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Librarian Robin Bradford Receives National Honor

Collection Development Specialist Robin Bradford has been named the 2016 “Cathie Linz Librarian of the Year” by the Romance Writers of America. This prestigious prize is awarded annually to a librarian who demonstrates outstanding support of romance authors and the romance genre. Bradford posts on

TRL's Twitter most Tuesdays. Follow her @TRLdistrict.

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Knowledge Unlimited: Popular Gale Courses Cover Learning Bases

The online tutorial program **Gale Courses** offers 12 broad areas of study, with many classes in each area. This year between January 1 and February 29, 472 people enrolled in classes from **Accounting to Writing Essentials**.

Starting a Nonprofit: “The assignments were of particular value to me. They were challenging and informative. I learned a great deal.”

C++ Programming: “I cannot praise this instructor enough... I am going to take another of your classes...”

“The course material was really easy to understand and learn. I never realized that learning **Medical Terminology** would be this easy...”

“I enjoyed the course **Elements 12 for the Digital Photographer** very much. I have been a long-time user of Elements and this filled in a lot of area I didn't even know I didn't know.”

Writing Young Adult Fiction: “It felt like talking to the instructor face-to-face. Excellent class...”

See which Gale Courses are right for you. Enroll for free, using your TRL card. Go to www.TRL.org, hover over **Research** and click on **Gale Courses for Online Learning**.

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Summer at the Library Focuses on Mind and Body Fitness

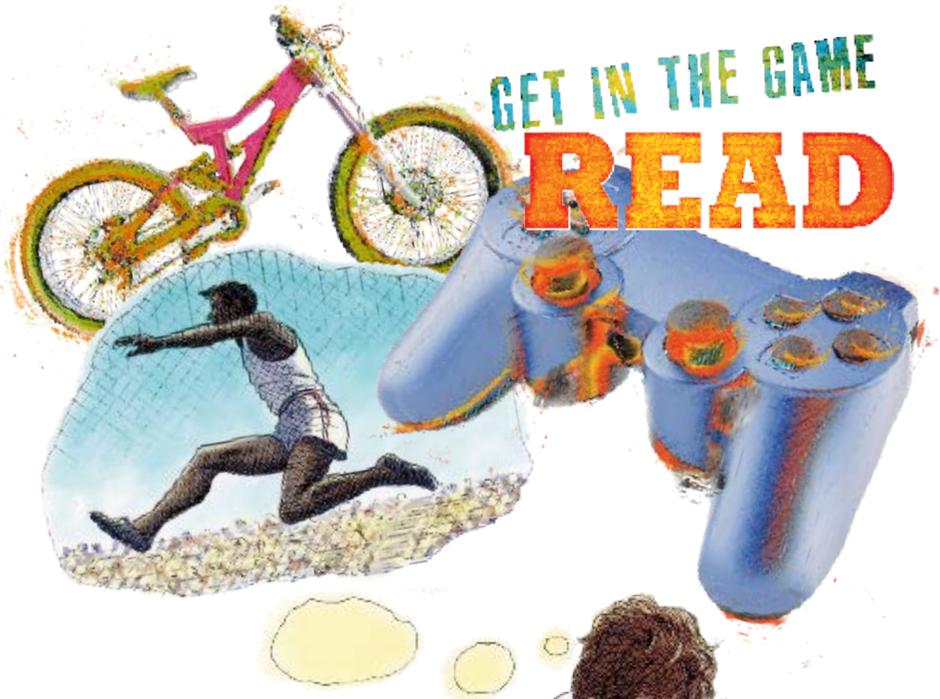
Healthy minds and healthy bodies make children happy learners, especially when it's all fun and games. This year's Summer at the Library themes are, for children, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" and for teens, "Get in the Game, Read."

Through physical activities — games, sports and creative movement — children will be challenged to try new things, work in teams, and experience activities from other cultures.

Many favorite performers will be back with shows tailored to the fitness theme, including juggler Rhys Thomas, story-teller Chris Fascione, ventriloquist Vikki Gasko Green, and steel drum musician Ian Dobson. 4-H educator Toni Gwin will present "Nature Games" and "We Care Sports," which engage kids in fun and creative physical education programs.

