

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.

Technical Services Librarian, Tim Parker and Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Juarez attended the California Library Association Conference 2025 in Riverside on Friday, October 24. The Conference is an annual gathering of California library professionals offering workshops, peer-led sessions, vendor exhibits and networking opportunities.

Facilities

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

Services

Library staff held a meeting with The Library Corporation representatives to demonstrate the Library•Solution (ILS) for Wednesday October 22nd at noon.

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.

New Redondo Beach Public Library cards are now available, featuring a refreshed design and the City's updated logo.

Displays

The Library prepared a display celebrating Native American Heritage Month.

Programs

Library staff continued to plan and coordinate public programs for adult and youth for 2025 and 2026.

The Main Library hosted its second successful session of the new multi-generational program "CHECK-MATES" on Saturday, November 1, at 2:00 p.m. Participants paired up to enjoy and share the game of chess, with more than 60 attendees of all ages taking part.

The Youth Services Department held a very successful Halloween Spooktacular event on Friday, October 17 from 4:00pm to 5:15pm at the Main Library with over 200 in attendance.

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 held a successful Pre-Holiday Book Sale for Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Main Library.

Open+

The Library held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, October 30, at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the launch of the new Express Hours at the North Branch Library. More than thirty guests attended, including the Mayor, City Council members, Commissioners, and Department Heads. Following the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a demonstration of the new service and a guided tour of the library. Refreshments were generously provided by the Friends of the Library.

Positions

The Library is currently recruiting for part-time Adult and Youth Librarian positions. In addition, the Library is reviewing applicants for the Library Manager and part-time Library Clerk roles. All open City recruitments can be viewed on the City of Redondo Beach Human Resources Department webpage.