



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2025

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

Absent:

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dana Paulino called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: Paulino welcomed new committee member Melissa Lawrence.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson requested an agenda change to move the first item under New Business ahead of Old Business. She announced several upcoming events, including the Holiday Lights parades, Northwest Dance Theatre performance, Noon Year's Eve, and technology assistance by appointment. She said that the lighting upgrades have been completed inside the Library, with a few lights on the plaza remaining. Thompson shared recent usage statistics, quarterly program statistics, and comment cards.

3. Teen Library Committee: Thompson said that TLC will host a Winter Break program on December 16, with a Friday night craft activity in December and trivia in January.

4. Public: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Service Area: Makerspace: STEAM Librarian Kit Lorelied gave a presentation about the Library's Makerspace, which has seen exponential growth in usage over the past year, both in attendance at Open Labs and for

personal or group use. The most popular items in the Makerspace this year have been various art supplies and the 3D printers. Since switching to a donation-supported model in place of charging fees for some supplies, they said the Makerspace has been receiving increased revenues. Lorelied announced that the popular Glowforge laser cutter will be replaced this winter with an XTool, which will have enhanced capabilities.

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 the main elements of the current intergovernmental agreements between Washington County and member libraries.

E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Officer Election: Paulino nominated Ashley Payne to serve as committee Chair for 2026; Elliot seconded. Payne nominated Melissa Lawrence to serve as Vice Chair; Elliot seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

3. 2026 Meeting Calendar: Committee members reviewed and approved by consensus the draft meeting calendar for 2026.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Service Areas: Account Services
2. Distribution of Free Materials Policy

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Members: Thompson asked for feedback on future agenda items; topics suggested included the use of artificial intelligence in libraries, having the Finance Director return for additional discussion about library funding, and how Tualatin is impacted by federal funding cuts.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

by Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary