



2024

Timberland Regional LIBRARY





Timberland Regional Library's 255 staff, 29 public libraries, and mobile services provides services to the 550,000+ residents of five counties in Southwest Washington State: Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties.



GRAYS HARBOR

Aberdeen, Amanda Park, Elma, Hoquiam, McCleary, Montesano, Oakville, Westport



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Timberland Regional Library (TRL) recognizes that we operate within the traditional territories of the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Quinault Indian Nation, Skokomish Indian Tribe, and Squaxin Island Tribe who have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial. TRL provides library services to Indigenous tribes, extending beyond the geographic limits of Lewis, Mason, Thurston, Pacific, and Grays Harbor Counties. This acknowledgment reminds us to strive for respectful partnerships with all people as we search for collective healing and learn how to be better stewards of the indigenous lands we inhabit.





Message from Executive Director



Welcome to another extraordinary year for TRL!

In 2024, we,

- Provided increased programs for all ages at all libraries.
- Launched a new online store offering TRL merchandise.
- Initiated Expanded Access Hours at the Amanda Park, and Salkum Libraries (in addition to Westport, Tenino, Elma, McCleary, Ilwaco, Ocean Park, Packwood, Hoodspart), which allows you to access these libraries beyond regularly staff hours for eligible patrons 14 years and up, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily including holidays.
- Bolstered Anywhere Library – mobile services - into Lewis and Grays Harbor counties, (in addition to Thurston, Mason, and Pacific Counties) reaching more than 15,000 people at hundreds of locations throughout the 5-county area.
- Launched the monthly No Shhh...It's the TRL Podcast where we talk about our approach to library services.
- Created a playscape, "The Jolly Reader" sunken pirate ship built by staff to the children's space at the Shelton library.
- Refreshed the Westport and Salkum libraries – new layouts, furniture, enhanced children's area with play structures, improved staff workflows, flooring, and paint.
- Construction of a new Mountain View Library (8 months in the making!) the first in decades, Grand Opening January 11, 2025.
- Received for the 5th year in a row a clean financial audit, and a clean accountability audit from the State Auditor's Office.
- 2025-2029 Strategic Direction collaboration, with community members, staff, and the Board of Trustees.

We accomplished the above and more while considering changing usage patterns, population, demographics, community needs, technology, and finances.

The Board of Trustees and Leadership have a responsibility to think creatively about library services throughout the 5-county region to ensure long-term financial health and sustainability. We embrace continuous improvements to services, building an organization that is adaptable to future community needs.

This final year of the 2020-2024 Strategic Direction has seen the completion of multi-year projects and the beginning of multi-year future ones. Exciting times!

Thank you to the Board of Trustees and to the 255 staff for their efforts in making 2024 so eventful.

Cheryl



2020-2024 Strategic Direction

The Timberland Regional Library Strategic Direction for 2020-2024 was developed through community and staff participation with our Board of Trustees strategic planning committee.

We appreciate the time and effort that was given to understand the needs within the community, identify areas of focus that we assist with, and then align our resources to create positive change in those areas.



MISSION

Welcoming everyone to a vibrant world of possibilities.
Connecting people, places, and ideas.
Evolving to meet the needs of our communities.



VISION

Libraries connecting to our communities.



WE VALUE

Access for all. Working together.
Diverse communities and ideas.
Responsible use of public resources.



BORROW

Assistive Devices
eBooks and Books
Movies
Audiobooks



PARTICIPATE

Storytimes
Book Groups
Arts & Crafts
Meeting Space



DISCOVER

Legal Forms
Auto Repair
Homework Help
History & Genealogy



CONNECT

Wifi
Printing
Computers
Job Search



WE WILL FOCUS ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Sharing local culture.
- Increasing our presence in under-served communities.
- Creating opportunities for inter-generational connection.



EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

- Reaching those with disabilities and other access barriers.
- Reflecting under-represented groups in our collections, staff, and services.
- Partnering with local agencies and organizations to support diverse communities.



CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO FIVE

- Providing appealing spaces and engaging experiences.
- Clarifying what they need and how to provide for those needs.
- Empowering them to build relationships with the library & within their communities.





