

Managing your tax dollars

Tough decisions and exciting new resources

TRL faces tight finances in 2017. The forecast has resulted in some tough budget decisions. Most noticeable to patrons will be a \$579,000 (16%) cut in materials - that means everything you can borrow, download or use online.

Topping the non-renew list is Hoopla - streaming video and audiobooks - and the music source, Freegal. These two services are not sustainable as the cost to TRL is more than \$250,000 in 2016.

The language-learning program Pronunciator is available only through December 31. However, popular language programs Mango and Muzzy Club have been renewed. Universal Class joined TRL's online learning/continuing education collection back on December 1, adding more than 500 different classes. It replaces Gale Courses, which is significantly more expensive and is ending the sign up for classes on December 30.

TRL will continue to monitor the use of our services combined with direct patron input to make informed decisions that provide the best possible value in library services. Thank you for your patience during this transition.