



## Summer at the Library

It's all about heroes and their stories

With all the programs and activities TRL has planned this year, parents need not hear from their kids the perennial summer complaints, "I'm bored," and "there's nothing to do!"

Nothing to do? Between the last day of school and Labor Day, there will be about 700 fabulous things to do for children, teens and families, throughout the five-county Timberland district. This year's theme focuses on the concept of heroes — masked and unmasked, super and everyday — and the things heroes do. There will be heroic games and stories, science and art, comedy, puppet shows, plays, magic and musical acts.

Youth Services Coordinator Ellen Duffy, who has overseen "Summer at the Library" since 1999, thinks of the program as an inseparable blend of fun and learning:

"Summer at the Library' is about so much more than helping kids build reading skills — it's about keeping alive the joy of



learning! It's about giving kids and teens opportunities to explore and play, express themselves and make new friends — to discover things on their own terms."

For teens (grades 6 through 12), events are designed to encourage free-flowing conversation, creative and critical thinking, self-expression, and collaboration. Teen Services Librarian Kristine Mahood said "we design programs, in large part, by asking teens what they like to do, read and watch. We want to create opportunities for teens to meet one another, share interests, learn from each other and have fun, all of which build positive associations with their library."

### Featured performers this summer

Magician Jeff Evans  
Interactive storyteller Chris Fascione  
Olympia Family Theater  
Mary Shaver Puppets  
Brian Waite Band  
Charlie Williams, the Noise Guy

For a complete program schedule, visit [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org) or contact your local Timberland library.

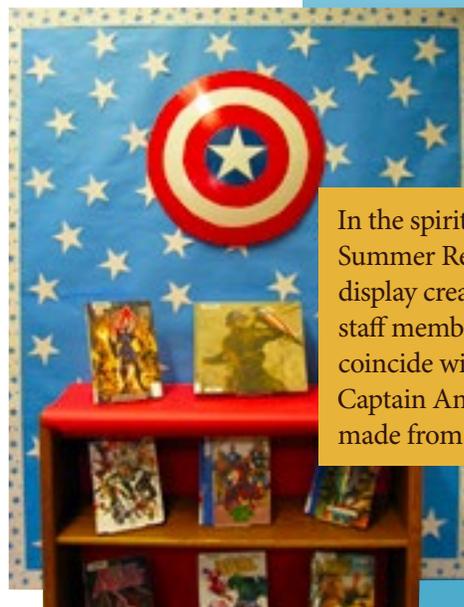
## There is No Doubt, Libraries Help People

*Responses from the Winter 2015 Impact Survey tell the story.*

The latest Library Impact Survey, conducted in February via the TRL website, bolsters the general belief that libraries help people improve their lives. Here are two examples:

- Of the 2,567 people surveyed, 19% reported they used library resources to seek employment; of that group, 112 applied for jobs, 66 were granted interviews and 38 were hired.
- 147 survey-takers said they used the library to learn about exercise or fitness. Of that group, 122 stated their research resulted in improved exercise habits

Find complete results of this survey at [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).



In the spirit of TRL's Super Heroes Summer Reading Program, here is a display created by Centralia library staff member Victoria Vaughn to coincide with the debut of the 2014 Captain America film. The shield is made from an old satellite dish.

# Great Reads

## Nonfiction

*This is What You Just Put in Your Mouth? From Egg Nog to Beef Jerky, the Surprising Secrets of What's Inside Everyday Products*

Patrick Di Justo

A shocking and funny exposé on the secret makeup of everyday items.

*Abandoned in Hell: The Fight for Vietnam's Fire Base*

Kate

A memoir of leadership, sacrifice and heroism during a brutal fire fight in Vietnam.

*In the Path of Destruction: Eyewitness Chronicles of Mount St. Helens*

Richard Waitt

Personal interviews, diaries and geologists' field notes chronicle the eruption.

*The Man Who Touched His Own Heart: True Tales of Science, Surgery, and Mystery*

Rob Dunn

An exploration of the stories and science of the human heart.

*The Brain's Way of Healing: Remarkable Discoveries and Recoveries from the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity*

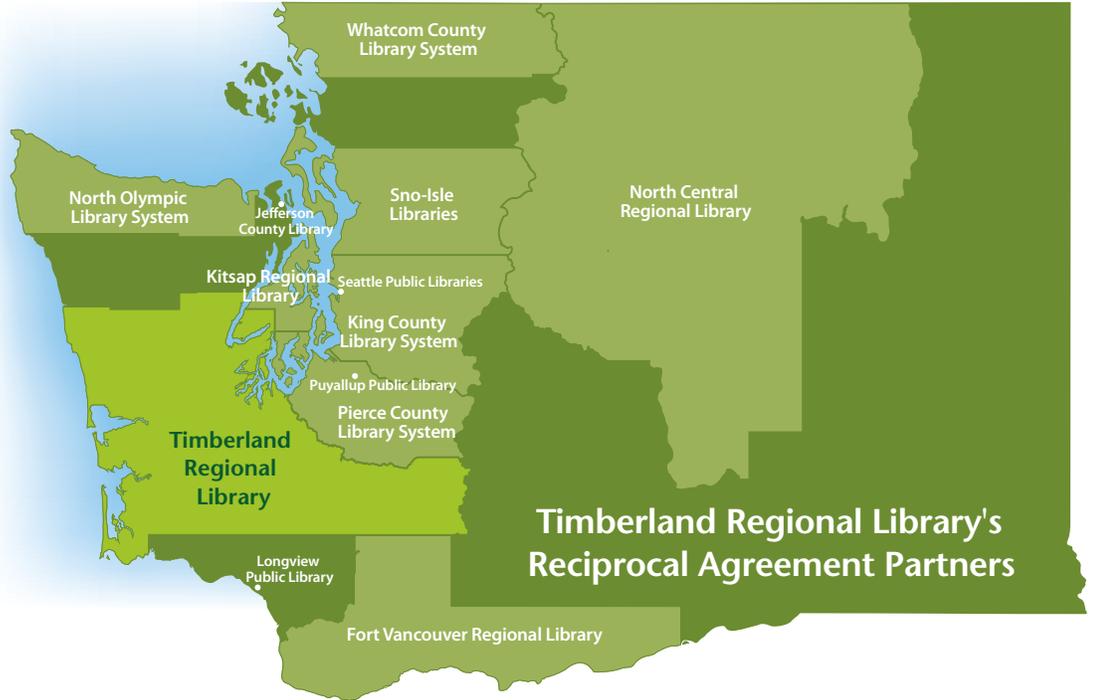
Norman Doidge

The author of *The Brain That Changes Itself* tells stories of surprising and unconventional cures.

# Your Library Card Has a Long Reach

Your TRL library card gives you free access to library services in all 27 Timberland libraries, but there's more! Because TRL has reciprocal service agreements with other libraries in the region, you can request patron privileges in those libraries too.

With reciprocal benefits, you can give yourself even more choices — more eBooks, music, and videos. If you are traveling or vacationing, you can visit one of these libraries to pick up a book, access WiFi or use the computers. That's a pretty good deal for the grand price of free.



Timberland Regional Library's Reciprocal Agreement Partners

# Great Reads

## Fiction

*Finders Keepers*

Stephen King

Another book about a reader's obsession with a writer, with the cast of characters seen in *Mr. Mercedes*.

*Seventheves*

Neal Stephenson

A book about the pre-apocalypse. What would you do if the world were ending?

*A God in Ruins*

Kate Atkinson

A companion to her book *Life After Life*.

# One Day at the Library

Packwood patron Sarah Spencer shared a letter her daughter, Ellie, wrote to Randa Abdel-Fattah, author of *Does my Head Look Big in this?* Ellie's letter won second place in Washington's "Letters about Literature" writing contest. Here is an excerpt:

Your book has transformed my perspective of life by showing me to never judge another person. Whether it be a teenager with a hijab, a woman with a bindi or someone of a different race I will always make an effort to discover who the person is on the inside. I am a different person now because of your book. I will never dislike someone

based on how they look or refuse to be friends with someone because of their religion or race. I am open to everyone and I treat everyone fairly no matter what. Thank you so much for teaching me to care more by writing your amazing book.

