Family Read & Sing Aloud

Timberland Regional Library’s early learning program, March 1–April 12

Nestled comfortably between two literary birthdays—a dual homage to Dr. Seuss (March 2) and Beverly Cleary (April 12)—Timberland Regional Library’s Family Read & Sing Aloud is back with a robust line-up of programs.

This free-flowing program makes all the world a stage and every moment a story time as kids and adults read and sing together throughout the day and all around the house. In libraries and pre-schools too, songs and stories fill the air. The program focuses on infants up to third graders, but everybody can get into the act and share in the fun.

According to experts, singing not only builds vocabulary, it helps develop spatial reasoning, pattern recognition and problem-solving. Nancy Stewart, creator of “Sing with Our Kids” writes, “Simply singing with a child connects neural pathways and increases the ability to retain information. Music builds a strong sense of rhythm, which leads to a better ability to understand and produce language.”

Last year, staff members premiered “Sing to your Librarian Week” and found that kids loved it. Delighted librarians reported some of the stand-out performances:

“I have a very shy kiddo who comes to preschool story time. His family speaks Polish at home. …he has never said a word to me… This week, he marched right up and sang the ABC song.”

“I had a little boy come up to the desk [to sing] and instantly freeze. I offered to sing with him … thinking it would be the ABC Song or Twinkle, Twinkle. He very quietly said “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.” So, together, we belted it out. The whole library was roaring with laughter by the end of it.”

“My favorites were “A,B,C, … hey we have a dog!” and “Finkle, finkle little star…”

Needless to say, “Sing to your Librarian Week” is back this year, March 23–28, with small prizes for all young performers. Parents, teachers and care-givers can pick up materials at any Timberland library and enter a drawing for prizes. Program details and a list of events are available in libraries and online at www.TRL.org.

Attention Adult Winter Reading Contestants!

Keep Reading! The Finish Line—and Prizes—are in Sight!

March 14 is the last day of this year’s Adult Winter Reading contest. If you start now … well it’s a long shot, but what the heck. You never lose when you read a book.

Read five books, fill out the entry form and take it to the library. Every completed entry form is a chance to win one of the grand prizes — luxury weekend vacations at resorts around the region (see below). Prizes also include backpacks filled with everything a serious reader could want.

- Alderbrook Resort & Spa on Hood Canal
- Lake Quinault Lodge in the Olympic National Forest
- Shelburne Inn in Seaview
- Tokeland Hotel overlooking Willapa Bay

The drawing will be held on March 20 and winners announced online by March 25.
Great Reads

Fiction

The Shadows
J.R. Ward
This is a continuation of the adventures of the Black Dagger Brotherhood, their allies and enemies.

World Gone By
Dennis Lehane
This is a new release from Boston storyteller Lehane that promises to be psychologically and morally complex.

Double Fudge Brownie Murder
Joanne Fluke
Here is the newest entry in the Hannah Swenson series. Fluke’s titles always sound as though they taste delicious.

Impulse
Dave Bara
This book is a great mash-up of genres: mystery, murder, secret missions, aliens and military science fiction.

Karen Memory
Elizabeth Bear
Set in a city called "Seattle Underground," this steampunk story is full of murders reminiscent of Jack the Ripper.

Great Reads

Nonfiction

When Books Went to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II
Molly Guptill Manning
While the Nazis were burning hundreds of millions of books across Europe, America printed and shipped 140 million books to its troops.

Thomas Cromwell: The Untold Story of Henry VIII’s Most Faithful Servant
Tracy Borman
Portrait of the architect of the English Reformation — devoted family man, fiercely loyal servant and revolutionary.

Once Upon a Time: A Short History of Fairy Tale
Marina Warner
Explores fairy tales through the ages on the page, the stage, and the screen.

Get Ready for a Superhero Summer

Hey parents, get ready for summer. This year’s “Summer at the Library” is all about superheroes. Sure, there will be a lot of leaping tall buildings, scaling great heights and bringing villains to justice, but behind all the masks will be stories, games and performances about ethics, unselfishness and different kinds of courage – such as the courage to simply be yourself. Stay tuned for more information as summer approaches, and maybe stock up on capes.

