



## Timberland Regional Library eNewsletter - March 2019 Edition -

**Calling Irish Americans... and those that claim to be Irish on March 17!**

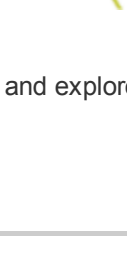
### March is National Irish American Heritage Month



If you're interested in researching your Irish family history, visit one of our 27 Timberland libraries to use **Ancestry Library Edition**. You can also try out **Heritage Quest** as well, available online in the library or at home.

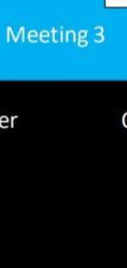


Practice your Irish brogue or pickup a few key Celtic phrases with the online language learning program **Pronunciator**. Use in your online browser, or download apps for Apple, Android, and Kindle Fire.



Find Irish documentaries and feature films on **Kanopy** streaming video. Some titles include "The Island: Ireland From the Air", "Ireland: The Celtic Way", "St. Patrick: Apostle of Ireland", and "1916: The Irish Rebellion".

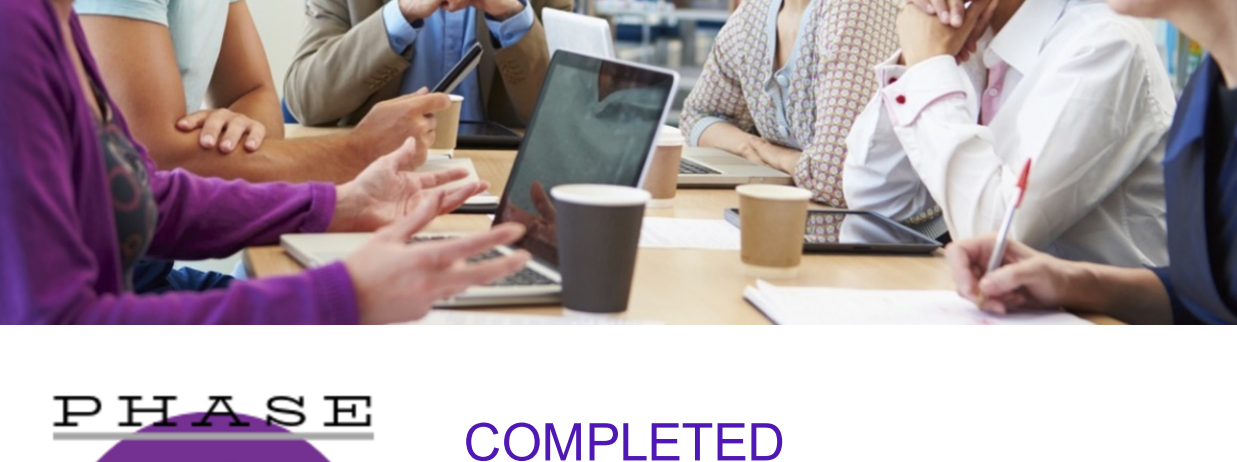
You get five free films each month!



Search the **Library Catalog** to find Irish fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, and films. Ebooks and downloadable audiobooks can be found in **OverDrive**.

Research Irish food history and recipes with **A to Z World Food** and explore your ancestor's lives using **Daily Life Through History**.

## 2020-2022 Strategic Planning Process Update Strategic Planning 2019



This update was presented by Sarah Ogden, District Manager of Innovation & UX to the Board of Trustees on February 27, 2019. Download the presentation for a Community Engagement Initiative update and overview of the planning phase for the remainder of this year.

[Download the PDF](#)



## PHASE 1

### COMPLETED

During the Fall of 2018, the **Community ASK Questionnaire** involved four questions about community vision.

We are so grateful for the 634 people that participated in person and for the 539 that submitted their input using our online survey.

Interested in participating in Phase 2? Please contact the TRL Service Center at 360-943-5001 to be added to the invitation list.

## PHASE 2

### Community Conversations

Beginning this April, TRL staff will be facilitating in-depth **Community Conversations** at 18 locations across our five-county district.

These conversations will help us plan strategically for how to best serve our communities.

## PHASE 3

### Community Check-ins

In the summer of 2019, TRL staff facilitators will travel back out to those locations for **Community Check-ins**; present our findings and demonstrate how we are incorporating what we have learned into our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.

This phase will provide an opportunity for district residents to look over what we have created and give input.

