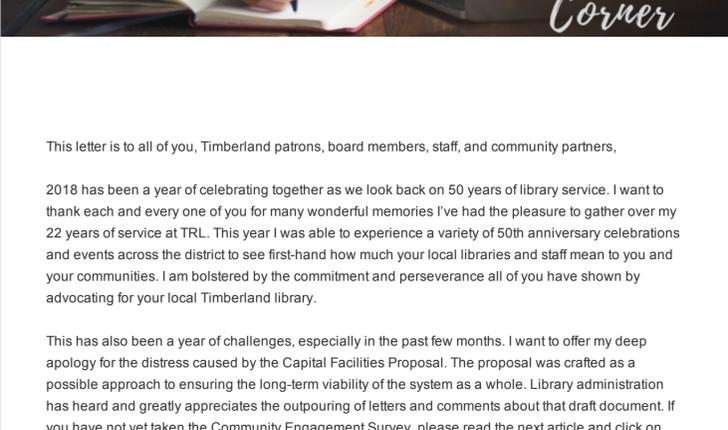


Timberland Regional Library eNewsletter

- December 2018 Edition -



This letter is to all of you, Timberland patrons, board members, staff, and community partners,

2018 has been a year of celebrating together as we look back on 50 years of library service. I want to thank each and every one of you for many wonderful memories I've had the pleasure to gather over my 22 years of service at TRL. This year I was able to experience a variety of 50th anniversary celebrations and events across the district to see first-hand how much your local libraries and staff mean to you and your communities. I am bolstered by the commitment and perseverance all of you have shown by advocating for your local Timberland library.

This has also been a year of challenges, especially in the past few months. I want to offer my deep apology for the distress caused by the Capital Facilities Proposal. The proposal was crafted as a possible approach to ensuring the long-term viability of the system as a whole. Library administration has heard and greatly appreciates the outpouring of letters and comments about that draft document. If you have not yet taken the Community Engagement Survey, please read the next article and click on the green survey link. We are committed to open conversations with the community we serve about critical topics.

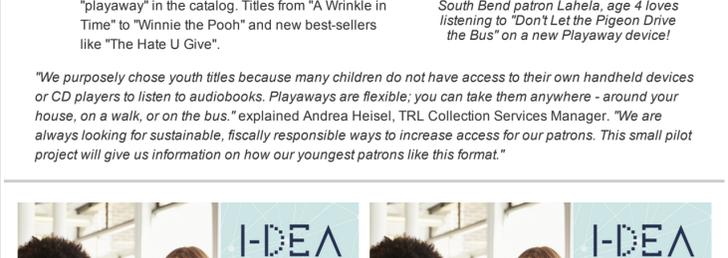
I am pleased to announce that, having heard from many of you, and with my recommendation, the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 26, 2018, has unanimously decided not to consider the Capital Facilities Proposal any further and to immediately eliminate the August 2019 timeline. The Board of Trustees voted to not close any library buildings, anywhere in our five counties, barring a future health or safety issue. We will move forward together to work on the budget and the strategic planning process, ensuring public involvement in any future proposals.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Director for the past six years, and I look forward to working together as we move into the New Year.

Best wishes during this holiday season,

Cheryl Heywood

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Timberland Regional Library Director



Let's Talk About Your Community! ¡Hablemos acerca de su comunidad!

Great News - So far we have received over 800 responses from community members! By request, the ASK survey deadline has been extended until December 15, 2018 to allow for additional feedback on the Community Engagement Initiative. This process is the first step in creating TRL's Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 and we hope you will participate.

Survey - Encuesta

What's Next? Glad you asked!

After December 15, we will sort and study all of your feedback to find common themes across our district. These themes will drive the next phase: Facilitated group discussions in Spring 2019, called Community Conversations. Locations, dates & times will be determined in February.

"This is the first time that Timberland Regional Library has sought out this level of community input in our strategic planning and we feel this is a great way to better understand needs of our communities across the district," shared Sarah Ogden, TRL District Manager, Innovation & User Experience. "A deeper understanding of the five counties that we serve will allow us to adjust our direction and focus our organizational goals."

Stay tuned!

Playaway Devices

We are testing out preloaded players with kids and teens audiobook titles. The first batch of these devices are available at North Mason (Belfair), Winlock, Tumwater, Hoquiam, Elma, and can also be found in our catalog where patrons can place holds and have them sent to their local library.



South Bend patron Lahela, age 4 loves listening to "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" on a new Playaway device!

Things to know:

- Checkout time - 3 weeks - *no renewals*
- Checkout limit - 2 devices at a time.
- You'll need headphones or earbuds... unless you are one of the first 100 patrons to test them out (we have a limited number of promotional earbuds to give away).
- We have 77 titles to start with, just search "playaway" in the catalog. Titles from "A Wrinkle in Time" to "Winnie the Pooh" and new best-sellers like "The Hate U Give".

"We purposely chose youth titles because many children do not have access to their own handheld devices or CD players to listen to audiobooks. Playaways are flexible; you can take them anywhere - around your house, on a walk, or on the bus." explained Andrea Heisel, TRL Collection Services Manager. "We are always looking for sustainable, fiscally responsible ways to increase access for our patrons. This small pilot project will give us information on how our youngest patrons like this format."

I-DEA
Integrated Digital English Acceleration

Learn:

- English Language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking)
- Computer, Job, and College skills
- Come to your local Timberland library to checkout a laptop

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Aceleración Digital Integrada de Inglés

Para que adquieras:

- Destrezas en el idioma inglés (leer, escribir, escuchar y hablar)
- Destrezas de computación, laborales y de estudios universitarios
- Visita tu biblioteca Timberland local para prestarte una laptop

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Need to improve your English language skills? Here's an I-DEA!