CHEHALIS LIBRARY MUSIC BY THE FOUNTAIN

Physical Checkouts2,678,605
 OverDrive Total.....2,119,734
 Kanopy.....100,092
Total Circulation..... 4,898,431

Physical Collection Total.....578,789
 New Items – Orders110,890
 New Items – Added110,141


Wi-Fi Sessions.....141,182
 Library of Things Checkouts.....3,034
 LaunchPads Checkouts.....18,429

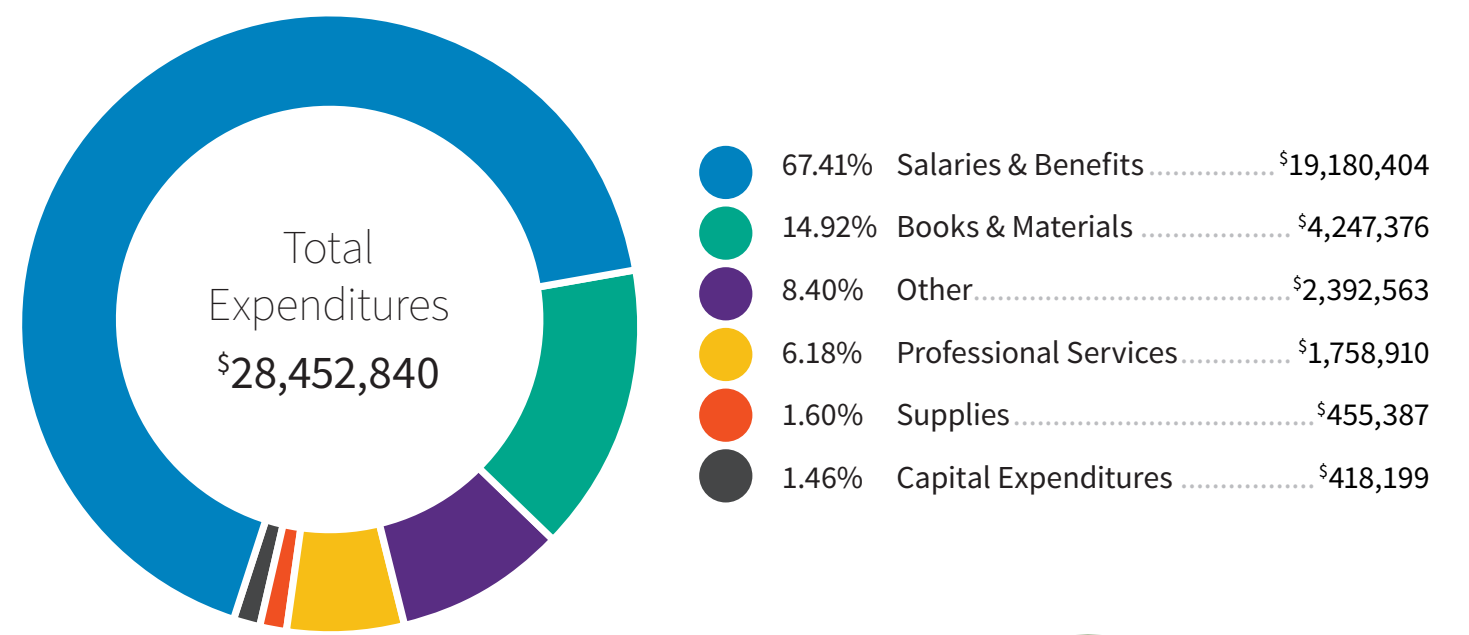
Print Jobs743,470
 Sheets of Paper Used3,401,895

