

Library

October 25, 2022



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 - Issues and Considerations
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- **Financials and Personnel Overview**

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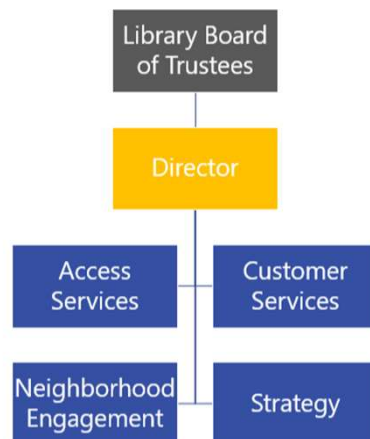
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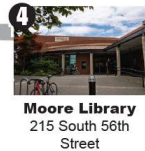
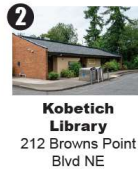


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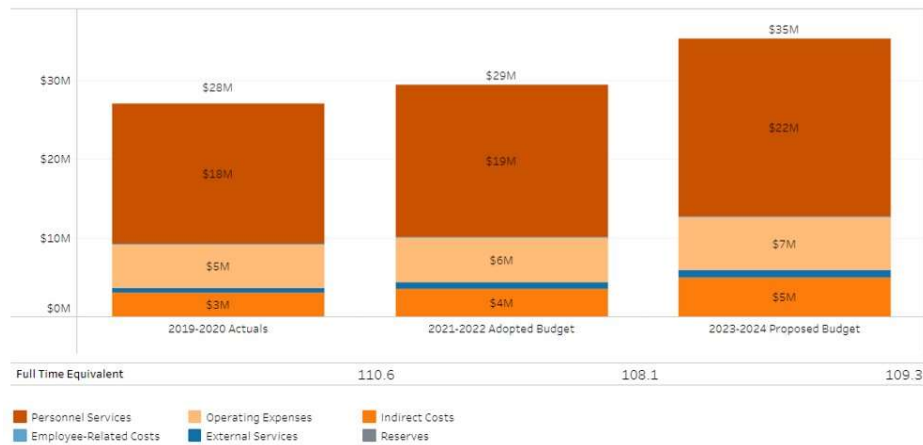


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Strategic Priorities Alignment

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• Equity and Access

• Learning, Creativity, and Innovation

• Investment in Youth

• Cultivate and Engage Community

• Responsible and Resilient

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• Affordable Housing and Homelessness

• Access

• Livable Wage Jobs

• Belief and Trust

• Community Safety

• Health

• Operational Effectiveness

• Organizational Culture

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Major Accomplishments

2021-2022



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Community Archives Center Launch

TPL's Northwest Room was awarded a grant of nearly \$250K from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop the Community Archives Center.

Strategic Priorities:



Cultivate and Engage Community



Equity and Access



Investment in Youth



ing a story at Salishan Story Fest.



had scanners, recording devices, other equipment on hand to record digitize stories, photos, recipes, other items.

Photo submission from Vanna Sing, 43 year old survivor from Cambodia whose family escaped the Khmer Rouge in 1978 and settled in the Salishan neighborhood.

it co-sponsors: Tacoma Housing Authority, Salishan Association, Metro Parks, City Magazine, the UW ISchool, Schools Out Washington, the City of Tacoma Commission, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services

On August 13, the **Community Archives Center at Tacoma Public Library** hosted the Salishan Story Fest in the Salishan neighborhood.

This first-of-its-kind event focused on documenting stories of the Salishan and Eastside neighborhoods. Storytellers were on hand to record oral stories, scan family photos and documents, and more.

The event also featured a debut of short films created by local students with help from the Digital Media Lab.

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Covid Test Distribution

2021: >10K

January 2022: >10K

January - September 2022: >52K!

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
April 8 at 12:45 PM · 🌐

📖❤️ It's National Library Week! Thank you to our library partners for all your help! During the past year, they provided about 66,000 free COVID-19 test kits. Thanks to:

- 📖 **Pierce County Library** for distributing 30,000 test kits through 19 locations.
- 📖 **Tacoma Public Library** for distributing 32,000 test kits through 7 locations.
- 📖 **Puyallup Public Library** for distributing 4,000 test kits at 1 location.

