Family Read & Sing Aloud
TRL’s annual early learning program

Nestled comfortably between two literary birthdays — Dr. Seuss’ on March 2 and Beverly Cleary’s on April 12 — the “Family Read & Sing Aloud” returns with a robust line-up.

The program focuses on children from infancy to grade 3, but everyone is welcome to join in the fun. This TRL tradition grew out of the proven connection between learning proficiency and the early childhood experience of having been read to, and having sung songs with others.

Beginning Wednesday, March 2, families, teachers and childcare providers can pick up program materials at any Timberland library, enter a drawing for prizes and start reading and singing together in as many places as possible. Each library will award a backpack filled with books, chosen especially for the winning family or classroom.

Back by popular demand, “Sing to your Librarian Week,” is March 21–26. Children will receive small prizes for singing a nursery rhyme or short song to a librarian.

More information is available at wwwTRL.org (hover over Kids). All programs at Timberland libraries are free and open to the public.

"We did this mainly for our three year-old, but... our 18 month-old... has started singing along and dancing."

"My firstborn was able to read before kindergarten, and is an excellent reader now!"

"It has made my son want to learn to read."

"We are checking out more sing-along stories and having more fun reading together."

Take this Personally!
Share a Personal Story During National Library Week

National Library Week (NLW) is April 10–16. The theme is “Libraries Transform.”

If you or someone you know has experienced the transformational power of libraries — maybe a particular library, or a special librarian — tell the world. Go to TRL’s district Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TimberlandLibraries click on “message,” share your story and feel free to add photos. If you tell us which Timberland library you visit, we’ll share your story on that library’s Facebook page as well.

Make this National Library Week personal. Your story just might transform someone else’s life.

"The kids are becoming passionate about what we read!"
Children everywhere are passionate about play. It’s what they do! It’s how they make discoveries and make friends, build healthy bodies and also gain self-confidence. This year’s Summer Reading Program puts “play” front and center with hands-on, feet-on, body moving games, sports and creative activities, all designed around reading and discovery. Kids and teens will have creative opportunities to challenge themselves, try new things and work together to achieve goals. Family programs will explore world history and culture through games, stories, and experiments. By balancing competition with cooperation, all children will enjoy rich experiences this summer at the library.

Children’s Library Sections Come Alive with New Technology, Games and Toys

Thanks to a year-long initiative called “Youth Area Refresh,” the children’s areas in all 27 libraries are filled with new things to explore, build, and spark the imagination. Starting last December, libraries began receiving new furniture, play-area rugs, toys, games, interactive displays and early literacy computer stations. An element of this initiative was the refurbishing of several doll houses owned by libraries. Kids and families are thrilled. Here is a glimpse:
Lacey Timberland Library Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

Tucked into the trees on College Street, between City Hall and Saint Martin’s University, the Lacey Timberland Library has come a long way from humble beginnings. It started out in the 1960s in a pink bookmobile, serving the newly incorporated City of Lacey. In December 1966, the library rented quarters in the Market Square retail area; then in 1976, it moved to the Lacey Village Shopping Center. The lovely, 20,000 square foot library that serves Lacey today opened in March 1991, making this year its 25th anniversary. Of course, we will celebrate.

Lacey Timberland team invites everyone to join the party, Saturday, March 26, starting at 2 p.m.

Leading up to the festivities, starting March 14, everyone is invited to write an entry for Project Time Capsule. The themes are: “my vision for the library of the future,” and “my favorite things about the library.” Drop in at your convenience, March 14 through 26. The library will have pencils and archival paper to capture your personal visions.

The March 26 festivities kick off with a concert by the Olympia Aloha Ukulele Pu‘ukani. We’ll have light refreshments, look back on the history of the library, and then observe the ceremonial closing of the time capsule (will be re-opened in 2041). Come be a part of Lacey Timberland Library’s history, and its future.
Knowledge Unlimited: Microsoft Imagine Academy

You can start with the basic computer literacy program and work your way towards more advanced classes. Or jump in wherever your learning need—or your curiosity—takes you. When you use the Microsoft Imagine Academy, you can learn computer and IT skills at your own speed, advance in your profession and earn recognized credentials.

TRL offers free access to the Microsoft Imagine Academy through a collaboration between public libraries in Washington State, Microsoft, the Washington State Library, the Secretary of State’s office and the Washington State Legislature. Computer learning, when you need it, free. Imagine that.