

## **Appreciating Our Community:**

I was recently showing a friend around Centralia and Chehalis. Showing visitors around is always such a good way to remind yourself what a really nice community this is. During our tour we stopped at both the Centralia and Chehalis libraries briefly.

Both libraries have the usual "New Fiction/ New Non-Fiction," sections, along with rows and rows of catalogued books worth browsing. In addition they have "Staff recommendations," Audio books, music and even a "Friends of the Library" section that sells books.

The Chehalis library even has a section at the entry that has paperbacks to borrow, with no check out required. Just like here at Stillwaters it is based on the honor system for returning books. This is a great idea for patrons who don't have or can't get a library card (or have an emergency need for a book maybe!).

Both libraries also have great internet access and resources available if you need assistance in doing your research or internet browsing.

And, if you have never visited Timberland Regional Library (TRL) online you are really missing something. Click **HERE** to go to Timberland's site. Check out the the online reserving of books (you can actually see if a certain book is available and where in the system it is located). Also, check out the online classes available to everyone. You can take the classes for free! Click on Research on the TRL website to access the variety of education options.



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Timberland (TRL) was created in 1968 as an Intercounty Rural Library District by a vote of the residents of the unincorporated areas of the five counties (Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston) after a Demonstration Project (1964-1968) funded by federal, state and local grants.

What a treasure we have in our libraries!



## **Quote of the Week:**

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest. – Lady Bird Johnson

## **Happenings this Week:**

**Saturday, April 1:** Saturday Morning Coffee Klatch at 9 a.m. Meet here at the Gathering Place for a cup of coffee and a nice chat with neighbors.

Saturday, April 1: Model Train Show The Lewis County Historical

Museum and the Lewis County Model Railroad Club are presenting the Model

Train Show & Swap Meet at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Saturday
and Sunday. A variety of train layouts, including the ever-popular HO-scale and

N-scale sizes, will be on display. Proceeds from this event go to support the

Model Railroad Club's layout at the Lewis County Historical Museum.

For more information, contact the museum at 360-748-0831 or visit its website



Library Gems Close By!  $\mid$  3 at Lewis County Historical Museum, call 360-748-0831 or 360-985-7788, or visit the museum's Facebook page.

**Thursday, April 6:** The American Association of University Women are hosting their monthly meeting at 6:45 p.m. here at the Gathering Place. This month's presentation is on the local company Alaffia (Olympia) and its mission to bring healthful products to it's customers while raising money to deliver better education for children and free medical care for expectant mothers in the African nation of Togo.

**Weather:** We have some sunny days ahead! Sunday and Monday are actually forecast to have ZERO rain. I'll take it!