available to patrons of participating public libraries within each state. In the evaluation process, if a work is judged to have broader appeal, it will go to an editorial board for possible inclusion in the national collection. These books become available to library readers around the country.

Libraries provide exposure and distribution for independently published books and have no input to the editorial process. Those decisions are made by professional editors from the publication *Library Journal* and the library service provider BiblioBoard.

With BiblioBoard, readers can search for and read e-books on any electronic device — no checkouts, no returns and no waiting.

Learn more about SELF-e for authors and BiblioBoard for readers on the TRL website.



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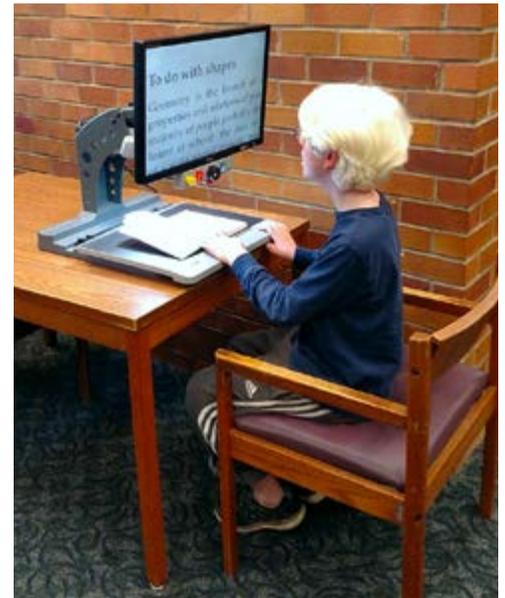
One Day at the Library: Printed Words Come Alive for Sight-Impaired Boy

The digital magnifier came in this morning. It is a tabletop device that projects printed material onto a screen where the words can be enlarged to whatever size the reader needs. We set it up specifically for 10 year-old Joshua, a boy with an insatiable brain and less than perfect eyes.

To call him a bright kid does not come close; Joshua consumes information — geometry, physics, books about wormholes, the multiverse, and the ninth dimension. When I started tracking down books for him, he specified, "I only want adult books."

Joshua's mother, Linda, told us that libraries used to be sad places for them; her boy wanted to read everything but could not get past the covers. They plan to come regularly now. Linda is applying for a device for home, available through a state program we identified for her.

—*Olympia Adult Services Librarian Allison Mackey*



Timberland Reads Together 2016 *The Boys in the Boat* will Thrill and Inspire

This October, TRL's community reading program, Timberland Reads Together, will focus on a big story with local roots: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown.

The "boys" in question were eight student-athletes from the University of Washington's rowing team. They were depression era, working class boys — sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers. As a team, they defeated rivals from elite colleges, and beat long odds all the way to a spot representing the United States in the Olympic Games. In their final race on August 14, the slow-starting Huskies powered past Germany and Italy to win by one-second, while Adolf Hitler and the elite of the Third Reich looked on.

In addition to book discussions, film screenings and musical events, the author will be coming to the Washington Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. to read excerpts, talk about the book and his writing process, and answer audience questions.

For those who cannot wait until October to read the book, it is available at TRL in all formats: hardback, e-book, audiobook, CDs, even an adapted version for young readers.



Amanda Park Goes to School While Building Gets Repairs

If all goes according to plan, the Amanda Park Timberland Library will close for structural repairs in mid-July. Essential services will continue thanks to the Lake Quinault School District, which has offered space in its library. Construction should be completed this October.

Library services will be limited to two internet-accessible computers, a children's computer station, a space where patrons can pick up "on hold" items, a small selection of books for checkout, and a book drop. The Lake Quinault School District building is located at 6130 US 101.

Construction plans call for the building to be lowered, new foundation supports installed, and the ramp rebuilt for improved accessibility. The plan, which is currently out for bid, also provides for new carpeting.

Everything about this project involves partnerships and collaboration. The Timberland Regional Library district (TRL) owns the building; the Quinault Indian Nation owns the land it sits on. The construction project, estimated to cost up to \$450,000, so far includes funding from Grays Harbor County (\$250,000) and the Grays Harbor Community Foundation (\$30,000).

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By the Numbers: Family Read & Sing Aloud

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1,180 Families participated

TRL staff members visited 149 classrooms

284 Children sang to librarians

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