







The Timberland Regional Library's Summer Library Program (SLP) is an exciting, educational initiative designed to engage people of all ages in reading, learning, and exploration. Running annually from June 1st to August 31st, this program brings enriching experiences to Timberland's 29 branches, located across five counties—Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston—as well as directly into the community.

Participants of all ages signed up at their local library, receiving a free book, a tote bag, and an activity log. Those who completed and returned the log earned another free book and a certificate. Youth participants were also eligible for rewards, including tickets to local attractions such as Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Point Defiance Zoo, and Tacoma Rainiers.

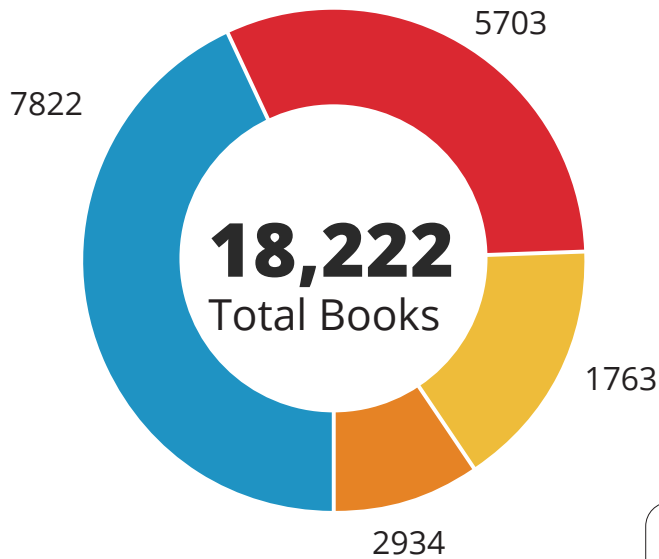
Recognizing that not all participants could visit a branch, Timberland's innovative "Anywhere Library" vans played a new role in expanding access. These vans brought books, activities, and resources to various locations throughout the community, ensuring that the program was inclusive and accessible to all.

A big thank you to our amazing TRL library staff for organizing such exciting and fun programs for our communities! We also extend our gratitude to the performers who shared their skills and knowledge, and to our sponsors, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium/Northwest Trek Wildlife Park and the Tacoma Rainiers, for providing free passes to the youth who completed their SLP activities. Most importantly, thank you to everyone in our communities who participated in Timberland Regional Library's 2024 Summer Library Program! We're already looking forward to making SLP 2025 even better and hope to see you all next summer!

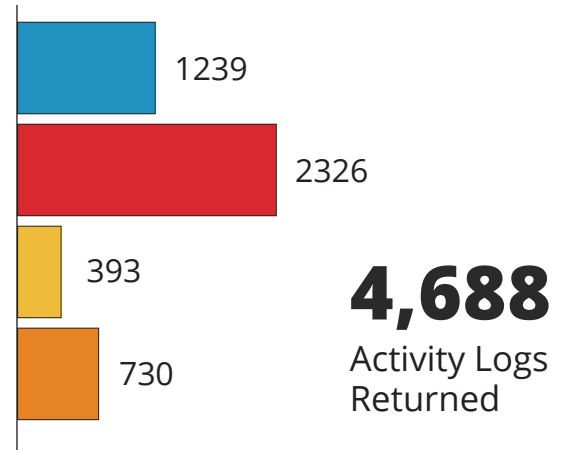




## Books Distribution by Age Group

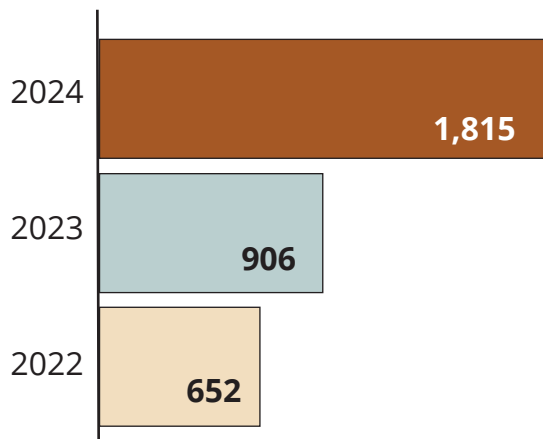


## Returned Activity Logs by Age Group

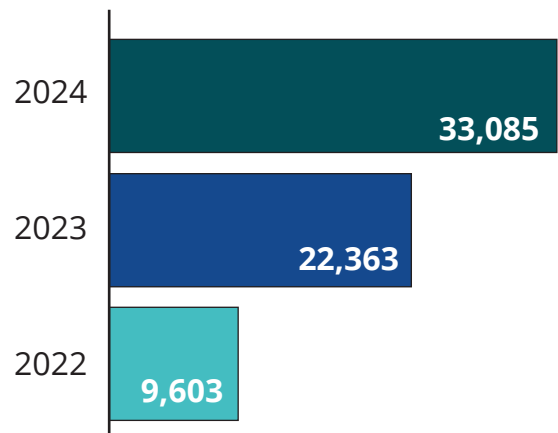


- Early Learners
- School Age Children
- Teens
- Adults

## Number of Programs



## Program Attendance



## Sponsored Prizes Distributed to Youth

Thanks to the generosity of Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium/Northwest Trek, and the Tacoma Rainiers, TRL gave youth who completed 10 SLP activities a free zoo pass and Rainiers ticket, while supplies lasted!



