



Timberland Regional Library

# **FACILITIES** IMPROVEMENT REPORT

**2020-2021**



With the dedicated work of TRL (Timberland Regional LIBRARY) facilities staff and support of community partners, 12 libraries and the Administrative Service Center have received significant upgrades and improvements throughout the pandemic, and two demonstration libraries have opened in West Olympia and Hawks Prairie.

Our goal is to anticipate community needs with remodels and refreshes that will modernize our facilities using green and sustainable materials, increase usable, open space for library visitors, enhance accessibility so all visitors feel comfortable and accommodated, all while creating spaces that are easy to clean and maintain.

Some of the more significant improvements are listed here by county and library location.

# GRAYS HARBOR

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Elma, Hoquiam, McCleary,  
Montesano, Oakville, Westport

## MASON

Hoodsport, North Mason, Shelton

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Administrative Service Center, Hawks Prairie,  
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# GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

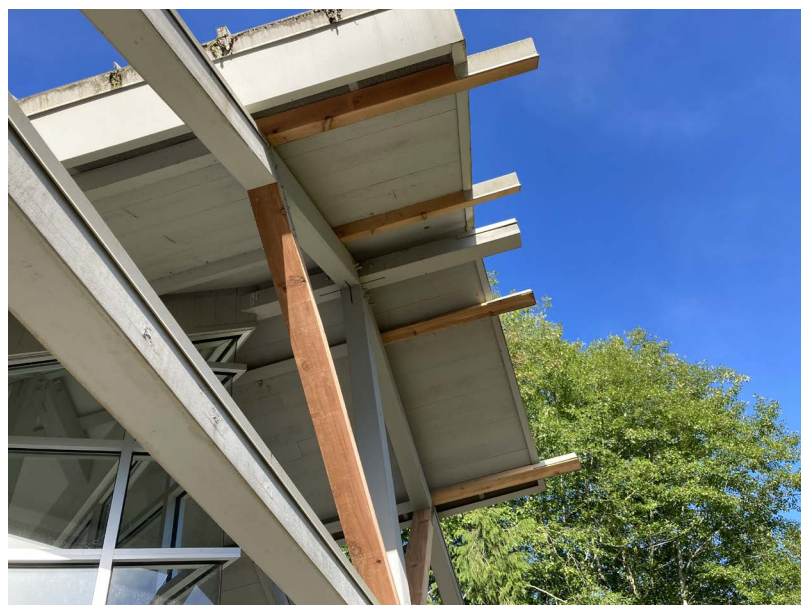
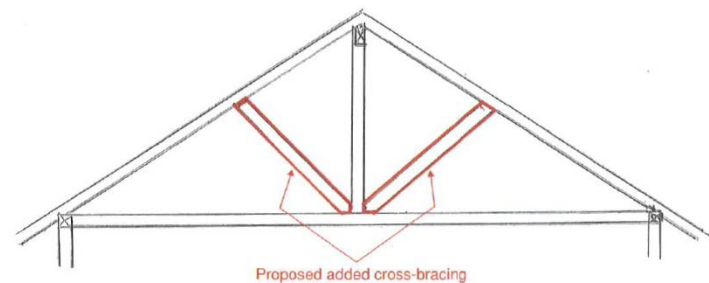
# AMANDA PARK



Completed Project

Before

Benjamin  
Moore  
Kennebunkport  
Green



Amanda Park Timberland Library received important structural repairs in 2021, along with a paint refresh of the exterior. Those improvements included:

- Removed and replaced, or repaired, rotting timbers in the roofing and installed bracing and metal end caps.
- Installed bracing as needed.
- Installed new gutters along roof edges to direct rainwater away from building.
- Installed gutter guard leaf screens on all new gutters.
- Pressure washed and repainted exterior with new, updated color.
- New exterior paint on building and handrails.