New Patrons44,223
 New OverDrive Patrons.....19,553
 Active Patrons.....342,104

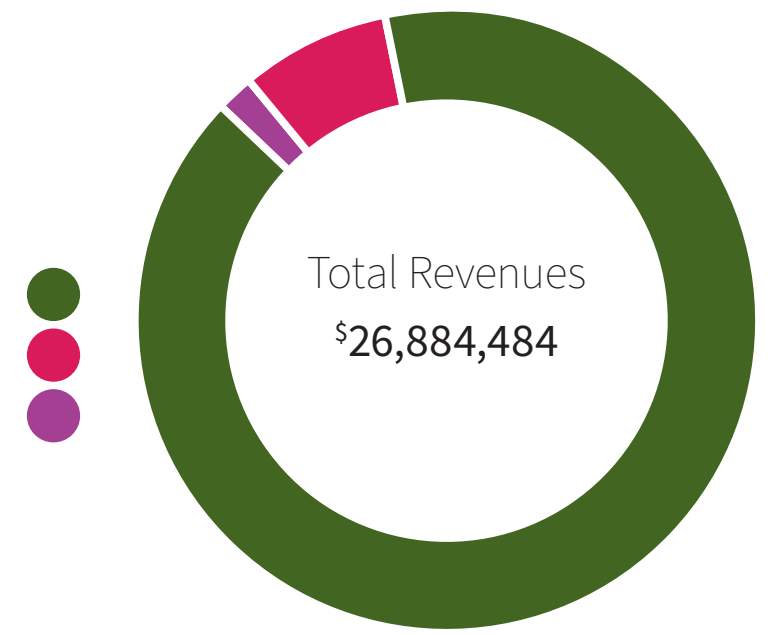
 **AskLib**
4,157 emails

 **Live Chat**
2,689 Chats

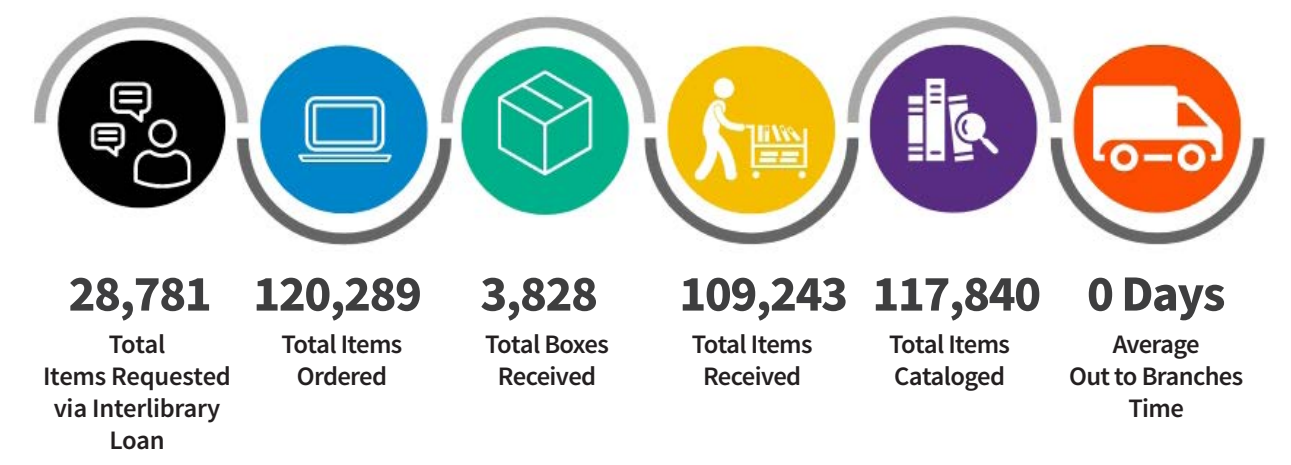
 **Grab Bags**
238 Bags



\$24,544,859 Property Taxes91.29%
 \$1,871,325 Timber6.96%
 \$468,300 Other.....1.74%



Turnaround Time for New Collection Items





I love all librarians!! Thank you for all that you do!!
Tina Zielinski

I went to the library today for the first time in a few months and MY GOSH I forgot how much I love it.
Shelby Andrist

My baby is 21 now - this program (storytime) saved my life. Military wife, knew no one, loves books - the time at Tumwater Library was pretty important to me - thank you all for that. It was a lifeline and I thank you!
Therese Downey Murphy

Social Media

f Facebook

- 325K** Reach
- 42.3K** Visits
- 131K** Views
- 21K** Interactions

Instagram

- 277K** Reach
66% Non-followers
- 213.6K** Views
- 19.6K** Content Interactions

TikTok

- 2.1M** Video Views
- 68K** Likes
- 2.2K** Comments
- 4.6K** Shares

YouTube

- 138K** Video Views
- 1.1K** Subscribers

Video	Views
¡Mi Cuerpo Hace Música!	43,406
Timberland Summer Library Program	21,328
We'll find it every time	13,087
While you wait for your turn	10,616
Not our first rodeo	7,547
Keeping Up with the Librarians	6,142

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Community Site Locations, Events and Partners
includes inactive* and seasonal sites and events

Grays Harbor County
started services June 2024
Channel Point Village-Hoquiam
Chehalis Tribe Head Start
Copolis Community Church Lot
Humptulips Grange
Lions Park in Cosmopolis*
Queets-Clearwater School in Jefferson serves Quinault Indian Nation enrolled members from Grays Harbor
Quinault Valley Chapel Lot in Neilton
Quinault Wellness Center
Roger Saux Health Center in Taholah
South Beach Christian Outreach in Westport
Taholah School District
Washington Elementary School Head Start
Wishkah Valley School District
YMCA of Grays Harbor Preschool

Lewis County
started services in February 2024
Adna Grange #417
Baw Faw Grange – Boistfort
Centralia Farmer's Market
Centralia Providence Hospital
Centralia Society Place
Cowlitz Indian Elder Housing - Toledo
Doty General Store & USPS
Lion/Legion Building in Mineral
Olequa-Winlock Senior Center
Onalaska Alliance Building Lot
Onalaska Preschool
Onalaska Youth Center
Packwood Senior Center
Toledo Head Start
Toledo Senior Center
Toledo Thursday Market

