



Timberland Regional Library eNewsletter

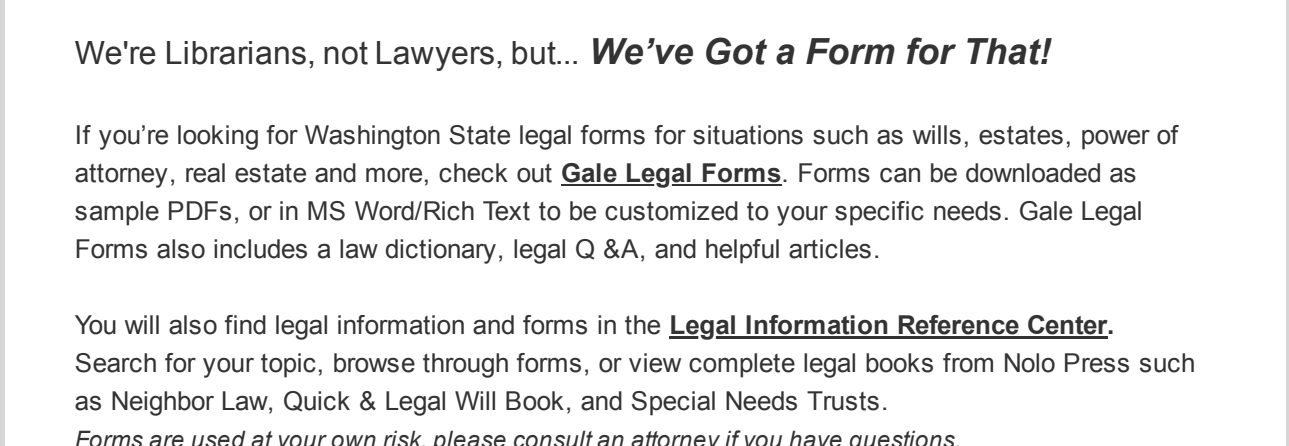
- February 2019 Edition -

#ilovemylibrary

The month of February is filled with important month-long celebrations like **Black History Month**, **Children's Dental Health Month**, **American Heart Month** and a more romantic, yet lesser-known celebration for **Library Lover's Month**.

While we celebrate our love for libraries every day, we would love to encourage you to share some of the great reasons that you love libraries! Is it the people?... the paperbacks (eBooks, audiobooks, online classes)?... or the savings to your pocketbook?

Want to share the love? Send a picture of you at your local Timberland library and tell us what you love about the resources, people, and services so we can **share your story!**



We're Librarians, not Lawyers, but... **We've Got a Form for That!**

If you're looking for Washington State legal forms for situations such as wills, estates, power of attorney, real estate and more, check out **Gale Legal Forms**. Forms can be downloaded as sample PDFs, or in MS Word/Rich Text to be customized to your specific needs. Gale Legal Forms also includes a law dictionary, legal Q & A, and helpful articles.

You will also find legal information and forms in the **Legal Information Reference Center**. Search for your topic, browse through forms, or view complete legal books from Nolo Press such as Neighbor Law, Quick & Legal Will Book, and Special Needs Trusts.

Forms are used at your own risk, please consult an attorney if you have questions.

Speaking of forms...

Get Tax Help at Your Library

Looking for free assistance in filing your income taxes? Did you know many of Timberland's branches offer free tax assistance? In Timberland libraries and other area locations, assistance with tax questions is available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

