

Library Director's Report – February 2026

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

Mario Adame, Circulation Supervisor, attended the webinar How Personalized Library Cards Can Drive Engagement & Sign-Ups, as well as a supervisory session titled Giving Effective Feedback.

Facilities

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

Holiday Closure: Redondo Beach Public Libraries will be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16, 2026.

Services

Youth Librarian Lisa Juarez submitted a grant request for free "USA 250" themed children's and teen books. This partnership between the California State Library and the California Library Association recognizes the United States Semiquincentennial (the nation's 250th anniversary).

The Library provides access to federal and state tax forms, though physical copies are often limited to basic forms and instructions. Patrons can use library computers to download and print forms.

Displays

The Library prepared several book displays including themes such as MLK Jr., National Penguin Awareness Day & National Bird Day, National Soup Day, & Winter Reading.

Programs

Space Workshop: On January 13, 2026, Youth Services hosted a successful "Going to Space" workshop. Participants used recycled materials to create 3D mixed-media artworks inspired by spacecraft.

BeyBlade X Tournament: on January 17, 2026, hosted a Beyblade activity for children aged 5-12 with 35 attendees.

Chess: The Library has scheduled two additional Check-Mates Multigenerational Chess programs, on February 7, and April 25, 2026 from 2:00pm-3:00pm.

Black History Month: In honor of Black History Month, the Library has scheduled several cultural events, including Drum Circles 101 with Chazz Ross, a dedicated family storytime, and a special engagement with celebrated author and poet Charlene E. Green.

Summer Reading: Summer Reading is almost here! Youth Services is currently finalizing this year's programs, incentives, and reading logs.

One Book, One Coast (OBOC): The Library is partnering with OBOC. This year's featured selection is George Takei's moving graphic memoir, *They Called Us Enemy*. The program will run from March through May 2026.

Outreach

Teen Job Fair: Youth Librarian Lisa Juarez will coordinate Library outreach at the RUHS Teen Job Fair on March 4, 2026.

School Partnerships: Ms. Juarez networked with Cassandra Jones, RUHS Librarian, to promote Redondo Beach Public Library collections and programs to local students.

Open+

The Library continues to offer and promote Open+ (Express Hours) with regular signups. A usage report has been added to the Directors report.