



today's library

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Summer at the Library

Welcome to the Laboratory

At Timberland libraries summer means that there's always something for children and teens to do, read, discover, talk about, and make. It means joining professional presenters for interactive performances, and it means creative arts and activities, hands-on exploring and experimenting, visits with young adult authors, and reading—just for the fun of it. This summer it also means an ample measure of science and technology programs and activities.

Themes encourage children and teens to explore their interests

Science underlies virtually every aspect of our lives. The library is taking on science in a big way this year through books, programs, activities and special performances. This year's themes, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" for children and "Spark a Reaction" for teens, complement the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum many schools have adopted. The arts

are also represented with arts and crafts programs that explore the process of making things and reveal how science and the arts are interrelated.

"Summer is a time when kids and teens can explore the things they're interested in," said Ellen Duffy, TRL's Youth Services Coordinator. "It's about giving kids and teens time to explore new worlds, to play, to make friends, to discover new characters and places in books. Even more than helping kids gain and maintain reading skills—which the summer program certainly does—summer at the library is about keeping the excitement about reading and learning and life alive and active!"

For babies to teens

Summer at the Library is for youth of all ages from newborns through age 18. Children, teens, parents and caregivers may pick up their free summer fun bags at the 27 branch libraries as soon as school lets out in their area. Each bag has a calendar of library summer programs and special events, activities such as games and puzzles, prize-drawing entry forms, and new booklists of great summer reads for various ages.

Programs and Special Events

Hundreds of programs will be offered, all free of charge. Libraries will host performers, lead programs for all ages, and present art and science activities. They'll conduct games, activities and

contests in libraries and online, and guide kids and parents to the best books and films.

Each library will feature professional performers, including Mad Science of Portland (chemistry experiments), Alex Zerbe's "Gravity Catastrophe" (physics and humor), Jeff Evans (science and magic), Eric Ode (sea creatures kids' concert), Mike Gervais (music and natural science), and Last Leaf Children's Theater (interactive mystery play). Young adult science fiction and adventure author Kevin Emerson and mystery and thriller author April Henry will each visit with teens at four libraries and talk about their writing. There will also be online activities for teens including two contests: designing a Minecraft library and filming book trailers.

For program details contact your local Timberland library or visit www.TRL.org beginning the week of June 9.

To parents and caregivers

"The library partners with parents towards the goal of having children ready—but also excited—to learn when they start or return to school," said Ms. Duffy, "The library is a summer destination, alive with performers, hands on programs, story times, family events, books, games, computers and welcoming staff. It's also a place to connect with friends, old and new, and to grow. See you at the library!"

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Great Reads

Fiction

Boy, Snow, Bird

Helen Oyeyemi

A reimagining of the Snow White story set in the U.S. during the 1950s and 1960s when a dark-skinned baby is born to his surprised mother.

Kinder Than Solitude

Yiyun Li

A tale set in America and China follows three people who in their youth were involved in a mysterious and deadly accident.

Redeployment

Phil Klay

Short stories by a former Marine captain and Iraq veteran that focus on the complexities of life for soldiers on the front lines, and after.

Ripper

Isabel Allende

High-schooler Amanda must unmask a serial killer through playing an online mystery game called Ripper.

The Son: A Novel

Philipp Meyer

Kidnapped by the Comanche after his mother and sister are brutally murdered, brave and clever 13-year-old Eli McCullough quickly adapts to Comanche life until the tribe is decimated by armed Americans.

Great Reads

Nonfiction

Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire

Peter Stark

Documents the 1810 to 1813 expedition to establish Fort Astoria.

You Can Date Boys When You're Forty: Dave Barry on Parenting and Other Topics He Knows Very Little About

Dave Barry

In brand-new pieces, Barry tackles everything from family trips, bat mitzvah parties and dating.

Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening

Carol Wall

The forging of a deep friendship of the author with a gifted Kenyan gardener.

Technology & Collection Updates

Hoopla

Patrons with devices running iOS 7.1 will be glad to know: A Hoopla iOS app update is now available and patrons should once again be able to download music.

What is Hoopla? Hoopla is an online streaming service that offers feature films, documentaries, music albums and audiobooks. With no wait lists, the content is always available. As a library cardholder, you may stream immediately on your web browser, or download a title to a smartphone or tablet for offline viewing or listening.

Each user gets 10 checkouts (or downloads on mobile devices through the Hoopla app) per month. The program automatically returns titles at the end of the lending period, so there are never any late fees. To get started, click on the Hoopla page under the **Library Collection** tab at www.TRL.org.

Coming in June: More E-readers for Checkout

This June, an additional 30 Nooks will be available to borrow. They will all have new content. New genres include Children, Education, and Self-help.

Mango Premiere Foreign Language Learning

If you haven't used the library's online Mango Languages software, or haven't looked into it lately, check it out. Mango has added foreign language films to 7 (so far) of its 60 language courses, and the new package is more motivating than ever.

The movies use the same approach as the rest of the lessons, teaching language, grammar, vocabulary and culture through film.

With your library card number handy, visit www.TRL.org, click on the **Research** dropdown tab, and then **Reference Databases**. Select **M** for Mango, or the subject heading, **Languages**. There's no limit to the number of patrons who can access Mango at one time. Mango is also available through mobile apps. (Visit TRL Mobile at <http://www.trl.org/Services/Pages/TRLMobile.aspx>).

