

Library Director's Report – July 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 hearings in June, 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

Library Managers met with City IT staff to discuss streamlining Library services through online forms and the collection of, retention of, and access to internal statistics.

The Library is working with IT and Fiscal Services on potential systems that would allow cashless payment at the copier and printer stations.

Programs

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

The Summer Reading Kickoff was held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 12pm - 3pm. The Library partnered with the City and the Kickoff coincided with a Juneteenth Celebration. The event was very successful with partnerships including Animal Control Services, Police Department, and Fire Department.

The main Library building is celebrating its 30th birthday. A birthday card has been circulated for patrons to sign and a display has been curated for the month of July detailing the efforts in establishing the new Library with historic photos from the Library's online archives. In addition, a history program will be presented on Saturday, July 26 from 11:00am to noon on the origins and history of the Redondo Beach Public Library to present day.

The Library is partnering with the City's Animal Control Services on a towel drive in the month of July. Patrons are asked to drop off new or gently used towels or blankets. Towels and similar items are used to dry wet animals, provide bedding, and offer warmth and comfort to lost or stray animals before they're placed in housing.

Outreach

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

Director Vinke and Youth Services Librarian Lisa Juarez met with Cassandra Jones, the Teacher Librarian at Redondo Union High School, to discuss ways to improve communication and collaboration between their organizations. Topics included reading lists, class visits, promotion of library events and resources, and student library card registrations.

Adult Program Librarian, Amy Feller has coordinated outreach for the Library at Anderson Park Senior Center Open House on Wednesday, July 9 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Veterans Park Senior Center Open House on Wednesday, July 23 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

Sensory Room

Library staff continued to research the possible addition of a sensory room at the Library. Director Vinke and Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Juarez met with Beach Cities Health District Director of Youth Services, Emory Chen and plan on scheduling a site visit to their allcove site to observe the sensory furniture and equipment on premises.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library sponsored the Summer Reading Kickoff event and hosted a table in the Library lobby during the program.

Open+

Library staff and select volunteers continue to pilot the system.