



HLPC NEWSLETTER

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HILLTOP LIBRARY NEWS

Tacoma has new elected officials who need to know we want a library to be reopened on the Hilltop!

Email [Mayor Anders Ibsen](#) and [City Council](#) or personalize our [community action letter](#) today! Even though funds are tight right now, we need to keep reminding our officials that we're here and we need local library services available to all Hilltop residents!

We know our voices make a difference. Because of our emails and calls to Congress, [they passed a \\$1.4 million increase in funding](#) for library programs run by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), bringing LSTA funding to \$212.5 million for FY 2026. Congress also provided level funding (\$30 million) for the school library-focused Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program!

TPL NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- [Comics Plus](#) is an ebook service that focuses on graphic novels, comics, and manga as part of TPL's transition away from [Hoopla](#).
- [Tax help for qualifying individuals and families](#) will be offered at Main and Moore libraries this year.
- TPL is [updating our approach to library cards to make borrowing easier](#).
- Spotlight on [Black History Month!](#)

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!](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AT TACOMA PUBLIC LIBRARIES!

- [Storywalk at Alderwood Park: Keyana Loves Her Family](#); Feb 20 | All day; Alderwood Park
- [Black Inventors Scavenger Hunt](#); Feb 24th | 12:00pm - 7:30pm; All Branches
- [Black Artist Spotlight](#); Feb 24th | 12:00pm - 8:00pm; [Moore Branch](#)
- [AND MORE!](#)

NEXT HLPC MEETING: APRIL 24TH, 2026 @ 6PM

Attend our [quarterly Zoom meeting](#) to discuss potential partnership with the People's Center and the Park Service, look at what could be next for our cause, and make a plan together. [Subscribe to our email list](#), for a reminder!