Timberland Regional LIBRARY

News Release: Library Patrons Recognize Contributions of Timberland Regional Library Workers

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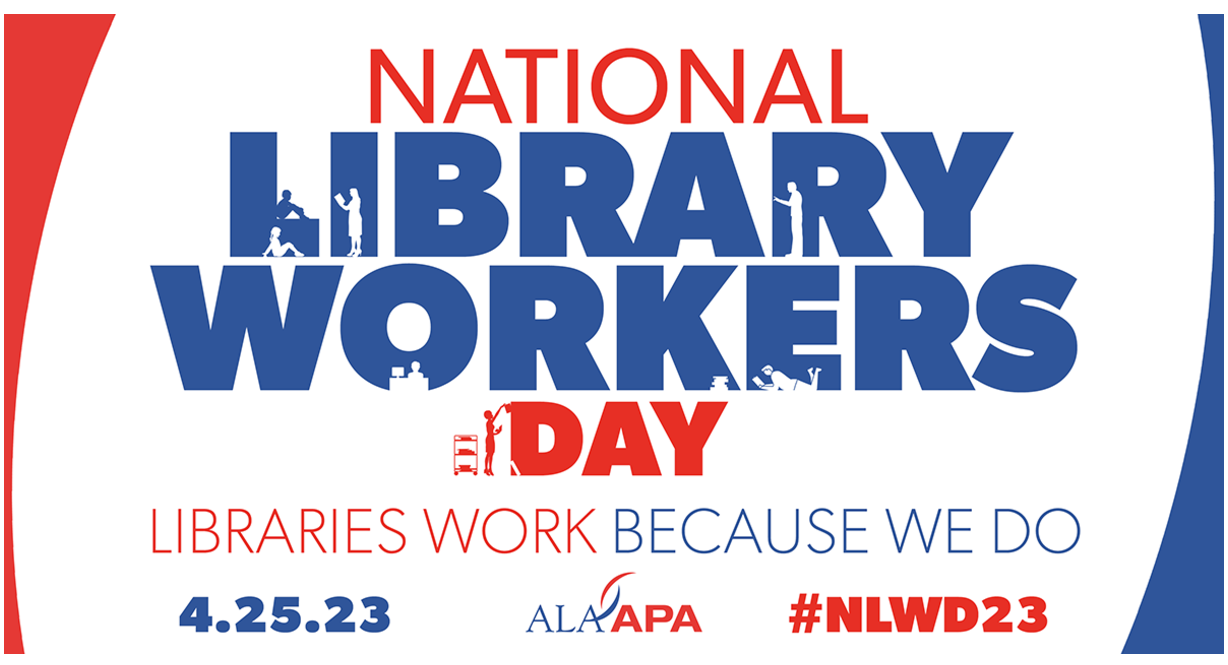

National Library Workers Day - April 25, 2023

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) staff play a critical role in meeting the needs of their communities. National Library Workers Day (NLWD) on April 25, is an opportunity to recognize staff for their expertise and commitment to transforming lives and communities through engagement, enrichment, and lifelong learning.

There are approximately 250 TRL staff working in 30 different locations spanning 5 counties and 7,000 sq. miles (about twice the area of Connecticut). This includes staff within the 29 library branches, as well as staff in IT, operations, collection services, administration, and many others working behind the scenes to make the libraries run smoothly and successfully.

Staff connect patrons to resources and information, and offer innovative programming, while consistently meeting the needs of patrons and communities. The countless services and resources local libraries provide would not be possible without dedicated staff.

"Staff work for TRL because they love libraries, and they love sharing their passion with others" says Timberland Regional Library Executive Director, Cheryl Heywood. *"We want patrons to know that giving recognition for their work means a lot to our library staff."*

To show appreciation for staff and the work they do throughout the year, members of the community are invited to "Submit a Star" by providing a testimonial about a favorite library employee. Patrons are welcome to share stories on how library staff have made an impact on their lives or community. Each testimonial will be posted in the "Galaxy of Stars" on the NLWD website to honor library workers.

Those celebrating National Library Workers Day also can share their celebrations on social media using the hashtag #NLWD23, or by posting NLWD Facebook page at facebook.com/NationalLibraryWorkersDay.

For more information, please visit ala-apa.org/nlwd.

Established in 2003, National Library Workers Day (NLWD) celebrates the contributions of all library workers, including librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day. NLWD is held annually during National Library Week (April 23 – 29, 2023) and is sponsored by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA).

About ALA APA

The ALA Allied Professional Association is a nonprofit organization chartered in the State of Illinois for the purpose of promoting "the mutual professional interests of librarians and other library workers." The ALA-APA is a companion organization to the American Library Association (ALA), an educational association chartered in the State of Massachusetts to "promote library service and librarianship."

Timberland Regional LIBRARY provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 29 community public libraries 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.

All Timberland library programs are free and open to the public. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. For more information visit TRL.org

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