Completed Project



Before



Endless Sea

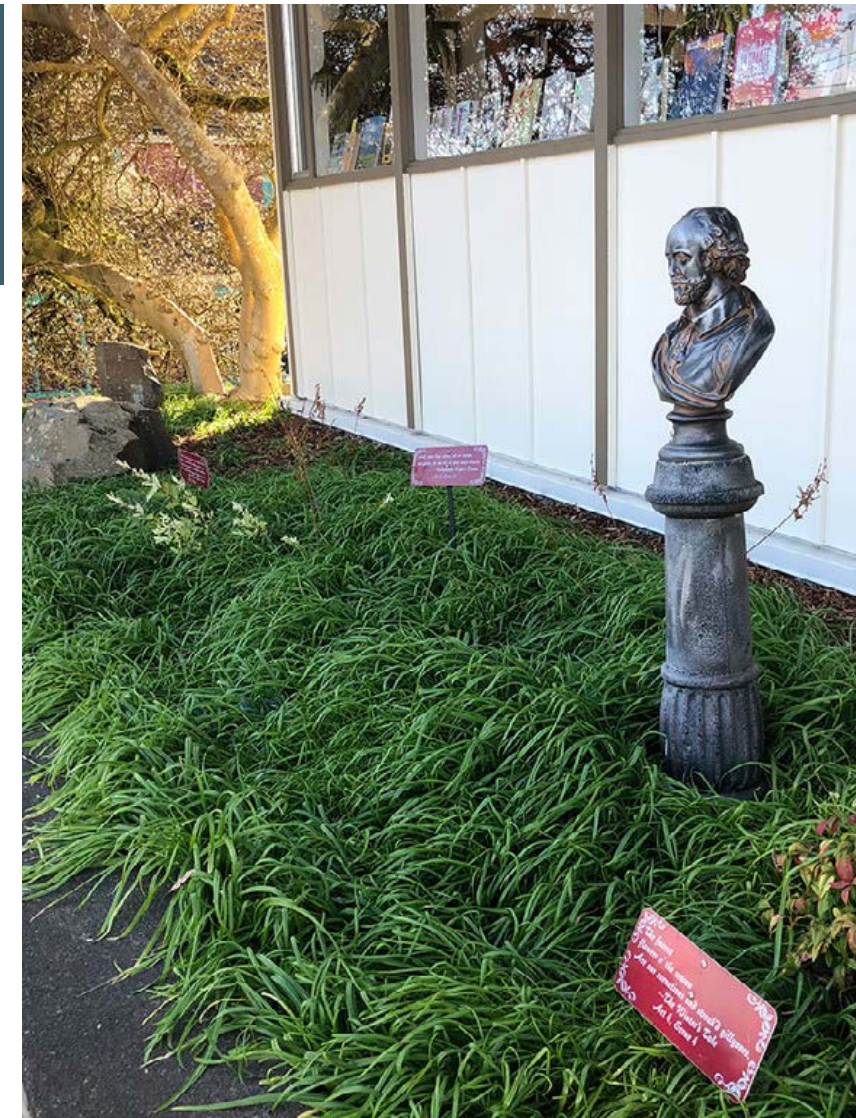


Montesano Timberland Library's exterior received an exterior refresh with new exterior paint and landscaping.

- Updated the library building with new exterior paint color.
- Landscaping was renewed and replaced with a design that is native, and drought resistant.



