

# today's library

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Newsletter of the Timberland Regional Library



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## Deep Roots

### Libraries, Community Gardens, and Sustainability

*Cities and towns in the U.S. are growing—food.*

Olympia tops a recent Gallup Poll for urban areas offering easy access to affordable produce. This achievement is due in some measure to the agricultural efforts of town residents.

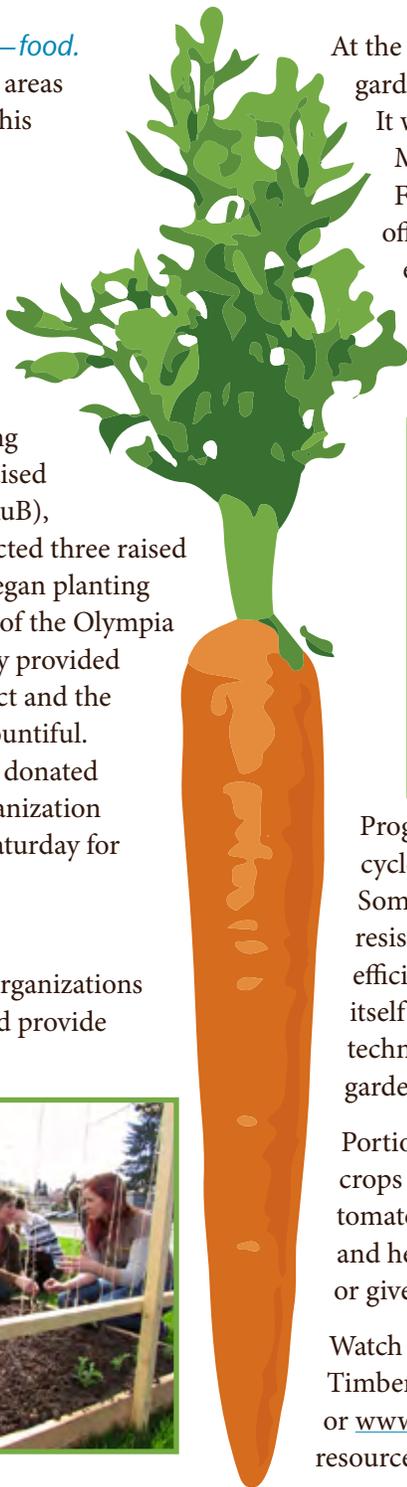


This past spring, the **Olympia Timberland Library** joined the urban farming movement. Teaming up with Garden Raised Urban Bounty (GRuB), volunteers constructed three raised garden beds and began planting seeds. The Friends of the Olympia Timberland Library provided funds for the project and the first harvest was bountiful. All produce will be donated

to “Food not Bombs,” a local non-profit organization that has served meals at the Library every Saturday for several years.

The Library’s goals for this project are to:

- Build sustainable relationships with local organizations concerned with urban food production and provide food for people in need
- Provide a teaching garden around which the Library can build educational programs
- Connect the Library to the national Urban Farm Movement



At the **Salkum Timberland Library**, the demonstration garden is essentially a beautiful outdoor classroom.

It was created and is managed by the Lewis County Master Gardeners and is generously supported by the Friends of the Salkum Timberland Library. Programs offer research-based information about gardening, environmental stewardship and horticulture.

The garden is in use year-round, enriching lives in the surrounding communities.



Programs and workshops develop around the growing cycle, always with a strong sustainability component. Some classes highlight drought-tolerant and deer-resistant plants. Straw bale gardening is both thrifty and efficient; after the harvest, the growing material recycles itself into compost. Hugelkultur gardening is a European technique of building water-wise vegetable and herb gardens on a base of logs and other wood waste.

Portions of the garden are routinely given over to food crops such as buckwheat, oats, summer and winter wheat, tomatoes, lettuce, squash, pears, berries, rhubarb, grapes and herbs. All produce is donated to the local food bank or given away in the library.

Watch for programs on related topics at all Timberland libraries. Visit your local Timberland library or [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org) for event listings, books, and other resources on gardening and food sustainability.

# Great Reads

## Fiction

**Go Set a Watchman**  
Harper Lee  
The sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

**Silver Linings**  
Debbie Macomber  
The next novel in the Rose Harbor series.

**The Dinosaur Lords**  
Victor Milán  
This book has been described as a cross between *Jurassic Park* and *Game of Thrones*.

**Stand Your Ground**  
Victoria Christopher Murray  
The inspirational romance author moves towards romantic suspense in this new novel.

**Scents and Sensibility**  
Spencer Quinn  
Canine detective Chet helps his human partner Bernie unravel another mystery in the latest installment of the popular series.

# Great Reads

## Nonfiction

**Start a Community Food Garden: The Essential Handbook**  
LaManda Joy

**Homesteading: A Backyard Guide to Growing Your Own Food, Canning, Keeping Chickens, Generating Your Own Energy, Crafting, Herbal Medicine, and More**  
Abigail Gehring

**Backyard Roots: Inspiration for Living Local from 35 Urban Farmers**  
Lori Eanes

**The Real Food Revolution: Healthy Eating, Green Groceries, and the Return of the American Family Farm**  
Tim Ryan

**The Summer Table: Recipes and Menus for Casual Outdoor Entertaining**  
Lisa Lemke

**The Nurses: A Year of Secrets, Drama, and Miracles with the Heroes of the Hospital**  
Alexandra Robbins



## Summer at the Library is Going Strong

This year's summer program is all about superheroes who demonstrate courage, caring, and community action.



