



Newsletter for May - June 2017

Building a Better World
All ages can join in the fun this summer.



This summer, TRL presents three months of programs and activities for the whole family centered around the theme of "Build a Better World." Mark your calendar for June 1, the first day to sign up at any branch for **Summer at the Library**. You can also now **sign up online**.

Youth Services Manager Kendra Jones said, "We are thrilled to offer Timberland's first ever online Summer Reading Program. This way kids can participate in the library, from home or wherever they may be this summer. Children of all ages can log the minutes they read, or spend time on other literacy activities in order to complete a challenge and earn a free book and coupons."

Featured performers include comedy acts, live music, and magic shows. Two programs scheduled for most libraries include **WonderWorks**, activities that build math, science and creative thinking skills, and **Hour of Code**, a one-hour introduction to computer science, where anyone can learn the basics of coding.

Also new this year, adults can participate in the summer reading program online. For more information on programs throughout the summer, check TRL's **online event calendar**.

The TimberLand of Make Believe Map
Teach your kids about the place we call home.



TRL's Nancy Alcott, creator of the "TimberLand of Make Believe" map



Nancy created nearly 100 original line drawings



She painted each one in vibrant watercolors



Ellen and Nancy with their maps

Ellen Duffy had a vision. The former TRL Youth Services Coordinator wanted the library to create a fabulous map of a make-believe world filled with classic stories and literary characters.

As a girl, Ellen was given such a map by her aunt. It enchanted her then, and she never forgot the feelings of wonder and happiness it evoked. She wanted other children to have a similar map, and share the joy. Duffy said, "TRL has all the natural topography. With the mountains, forests and ocean it all seemed magical to me to visualize children looking for fictional characters across a make believe Timberland."

Artist Nancy Alcott, a 16-year member of TRL's Communications team, took on the assignment, working on it whenever her busy production schedule allowed. She created dozens of individual, hand-drawn and painted watercolors depicting each of the 27 libraries, maps of the five counties, iconic landscapes and of course, beloved nursery rhymes and stories.

Nancy's design invites kids to learn to read maps and discover the stories they tell. "This map's story," Nancy said, "is about equal opportunity, connection and community." She continued:

"The power of the Timberland system - with daily courier service, internet, interlibrary loan, and great librarians - is that even in rural areas, people have access to the world."

The Timberland of Make Believe Map came off the press mid-April and copies are available in all branches, free, while supplies last.

Tenino School District + TRL = Laptops for students available in the Library
Getting homework done just became more convenient.



Tenino School District (TSD) and TRL have joined forces to give students more ways to study and do homework. There are now five school laptops available to any Tenino public school student, middle through high school, who bring a **Tenino Timberland Library** during open hours.

Why? Because all students deserve equal opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

Upcoming Library Closures
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29
Employee Training - each library will close one day in May, on a rolling schedule for TRL staff spring training. **Check the date for your library.**

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