



# HLPC NEWSLETTER

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## **HILLTOP LIBRARY NEWS**

Metro Parks wants your input on using \$10,000 earmarked for Tacoma Community Centers. Putting a library or library services in Hilltop's People's Center could be a great suggestion! Take their survey [here](#) to let them know your thoughts.

## **A NOTE ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPACTING LIBRARIES:**

On March 14, President Trump issued an Executive Order intended to dismantle the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services: the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS provides funding support for public, school, academic, and special libraries in all 50 states. Tribal, rural, and underserved communities will be hit especially hard by this order. While TPL is primarily funded through Tacoma's general fund, it (along with other libraries in WA) benefit from IMLS-funded resources provided through the Washington State Library. TPL has also received grant funding directly from IMLS for special projects. Please contact your Senators and Representatives, urging them to overturn the executive order and protect IMLS funding.

## **GENERAL LIBRARY NEWS:**

TPL will be giving their annual report to City Council at April 29th's study session. Follow along on Zoom or in chamber! [Info TBA here.](#)

## **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 mention your concerns for a lack of library services available to the Hilltop and Eastside neighborhoods so it gets more attention. Send now, send often!

**IN-PERSON ACTION:** 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](#)!

Tacoma Library Board of Trustees meets in person every 3rd Wednesday! Bring your questions about restoring library services to the Hilltop and Eastside. [See their events calendar for info.](#)

## ***APRIL IS LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH!***

All month, you can give directly to the Tacoma Public Library Foundation [here](#).



## ***NEXT HLPC MEETING: APRIL 25TH, 2025 @ 6PM***

[Attend our Zoom meeting](#) to discuss your ideas for expanding library services to the Hilltop in 2025, Main Library updates, and outreach librarian updates. If you're on the email list, you'll get a reminder soon! [Sign up today!](#)