TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM

TUALATIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
18878 SW MARTINAZZI AVE.

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A. **Call to Order**
B. **Approval of Minutes**
C. **Communications**
    1. Chair
    2. Staff
    3. Teen Library Committee
    4. Public Comment
D. **Old Business**
    1. WCCLS Funding & Governance
    2. Library Local Option Levy
    3. Annual Report
E. **New Business**
    1. Strategic Plan
F. **Future Agenda Items**
    1. Organizational Assessment Update
    2. Library Service Area: Account Services
    3. Artificial Intelligence in Public Libraries
G. **Committee Questions and Comment**
H. **Adjournment**

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For those wishing to provide comment during the meeting, there is one opportunity on the agenda: Public Communications. Written statements may be sent in advance to Library Director Jerianne Thompson no later than 5pm on February 10, 2026.

TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 6, 2026

Present: Rachel Elliot, Melissa Lawrence, Emy Loanzon, Dana Paulino, Ashley Payne, DeAnn Welker

Absent:

Public: Ye Feng, Anto Nirmal, Ishan Datta, Rudhresh Nirmal, Weihao Zhen Jayden Huang, Anirudh Buddalu, Xin Huang, Moyao Xue

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ashley Payne called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rachel Elliot moved to accept the December meeting minutes as written; DeAnn Welker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson reported that Tigard Public Library will be closed for about three months, beginning the end of January, for extensive HVAC work. She also reported that WCCLS has begun centralizing interlibrary loan services, onboarding libraries in cohorts. The Library is currently processing about 300 new student cards for this school year. Thompson said that Las Casitas Park has reopened, and the A-frame house across Boones Ferry from the Library will soon be demolished. Thompson shared recent usage statistics and comment cards.

3. Teen Library Committee: None.

4. Public: Ye Feng introduced a group of students from the Beaverton School District who are members of the First LEGO League Dynosaurs team. Anto Nirmal, Ishan Datta, Rudhresh Nirmal, Weihao Zhen, Jayden Huang, Anirudh Buddalu, Xin Huang, and Moyao Xue gave a presentation about their team's innovation project. The project involves offering 3D-printable designs for historical artifacts such as the Roman Pantheon, the Pyramid of Giza, and Fort Vancouver fortifications. The artifacts are intended for classroom use, to accompany middle school modules about world history, providing

students with a hands-on model to better visualize the building or object. The students requested the Library make sets of the 3D prints, using the Library's Makerspace, and add those sets to the Library's collection so teachers could check them out for classroom use. Committee members expressed interest in the idea, and Thompson said she would discuss the idea with relevant library staff and report back.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. WCCLS Funding & Governance Evaluation: Thompson shared an update on the evaluation project, which is currently focused on governance improvements. Thompson reviewed goals and timeline for this phase.

2. Library Local Option Levy: Thompson showed charts comparing the results of the 2025 local option levy for library services against results from the three prior levy measures for Tualatin area voting precincts. Most precincts had a decreased level of support in 2025 compared to 2015, the last levy increase. Committee members asked how the results compared to the levy for public safety, how the decreases in Tualatin compared to other cities, and data on the rate of voter participation. Thompson will bring additional information to the February meeting. Committee members also suggested communication strategies with local residents about the value provided through library services by levy funding.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan: This topic was tabled.

2. Distribution of Free Materials Policy: Thompson presented the policy for review, with no proposed changes. Committee members had no questions. Welker moved to recommend re-approving the policy. Emy Loanzon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Annual Report: Committee members reviewed draft content for the committee's annual report to City Council, including actions accomplished in 2025 and goals for 2026. Members noted a desire to include information about the response to the local option levy and the need to reinforce the City's commitment to maintaining current the current level of library staff and services.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Service Areas: Account Services
2. Organizational Assessment Update

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Members: Loanzon noted that TriMet is considering transit service cuts that would impact Tualatin and asked if information could be sent to the committee. Welker said she read an article in *The Atlantic* about the decline in reading among Americans and offered to share a link.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

by Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary

TLAC ANNUAL REPORT – DRAFT NOTES

In 2025, TLAC:

- Engaged in regular discussions and heard monthly updates about WCCLS's project to evaluate library services, funding, and governance countywide. Committee members have raised questions and concerns as the evaluation project proceeds about local library service impacts, funding sustainability, and long-term planning.

- Learned about Library service areas through staff presentations on programs and services for children, teens, adults, and Latinos, as well as the Makerspace. Heard presentations/reports from: Teen Library Committee, Friends of Tualatin Library, and Tualatin Library Foundation, plus regular updates about the local option levy for library funding and a presentation on local funding sources from the Finance Director.

- Considered & provided recommendations on operational policies, including Child Safety Policy and Community Room Policy.

- Provided comments and advice regarding: development of a mascot; library programs, services, and operations; library user surveys; library budget, including gaps, needs, and challenges; Summer Reading; intellectual freedom and book challenges; marketing and promotion; organizational assessment; and library utilization trends.