You can call or stop by your local library to request a test kit for curbside pickup. You don't need a library card to get a test kit. But you should get one anyway because libraries are awesome!

Find more testing resources 📖 tpchd.org/gettested



Strategic Priorities:



Cultivate and Engage Community



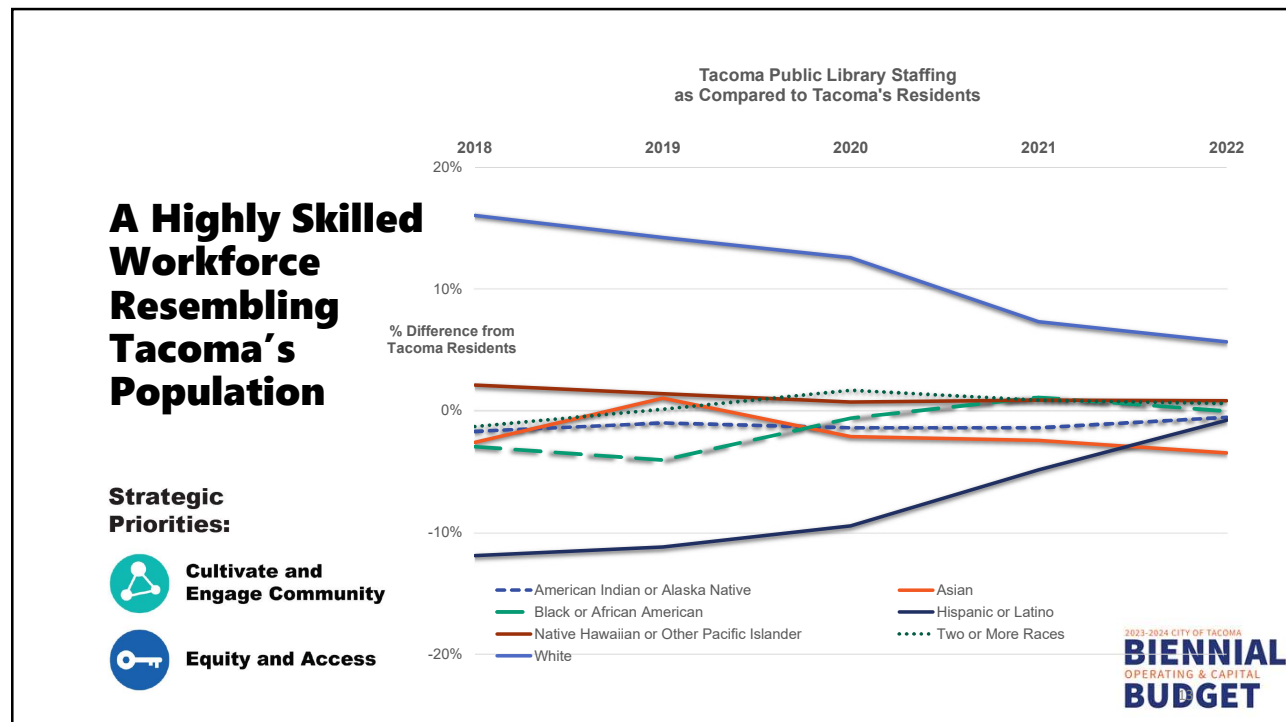
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your library for a COVID-19 test.
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Feasibility Study to Restore Library Services to Hilltop & Eastside Neighborhoods

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-  **Learning, Creativity, and Innovation**



We invited the community to provide input and ideas about the future of library services on Hilltop and the Eastside at **Library Visioning Workshops**.

The workshops are a continuation of input meetings led by community partners in 2021, as part of TPL's Feasibility Study for Library Services on Hilltop and the Eastside being conducted by BERK Consulting.

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Direct Voter Support: Point of Assistance Program

Libraries Become Points of Assistance on Election Day.

The Pierce County Library System, Tacoma Public Library, and the Puyallup Public Library have volunteered to be Points of Assistance on Election Day. That's 27 library branches!



If you are unable to reach our Voting Center on Election Day, visit a library. These libraries have volunteered to function as conduits for voter services. They'll be ready to help you with registration, replacement ballots and voting. Think of library staff as knowledgeable, friendly, election helpers.

