

Adult Winter Reading Contest brightens up the dark months

Timberland Regional Library invites adults to take a break, get comfortable

PACIFIC COUNTY, Wash. — Book lovers can once again welcome the New Year with some healthy self-indulgence: reading books, audiobooks and more books — as many as possible — between Jan. 1 and March 14.

The Adult Winter Reading Contest has been part of the Timberland Regional Library winter programming since 1998. The idea, according to program coordinator Tim Mallory, is to entice busy adults to give themselves a break, relax, get comfortable and read just for the fun of it.

“How many times in the last year did you hear about an interesting book and think ‘I’ve got to read that?’” Mallory asked. “The holidays are nearly over,” he continued, “and the kids will head back to school. Starting Jan. 1, it’s time for the grown-ups to indulge.”

The more books and audiobooks contestants read, the better the chances of winning prizes. There are five mini-vacation grand prizes: overnight stays at bed and breakfasts and resorts around the district. In addition, there are 10 backpacks, each chock-full of

treats, books and audiobooks.

Here’s how it works:

1. Between Jan. 1 and March 14, read or listen to a minimum of five books.

2. Pick up Adult Winter Reading entry forms — one form for every five books you read — at any Timberland library, or download from www.TRL.org (hover over “Programs”).

3. Using one form for each five books you read, write the titles, authors’ names, a brief review of each book, and a ranking from one to five stars for each book.

4. Turn in the forms at any Timberland library no later than Saturday, March 14. Each form counts as an entry.

Rules: Participants must be 18 years of age or older and be current TRL cardholders. Only one grand prize and one local prize per person. TRL employees and immediate family members are not eligible to enter. Readers will find entry brochures with entry forms included at all Timberland libraries and online at www.TRL.org. For more information call 1-800-562-6022.

Lifelong learners can find new opportunities at Clatsop Community College this winter term

ASTORIA — Winter Term at Clatsop Community College begins Jan. 5. Registration is open for classes in all continuing academic programs, as well as a rich menu of training and personal interest subjects. To register, visit www.clatsopcc.edu/register and search for the course of your choice by subject or title. You can also register for noncredit training and community education classes at 503-338-2402.

CCC’s array of workforce and community education classes reflects its continuing commitment to lifelong exploration and learning in addition to traditional college degree programs. More than 50 classes ranging from arts to computers to wellness to writing and language are available for skill-building and enjoyment. Examples include the following and are conducted on the main campus in Astoria unless otherwise indicated:

- All Levels Calligraphy taught by local artist, Rebecca Read, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays for 10 weeks, Jan. 6 to March 10. Cost is \$65 plus supplies.

- Writer’s Workshop guides you in writing your



memoirs, short story or other writing projects. Bring your work-in-progress to class to discuss with other writers. Taught by Robin Adair. The 10-week class is scheduled from 6 to 7:50 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 to March 10. Cost is \$55.

- Finnish Language and

Winter term at CCC

To learn more: For the full range of Winter Term offerings, visit www.clatsopcc.edu/community-education.

For information or questions about non-credit training and community education classes, contact Mary Kemhus-Fryling at 503-338-2408; mfryling@clatsopcc.edu

Culture gives you a taste of Astoria’s past. Taught by native speaker, Helen Pitkanen, the class is 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 5 to March 9. Cost is \$75 plus books.

- French Language and Culture transports beginning/intermediate students to France in their minds. This class, taught by Pia Shepherd, meets from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 7 to March 11, in the Seaside Library. Cost is \$75.

- Write Winning Grant

Proposals runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays for 10 weeks, Jan. 5 to March 9. Cost is \$105. Come prepared with an idea or project that needs funding.

- Kung Fu will get you in shape and help you feel safer. Class is 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 5 to March 12 at the Seaside Masonic Temple. Taught by Kajukenbo Professor, David Poole, eighth degree Black Belt with 43 years of experience. Cost is \$80.



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