



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, July 6, 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 May 4, 2026 and June 1, 2026
2. Budget update – Jeanette Gant, Carpinteria Parks & Recreation Director
3. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report – Fred Shaw
4. County Library Advisory Committee report – Glynn Birdwell
5. First District Supervisor report – Daisy Weber
6. City Librarian report – Eric Castro
7. Strategic Plan
8. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Adjournment

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Materials related to an agenda item submitted to the Carpinteria Community Library Advisory Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review at the City Clerk's Office and the Carpinteria Community Library.

This agenda was posted on June 29, 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, Amended
Monday, May 4 2026 at 3:30**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Glynn Birdwell called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Non-voting members present: Teen representative, Hazel Dugre

Staff members present: Eric Castro, City Librarian

Also present, Pat Saley, First District Representative, County Library
Advisory Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes from March 2 and April 6, 2026, meeting.

March 2

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fred Shaw
Seconded by Commissioner Katrina Barraza

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: 1

April 6

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fred Shaw

Seconded by Commissioner Katrina Barraza

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

2. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report - Fred Shaw

Use of funds from the Friends investments are still being discussed.
Possible uses of money: book

3. City Librarian Report – Eric Castro

Many programs were offered in April.

Chalk Art Workshop; Book Club discussed *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige; Wild Things: Vandenburg Mission Update- information provided on launches and sonic booms by Colonel Horne; Movie Night-*The Wild Robot*; Día del Niño Celebration

In May, the Library will participate in the One Book, One Coast program featuring *They Call Us Enemy* by George Takei.

Library Outreach: The Library Director presented library services at an Aliso School ELAC meeting.

Staff update: Literacy Coordinator Stefanie Colburn is leaving and Katie Shumway has been selected as the new Literacy Coordinator.

Summer Reading Program theme will be spies.

4. Carpinteria Library Service Area

Zone 1: Santa Barbara, Summerland, Montecito

Zone 2: Lompoc

Zone 3: Santa Maria

Zone 4: Goleta

Zone 5: Carpinteria

5. Strategic Plan

Social media may be affected with the loss of Stephanie Colburn who was the social media person for the Library. Hopefully, she will be able to train another staff member.

Last summer the Library had an intern who managed social media. The Library is interested in having another intern this summer.

6. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Discussion of forming an Advocacy Committee from Friends of the Library members and Library Advisory Commission members.

Discussion of Commission members and the Teen Representative speaking to the City Council when there is an opportunity to advocate for the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glynn Birdwell adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2026 at 3:30**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, Aja Forner called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: Chair, Glynn Birdwell
Commissioner, Fred Shaw

Non-voting members present:
First District Representative: Daisy Weber
Teen Representative: Hazel Dugre

Staff members present: Eric Castro, City Librarian

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2026.

Minutes from this meeting require a correction. They will be approved at the July 6, 2026 meeting.

2. First District Supervisor Report - Daisy Weber

Discussion of the issue that though Summerland residents use the Carpinteria Library, and the Summerland School is part of the Carpinteria Unified School District, the Summerland Library is part of the Santa Barbara system and receives County funding for serving Summerland.

Consideration of advocating for the Summerland area to be part of the Carpinteria service area.

For the FY 2026-27 cycle, per-capita library funding in Santa Barbara County population zones is set at \$9.00 per person (down from \$9.42).

There is a Crisis and Access phone line for behavioral wellness that is available 24 hours.

3. City Librarian Report - Eric Castro

May programs:

Last Teen Advisory Board meeting for the year. Surveys were collected for Young Adult suggestions from other teens. Nintendo Switches were purchased after the teens made a request at a City Council meeting. The Video Game Club is continuing at the Library.

All About Blood Pressure- Age Well presented a program on blood pressure monitoring and wellness. There are digital blood pressure cuffs available to check out through Library of Things.

Asian & Pacific Island Heritage Cultural Talk- Kumu Angelita Eller presented a program on history and meaning of hula.

The Wild Things Program had a presentation from Save Our Seals about their conservation program.

One Book, One Coast: They Called Us Enemy. There was a livestream of the presentation by the author George Takei broadcast from the Long Beach Public Library. About two dozen people came to watch the presentation at the Carpinteria Library.

The Library is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program with the theme: License to Read. Mystery, spies, and adventure will be at the forefront.

First Grade Dual Immersion classes visited the Library bringing 45 students to learn about the Library. They were able to learn about the Summer Reading Program and signed up for library cards.

Staff Updates: The City Librarian and Literacy Coordinator attended the California Library Literacy Services Conference in San Diego. Eric reported that the Carpinteria Library is already using all the administration and training guidelines suggested at the conference.

4. Proposed Library Budget Reduction

City considering budget cuts for Library. The Library programs budget will be reduced from \$14,500 to \$10,000. Book budget will be reduced from \$46,000 to \$36,000. Most of the Measure X budget will be used for sheriff's service.

It is important for LAC members to speak in support of Library funding whenever possible.

5. Strategic Plan

One thing we should address is more programs for teens. The budget may limit this type of programming. The Library can apply for more grants to help with the budget shortfall but this process is very time consuming for Library staff.

6. Commissioners Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

At the City Council meeting Friends of the Library members Gabby Edwards and Jean Bailard spoke about the history of Measure X and the misconception that only the Library receives funds from Measure X. A small group of people fought for these funds which aided the Library but also other city entities, fire department, sheriff's service, youth programs, etc.

The Council is seeking the sales tax increase from 9% to 9.25% to offset budget shortfalls. Discussion about general tax vs. special tax measure was settled with a decision to pursue a general tax measure. A general tax measure requires a simple majority approval vs. over 66.67% with a special tax measure. The City Council agreed on the language being used for the tax ballot measure and the Mayor agreed but wanted more specific language for transparency.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair, Aja Forner, adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.