

Library Director's Report – July 2026

The Library Director continued holding regular meetings with Library Managers to address library-related matters and ensure clear communication between departments.

The City of Redondo Beach's FY2026–27 Proposed Budget and the FY2027–FY2031 Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program were approved by the City Council on June 16, 2026. Both documents are available at the City of Redondo Beach, Financial Services Department webpage.

At the May 19, 2026 meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council, Council approved a referral to the Public Amenities Commission to discuss a needs assessment for the Main Library. The Library is working on a presentation for Commission.

Redondo Beach Police Department is hosting a UCLA 'Battle of the Badges' Blood Drive Wednesday, July 15th in the Library Meeting Room.

The Library received new Housing Navigation Contact and Referral Cards. These will be used to provide referrals to individuals in need of assistance.

Facilities Maintenance

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

Training

Redondo Beach Fire Department provided fire training to Library staff at the Main Library. The training was followed by a mock drill and safety walkthrough. The Library is working to schedule additional training at the North Branch Library.

Displays

Library staff curated the following themed book displays: Father's Day, Pride Month, National Fruit and Veggies Month, and Juneteenth Book displays.

Programs

Summer Reading 2026

The Summer Reading Kick Off/Juneteenth celebration was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 12pm-3pm. Youth Services estimates 1,276 participants including 338 Child, 109 Teen, and 152 Adult Signups.

The Library Director and Lisa Winter, Youth Services Librarian, met with American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Los Angeles Section representatives to potential programming at the Library.

Outreach

Youth Services staff attended outreach at Lincoln, Alta Vista, and Washington Child Development Centers and Right At School (RAS) summer program at Birney Elementary.

The Library will host a both at Senior Center Open Houses in July, including Anderson, Perry Park, and Veterans Park Senior Centers.

Friends of the Redondo Beach Public Library

The Library Director attended the Friends of the Redondo Beach Public Library monthly board meeting to update the board on Library items.

The Friends of the Redondo Beach Public Library will host an outreach booth at the North Redondo Beach Farmer's Market on Wednesday July, 15. They plan to provide free cookbooks to individuals who stop by their booth.