You can use all TRL Collections — material or online — and all Reference Databases free of charge if you have a TRL library card account in good standing.



To TRL's Facebook Followers

If you've noticed that you're not receiving many posts from the TRL Facebook page, even though you've "Liked" it, here are some suggestions. Visit the library's page at <https://www.facebook.com/TimberlandLibraries>, hover over the **Liked** button and select **Get Notifications**. In addition, if you "share" TRL posts, you and your Facebook friends will see them on your timeline.

Spring Training for Library Staff

Each TRL branch will be closed for one day between May 7 and 30 for staff training. Employees will participate in localized training at their own libraries to enhance their knowledge and skills in library service to the public.

A rolling schedule of closures is designed to ensure the public still has access to services. The TRL Administrative Center will not close.

For the schedule, please contact your local library or visit the TRL website at www.TRL.org. To check the locations and hours of branches nearest you, go to the website and click on **Locations** or call Central Reference librarians (except on May 20) at 1-800-562-6022, or 704-4636 in the Olympia area.

Upcoming Events at Your Libraries

Only a handful of the hundreds of programs at TRL branches each month are listed here. All programs are free of charge. 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

Sentimental Journey: Songs and Stories from WWII
Montesano 249-4211
May 13, 7 p.m.
For adults

Sing, Laugh and Play with Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth
Aberdeen 533-2360
June 25, 10:30 a.m.
For children & families

Lewis County

The Land Called Lewis with author Sandra Crowell
Centralia 736-0183
May 10, 2:30 p.m.
For adults and teens

Reptile Man: See 15 reptiles and hold some!
Winlock 785-3461
June 19, 2 p.m.
For children & families

Mason County

PageTurners Book Discussion: *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes
Shelton 426-1362
June 5, 5:30 p.m.
For adults

Summer Kickoff with the Pacific Science Center
Shelton 426-1362
June 21, 1 p.m.
For children

Eric Ode's Tide Pool Tunes & Fishy Tales Beach Party
North Mason 275-3232
June 25, 3 p.m.
For children



Pacific County

Earthquakes & How to be Prepared
Ocean Park 665-4184
May 17, 1 p.m.
South Bend 875-5532
May 31, 1 p.m.
For adults

Gravity Catastrophe: Physics with Alex Zerbe
Raymond 942-2408
June 26, 2 p.m.
For children and families

Thurston County

Volunteer Fair (Volunteering opportunities)
Lacey 491-3860
May 10, 1-3 p.m.
For adults

Music & Science with "Rad Scientist" Mike Gervais
Tenino 264-2369
June 26, 3 p.m.
For children and families

Overwhelmed: Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time

Brigid Schulte

Can working mothers in America, or anywhere, ever find true leisure time?

The North Cascades Highway: A Roadside Guide to America's Alps

Jack McLeod

The geological story of the eye-catching sites along 80 miles of the highway.

Great Reads Youth

The Short Giraffe

Neil Flory

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Can Geri, the shortest giraffe in the herd, stretch up tall enough to be in the group photo? Or are the other giraffes looking at things from the wrong perspective? A very sweet story about difference and acceptance.

Following Papa's Song

Gianna Marino

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Little Blue, a young humpback whale, has never made the long migration up the coast, and he is worried about his first long journey with Papa.

Here Comes Destructosaurus!

Aaron Reynolds

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Destructosaurus lays waste to a city, but he really is just looking for his teddy bear.

Fire & Flood

Victoria Scott

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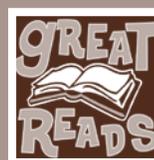
Tella's brother Cody is sick and getting worse, so when she finds out how to enter the Brimstone Bleed race where she can win a cure for him, she jumps at the chance--but there is no guarantee that she'll win, or even survive.

History Year by Year

Peter Chrisp

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Produced with the Smithsonian Institution and featuring more than 1,500 images, this book covers prehistory to the Arab Spring for budding historians.



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

Adult Winter Reading Program

- Jan. 1–March 15, 2014: 1,382 adults read 19,975 books
- In 2013, 1,210 adults read 15,825 books
- In 2012, 1,158 adults read 14,795 books

Not Just the Numbers. Libraries change lives every day in large ways and small. Each month, library staff report stories like this one from Elma: “A patron was excited about how many children's programs the library has. He's trying to give his children a solid foundation in reading, something he himself did not receive as a child. Father and son left with library cards and a stack of books.” Find more stories at <http://www.trl.org/GetInvolved/Pages/Service-Stories.aspx>

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Reference Databases: GVRL Travel E-books

You're in Amsterdam's Oude Zijde district looking for Joe's Vliegerwinkel, but your guidebook's at the hotel. Or you're in New York on business and have an unexpected extra day to just have fun. If you have a Timberland Regional Library card, you're in luck: You can access a Gale e-travel guide from the TRL website and download it to your e-reader for free.

Visit multiple cities and countries with guides that provide information for planning, accommodations, places to see, history, places to eat and more. The

e-guides include maps, color images, and practical information for getting around and getting along.

Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) allows you to cross-search multiple titles at once or select individual articles online anytime and anywhere. Titles are always available to multiple users, no waiting to borrow. You can listen to sections, have them translated into a number of languages, browse by chapter and bookmark articles.

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 **Travel, Maps & Geography**, and then **Travel eBooks from Gale**. You'll travel lighter and won't look like a tourist.