



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, April 6, 2026
Carpinteria Community Library, 5141 Carpinteria Avenue,
Carpinteria, CA 93013

3:30 PM Regular Meeting

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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 March 2, 2026
2. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report – Fred Shaw
3. County Library Advisory Committee report – Glynn Birdwell
4. First District Supervisor report – Daisy Weber
5. City Librarian Report – Eric Castro
6. Strategic Plan
7. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Adjournment

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This agenda was posted on April 1, 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 Agenda
Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, Aja Forner, called the meeting to order at 3:31

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chair, Glynn Birdwell

Teen Representative absent: 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 February 2, 2026.

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Barraza.

Seconded by Commissioner Shaw.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

2. Friends of the Library Report - Fred Shaw

Kathi Backus, \$75,000 grant + \$10,000-\$15,000 more after her home is sold will be donated to Friends of the Library. What should Friends do with money? Looking at Strategic Plan and Vision for the Library.

What would we do with \$1,000,000?

Monica Solarzano asked how to be part of Teen Advisory Board.

3. First District Supervisor Report - Daisy Weber

First hearing on budgets, March 3. All departments had to cut budgets. Budget will be decided on in April.

Verizon cell tower that was to be placed on Health Food Store will probably not be placed there. Supervisor Roy Lee asked that an alternative site be explored. One site might be the Veteran's Memorial Building. This will be a Carpinteria City decision.

Loren Trujillo, head of the Santa Barbara Library Foundation, would like to visit our meetings and Friends of the Library meeting.

4. City Librarian Report- Eric Castro

Valentine's Day Workshop was held February 7. The community was able to make Valentines and other projects.

Book Club highlighted the book: *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Highlights were the important role libraries play.

An eventful Kathi Backus celebration was held February 19 in honor of her very generous contributions to Friends of the Library.

A Lunar New Year celebration which included noodle making and a Cate School music presentation, was very popular and well-attended.

Movie Night featured the movie, *Soul*, about a Black musician. The presentation was in celebration of Black History Month.

Two home school groups and Cate School students visited the library.

The patio is nearing completion. The approval of a handrail is now pending for this project. The final phase will be lighting installation and landscaping.

Survey: Every Story Counts

The first two questions were from the California State Library.

1. Tell us about your experience at the Library? 92% felt welcome and planned to return to the Library.

2. Please tell us how you use the Library? Some items highlighted were: Borrow items, 88%, Attend programs and events 80%

3. Please tell us are you an: Older adult 51%, Adult 35%, Teen 11.76%

4. Please tell us how you use the library: puzzles, handicapped, DND club, borrow books, all are welcome, love the Library, more tech help needed, happy, thankful, learn English

5. What Library services would you like to see added?

More programs, CD players, classic book/movie night, English class in the morning, open Sundays, tools for the home to borrow, mobile library, scanner, more hotspots

F. Would you be interested in purchasing library-branded merchandise? Totes, travel mugs, T-shirts 40-60% said yes.

Rural Health Grant-Many gifts given to the Library worth \$7,000. A doctor, Clara Garcia, will provide workshops for children.

Teen Advisory Board members will be attending City Council meeting and will be presenting to the Library Board of Trustees.

5. Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a work in progress but nothing new to report. The most common request for the Library is to be open for more hours but there is no funding for this appeal.

6. Commissioner and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Commissioner Barraza requested Business Cards for Commissioners. Eric said this is a great idea.

Read to a Dog program, in the past, people have not shown up. Commissioner Forner is willing to bring her dog to the Library for a trial period.

Commissioner Forner suggested requesting money from The Women's Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair, Aja Forner, adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm