

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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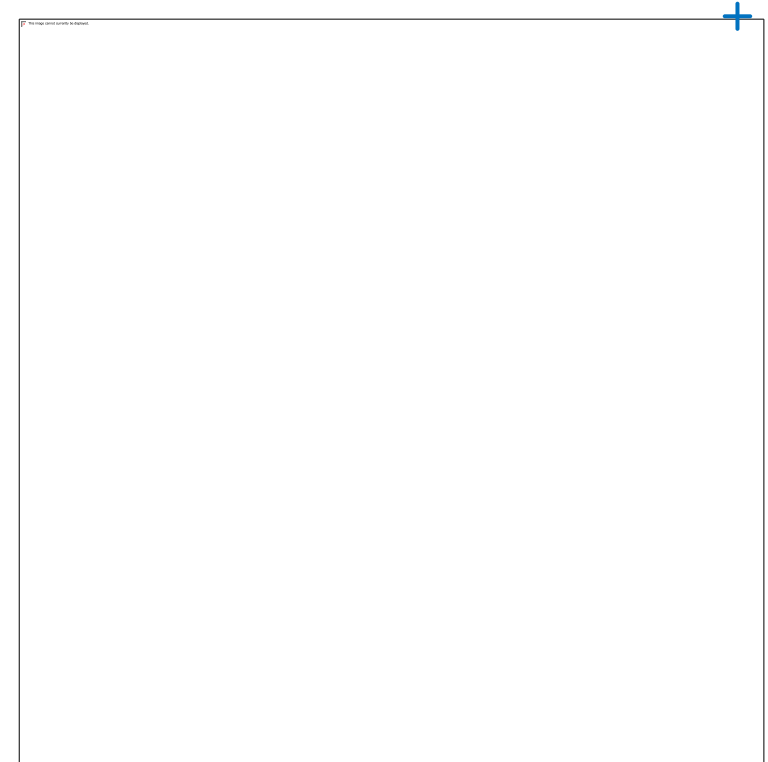


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AGENDA

- 2025-26 Service Priorities Review and Updates
- Adulting Program Analysis
- New Library Building Update



2025-26 Service Priorities

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- Strategic Partnerships
 - Community Programs
 - Customer Service



Strategic Partnerships

OUTREACH &
VOLUNTEERS
FY 2025-26
JULY - FEBRUARY

Type of Programs	To date	Annual Goal	Notes
Outreach Events	36	120	Annual Goal = # of events Total attendance to date 716
Volunteer Hours	2119.5	1,750	
Volunteers	19	36	Library volunteers

PARTNERSHIPS

WINTER 2026 UPDATE



California SB 321

Update: Desert Sands USD is currently working on the MOU. The plan is to launch the Student Success Cards in 2026-27 academic year.



Coachella Valley
Firebirds

Update: The Library hosted Fuego for a season opener storytime. The Library will coordinate with the Firebirds on Summer Reading and other literacy-based initiatives.




Olive Crest Community
Center

Update: Library staff attend monthly "Community Day" events, where they connect directly with families in need. Participation in these events also allow library staff to connect to a wider network of social services providers throughout the Coachella Valley.



Community
Programs



LIBRARY
PROGRAMS
FY 2025-26
JULY - FEBRUARY

Type of Programs	Number of Programs	Attendees	Program Examples
Early Learners and Family Programming	108	1,730	Storytimes and Little Learners Lounge
School Age Children	101	2,258	Afterschool Discovery and LEGO afternoons
Young Adult	91	933	Class Visits and Teenscape
Adult	215	3,838	Film Series, Learning In Retirement, Craft, Book Clubs, Grand Opening, and Mahjong
Virtual	17	588	Virtual Author Talks
YTD	532	9,347	*Does not include group meetings

PROGRAMS

WINTER 2026 UPDATE



Service to the Homebound

Update: Zip Books grant was launched in January 2026. To date, **230 books** have been purchased through this program.

In addition, we are piloting home delivery to The Carlotta - Residential Living.



One Book-One Palm Desert

Update: Palm Desert will join One Book, One Coast for a shared community reading program that celebrates literacy, learning, and community. All participating libraries will read and discuss ***They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei** with physical copies of the book available and unlimited digital copies in English and Spanish.

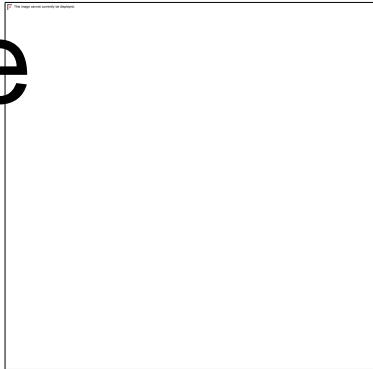


Summer Reading 2026

Update: Pre-registration begins June 1st. This year's theme is Summer Reading Cup. Summer Reading dates are in alignment with the Men's FIFA World Cup.

Poet Laureat

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- Since 2023, the Palm Desert Poet Laureate has served as an ambassador of poetry and literature, actively engaging in ceremonial, educational, and community activities to uplift the artistic achievement of the City. They provide access to poetry, raise awareness of the art form, and encourage individuals to develop their own creative interests.
- Lori Davis was appointed Poet Laureate in 2023. As part of her work, she facilitates a Poetry Workshop twice monthly at the Library. This year the showcase will be held Wednesday evening, April 15th.
- The library will launch the search for the next Poet Laureate this summer. We are looking for a few committee members to review applications and participate in the selection process. Total commitment time will be 15 hours.



Customer Service

CUSTOMER
SERVICE AND
COLLECTIONS
FY 2025-26
JULY – FEBRUARY

	Current FY	2024/25 FY	
Visitors	80,932	67,927	
Physical Circulation	143,048	107,969	
Digital Circulation	15,944	9,500	
Website Visits	156,083	82,773	*Website launched September 2024
Link+	3,800	1,072	*Service launched October 2024
Internet Sessions	6,312	5,870	
Laptop Checkout	5,932	4,840	

CUSTOMER SERVICE WINTER 2026 UPDATE



Collection Development

Update: Focus on integrating Zip Books in the collection with ordering and processing the materials.



Collection Maintenance

Update: Implementing a schedule for collection maintenance in April.



In person and Virtual Services

Update: Limited library card mailings. Very close to managing the CENIC internet line.



Additional Updates

Adulting 101 Program Suggestion Analysis

Working definition:

Adulting 101 is a proposed free library program series designed to give young adults the practical life and job skills they need to navigate finances, careers, housing, and everyday responsibilities with confidence

Key Components of a Quality Program

Financial Management: Teaching budgeting, saving, understanding credit scores, investing, and retirement basics.

Health & Wellness: Navigating health insurance, understanding medical bills, nutrition, and mental health/stress management.

Career & Professionalism: Resume building, cover letters, networking, and professional communication (e.g., email etiquette).

Life Organization: Managing rent/utilities, home maintenance, emergency preparedness, and organizing important documents.

Soft Skills: Time management, goal setting, and decision-making.

What the Library is working on

Financial Management Program Partnerships

Career & Professionalism Programs

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