



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 Dinosaurs 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