Mason County
Started services November 2023
CIELO – Shelton
Fir Lane Senior Living – Shelton
Harstine Island Community Club
Hood Canal Schools
HUB Senior Center - Belfair
Mary M. Knight School - Matlock
Mason County Seniors Activity Association – Shelton
Matlock Grange #357
Pioneer School District - Shelton
Shelton United Methodist Church
Skokomish Youth Center
South Mason Fire & Rescue #41 – Shelton*

St. Hugh Episcopal Church of Allyn
Tahuya Fire Station #81*
Turning Pointe - Shelton
YMCA Y-Care at Bordeaux Elementary School- Shelton

Pacific County
Started services November 2023
AFTERs Program – Raymond Elementary School
Bay Center Food Bank
Chinook Market
Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center - Long Beach
Golden Sands Senior Community – Ocean Park
Hilltop Middle School – Ilwaco
Long Beach Head Start
Long Beach Grange
Mission Creek Christian School – South Bend
North River Grange
North River School District
Ocean Park Food Bank
Ocean Park Retreat Center Summer Camp
Oysterville Sea Farms*
Pacific County Historical Society & Museum – South Bend*
Pacific County Courthouse Annex*
Parent Policy at South Bend Early Learning Center
Peninsula Senior Activity Center – Ocean Park
Raymond Elementary School
Raymond Senior Center
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Community Library
Holy Family Catholic Church – Frances
Bay Center United Methodist Church
Willapa Harbor Care – Raymond

Thurston County
Started services June 2023
Boardwalk Senior Apartments – Olympia
Brookdale Olympia East
Bucoda Community Center
Capital Recovery Center
Child's Time ECEAP Early Learning Center - Rochester
CIELO – Olympia
Clearwood Community – Yelm
The FIRS Senior Living – Olympia
Friendly Ridge – Olympia
Grand Mound Elementary School
Hawks Prairie Head Start
Lacey Head Start
Littlerock United Methodist Church
Nisqually Pines – Yelm*
Pleasant Glade ECEAP
Pleasant Glade Developmental Preschool (NTPS)

Prosperity Grange – Steamboat Island
Rainier Head Start
Rainier Senior Center
Revel Senior Living – Lacey
Rochester Boys & Girls club
Rochester Head Start
Rochester Primary School
Rochester Roots ECEAP Child Care Center* (now Child's Time)
Rochester Roots 2 Child Care Center (now Child's Time)
Rochester United Methodist Church
ROOF Kids Club & Summer Program-Rochester
Rosemont Prestige Senior Living – Yelm
South Puget Sound Community College Head Start
Wa He Lut Indian School
YMCA Summer Day Camp Sites

Community Partners
Organizations that have worked with Anywhere Library in addition to direct site partners
ABCDental
Boys & Girls Club
Capital Stem Alliance
Choice Regional Health Network
CIELO
Copolis Community Church Food & Clothing Bank
DOL2Go
ESD 113
Hands on Children's Museum
Humptulips Food Bank
Lacey Library Friends
Lewis County Seniors
Lewis County Youth Mentorship Program
Marian J. Weatherwax Charitable Trust
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Olympic Area Agency on Aging – Mobile Assistance Van
Olympia Library Friends
Pacific County Extension
Quinault Community Food Bank
Rural Transit
Save the Children
Senior Services of South Sound
South Beach Christian Outreach
South Sound Reading Foundation
Sound to Harbor Early Learning
South Sound YMCA
Squaxin Island Child Development Center
Thurston County Chamber of Commerce
Thurston County Food Bank
Thurston Economic Development Council
Wild Grief

Anywhere LIBRARY

TRL.org/Anywhere

Anywhere Library is a mobile library that brings TRL materials and services directly to community sites.

720
Library Stops

97
Special Events

7,800
Checkouts

15,583
Attendance

348
Storytimes
& Classes

1,206
Summer Library
Books Distributed

97
Give Away: Laptops,
Tablets, Hotspots



Expanded Access Hours

Expanded Access Hours (EAH) is available from 7 am until the library opens and after the library closes until 8 pm, seven days a week (including holidays). During EAH hours, staff will not be in the building.

New Locations:

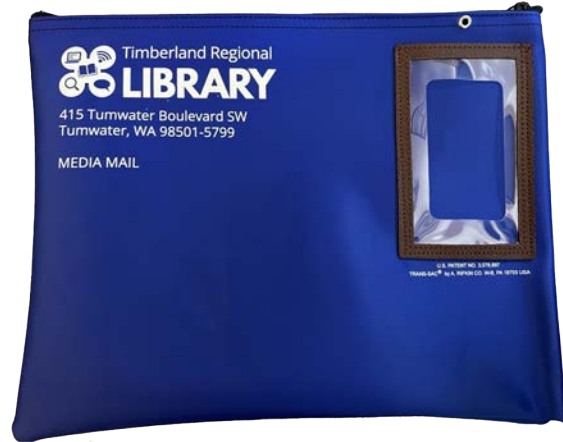
- Amanda Park
- Salkum

2,525 EAH Card Holders

13 Locations



Books by Mail Service 2 Million Checkouts



Our patrons reached a new milestone in 2024: 2 million+ digital titles borrowed. This achievement illustrates the library's commitment to serving all members of the community in innovative ways, including with a large catalog of eBooks, audiobooks and other digital media.

"We are incredibly excited that Timberland Regional Library readers surpassed 2 million checkouts for the first time," said Kim Storbeck, Collection Services Manager at TRL. "We are delighted to serve readers of all interests and ages with this free, always growing, and diverse collection."

Visit: [TRL.org/books-by-mail](https://www.timberlandregional.org/books-by-mail)

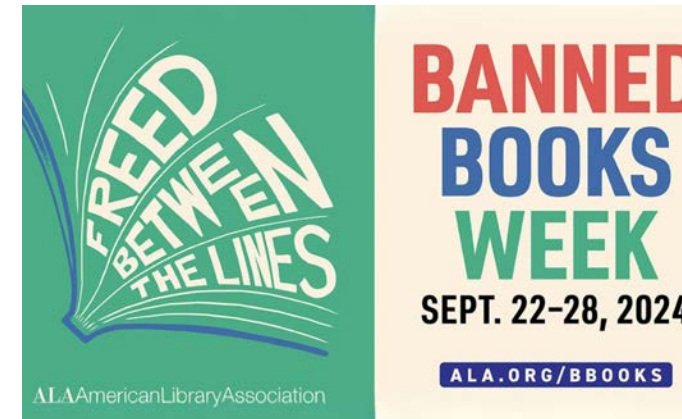
2044 Mailings

Banned Book Week

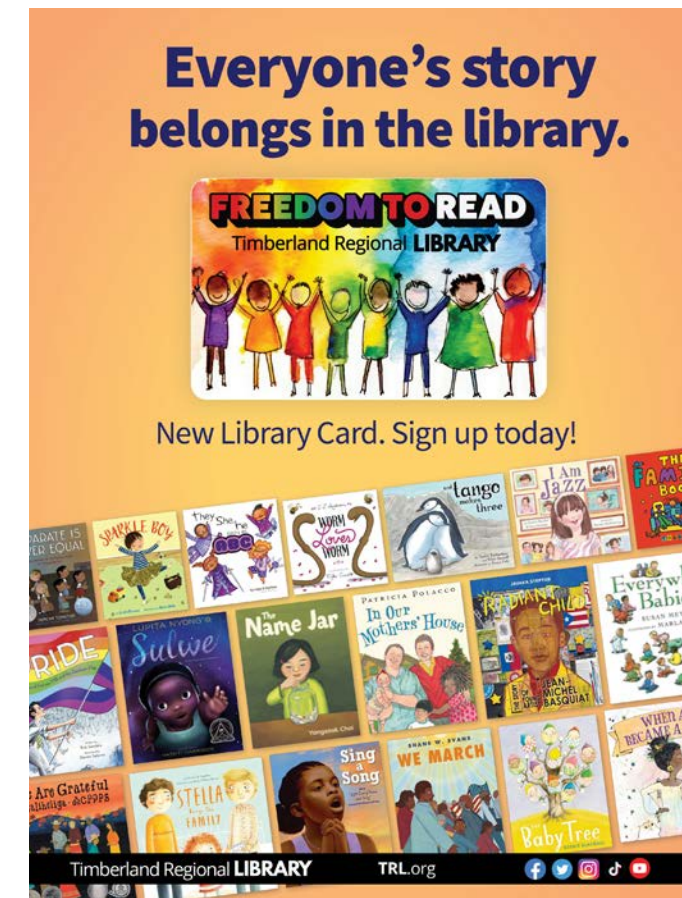
At Timberland Regional Library, we continue to uphold the core values of librarianship and constitutional right of the freedom to read for all. Please join us in celebrating Banned Books Week to remind ourselves that freedom is never guaranteed and remember free people read freely.

By engaging with banned books, we broaden our understanding of the world and contribute to a more informed and engaged society." - Janice R

In celebrating Freedom to Read TRL offered a limited edition library card and new clothing designs in the online store.