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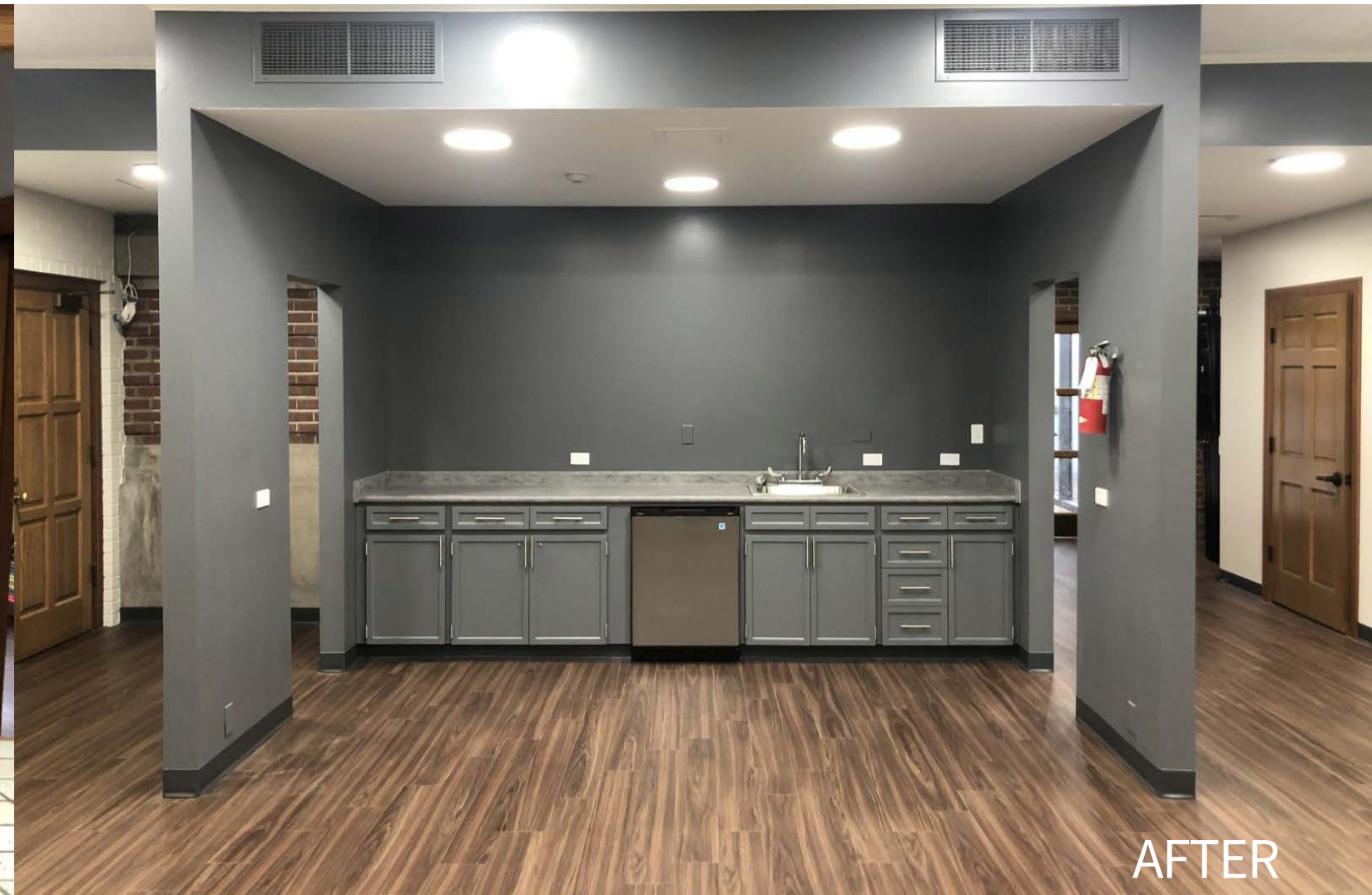
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# LEWIS COUNTY



BEFORE



AFTER



Centralia Timberland Library's main meeting room received a major overhaul in 2021 with new flooring, countertops, and more. Some of the improvements included:

- Removed old, damaged flooring and install new luxury vinyl flooring throughout the entire meeting room.
- Installed a new laminate countertop and backsplash in the kitchen area of the room.
- Updated lighting.
- Built a new storage room.
- Meeting room paint refresh and sound baffling installed.
- Purchased new ergonomic and easier to move tables and chairs.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW



Mountain View Timberland Library received a major clean out and clean up in 2020. Some of the improvements included:

- Removed superfluous items throughout the entire library and deep cleaned interior; power washed the exterior.
- Repaired numerous fixtures, replaced damaged carpet tiles, and repainted as needed.



Packwood Timberland Library received a complete interior refresh in 2021 with many improvements including:

- Replaced worn carpeting with new carpet.
- Restored the windows in the teen area.
- Installed AV shelving for all electronics and slatwall for displays and ease of material location.
- Reorganized downstairs staff area to allow more space and ease of use.
- Replaced old furniture with current furniture including new seating for the comfort of our patrons.
- Mobile service desk was installed to allow ease of cleaning, ADA, and flexibility of space.



BEFORE



AFTER



At the Salkum Timberland Library,

- Two spaces being used at storage closets were renovated into actual rooms that can be used in a variety of ways.
- Rotten planter boxes were turned into outside benches for public use.
- Scheduled for 2022 exterior paint, parking lot striping, and interior paint refresh.



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Winlock Timberland Library received a complete interior refresh in 2020 with many improvements including:

- Replaced old, outdated carpet with luxury plank vinyl (LVL).
- Interior paint was refreshed throughout the building.
- Replaced furniture and window blinds.
- Installed new mobile shelving to highlight New and Lucky Day books.
- Replaced fixed circulation desk with a mobile circulation desk that is more flexible, allowing us to quickly adapt to patron needs with a smaller footprint.
- Replaced computer tables and chairs so they are easier to clean and more comfortable and rearranged them for more open space.
- Rearranged shelving with expanded aisles for more comfortable browsing and accessibility.



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# MASON COUNTY

# HOODSPORT



Hoodsport Timberland Library received updates including:

- Exterior paint.
- Installed a new mobile service desk to allow for more opportunities to serve patrons and for ease of cleaning.
- Wood rot repair
- Landscape refresh.
- New exterior signage in production.

