

Library Director's Report – August 2026

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

The Library Director attended the following webinars: *"Public Library Services for Strong Communities: Results from PLA's 2025 Survey"*; *"Library Marketing & Branding Essentials"*

The Library Director attended the *Bill Brand Gateway Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* and the *Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration of the Redondo Beach Historic Library at Veterans Park*.

Facilities Maintenance

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

Training

Redondo Beach Police Department will provide safety training for Library staff at both Library locations on August 25 and 26.

Displays

Library staff curated the following themed book displays: Back to School, Learn a New Language Month, National Friendship Day, National Dog Month, RUHS AP Literature books, recommendations for RUHS AP Language Composition, and Teen Hobbies Display.

Programs

Summer Reading 2026

Youth Services estimates the Summer Reading Program has 2,890 participants including 2,080 Children, 320 Teen, and 490 Adult Signups.

Homework Assistance

Library patrons will soon have access to 24/7 free online tutoring for K-12 students, provided by Tutor.com through the Pacific Library Partnership and the California State Library. This is at no cost to the Library.

Park Passes

California State Library Parks Pass is a free vehicle day-use pass that can be checked out with your Redondo Beach Public Library card. Due to increased demand, the Library requested and received additional Park Passes. The Library has circulated over 400 Park Passes in the last year.

Outreach

The Library staff performed outreach at Redondo Beach Senior Center Open Houses in July, including Perry Senior Center: 52 attendees; Veterans Senior Center: 42 attendees; Anderson Senior Center: 45 attendees.

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.

On July 15, the Friends of the Redondo Beach Public Library hosted an outreach booth at the North Redondo Beach Farmer's Market, where they handed out free cookbooks to visitors.