



S. TACOMA LIBRARY REMODEL COMPLETE

What does Cheryl Towne, the managing librarian at the South Tacoma Branch of the Tacoma Public Library, have in common with Michael Sullivan, Tacoma’s most revered historian? They are both accomplished historians and researchers. In fact, says Cheryl, “You don’t have to know everything to be a librarian, just where to find it.” Cheryl is the managing Librarian at two libraries; the South Tacoma branch and the Swasey branch on Sixth Avenue. Cheryl has been with the system for twelve years, managing Swasey and South Tacoma the last two years. She served at Wheelock and the North Tacoma branch before that.

The South Tacoma library closed last fall and **re-opened on December 1, 2018**. With capital funds received from the city of Tacoma, the redo of the South Tacoma Branch began. It was closed for just short of 3 months. A new roof, windows, furniture, carpet and paint inside were just a few of the upgrades. The old door that faced South 56th was removed. It had been locked for several years because of safety concerns with little children running out into traffic without their parents being aware. The outdoor alcove was re-purposed, walls made straight across the outside area and a nice new teen area emerged. The shelving was rearranged; now lower in height so the whole inside of the building is much lighter, brighter, and airy. The “remodeled” South Tacoma branch is beautiful. There is a wonderful children’s area, with interactive toys, a Duplos table, jig saw puzzles, a new teen and computer area with larger desks so there is and more room to spread out. Cheryl says “We have received really great commendations about the new computer layout we have. We have assistants for checking out materials and an associate who does reference work.”

The South Tacoma Library is the first branch of the Tacoma Public Library system. In 1905, the Women’s Temperance Union opened a modest reading room to divert young men from the brisk saloon business in the South Tacoma area. In 1906 a board of trustees was appointed and officially made the South Tacoma Branch the first in Tacoma. It was funded by one of the last grants from the Carnegie Foundation. Andrew Carnegie, a philanthropist, donated millions of dollars to establishing libraries around the country and this grant helped the South Tacoma Library and the older part of the downtown branch become a reality.

The building was originally a storefront with no restrooms and magazines were stored in the basement because they were short on space. By 1958 this building was declared unsafe and the city approved a bond for \$116,000.00 to build a new 3,600 square foot building as a dual-purpose library to be shared with the fire department. This building had a courtyard in between which allowed for an outside story time, and planting area. In 1988 after being closed for 15 months, a \$15.8 million dollar bond was passed and a new library was constructed, the courtyard was removed and a parking lot added.

The South Tacoma Branch is one of eight Tacoma public libraries. Pierce County has many more libraries than does Tacoma, but [If you live in Tacoma you can get a free reciprocal library card that is good at the Tacoma libraries and the Pierce county libraries.](#)

Using the year 1906 as its beginning makes the South Tacoma Branch 113 years old. At the grand re-opening in December, Cheryl had photos on the walls of the previous library buildings and their interiors and even the magazines piled on the floors.

Cheryl is excited about participating in the South Tacoma Business District and to be the manager of the South Tacoma branch. She loves the neighborhood, she loves being involved with the community. She is looking forward to participating in the car show again in August and welcoming more and more of the residents into the library. Upcoming events at the South Tacoma Library include a summer reading program for which registration will begin in June. More information can be found at: www.tacomalibrary.org See you at the library.
Article written by Mario Lorenz

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TEXT-to-911 is now available in Pierce County. Voice calls are preferred but text-to-911 is available when you cannot [safely make a voice call.](#)

TEXT 911 if you need emergency police, fire or medical aid. When you text 911, start with the nature of your emergency & your EXACT location, including city. When you text or call on a cellular phone, the 911 operator may not know your precise location. Keep messages brief. DO NOT send photos or video or use group texts, abbreviations or emojis. Keep your cell phone with you so you can answer questions and/or receive instructions. Currently, text-to-911 is only available in English. There may be instances when a voice call cannot connect due to poor cellular signals BUT a text message can still go through.

Share this information with family, friends and coworkers. YOU could save a life! Text-To-911 is made possible in Pierce County by South Sound 911. www.southsound911.org/text911

Who Should I Call?



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- ▶ Spotlight your business in the STBDA Newsletter - circulation 300
- ▶ Link your website to the STBDA website at www.stbda.com
- ▶ Use the Membership Directory - to utilize your fellow business district members when you do business.
- ▶ List your events on the monthly calendar - a great way to invite your fellow district members to sales and events at your place of business
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May 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FACTS & TRIVIA: Women's hearts beat faster than men's "TITTLE" - The name for the dot over the letter "i" Saturn's density is low enough that the planet would float in water NOMOPHOBIA - The fear of having no cell phone signal or being unable to make or receive a cell phone call			1 May Day	2	3	4
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5-11 National Small Business Week						
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Cross District Assn Meeting 8:30am The Spar S Tacoma Neighborhood Council 6:00pm STAR Center	16	17 STBDA Exec Board Meeting 8:00am Dawson's Bar & Grill	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31	

WELCOME - "NEW" BOARD MEMBER

Anthony Apergis of Apergis Holdings on Adams Street is our newest board member. Anthony came to our General Meeting in April with concerns for ALL of the businesses on Adams Street from 56th – 66th Street. Parking issues, vagrancy, homeless issues, property damage and theft. Anthony will be working with the board and local businesses, focusing on addressing these issues with community leaders. Business owners and manager: We need more of you to be aware of what is going on around you and to bring any concerns to the Executive Board; either by email, phone call or attending a meeting. We all need to work together.

NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED

On April 16th the Tacoma City Council voted to confirm Tory Green as the new Fire Chief for the City of Tacoma. Over the course of his 26-year career with the TFD, Chief Green has worked successfully under the leadership of four fire chiefs.



Chief Green served as the deputy chief of administration for the last seven years. He previously serviced as its assistant chief of emergency medical services & training. Chief Green is a Tacoma native who began his career with the department as a firefighter and paramedic.

SAVE THE DATE – "BEYOND VINTAGE" Dinner & Auction

Annually, St Vincent de Paul serves nearly 17,000 individuals & provides more than \$450,000 in direct financial assistance. A benefit to support St. Vinnie's Homelessness prevention & second-chance employment programs will be held on **MAY 31st** at **The STAR Center**. Register to attend today at: www.svdptacoma.org **\$50 per ticket \$500 per Table of Ten**. Questions: 253-426-1702

FRIDAY MAY 31ST 5pm – 9pm
STAR CENTER 3873 South 66th Street
Silent & Live Auction
Dinner & Program

SOUTH TACOMA COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

By The Pierce County Health Dpt.

If you live, work, or play in 98409, please join us on May 9th from 4-6pm. We will be sharing some compelling information AND we want to hear from you to.

1. What is going well in your community?
2. What does your community need?
3. How can we work together?
4. What is a first step for working together for South Tacoma to be its best?

STAR Center 3873 South 66th Street
May 9 4-6pm



REMINDER - Sidewalk garbage cans are for pedestrians, NOT for retail store garbage disposal. If our sidewalk garbage cans are full, pedestrians will throw their garbage on the ground in front of your store.

FREE GOOGLE WORKSHOP

Improve Your Online Presence

The City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Department in collaboration with Google bring you a FREE workshop to help businesses and entrepreneurs learn how to promote your online presence.

You will learn how to set up and the benefits of having a Google My Business listing. Learn to manage how our information appears across Google and how you can attract more customers using the world's largest search engine.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP at <https://cityoftacoma.eventbrite.com>. The workshop will take place in **Council Chambers on May 22, 2019 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM** Contact Will Suarez at 253-591-590 with any questions. Space is limited.

CACHET - SPACEWORKS TACOMA Newest Fundraiser

Investing in Spaceworks is an investment in the artists and creative entrepreneurs who transform Tacoma. They imagine futures that are not yet realized and their dreams take courage, hard work, and community who supports them. We invite you to be part of their story.

Join the Spaceworks community for a vibrant dinner fundraiser where you can learn our impact, network with business and art leaders and support one of Tacoma's most innovative programs.

MAY 30TH 6:30PM – 9:30PM
West of The Waterway
1901 Dock Street, Tacoma WA
Tickets @ Event Brite \$85 +

PUBLIC HEARING on COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

A public hearing will be held on May 15th at 6:00pm at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 747 Market Street. This public hearing will include the following five topics:

- 1) Shoreline Master Plan Periodic Review
- 2) Affordable Housing Action Strategy
- 3) Historic Preservation Code Amendments
- 4) Manitou Potential Annexation
- 5) Minor Plan and Code Amendments

NEWSLETTERS FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS

If you would like to have newsletters delivered to business each month for customers to read while they are waiting for services (or just to take home with them), please contact Karen Rich at Karen@securityRus.com with your request. We will add your name to the list of businesses that are already receiving them.



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MAY 9th 4pm - 6pm**



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