



today's library

July/August 2014 Newsletter of the Timberland Regional Library District

New Open Hours Begin September 1 in most TRL Branches

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) will be increasing open hours in most of its libraries beginning September 1, 2014. A total of 57 hours will be added among 26 libraries. The new schedules, which were guided by community input and current staffing levels, are revenue neutral.

All but one branch will be open for an additional one to six hours a week. Current hours at the North Mason library in Belfair will stay the same. The eight largest local libraries and the districtwide Central Reference Ask-a-Librarian service will stay open until 6 p.m. on Fridays, an addition of one hour per week.

Several communities will see an increase in Saturday hours at their libraries. One of the libraries (Ilwaco) will be open an additional day, resulting in all 27 libraries being open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, a benefit to the local community and to the system as a whole. In general, the new schedules will provide more consistent, easier-to-remember opening times.

Reasons for the changes

The new hours respond to residents' feedback at local meetings, Community Conversations (held in 2012 in all five counties of the library district) and in online surveys where people stated they would like more open hours in libraries.

The new schedules reinforce the role of the public library as the center of each community. "TRL's Strategic Plan is to build a better future by being available and strengthening communities throughout the five counties it serves. This plan balances community needs and current staffing levels and restores some of the 115 hours that were cut in 2009 due to the economic downturn," said TRL Director Cheryl Heywood.

The hours-change process

The new schedules are the result of a careful and detailed process. TRL staff reviewed the public's comments in the surveys and community meetings. A team of library staff gathered input by talking with employees at each Timberland library, compiled data by studying patrons' hour-by-hour library use patterns — timing of visits, use of library computers and circulation of library materials — and looked at staffing levels. Schedules were developed, checked and cross-checked.

No financial impact

Expanded hours will be implemented with no budget increase. The additional hours will be achieved through adjusting staff schedules. "TRL is enormously grateful to the employees for their flexibility in service to the public," said Heywood.

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Library Launches E-Magazine Service

TRL now offers patrons unlimited free access to complete digital editions of about 100 popular magazines through the library's website. Library cardholders can read the latest issues on their PC or Mac computers, and most tablets and mobile devices as soon as they create their free accounts with the library and the e-magazine provider, Zinio.

The startup collection includes magazines for a variety of interests, such as *National Geographic*, *US Weekly*, *Every Day with Rachael Ray*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Shape*, *Rolling Stone*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Motor Trend*, *American Girl*, *Cosmopolitan*, *O— The Oprah Magazine* and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

The e-magazines are full-text and full-color. Some provide additional content such as video, audio and web links.

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Ghost Train to New Orleans

Mur Lafferty

Zoe Norris writes travel guides for the undead. Zoe and her team go to the Big Easy at the request of her boss, a vampire. A delightful urban fantasy.

Hild

Nicola Griffith

The fictional early adventures Hilda of Whitby, a 7th-century Christian saint and abbess whose wisdom and faith aided in the conversion of Anglo-Saxon Englanders.

An Officer and a Spy

Robert Harris

The story of the Dreyfus Affair (1894–1906,) where an army officer was wrongfully convicted of espionage in an anti-Semitic France, is told by the lieutenant who helped prove Dreyfus's innocence. The talking book edition is beautifully read.

The Old Man's Love

Rudolfo Anaya

The tale of an old man whose cherished wife dies. She lives on in his thoughts, and his grief and reminiscences help him turn to a celebration of their lives together.

Tambora: The Eruption that Changed the World

Gillen D'Arcy Wood

The eruption of Mt. Tambora in 1815 unleashed a destructive wave of weather throughout the world.

Overwhelmed: Winning the War against Worry

Perry Noble

Offers a Christianity-based plan for overcoming stress, worry, depression, and anxiety.

100 Places You Will Never Visit

Daniel Smith

Secret places and places full of secrets that you'll never be able to see.

Discover New Worlds of Reading at PageTurners Book Discussions

You're a reader who'll turn the pages of a book late into the night. You get excited about book-inspired ideas and you want to share them... You're a "PageTurner." Since 1997, monthly Timberland staff-led "PageTurners Book Discussions" groups have read and talked about works spanning the spectrum from classics, best sellers and award winners to less well-known gems, both fiction and nonfiction.

Local participants choose the books to be discussed for the year. Becoming an official PageTurner is as easy as reading or listening to the books selected for discussion, and sharing your thoughts about them. All book discussion groups welcome new participants.

Of the 27 libraries in the system, 21 have an active PageTurners program. Many are on break until the fall, but nine of the libraries lead monthly book discussions all year. For more information, please contact your local library or keep an eye on www.TRL.org/Collection/Pages/PageTurners.aspx and the online Events calendar.

Timberland Regional Library has created about 250 PageTurners Kits that contain multiple copies of a book. Some kits also contain book reviews, author information, talking books and large print editions. Private book groups (non-library) may reserve all but the 21 newest kits. On September 3, all kits will be available for reservations. Contact your local library to check out a Book Discussion Kit for your group.

Library Launches E-Magazine Service *continued from front*

Key features:

- Read popular magazines on a PC, Mac or mobile devices that have Internet access
- No waiting; all titles are always available
- Check out as many as you want and keep them for as long as you like
- New issues are available online at the same time the print edition is released
- Back issues dating from the beginning of the library's subscription will be available
- Browse the library's entire collection of Zinio magazines, search by magazine title, or use the genre feature to find magazines in different interest areas
- Free apps are available for iPad®, iPhone®, Kindle Fire™, and Android™

Patrons can start at <http://tinyurl.com/Zinio-at-TRL> to create their TRL and RBLibrary Zinio accounts. The page also includes an illustrated step-by-step "Zinio Digital Magazines Checkout and Download Instructions" document if needed.

For the initial collection, the library chose from Zinio's most popular titles and the titles that TRL patrons checked out most often (when available with Zinio) as well as titles in a variety of genres to cover a wide range of interests.

For more information, people are welcome to visit a local Timberland Library or www.TRL.org.

Technology Update: CAC Readers in all Timberland Libraries

The CAC or Common Access Card, a "smart" card about the size of a credit card, is the standard identification for active duty uniformed service personnel, Selected Reserve, Department of Defense civilian employees, and eligible contractor personnel. CAC Readers are used to

authenticate their access to secure online systems. Each Timberland library has a CAC Reader at the Circulation (Checkout) desk for use by these personnel. The readers are USB devices that can be plugged into any library public Internet PC.

Three Timberland Branches on Carnegie Library Tour

The TRL branches in Centralia (built in 1913), Hoquiam (1911) and South Bend (1913) are listed in “Mr. Carnegie’s Grand Tour,” the Clark County Historical Museum’s passport to libraries in Washington and Oregon that were built with funding from 19th century steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. The passport is a guide to an automobile adventure.

Clark County Historical Museum website: “Andrew Carnegie was born in Scotland and came to America in 1848. In a rags-to-riches story, Carnegie worked his way up the business ladder. While Carnegie was just a teen, a wealthy businessman allowed him to access his personal library.

Carnegie never forgot the opportunity he was given to improve himself. Upon his retirement, Carnegie had become the richest man in the world. Believing that “the man who dies rich, dies disgraced,” Carnegie began giving away his fortune through endowments. He launched a library program that built 2,509 libraries around the world. Of the 43 built in Washington, 32 are still standing. Of the 32 built in Oregon, 28 are still standing.”

Learn more about the Timberland libraries at www.TRL.org, under the **Locations** tab. View and download a copy of the “Grand Tour” at www.cchmuseum.org, under the **Education** tab.

Upcoming Events at Your Libraries

Just a few examples of the hundreds of programs offered each month are listed here. For more, go to www.TRL.org and look under **Events** or **Locations**, or contact your local branch. The area code for all phone numbers is 360.

Grays Harbor County

Music & Stories with The Harmonica Pocket
Westport 268-0521
July 10, 11 a.m.
For children

Reptile Man, Meet 15 reptiles
Hoquiam 532-1710
July 16, 2 p.m.
For all ages

Visit with Teen Author April Henry
McCleary 495-3368
July 19, 10:30 a.m.
For teens

Lewis County
Children’s Theater: Who Stole the Queen of Hearts’ Tarts?
Mt. View (Randle) 497-2665
July 8, 2 p.m.
For children

Science Circus
Chehalis 748-3301
July 17, 11 a.m.
For children

Visit with Teen Author April Henry
Winlock 785-3461
July 18, 11 a.m.
For teens

Mason County
Doctor Who Party
North Mason (Belfair) 275-3232
July 15, 1:30 p.m.
For teens

Eric Ode’s Tide Pool Tunes & Fishy Tales Concert
Hoodspport 877-9339
July 16, 11 a.m.
For children

Gravity Catastrophe, Physics & Comedy
Shelton 426-1362
July 23, 3:30 p.m.
For children

Pacific County
Children’s Theater: Who Stole the Queen of Hearts’ Tarts?
Naselle 484-3877
July 9, 2 p.m.
For children

Steampunk Party
South Bend 875-5532
July 16, 3:30 p.m.
For teens

Visit with Teen Author Kevin Emerson
Ilwaco 642-3908
July 26, 10:30 a.m.
For teens

Thurston County
Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo’s Asian Story Theater
Yelm 458-3374
July 9, 11 a.m.
For children

Chris Fascione’s Stories, Clowning & Mime
Tenino 264-2369
July 10, 4 p.m.
For children

LibrAnimeCon 2014, Anime & Manga
Lacey 491-3860
July 11, 5:30 p.m.
For teens

The Year of No Sugar

Eve Schaub
The author challenged herself and family to eat no added sugar for an entire year.

Cubed: a History of the Office

Nikil Saval
Why are we all working in tiny little boxes (and what could we do better)?

Some Bugs

Angela DiTerlizzi E
This zippy rhyming exploration of backyard-bug behavior includes insects such as butterflies and moths, crickets and cicadas, bumblebees and beetles.

Go! Go! Go! Stop!

Charise Mericle Harper E
Little Green only knows one word: 'Go!' It's the perfect thing to get the construction site moving, but how will they stop?

Peggy: a Brave Chicken on a Big Adventure

Anna Walker E
Peggy, a hen, has a life-changing adventure when a gust of wind drops her in a big city.

The Noisy Paint Box

Barb Rosenstock J Biography
All his life, Vasily Kandinsky, one of the first painters of abstract art, experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors. Bold, groundbreaking works burst from his noisy paint box.

We Were Liars

E. Lockhart YA
Spending summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her 15th summer.



Chosen by Timberland Regional Library selectors
Jean Padovan (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.–5 p.m. **www.TRL.org**
Saturday.....10 a.m.–5 p.m.
*Except holidays

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The Timberland Regional Library District (TRL) provides public library services at 27 community libraries to the residents of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties.

By the Numbers

Family Read & Sing Aloud

- March 1–April 12, 2014: 6,209 children from 1545 families & classrooms
- In 2013: 5302 children from 1,615 families & classrooms
- In 2012: 5270 children from 1,502 families & classrooms

Not Just the Numbers. During Sing Aloud Week, a new piece in the Family Read & Sing Aloud program, over 500 youngsters sang to their librarians—everything from the ABC song to *You are my Sunshine*. One very shy preschooler, who had never said a word to his Tumwater librarian during story times, marched right up and sang the ABC song to earn his stickers, surprising both the librarian and his mom.

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Reference Databases: Business & Investments

Thirteen online business and investment databases provide substantive information for entrepreneurs, investors and market researchers. With your library card number handy, visit www.TRL.org, click on the **Research** dropdown tab, and then **Reference Databases**. Under the Subject List, select **Business & Investments**.

Reference USA provides information to conduct market research on over 25 million businesses and more than 262

million consumers. Business listings include complete contact information, key executive names, SIC Codes, employee size, sales volume, geo-codes for mapping, franchise and brand information, news, liens, judgments and bankruptcies, and credit rating scores.

Morningstar Investment Research Center serves investors at all levels, from beginners to experts, with independent analyst research on stocks, mutual, exchange-traded, and closed-end funds. Morningstar also

offers portfolio management tools and online investment courses and guides. An interactive classroom teaches basic and advanced stock and fund portfolio techniques while special reports cover key topics from retirement to the basics of exchange-traded funds and options.

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