

**Library Director's Report – August 2025**

The Library Director continued to schedule regular meetings with Library Managers to review and address Library related matters and provide communication between departments.

Director Vinke and Circulation Manager, Mario Adame, held a Library Circulation Staff meeting to review and address circulation procedures and matters.

**Facilities**

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

**Services**

The Library is working with IT and Fiscal Services on potential systems that would allow cashless payment at the copier and printer stations.

Library staff met with Innovative representatives to demonstrate the Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS). An ILS is the software that manages circulation, acquisitions, cataloging, and patron registration. The Library currently utilizes SirsiDynix Symphony as its ILS.

**Programs**

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

The main Library building celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in July 2025. A history program was presented on Saturday, July 26 at 11:00am on the origins and history of the Redondo Beach Public Library. The program was well attended with over 70 in attendance.

The Library partnered with the City's Animal Control Services on a towel drive in the month of July. The Library collected hundreds of towels and blankets for shelter animals.

The Summer Reading Finale is scheduled for Saturday, August 23 at 11:00am at North Branch and 2:00pm at Main Library. Participants are invited to enjoy a fabulous science program called Adventure of the Missing Color by Science Heroes.

**Outreach**

Adult Program Librarian, Amy Feller coordinated outreach for the Library at Anderson Park Senior Center Open House and Veterans Park Senior Center Open House. These outreach opportunities were very successful. Library staff looks forward to participating again next year.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Library staff is coordinating activities and outreach to encourage Library card registration and renewals.

Library staff will provide outreach at the RBPD National Night Out on Saturday, August 10 at 4:00pm at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Library is exploring an opportunity to outreach at the Redondo Beach Farmers Market with the support of Friends of the Library volunteers.

**Sensory Room**

Library staff continued to research the possible addition of a sensory room at the Library. On Friday, July 18, Director Vinke and Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Juarez met with Beach Cities Health District Director of Youth Services, Emory Chen for a tour of Beach Cities allcove site to observe the sensory furniture and equipment on premises as well as the services and programs they provide.

**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.

Director Vinke, Adult Program Librarian, Amy Feller, and Youth Librarian, Lisa Juarez met with Friends of the Library representatives to discuss potential Friends of the Library outreach and fundraising opportunities.

**Open+**

Express Library Access (Open+) is in soft launch with several regular patrons now enrolled in the service.