Open Ears Leads to More Open Hours

Fifty-seven more hours of operation per week in Timberland libraries across the district - this is the result of hearing and responding to patron requests over past months. Starting September 2, 26 of Timberland’s 27 branches will add hours and, in the case of Ilwaco, a full day. The new schedules comes at no additional cost to individual libraries or the Timberland district as a whole.

Library staffers and management collaborated to achieve the increased service, adjusting schedules and reducing the amount of work being done when libraries are closed.

“Libraries are at the heart of healthy communities,” Timberland Library Director Cheryl Heywood said. “They have one simple mission: to serve the public.”

“To do this,” Heywood continued, “we have to listen to our communities, understand the issues and make the best changes possible. More open hours,” she added, “is a very good change.”

This October marks the 10th anniversary of Timberland Reads Together, Timberland Regional Library’s month-long celebration of reading and learning, listening, reflecting and thinking deeply, together. There will be author presentations and book group discussions, workshops, cooking demonstrations, films and music.

This year, we are stretching the “one book, one community” tradition by offering two books, both focused on a universal topic: food. The first book is Closer to the Ground: An Outdoor Family’s Year on the Water, in the Woods and at the Table by Dylan Tomine. The second work is Eating on the Wild Side: The Missing Link to Optimum Health by Jo Robinson.

About the Featured Books

Closer to the Ground is the personal story of a father sharing his love of nature with his children. Together they explore the natural world, forage, cook and eat from the woods and sea. Closer to the Ground captures the beauty and surprise of the natural world and the ways it teaches us to live with humor, gratitude and a sense of adventure.

Robinson is a nationally recognized expert on the issue of food, specifically, how we can restore vital nutrients to our food. Her book, Eating on the Wild Side, describes the connections between restoring lost nutrients of fruits and vegetables and improving health. Robinson’s work finds mass audiences in publications such as Sunset Magazine, The New York Times, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, and on National Public Radio’s All Things Considered.

Both books are available for checkout in print as well as in e-book format. Stop by any of Timberland’s 27 libraries beginning September 10 to pick up the 2014 Readers Guide, your ticket to a full month of activities — background information on the books and authors, questions for thought and discussion, plus event descriptions, dates, times and locations.
Great Reads

Fiction

Ghana Must Go
Taiye Selasi
The sudden death of a famous surgeon in Ghana sends shockwaves through his family.

Carthage
Joyce Carol Oates
A missing daughter, a frantic search and a suspect found too close to home.

An Untamed State
Roxane Gay
Mireille is kidnapped and suffers at the hands of her captors as her father refuses to pay her ransom.

Mambo in Chinatown
Jean Kwok
Desperate to break out of her limited world, Charlie Wong takes a job at a ballroom dance studio.

One More Thing: Stories and Other Stories
B.J. Novak
Fear, hope, ambition, and destruction drive this short story collection.

All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr
Two people, a blind French girl on the run and a German Resistance tracker, collide after meeting on the WWII Brittany coast.

Nonfiction

Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
Roz Chast
Cartoons, family photos and documents celebrate her aging parents’ lives and her struggles with caregiving.

The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra
Helen Rappaport
The lives of the four doomed Grand Duchesses using their own writings.

The Phantom of Fifth Avenue: The Mysterious Life and Scandalous Death of Heiress Huguette Clark
Meryl Gordon
How did Clark, heiress to a vast fortune and a vivacious young woman, turn into a recluse?

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What can I do with a Timberland library card?

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• Use library computers with high-speed Internet and Microsoft Office software
• Share your ideas at book discussions for adults, teens and children
• Draw on Research Databases for work, study and individual pursuits
• Access the Ask-A-Librarian information service — 24/7
• Log into Wi-Fi at all libraries daily from 6 a.m. to midnight
• Access Homework Help for kids & teens

Save money by borrowing

Buying books and magazines, going to the movies and purchasing music can get costly. You can save money by borrowing these items from your local Timberland library.

Get your library online

With TRL’s website it’s never too late to order an e-book, stream music and movies, check your account, place holds or renew items, search for interesting programs to attend, conduct research or chat with a librarian—anytime it works for you.

The library is a home away from home

Timberland libraries are welcoming community places to gather, bring the kids, make new friends, attend events, explore the collections, or simply curl up with a book. Come enjoy:

• Story Times for parents with babies, toddlers and preschool children
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• Meeting rooms available for reservation by the public
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HIT PRINT!

Wi-Fi printing now in all libraries

New this Fall, all 27 Timberland Libraries now provide “Wi-Fi printing”—the ability to print documents directly from a personal laptop, tablet or smartphone via the library’s new Wi-Fi printing service. All you need is a Timberland Library Card, Internet Card or Visitor Pass. Wi-Fi printing in the library counts toward the 50 free pages allowed each week per library cardholder.
Great Reads
Chosen by Timberland Regional Library selectors
Kim Storbeck (nonfiction)
Jackie Marquardt (youth)

**Cold Antler Farm: A Memoir of Growing Food and Celebrating Life on a Scrappy Six-Acre Homestead**
Jenna Woginrich
Life on a farm through the ancient agricultural year.

**The Nile: A Journey Downriver Through Egypt’s Past and Present**
Toby A.H. Wilkinson
The entwined history of Egyptian civilizations and the Nile.

**Youth**

**My Teacher Is a Monster (No, I Am Not)**
Peter Brown
Bobby has the worst teacher. She’s loud, she yells, and if you throw paper airplanes, she won’t allow you to enjoy recess. Luckily, Bobby can go to the park on weekends to play. Until one day… he finds his teacher there!

**The Day I Lost My Superpowers**
Michaël Escoffier
When a young superhero-in-training gets hurt, she discovers that mothers have superpowers, too.

**Sparky!**
Jenny Offill
When our narrator orders a sloth through the mail, the creature that arrives isn’t good at tricks or hide-and-seek… or much of anything. Still, there’s something about Sparky that is irresistible.

**The Great Greene Heist**
Varian Johnson
Jackson Greene swore off his habit of scheming, but then Keith Sinclair announces he’s running for school president against Jackson’s former best friend Gaby de la Cruz. Jackson assembles a crack team to ensure the election is done right. Relationships, ethics and choices in a competitive environment add up to learning and personal growth.

**Mother Goose Play Group newest addition to popular Story Time program for toddlers & parents**
The “Mother Goose Play Group” is a new format within the popular “Story Time” program, a 90-minute informal setting for parents, preschool children and caregivers. South Bend library manager Jenny Penoyar says it has been “the most successful program for this age group ever.” In South Bend and Aberdeen, the programs start up again in October. Watch for them in other Timberland libraries in the near future.

**Social Media: Throwback Thursday a Hit**
TRL’s Facebook friends and Twitter followers are liking “Throwback Thursday (TBT). A long-time convention on some social media sites, TBT lets us share memories, celebrate old glories, retell stories and laugh at old jokes. Watch every Thursday for more bits of Timberland history, culture and inside jokes. You might see yourself. What Timberland images would you like to see one of these Thursdays?
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Wednesday....10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Thursday.....10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday........10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday....10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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By the Numbers: Teens Rule in ’14

• Attendance at teen programs was up 15% teens
• Items downloaded increased nearly 40%
• Wi-Fi use in the libraries rose almost 45%
• Meeting room use went up 16%

(January–June 2013 versus 2014)

Knowledge Unlimited: The Research & Learn Collection

What are your kids interested in, learning about, or maybe even struggling with? The web-based Research & Learn Collection has programs that can help. Math, science, biology, history, geography — there are programs created for students at all learning levels. They’re just one click from the Timberland Library homepage under Research.