



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 7, 2025

Present: Rachel Elliot, Emy Loanzon, Dana Paulino, Ashley Payne, DeAnn Welker, Thea Wood

Absent: Nestor Sanchez

Public: Laura Baker, Friends of Tualatin Public Library
Mary Rennebohm, Tualatin Library Foundation
John Bartley

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DeAnn Welker moved to accept the September meeting minutes as written; Ashley Payne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson said that October 5-11 is recognized by libraries as Banned Books Week, a time to celebrate our freedom to read. She provided updates about book challenges in Oregon and nationally last year. She also announced Tualatin's upcoming Veterans Recognition Breakfast on November 7 and the Giant Pumpkin Regatta on October 19. She encouraged committee members to participate in TriMet's survey about potential service cuts, which could impact Tualatin routes. Thompson shared recent usage statistics and comment cards.

3. Teen Library Committee: None.

4. Public: Laura Baker, President of the Friends of Tualatin Library, said that the Friends is working with People for Libraries for advocacy on the library local option levy, including distribution of yard signs.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. WCCLS Funding & Governance Evaluation: Thompson provided updates about recent developments in the evaluation project. She reviewed the

revised library service boundaries, the modifications to the funding implementation plan, and risks faced by Washington County and member libraries regarding financial uncertainties, including the potential for Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) to make cuts in services to member libraries in order to take on the proposed collection centralization.

2. Library Local Option Levy: Thompson shared an update about local community education efforts related to the library levy, including a direct mail postcard that the City will send to Tualatin residents later this month.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. User Survey: Thompson reviewed results from the recent annual library user survey. About 330 people took the survey this year, with 72 percent of respondents living in Tualatin. English was listed as the primary spoken language for 95 percent of respondents; 15 additional languages were referenced, with Spanish being the second most common. The Library received a 4.5 out of 5 stars rating for customer service, with 92 percent agreeing that Tualatin Library is a welcoming place and 94 percent agreeing they would recommend Tualatin Library to another person. Survey questions about collection use showed a shared preference for checking out items placed on hold and checking out items found by browsing the collection; collection variety was the most common response for what makes Tualatin Library's collection different from other libraries. Thompson will review analysis of the written comments at next month's meeting.

2. Annual Statistics: Thompson distributed updated annual statistical and budget summaries. She showed charts comparing library usage in Fiscal Year 2024-25 against the prior two fiscal years and a pre-COVID benchmark. Library visits are growing but remain below 2019 levels, but total checkouts has surpassed 2018-19. Program attendance broke records last year with more than 26,000 total attending.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Service Areas: Makerspace

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. **Members:** None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

by Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary