

Library Director's Report – October 2025

The Library Director continued to schedule regular meetings with Library Managers to review and address Library related matters and provide communication between departments.

Facilities

Library staff continued to address regular maintenance and minor facility issues as they arose.

Library staff worked with Public Works to secure all fire extinguisher cabinets throughout Library buildings and parking garage.

Services

Library staff scheduled a meeting with The Library Corporation representatives to demonstrate the Library•Solution (ILS) for Wednesday October 22nd at noon.

Director Vinke and Technical Services Librarian, Tim Parker met with cashless payment processor, Cantaloupe to discuss a possible cashless payment system for public Library copiers, printers, and scanners.

New Redondo Beach Public Library cards with the City's logo were ordered and are due for delivery in the next ten days.

Displays

The Library prepared two displays for the month of October, one celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and the other recognizing National Banned Book week, October 5 through 11.

Programs

Library staff continued to plan and coordinate public programs for adult and youth for 2025 and 2026.

The Main Library hosted a successful new multi-generational program "CHECK-MATES" on Saturday, September 20, at 2:00pm where players paired up to share the game of chess. There were over 40 individuals of all ages in attendance. The next event will be on Saturday, November 4, at 2:00pm at the Main Library.

The North Branch Library hosted a South Bay Parkland Conservancy presentation on *Seeds to Superbloom - A Presentation About Pollinators* on Saturday, September 27 at 2:00pm.

Outreach

September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Due to Library staff activities and outreach, the Library registered more borrowers than last year (2024 – 462; 2025 – 523).

Library staff collaborated with Friends of the Library volunteers to provide outreach at the Redondo Beach Farmers Market on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 8:00am-1:00pm. Friends volunteers provided free cookbooks as an incentive.

Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Juarez, provided outreach at the Redondo Union High School, Back to School Night on Thursday, September 18, from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Juarez, provided outreach at the Perry Park Teen Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, September 25 at 5:00pm.

Adult Programming Librarian, Amy Feller, provided outreach at the Health & Wellness Fair on Friday, September 26 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Friends of the Library

Director Vinke attended the monthly Friends of the Library board meeting to update volunteers on Library operations, programs, and provide updates.

The Friends of the Library have scheduled a Pre-Holiday Book Sale for Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Main Library.

Open+

Express Library Access (Open+) continues to operate successfully. The Library has tentatively scheduled a ribbon cutting for Thursday, October 30, at 10:30am at the North Branch Library. Official flyers and notifications are pending.

Positions

The Library is actively recruiting for Library Manager and Library Clerk (part-time). The Library will be opening the position of Librarian (part-time). All open City recruitments are available for viewing at the City of Redondo Beach, Human Resources Department webpage.