Biblioball

Last December, an enchantment fell upon the Olympia Timberland Library. The room filled with fairies - all sizes, shapes and ages - wielding various magical abilities, and clad in all manner of costume. Dubbed the “Biblioball,” it found favor among the assembled, and will return next December. Check your crystal ball for date and time.

The “Research & Learn Collection”

Unlimited information, immediately, free with your library card

Remember that moment in “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” when Lucy steps through the thick curtain of hanging clothes and into the snow of Narnia? Think of it again as you go to the TRL website and put your cursor on “Research.” It may seem about as exciting as an old wardrobe, but once you're there, you’ll find a limitless world of information.

You can learn about people in distant lands, and their languages. You can learn to build and repair engines, teach yourself robotics, needlecraft or gardening. Learn how to write a winning business plan, land a job or ace the SAT.

Read the news from far and wide, trace your ancestry, find health resources, consumer reports - well, you get the idea. Because it's on the web, and filled with links to even more information, it really is a door to unlimited knowledge.
Celebrate National Library Workers Day, Tuesday, April 14 at the library, enjoying the resources, programs, and service you receive all year long. It is a perfect day to reflect on what public libraries mean to people in cities and towns all over North America. You might feel the urge to thank your favorite librarians and let them know how their work supports you and your family.

National Library Workers Day is part of a full week of library appreciation — National Library Week, which was begun in 1958 by the American Library Association (ALA) and is observed every April.

This year’s Honorary Chair is best-selling author David Baldacci, whose novels have been translated into more than 45 languages and adapted for film and television. Haven’t read any of his books? Walk, drive or log on to TRL.

Celebrate Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library®
That’s the theme for National Library Week
April 12–18, 2015

Writers and Artists!
Submit short fiction and art between January 1—March 31 for the Timberland Writes Together Anthology.

The published book will be the focus of Timberland Regional Library’s 11th Annual Timberland Reads Together, a ‘one book, one community’ program happening October 2015.

Professional rates paid for selected work. Information at wwwTRL.org

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

13 Things Mentally Strong People Don’t Do
Amy Morin
Describes how mentally strong people focus on the positive to overcome life’s challenges.

A Sloth Named Velcro [DVD]
A young journalist becomes the caregiver for a tiny orphaned baby sloth.

Great Reads

Pirate, Viking, Scientist
Jared Chapman
Pirate is friends with Scientist. Scientist is friends with Viking. Pirate and Viking are NOT friends. What will Scientist do?

A Fine Dessert
Emily Jenkins
A picture book — 4 families, in 4 different cities, over 4 centuries, make the same dessert: blackberry fool. Learn how food, technology and families have changed throughout American history.

Is There a Dog in This Book?
Viviane Schwarz
Cats Tiny, Moonpie, and André suspect a dog is in their midst and embark on a furry game of hide-and-seek.

Star Stuff
Stephanie Sisson
As a kid, Carl Sagan gazed at the stars. His curiosity led to his love of science and eventually, to his work on the Voyager missions to outer space.

We Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story
Josh Sundquist
The Paralympic ski racer, YouTube star and motivational speaker documents his coming of age as an amputee cancer survivor.
TRL’s “Research and Learn Collection” gives you three resources for online language learning. Pronunciator and Mango are for adults. Muzzy is for kids.

New to TRL, the online instructional program, Pronunciator, is spreading like Lauffeuer! (German for wildfire). You can learn 80 languages starting from English or any one of 50 other languages. For example, if Spanish is your native language and you want to learn French, Pronunciator is for you.

Internationally respected Mango provides interactive learning modules in over 60 languages.

Award-winning Muzzy offers story-based learning in eight languages. Loveable Muzzy and his fun friends will guide your child on the journey to learning a new language naturally.

With Career Cruising, you can find out what kind of educational experience you will need to achieve your career goals, then learn how to finance it. If you’re not sure what kind of work is right for you, Career Cruising will help you explore your interests, link those interests to careers, and then find the jobs that are waiting for you.