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.
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.
Public Libraries at the Heart of Strong Communities

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.
Ask a Librarian!
Central Reference librarians are here to help.

Central Reference hours
Monday…….10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Tuesday…….10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Wednesday……10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Thursday……10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday……….10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday……10 a.m.–5 p.m.
*Except holidays

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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 résumè 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.

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.


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.