

## **HLPC NEWSLETTER** ISSUE 12 | NOV. 14, 2024

#### HILLTOP LIBRARY NEWS

Because the levy lift for Fire did not pass, we think there might be cuts to the library. This week's City Council study session, where budget amendments were discussed, didn't mention the library, so we're in a holding pattern for now. BUT, we're not giving up. Two new positions on the Tacoma Library Board of Trustees have opened. Please contact Mayor Woodwards to push for board members who advocate restoring services to the Hilltop and Eastside communities and fundraising as necessary to do so. Be sure to mention filling the still-vacant Outreach Librarian position as a priority for any new board member.

- Mail: Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 12th Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402
- Call the Mayor's Office: (253) 591-5100
- Online Message Form here.

#### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST HIRE **AN OUTREACH LIBRARIAN:** Access to

Email the board: trustees@tacomalibrary.org.

Written public comments to be read at board meetings: publiccomment@tacomalibrary.org libraries is a basic human right.



WWW.TACOMAHILLTOPLIBRARY.ORG

# **ONGOING ACTIONS**

### **BE HEARD!**

EMAIL ACTION: Continue contacting city council, the library board, and the mayor until we see concrete results. Take 2 minutes to send our community action letter. Be sure to add your own spin to the subject and/or body of the email so it gets more attention. Send now, send often!

**BUDGET ACTION:** City Council allows public comments and guestions the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. More info here. Council calendar here. Speak up about your concerns for the biennial 2025-2026 budget and where the library fits into it. Adoption of a budget is currently scheduled for Dec. 3rd (p. 28), so be sure to speak your mind before then. Check out notices of public hearings here.

Not sure what to say? Check out our Talking Points!

### **VOLUNTEER:**

We could use help with our social media, especially our Facebook page! If you can help post even once a month, <u>let us know</u>!

### NEXT HLPC MEETING: NO NOV. MEETING

Attend our Zoom meeting in December instead: Dec. 19th, 6-7pm. We'll discuss our response to the new budget. Learn about upcoming actions and library updates as well. If you're on the email list, you'll get a reminder soon! Sign up today!