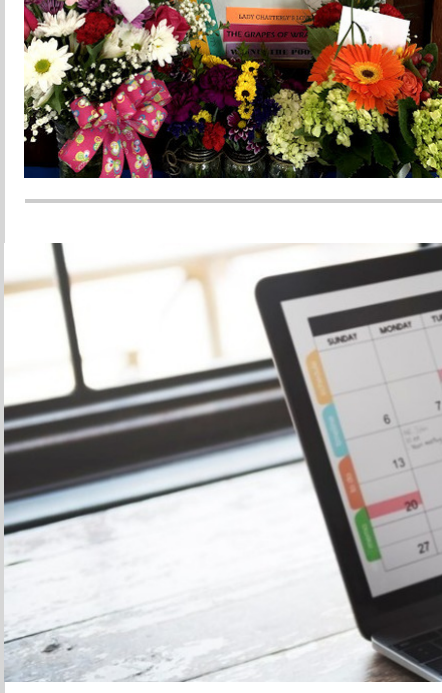
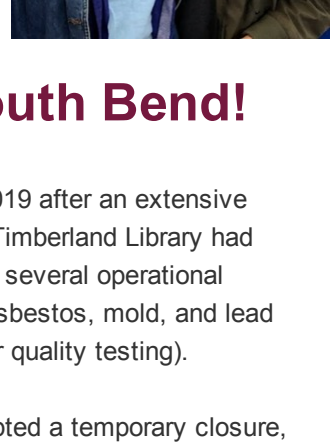
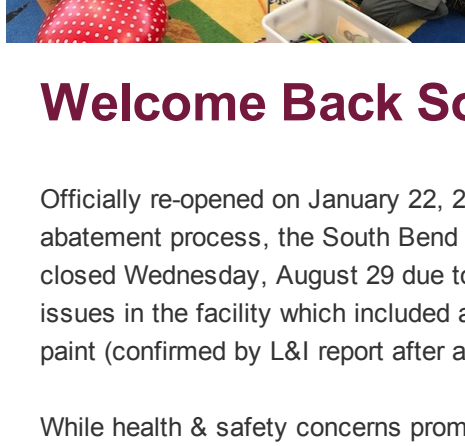
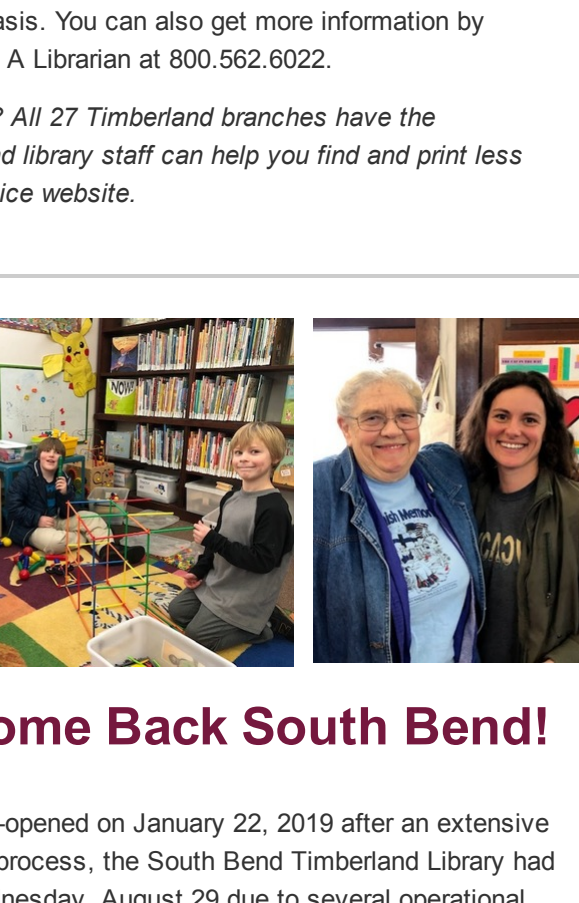
Volunteers from AARP will be at library locations and can help you complete your income tax return on scheduled dates through April 15 this year.

Details on when and where:

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Schedule (by county and library branch)

To receive assistance plan to arrive early and bring all of your tax documents. Help is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. You can also get more information by contacting your library branch or by calling Ask A Librarian at 800.562.6022.

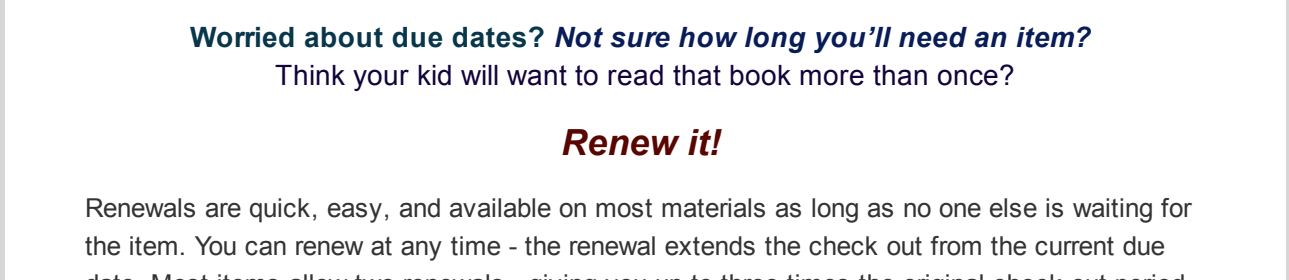
Simply looking for the official IRS paper forms? All 27 Timberland branches have the most common IRS forms preprinted for you, and library staff can help you find and print less common forms from the Internal Revenue Service website.



