

Library Director's Report – June 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 June 2, 2026 Redondo Beach City Council meeting to discuss the City's FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget and FY 2027- 2031 Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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 objective will be to gather information with which to assess the community's current and future Library space needs.

Facilities Maintenance

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

North Redondo Beach Farmer's Market

The new North Redondo Beach Farmer's Market has generally had a positive impact on the North Branch Library. Staff report increase in Library card registrations and gate counts. Library staff are working to obtain actual comparative data and will report back to the Commission.

Displays

Library staff curated the following themed book displays: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Cinco de Mayo; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Pride Month; National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month; Father's Day.

Collections

Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Winter increased dyslexia friendly titles in the Library's children's collection.

Programs

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

The OBOC program concluded on May 31, 2026. The program culminated with a book talk featuring George Takei. 650 people attended on site at East Los Angeles Library, and over 1,100 individual devices tuned in for the livestream across Zoom and YouTube. The Library is collecting data on local participation including program attendance and circulation.

Supporting Brain Health

On Wednesday, June 24, the Redondo Beach Public Library and Beach Cities Health District, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association will host **Supporting Brain Health**, an educational presentation exploring the latest brain research and how to build brain-healthy habits.

Summer Reading 2026

The Summer Reading Kick Off/Juneteenth celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 12pm-3pm. Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Winter, will present on the Summer Reading program at the June 10, 2026, Public Amenities Commission meeting.

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 Saturday, May 30, at 2:00pm, the Friends of the Redondo Beach Library hosted a fundraiser event at the Main Library celebrating America's 250th Anniversary with patriotic songs performed by the Pennyroyal Players.

The North Redondo Beach Farmer's Market has invited the Friends of the Redondo Beach Public Library to host an outreach booth at an upcoming market. The item will be discussed at the next Redondo Beach Public Library monthly board meeting on June 9, 2026.