



Tumwater School District

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John Bash
Superintendent

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Dear Tumwater School District Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to share that the Tumwater School District (TSD) and the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) have formed a new partnership to provide students access to a wider range and depth of information via the library's vast electronic services collection.

After hearing of the implementation of "MyTRL" in neighboring school districts, we opened the conversation with TRL to find how and when our students could be the beneficiaries of "MyTRL" – an online-only Timberland library card. The response we received was, "As soon as you want to!" The "MyTRL" program, which will officially launch November 13th, will provide our students in elementary, middle and high school with access to the public library's large and updated collection of research resources, eBooks, digital magazines, downloadable music, videos, and kids and teen homework help. This program is modeled after other similar library/school district partnerships statewide.

Students will be able to view and checkout electronic library resources that are automatically returned, so no fines incur. Students can also upgrade their online-only library card to a regular library card with the parent's permission and verification of the address and contact information. We encourage parents and guardians to be actively involved in assisting and monitoring their child's use of TRL online resources outside of school.

Students who already have a regular TRL card may have it merged with their new "MyTRL" card at any TRL location. Parents may choose to opt out of the "MyTRL" program before it launches on November 13th or any time after that by logging on to their child's Skyward account (see enclosed instructions).

Our official launch date is set November 13th, which is after Elementary and Middle School conference week. We have attached some frequently asked questions for your reference. If you have additional questions, please bring them with you to conferences or contact your school's Teacher-Librarian.

We are very excited about this new partnership and look forward to hearing how this new tool will enhance student learning in our District.

Sincerely,

Laurie Wiedenmeyer
Coordinator of Communications & Community Relations

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