Welcome Back South Bend!

Officially re-opened on January 22, 2019 after an extensive abatement process, the South Bend Timberland Library had closed Wednesday, August 29 due to several operational issues in the facility which included asbestos, mold, and lead paint (confirmed by L&I report after air quality testing).

While health & safety concerns prompted a temporary closure, staff was relocated to the Raymond Timberland Library. South Bend library staff provided creative "pop-up library locations" in their community while repair work was completed on the historic Carnegie library building (built in 1913).



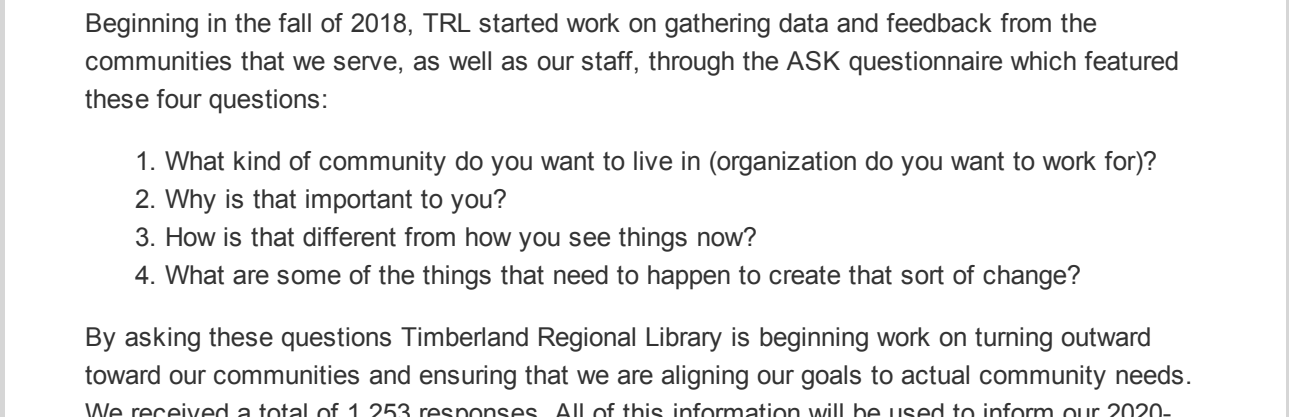
Worried about due dates? **Not sure how long you'll need an item?** Think your kid will want to read that book more than once?

Renew it!

Renewals are quick, easy, and available on most materials as long as no one else is waiting for the item. You can renew at any time - the renewal extends the check out from the current due date. Most items allow two renewals - giving you up to three times the original check out period.

You can easily renew in the library at the checkout stations, on the mobile app, in the library catalog, or by checking with library staff.

While most items have a checkout period of 21 days, did you know that most library materials are returned within two weeks? *Returning items when you're done with them helps everyone else waiting for those items too.*



Community Engagement Initiative Update!

Beginning in the fall of 2018, TRL started work on gathering data and feedback from the communities that we serve, as well as our staff, through the ASK questionnaire which featured these four questions:

1. What kind of community do you want to live in (organization do you want to work for)?
2. Why is that important to you?
3. How is that different from how you see things now?
4. What are some of the things that need to happen to create that sort of change?

By asking these questions Timberland Regional Library is beginning work on turning outward toward our communities and ensuring that we are aligning our goals to actual community needs. We received a total of 1,253 responses. All of this information will be used to inform our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.

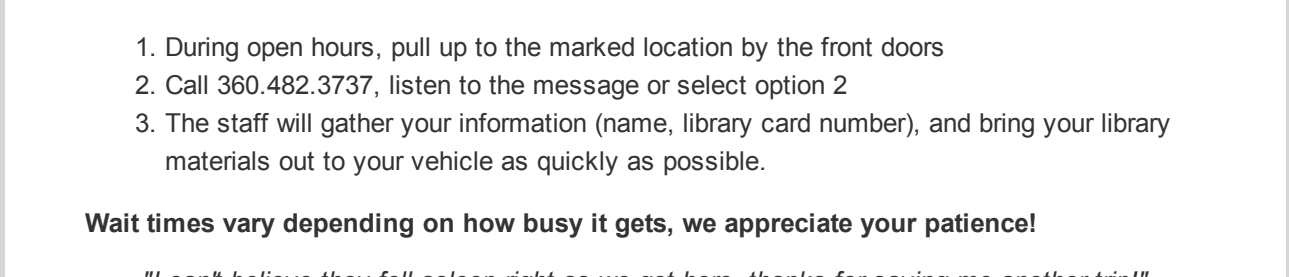


Community Conversations are Coming!

