

Library Director's Report – December 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 supported the Redondo Beach Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive by hosting a collection bin at each of the two library locations. Bins were collected and delivered to the RBFD Fire Station.

Facilities

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

Services

To better support our community, Director Vinke and the Library management team met with Homeless Outreach Coordinator Lila Omura. The session focused on local service alignment, allowing the Library to more effectively direct and refer patrons to essential resources.

Tim Parker, Technical Services Librarian, and Lisa Juarez, Youth Services Librarian, met with a representative of AWE Learning, to learn more about potential upgrades to the Library's existing Early Literacy Stations.

Library management and part-time staff received training in City website administration.

Displays

The Library prepared several displays including themes such as Christmas, Winter Reading, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah.

Commissioner Maroko curated a commemorative exhibit at the Main Library in honor of the City Charter's 77th anniversary. The collection, currently housed in the lobby display case, serves as an educational resource regarding this historical milestone.

Programs

The Library hosted several holiday-themed programs, including a Special Holiday Storytime with Santa Myk at the Main Library with 96 attendees and Holiday Music for the Family with The Artisan Guitar Ensemble with over 60 attendees.

Director Vinke and Adult Programming Librarian Amy Feller are exploring a partnership with the One Book, One Coast (OBOC) program. This year's featured selection is George Takei's moving graphic memoir, *They Called Us Enemy*. The program is scheduled to run from March through May 2026.

Outreach

Youth Services participated in the *Let It Snow* event at Seaside Lagoon where 750 individuals including children and adults came to Library table to learn more about Library services and take part in activities.

Friends of the Library

In observance of the holiday, there was no scheduled Friends of the Library Board meeting in the month of December.

The Friends of the Library hosted a popular holiday book sale table in the Main Library lobby during the City's annual Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Open+

The Library continues to offer Open+ (Express Hours) for patrons with over 40 registered users. A usage report has been added to the Directors report.

Positions

The Library is actively moving forward with its recruitment efforts. We are currently interviewing for part-time Adult and Youth Librarian roles, while candidates for the Library Manager position have begun internal panel interviews. Additionally, our new part-time Library Clerks have been scheduled for their upcoming onboarding and orientation.