

# trl. today's library

## Grand opening set for the new Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library

The book has closed on one library and opened on another, a grand vision made reality by community spirit and generosity. On Tuesday, September 30 at 8 p.m., the temporary Chehalis library closed for good.

A grand opening celebration has been planned for the new Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library on Saturday, October 18 beginning at 1 p.m. in front of the library at 400 N Market Boulevard. While people assemble, the W.F. West High School Jazz Band will perform. Speakers include master of ceremonies Tony Ketchum, Mayor of Chehalis; Timberland Regional Library Executive Director Jodi Reng; and two Timberland Regional Library Board of

Trustees members from Lewis County. Library Manager Corine Aiken will also introduce her team. The ribbon cutting with the Smith family will follow and the library will open for the day.

Inside, people can watch a video detailing the history of the original 1910 library, including pictures taken during the 1949 earthquake and library demolition as well as photos of the new library construction. Popular magician Jeff Evans will perform a 45-minute show in the new community room. There will be prize drawings for children and teens and refreshments for all.

The new Carnegie-inspired library features 9,000 square feet, a large community room and Washington's first drive-through library window. The ADA compliant building includes spaces especially for children and teens as well as comfortable reading areas.

Private donations large and small provided most of the funding. The library is named in honor of the mother of former Chehalis resident, Orin Smith, the new library's chief donor.

The telephone number is 360-748-3301.

*Hours at the new library will remain the same.*

Monday.....closed	Thursday.....10-8
Tuesday.....10-8	Friday.....10-5
Wednesday....10-8	Saturday.....10-4

*Message from Timberland Regional Library Executive Director, Jodi Reng*

### Libraries change lives, transform communities

Today's public library is about helping people and communities achieve their potential. Today's library is a bridge from where we are to where we want to go, where people become what they want to be and communities are transformed, person-by-person.

By developing opportunities for organizations and people to meet each other, talk and plan, the library fosters a cohesive community. With the library as partner, the social and educational growth of individuals fuels the community's social and economic development.

The early years set the stage for later learning. With appropriate fostering, every child can reach kindergarten ready to read. At the library, story times and family programs provide enriched and joyful early learning experiences. Little ones from birth to kindergarten establish the habit and love of learning. Studies show early learning programs increase the probability of success in school and positive participation in community life.

No longer are libraries only about books and information. They're about literate citizens, prosperous families and a skilled workforce. They're community gathering spaces that invite interaction. They're places to turn to, where a grandmother can e-mail a grandchild overseas, a graduate can find a great job, a child can discover the world.

Your Timberland library is busy changing lives and transforming communities. Enjoy reading about just a few examples in each issue of *Today's Library*.

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## For little ones...

### **The Ugly Pumpkin**

Dave Horowitz

An oddly-shaped pumpkin is sad no one chose him for Halloween, but by Thanksgiving he has discovered where he belongs.

### **Monsters on Machines**

Deb Lund

Construction crew monsters arrive on the scene with tractors, cranes, and graders. After creating a gruesome site, they straighten it up and leave clean.

### **I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean**

Kevin Sherry

A giant squid brags about being bigger than anything else in the ocean—almost.

### **Leaves!**

David Ezra Stein

It's a young bear's first autumn and the falling leaves surprise and thrill him. At first he tries to put the leaves back on; by spring he's learned about the tree's wondrous cycle.

## Fiction

### **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**

Mary Ann Shaffer

Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters in which a young woman writer finds connections that bring meaning to her life. Set just after World War II when Germans occupied the Channel Islands.

### **America, America: a novel**

Ethan Canin

In a riveting story about America and family, politics and tragedy, a young man realizes that idealism and reality can be compatible. Set in a small town during the Nixon era and today.

### **The Spies of Warsaw**

Alan Furst

An action-packed novel of espionage and dangerous liaisons set in Warsaw, Silesia and Paris against the backdrop of Hitler's gathering war.

## Family and story time programs promote early learning

Knowing that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, Timberland Regional Library continually develops early childhood programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers that welcome parent and caregiver participation.

Library story time programs are based on *Every Child Ready To Read @ Your Library*, a national initiative that focuses on six early learning skills such as vocabulary development, letter knowledge and storytelling skills. Skills are highlighted during story time programs, one at a time. Story times also model ways parents can spend time talking, reading and playing with their young children. The children learn reading and social skills while the family bonds through enjoyable time spent together.

Just introduced this fall are a series of ten library programs for families with children ages 3 to 8. With a \$1,000 grant from Target, Timberland Regional Library was able to adapt programs that were created by the Vermont Center for the Book and make them available to more libraries and families than otherwise possible. The Center's celebrated Mother Goose series of math, science and nature-themed programs are being scheduled at libraries now. Each literature-based program includes quality picture books and hands on activities for family programs. Contact your local Timberland library or check the Timberland Regional Library web site at [www.trlib.org](http://www.trlib.org) for the fall youth and family program schedule.

## Timberland Reads Together: Ursula K. Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*

Timberland Regional Library's fourth annual *Timberland Reads Together* one-book-one-community program invites all to read and discuss Ursula K. Le Guin's fantasy novel, *A Wizard of Earthsea*. The legendary author will visit in two locations to read from the novel, respond to questions and sign books.

**Thursday, October 9; 7–9 p.m.**

Aberdeen High School Auditorium,  
410 North G St., Aberdeen

**Friday, October 10; 7–9 p.m.**

Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St. SE, Olympia

Book-It Repertory Theatre will perform its original adaptation of *A Wizard of Earthsea*, created especially for *Timberland Reads Together* and paid for by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Big Read.

**Tuesday, October 14; 7–8:15 p.m.**

Lacey Timberland Library  
360-491-3860

**Wednesday, October 15; 7–8:15 p.m.**

Hoquiam Timberland Library  
360-532-1710

**Tuesday, October 21; 7–8:15 p.m.**

Vernetta Smith Chehalis  
Timberland Library 360-748-3301

**Thursday, October 23; 6:30–7:45 p.m.**

Shelton Timberland Library (William G. Reed Public Library) 360-426-1362

Book discussions have been scheduled for October at several libraries in all five Timberland counties.

# A Wizard of Earthsea

**Admission to all library events is free of charge.**

# Your Money

A Guide To Reaching Your Financial Goals

Materials that can help people make sound financial decisions will be available from all Timberland libraries and the Timberland Regional Library web site this fall. Funding for the program is being provided by a two-year grant of \$99,000 from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

Seventy-five clear and concise modules in print, CD and online will comprise a complete course on making your money work for you, your family, and your future. In addition, finance experts will present workshops based on these materials at Timberland libraries.

## Timberland Regional Library's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Save the date!

On December 9 Timberland Regional Library will celebrate 40 years serving cities, towns and rural areas throughout Grays

Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties. On that day, open house celebrations will occur in all 27 libraries from 3–5 p.m. Enjoy cake, conversation and exhibits and pick up a 2009 calendar showcasing patrons, library staff and buildings and showing how things have changed in 40 years.



## Focus on Facilities: News about library buildings

### **Olympia Timberland Library to be remodeled**

While the library's carpet is replaced by the City of Olympia in a scheduled maintenance project, Timberland Regional Library will have the interior painted and new public service desks installed. The remodel will take place from October 13 through December 14.

The library will be completely closed on October 13 and 14. Beginning Wednesday, October 15, only the library meeting room will be open for basic circulation services. Entry will be through the 9th & Adams St. door. There will be no books to browse, public computers or wireless Internet access.

*Hours during the remodel (Except holidays)*

Monday.....	10–8	Thursday.....	11–8
Tuesday.....	10–8	Friday.....	10–6
Wednesday....	11–8	Saturday.....	10–5

### **Raymond Timberland Library looking great**

Exterior repairs and painting have been completed as part of a plan to upgrade the library building. A generous donation of \$20,000 from former resident Betty Price started the ball rolling.

