



HLPC NEWSLETTER

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HILLTOP LIBRARY NEWS

City Council presented the biennial budget for 2025-2026 at their Oct. 1st study session. You can find the PDF presentation [here](#).



How library advocates can respond:

Nov. 19th is the proposed budget's first public hearing and first reading (p.28) in council. There will also be additional community presentations and outreach with chances for comment. 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](#). Public written comments can be submitted before a meeting [here](#). Sign up for the city's news emails [here](#). Be sure you get your representative's emails as well. We'll do our best to keep you informed too!

Comment suggestions: Making library services in the Hilltop and Eastside a priority will support their current agenda. Remind City Council that libraries play key roles in helping the unhoused attain resources (p.22), as community safe spaces for children and adults (p.23) provide resources for job seekers and small businesses (p.25), and are necessary in neglected neighborhoods like Hilltop and Eastside if the city is truly dedicated to "Fostering a Diverse, Equitable and inclusive Culture." (p.27) And please thank them for adding a maker space librarian to the Access budget. (p. 24)



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!

City Council allows public comments and questions the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. More info [here](#). Council calendar [here](#).

Not sure what to say? Check out our [Talking Points!](#)

LIBRARY NEWS:

Tacoma Reads James McBride in Conversation with Mayor Woodward: Nov. 1st. Reserve your space beginning on Oct. 18th. Reservations will fill up fast!

HUGE CONGRATS TO AMITA LONIAL, Tacoma's next library director! Amita often comes to our meetings and supports our community. Learn more about her [here](#).

HUGE THANKS TO KATE LARSEN, former director: Kate also came to our meetings often and kept us up to date on progress made on Hilltop Library. Also a tireless advocate, we sincerely thank her for all she's done!

NEXT HLPC MEETING: NO OCTOBER MEETING

Attend our [Zoom meeting](#) in November instead: Nov. 21st from 6-7pm. Learn about upcoming actions and library updates. If you're on the email list, you'll get a reminder soon! [Sign up today!](#)