

Library Director's Report – November 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 served on an interview panel for the Santa Monica Public Library for their Librarian III recruitment.

The Library is supporting the Redondo Beach Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive by hosting a collection bin at each of the two library locations.

Facilities

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

Services

Director Vinke and Technical Services Librarian, Tim Parker continued to work with cashless payment processor, Cantaloupe to discuss a possible cashless payment system for public Library copiers, printers, and scanners.

Library Managers attended a presentation on the OCLC Wise Integrated Library System (ILS). Wise provides additional components not traditionally offered by an ILS such as outreach, marketing, and collection analytics tools.

Displays

The Library prepared several displays including themes such as Veteran's Day & Voting, Native American Heritage Month, Dino-Vember, Thanksgiving.

Programs

The Library is hosting several holiday-themed programs, including a Special Holiday Storytime with Santa Myk at the Main Library, a holiday craft workshop series at the North Branch, and Mini Gingerbread Houses for teens.

Director Vinke and Adult Programming Librarian, Amy Feller, met with a representative from the Los Angeles Opera. They are planning free community events in partnership with LA Opera, specifically through the LA Opera Connects and Creative Care: An Opera For Life And Wellness Program initiatives.

Friends of the Library

Director Vinke attended the monthly Friends of the Library board meeting to update volunteers on Library operations, programs, and provide updates.

The Friends of the Library are planning a fundraiser for Saturday, May 30, 2026 featuring a musical performance. More details will be presented once they are finalized.

Please note that Bookshop will observe a holiday closure from Monday, December 22, until Thursday, January 1.

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. A well-received Instagram Reel featuring an introduction to the Library's new Express Hours was recently posted.

Positions

The Library is currently screening applications for the open part-time Adult and Youth Librarian positions. Meanwhile, all successful applicants for the part-time Library Clerk roles have been notified and are now proceeding through the pre-employment screening and onboarding phases. Candidates for the Library Manager position are currently participating in the external panel interviews.