



Library News

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Pushing the Limits: New South Bend Book Group for Adult Readers

The National Science Foundation values reading programs in rural libraries so highly, it's paying for them.

Question: What has the National Science Foundation (NSF) done for you lately?

Answer: If you live in South Bend, it has sponsored "Pushing the Limits," a reading and conversation series for adults.

Starting this month, South Bend Timberland Library patrons will have four opportunities to connect with each other as they explore four very different books with common threads: dreams, limitations and heroic outcomes. Here are the program details:

Wed., Jan. 18 - 5 to 6:30 p.m. - "When the Killing's Done" by T.C. Boyle

Wed., Feb. 15 - "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson

Wed., Mar. 15 - "The Land of Painted Caves" by Jean Auel

Wed., Apr. 12 - "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler

South Bend High School Science and Robotics teacher, Lili Newman, will co-facilitate the discussions with library manager Jenny Penoyar.

"Pushing the Limits" is an NSF-funded reading, (movie) viewing and discussion program for adults living in rural areas, served by small, rural libraries. It was created by a team of library professionals, scientists and filmmakers from several organizations, and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

A simple notion shapes the program: We humans have survived and thrived by dreaming big, then pushing the limits until dreams become reality. Today, we understand that our dream-achieving tools come from science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM).

This is where South Bend's library manager, Jenny Penoyar, comes in. Last summer, Penoyar had a big idea and no money. She wrote a grant proposal. The result was a \$3,500 award to fund adult programs in science, technology, engineering and math. The grant also provides funds to train librarians as science education facilitators. "Pushing the Limits" is the program funded by this award.

All TRL programs are free and open to the public. The [South Bend Timberland Library](#) is located at 1st Street & Pacific Ave. For more information, call 360-875-5532 or visit www.TRL.org.

Timberland Regional Library serves the people of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties, with 27 community libraries and six partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library program may contact the library one week in advance.



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