Timberland Regional Library
September 23, 2024 · 📍
In honor of Banned Books Week we have NEW **Freedom to Read** clothing in our Online Store! Celebrate your right to read with the new **Freedom to Read** shirts & sweaters by shopping at [TRL.org/Store](https://www.timberlandregional.org/store)





New Children's Space: Shelton



On March 9, "The Jolly Reader", a sizeable sunken pirate ship, debuted at the Shelton Timberland Library to an estimated 200 children, patrons, and community members. The pirate ship offers an impressive imaginative play and learning structure with a cozy reading nook with port holes, a secret treasure trove hidden beneath, as well as interactive stations for rope tying, climbing, dress up, and a working ships wheel.

activities for kids ages 0-12 with imaginative features such as a crow's nest with a parrot watching from above, floating jellyfish that bob in the underwater-style lighting, and many openings to climb in and out of the ship. For their youngest of patrons, there is an area with age-appropriate manipulative toys for learning and building hand/eye coordination.

The pirate ship built entirely by the Timberland Regional Library's facilities staff, is a sizeable 26 feet long, 17 feet wide. The ship is ADA accessible with



Watch our highlight video on our YouTube.



PHOTO CREDIT: BRITTANY VOIE

Wow! This is amazing! Better than anything I could have imagined! Good job everyone!

Ashley Gonzales

We love the pirate ship.

Mary Watt

We absolutely LOVE this new addition to the library! We've gone 3 times already now!! The scavenger hunt was SO much fun!

Alivea Drogmund

Love our Library system.

Julie Dover

Libraries are magical.

Kait Toompas

It's amazing! My little has already been three times this week, the grandparents just took him today. Thank you to all who made this happen, it's such a special treat to have something so fun in our small town. I've never seen a cooler library for kids.

Lori Baderdeen Larson






Westport Refresh



- Key New Features:
- New flooring and paint
 - Enhanced children's area with a beach house play structure
 - New furniture and beach inspired art & decor
 - Upgraded electrical & data, including high lumen lighting
 - New circulation desk and holds pick up area
 - New Library Manager office space
 - Upgraded staff work area for improved workflow

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So inviting, how fun for kids too!
Emily Ihrig-Reed

Wow!!!! That looks amazing!!! Way to give back to the community!!!!
Kyna Wilson

OMG no way! looks phenomenal.
Siobhan Peterson

This looks like a great place to enjoy a good book!
Reliable Enterprises

It looks amazing! So welcoming, fresh, and modern! Plus so many places to sit!
Cherokee M Lowe

Love that y'all are bringing new life into our libraries!
Shannon Elizabeth Scott

Beautiful! Kids will love and enjoy that space.
Sylvia Barrera

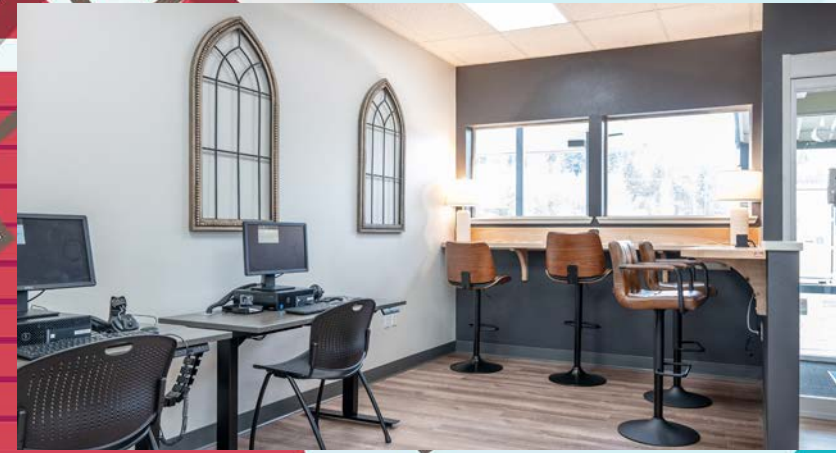
Wow! Now that's a library.
Eileen Connor

What a lovely, inviting library!! It looks fantastic!!
Suzanne Williams

The new wall color brightens and cheers up the spaces.
Mary Gardner

This is BEAUTIFUL all Timberland Regional Library's should be this beautiful.
Jessi Goodman


Wow! That's beautiful!
Christina Ann



Salkum Refresh



- Key New Features:
- New flooring and paint
 - Enhanced children's area with play structure
 - New furniture and country inspired art & decor
 - Upgraded electrical & data, including high lumen lighting
 - New circulation desk and holds pick up area
 - Upgraded staff work area for improved workflow

 Watch our highlight video on our YouTube.



