

Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

May 2025



Friends of the Olympia Library

Our mission

To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library.

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Olympia Timberland Library
313 Eighth Ave. S.E.
(360) 352-0595

Hours: 10-6 Monday-Saturday
Closed Sunday

West Olympia Library
625 Black Lake Blvd SW
In the Capital Mall
(360) 764-4440

Hours: 10-6 Everyday

Friends of the Olympia Library Annual Meeting



On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, the Friends of the Olympia Library held their 52nd Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members in the meeting room of the Olympia Timberland Library. Guests included interim Regional Manager Erin Stumpf, TRL Library Services Director Andrea Heisel, and Stephenie Reece, TRL Public Services Manager.

Ms. Heisel read the library manager's report from Kerry Martin who resigned her position the previous Friday. Stephenie or Erin will be the new point persons for any FOL enquiries. TRL has initiated a Friends Newsletter with updates from around the district to help Friends groups stay informed. (See page 2.)

New improved Checkout machines have been installed and include the added benefits of catalog searches and placing holds.

Current and anticipated changes from the Federal government are addressed in the podcast with the State Librarian Sara Jones, "Understanding the Impacts of IMLS Funding Cuts" Follow this link to access the podcast and other information about anticipated changes:

<https://trl.org/news/threats-to-impls-funding-impact-libraries-in-washington-and-around-the-u-s/>

In April, FOL supported Olympia and West Olympia with \$1,277 for programing supplies for adults, teen and children.

For more information about library events go to:

<https://timberland.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?locations=WO&endDate=2025-06-30>

Elections for FOL Board positions were held. Officers for 2025-2026 are President Jann Hoppler, Vice President Abby Cooke, Treasurer Melanie Tyler, Secretary Amanda Mackison, members at large are Mary Condon, Natalie Howard, Rob Harper, Rose Jetter, Beth Dubey and Robin Ivey-Black.

For more information about the Friends of the Olympia Library visit: <https://olylibraryfriends.com/>

FIND COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION AT THE LIBRARY

Did you know that loneliness not only feels bad, but it can have profound negative impacts on your health, educational achievement and workplace satisfaction? And on a community level, social connectedness is associated with reductions in crime and stronger local economies. Loneliness is widespread and affects all ages.

To help combat what has been called an "epidemic of loneliness and isolation" in our society, TRL recently joined in supporting the [Thurston County Social Connectedness & Prevention of Isolation](#) campaign.

Please join us in this effort by spreading the word about the many ways that libraries bring people together. Here's a sampling of upcoming library events that help people connect!



Listen to our [recent podcast episode](#) devoted to this important topic to learn more



Be sure to sign up for our email newsletter at TRL.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAYS HARBOR

- Sips & Snacks Social Hour: [Aberdeen](#)
- Cards, Coffee, and Conversations: [Westport](#)
- Walking Club: [Elma](#)
- Community Chat & Craft: [Hoquiam](#)
- Creative Cafe: [Hoquiam](#)
- Adult and Teen LEGO® Club: [Amanda Park](#), [Aberdeen](#)
- LEGO® Club for Adults (Off Site Event at Red Cedar): [Hoquiam](#)
- Simply Paint!: [Westport](#), [Montesano](#)

PACIFIC

- Adults Create!: [Ilwaco](#), [Naselle](#), [Ocean Park](#)
- Lit Happens: [Ilwaco](#)
- Tea, Talk, and Time-out: [Raymond](#)

MASON

- So tell me...A Living Library Program: [Shelton](#), [North Mason](#), [Hoodspport](#)
- Ancient Games: a Living Library program: [North Mason](#)
- Fun Hub: [Shelton](#)
- Tea, Talk, and Time-out: [Hoodspport](#), [Shelton](#)

THURSTON

- Yarns and Yarns Off-Site Event at Sweet Magnolia Coffee House: [Tumwater](#)
- Bingo at the Library!: [Lacey](#)
- Artful Escape: Coloring Relaxation for Adults: [Lacey](#)
- Crafternoon: [Tenino](#)
- Olympia Library Film Club: [Olympia](#)
- Adult Walking Club: [Yelm](#)
- Offsite Program: Adult LEGO® Club at Matchless: [Tumwater](#)

LEWIS

- Salkum Art Share: [Salkum](#)
- Saturday Crafternoon: [Mountain View](#), [Packwood](#)
- Painting with Acrylics: [Salkum](#)

Timberland Regional **LIBRARY**

TRL.org



**The Friends of the Olympia meet every month on the second Tuesday in the Olympia Library Meeting Room from 1-2 pm. Consider attending to meet the Board members and find out what the Friends are planning for the future.*

FOL VOLUNTEER FORM



The mission of the Friends is "To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library".

Volunteer

Would you like to help the Friends of the Olympia Library?

There are varying degrees of participation for every interest level!

Fill out this form and leave it in the box on the FOL slat board wall opposite the FOL Book Store in the Olympia Library. The FOL volunteer coordinator will contact you.

If you have questions, please contact: fol73volunteers@gmail.com for more information. *The Olympia Library requires all volunteers to have a background check.*

Name: _____

Best way to contact me: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Jobs that interest me:

____ Accepting book donations on Wednesdays or Saturdays.

____ Emptying the donation bin.

____ Book sorting and/or pricing.

____ Stocking ongoing book sale shelves.

____ Help with Amazon online book sale

____ Help with publicity, membership and volunteers.

____ Help with FOL Board activities.

Date _____ *Your information will not be shared.*

For more about the FOL: www.olylibraryfriends.com

FOL MEMBERSHIP FORM



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Join the Friends of the Olympia Library

Members receive our newsletter *and* the good feeling of supporting your local library.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (_____) _____

*None of your personal information will be sold, given, or traded to any third parties for any reason.

New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Memberships are for one (1) year, except "Friend for Life".

If your dues are for more than 1 year, indicate # of years here _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Tax Deductible)

Individual	\$ 10.00
Family	\$ 15.00
Senior (65+)/Student	\$ 5.00
Business	\$ 50.00
Best Friend	\$ 100.00
Friend for Life	\$ 150.00

Please mail this application and your check to:

Friends of the Olympia Library

313 8th Avenue SE

Olympia, WA 98501

or

place it in the membership box on the Friends slat board wall opposite the FOL Book Store
in the Olympia Library, or join online: www.olylibraryfriends.com/join