



City of Arts & Innovation

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Gill, Corales, Steinbrick, Falsetti, Ivy, Smith, and Acuna  
STAFF PRESENT: Erin Christmas, Angela Henson, Genesis Negrete-Farfan, and George Guzman

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**
- Item 6 Record Excused Trustee Smith Absence from the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Motion: Ivy  
Second: Falsetti  
Abstain: None  
Ayes: Gill, Corales, Steinbrick, Falsetti, Ivy, Smith and Acuna

### **Discussion and Action Calendar**

#### **Item 7 Social Worker Intern Update**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, provided an update on the Social Work Internship program called Love your Neighbor Collaborative (LYNC) program administered by the Path of Life Ministries that serves homeless individuals and families by utilizing undergraduate and graduate level social work students to connect them to crucial resources aimed at increasing their ability to become independent.

Director Christmas introduced Chris Oberg, Executive Director for Path of Life Ministries. Chris Oberg provided outcomes from the LYNC program from July to December 2024.

There was no action taken.

**Item 8 Increase Purchase Order No. 251896 With Midwest Tape, LLC, of Holland, Ohio, in the amount of \$40,000 for the Purchase of Library Materials and Services for a Revised Purchase Order Amount of \$100,000 with Automatic Annual Renewal for the Term of the Contract for a total amount of \$160,000**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, provided an informational report of an increase of Purchase Order No. 251896 with Midwest Tape LLC, of Holland, Ohio for hoopla® digital media platform, in the amount of \$40,000 for a total contract amount of \$160,000.

The increase is due to the popularity of Hoopla and the amount of digital content the community is using. Riverside Public Library has seen a huge uptick in the amount of content being checked out through this provider and in January there were over 4,000 items checked out. Funding is available in the library's operating budget.

There were no actions taken.

**Item 9 Riverside Reads**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, provided an informational report on Riverside Reads 2025. This year's title is *The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory* by New York Times reporter Thomas Fuller. This book follows the story of the California School for the Deaf Riverside team. Since the time of publication, the team has gone on to win an additional season making them undefeated for three seasons in a row.

Programming will celebrate the local Deaf Community. Events will begin March 15 with author Thomas Fuller and a panel of students speaking at the La Sierra Senior Center. There are a number of book discussions that will be held in March and April which will be led by various library staff and all include ASL interpreters. Additionally, there is a 5K run, a program to learn more about the Deaf community and a tour of California School for the Deaf Riverside. Funding for this program was provided by the Riverside Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Riverside Public Library. Trustees were provided a copy of the book.

There was no action taken.

**Item 10 Spc Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Site Update**

Erin Christmas, Library Director provided an informational report on SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Site Update. The Specialist Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library project is moving right along, and planning to go out to bid for the project in the next couple of weeks. Last week the architect team submitted all requested items as part of the design review process and planning to get the final permit soon.

There was no action taken.

**Board and Directors Communication**

**Item 11 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, provided updates on The Book of Work Review with the City Manager and will bring that update to the board in April so Trustees can see what the library is working on for the year.

On February 27, the ribbon cutting at Main Library for the ARPA funded book lockers. An invite will go out soon to Trustees.

On March 19, the Library will be doing a presentation at the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee regarding the Board of Library Trustees' work plan. Erin Christmas will be reaching out to Trustee Corales regarding the presentation.

**Item 13 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 Director Christmas to contact Palisades Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library on how Riverside Public Library can provide support.

President Gill adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

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Krista Ivy  
Board Secretary