- Was So Awesome What Was Done!!*
Joel Lafayette
- Congratulations! The new library is wonderful.*
Barbara Fischer
- My kids loved it!!*
Lauren Urich
- Looks like the best library!*
Castandforphoto
- So many fun toys too! My kids had a blast.*
Marisa Pollock
- That's just so cool!!*
Jordy Beasley-Ratkie





A Library from Scratch: Mountain View



On January 24, 2024 a motion was made by Trustee Hal Blanton to approve the construction of a new library building in Randle and issue a contract with Schwiesow Construction for an amount not to exceed \$2,212,552.00. Trustee Brian Mittge seconded.

Key Features of the New Library Building:

- **Size:** 3,400 square feet with an open concept providing ample space for a diverse collection of books, multimedia resources, and community gathering areas.
- **Location:** On Hwy 12 within walking distance of White Pass Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools.
- **Drive-thru window:** To serve patrons on the move.
- **Design:** Four-season glass meeting room space that opens into the library to allow for additional room for large programs or events.
- **New Children & Teens Areas:** The new children's area will have ample room for exploring, family time, and space for parents to relax while their children are playing, reading, or attending a story time or program. An area for teens will provide a fun and vibrant space for teens to play video games, hang out, or quietly study or read.
- **Accessibility:** The space will have plenty of comfortable seating, low shelving for displays and quick access to the newest and latest books and materials.
- **Expanded access:** The new library will offer Expanded Access Hours.



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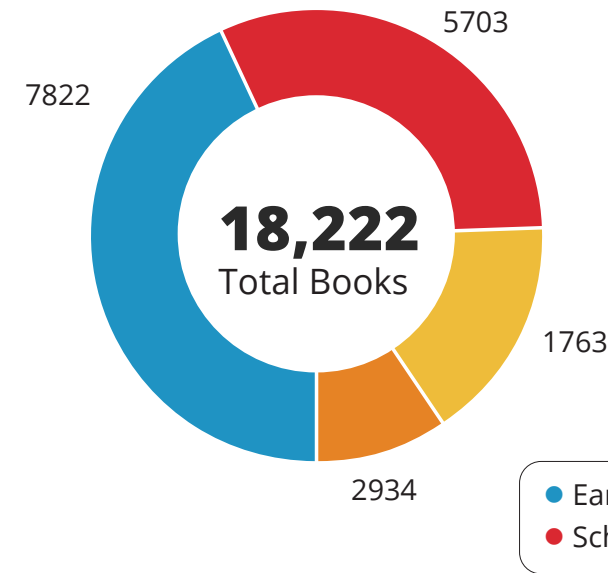


JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31

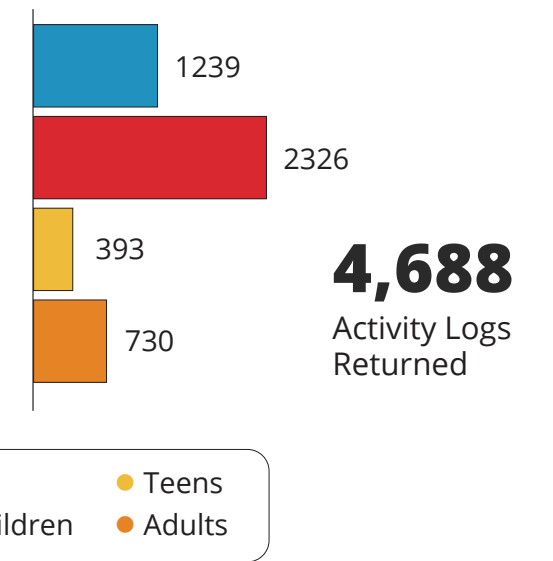
Summer Library Program (SLP) is about more than reading, it's about exploring nature and our imagination, creating crafts and new opportunities, and learning about new things and about ourselves.



