



Annual Report for Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library

2016

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year! The Lacey Timberland Library celebrated its 25th anniversary in this magnificent building. Thanks to your hard work and amazing generosity, we replaced our worn lounge furniture with bright, sturdy new pieces, got new meeting room tables, greatly expanded our outreach events, and presented many successful and fun programs for all ages. Thanks to you, this is what we accomplished this year:

2016 Programming at Lacey:

- **ADULTS**

- 42 Book Discussions with 411 participants
- 76 Special Interest programs attended by 2,263 participants
- 315 participants read & reviewed 2,625 books during the Adult Winter Reading Program
- 17 Outreach visits promoting library services to 2,620 adults (includes entry in & outreach after 50th Anniversary City of Lacey Parade of Lights).

Special note: of the above 136 adult events serving 5,609 participants, 62 were funded wholly or in part by the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library.

- **TEENS**

- 10 Book Discussions attended by 98 participants
- 10 Special Interest programs by attended by 399 participants
- 417 Teen Summer Reading Program participants
- 12 Outreach visits promoting library services to 1,820 teens

Special note: of the above 33 teen programs serving 2,734 participants, 23 were funded wholly or in part by the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library.

- **CHILDREN**

- 63 Story Times attended by 2,849 participants
- 30 Special Interest programs attended by 3,463 participants
- 2,463 preschool & children Summer Reading Program participants
- 35 Outreach visits promoting library services to 7,898 children & their families

Special note: of the above 129 children's & all ages programs serving 16,673 participants, 42 were funded wholly or in part by the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library.

- **Grand Total: 298 events serving 25,016 people in our community in 2016**



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In 2016, our numbers for visits decreased overall, by approximately 7,300 visitors in comparison to 2015, a decrease of 2.3%. Gate counts have been accurate for the past two years, so it is fair to determine that overall visitation, as well as overall physical item checkouts, are declining. In comparison, digital downloads by Lacey Timberland Library patrons have more than doubled, as shown below. One possible conclusion from these statistics is that patrons who used to visit the library in person are moving to more virtual access. Library staff will continue to explore ways to increase visibility and awareness of library services in the community in 2017, and will monitor physical and virtual access and use of library materials to determine best prioritization of TRL's limited fiscal and staffing resources.

325,297 visitors to the library checked out 2.7% *fewer* physical materials than 2015, as shown below:

2016 Circulation at Lacey:

- **ADULT COLLECTION**
 - 240,002 print items
 - 177,661 audio-visual items
- **YOUTH COLLECTION**
 - 274,056 print items
 - 46,192 audio-visual items
- 20,190 'other' (magazines & special collections) items
- **DIGITAL COLLECTION**
 - 294,548 items downloaded
- **Grand Total:**
 - **Physical: 758,101 items checked out in 2016 vs. in 779,638 in 2015, a decrease of 2.7%**
 - **Digital: 294,548 items downloaded in 2016 vs. in 110,770 in 2015, an increase of 165.9%**
 - **Total items borrowed: 1,052,649 in 2016 vs. 890,408 in 2015, an increase of 18.2%**



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2016 Facility Improvements:

- Replacement of Library Lounge Furniture & Benches (\$24,692.33 donation to City of Lacey by Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library)
- Replacement of meeting room tables (\$2,032.22 donation to TRL by Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library).
- Replacement of dishwasher in staff lounge. (\$341.03 donation to City of Lacey by Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library).
- Replacement of HVAC-control PC.
- Repair of HVAC unit.

In 2017, Timberland Regional Library faces budgetary challenges that have resulted in cuts to our digital and collection services. At the same time, we're revamping our Summer Reading Program to support more literacy initiatives and have plans here at Lacey to explore different possibilities for service points to maximize staffing resources while still providing quality customer service, programming, outreach, and collections. Lacey Timberland Library staff stand ready to work with our City, our Friends of the Library, our community partners, and our patrons to prioritize our services and collections given limited resources. Thanks to our Friends, we feel confident in our ability to meet these challenges and serve our patrons with quality programming & resources this year and in years to come.

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