I-DEA [Integrated Digital English Acceleration] incorporates English language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) along with computer, job, and college skills training.

In partnership with local colleges (Centralia College, Olympic College, Grays Harbor College, and SPSCC), the I-DEA program is being supported at three Timberland libraries in Elma, Chehalis, and North Mason (Belfair). Students interested in enrolling in I-DEA will be registered and assessed by the partner college. All students placing into English Language Acquisition (ELA) Levels 1-4 based on the college's placement policies are eligible to take this class. Students will receive ten hours of instruction each week (five hours in-person and five online) during the quarter, taking 3-6 quarters to complete.

No computer, no problem! I-DEA students can visit their local Timberland library to check out a Chromebook for the entire quarter.

Check out some of the books in the collection!



Tumblebooks

TumbleBooks is an online collection of eBooks for children, accessible from home with a library card or from any Timberland library.

With over 250 animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, and nonfiction books, young readers will be encouraged to enjoy reading. The site also features Spanish and French books and exciting games and puzzles.

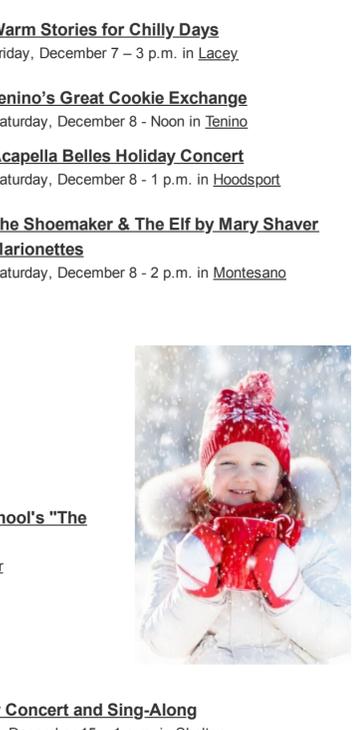
You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone - all you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button. Find the Tumblebooks app in the Apple or Google Play apps stores.

Consumer Reports

Make Better Purchasing Decisions with **ConsumerReports.org**

Access ConsumerReports.org® at home with your library card, or at any Timberland library. Whether you are looking to find the best deal on a LCD TV or researching the top-recommended used vehicles, ConsumerReports.org® provides ratings and reviews, recommendations and buying advice for thousands of products and services.

ConsumerReports.org® includes Consumer Reports with Cars Best Deals Plus® to assist consumers looking for reliable information on new and used cars. Additionally, ConsumerReports.org® features extensive health content from Consumer Reports Online Health, a trusted and unbiased source of information designed to help consumers navigate health care information.



Have you experienced our "Voices of Timberland" Blog yet? Check out the first installment of **Behind the Scene with Jared**

Behind the Scene #1

Ever wonder what keeps librarians up at night (besides Stephen King)? Or what it's like to attend the real life equivalent of Hogwarts in your underwear? Pretend I didn't mention that!

My name is Jared Criswell, and I'm a Library Associate at Timberland Regional Library's Aberdeen branch in Grays Harbor County. I just started getting my Master's Degree in Library and Information Science, and it occurred to me that y'all might wonder what we're thinking about when we "library people" get a funny look on our faces. Thus, the *Behind the Scene* blog was born.

Library and Information Science is a little like the Wild West (maybe I'm exaggerating a little). We're in the business of getting information, so while most of us aren't subject experts, we provide the means for people to become experts.

Need to fix your car? Allow me to show you our **Chilton database**. Need help cracking a cold case? Believe it or not, I helped somebody **research** one a year or so ago! Information comes in many shapes and sizes, and librarianship is all about facilitating the flow of that information without changing it too much along the way.

#CheckThisOut Event Calendar Highlights



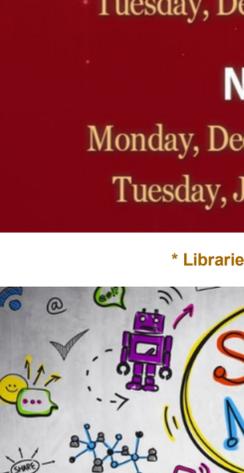
- Warm Stories for Chilly Days**
Friday, December 7 - 3 p.m. in Lacey
- Tenino's Great Cookie Exchange**
Saturday, December 8 - Noon in Tenino
- Acapella Belles Holiday Concert**
Saturday, December 8 - 1 p.m. in Hoodsport
- The Shoemaker & The Elf by Mary Shaver Marionettes**
Saturday, December 8 - 2 p.m. in Montesano

Hot Cocoa Party
Saturday, December 8 - 2 p.m. in Salkum

Yule Ball
Saturday, December 8 - 7 p.m. in Tumwater

Holiday Concert with Tumwater High School's "The Noteables"
Tuesday, December 11 - 12:30 p.m. in Tumwater

Winter Extravaganza for Teens
Thursday, December 13 - 4 p.m. in Chehalis



- Holiday Concert and Sing-Along**
Saturday, December 15 - 1 p.m. in Shelton
- Christmas Carol Sing-Along**
Tuesday, December 18 - 3 p.m. in Iwaco
- Jeff Evans' Amazing Magic Show**
Thursday, December 27 - 10:15 a.m. in Olympia and 1:30 p.m. in Tumwater
- Holiday Magic with Jeff Evans**
Saturday, December 29 - 2 p.m. in Winlock

Holiday Closure

CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

NEW YEAR'S

Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve*

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

* Libraries normally open will close at 6 p.m.

Watch for **#lovemylibrary** messages on local buses and tell us what you love about your local library on social media.

Stop by your Timberland library for your own **#lovemylibrary** vinyl decal while supplies last and show your library love!

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