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New Library Service Helps “Indie” Authors Reach New Readers

Two new, web-based services offer writers opportunity, and readers variety.

Countless self-published e-books are created every day. Countless readers are looking for the next great book. But how do authors and readers find each other without the marketing campaigns of commercial publishing companies? Enter the new, web-based platforms, SELF-e and BiblioBoard.

The [Timberland Regional Library](http://www.TRL.org) (TRL) has just launched [SELF-e](#) on its website, along with the companion portal for readers, [BiblioBoard](#).



For authors, here’s how it works: e-book submissions are made available to patrons of participating public libraries within each state. There is no editorial “weed-out” process except to ensure compliance with state and federal laws concerning hate speech, plagiarism, and slander. If, in the evaluation process, a work is judged to have broader appeal, it will go to an editorial board for possible inclusion in the national collection. These books become available to library readers around the country.

To be clear, libraries that host these services are conduits only. They provide exposure and distribution for independently published books. Libraries have no input to the editorial process. All such decisions are made by professional editors from the publication “[Library Journal](#)” and the library service provider, BiblioBoard.



If SELF-e is the intake valve for new e-books, BiblioBoard is where readers will find them. Using the website or the downloadable application (app), readers can search for and read e-books on any electronic device - no checkouts, no returns and no waiting.

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and 6 partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library’s programs may contact the library one week in advance.