



# Tualatin Library Advisory Committee Annual Report

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# Tualatin Library Advisory Committee



Committee members: Ashley Payne (chair),  
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# *Actions & Accomplishments*

- Engaged on updates about Washington County Cooperative Library Services' public library evaluation project
- Learned about local funding sources & library areas of service
- Provided recommendations on the Child Safety Policy, Community Room Policy, Distribution of Free Materials Policy
- Heard reports from the Teen Library Committee, the Friends of Tualatin Library, and the Tualatin Library Foundation
- Discussed library user survey, library budget, organizational assessment, marketing, intellectual freedom, and library utilization trends



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# Strategic Accomplishments

- Voter approval of local option levy for libraries
- Increased library utilization with nearly 27,000 program attendees in FY24-25
- 98% of survey respondents rated Tualatin Library's customer service as excellent/good
- Survey says: Variety of materials offered is what makes Tualatin Library's collection different from others



# 2026 Action Plan



- 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.



# 2026 Action Plan



- 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.



# Recommendations



Tualatin Library is integral to successfully realizing several aspects of the City Council's 2030 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.



# Recommendations



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.

We ask City Council to continue to stand with the Library and our community. Help us ensure sustainable funding for Tualatin Library – beyond the local option levy.