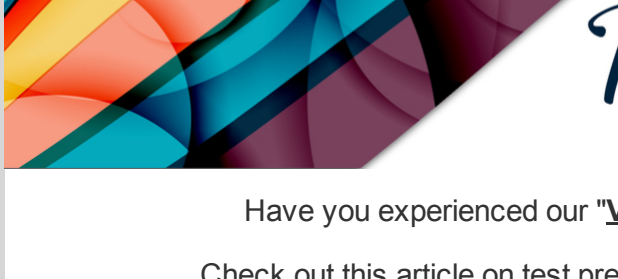
For the next phase of our Community Engagement Initiative we will be holding meetings in 24-30 of our communities allowing us to dig deeper into these questions. These meetings will take place from mid-March to late May and will be led by TRL staff trained in facilitation.

I am excited to dig in to this process and find out what our communities need to prosper!

Sarah Ogden
District Manager, Innovation & User Experience
Lead, TRL Strategic Planning Committee



Introducing Curbside Service



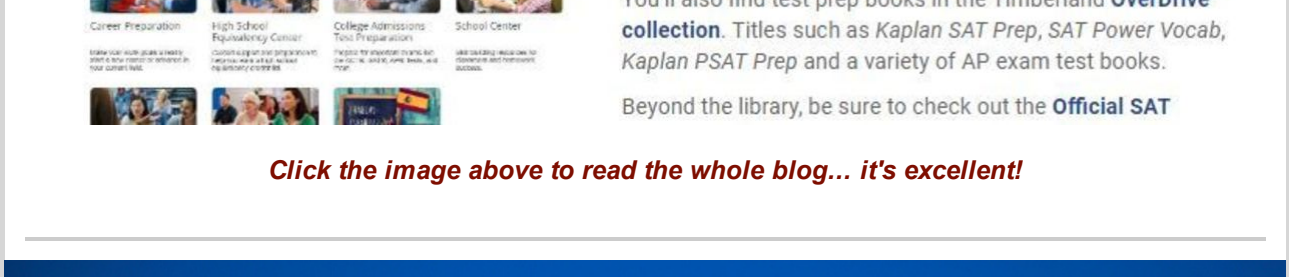
at the Elma Timberland Library!

We all have those days... you know that your on-hold books & DVDs are waiting for you, but you just can't make it in to the library to pick them up. Maybe the kids just fell asleep in the car, or perhaps recovering from surgery is keeping you from getting around easily. Our staff at the Elma Timberland Library are testing out a new pilot program called **"Curbside Service"**.

1. During open hours, pull up to the marked location by the front doors
2. Call 360.482.3737, listen to the message or select option 2
3. The staff will gather your information (name, library card number), and bring your library materials out to your vehicle as quickly as possible.

Wait times vary depending on how busy it gets, we appreciate your patience!

"I can't believe they fell asleep right as we got here, thanks for saving me another trip!"
- Samantha



Voices of Timberland

Have you experienced our **"Voices of Timberland"** Blog yet?

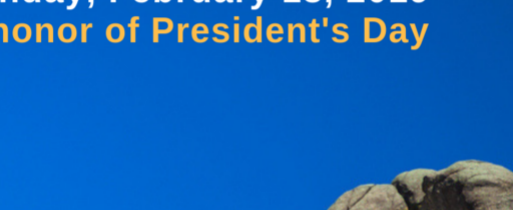
Check out this article on test preparation by our Electric Library staff:



Do you have a student in your life stressing about the SAT or PSAT?
Are you actually that student?
Here's a parent/guardian high five – you've got this!

Your Timberland Library has some online resources to help get you prepared.

First up is **LearningExpress Library**, a resource with college admissions test preparation for the ACT, SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and AP Exams all included.



Welcome to LearningExpress Library!
Find Tests, Tutorials, eBooks...

College Preparation High School Planning Center College Admissions Test Preparation School Center

Follow the link above, or go to the main menu on TRL.org, click on "Learn," then click on "Homework Help" and scroll down to the LearningExpress Library.

Students will find a selection of tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks.

You'll also find test prep books in the Timberland **OverDrive** collection. Titles such as Kaplan SAT Prep, SAT Power Vocabulary, Kaplan PSAT Prep and a variety of AP exam test books.

