



Once Again, TRL's Grand New Year's Indulgence

Happy New Year to all, and to all adult readers, grab your books and start reading! It's time for the Adult Winter Reading Contest (AWR).

How many times in the last year did you see an enticing book and say "I've got to read that!"? Well, the time to indulge is now, because the more you read the better chance you have of winning great prizes.

Here's how it works:

1. Between January 1 and March 14, 2015 read or listen to a minimum of five (5) books.
2. Pick up AWR entry forms — one form for every five (5) books you read — at any Timberland library, or download from the website (from www.TRL.org, hover over **Programs** then click on **Adult Winter Reading**).
3. Using one form for each five (5) books you read, write the titles, the authors' names, a brief review and a ranking of 1 to 5 for each book.
4. Turn in the forms at any Timberland library. Each form qualifies as one entry in a drawing for prizes.

Contest Rules

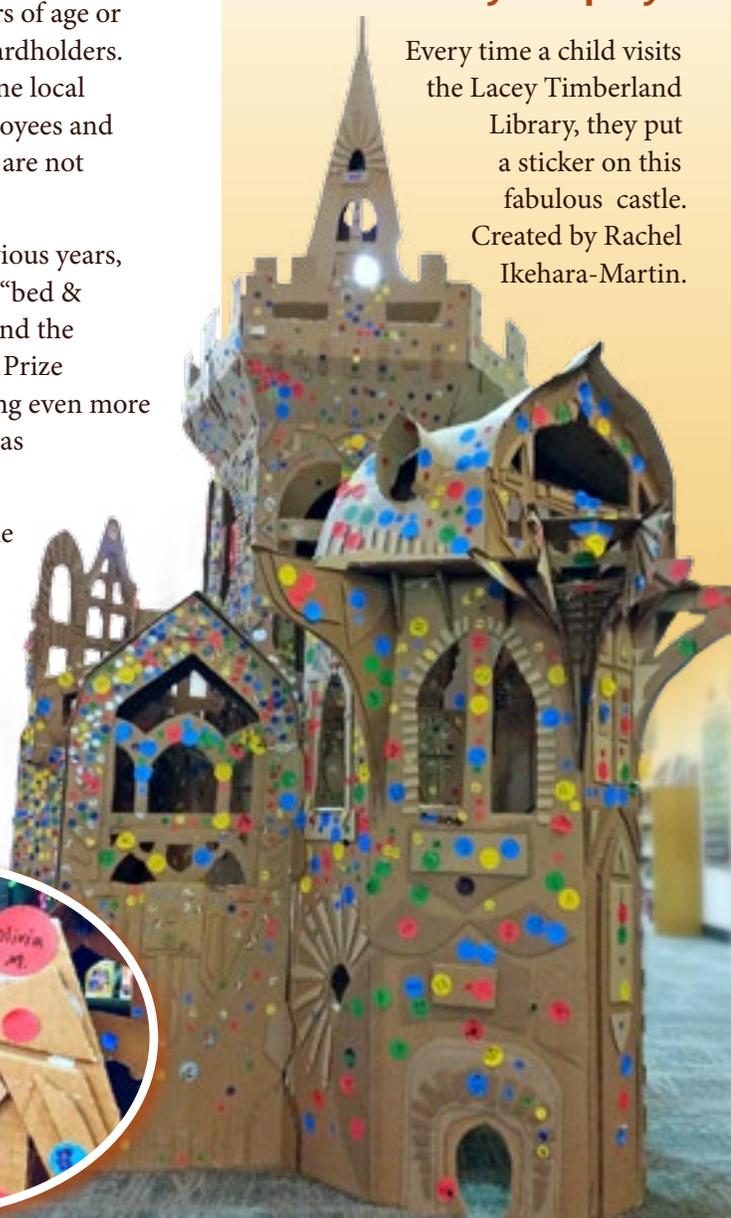
Participants must be 18 years of age or older and be current TRL cardholders. Only one grand prize and one local prize per person (TRL employees and immediate family members are not eligible to enter).