Check TRL's online calendar throughout the summer for programs near you.

**ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...
READ!**



Lacey's Teen Writing Contest Winners

This contest run by the Lacey Timberland Library is part of Lacey Loves to Read, an annual community literacy program. A prominent feature of the program is the library's Teen Short Story Contest. Each year, the winning compositions are published in an e-book.



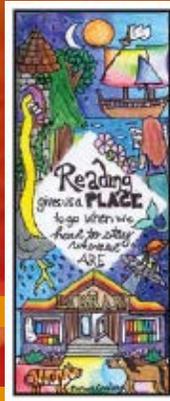
Lacey Loves to Read is jointly sponsored by the City of Lacey, Lacey South Sound Chamber, North Thurston Public Schools, and the Lacey Timberland Library. The annual celebration of books, writing and writers focuses on the work of a single author — this year, Kwame Alexander.



2016 Lacey Loves to Read Artist
Jayden
 Grand Prize
 Meadows Elementary School
 Grade: 4th



2016 Lacey Loves to Read Artist
Olivia
 Grand Prize
 Northwest Christian School
 Grade: 10th



2016 Lacey Loves to Read Artist
Liyana
 Grand Prize
 Aspire Middle School
 Grade: 6th

South Bend Awarded Funding for STEM Programs

Two major grant awards will bring science-based programs to the South Bend Timberland Library.

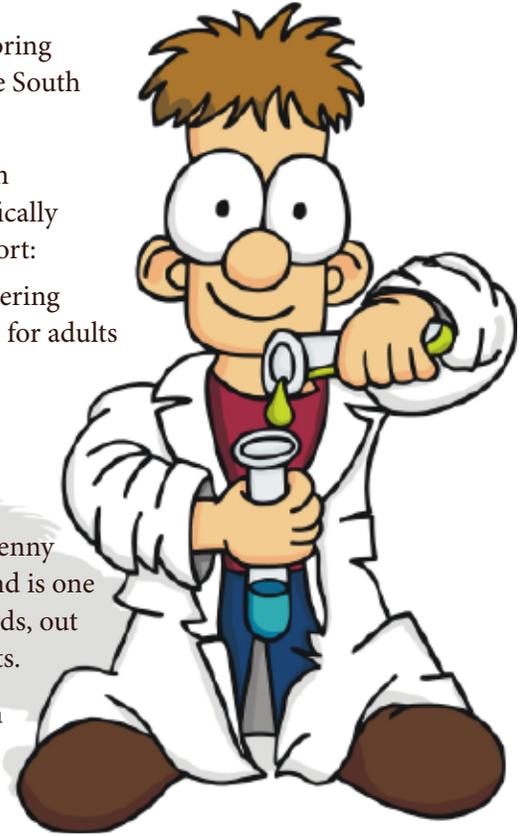
The first grant of \$3500 is from the Califa Group and is specifically for rural libraries. It will support:

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs for adults
- Professional training for librarians to work as science education facilitators

The author of the application, South Bend library manager Jenny Penoyar, noted that South Bend is one of 110 libraries receiving awards, out of a pool of over 300 applicants.

The second award comes from “Visions for Early Learning.” It resulted from an application Penoyar wrote on behalf of

