



TIMBERLAND LIBRARIES WILL BE

CLOSED

Veterans Day
Monday
November 11, 2019

&

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday & Friday
November 28-29, 2019

Expanded Access Hours at the McCleary Library are available during holiday closures

OCT 9 Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Public · Hosted by Timberland Regional Library

Interested Going

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Next Week: 39–57°F Sunny

Timberland Regional Library
415 Tumwater Blvd SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501

Special Board Meeting Scheduled: October 9

The Timberland Board of Trustees will meet next week on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019** at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center in Tumwater to review the 2020 Budget.

The regularly scheduled Board Meeting will still take place on Wednesday, October 23, 2019

You can click on the image to go directly to the Facebook Event for more information or to share.

Help us reach our goal of **1 Million digital checkouts**

Read on Libby.

Let's Reach the One Million Mark Together!

You Can Help Timberland Regional Library join the OverDrive Million Checkout Club in 2019!

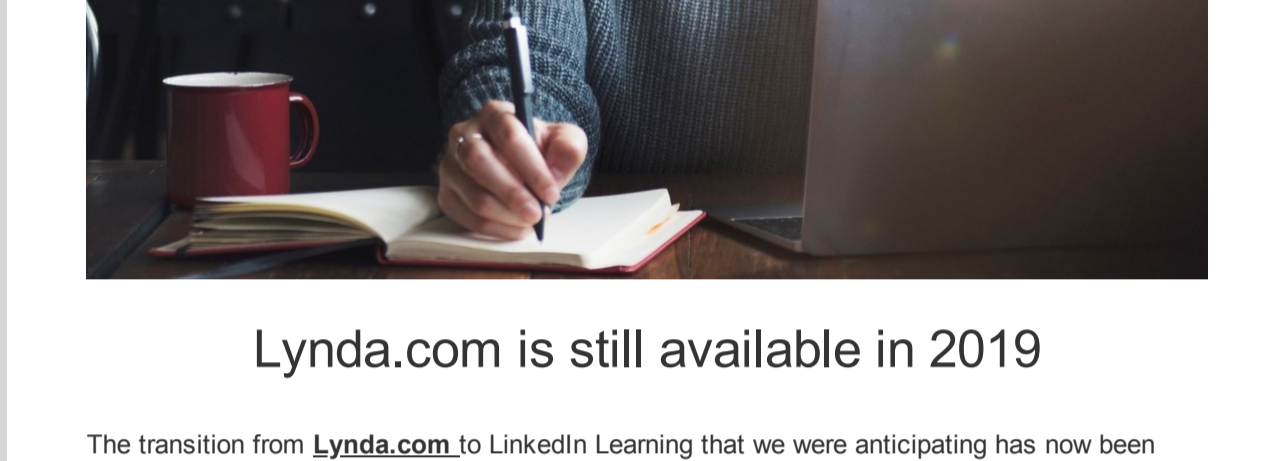
Nearly 27,000 TRL patrons have used OverDrive this year so far to check out over 725,000 ebooks and audiobooks. Checkouts are currently on pace to reach about 975,000 by the end of year, but we have faith that together we can push it over the million mark! If you have not yet been a digital ebook or audiobook user, this is a great time to start, it's easy!

Visit the [TRL OverDrive website](#) and log in with your library card and PIN. Browse, check out, and start reading and listening! New ebooks and audiobooks are added every week. Your librarians create lists to highlight titles beyond the bestsellers and there are thousands of ebooks and audiobooks available to check out right now.

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TRL staff are always willing to help you get started or answer questions. Visit your local library location (bring your device if you're having trouble) or contact the Ask-A-Librarian service.



Lynda.com is still available in 2019

The transition from [Lynda.com](#) to LinkedIn Learning that we were anticipating has now been "paused" until at least January 2020. The Washington State Library, which funds Lynda.com for participating Washington libraries, including TRL, has done an excellent job negotiating with LinkedIn and conveying all our concerns.

Sept. 19, 2019 Statement from LinkedIn:
First, thank you for being a valued customer and working so closely with us on the migration from Lynda.com to LinkedIn Learning. While we are excited about the learning experience we offer on LinkedIn Learning, we've made the decision to pause your transition.

While we've worked with many of our public library customers on this transition, we recognize that there are ongoing concerns about some of the changes we are making. This pause will give us time to continue our discussions with the library community and understand if we can build an online learning solution that meets the needs of public libraries and library patrons. While we cannot commit to any changes in our approach at this time, this pause will give us time to have the right, thoughtful discussions.