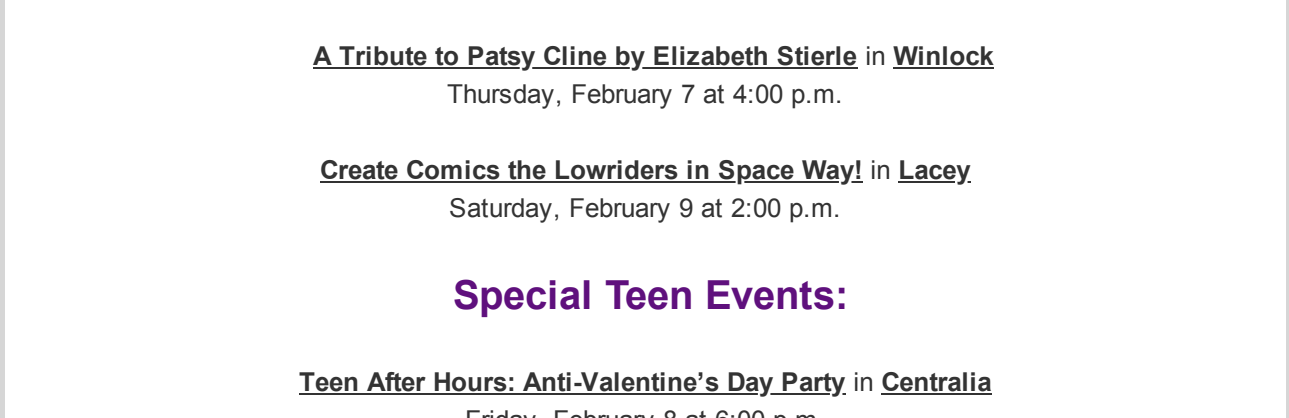
Beyond the library, be sure to check out the **Official SAT**

Click the image above to read the whole blog... it's excellent!



ALL TIMBERLAND LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, February 18, 2019
in honor of President's Day



Libraries will resume regular schedules on Tuesday, February 19.

#CheckThisOut Event Calendar Highlights

Check out our Online Events Calendar for what's happening at your local Timberland library!

Please note that the February 13, 2019 Bi-monthly Board Meeting has been **Cancelled**. The next meeting of the TRL Board of Trustees will occur on Tuesday, February 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center in Tumwater.

Chinese New Year Celebration in **Ilwaco**
Tuesday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m.

A Tribute to Patsy Cline by Elizabeth Stierle in **Winlock**
Thursday, February 7 at 4:00 p.m.

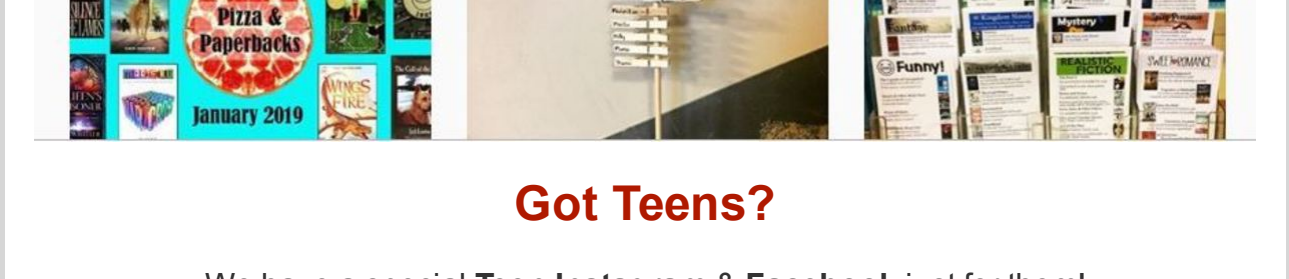
Create Comics the Lowriders in Space Way! in **Lacey**
Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Special Teen Events:

Teen After Hours: Anti-Valentine's Day Party in **Centralia**
Friday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Fandom Fest After Hours in **Shelton**
Friday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Valentine's Dance: A Library Party for Teens in **Olympia**
Saturday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

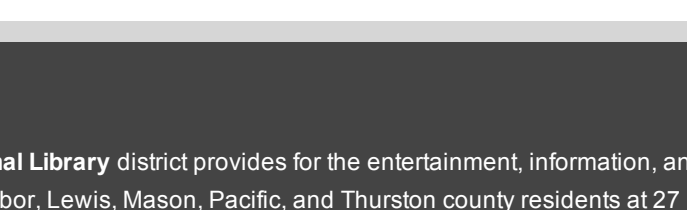


Got Teens?

We have a special **Teen Instagram** & **Facebook** just for them!



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



TRL.org

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