

Library Director's Report – June 2025

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

The Library Director attended the City's Budget hearing on June 3, 2025 in Council Chambers.

The Library is working on designs for new Library cards which will incorporate the City's new logo.

Facilities

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

Services

IT installed two new public copiers (one at each Library location). These will facilitate copying at the Library by streamlining the process.

Programs

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

Don Hata, author, historian, and artist, presented on the topic of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and his own personal experiences. There were 47 in attendance. Mr. Hata donated the proceeds of the sale of his artwork to the Friends of the Library.

The Summer Reading Kickoff is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 12pm - 3pm. The Library is partnering with the City and the Kickoff will coincide with a Juneteenth Celebration.

The main Library building is celebrating its 30th birthday. A birthday card will be circulated for patrons to sign and a display will be coordinated during the month of July detailing the efforts in establishing the new Library with historic photos from the Library's online archives.

Outreach

Youth Services staff conducted outreach to local schools to promote the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Sensory Room

Library staff submitted a Budget Response Report (BRR) regarding the possible addition of a sensory room at the Library. The BRR is attached as part of this month's report.

Library and Public Works staff visited the Harbor Gateway Library Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library to view their new sensory room.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library hosted a successful book sale in May. Including all sales and memberships, the group raised approximately \$1,800.00.

Open+

Library staff is piloting the system and hopes to soft launch the service soon.