Timberland Reads Together: "There There" by Best-Selling Author Tommy Orange

This year for Timberland Reads Together (TRT), our district-wide book club, we chose to highlight Native authors and craftspeople. Approximately 300 people attended our main TRT event with Tommy Orange, author of "There There", at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, September 22.

The evening started with a blessing and drum song by Joe Seymour from Squaxin Island. Donna Barron, Director of Evergreen's Native Pathways program conducted the author interview. After the interview, Tommy was gifted with a Skokomish blanket by Native Pathways Faculty Member, Yvonne Peterson [*first row of photos*]. After the main event, Tommy Orange met with attendees to sign books and copies of the stunning event poster created by TRL Graphic Designer, Nicole June [*shown in the bottom row of photos*].

Tommy is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He engaged the audience with stories of growing up in Oakland with a Native father and a hippie mother on a street where almost everyone was bicultural. Apparently the most he had hoped for from writing the book was that he would get a job teaching in the MFA program at the [Institute of American Indian Arts](#), so the success of his book caught him by surprise... Oh, and along with becoming a successful author, he did get that job at IAIA.

It feels like Autumn came early this year!

Let's take a quick look back at the amazing and out-of-this-world 2019 Summer Library Program:

2019 SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Mission of Summer Library Program:
To decrease summer learning loss, engage youth, families, and adults during the summer, and increase awareness of TRL in our communities through a cohesive district-wide literacy program.

Vision:

- Recognizable and accessible to any person in our five-county region.
- Exists as much outside the library as it does inside the library.
- Demonstrates the many resources of the library beyond books.
- Inclusive and involves the whole family.

Goals for this year included:

- Increased registration. 17,221 people registered, up from 16,476 in 2018. 7,038 people finished the program up from 6,455 in 2018.
- Continue to encourage more adults to participate. 4,354 adults registered, up from 3,165 in 2018.
- A more cohesive program across the district to help make it clear to patrons that we all belong to one district working to provide them with the highest quality services and resources.
- A more accessible program for struggling readers, non-readers, those not yet able to read, and lifelong learners of all ages.

We accomplished these goals by offering programs for birth-adult and creating a single reading log with reading and non-reading activities for all ages that celebrate the diversity of our communities, support learning, and develop literacy skills essential for learning to read. Staff were able to distribute activity logs to schools and other community organizations during spring visits and presentations.

Parents & caregivers reported:
127 survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of parents or caregivers surveyed who either agreed or strongly agreed that they benefited from the service or program:

- 92%** maintained or increased reading skills
- 76%** more confident reader
- 74%** reads more often
- 75%** uses the library more often

Adults reported for themselves:
222 survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of patrons surveyed who either agreed or strongly agreed that they benefited from the service or program:

- 85%** learned something new
- 62%** enjoy reading more
- 62%** read more often
- 80%** want to use the library more often

*does not include all outreach events

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2020-2022 Strategic Direction

The past year has been an encouraging time as the lead of the Strategic Planning Committee for Timberland Regional Library. While engaging with communities during Community Conversations and conducting Community Check-ins to get feedback on the first two drafts of the 2020-2022 Strategic Direction, something was made clear to me: *There are many people that care deeply about the future of their community library.*

Another thing was also made clear: *We were receiving attention and feedback from a very narrow segment of our population.*

I was relieved to hear from the majority of communities during these meetings and through our online surveys that they had the same concern. They didn't see the diversity that exists in their communities represented. This feedback reinforced what frontline staff, the TRL Administrative Team, and Board of Trustee members have also listed as an area in which we need work.

The great thing about having this concern confirmed by our community *while* we are working through the strategic planning process, is that we are able to plan to address it in a holistic manner. In our draft plan we have made equity, diversity, and inclusion a focus area. We have also made local communities a focus area. These strategic focus areas allow us to address the concern about limited community engagement in a concerted and meaningful way through our district tactical plan while also allowing counties and communities to address things specific to their local level.

Look over the data we have collected during the Community Engagement Initiative and Strategic Planning process to see what else the communities across our 5-county district have had to say and keep track of our progress at [TRL.org/2020-2022-strategic-direction](#)

I also ask you to stay engaged with us; your input and advocacy are very important.

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Innovation and User Experience

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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](#).

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