



City of Carpinteria
Library Advisory Commission Agenda
Monday, February 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.
- 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 January 5, 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. 2026 Schedule.
7. 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 January 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
Monday, January 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Glynn Birdwell, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

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

Gail Marshall requested that the Strategic Plan be an agenda item every month.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on December 1, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Fred Shaw
Seconded by Commissioner Danielle Manriquez-Osborn

Roll call:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Commissioners Forner and Barraza arrived after vote was taken)

ABSTAIN: 0

2. County Library Advisory Committee Report- Glynn Birdwell

Committee met on December 17 in Buellton.

Legacy Works gave a presentation on County library funding. The focus has shifted from finding new money to protecting existing money.

There was a presentation on advocacy best practices from Lauren Trujillo, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Library Foundation.

Commissioner Birdwell will send handouts on Library Advocacy and Protecting Funding to the Commission.

An online workshop "Library Advocacy 2026: What Are we Doing Wrong...and How Can We Fix It?" was recommended. It will be live on Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am and will be available afterwards on the CLA YouTube channel. Commissioner Birdwell will email a link for registration to the commissioners.

The County Library Budget/Agreement will be finalized soon. Per capita level of support is expected to be \$9.42.

3. Friends of the Carpinteria Library Report- Fred Shaw

The Friends of the Library will be administering funds donated to support programming serving immigrant populations at the Library.

An additional \$10,000 was allocated to the Brad Smith Memorial Fund.

4. First District Supervisor Report- Daisy Weber

There may be fewer Board of Supervisor meetings this year.

Budget hearings begin in May and the budget will be finalized in June for FY 2026-2027. Federal cuts may limit social services budget, affecting library funding.

5. City Librarian Report- Eric Castro

Baker & Taylor, the largest library wholesaler, ceased operations on January 1. This has had major impacts on libraries throughout the country. The impact on the Carpinteria Library is mitigated by the fact that Carpinteria does much of its book processing in-house.

Lack of space is increasingly affecting the ability of the Library to maintain a well-balanced collection. The Library Director is exploring temporary solutions.

One hundred ten Middle School students visited the Library and learned how to register for cards and use library resources.

The Library participated in the Aliso School Holiday Festival by hosting a winter story-time.

The Part-time Library Technician was hired and will begin working soon.

Santa Barbara City College Collaboration: a new bilingual computer class will begin in the Spring semester at the Carpinteria Library.

The Mexican Consulate would like to provide continuing education services to Carpinteria residents through the University of Mexico. City Librarian Eric Castro is working with the City on an MOU.

The Carpinteria Library is being considered for participation in the One Library, One Coast reading program. The book chosen is "They Called Us Enemy", by George Takei. Mr. Takei will give a talk in May at the Long Beach Public Library and the presentation will be available by Zoom.

6. Commissioner Comments and Requests for Consideration of Matters

Commissioner Manriquez-Osborn reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting on December 12. City Librarian Eric Castro presented a graphic that illustrates highlights from the Annual Report for fiscal year 2024-2025. The Library Board of Trustees was very enthusiastic about this graphic and felt they had a better understanding of what the Library provides.

Commissioner Birdwell reminded commissioners that all Library Commissioners must complete 700 Form by April 1, 2026.

Commissioner Birdwell asked if priorities from the strategic plan had been identified and incorporated into the Library's workplan. City Librarian Eric Castro highlighted ongoing meetings with teens from the community to discuss their expectations for the Library and increased social media posts. Eric stated that the ability to provide programming is being affected by staff limitations.

7. 2026 Meeting Schedules

Commissioner Birdwell handed out a schedule for 2026 LAC meetings and Commissioner attendance at Library Board of Trustees meetings. She asked the Commissioners to review the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Glynn Birdwell adjourned the meeting at 4:45.