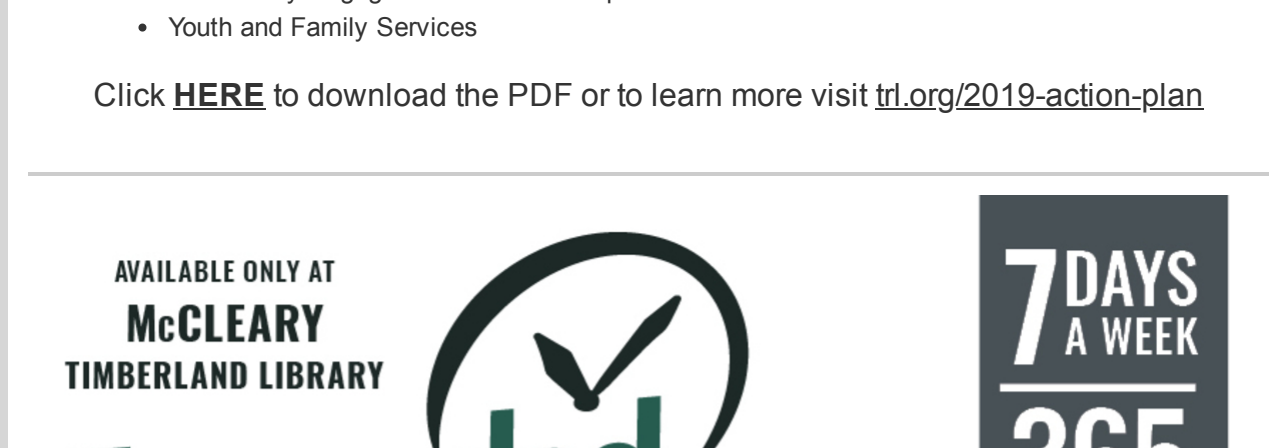
## FALL 2019

### Next Steps

### Finally...

In the Fall of 2019 three additional phases will be established that will build recommendations for programs and services that are driven by the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan priorities.

The recommendations made by residents, refined by staff, and selected by the administrative team will influence the district's budget priorities for the future.



## Introducing the 2019 Action Plan

The 2019 Action Plan serves as a transition between the now completed 2014-2018 Strategic Plan and TRL's next Strategic Plan, which will provide a roadmap for the organization from 2020-2022.

These Public Service Priorities include:

- Adult Services
- Circulation, Data and Metrics
- Community Engagement and User Experience
- Youth and Family Services

Click [HERE](#) to download the PDF or to learn more visit [trl.org/2019-action-plan](http://trl.org/2019-action-plan)

AVAILABLE ONLY AT  
**McCleary  
TIMBERLAND LIBRARY**

# Expanded Access

**7 DAYS  
A WEEK  
365  
DAYS  
A YEAR**

## Expanded Access Arrives in McCleary

Registered library patrons can now visit the **McCleary Timberland Library** 7 days a week, 365 days a year! Open hours have been expanded from 4 days/27 hours a week, to 7 days/91 hours per week.

The staffed open days and hours will remain the same, while the expanded days and hours are self-service and began this past February as a pilot program. **Expanded Access** in McCleary will be tested and evaluated to determine if it should be introduced at other Timberland libraries in the future.

BiblioTech, the company that provides this service to rural and urban libraries worldwide described **Expanded Access** as a service that attracts new users, increases the use of library spaces and equipment, such as computers and printers, and elevates the number of library items checked out.

Patrons wanting to enable **Expanded Access** must contact their local Timberland library. To opt-in for this service patrons must be 18 or older. To sign up simply stop by the information desk at the McCleary library during staffed hours.

