

Timberland Regional Library eNewsletter - AUGUST 2019 Edition -

TIMBERLAND LIBRARIES WILL BE

Monday, September 2, 2019 in recognition of Labor Day



Expanded Access at the McCleary Library is still available on Sept. 2

All other libraries will resume regular schedules on Tuesday, Sept 3



Summer 2019 isn't over yet!

There are still plenty of exciting events and fun activities for people of **all ages** to enjoy at *(or around)* your local library. You can even check out a Birding or Hiking backpack and enjoy an outdoor adventure!

If you haven't registered for the Summer Library Program yet, just go to your local library, or visit <u>trl.beanstack.org</u> or download the Beanstack app (available for Android and iOS) and experience our new, easy-to-use online portal!

Important information on eBook Accessiblity Issues!

Libraries Respond to Macmillan Publishers Embargo of Ebooks

Publisher Macmillan recently announced that they will be holding back all their new ebook titles from libraries for 8 weeks from publication. During those 8 weeks, libraries will be allowed to only purchase one (1) copy for lending to library patrons. After the 8 weeks, libraries will be allowed to purchase additional copies at \$60 each. Those copies will expire at 24 months, or 52 checkouts, whichever comes first.

The CEO of Macmillan has claimed, with no evidence shared, that library ebook lending is suppressing sales. The American Library Association has released a statement condemning the new terms and the characterizing of library lending. OverDrive (the main platform used by libraries to provide ebooks to library users) has also stated that they do not agree with Macmillan's claim. Libraries are pushing back, reminding Macmillan of the role that libraries play in growing readers, promoting books and authors, and connecting readers to books and authors they choose to purchase later. Library directors in Washington State have sent a **letter to the Macmillan CEO** asking him to reconsider the terms and his approach to libraries.

Link to ALA statement on American Libraries Magazine Blog

Macmillan Publishers' new model for library ebook lending will make it difficult for libraries to fulfill our central mission: ensuring access to information for all."

- ALA PRESIDENT WANDA BROWN

#eBooksForAll

TRL Advocates for Equal Access to Digital Materials

In June 2019, libraries were notified that Blackstone Publishing planned to restrict library purchases of digital audiobooks for 90 days after they become available for private purchase. This embargo prevents libraries from offering the digital audiobook version of a title that may be otherwise available at the library in ebook, physical book, or compact disc.

This change is one of the latest attempts by publishers to limit, restrict, and reduce library purchasing of digital materials. There has been a clear pattern in the last few years of publishers raising prices, adding expiring licenses, and withholding titles from the library market. This has made the budgeting and purchasing of digital books extremely difficult and limits access for library patrons.

Beginning August 1, 2019, TRL will boycott Blackstone digital audiobooks for six months. This boycott was organized by the Washington Digital Library Consortium (WDLC), which represents smaller public libraries throughout the state. WDLC invited other libraries in the state and beyond to join the boycott. TRL will continue to purchase Blackstone Audio titles in CD format. Only the digital audiobook version will be delayed until the boycott ends in February 2020.

The boycott group hopes to send a message to Blackstone and other publishers that we take seriously the implications of limiting patron access to materials and our responsibility to spend tax dollars responsibly. The boycott is about communicating that publishers should not expect to do "business as usual" with libraries at the same time that they place restrictions on libraries. Many publishers offer us wonderful books without placing restrictions that hurt library patrons.

We understand and take seriously that some patrons will be disappointed at having to wait for the digital audiobook, but we believe that taking a stand now is important. We hope you will understand our commitment to providing you equal access to materials and ensuring that tax dollars are spent wisely and fairly.



Read the Letter to Blackstone Publishing

WDLC - Blackstone Boycott informational website

2020-2022 Strategic Planning Process





Thank you to all of our Phase 1 & 2 Community Conversation and July Community Check-in participants!

We are grateful for all of your input and feedback over the past six months.

We are looking for community feedback on the draft 2020-2022 Strategic Plan:

Vision: Our Communities Connected

Mission: Connecting People, Places, and Things

Values:

Welcoming, Accessible, Sustainable, Diverse, and Collaborative

Directions:

Cultivating Diversity and Inclusion, Investing in Local Communities, and Supporting Youth Engagement

Here is how you can participate in the discussion:

There will be five Community Check-ins to discuss the draft Strategic Plan, please plan to attend one near you!

- 1. Tuesday, August 20, 6 -7 p.m. at Shelton Timberland Library (Mason County)
- 2. Wednesday, **August 21**, 6 -7 p.m. at Hoquiam Timberland Library (Grays Harbor)
- 3. Tuesday, August 27, 6 -7 p.m. at Ilwaco Timberland Library (Pacific County)
- 4. Wednesday, August 28, 6 -7 p.m. at Chehalis Timberland Library (Lewis County)
- 5. Thursday, August 29, 6 -7 p.m. at Lacey Timberland Library (Thurston County)

Our goal is to have the next version of the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan available in our September Newsletter, which will be emailed out mid-month to give time for reviewing your feedback.

Contact the TRL Service Center at 360.704.4636 (Olympia area) or 1.800.562.6022 (toll-free outside of the Olympia area) or your local library (visit TRL.org/locations)



Have you see the new event calendar on our website? The increased functionality has been a big hit:

- 1. Select your local branch or chose more than one of our 27 libraries to explore!
- 2. Events are color coded by age group, and you can filter them to match your needs
- 3. Available in either a monthly format or list format (when you click the "Upcoming" button)

#CheckThisOut online at TRL.org/events for what's happening at your local Timberland Library



Join in the conversation and Like, Follow, Share along with us. Just click on the icons below:



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Timberland Regional Library district provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and seven library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. All Timberland programs are free and open to the public. For more information visit TRL.org