# NORTH MASON



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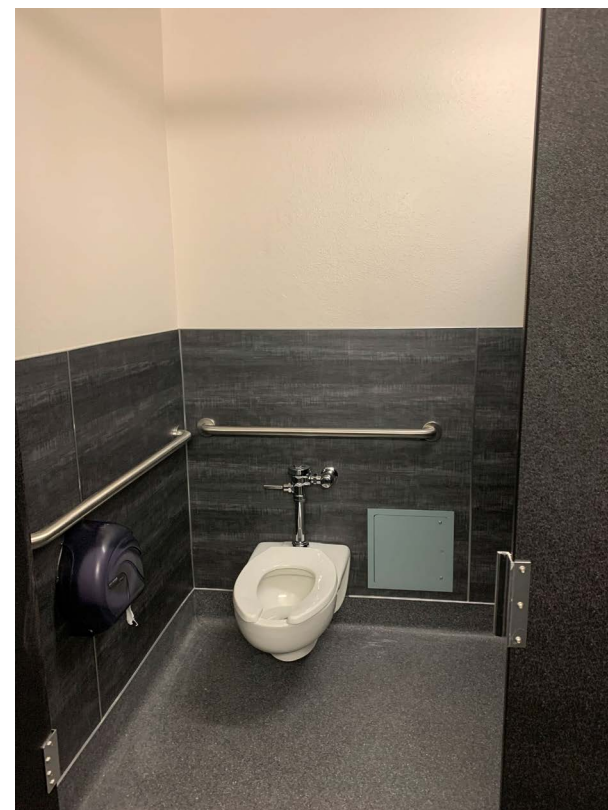
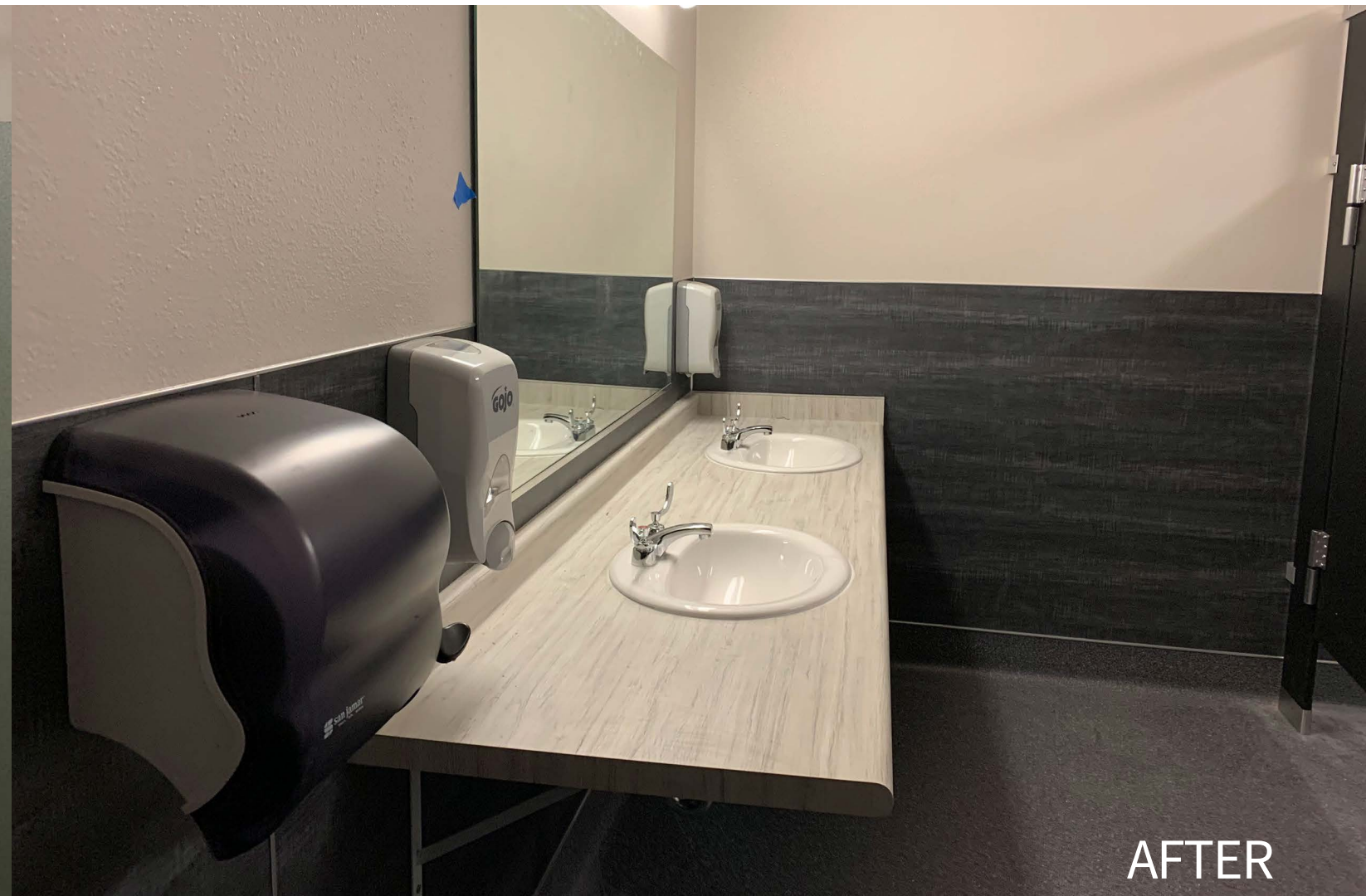
AFTER



North Mason Timberland Library was closed from December 1, 2020, through January 12, 2021, for its first major refresh since it opened in 1998. We made many improvements including:

- Returns and service desks were updated to allow for more opportunities to serve patrons and for ease of cleaning.
- Old, outdated furniture was removed to make room for a more functional children's area and replaced with new, more comfortable, and easier to clean seating and tables throughout the library.
- Replaced the worn carpeting with new carpet and luxury vinyl flooring.
- Refreshed the entire interior with new paint.
- Shelving was reorganized, providing open spacing for more comfortable browsing and accessibility.
- With help from the Evergreen Garden Club, we improved and upgraded the landscaping around the library.
- Refreshed bathrooms.





In the Autumn of 2021, the restrooms at Shelton Timberland Library received a complete overhaul to allow for easier cleaning and to give it a modern look. This was a major project with improvements including:

- Installed new flooring.
- Installed new wainscoting.
- Installed new mirrors.
- Installed new toilets.
- Installed new countertops.
- Installed new stalls.
- Installed new external doors.
- Installed new soap dispensers.
- Installed new paper towel holders.
- Repainted with low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint.

More improvements at the Shelton Timberland Library are scheduled for 2022.



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# PACIFIC COUNTY



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Naselle Timberland Library's exterior was repainted in 2021.

BEFORE



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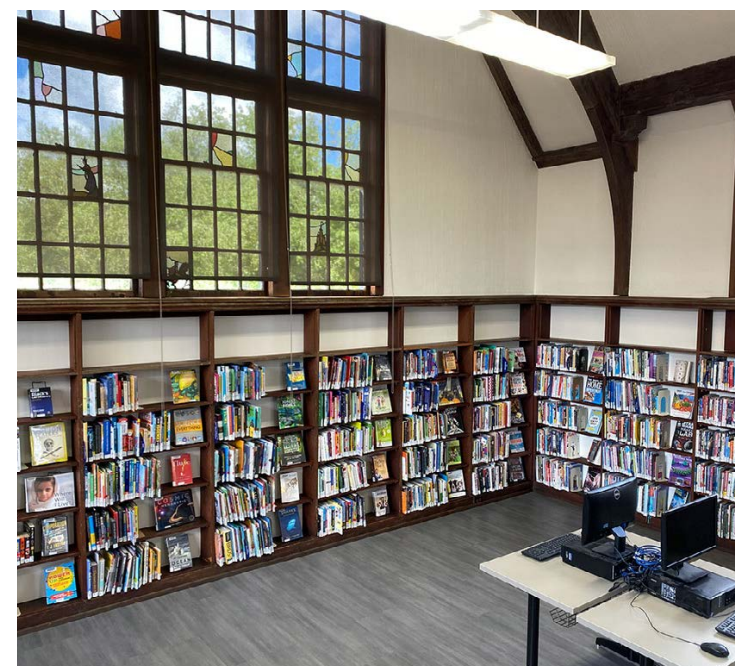
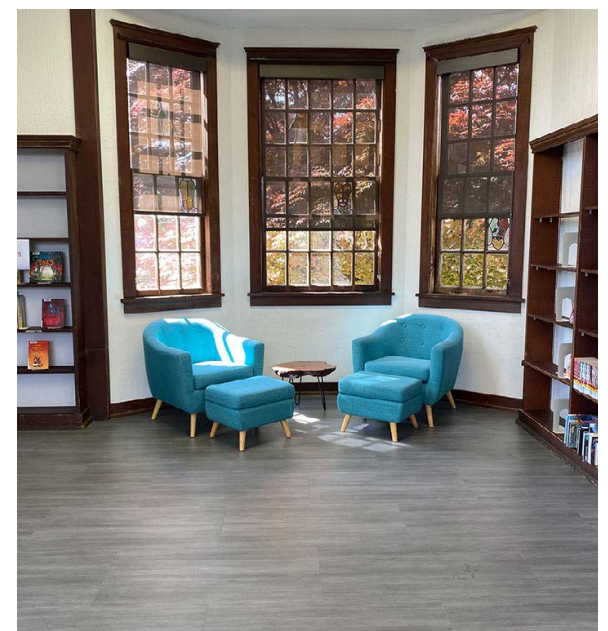
RAYMOND



