

Lacey Library Board Minutes

December 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Amy Blondin, James Murray, Pam Nelson, Scott Robinson, Sharla Desy, Holly Paxson
(Lacey Timberland Library Branch Manager)

Amy Blondin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

Lacey Library Board
Library Manager's Report
Presented on December 8, 2021
For September, October, & November 2021

Library News:

COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE:

- All library-sponsored programming will continue to be virtual only for the rest of 2021 and 1st quarter 2022. Resumption of in-person programming will be evaluated 2nd quarter 2022.
- Library staff may participate in indoor or outdoor outreach events provided current government safety guidelines are followed at the event.
- All restrooms are open for use.
- No time limit for being in library, come in at opening and stay until close if you like!
- All public computers are now available for use. This includes 4 15 minute walk-up computers, 18 1 hour reservable computers (that you can stay on longer if no one is waiting), 4 60 minute walk-up computers in the kid's area, 2 60 minute walk-up Teen computers in the teen area, and 10 catalog computers throughout the library. Patrons can once again make their own reservations.
- Meeting rooms are once again open for patron bookings, no capacity limits.
- Library Takeout will still be available for patrons who don't yet feel comfortable coming in the library, but it is only available by phone. Call 360-491-3860 from your car or outside the library entrance if you wish to use this service.

Hawks Prairie Lucky Day Library Update

[Slideshow presentation](#)

Delays in supply chains and various systems work needed in the space have pushed soft opening to sometime in January. Grand opening date is Tuesday February 8th, 2022.

Lacey Staffing Update

Library Assistant Lauren Culp returned to LA from the Vernetta Smith Timberland Library in Chehalis as a full-time Library Assistant on December 1st.

Librarian 2, Youth Services Kerry Martin (another former Lacey staffer) will start in her new supervisory position December 16, 2021.

Librarian 2, Adult Services search is still ongoing. Interviews being held in December.

Partnerships Update

The Lacey Timberland Library Voting Center was in full swing for the November elections and provided an additional full service point in Thurston County to ensure all eligible voters can vote easily and access information and services. This partnership has been deemed a success and will continue in 2022.

The Friends of the Lacey Library brought their large weekend booksales back in September, October, and December of 2021. These sales, along with the Friends ongoing book sale, will fund programming and additional supplies for the library next year.

Timberland News

TRL has created an open-data web page at <https://www.trl.org/open-data> which shows several different statistics visualizations for all TRL locations. If you ever wanted to know anything about TRL stats, this is the place to look!

Beginning November 1st, all TRL patrons receive all of their available print money for the month, \$44, on the first of every month. We hope this will allow patrons to have more flexibility in printing longer documents without having to wait until their balance refills the next week.

NEW HOURS BEGINNING JANUARY 3rd, 2022:

From July through December, all branches across TRL trialed different hours to see what kinds of increases in availability would be most helpful for their communities. The results of this trial have been completed, including several patron surveys on open hours. New hour information for all branches will be posted soon; for Lacey and Hawks Prairie, the hours beginning 1/3/22 will be:

Lacey Timberland Library

9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays

Hawks Prairie Timberland Library

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday & Saturday. Closed Sundays & Mondays

District-wide Virtual Programming:

September

Youth & Family: 21 programs attended by 466 people

Teen/Adult: 17 programs attended by 73 people

October

Youth & Family: 27 programs attended by 464 people

Teen/Adult: 16 programs attended by 73 people

November

Youth & Family: 19 programs attended by 285 people

Teen/Adult: 21 programs attended by 97 people

Circulation:

September

64,812 physical and digital materials were borrowed in September, an increase of 54% over September 2020.

October

66,782 physical and digital materials were borrowed in October, an increase of 50% over October 2020

November

62,525 physical and digital materials were borrowed in November, an increase of 58% over November 2020.

Building:

Lightbulbs replaced throughout building.

Submitted by Holly Paxson, Lacey Library Manager

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