## Renovation Spring

Three libraries enjoyed some sprucing up this spring. At the Oakville Timberland Library, new windows, carpeting and fresh paint have added natural light, improved ventilation, comfort and color. The old theater seating is gone, making room for additional shelves.



Oakville Timberland Library

The McCleary Timberland Library received new carpeting, and the Olympia Timberland Library unveiled a lovely entrance area sign, created by master sign-crafter, Ira Coyne.



# Selections Announced for *Timberland Writes Together Anthology*

The "one book, one community" program will focus on local writers and their stories.

Fifteen local writers have provided works of short fiction for the soon-to-be printed *Timberland Writes Together Anthology*. The book will be the focus of this year's Timberland Reads Together (TRT) program.

We received 185 story submissions and 92 submissions of artwork from 198 local contributors. All submissions were read by

each member of the selection committee, a group of eight senior librarians. Contributors will be paid professional rates for their work.

Timberland Reads Together kicks-off on October 1, and will offer a wide range of programs, events and workshops throughout the month.

## Timberland Reads Together Anthology Story Selections

*Ice in D Minor*  
by Anthea Sharp,  
Olympia

*Life in Ilwaco*  
by Jim Tweedie,  
Long Beach

*Heart's Delight*  
by Pam Anderson,  
Lacey

*Christmas, 1957* by  
Keith Eisner, Olympia

*Going Without*  
by Meagan Macvie,  
Olympia

*Mistakes Are Made*  
by Caelyn Williams,  
Lacey

*Hush, Now* by Beth  
Anderson, Olympia

*Ordinary Housework*  
by Laura Koerber,  
Shelton



*What on Fleem*  
by Edward Marcus,  
Packwood

*The Prince Phillip Hotel*  
by Suzanne Staples,  
Ocean Park

*Neighbors*  
by Llyn De Danaan,  
Shelton

*Whiteout*  
by Eve Hambruch,  
Glenoma

*The Fire Finder*  
by Barbara Yunker,  
Olympia

*The Strandweaver*  
by Kim K. O'Hara,  
Lacey

*Relatively Well*  
by Jessie Weaver,  
Olympia

*Dragonflies: Magnificent Creatures of Water, Air, and Land*

Pieter van Dokkum

*Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own*

Kate Bolick

A single woman considers her life and the lives of the bold single ladies who have gone before her.

## Great Reads Youth

*The Nitty-Gritty Gardening Book: Fun Projects for All Seasons*

Kari A. Cornell

Seasonal gardening projects for children, including how to create a hanging garden, strawberry basket, and compost bin.

*Smick!*

Doreen Cronin

Smick is a BIG dog. Chick is a little chick. So what happens when they see a stick?

*Fort*

Cynthia DeFelice

When older boys tear apart the fort, Wyatt and Augie team up with another bullied kid to exact revenge.

*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*

Kelly Jones

When her family moves to a chicken farm, 12-year-old Sophie encounters a telekinetic chicken and her equally unusual flockmates, who are endangered by a thieving farmer.

*Wild Ideas*

Elin Kelsey

Animals, including the orangutan, humpback whale and gibbon, can teach us creative problem solving.

## Assistive Devices: Tools for Better Living

Need help with hearing, vision or mobility challenges? Timberland Regional Library's Assistive Device collection allows you to try various devices before you buy one.

Reserve them online or in the libraries. At [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org), hover over **Services**, select **Assistive Devices**.

## Share Our World on Instagram

Find us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/timberlandlibrary](http://www.instagram.com/timberlandlibrary) to enjoy the best of TRL: what's new and what's classic in the world of books, movies, and technology. For teens, discover new books, upcoming events, and unique teens spaces at [instagram.com/timberlandlibraryteens](http://instagram.com/timberlandlibraryteens).



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.  
Saturday.....10 a.m.–5 p.m.

\*Except holidays

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## By the Numbers: Family Readers & Singers Broke the Record

This year's Family Read & Sing Aloud program reached a record number of children, families and classrooms. One highlight: A whopping 389 children sang songs to librarians at 23 Timberland libraries. Here's a snapshot of this year's participation.

- 6,765 children (6,209 in 2014)
- 1,565 families (1,357 in 2014)
- 231 classrooms (188 in 2014)
- 116 programs (78 in 2014)

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## Hawks Prairie Service Kiosk Closes at Summer's End

The closing of the Hawks Prairie Campus of South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) in late August will necessitate the removal of the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) service kiosk at that location. Alternate sites to relocate the kiosk in Hawks Prairie were explored without success. The following is the closure schedule as it will affect library patrons:

- Beginning Friday, August 14 items on "hold" for Hawks Prairie will be re-routed to the Lacey Timberland Library, located at 500 College St. SE.
- The book drop will remain at Hawks Prairie and be emptied daily through Thursday, August 27.
- On Friday, August 28 the kiosk, computers, shelves and outside book drop will be removed.

The TRL Hawks Prairie service kiosk opened in May 2006 in SPSCC's Hawks Prairie Center, 1401 Marvin Road NE. With the closing of this service, the closest public library for Hawks Prairie residents will be the Lacey Timberland Library.