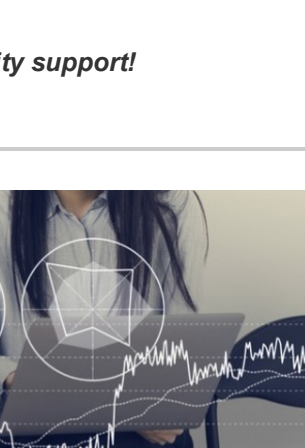
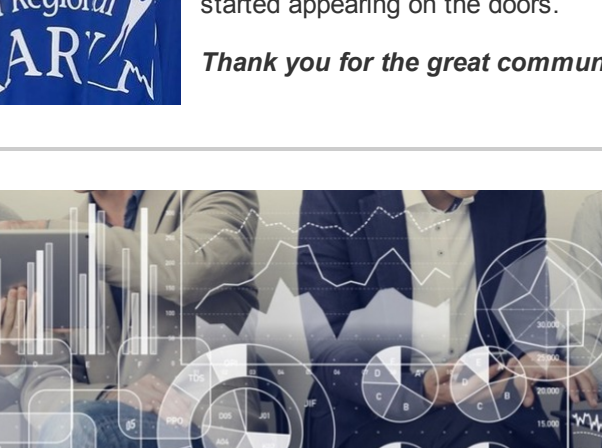
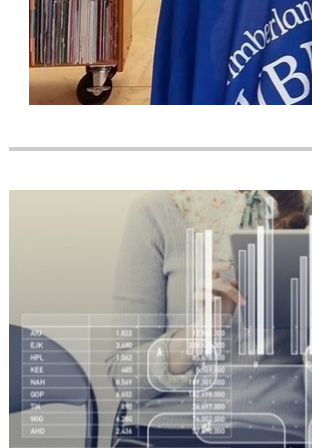
### Staffed Open Hours

Mon	Closed
Tue	10:00am - 5:00pm
Wed	10:00am - 5:00pm
Thu	1:00pm - 8:00pm
Fri	Closed
Sat	10:00am - 4:00pm
Sun	Closed

### Expanded Access Hours

No staff available during these hours. Registration required.

Mon	7:00am - 8:00pm
Tue	7-10:00am - 5-8:00pm
Wed	7-10:00am - 5-8:00pm
Thu	7:00am - 1:00pm
Fri	7:00am - 8:00pm
Sat	7-10:00am - 4-8:00pm
Sun	7:00am - 8:00pm



## Welcome Back Montesano!

Officially re-opened on Tuesday, February 19 after an extensive restoration, the Montesano library had closed December 11, due to storm/sewage overflow in the facility which damage to carpet, flooring, sheetrock, and furniture.

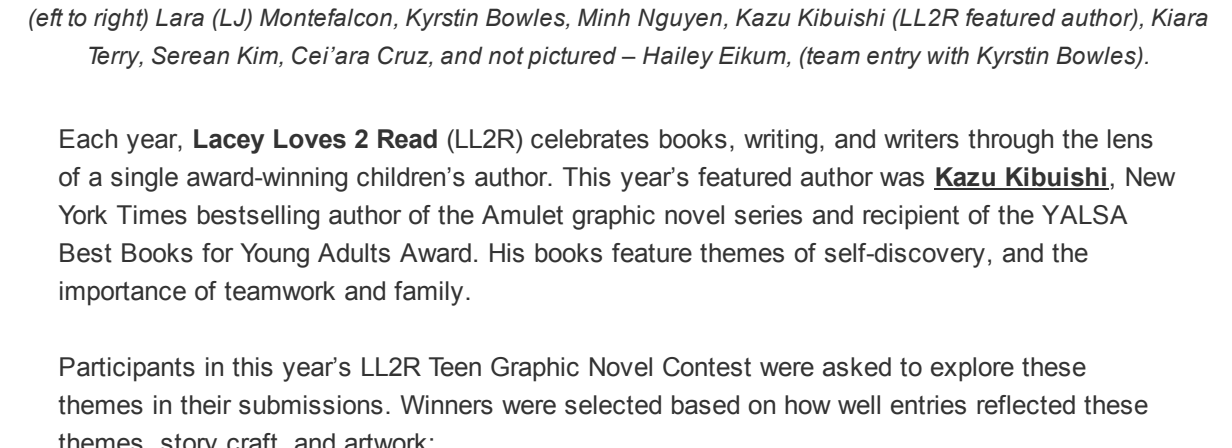
While health & safety concerns prompted the temporary closure, library staff hosted creative "pop-up library locations" in the lobby, moved programs throughout their community, and were delighted when "Get Well Cards" started appearing on the doors.

**Thank you for the great community support!**

## Open Data Portal

TRL recognizes the rights of citizens, organizations, and local governments to publicly access library records and information, as specified in the **Open Data Policy**. To provide these documents online, we have created a **webpage** where updated data sets are available to you.

## Teen Graphic Novel Contest Winners Announced



(left to right) Lara (LJ) Montefalcon, Kyrstin Bowles, Minh Nguyen, Kazu Kibuishi (LL2R featured author), Kiara Terry, Serean Kim, Cei'ara Cruz, and not pictured - Hailey Eikum, (team entry with Kyrstin Bowles).