Raymond Timberland Library received one of the most remarkable renovations during the pandemic. The project lasted about eight months, extending from the end of summer in 2020 through spring of 2021. Improvements included:

- Reorganized and removed items that were no longer needed.
- Installed new, easier to clean flooring throughout the building. Includes carpet and luxury vinyl plank flooring.
- Installed new fire-coded flooring, toilets, and sinks in the restrooms.

- Several much-needed repairs were made, including repairs to the chimney, the plaster on the walls, and the beautiful windows from years of water damage. City fixed the chimney leak and replaced the flashing.
- Updated the display area, replacing the old, cramped shelving with new free-standing shelves for featured books that allow for more natural light and accessibility for patrons.
- Replaced worn furnishings with updated furniture and seating for the comfort of patrons and ease of cleaning.
- Installed a new holds area and self-checkout, making it easier than ever for patrons to get their materials.



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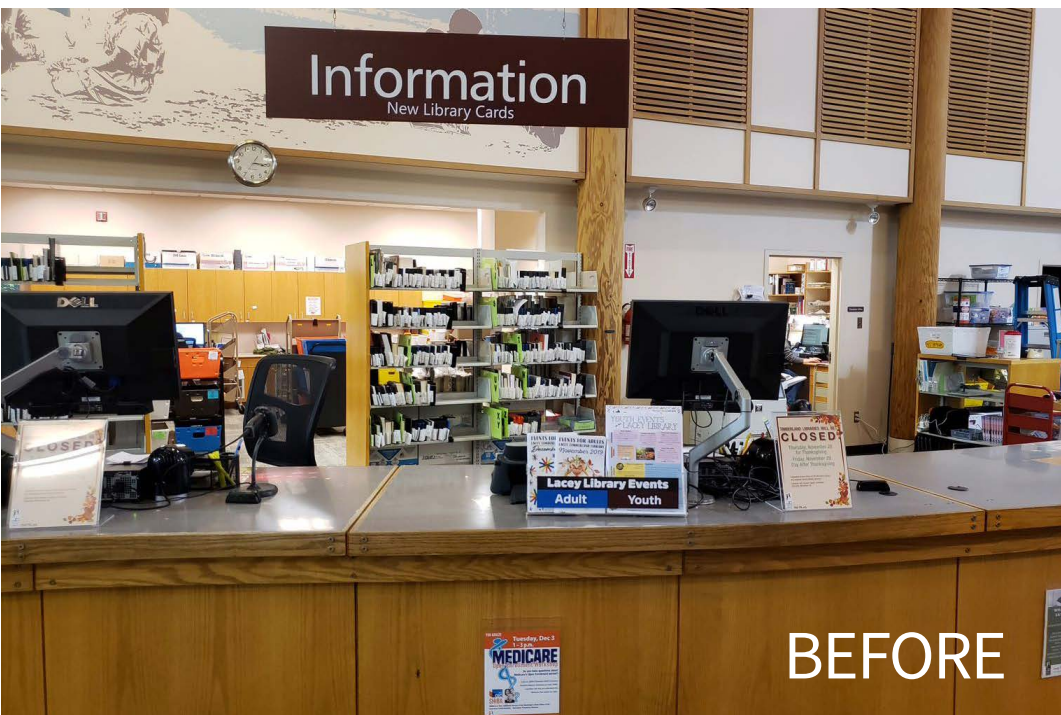
