



2011 Annual Report Tualatin Library Advisory Committee

The following is a summary of the most significant accomplishments of the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee (TLAC) in 2011.

1. Background

Tualatin Library Advisory Committee (TLAC) was established by Ordinance 758-88, adopted by Council on October 10, 1988 and incorporated into the Tualatin Municipal Code as Chapter 1-25.

The enabling ordinance requires the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee to file an annual report with the Council including a summary of the committee's activities during the preceding year and other matters and recommendations the committee deems appropriate.



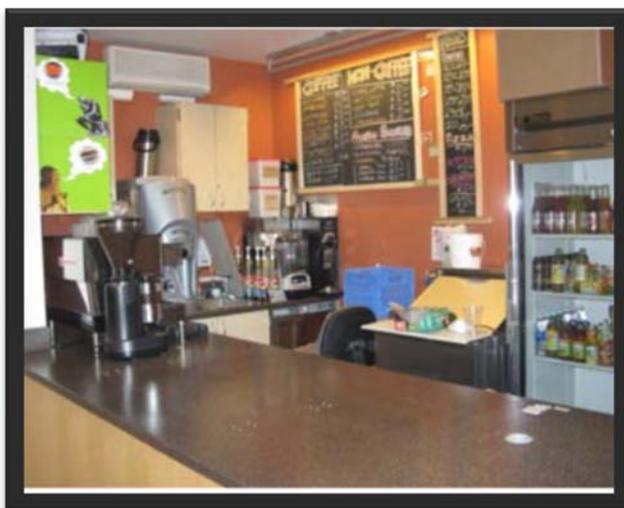
Members of the 2011 Tualatin Library Advisory Committee were: David Abbey, Phil Anderson, Victoria King, Len Runion (Chair), Sean Neary, Thea Wood, and Marcus Young. Gimena Olguin resigned from TLAC in July 2011 in order to attend college. Willie Stephan served on TLAC until her term ended in October 2011.

2. Accomplishments

A. Consult with and advise the Library Manager on all matters affecting the operational policies of the City Library

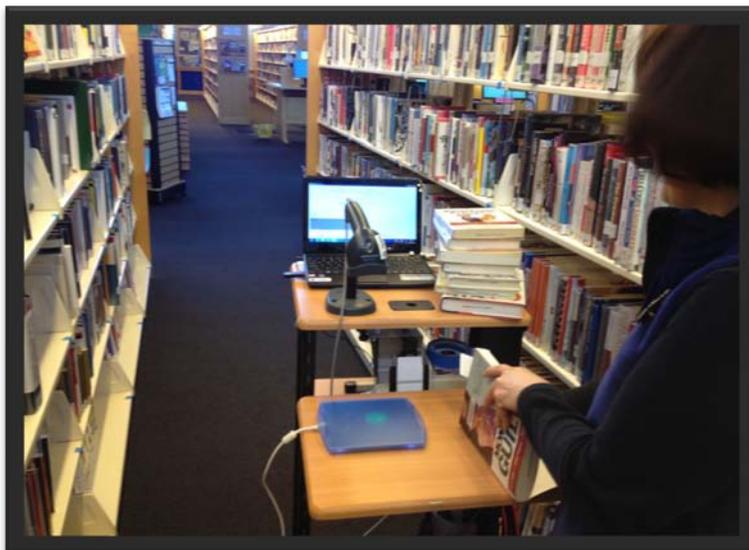
1. Facilities

Throughout the year, TLAC continued its involvement with various aspects of the new library and provided valuable comments and perspectives on use of the building. TLAC members provided input on the use of space in the library lobby and café space.



2. Radio Frequency Identification

In 2011-2012, Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) libraries are moving to using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags for the circulation of library materials. TLAC members reviewed plans and gave input and recommendations to staff. This project will continue through the summer of 2012.



3. E-readers and the future of the book

Tualatin Library is a member of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium through WCCLS, participating in the Library2Go initiative. TLAC members reviewed the project and gave feedback to staff as the e-book trend continues.



4. Library outreach and services to job seekers

TLAC members provided input and feedback regarding outreach needs in the community and potential partners for the library to extend its reach. TLAC members also reviewed current library services for job seekers and provided feedback on how to strengthen such services.



B. Make recommendations to the City Council with respect to services, facilities and all other matters pertaining to the maintenance and improvement of the City Library

1. Provide citizen feedback to City Staff on City projects

TLAC members represent every neighborhood in Tualatin, providing an excellent opportunity for city staff to solicit feedback on projects that impact residents.



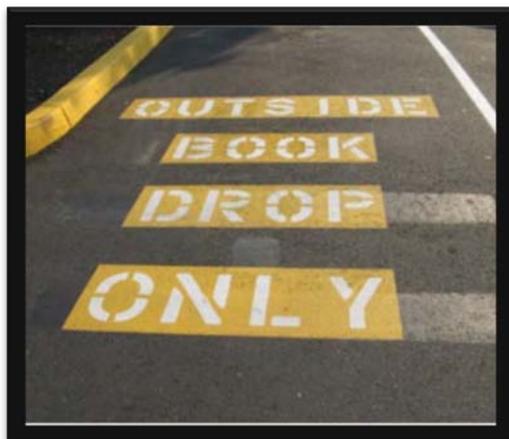
TLAC members provided feedback and recommendations to city staff for the transportation system plan, high speed rail, the gateway feature, and citizen involvement.

C. Hear and consider complaints about City Library policies or materials.

1. Monthly review of library statistics and comment cards

Tualatin Public Library circulated 758,688 items in 2011, an increase of 4.6% over the previous year. There were 322,079 visits, a decrease of 7% over the previous year. The library provided 75,309 internet sessions, an increase of 3% from the calendar year 2010.

TLAC members reviewed library comment cards and other correspondence directed to the Library Manager. Parking, the lack of a drive-up bookdrop, and noise generated the greatest number of public comments.



- c. Members of Tualatin Library Advisory Committee (TLAC)
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