



HLPC NEWSLETTER

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HILLTOP LIBRARY NEWS

Despite budget shortfalls both locally and federally, we're not giving up on a library in the Hilltop! We'll be ready to spring into action as soon as funding potential is viable again. As such, planning for our table at the Hilltop Street Fair has begun and we could use some volunteers. [Email](#) for details!

WA STATE UPDATE ON THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPACTING LIBRARIES:

A judge reversed the EO intended to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), with some funding approved for 2025 already released. However, the Trump Admin is appealing the ruling and the 2025 fiscal year ends on September 20th. Additionally, the 2026 Federal Budget proposes drastic cuts to the IMLS, essentially shutting it down. In our state, while Gov. Ferguson signed HB 1207, it doesn't go into effect until July 27th. It may help with some library funding, but has not prevented layoffs and program closures in the interim.

★ WHAT YOU CAN DO: ★

- Follow along/learn more about the EO impacts to our state [here](#).
- Reach out to your federal House and Senate reps to demand funding for the IMLS be restored AND they reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act of 2018 by its September 30th deadline.

ONGOING ACTIONS!



BE HEARD!

EMAIL ACTION: Contact city council, the library board, and the mayor about your concerns for a lack of library services available to the Hilltop and Eastside neighborhoods. Personalize our [community action letter](#) or send your own!

IN-PERSON ACTION: [Comment at City Council meetings](#) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and/or at the Tacoma Library Board of Trustees meeting on every 3rd Wednesday. Council calendar [here](#). Library Board calendar [here](#). Not sure what to say? Check out our [Talking Points!](#)

GENERAL LIBRARY NEWS:

- Wheelock Library is officially re-opened!
- Summer reading challenge registration officially opened on June 2nd. Challenge is live from 6/21/25 thru 8/16/25. [Sign up today!](#)
- Consider starting your summer challenge with a [Tacoma Reads selection!](#)

NEXT HLPC MEETING: JUNE 27TH, 2025 @ 6PM

[Attend our Zoom meeting](#) and help plan for this year's table at the Hilltop Street Fair! If you're on the email list, you'll get a reminder soon, so [sign up today!](#)

***NOTE:** After the Street Fair, meetings will be every-other-month and newsletters will be quarterly, unless something time sensitive occurs.