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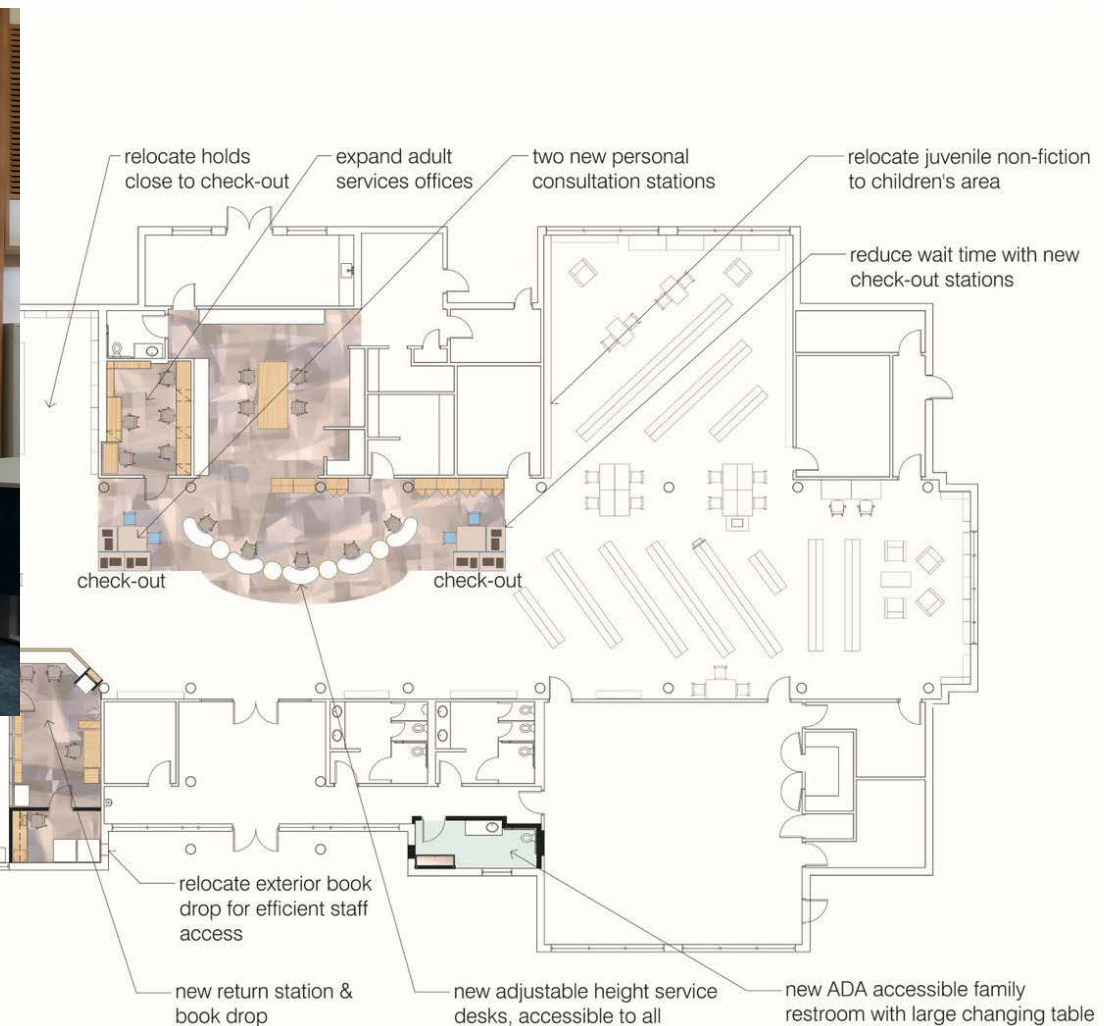
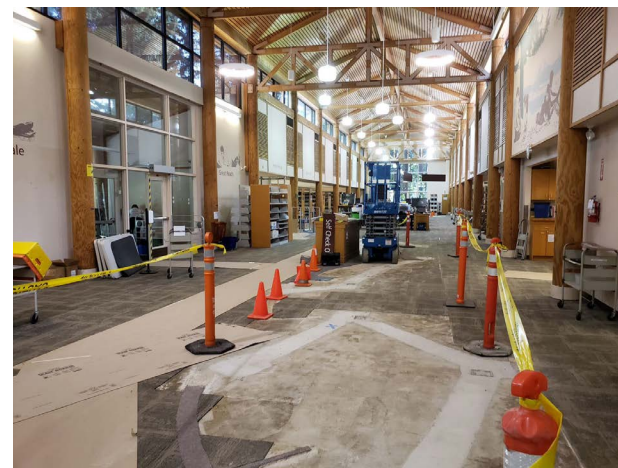
# THURSTON COUNTY



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The anticipated Fall 2020 remodel for Lacey Timberland Library was rescheduled to Summer 2020, allowing us to complete planned construction work while all Timberland libraries remained closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions. The remodel began mid-July and was completed in early October 2020. Improvements included:

- Installation of a single-occupancy family restroom.
- Replacement of all service desks with height adjustable stations to accommodate all patrons.
- Creation of a check-in room to consolidate materials return and processing in one convenient area.
- New library layout to improve health and safety of staff and patrons in response to COVID-19.
- Old furniture was replaced to offer more options including oversized chairs and furniture with or without arms.
- Installation of new Library Takeout windows to allow for continued service to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine.
- A new awning with a retractable roof was installed to ensure that our patrons have a positive experience no matter the weather.

Funding for this project was made possible by the **City of Lacey**, Timberland Regional Library, and through generous donations by the **Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library** and **our community**.



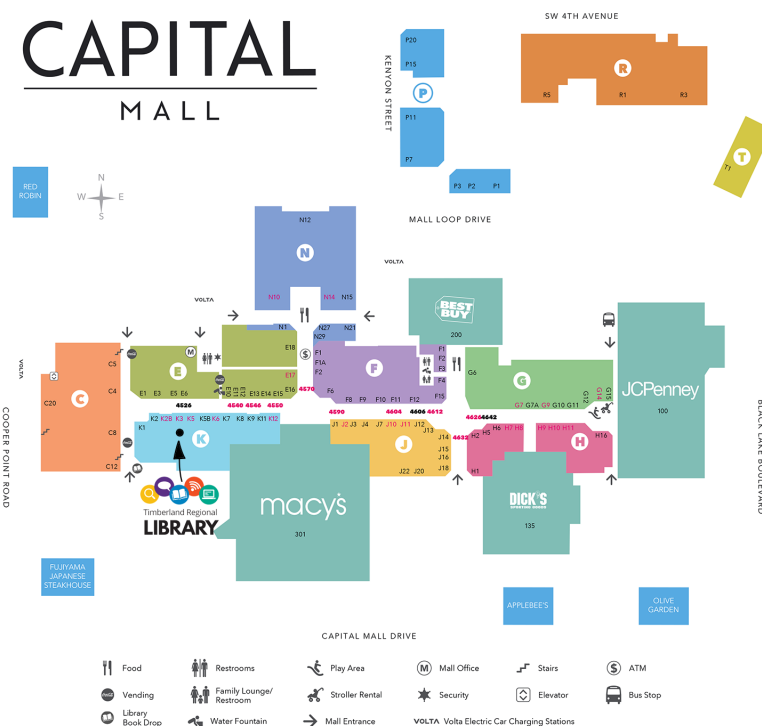
During the building closure due to COVID-19 restrictions, Tenino Timberland Library was refreshed with many improvements and upgrades in 2021 including the following:

- Installed new shelving to highlight featured books and provide more space and accessibility to patrons.
- Renovated staff area to create a new office space.
- Replaced worn furniture with modern seating and furniture for the comfort of our patrons.
- Refreshed interior paint throughout the building.

# WEST OLYMPIA/HAWKS PRAIRIE



*In production*



A new pilot "Lucky Day Library" branch was opened in Capital Mall in June 2021, and a second is opening in east Lacey (Hawks Prairie). The West Olympia Timberland Library and Hawks Prairie Timberland Library offer a variety of convenient services including:

- Self-checkout services.
- Self-service copy/scan/fax.
- Library cards for use at Timberland Regional Library branches and to access online services.
- Computer access by reservation.
- Popular books and DVDs for adults, teens, and children that patrons can borrow.
- Holds pickup for materials from any of our library locations.



# SERVICE CENTER

Several improvements and changes were made to the Administrative Service Center in 2020-2021, including a complete refresh of the Collections Department. Those improvements include:

- Replaced dated carpet with new luxury vinyl flooring throughout the Collections Department.
- Removed decades old cubicles and a montage of other items to make room for new, open work spaces and a more spacious department overall.
- Refreshed paint in the entire Collections area.
- Cleaned out and remodeled back-office area for more efficient use of the space as the HR and Finance offices.
- Reorganized office spaces and meeting rooms to create more usable spaces for staff and admin.
- Removed superfluous items and old, broken furniture.
- Refreshed paint in staff and admin offices.
- Removed outdated front desk and transitioned the lobby into an open, flexible space.

# TAKEOUT WINDOWS

During the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting shutdown, takeout windows were installed in 13 locations to allow TRL staff to continue to serve our patrons. Takeout windows were installed in the following locations:

- Amanda Park
- Hoodspoint
- Ilwaco
- Lacey
- Naselle
- North Mason
- Ocean Park
- Olympia
- Packwood
- Salkum
- Tenino
- Westport
- Winlock

*\*Mountain View and Chehalis had walk-up/drive-up access before the pandemic began.*