The Grand Prizes, as in previous years, comprise overnight stays at "bed & breakfasts" and resorts around the district, and ten (10) Grand Prize reading backpacks containing even more wonderful reading material as well as specialty food items.

Entry brochures are available at all Timberland Libraries and online. Indulge in winter reading now and you may find yourself indulging in great prizes later this year.

Great Library Displays

Every time a child visits the Lacey Timberland Library, they put a sticker on this fabulous castle. Created by Rachel Ikehara-Martin.



Great Reads Fiction

The Martini Shot

George Pelecanos

Short stories and a novella featuring some familiar faces and some new characters.

The Empty Throne

Bernard Cornwell

The newest entry in Cornwell's Saxon tales. Read all about Vikings and early Britain from a historical fiction master.

First Frost

Sarah Addison Allen

Allen returns to North Carolina, with characters from her 2007 novel *Garden Spells*.

Trust No One

Jayne Ann Krentz

Find love and adventure in this new novel by a Seattle author who is a pioneer of romantic suspense.

Golden Son

Pierce Brown

In book 2 of the Red Rising series, Darrow's story continues as he goes deeper undercover to bring equality to his world.

Great Reads Nonfiction

Your Water Footprint: The Shocking Facts About How Much Water We Use to Make Everyday Products

Stephen Leahy

The average American lifestyle is kept afloat by about 2,000 gallons of H₂O a day.

Puget Sound Whales for Sale: The Fight to End Orca Hunting

Sandra Pollard

Traces the story and destinies of the many Southern Resident orcas captured for commercial purposes in or near the Puget Sound between 1964 and 1976.

Being Cowlitz: How One Tribe Renewed and Sustained its Identity

Christine Joy Dupres

What sustained the tribe's identity as its people were scattered over several states?

Timberland Writes & Reads Together in 2015

Celebrating and supporting creative talent in our region

In the old days, public libraries had one simple mission: to collect, care for (curate) and make freely available to all citizens as many printed books and documents as possible. Hundreds of years later, libraries still collect and curate, but they are also powerful creative forces, inspiring and supporting new artistic, intellectual and cultural expression.

In this spirit, the selected book for next year's Timberland Reads Together program doesn't yet exist. It will be written and designed, between January 1 and March 31, by talented members of the TRL region, and will become the *Timberland Writes Together Anthology*. Next October, TRL communities will celebrate local talent.

We will read fabulous short fiction stories encased in an originally designed cover. We will examine subject matter from all angles, exchange ideas and meet the contributors at library events throughout the month.

Supporting artists with fair compensation

Paying fair compensation helps plant seeds for future creative harvests. Thanks to support from the TRL Foundation, selected contributors will be paid professional rates for their work.

Writers and artists may submit works for consideration beginning January 1, 2015. Complete details are available at www.TRL.org. Hover over **Programs**, then click **Timberland Reads Together**.

Grants 101 Class a Hit

Olympia's grant writing class, "Grants 101," filled up fast. If you missed the October 10 program, never fear, there will be more to come.

Guest presenter John McLain, Grants Manager for The Evergreen State College, teamed up with Adult Services Librarian Sara Peté to talk about the essentials of writing grant proposals and demonstrate how to use TRL's online grant writing resources: GrantSelect, GrantStation and related classes in the Gale Courses collection.

Watch the TRL website for future grant writing sessions. In the meantime, library staff members at all Timberland libraries can show patrons how to use the library's grant seeking resources.



Librarian
Sara Peté

Public Libraries at the Heart of Strong Communities

Learning, doing, meeting, sharing—a library is a community's family room

In any given week at any of the 27 Timberland libraries, new parents share experiences at infant “lap-sit” programs; toddlers learn from each other under the careful eyes of parents and library staff; adults learn computer skills from teen tech tutors; and people flock to musical and cultural events. Authors talk, teachers teach, experts give workshops, job seekers learn skills, and teens find programs through which they can express themselves.

Here is a tiny sample of upcoming programs in a few of the Timberland libraries. Visit www.TRL.org for complete information, or ask at your library.

- Chehalis — A Musical Tribute to Patsy Cline, January 24, 2 p.m.
- Elma — Family Movie Matinee, January 17 and February 21, 11 a.m.
- Hoquiam — LEGO® Club, January 7 and February 4, 4:30 p.m.
- Lacey — Mary Shelley's Frankenstein: Anatomy of a Masterpiece, January 7, 5:30 p.m.
- Montesano — Author Bill Lindstrom, *John Tornow: Villain or Victim?* February 24, noon
- Olympia — Author Ardeth De Vries, *Old Dogs Haven*, January 10, 2 p.m.
- Shelton — Wacky Science, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, 4 p.m.
- Tumwater — Healthy Relationships 101, January 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Westport — Hands-on Japanese Calligraphy, February 21, noon.

People who make TRL work: Couriers



Every week, Monday through Saturday, white vans with the familiar TRL logo set out from the Service Center on Tumwater Boulevard loaded with books and supplies. They travel to and between the 27 Timberland libraries throughout five counties—a district covering 7,000 square miles.

Courier supervisor Frank Flores offered a snapshot: “There are six couriers, three substitutes, and three pages who sort and prepare all the material going to the branches. Each courier drives approximately 50,000 miles per year,” Flores said, adding, “our longest route is 260 miles.”

Without the couriers, books you put on hold wouldn't reach you, supplies for programs wouldn't arrive on time, libraries would be cut off from each other—the system simply would not work.

The next time you see a TRL van in your neighborhood, give it a thumbs-up and a smile.



Great Reads Youth

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

Mac Barnett

Sam and Dave are on a mission. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. The day turns out to be pretty spectacular.

Shh! We Have a Plan

Chris Haughton

Four friends creep through the woods and what do they spot? An exquisite bird high in a tree! "Shh! We have a plan."

Girl Defective

Simmone Howell

This is the literary soundtrack to Skylark Martin's strange, mysterious, and extraordinary summer.

Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents

Lita Judge

Every baby mammal needs food, shelter, love, and a family. Even though they're born in the wild, they're not so very different from us after all!

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

Jen Bryant

For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions. Peter began writing his own book. It became one of the most important reference books of all time.



Chosen by Timberland Regional Library selectors

Robin Bradford (fiction)

Kim Storbeck (nonfiction)

Jackie Marquardt (youth)

Ask a Librarian!

Central Reference librarians are here to help.

Central Reference hours* 704-INFO (4636)
Monday.....10 a.m.–7 p.m. (in the Olympia calling area)
Tuesday.....10 a.m.–7 p.m. 1-800-562-6022
Wednesday...10 a.m.–7 p.m. (Outside the Olympia area)
Thursday.....10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday.....10 a.m.–6 p.m.
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Stories from Librarians

I was walking back to the Information desk recently when a patron waved her hand and called out “Hey you, you helped me with a résumé last week.” I didn’t recognize her at first. Job application assistance is something that comes up pretty often.

“Well, I got the job!” she announced, and raised her fist in triumph.

To my fellow library colleagues, I want to say, what we do in our libraries matters. We make a real difference in peoples’ lives. Nice job, everyone.

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Knowledge Unlimited: The Research & Learn Collection

If your New Year’s resolutions include getting your finances in order, TRL can help.

The *Gale Courses* series helps young adults learn how to live on a budget, families to manage personal finances, and investors to track stocks, bonds and real estate investments. The *Financial Ratings* series rates banks, savings and loans, thrifts, and insurance.

Thinking about starting a business in 2015? *Business Plans Handbook* presents sample plans from manufacturers,

retail, and service industries. *The Business Source Primer* offers market research, business trends, and detailed company profiles.

For the experienced investor, the go-to places are *Morningstar Investment Research Center* and *Valueline On-line Investment Research*.

To find these collections, go to www.TRL.org, hover over **Research**, then click **Reference Databases**.