Ellie's letter quotes Jane Evershed, writing in a Massachusetts library newsletter:

"To read is to empower  
To empower is to write  
To write is to influence  
To influence is to change  
To change is to live."

## What Do Pro Baseball and TRL Have In Common? They both send their all-stars to spring training.

Every May, TRL staff members take a day to update their library knowledge and public service skills. Branches close on a rolling schedule so that, at any given time, most of the Timberland libraries are open.

Central Reference will be closed Tuesday, May 5. The Administrative Service Center will operate on a regular schedule throughout May.

### 2015 building closures schedule by county

#### Grays Harbor

Aberdeen	Wednesday, May 20
Amanda Park	Wednesday, May 20
Elma	Thursday, May 7
Hoquiam	Thursday, May 7
McCleary	Wednesday, May 13
Montesano	Friday, May 22
Oakville	Thursday, May 14
Westport	Wednesday, May 20

#### Lewis

Centralia	Friday, May 8
Chehalis	Friday, May 1
Mountain View (Randle)	Wednesday, May 20
Packwood	Tuesday, May 5
Salkum	Wednesday, May 6
Winlock	Thursday, May 14

#### Mason

Hoodsport	Wednesday, May 13
North Mason (Belfair)	Friday, May 22
Shelton	Wednesday, May 13

#### Pacific

Ilwaco	Thursday, May 14
Naselle	Tuesday, May 19
Ocean Park	Wednesday, May 20
Raymond	Wednesday, May 13
South Bend	Wednesday, May 20

#### Thurston

Lacey	Thursday, May 7
Olympia	Friday, May 8
Tenino	Thursday, May 14
Tumwater	Thursday, May 14
Yelm	Friday, May 8

#### For Your Love

Beverly Jenkins  
Life, love and drama in a small Kansas town.

#### Searching for Beautiful

Jennifer Probst  
A runaway bride, and a best friend who wants to be more.

## Great Reads Youth

#### The Mouse Mansion

Karina Schapman  
Best friends Sam and Julia love spending their days exploring the many rooms and secret hiding places of the Mouse Mansion.

#### Wolfie the Bunny

Ame Dyckman  
Dot's parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own. An encounter with a bear brings them closer together.

#### Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise

Sean Taylor  
An owl master of disguise dons creative costumes during nightly hunts for a tasty supper.

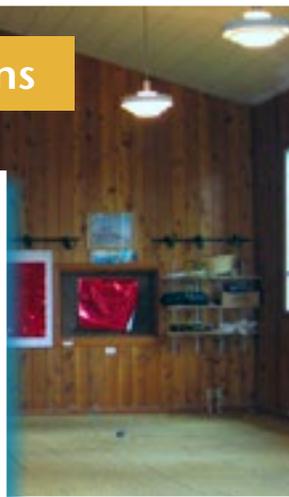
#### The Cat's Pajamas

Daniel Wallace  
A long time ago, cats all dressed alike. Louis Fellini was a different sort of cat who liked to be himself, instead of just a copycat.

#### Nightbird

Alice Hoffman  
Ignored by classmates and neighbors, Twig gets along fine with just her mother and brother, whose presence is a secret because of a witch's curse.

### A Brighter Library for Oakville Patrons



New windows and carpeting brightened up the Oakville Timberland Library.



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.

[www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org)

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## More magazines, books, and streaming video!

*Zinio, OverDrive and Hoopla all increasing access and service*

Under **Collections** on the TRL website you will find web-based services that can bring you endless free entertainment. Three of them have recently updated their services.

**Zinio** (eMagazines) has added 50 new offerings, including *Better Homes and Gardens, Golf Digest, Bon Appetit, The New Yorker, Wired, Gun Digest, MacLife, and Vanity Fair.*

**OverDrive** (eBooks and audiobooks) has increased the number of items you may check out at one time from 8 to 12.

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