



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, August 3, 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 July 6, 2026
2. Friends of the Carpinteria Library report
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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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 July 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 Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 6, 2026 at 3:30**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Glynn Birdwell called the meeting at 3:36 pm

ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff members present: Eric Castro, City Librarian
Jeannette Gant Carpinteria Parks & Recreation
Director

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of the minutes from May 4 and June 1 2026.
Motion to approve minutes from May 4 by Commissioner Fred Shaw
Seconded by Commissioner Katrina Barraza

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Motion to approve minutes from June 1 by Commissioner Aja Forner
Seconded by Commissioner by Katrina Barraza

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

2. Budget update: Jeannette Gant, Parks and Recreation Director

Director Gant explained that City departments were asked to find efficiencies and savings in the 2026-27 budget.

Reduction for Library: unspent funds from 2025-26 budget; plus reductions to meetings, travel, books, supplies and materials.

Friends of the Library contribute \$50,000 annually to the Library budget. It is hoped that the budget gap can be filled by sponsorships and other and other community efforts and a long-term solution will be identified.

3. Friends of the Carpinteria Library Report - Fred Shaw

Friends of the Library funded Teen Library aide/helper and also provided funds for staff professional development.

4. County Library Advisory Committee report - Glynn Birdwell

Meeting covered budgets. Not all libraries are facing cuts. Some libraries have budget reserves. Legacy Works Project is working on establishing standards for main libraries. How will this work for Carpinteria Library? All libraries are busy with summer programs.

5. First District Supervisor report - Daisy Weber

The County is still researching the per capita funds from Summerland for the Carpinteria Library.

Cycling without Age Program- Volunteers cycle senior citizens around to different areas. Is it a possibility to cycle them to the Library?

6. City Librarian report - Eric Castro

Summer Reading Program launched with the theme of License to Read (Spies, mystery-solving, and adventure).

Magic Workshop and Magic Show- 125 participants were in a family magic workshop.

Chumash Stories, Chumash Storyteller, Alan Salazar, shared Chumash stories and culture and stressed the preservation of ancestral traditions.

Ongoing Programs:

These programs include: English Conversation Group, Preschool Story Time, Babies are the Best, Carp Writers Group, Songwriters Workshop, Carp Knitters Group, Dementia Caregivers Support Group, Carpinteria Birdwatchers Group, Dungeons and Dragons Playtime, and Friday Fun.

Collection Space Improvements:

Book shelving was added and existing shelving was reorganized to accommodate Adult Fiction and Nonfiction, Spanish-language materials, Children's Graphic Novels, and Young Adult collections.

Library Outreach: Canalino Elementary School visit, 58 second graders came and toured the Library, received information about the Summer Reading Program, and registered for Library Cards.

Partnerships and Grants:

Adult Literacy Program - the Library received an Intent to Fund Notice from the California State Library for \$25,000. This grant will go towards the continuation of the Library's Adult Literacy Program.

Carpinteria citizens now have access to the New York Times Online.

The Zip Book Program has been discontinued due to lack of funding from the State Library.

Staff Updates: The City Librarian traveled to Chicago for the 2026 American Library Association Annual Conference. He exchanged ideas and participated in professional development.

Due to retirement, a vacancy for part-time Library Technician is open and recruitment under way. Thank you to Pauline Nelson for her years of dedication to the Carpinteria Community Library.

Eric presented an infographic showing data from this fiscal year. There were increases in 7 out of 8 measured categories.

7. Strategic Plan

The Library is continuing to surpass goals listed in the Strategic Plan. Next month, the one-year anniversary of the adoption of the strategic plan, the LAC will discuss how to implement more goals and objectives from the Strategic Plan.

8. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

At the Library Board of Trustees meeting, Commissioner Danielle Manriquez-Osborn, spoke in favor of not lowering the budget for the Library and gave positive feedback for City Librarian Eric Castro and Teen

Representative Hazel Dugre. Commissioner Fred Shaw also praised Eric Castro, City Librarian and the library.

A citizen asked why the Library Board of Trustees had to close the City Council meeting to allow for the Trustees to meet and make decisions about the Library. The City Attorney replied that by law this had to be done and the decisions about the Library had to be kept separate from the City decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair, Glynn Birdwell, adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.