**Northwest Trek**  
Wildlife Park  
METRO PARKS TACOMA

**2,967**  
Distributed  
Passes

Provided 3,000 Passes



**2,368**  
Distributed  
Passes

Provided 2,500 Passes

## The Reptile Lady

Location	Attendees
Olympia Library	400
Centralia Library	300
Chehalis Library	300
Tumwater Library	210
Salkum Library	203
Yauger Park/West Olympia	200
Winlock Library	160
Packwood Library	100
Finch Playfield/Aberdeen	100
Mountain View Library	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2033</b>

The Reptile Lady, daughter of The Reptile Man, visited ten libraries and community locations to showcase and discuss her rescued reptile friends. Audiences had the chance to meet and interact with the animals up close. Over 2,000 people attended these events to see and learn about the reptiles!

## Alex Zerbe's Zaniac Science & Comedy Show

Location	Attendees
Olympia Library	150
Tenino City Park	150
Harstine Island Community Hall*	140
Chehalis Library	60
Grand Mound Elementary School*	47
Yauger Park/West Olympia	43
Raymond Library	28
Centralia Library	24
South Bend Library	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>645</b>

Alex Zerbe brought his Zaniac Science & Comedy Show to nine libraries and community locations this summer. His mix of juggling, physics, and comedy entertained 645 people across our five counties!

## The Reptile Man

Location	Attendees
Huntamer Park in Lacey	675
Yelm City Park	400
Elma Library	230
5th Street Park/Raymond	190
South Bend Library	130
Tenino City Park	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1723</b>

The Reptile Man, father of The Reptile Lady, visited six libraries and community locations this summer to showcase and discuss his rescued reptile friends. Audiences had the opportunity to meet and interact with the animals up close. Over 1,700 people attended to see and learn about the reptiles!

## Jeff Evans Reading is Magic Show

Location	Attendees
Huntamer Park/Lacey	300
Chehalis Library	125
Hoquiam Library	87
Centralia Library	75
Shelton Library	70
Montesano Library	70
Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center/Long Beach*	41
McCleary Museum Events Center	31
Wilkowski Park/Rainier*	28
Aberdeen Library	27
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Community Center*	25
Amanda Park Library	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>897</b>

Jeff Evans' *Reading is Magic* show always entertains and inspires a love of reading in his audience. This year, he brought magic and laughter to twelve libraries and locations, delighting around 900 attendees!



## Tie Dye for Kids Programs

Location	Attendees
Chehalis Library	175
Centralia Library	150
Salkum Library	64
Winlock Library	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>435</b>

Tie Dye for Kids was another popular program at our libraries this summer! Held at four TRL locations, these events attracted over 400 children and families, who came to create their own tie-dye masterpieces.

\*TRL Anywhere Library

## Creature Teachers

Location	Attendees
Hoquiam Library	110
Ocean Park Library	108
Ilwaco Library	90
Westport Library	68
Naselle Library	57
Montesano Library	52
McCleary Museum	26
Senior Center of Rainier*	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>534</b>

Creature Teachers visited eight libraries and community locations this summer, showcasing a variety of reptiles and animals while educating audiences about them. Attendees also had the chance to meet and interact with the creatures. Over 500 people came out to enjoy the show!



## Giant Bubbles Programs

Location	Attendees
Centralia Library	175
Chehalis Library	150
Tenino Library	63
Hoquiam Library	63
Salkum Library	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481</b>

Another highly popular program this summer was the Giant Bubbles event, presented by our own TRL library staff. Nearly 500 children and families attended the programs at five library locations, enjoying the fun of creating giant bubbles on the library lawns!



## Pegasus Puppet Theater

Location	Attendees
Olympia Library	112
Chehalis Library	108
Centralia Library	90
West Central Park/West Olympia	68
Montesano Library	57
Tumwater Library	52
Hoquiam Museum	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>378</b>

Pegasus Puppet Theater delighted audiences this summer with performances of *East of the Sun and West of the Moon* and *Stellaluna*. These engaging and interactive shows were held at seven different libraries and community locations, entertaining nearly 400 children and families!

## Other Popular Programs

Program	Location	Attendees
Sparrow Studios presents Liter-Aerial: An Aerial, Circus, & Acrobatic Show	Olympia Library	340
Sub Zero Ice Cream Science & Treats	Elma Library Salkum Library Winlock Library	251
Lantern Lights the Library: Live Music Series	Olympia Library	235
Lucha & the Library: Lucha Libre Volcánica! Wrestling Show	Huntamer Park/Lacey	214
Touch-a-Truck	Raymond Library	212
VIP Mobile Gaming	Elma Library	125
Mikey the Rad Scientist: Wild Adventures	Packwood Library	120
Magician Joe Black at McCleary Bear Festival	Beerbower Park/McCleary	109



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