

TLAC ANNUAL REPORT – DRAFT NOTES

In 2025, TLAC:

- Engaged in regular discussions and heard monthly updates about WCCLS's project to evaluate library services, funding, and governance countywide. Committee members have raised questions and concerns as the evaluation project proceeds about local library service impacts, funding sustainability, and long-term planning.
- Learned about Library service areas through staff presentations on programs and services for children, teens, adults, and Latinos, as well as the Makerspace. Heard presentations/reports from: Teen Library Committee, Friends of Tualatin Library, and Tualatin Library Foundation, plus regular updates about the local option levy for library funding and a presentation on local funding sources from the Finance Director.
- Considered & provided recommendations on operational policies, including Child Safety Policy and Community Room Policy.
- Provided comments and advice regarding: development of a mascot; library programs, services, and operations; library user surveys; library budget, including gaps, needs, and challenges; Summer Reading; intellectual freedom and book challenges; marketing and promotion; organizational assessment; and library utilization trends.
- TLAC members discussed progress on the Library's strategic plan. Highlighted strategic accomplishments from the past year include:
 - Voter approval of a local option levy replacement for Washington County public libraries.
 - Facility improvements for lighting and accessibility.
 - Started organizational assessment of Library Department.
 - Increased school outreach visits.
 - Increased passive engagement / interactive activities in the Library.
 - 98% of survey respondents rated Tualatin Library's customer service as excellent/good, with an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars, and 92% agreed or strongly agreed that the Tualatin Library is a welcoming place. (2025 Library User Survey)

Committee Recommendations

- Tualatin Library is integral to successfully realizing several aspects of the City Council's 2030 Vision. To further this 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.

In 2026, TLAC will:

- 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.
- 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.