



City of Arts & Innovation

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2026, 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Razzouk, Smith , Ivy, Steinbrick and Corales  
ABSENT: Norman Ellstrand,  
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 Summary of Incident Reports**
- Item 6 Record Excused Trustee Smith Absence from the January 12 meeting**
- Item 7 Record Excused Trustee Rojas Absence from the January 12 meeting**

Motion: Ivy  
Second: Acuna  
Abstain: None  
Ayes: Razzouk, Acuna, Smith, Steinbrick, Ivy, Corrales

### **Discussion and Action Calendar**

#### **Item 8 Receive and file Let's Get Ready Riverside Library Update**

Library Director Erin Christmas provided an update on the Let's Get Ready Riverside Library series, held in October in partnership with Riverside Fire Department Office of Emergency Management and Riverside Public Utilities. The program focused on educating the Community about disaster and emergency preparedness in Riverside.

The series began with Q&A panel at the Main Library featuring representatives from UCR Master Gardener program, The Earthquake Country Alliance, Riverside Fire Department, Riverside Information and Technology, and two representatives

from Public Utilities. Conversations throughout the month encouraged community discussion on emergency preparedness and response. Director Christmas shared plans to host the series again next October, potentially adding a children and family component.

She also noted the program's success was supported by the hiring of an Adult Services Librarian focused on adult outreach.

There was no action taken.

#### **Item 9 Receive and file Read Around Riverside Library Update**

Director Christmas provided an update on the Read Around Riverside series held December 5 through January 2. The program encouraged adults to read 100 minutes during the month, with a community goal of 25,000 minutes. The community exceeded expectations, logging 118,000 minutes over the four-week period.

Programs were hosted at La Sierra and Marcy Libraries, where participants earned badges for completing activities to encourage visits to different libraries. The library also partnered with local small businesses to host off-site events, including a book club at Nevermore Game Club featuring treats from Riverside Cookie shop, and a book show-and-tell at Thomspson Brewery Company. Director Christmas noted strong attendance and positive feedback from participants, with continued interest in offering off-site programming in the future.

There was no action taken.

### **Board and Directors Communication**

#### **Item 10 Brief reports on Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings attended by Board Members**

There were no comments from the Board

#### **Item 12 Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Library Director.**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, shared that the library will be closed Tuesday for Presidents Day, as holidays on Monday are observed the following day.

Erin Christmas, Library Director, reported that all library locations closed for a morning two weeks ago to attend an Enneagram workshop with Blue Zone teams. She noted that all branches except Lincoln Park will become Blue Zone worksites, with ribbon cuttings planned for later in March.

Erin Christmas, Library Director, reported that she presented to the Business Action group last week, highlighting the library's services for local businesses.

Erin Christmas, Library Director shared that she and Assistant Director Jessica Heredia will present the library's 2026 Book of Work and highlights from 2025 to the City Council on Wednesday, and invited Trustees to attend.

Erin Christmas, Library Director reported that they are expected to pour concrete at the Duran Eastside Library in the next couple of weeks.

**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 agendaized for future discussion.**

There were no comments from the board.

President Corales adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Krista Ivy  
Board Secretary