- TLAC members discussed progress on the Library's strategic plan. Highlighted strategic accomplishments from the past year include:
    - Voter approval of a local option levy replacement for Washington County public libraries.
    - Facility improvements for lighting and accessibility.
    - Started organizational assessment of Library Department.
    - Increased school outreach visits.
    - Increased passive engagement / interactive activities in the Library.
    - 98% of survey respondents rated Tualatin Library's customer service as excellent/good, with an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars, and 92% agreed or strongly agreed that the Tualatin Library is a welcoming place. (2025 Library User Survey)

Committee Recommendations

- Tualatin Library is integral to successfully realizing several aspects of the City Council's 2030 Vision. To further this vision, TLAC requests City Council reinforce its commitment to protecting the Tualatin Library's open hours and the current level of Library materials, programs, and services.

In 2026, TLAC will:

- Play an active role in providing citizen feedback on updating the Library's strategic plan.
- As appropriate, engage in Washington County Cooperative Library Services' funding and governance evaluation project, to represent the perspective of Tualatin community members. Continue monitoring changes happening within the cooperative and advocate for local library needs.
- Stay informed about emerging trends and regional changes that could impact local library services, including learning about artificial intelligence use in public libraries.
- Continue to be actively involved and educated in the operations and roles of the Library. Continue review of operational policies.
- Advance Council vision, supporting social equity and inclusion within Library programs and services, providing opportunity to thrive for all community members.

2025 Annual Report
Tualatin Library Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND

The Tualatin Library Advisory Committee (TLAC) was established by Ordinance 758-88, adopted by Council on October 10, 1988, and incorporated into the Tualatin Municipal Code as Chapter 11-4. The enabling ordinance requires TLAC to file an annual report with the Council including a summary of the Committee's activities during the preceding year and other matters and recommendations the Committee deems appropriate.

Current members of TLAC include Ashley Payne (Chair), Melissa Lawrence (Vice Chair), Rachel Elliot, Emy Loanzon, Dana Paulino, and DeAnn Welker. Former members include Thea Wood and Nestor Sanchez Carmona (student representative), whose terms ended in October 2025. Staff support is provided by Jerianne Thompson, Library Director and Equity & Inclusion Officer.

ROLES OF THE COMMITTEE

per Tualatin Municipal Code, Chapter 11-4:

1. Consult with and advise the Library Manager on all matters affecting operational policies of the City Library.
2. Make recommendations to the City Council with respect to services, facilities, and all other matters pertaining to the maintenance and improvement of the City Library.
3. Hear and consider complaints about City Library policies or materials.

ACTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the past year, TLAC engaged in regular discussions and heard monthly updates about the project underway by Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), of which Tualatin Public Library is a member, to evaluate public library services, funding, and governance countywide. Committee members have raised questions and concerns about the impacts of proposed changes to local library services, funding sustainability, and long-term planning. TLAC also received a presentation from Finance Director Don Hudson about local government funding sources.

The committee learned about library service areas through presentations from Library staff. Topics presented to-date include programs and services for preschool-age children, school-age children, teens, Latinos and Spanish-speakers, and about the Makerspace. These presentations help prepare the committee for strategic planning work that will happen in 2026.

TLAC considered and provided recommendations on library operational policies, including the Child Safety Policy and Community Room Policy. TLAC heard reports from

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the Teen Library Committee, the Friends of Tualatin Library, and the Tualatin Library Foundation.

TLAC members discussed progress on the Library's strategic plan. Highlighted strategic accomplishments at the Library in the past year include:

- Voter approval of a local option levy replacement for Washington County libraries.
- Facility improvements for lighting and accessibility.
- Launched organizational assessment of Library department.
- Increased utilization of the Library, including year-over-year increases in visits, checkouts, and program attendance. FY24-25 saw nearly 27,000 program attendees – an all=time high.
- Increased school outreach visits. Increased passive engagement / interactive activities inside the library.
- 98% of survey respondents rated Tualatin Library's customer service as excellent/good, with an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars, and 92% agreed or strongly agreed that the Tualatin Library is a welcoming place. Respondents identified variety of materials offered as the thing that makes Tualatin Library's collection different from other local libraries. (2025 Library User Survey)

Library staff provided presentations with Committee members providing comments and advice regarding Library programs, services, and operations; Library user surveys; organizational assessment; marketing and promotional materials; Summer Reading; Library budget; intellectual freedom and book challenges; and Library utilization trends. TLAC reviewed comment cards each month and heard no formal complaints this year.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2026

TLAC will remain actively involved in providing resident feedback as the Library updates its strategic plan.

As appropriate, TLAC will engage in WCCLS's services, funding, and governance evaluation project, to represent the perspective of Tualatin community members. TLAC will continue monitoring changes happening within the cooperative and advocate for local library needs.

TLAC will stay informed about emerging trends and regional changes that could impact local library services, including learning about artificial intelligence use in public libraries.

TLAC will continue to be actively involved in and educated about the operations and roles of the Library and continue to review operational policies.

TLAC will advance the Council's vision for Tualatin, supporting social equity and inclusion within Library programs and services, providing opportunity to thrive for all community members.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

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Tualatin Library is integral to successfully realizing several aspects of the City Council's 2030 Vision. To further this vision, TLAC requests City Council reinforce its commitment to protecting the Tualatin Library's open hours – and the current level of Library materials, programs, and services.

We want the Library to continue to serve as an inclusive gathering place and to provide resources that contribute to a connected, informed, and civically engaged community. To successfully do that, TLAC seeks to partner with City Council to find solutions to adequately fund Tualatin Library, and we request Council consider alternative funding sources.

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