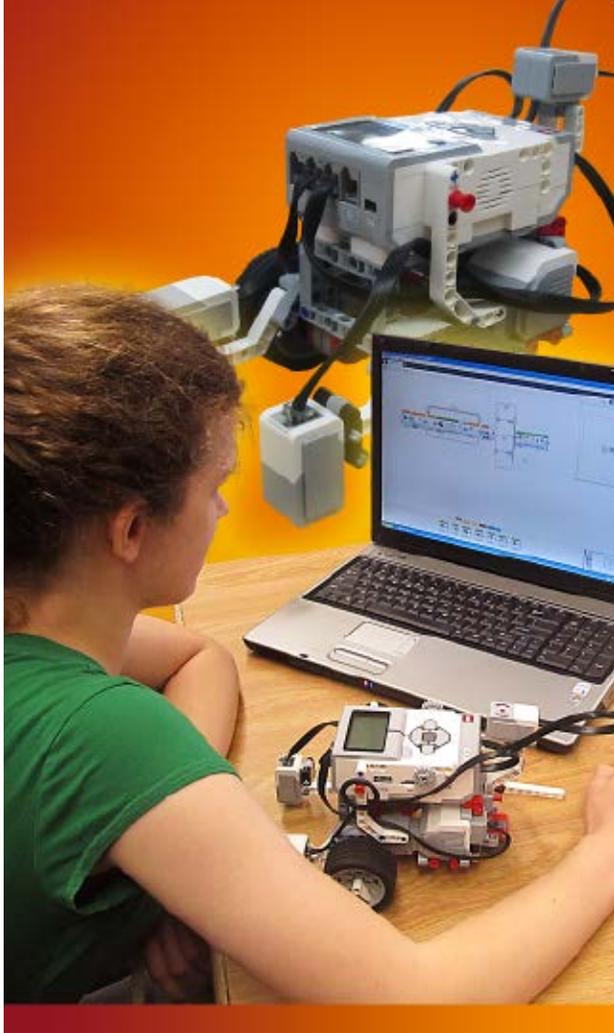
the “Know and Grow Partnership for Early Learning of North Pacific County.” A portion of the \$2,000 award is earmarked for a 6-week, STEM-based play-group at the South Bend Timberland Library.



New Book Drops Open in Hawks Prairie

With the closure last August of the library kiosk at the South Puget Sound Community College campus in Hawks Prairie, TRL has been searching for a new location to serve members in this area of North Thurston County. Although a location and partner to open the library kiosk hasn't been found, a new partnership with Lacey Fire District 3 has enabled TRL to locate outside book drops at two fire stations. Station 34 is located south of I-5 at 8407 Steilacoom Road SE near the Recreational Athletic Complex (RAC). Station 35 is north of I-5 at 3701 Willamette Drive. Both book drops are now open to return any Timberland library materials.





One Day at the Library: All Ages Come Together Around Robots

We started a robotics program in Winlock, and the response has been overwhelming. Kids of all ages seem to love robots.

After Storytime one day, we got the robots out to play with. One of the dads was so enthusiastic that he went home that night, downloaded the software, and wrote a program. He was back the next morning when we opened. He had his program on a flash drive and wanted to run it on the EV3 (robot).

A 5-year-old came in at the same time and randomly created a program using the drop boxes. It actually ran! Then he and his father worked through why it did what it did, and talked about what else the robot could do if they included additional commands in the code.

A teenager realized that he could download an app for the robot and was able to use his phone as a remote control device. A younger group asked to get out the Ozobots, then proceeded to design and run the tiny robots through a variety of mazes and puzzles. We had a random group of about 20 people, ages 3 through 60, working together, sharing their successes and working through the problems that arose. It was pure magic!

—Winlock Library Manager Jamie Allwine

Library building closures by county and branch

Grays Harbor

Aberdeen	Wednesday, May 4
Amanda Park	Wednesday, May 4
Elma	Thursday, May 26
Hoquiam	Thursday, May 12
McCleary	Wednesday, May 11
Montesano	Friday, May 13
Oakville	Thursday, May 19
Westport	Wednesday, May 4

Lewis

Centralia	Thursday, May 19
Chehalis	Friday, May 13
Mountain View (Randle)	Wednesday, May 11
Packwood	Wednesday, May 4
Salkum	Wednesday, May 25
Winlock	Wednesday, May 11

Mason

Hoodspport	Friday, May 13
North Mason (Belfair)	Wednesday, May 25
Shelton	Friday, May 13

Pacific

Ilwaco	Thursday, May 12
Naselle	Tuesday, May 24
Ocean Park	Wednesday, May 25
Raymond	Wednesday, May 18
South Bend	Friday, May 6

Thurston

Lacey	Thursday, May 19
Olympia	Wednesday, May 25
Tenino	Wednesday, May 11
Tumwater	Wednesday, May 11
Yelm	Saturday, May 21

Central Reference will be closed Thursday, May 5.
The Service Center will be closed Wednesday, May 18.

It's Spring Training Time for TRL's All-Star Library Team

Every May, TRL staff take a day to update their library knowledge and public service skills. Branches close on a rolling schedule so that, at any given time, most Timberland libraries are open.

