

# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

## April 2026



Friends of the Olympia

### 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 Monday-Saturday  
11-6 on Sunday\*

**Come to the Annual Meeting!**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 1 p.m.**  
**The Olympia Library**  
**Meeting Room**  
**Refreshments will be served.**  
*and*

***The Friends of the Olympia Library Elections are in May at the Annual Meeting!***

During the meeting you will be able to hear reports on the last year from Jann Hoppler, President, and Melanie Tyler, Treasurer, and vote in the election if you are a member in good standing.

We will also discuss our plans for the coming year. Please come, share the refreshments, and hear what's happening!

The terms of many people on the board have expired. The following people have been identified by the Nominating Committee for re-election to the board and one has agreed to take on a new leadership role:

President: Jann Hoppler  
Vice President: Pat McLain  
Treasurer: Melanie Tyler  
Pat Harper: Member  
Peter Sweet: Member

The terms of four current members of the board have another year until they expire:

Abby Cooke  
Rob Harper  
Mary Condon  
Natalie Howard

***\*The Friends of the Olympia meet every month on the second Tuesday in the Olympia Library Meeting Room from 1-3 pm.***

***You are invited to attend and find out what we are planning for the future!***

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## **Timberland Regional Library Reaches Agreement to Limit Immediate Layoffs**

April 16, 2026

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) has reached an agreement with union leadership on an updated layoff plan that significantly reduces the number of involuntary layoffs while continuing efforts to address ongoing financial challenges.

Under the agreement, most previously announced involuntary layoffs will be rescinded. The original layoff plan impacted 61 employees, including 17 voluntary layoffs. Of the remaining 44 involuntary layoffs, 36 have now been rescinded, resulting in a total of 25 affected staff. Involuntary layoffs will proceed only in limited cases, including employees in probationary or trial service status and those with certain levels of documented discipline. Voluntary layoffs will continue as planned.

"I want to ensure that credit is given to the TRL staff who have been working behind the scenes to find an acceptable solution. While this is a positive step, we still will see some staff laid off and will still have difficult decisions to make for the rest of this year. We hope that the support that the public has shown these few months will be channeled into a successful levy lid lift when the time comes," said Thurston County Trustee Mary Beth Harrington.

"This agreement is the product of collective, collaborative work," added Board President-Elect Dustin Loup. "Our communities deserve a library system where the Board, leadership, and the union work on issues together, and this development is an example of that at work. TRL leadership brought

## **April Programing Highlights So Far from Betsy Storey, Librarian**

### **Lantern Lights the Library- Friday April 10th**

The last installment of our all-ages live music series that has been running a little over 2 years. It was a truly intergenerational crowd with over 90 patrons coming to watch 3 bands all organized and supported by our local community partner Lantern Records.

### **All Ages Diorama Bookshop- Duck into My Favorite Book! - Wed April 8th**

Your mission: create a scene from one of your favorite books using rubber duckies as your primary characters. Friends of the Olympia Library generously donated variety of supplies, including rubber duckies, art and crafts supplies, shoeboxes, etc. Visit the Olympia library to cast a vote for your favorite diorama between April 11- 22, and then come back to the library to find out who won at our special Arts Walk Gallery of Winners on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

### **Open Book Club @ The Brotherhood-Tues, April 7th**

A long-standing off-site book club that has fantastic intergenerational appeal and engagement. Come and talk about whatever you've been reading, and hear about what others are reading, in a casual bar environment with other book appreciators. All are welcome, and we read a mix of everything! Attendees must be 21 or older.

### **Celebration of the Species-BATS! - Friday April 2nd**

Community interest in bats is very high in Olympia! 46 library patrons joined us at the for an exploration of the biology, behaviors, and benefits of the amazing group of mammals called bats!

To see what's coming up follow this link to find events for all ages:

<https://timberland.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?locations=OL%2CWO>

# FOL VOLUNTEER FORM



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## 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 inside the Olympia Library. The FOL volunteer coordinator will contact you.

If you have questions, please contact: [fol73volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:fol73volunteers@gmail.com) for more information. *The Olympia Library requires all volunteers to have a background check. Volunteers must be over 18 years old.*

**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 publicity, membership and volunteers.**

\_\_\_ **Help with FOL Board activities.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ *Your information will not be shared.*

# FOL MEMBERSHIP FORM



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## Join the Friends of the Olympia Library

Members receive our newsletter *and* the

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 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE

Olympia, WA 98501

or

place it in the membership box on the Friends slat board wall opposite the