Each year, **Lacey Loves 2 Read (LL2R)** celebrates books, writing, and writers through the lens of a single award-winning children's author. This year's featured author was **Kazu Kibuishi**, New York Times bestselling author of the Amulet graphic novel series and recipient of the YALSA Best Books for Young Adults Award. His books feature themes of self-discovery, and the importance of teamwork and family.

Participants in this year's LL2R Teen Graphic Novel Contest were asked to explore these themes in their submissions. Winners were selected based on how well entries reflected these themes, story craft, and artwork:

### High school category

- 1st place: "Monochroma" by **Minh Nguyen**, 12th grade, North Thurston High School  
2nd place: "The Monster Under Her Bed" by **Lara (LJ) Montefalcon**, 10th grade, Timberline High School  
3rd place: "All's Fair in Love and War" by **Kyrstin Bowles**, 12th grade, Timberline High School & **Hailey Eikum**, 12th grade, Timberline High School

### Middle school category

- 1st place - "Just A Little Longer" by **Kiara Terry**, 8th grade, Komachin Middle School  
2nd place - "The Adventures of Death and Devil" by **Serean Kim**, 7th grade, Home School  
3rd place - "Magic Trick" by **Cei'ara Cruz**, 7th grade, Komachin Middle School

Read the **2014-2019 Winning Entries** of the Lacey Loves 2 Read Competition.

LL2R is sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library, City of Lacey, Lacey South Sound Chamber, Lacey Timberland Library, and North Thurston Public Schools.

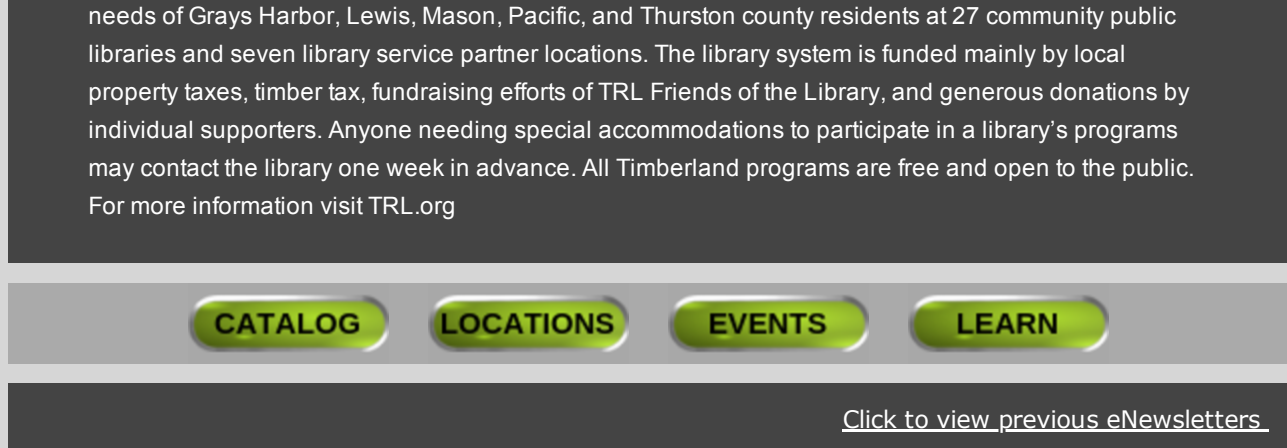
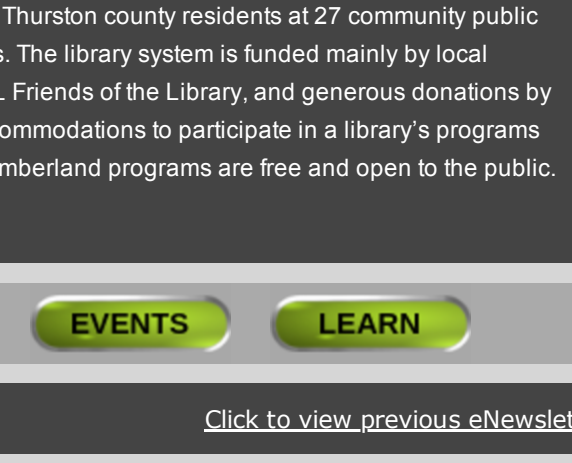
## There is Still Time to Get Tax Help at Your Library

Looking for free assistance in filing your income taxes? Help with tax questions available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

Details on when and where:

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide**

**Schedule** (by county and library branch)



## 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](http://TRL.org)

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