Hours:

Libraries will be available during their regular business hours up until 8 PM to help and assist voters on August 6, 2019 only.

Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Services:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballots.
- Get a voters' pamphlet.

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The New York Times

The Pandemic Erased Two Decades of Progress in Math and Reading

The results of a national test showed just how devastating the last two years have been for 9-year-old schoolchildren, especially the most vulnerable.

Give this article



1.6K



The declines in the national test scores spanned almost all races and income levels and were markedly worse for the lowest-performing students. *Jim Wilson/The New York Times*





By Sarah Mervosh

Sept. 4, 2022

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-  **Equity and Access**
-  **Investment in Youth**

2022 Summer Reading Challenge

Total Registrations: **2,663**
(1859 in 2021)


Total Completions: **1,012** (604 in 2021)

Thank you to our
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
sponsors!



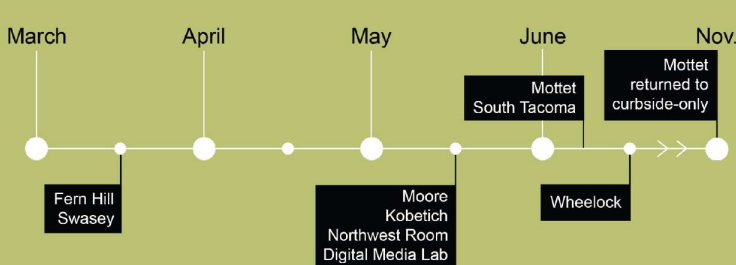
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Emerging from Pandemic Closures

In early 2021 and throughout the spring, all eight library buildings reopened to the public with enhanced safety measures, offering browsing, account services, holds pickup, checkouts, and more.



March	April	May	June	Nov.
Fern Hill Swasey		Moore Kobetich Northwest Room Digital Media Lab	Mottet South Tacoma Whelock	Mottet returned to curbside-only

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Image from allpurposeguru.com

Safety and Community Support in Libraries

This team will:

- work with individuals who have unresolved economic and social challenges such as mental health issues, addictions, homelessness and exclusion issues
- provide information, support, referrals, and advocacy
- serve as a resource and model to staff, supporting them to work effectively with library visitors for the purpose of delivering quality customer service / library programs
- work to prevent escalation requiring 311 or 911 assistance
- connect, consult and collaborate with community members in order to understand community needs and to share information that may be relevant to library services

2023-2024 Addition: \$335k

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Support for materials in languages other than English



Image from Tiverton (RI) Public Library

- TPL's Library material budget peaked with the 2009-2010 adopted budget
- Just afterward it was reduced to \$2.1M where it's remained ever since.

In order to provide the public with the same variety and quantity of materials as was budgeted in 2009-2010, TPL would need a biennial materials budget of \$3.9M.

2023-2024 Addition: \$700k

Library	Population	Operating Budget	Collection Per Capita	Collection % of Operating
King	1,525,335	\$ 110,600,000	\$ 7.84	11%
Pierce	626,950	38,900,000	6.02	10%
Sno-Isle	783,645	50,100,000	9.06	14%
Seattle	761,100	81,900,000	12.81	12%
Timberland	522,675	26,700,000	6.14	12%
Kistap	272,200	14,500,000	5.48	10%
Spokane	223,600	9,600,000	4.84	11%
Tacoma	213,300	13,500,000	4.83	8%

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Book & Material Challenges

Schools nationwide are quietly removing books from their libraries

Meet the librarians fighting bans and scrambling to preserve children's freedom to read

By Hannah Natanson
March 22, 2022 at 9:54 a.m. EDT

Conservative activists want to ban 400 books from a library – but they aren't even on shelves

After nine months on the job, the library director is quitting. "Nothing in my background could have prepared me for the political atmosphere of extremism," she said.

US libraries face 'unprecedented' efforts to ban books on race and gender themes

Challenges from conservative parent groups and others targeted 1,651 different titles, the American Library Association said


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Main Library refresh of "Modern Addition" floors one & two

2023-2024 Addition: \$2M

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Join us for an afternoon conversation with Julia Alvarez
1 p.m. Saturday November 5
Virtual on Zoom, Register at tacomalibrary.org/TacomaReads






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