



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 1, 2025

Present: Rachel Elliot, Dana Paulino, Ashley Payne, Nestor Sanchez, Paul Turnbach, Thea Wood

Absent: DeAnn Welker

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director
Immer Honorato, Library Community Outreach Specialist
Melissa Hunt, Children's Librarian

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dana Paulino called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ashley Payne moved to accept the March meeting minutes as written; Rachel Elliot seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Chair:** None.

2. **Staff:** Jerianne Thompson shared announcements about City projects, including the opening of the Veterans Plaza at the Lake of the Commons, annual Community Involvement Organization neighborhood meetings, and the upcoming State of the City. She announced the planned public budgeting meetings for the City and for Washington County. Thompson provided a summary of the potential impacts to the State Library of Oregon from a recent federal Executive Order pertaining to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Thompson shared recent usage statistics, quarterly program statistics, and comment cards.

3. **Teen Library Committee:** Nestor Sanchez said TLC is preparing for the upcoming Teen Murder Mystery event and readying to interview potential summer teen volunteers.

4. **Public:** None.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. WCCLS Funding & Governance Evaluation: Thompson reviewed updates and the timeline for Phase II of the evaluation project, which includes two working meetings in April.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Service Areas: Latinos: Immer Honorato gave a presentation about programming and outreach services for Spanish-speaking families and adults in Tualatin. He said the library is partnering with several agencies to expand our outreach and build relationships. The library offers a variety of seasonal culturally relevant programs, as well as programs to build skills and support community.

2. Library Service Areas: School Age Children: Melissa Hunt presented information about library programming and outreach for elementary school-age children. She designs programs to foster learning and creativity, to build social skills and confidence, and to cultivate a sense of self in a safe and inviting environment. She said that craft programs often include a simple version and a harder version, to appeal to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

3. Community Room Policy: Thompson introduced revisions to the Community Room Policy. Many of the changes are to increase flexibility for nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable populations who seek to rent the room. The policy now specifies that nonprofit organizations must be designated as 501c3 nonprofits and clarifies that the sink and service counter may be used only with advance request.

4. User Surveys: Prior to the meeting, Thompson shared additional details regarding responses from Tualatin Library's patrons in the WCCLS community survey conducted last year. Committee members discussed possible topics to include in this year's library user survey, including questions about open hours, accessing the collection by browsing versus by placing holds, how readers discover new books, makerspace equipment, and Library of Things suggestions.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Service Areas
2. Child Safety Policy
3. Funding Sources (Finance Department)

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. **Members:** None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

by Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary