

**Members of the Hilltop Library Planning Committee  
between 2012-2020:**

- 1) Al Nurse**
- 2) Bil Moss**
- 3) Versa Alexander**
- 4) Hayes Alexander (Alex)**
- 5) Hayes Alexander III**
- 6) Billie Johnstone**
- 7) Ted Johnstone**
- 8) Mary Cogger**
- 9) Alan Petro**
- 10) Janjay Innis**
- 11) Elizabeth Leontine**
- 12) Sara Mudge**
- 13) Rahn Clayton**
- 14) Susan Odencrantz**
- 15) Linda Oliver**
- 16) Ellen Smith**
- 17) Loraine Gregg**

# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library

## HISTORY

- 1902 South Cedar Street
- Funding for Library: \$943,689.00
- \$15.8 Million, Library Constructed Bond approved by Tacoma Citizens in 1984.
- MLK Branch Groundbreaking - January 19, 1987
- Part of the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> year Community Development Block Grant funded the addition of a community meeting room.

# MLK Library History Continued...

- 2010 the Tacoma Public Library facing a nearly \$1.9 million shortfall for 2011-12.
- December 2010, The Library Board of Trustees decided to close two of the ten (10) library branches.
- Swan Creek Branch - 38<sup>th</sup> & Portland Ave
- Martin Luther King Jr. - 19<sup>th</sup> & Cedar Street
- Both branches closed in 2011
- 2012, The City Council sold the Martin Luther King Jr. Library site to a local medical company for \$700,000.

## Disbursement of proceeds:

- \$46,474.00 - Refund to Tacoma for Community Block Grant.
- \$653,526.00 To City of Tacoma General Funds.

# FOR THE CHILDREN

- We strongly believe the restoration of library services is a crucial community service for the academic and social development of youth in the Hilltop Community; especially those of early childhood age.
- We appreciate your support for children and the Hilltop Community.

## Hilltop Library Committee

- **Bill Moss**
- **Al Nurse**

2013 - November

# Narrow the Scope "Name & Motto"

- September:

"Restore Hilltop Library Services" - to -

"Tacoma Hilltop Library."

- Motto:

We are seeking to empower our community to provide a library center to engage and enhance the cultural assets of the Tacoma Hilltop area.

# Narrow the Scope “Purpose”

- Purpose:

We are a body of concerned citizens seeking to replace lost library services that will enhance:

Literacy Skills - Technical Skills - Academic /  
Community Room - Reading Program - Early  
Literacy Program - & Language Enhancement Skills  
to name a few.

# Narrow the Scope “Declaration”

- Libraries Change Lives...

The American Library Association (ALA) points out that libraries transform people “In the spirit of the United States Declaration of Independence & the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that libraries are essential to a democratic society. Every day, in countless communities across our nation and the world, millions of children, students and adults use libraries to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. In addition to a vast array of books, computers and other resources, library users benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of librarians and library staff to help expand their minds an open new worlds.”

-Declaration for the rights of libraries

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### **LIBRARIES EMPOWER THE INDIVIDUAL.**

Whether developing skills to succeed in school, looking for a job, exploring possible careers, having a baby, or planning retirement, people of all ages turn to libraries for instruction, support, and access to computers and other resources to help them lead better lives.

### **LIBRARIES SUPPORT LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING.**

Many children and adults learn to read at their school and public libraries via story times, research projects, summer reading, tutoring and other opportunities. Others come to the library to learn the technology and information skills that help them answer their questions, discover new interests, and share their ideas with others.

### **LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN FAMILIES.**

Families find a comfortable, welcoming space and a wealth of resources to help them learn, grow and play together.

### **LIBRARIES ARE THE GREAT EQUALIZER.**

Libraries serve people of every age, education level, income level, ethnicity and physical ability. For many people, libraries provide resources that they could not otherwise afford – resources they need to live, learn, work and govern.

### **LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES.**

Libraries bring people together, both in person and online, to have conversations and to learn from and help each other. Libraries provide support for seniors, immigrants and others with special needs.

### **LIBRARIES PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.**

Our right to read, seek information, and speak freely must not be taken for granted. Libraries and librarians actively defend this most basic freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment.



**LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.**

The economic health and successful governance of our nation depend on people who are literate and informed. School, public, academic, and special libraries support this basic right.

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# HIL-Striving Forward #1

## 2014 Activities

- 1/7 RLS Presentation @ Tacoma Ministerial Alliance.
- 1/20-RLS Presentation @ Hilltop Action Committee (HAC).
- 1/21-RLS Updates @ every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's People's Center Steering Committee
- 1/27-RLS Updates @ every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's Black Collective -City Managers Work Group.
- 2/13-RLS Community Leadership Café @ Peace Lutheran Community Center, 33 participants.
- 2/27-RLS Community Café @ Peace Lutheran Community Center, 74 participants.
- 3/6-RLS Community Café, Hilltop Regional Health Center, 63 participants.
- 3/24-RLS Community Planning Café, Hilltop Regional Health Center, 34 participants
- 3/31-RLS Planning Meeting @ Tacoma Public Library, Main Branch.

*Hilltop Community Members*  
*264*

# HIL- Striving Forward #2

## 2014 Activities

- 4/5-RLS Presentation @ Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective. \*
- 4/29-RLS Presentation @ City Council's Hilltop Subarea Plan Public Hearing. \*
- 5/6 RLS Planning Meeting with City Councilwoman Lauran Walker.
- 5/6- RLS Presentation @ Tacoma City Council Meeting. \*
- 5/9 -Follow-up Meeting with Councilwoman Lauran Walker. \*
- 5/13- RLS Presentation @ Tacoma City Council. \*
- 5/15- RLS Strategic Planning with All RLS Committees. \*

# HL- Striving Forward #3

## 2014 Activities

- 6/3-RLS Presentation at City Comprehensive Land Use Regulatory Code Meeting. \*
- 6/7- RLS Presentation @ Tacoma Black Women Caucus Meeting. \*
- 6/10 -RLS Presentation @ Tacoma Charter Review Hearing. \*
- 7/10- Research Pierce County Libraries: Lakewood, University Place, South Hill & Summit Branch. \*
- 7/11 - Research Tacoma Libraries: Wheelock, Kobetich, Moore, Fern Hill & South Tacoma Branch.
- 7/14-HL- Presentation , Tacoma 2015-16 Bi-Annual Hearing @ Wheelock Library.
- 7/24- RLS Recommendations from Donna Ponepinto, CEO Pierce County United Way.
- \* = Presentation / Testimony by Co-Chairs Bil Moss & Al Nurse.

# HL- Striving Forward #4

## 2014 Activities

- 7/24-RLS Joint Committee / Steering Committee Meeting @ Tacoma Hilltop Police Sub-Station.
- 7/24- Strategic reconfiguration of RLS Committees. (Merged into one)
- 7/26- RLS Booth: Ethnic Fest @ Wrights Park, 446 signatures.
- 7/30- HL participation, Tacoma 10 Year Plan Workshop @ Convention Center.
- 8/4- HL Presentation, Tacoma 2015-16, Bi-Annual Hearing @ Lincoln High School.
- 8/5-RLS Booth, National Night Out @ People's Community Center, 73 signatures.
- 8/17-RLS Booth, Tacoma Latin Festival @ People's Park, 27 Signatures.
- 8/19- Official 1<sup>st</sup> day , 10:00am Summer Early Reading Program.

## PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER LIBRARY USAGE SURVEY

1. Do you feel that Libraries are made for you and your peers?

- a) Yes 78.5% 75 20
- b) No 21.4% 25 20

2. What do you want from a Public Library?

- a. Check out books 71.4% 75
- b. Read books 64.2% 50
- c. Use Computer for school 92.8% 85
- d. Use computer for fun 35.7% 40
- e. Have a space for study 85.7% 75
- f. Have a space to hang out 78.5% 70
- g. Check out music 64.2% 50
- h. Check out comic books or magazines 50.0% 40
- i. Use of Library hosted workshops 00.0% -
- j. Life skills 64.2% 60
- (1.)k. Gaming meetings 50.0% 40
- (2.)k. Movie screening 42.8% 35
- (3.)m. College advertising 35.7% 30

3. How often do you visit a Tacoma Public Library now?

- a) Never 42.8% 35
- b) Once every few years 35.7% 25
- c) A few times a year 07.1% 05
- d) 1-3 times a month 07.1% 20
- e) 1-3 times a week 00.0% 0
- f) 4 times a week 07.1% 5

4. Would you visit a Tacoma Public Library if there was one close to you?

- a) Yes 78.5% 75
- b) No 21.4% 20

Fourteen (14) young people participated in this survey.

(20)

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IS YOUR  
PORTRAIT.**

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# HILLTOP LIBRARY PORTRAIT

Serves the diverse service needs of a population of small children, students, professionals, adults, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Reflects the community in which it is built historically, environmentally, culturally and operationally.

Reflects the exterior environment aesthetically including accessible greenbelt, parking and city transportation (including bike and bus).

Is a part of the Tacoma Public Library System in its programs, equipment and opportunities.

Is sustainable thru its budget, accessibility, technology and operations.

**Financial Cost Estimates:**

Table below includes estimated expenses of a small branch library (5,000 sq. ft.) including operating costs and one-time startup costs.

<b>Estimated Biennial Cost of a Small Library the size of Mottet (5,000 sq ft)</b>		<b>Estimated Amount</b>
<i>Salaries &amp; Wages Employees</i>	Associate, Assistant, PT-Page, Managing Librarian	414,000
<i>Benefits</i>	Associate, Assistant, PT-Page, Managing Librarian	196,600
<i>Security</i>	1 full time Officer	82,600
<i>Utilities</i>	Power, water, sewer	19,700
<i>Maintenance</i>	Lawn	8,100
<i>Janitorial</i>	Janitor service	13,200
<i>Library Materials</i>	Books, CD's, DVD's, E-books, and other materials	100,000
<i>Click</i>	Internet service	22,800
<i>IT, Phones, Alarms</i>	Ongoing licensing & maintenance contracts	50,000
<i>Supplies</i>	Office & operating	3,000
<b>Total biennial ongoing cost for a small library:</b>		<b>\$ 910,000</b>

<b>Estimated Startup Costs:</b>		<b>Estimated Amount</b>
<i>Building Purchase</i>	Using Mottet Library current value as estimate	1,200,000
<i>Contents</i>	Shelving, desks, RFID Stations, computers, etc.	860,000
<i>Materials-Books, CD's &amp; DVD's</i>	Approximately 22,500 items at \$22 each	495,000
<b>Estimated Startup Costs</b>		<b>\$ 2,555,000</b>

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My LIFELINE.

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