The Raymond Foundation's \$10,000 contribution and \$5000 from the estate of former library employee Bertha Hagar kept the project moving forward. Smaller donations along with proceeds from a *Friends of the Library Mystery Night* provided the rest of the funds.

City Parks Supervisor Mike Freeman is renovating the landscaping and by spring there will be new plantings suited to the site. Plans for upgrading the interior are now being made.

### **Ilwaco Timberland Library renovation progress**

The Ilwaco Community Center, which the library shares with PACE (Pacific Aging Council Endeavors), is in the midst of a complete renovation. Major site preparation and utility work is complete, and construction is under way. New wings are framed out; older sections are reinforced; trusses and roof sheeting are up. Insulation and sealing the exterior is next. Then interior work begins.

When completed next spring, the library will have 1,200 additional square feet, comfortable reading spaces, more shelving and a meeting room.

## Non-Fiction

### **The Ridiculous Race: 26,000 miles, 2 guys, 1 globe, No airplanes**

Steve Hely & Vali Chandrasekaran  
Two friends wager who can voyage around the world the fastest. The catch? No airplanes allowed. The prize? A bottle of really good scotch.

### **America Eats! On the Road with the WPA: The Fish Fries, Box Supper Socials, and Chitlin Feasts that Define Real American Food**

Pat Willard  
An exploration of America's diverse culinary heritage draws on a previously unpublished WPA manuscript to trace the experiences of such writers as Eudora Welty, Saul Bellow, and Ralph Ellison.

### **Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We do (and what it Says About Us)**

Tom Vanderbilt  
Analyzes complex social, physical, psychological and technical factors that dictate how traffic works, why we drive the way we do, and what our driving reveals about us.

### **A Few Seconds of Panic: A 5-foot-8, 170 pound, 43-year-old Sportswriter Plays in the NFL**

Stefan Fatsis  
Recounts how the author became a placekicker for the Denver Bronco, gaining rare access to top NFL players, coaches, and facilities while enduring grueling professional-level athletics training.



Selected by Timberland Regional Library Youth, Nonfiction and Fiction selectors, Jackie Marquardt, Kim Storbeck and Jean Padovan.

**NEW! Get great results with Power Search**

Use the Timberland Regional Library web site's new "Power Search" to make searching databases easy and quick. "Power Search" finds information in multiple databases with a single search. Use check boxes to choose databases, or use Select All to search all databases. You can limit your search by subject or create a customized search. It's similar to googling; the difference: The information that comes back is current and has been checked for accuracy.

Advanced Search gives you expanded options such as searching by author or subject, combining searches, and limiting your search to a specific year.

The results are organized and even include a list of items from the library catalog related to your search. Records from the results can be e-mailed or saved.

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**About Timberland Regional Library's Reference Databases**

Over 50 database subscriptions are available to library cardholders via the Timberland Regional Library web site. Library databases contain full-text magazine and newspaper articles, encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, auto manuals, almanacs, standardized tests such as the GED and SAT, and reference information on specific subject areas. Unlike many web sites the information has been checked for accuracy.

All reference databases can be accessed from Timberland library computers. To use the databases from work or home, you'll need your library card number and PIN.

**Ask a Librarian! Central Reference Service librarians are available**

**Reference & information**

704-INFO (4636)

Outside the Olympia area:  
1-800-562-6022

[www.trlib.org](http://www.trlib.org)

**Central Reference hours\***

Monday.....9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday.....9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Wednesday...9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday.....9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday.....9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday.....9 a.m.-5 p.m.

\*Except holidays

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**Internet picks from your librarians**

**Election 2008**

You're only a click away from information you can use for making informed choices. Reference Librarians have compiled a wide array of the best web sites on elections. At the Timberland Regional Library web site, select *Election 2008* and choose among:

- Political Parties in Washington
- The Political Process
- Political Blogs
- County Election Sites
- Information and Issues
- Media Sources
- Other Washington Web sites
- Campaign Finance
- Humor



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