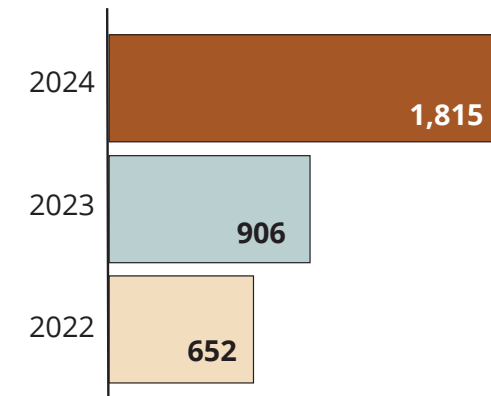
Books Distribution by Age Group



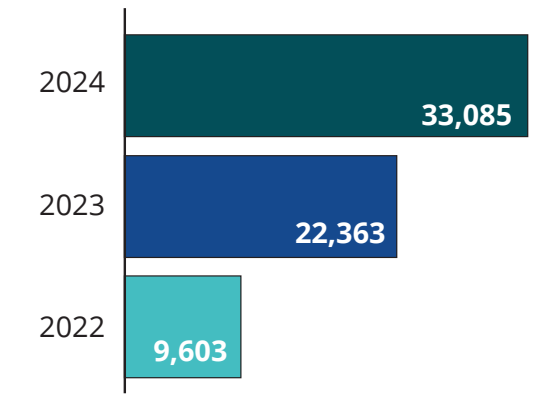
Returned Activity Logs by Age Group



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!



2,967
Distributed
Passes



2,368
Distributed
Passes





 Spotify

573 Streams

203 Consumption Hours

139 Followers

 YouTube

4.4K Views

455 Hours Watched

 Apple Podcast

102 Followers

Online Store 



In celebration of Library Giving Day on April 3, Timberland Regional Library offerd exclusive TRL merchandise from the new Online Store.

[TRL.org/Store](https://www.trl.org/Store)

500 Items Sold

All proceeds from our store are considered donations to the general gift fund, directly supporting our mission.



New Library Card in Celebration of
HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Angie Hinojos is the Executive Director and co-founder of Centro Cultural Mexicano in Redmond. Angie received a degree in Architecture from UC Berkeley and utilizes her experience as a public artist to strengthen community connections. Angie is Chair of the Board of Trustees for Cascadia College and Chair of the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs. She is a board member of 4Culture.

Timberland Regional LIBRARY

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Term expires: 12/2024

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Aberdeen Timberland Library
121 East Market Street; 360.533.2360

Amanda Park Timberland Library
6118 US Highway 101; 360.288.2725

Elma Timberland Library
119 North 1st Street; 360.482.3737

Hoquiam Timberland Library
420 7th Street; 360.532.1710

McCleary Timberland Library
121 South 4th Street; 360.495.3368

Montesano Timberland Library
W.H. Abel Memorial Library
125 Main Street South; 360.249.4211

Oakville Timberland Library
204 Main Street; 360.273.5305

Westport Timberland Library
101 East Harms Drive; 360.268.0521

PACIFIC COUNTY

Ilwaco Timberland Library
158 1st Avenue North; 360.642.3908

Naselle Timberland Library
4 Parpala Road; 360.539.3327

Ocean Park Timberland Library
1308 256th Place; 360.665.4184

Raymond Timberland Library
507 Duryea Street; 360.942.2408

South Bend Timberland Library
1st and Pacific; 360.875.5532

Shoalwater Bay Tribal Community Library
4115 State Route 105, Tokeland; 360.267.8190

MASON COUNTY

Hoodsport Timberland Library
40 N Schoolhouse Hill Road; 360.877.9339

North Mason Timberland Library (Belfair)
23081 NE State Rt 3; 360.275.3232

Shelton Timberland Library
William G. Reed Public Library
710 W Alder Street; 360.426.1362

THURSTON COUNTY

Hawks Prairie Timberland Library
8205 Martin Way; 360.252.9658

Lacey Timberland Library
500 College Street Southeast; 360.491.3860

Olympia Timberland Library
313 8th Avenue Southeast; 360.352.0595

Tenino Timberland Library
172 Central Avenue West; 360.539.3329

Tumwater Timberland Library
7023 New Market Street; 360.943.7790

West Olympia Timberland Library
625 Black Lake Blvd SW; 360.764.4440

Yelm Timberland Library
210 Prairie Park Street; 360.539.3330

Book Return - Fire District 3, Station 35
3701 Willamette Drive, Lacey

Book Return - West Olympia
1313 Cooper Point Road Southwest

Rainier Book Drop at Rainier City Hall
102 Rochester Street West, Rainier

LEWIS COUNTY

Centralia Timberland Library
110 South Silver Street; 360.736.0183

Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library
400 North Market Boulevard; 360.748.3301

Mountain View Timberland Library
10111 US Highway 12, Randle; 360.497.2665

Packwood Timberland Library
109 West Main Street; 360.494.5111

Salkum Timberland Library
2480 US Highway 12; 360.539.3328

Winlock Timberland Library
322 Northeast 1st Street; 360.785.3461

Toledo Community Library Kiosk
241 Cowlitz Street ; 360.864.4247

ANYWHERE LIBRARY

Mobile Services
TRL.org/Anywhere for upcoming Library Stops

As a convenience to you, most checked out items can be returned to any TRL book returns. A few specifically labeled items need to be returned to their original location.