



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, May 4, 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.
- Submit a written comment (as either a general public comment or on a specific agenda item) to be distributed to Library Advisory Commission by 3 hours before the meeting begins by either submitting your comment via (1) email to PublicComment@carpinteriaca.gov, or (2) follow this link (<https://carpinteriaca.gov/city-hall/agendas-meetings>), select the meeting you want to provide a comment on, and click the Submit Comments button located on the left hand side of the agenda portal. Please reference the agenda item to which your comment pertains. Note that written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting.

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 and April 6, 2026
2. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report – Fred Shaw
3. First District Supervisor report – Daisy Weber
4. City Librarian report – Eric Castro
5. Carpinteria Library service area
6. Strategic Plan
7. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Adjournment

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This agenda was posted on April 30, 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 April 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Glynn Birdwell called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair, Glynn Birdwell
Fred Shaw
Katrina Barraza

Commissioners absent: Vice-Chair, Aja Forner
Danielle Manriquez-Osborn

Non-voting members present: Teen Representative, Hazel Dugre

Staff members present: Eric Castro, City Librarian

Also present: Lea Boyd, Friends of the Carpinteria Library
Lauren Trujillo, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Library
Foundation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes from meeting.

Approval of minutes from March 2 was deferred until the May meeting because there were not enough attendees for a quorum

2. Friends of the Library Report—Fred Shaw

The Friends of the Library Board met to develop a strategy for spending their funds, aligning with the Library's Strategic Plan.

The Friends Annual meeting will be held on May 20th at the Carpinteria Community Church, featuring local author Fran Davis.

3. County Library Advisory Committee Report – Glynn Birdwell

Eric and Glynn attended the Advisory Committee meeting on March 18 and shared updates from the county libraries. The main topic of the meeting was the anticipated budget shortfall and the impact on libraries. The Committee agreed to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating that while they understood the need for a 4% budget cut, they are concerned that further cuts would be harmful to the community.

4. First District Supervisor Report – Daisy Weber

Budget workshops are next week. They are anticipating a 4% cut to the Community Services Department. Budget will be adopted in June.

The Health Clinic has been having some security issues and there has been discussion about the possibility of hiring a security person jointly paid for by the City, Fire, and County.

Daisy introduced Lauren Trujillo, the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Library Foundation. Lauren shared information about National Library Week, April 19-25, as well as advocacy ideas. A screening of "The Librarians" will take place in Santa Barbara on April 22.

5. City Librarian Report—Eric Castro

Eric shared program highlights including bilingual computer classes, the March Book Club meeting featuring *James* by Percival Everett, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network program on protecting local wildlife habitat, and a screening of the film *Hugo*.

Upcoming programs include the April Book Club featuring *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige. In May, the One Book, One Coast program begins featuring *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei. On April 22 there will be a presentation from Vandenberg Space Force Base to share updates on Vandenberg's mission,

address community concerns regarding increased launch activity, and discuss sonic boom research.

The Teen Advisory Board is planning a Geometry Dash competition on April 13.

The Carpinteria Community Library was selected as one of the five U.S. recipients of the Día de los Niños grant.

The Library also received the EmPOWERing Access grant for a light table for the Children's area.

Literacy Coordinator Stefanie Colburn will be leaving in May. Library Technician Pauline Nelson will be retiring at the end of the summer.

6. Strategic Plan – no update

7. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters.

Glynn reminded commissioners of the National Library Week Proclamation at the City Council Meeting on April 13.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glynn Birdwell adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.