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**In Pacific County, Library Partnership Brings
Resources to Job Seekers**

**JobAssist harnesses technology to help people
get training and find employment.**



TRL's Cheryl Heywood (left) and PacMtn's Cheryl Fambles (right) share a commitment to help people find jobs



The five Timberland libraries in Pacific County have new tools to help job seekers, career builders and business starters - new laptop computers loaded with tools for success.

The laptops are part of "JobAssist," a joint initiative of the Timberland Regional Library and the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (PacMtn).

"JobAssist" puts people in touch with employment information, training programs and career guidance.

Laptop users will not only be able to access the valuable resources listed on the WorkSource website, they will also be able to access TRL's business and education resources and classes, including the Microsoft Imagine Academy, Universal Class, Career Cruising and lynda.com.



PacMtn provided funding to purchase 10 laptops - two per library - for the Timberland branches in Ilwaco, Naselle, Ocean Park, Raymond and South Bend.

Any person with a current Timberland library card will be able to check out a laptop for all-day use in the library.

TRL Director Cheryl Heywood explains: "Job seekers will be able to research companies, search for jobs, write resumes and cover letters, and send out applications, all from the comfort of their local library." Heywood continued, "Working in the library means being surrounded by books, newspapers and dedicated library professionals, whose jobs are to help people find what they need."

PacMtn CEO Cheryl Fambles believes this partnership will put workforce services where they are needed most, "in our rural areas, where libraries are already seen as connectors - the places people come to get information."

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance.



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