



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, March 2, 2026
Carpinteria Community Library, 5141 Carpinteria Avenue,
Carpinteria, CA 93013

3:30 PM Regular Meeting

Attendance/Viewing Options:

- Attend the in-person meeting in the Community Room at the Carpinteria Community Library (5141 Carpinteria Avenue).

How to Provide Public Comments

- Provide a live public comment in the Community Room at the Carpinteria Community Library (5141 Carpinteria Avenue). Please note the Commission has the discretion to limit the speaker's time for any meeting or agenda matter. Typically, the practice has been 3 minutes per speaker on each item.
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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

This is a time for public comments on matters not otherwise on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Library Advisory Commission. The Public Comment period is limited to 15 minutes and divided among those persons desiring to speak. No person shall speak longer than three minutes; however, the Chair may establish shorter periods based on the time available and/or the number of persons waiting to speak. Persons wishing to speak on a specific item will be recognized at the time the agenda item is considered. The audio-visual system in the Community Room at the Carpinteria Community Library is available for speaker use during the general Public Comment period.

Business Matters

1. Approve Minutes from February 2, 2026
2. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report – Fred Shaw
3. First District Supervisor report – Daisy Weber
4. City Librarian Report – Eric Castro
5. Strategic Plan
6. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Adjournment

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This agenda was posted on February 24, 2026 at the Carpinteria Community Library, in the City Clerk's Office, on the City Hall Public Notices Window, and on the Internet.

**City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Glynn Birdwell, called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair, Glynn Birdwell
Vice-Chair, Aja Forner
Danielle Manriquez-Osborn
Fred Shaw
Katrina Barraza

Teen representative present: Hazel Dugre

Non-voting member present: Daisy Weber, First District Supervisor Representative

Staff member present: Eric Castro, City Librarian

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes from January 5, 2026.

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Fred Shaw.
Seconded by Commissioner Aja Forner.

Roll call:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Friends of the Library Report - Fred Shaw

The Friends of the Library will have their annual meeting on May 20. Speaker will be Fran Davis, author of Red Summer.

The Friends of the Library are considering getting a credit card for the organization.

The estate of Kathy Bachus has donated \$75,000 to the Friends of the Library.

There is an ongoing discussion on how best to use funds donated to the Friends of the Library.

3. First District Supervisor report - Daisy Weber

Proposed developments in Carpinteria: Bailard property development will go forward. No impact fees will go to the Library but perhaps developers will contribute. Though the Santa Barbara Community Health Clinic in Carpinteria is adjacent to the library, the clinic will not be moving in the near future so that space is not available for expansion of the Library.

Lauren Trujillo, director of the Santa Barbara Library Foundation, would like to attend a Library Advisory Commission meeting and also the Friends of the Library meeting.

Applications for Arts Making Impact grants are being accepted for 2026-2027.

4. City Librarian Report - Eric Castro

Eric shared information about recent programs including Head Start Cafecito, Teen History Class, Santa Barbara Early Music Ensemble, SBCC Bilingual Basic Computer Class, Wild Things Talk, Condors, and a movie night.

The Library held its first two Teen Advisory Board meetings with seven teens participating. Three areas were identified that were of interest to the group. Library clubs led by teens, collection development with teen input, and library marketing by teens. They meet twice a month. We would like Hazel Dugre, the LAC teen representative to attend these meetings.

Staff Update: Part-Time Library Technician position was filled by Katie Shumway.

Library Outreach: Two Carpinteria Middle School classes visited the Library in January. They received library cards and information about the Library.

Carpinteria HeadStart received a visit from the Library's Community Engagement Librarian to promote reading and connect with early childhood providers.

Partnerships: The Library participated in the California State Library - Every Story Counts Week, January 25-31, 2026. Under this initiative, data is being collected to have a better understanding of how Californians use libraries. A report of this data will be given out in the spring of 2026.

Operations: The patio is finished with framing. The deck should be finished by the second week of February. The restrooms still have an ongoing problem with plumbing. A possible solution is a keypad or lock.

Chinese New Year celebration at the Library will be held Saturday, February 21, 12:30-2:30, featuring noodle-making and music.

5. Strategic Plan

More resources will be needed to complete the strategic plan. The plan will align with the City's Plan.

The Homeless Outreach program is offered by the County on Wednesdays at Veteran's Hall. Mental health issues need to be addressed but support is needed from agencies to deal with these problems.

The Library is going to provide books for young children in partnership with the Santa Barbara Health Clinic.

The Parks and Recreation Director is reviewing Library policies with the City Attorney's office as part of the Operational Excellence Goal.

There is an on-going discussion on how volunteers can assist the library and what role they can play. Volunteers can help to support and facilitate programs at the Library which could free staff time.

6. 2026 Schedule

April meeting for Library Board of Trustees on April 13 - Commissioner Barraza will trade with Commissioner Manriquez-Osborn who will attend the June meeting.

7. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting- Commissioner Barraza reported that the Trustees were very happy that the Library will be a part One Book, One Coast Program. They were also supportive of all the programming taking place at the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Glynn Birdwell, adjourned the meeting at 4:43 pm.