

Library Director's Report – April 2026

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

Library App update

The Library app will require an update as of April 15, 2026. The update will provide improved functionality, catalog access, and user interface.

Facilities

Maintenance

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

Redondo Beach Homeless Housing Office

The Redondo Beach Homeless Housing staff now have office space at the Main Library.

Displays

Library staff curated the following themed book displays: National Poetry month, Earth Day, and One Book, One Coast (OBOC).

Programs

National Library Week Celebration - April 20-25, 2026

The 2026 theme is "Find Your Joy". All are welcome to attend the Mayor's Proclamation of April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week in Redondo Beach on Tuesday, Apr 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.

One Book, One Coast (OBOC) – April 1 through May 31, 2026

The Library is partnering with OBOC. This year's featured selection is George Takei's moving graphic memoir, *They Called Us Enemy*. A program flyer is attached.

National Poetry Month - Saturday, April 18, 1:00pm

Enjoy poetry LIVE at the library with celebrated poet, writer, storyteller and performance artist Bill Ratner.

Special Arbor Day Storytime – Friday, April 24, 3:30pm

Join the Library for a special storytime in celebration of Arbor Day.

Women in STEM Careers - Saturday, April 11, 1:30pm

Middle and high school students and parents are invited to explore STEM career paths through the insights of women working in the field. All are welcome.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading is almost here! Youth Services continues to coordinate and schedule this year's programs, incentives, and reading logs. The Summer Reading Kick Off/Juneteenth celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 12pm-3pm.

Outreach

Library staff participated in the following outreach opportunities: Redondo Union High School Job Fair, Redondo Beach Police Department Safety Open House, ThriveFest at Adams Middle School, Summer Camp Fair at Alta Vista Community Center, and Eggstravaganza at Franklin Park.

Open+

The Library continues to offer and promote Express Hours with regular signups. A usage report has been added to the Directors report. We now have over 80 registered users.