



City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, September 8, 2025, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Corales, Smith, Ivy, Razzouk, Rojas, and Acuna
ABSENT: Steinbrick
STAFF PRESENT: Erin Christmas and Jessica Herdina

The Board of Library Trustees meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Item 1 There were no public comments received.

Consent Calendar

- Item 2 Minutes**
- Item 3 Approval of Trust Fund Expenditures**
- Item 4 Approval of Gift Fund Donations**
- Item 5 Incident Reports**

Motion: Smith
Second: Acuna
Abstain: None
Ayes: Corales, Smith, Ivy, Razzouk, and Acuna

Discussion and Action Calendar

- Item 6 Receive a Recurring Update the SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library**
Library Director, Erin Christmas, provided an update on the SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library. She shared that the groundbreaking event on September 6, 2025 was a success. Councilmembers Falcone and Cervantes, State Senator Cervantes, and SPC Jesus S. Duran's daughter Tina Duran Ruvalcaba spoke. Attendees were able to visit a number of booths from other City Departments and community groups.

There was no action taken.

- Item 7 Receive an update for a second amendment to the agreement with Overdrive Inc., to extend the contract term to June 30, 2026, for subscription services for**

the public to access the Library digital collection for a total contract amount of \$287,075 with automatic annual renewals

Director Christmas provided the Trustees an update regarding a second amendment to agreement with Overdrive Inc., to extend the contract term to June 30, 2026 with a total cost of \$287,075, for subscription services for the public to access the Library digital collection.

There was no action taken.

Item 8 Summer Reading Program Update

Assistant Library Director Jessica Herdina, provided an update to the Trustees on the 2025 Summer Reading Program. In her presentation, Herdina shared that a total of 2,771 participants registered for the program through the Beanstack app, logging over 43,900 books read. More than 5,400 people attended SRP programs at the library and over 2,300 attended events hosted at park locations.

In partnership with Riverside Unified School District and funding from the California State Library, the La Sierra Library, Main Library, and SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library (Lincoln Park) distributed free lunches to youth ages 18 and under through the Lunch at the Library program.

Approximately \$13,625.99 was spent on the Summer Reading Program from the Library's Gift Fund account. An additional \$5,000 from the Gift Fund was used to purchase branded materials. A total of \$26,913.75 was spent on the Lunch at the Library program and Pop-Up Park Visits, funded through a grant awarded to the library by the California State Library.

There was no action taken.

Item 9 California Library Association Conference Update

Assistant Director Herdina updated the Trustees on the 2025 California Library Association annual conference this year which will be held at the Riverside Convention Center from October 23 to October 25. The theme is Telling our own Stories, with a focus on shaping the future of California Libraries. The library is honored to serve as the host city for this year's conference and is committed to sending as many staff as possible to participate, while ensuring adequate

staffing is maintained across all library locations; approximately twenty-one staff members are expected to attend.

There was discussion of the various activities the Riverside Public Library will host at conference. Many thanks were extended to Assistant Director Herdina on serving as the Local Arrangements chair for the conference.

There was no action taken.

Board and Directors Communication

Item 10 Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Board Members.

Trustee Smith shared that she received a tour of multiple library locations with Director Christmas. She toured Casa Blanca, Main, Arlington, and the Eastside Library @ Lincoln Park. She encouraged others to schedule a similar tour.

Item 11 Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Assistant Library Director.

Erin Christmas, Library Director, shared that she is always happy to provide tours to the Trustees. The September calendar of events was distributed. Trustees were invited to attend the October 3 at 10am: Launch Party for the tool lending library at Casa Blanca Library in partnership with the Leadership Riverside Class of 2024, the October program series Let's Get Ready, Riverside on emergency preparedness and the October 11 Book Festival at the Main Library hosted in partnership with Inlandia.

Item 12 Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as requested by the Board Members. Only items that fall with the powers and duties of the Board of Library Trustees as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendized for future discussion.

Trustee Ivy requested a report on the Book Festival.

President Corales adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ivy
Board Secretary