



## TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Present: Alan Feinstein, Dawnell Meyer, Dana Paulino, Ashley Payne, Satvika Vadapu, Thea Wood, Marcus Young

Absent:

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Dana Paulino called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marcus Young moved to accept the March meeting minutes as written; Thea Wood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Chair:** None.

**2. Staff:** Jerianne Thompson reported that the new carpet installation is complete and that Library management is working with Facilities staff to identify solutions for problems with lighting. The City Council is set to issue a proclamation at their upcoming meeting in support of National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. The Mayor will host a State of the City on April 26. In recognition of National Poetry Month, the Library has a "poet-tree," where patrons are encouraged to share short poems. Thompson shared recent statistics.

**3. Teen Library Committee:** Satvika Vadapu reported the committee supported several successful youth programs during Spring Break and is working on a Nerf program for April and a murder mystery program in May.

**4. Public:** None.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. TLAC Annual Report:** Jerianne Thompson presented the final draft of the 2022 TLAC Annual Report to City Council. Alan Feinstein moved to approve the report; Ashley Payne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Marketing Plan:** Jerianne Thompson presented an overview of the Library's draft marketing plan. Library management have been working with consultant KEEL Creative to develop the plan, including strategic and creative direction, operational recommendations, and design work to support a new email newsletter and other promotional graphics. Committee members recommended using library patron data to send invitations to sign up for the email newsletter.

**2. Book Challenges in the Region:** Jerianne Thompson shared an update about challenges. More books were challenged in 2022 than during any of the preceding 20 years in which the American Library Association has tracked this data. Recent research shows that more than 70% of American voters oppose efforts to remove books from public libraries. In West Linn-Wilsonville School District, the school board voted in March against removing nine titles that had been challenged. In Canby, school officials pulled nearly 40 titles from middle and high school library shelves for review after parent complaints. It is unclear when the review will take place.

**3. Teen Intern Grant:** Jerianne Thompson announced that Tualatin Library received a \$4000 grant from the State Library of Oregon, funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to hire a paid teen summer intern. The intern will work on a connected learning project, which connects the teen's interests with library work and learning opportunities. The intern will work about 150 hours over the summer.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Confidentiality of Circulation Records Policy

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. **Members:** None.

2. **Public:** Jared Essig, who joined the meeting in-progress, was offered an opportunity for comment. He stated that he believed public libraries, including Tualatin, should offer scholarly materials and textbooks for student use.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_, Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary