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Library Advisory Committee Agenda

**Dougherty Station Library
Community Meeting Room
17017 Bollinger Canyon Rd
San Ramon, CA 94582**

**April 9, 2026
6:00 PM
Regular Meeting
*Please Note Time and Location**

Agenda Questions: Contact Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-3207

- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment**

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- 3. Committee Business**

- 3.1 Approval of January 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 Election of Officers
Presented by Steve Cox, Recreation Supervisor
- 3.3 Approve the StoryWalk Story Selection for Summer 2026
Presented by Elayne Pedley, Dougherty Station Community Library Manager
- 3.4 Dougherty Station Library Update
Presented by Elayne Pedley, Dougherty Station Community Library Manager

3.5 San Ramon Library Update

Presented by Dr. Francis Adebola-Wilson, San Ramon Senior Community Library Manager

4. Adjournment

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CITY OF SAN RAMON
**Library Advisory Committee Meeting
January 8, 2026 – Minutes**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Alpert called the Library Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Committee Chair Cindy Alpert, Committee Vice Chair Jennifer Adams, Committee Members Richard DeWath and Sandy Silva.

Members Absent: Committee Member Mousumi Kottakota, and Alternate Committee Members Lana Jackman and Siddhartha Sheetal Pilapaplem

Other Attendees: Steve Cox, Parks and Community Services Recreation Supervisor; Stacy Munsell, Parks and Community Services Office Specialist; Richard Adler, City Council Member; Terry Koehne, Parks and Community Services Commissioner; Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager; Marina Hsieh, County Library Commissioner; Colette Clark, Senior Advisory Committee Liaison

3. **SPECIAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3.1 **Special Announcements**

Recreation Supervisor Steve Cox and Chair Alpert provided special announcements.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Approval of October 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member DeWath motioned to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting as presented and was seconded by Committee Member Silva. The motion passed 4-0-1-0.

6. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

6.1 **Approve the StoryWalk Story Selection for Spring 2026**

Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager, presented the options for the Spring 2026 StoryWalk Story selection: *What a Wonderful World*, based on the song by Bob Thiele & George David Weiss and illustrated by Tim Hopgood and *When You Find the Right Rock* written by Mary Lyn Ray and illustrated by Felicita Sala.

Vice Chair Adams motioned to approve *What a Wonderful World* for the Spring 2026 StoryWalk book, and Committee Member Silva seconded it. The motion passed 4-0-1-0.

6.2 Review and Approve the 2025 Library Advisory Committee Annual Report

Steve Cox, Recreation Supervisor, presented and reviewed the 2025 Library Advisory Committee Annual Report. The committee discussed the report and gave its feedback. Committee Member Silva motioned to approve the report, and it was seconded by Vice Chair Adams. The motion passed 4-0-1-0.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 **Dougherty Station Library Update**

Presented by Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager.

7.2 **San Ramon Library Update**

Presented by Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager.

8. **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Richard Adler, City Council Member, and Terry Koehne, Parks and Community Services Commissioner, provided announcements.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Alpert adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM



Library Advisory Committee Staff Report Item No. 3.3

Date: April 9, 2026

To: Library Advisory Committee

From: Henry Perezalonso, Parks and Community Services Director
Presented by Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager

Subject: StoryWalk Story Selection for Summer 2026

Executive Summary:

The Library Advisory Committee is being asked to review and select a title for the Summer 2026 StoryWalk installation at Central Park. Staff from both San Ramon Libraries have identified two children's books that align with StoryWalk goals of promoting literacy, outdoor activity, and community engagement. Both selections incorporate themes of kindness, creativity, and connection to community and environment, and support the broader Summer Reading Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Library Advisory Committee review, discuss, and approve one of the following two titles for the Summer 2026 StoryWalk installation:

The Good Egg, is a comically presented lesson in perfectionism featuring a bespectacled and lovable egg whose mission is to be very helpful and very good, all the time. In addition to performing numerous good deeds, our main character attempts to take charge of the other 11 eggs in his carton who, in comparison, behave quite badly. This frustrates and exhausts the good egg to the point of cracking! Something has to give, and the message of self-care comes through loud and clear to readers of all ages. The humorous illustrations, created with watercolor textures and digital paint, pair beautifully with the engaging story. This book received an Australian book award and two starred book reviews. The Good Egg is part of this author and illustrator's book series called The Food Group. Pete Oswald's illustrations from this series will be featured in the 2026 Contra Costa County Summer Reading program materials. It includes many preferred StoryWalk elements of kindness, humor, community, physical activity, outdoors, and literacy.

Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution is another humorous, yet meaningful, option for the Summer StoryWalk, featuring a hardworking construction crew managed by Hank, who "wears a hard hat but has a soft heart". Their building project is going well until a couple birds and their nest are discovered on the structure--and then--eggs! Hank gets creative, and readers are treated to a beautiful example of how humans, nature, and animals can share space in our communities.

The colorful and whimsical illustrations incorporate the occasional graphic novel format and were constructed using Procreate. This title aligns nicely with our Summer Reading theme of “Plant a Seed”. Part of Disney’s Planet Possible book series, the story’s last page provides ways for readers to create a space which benefits birds, other creatures, and our planet. The book features preferred StoryWalk elements of nature, outdoors, physical activity, community, humor, literacy, and kindness.

In order to make a thoughtful decision in choosing the StoryWalk title for our community, please read these books in advance of the meeting. You may request and borrow a physical copy or eBook from the Contra Costa County library using your library card.

Or view a read-aloud on YouTube through the following links:

[The Good Egg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJTo9hmdRlg) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJTo9hmdRlg>

[Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH6Y9g3Co48) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH6Y9g3Co48>

These titles are recommended by Dougherty Station Library Community Library Manager Elayne Pedley, along with Youth Services Librarians Glenda Gardner (San Ramon Library) and Tom Schween (Dougherty Station Library).

Background:

A StoryWalk is a creative, new way for children and their families to enjoy a park on a family-friendly, accessible trail or walking path while reading an adventure at the same time. Pages from a children's book are put on signs and placed along a trail or walking path throughout a park. As the participant progresses through the park, they are able to read the story, step-by-step and page-by-page.

The Library Advisory Committee approved the story walk concept at their October 18, 2018 meeting. The vision was to introduce this concept at Central Park and update new stories quarterly. Story themes in San Ramon would address nature, diversity, family, culture and seasons. The Dougherty Station Community Library Manager and the San Ramon Children's Librarian maintain and update the stories quarterly and manage the program. The Library Advisory Committee approved the StoryWalk route at their July 11, 2019 meeting. The Parks and Community Service Commission approved the StoryWalk program at their September 11, 2019 meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The San Ramon Library Foundation will purchase copies of the StoryWalk book once approved.

Alternative Option(s):

Not Applicable

Next Steps:

Library staff will disassemble, laminate, and install the StoryWalk pages into the existing panels.

SAN RAMON LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Programming for January, February, March (special events in **bold**, *SRLF funded)

- Children
 - Storytime for ages 1-5 plus Stay & Play – Tuesdays 10:15 *
 - Family Storytime and Craft – Wednesdays 6:30 *
 - STEAM Saturday (monthly unless otherwise noted) *
 - Barcodes Kids’ Book Club *
 - Search and Find Activity * (popular passive program/prize)
 - Paws to Read (monthly) *
 - All ages, all moves (weekly, all ages) *
 - Quail Run School visit to second graders *
 - Bella Vista Math and Literacy Night participation 3/26
 - **Capoeira for Kids 1/17 ***
 - **Mr. Boom Boom African Drum Circle (in lieu of Family Storytime) 2/25 ***
 - **Chef Laura Cooking with Kids via zoom 3/5 ***
 - **Kindergarten Countdown kit distribution and program 3/21***
 - **StoryWalk installation 3/24***
- Teens
 - Totally Tuesdays (school year) *
 - “Level Up” Book Club for 6th-7th graders (monthly) *
- Adults
 - Speak Up – English language discussion group (weekly, in person), and monthly book club
 - Speak Up – English language discussion group (weekly, via Zoom)
 - Friday Afternoon Book Club (monthly)
 - Wellness Yoga for Adults (monthly) * (ending 4/2026)
 - Culture and Community Circle: a discussion group for adults (monthly) *
 - Podcast Essentials via zoom– 6-week series
 - **Stitched in Sorrow: author Talk w/Gerald Henig 3/28***
 - **Medicare 101 – 3/7**

Facility and other news

- **Special Book Displays** for Martin Luther King, Jr, Black History month, Black Children’s Book week, Valentine’s Day, Women’s History month, Spring Holidays.
- **StoryWalk** installed for Spring *What a Wonderful World* 3/24. Still waiting for the two stands to be replaced after construction of shade structure by city. Revised a description on an extra panel page to reflect the merged Danville San Ramon Rotary.
- **San Ramon Library Foundation funding total for quarter, \$1,781.86:**
 - Youth Services Support – Jan. \$649.57, Feb. \$356.74, March \$108.30
 - Teen Services Support – 0
 - Adult Services Support – Jan. \$85.00, Feb. \$385.00, March \$85.00

- StoryWalk Support – Jan. \$67.25, Feb. \$45.00
- **Facility Updates**
 - City was made aware of broken blinds, furniture replacement needs and furniture cleaning needs in January.
 - City staff removed broken blinds from program room and replaced with window tinting, resulting in a much cleaner look.
 - Library staff shifted the adult nonfiction section recently which has shrunk due to decreased circulation. Two and a half rows of empty shelving will be removed from 3 different areas by city staff soon.
 - Submitted financial needs request to city staff for consideration during current budget talks. Request included furniture cleaning and replacement/reupholstery needs, along with purchasing new tables and chairs for our largest study/conference room and purchasing furniture for displaying books face-out to increase browsing and circulation.

Upcoming Events

April 7th – Mayor Armstrong will participate in our Mr. Tom’s Musical Storytime as part of “Library Giving Day” on behalf of SRLF.

April 15th -Year of the Horse, special Family Storytime with Oliver Chin - Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrates the Lunar New Year with a reading from his newest children's picture book, The Year of the Horse. This story is the latest adventure in the popular annual series Tales from the Chinese Zodiac. *

April 30th – PokeTrade Party! Kids in 3rd-8th grade can trade cards, meet fellow trainers, and join in on Pokémon themed activities. *

May 16th – Puppet Art Theatre’s Tale of the Dragon Tail - For families and kids ages 2-12. Ever popular puppet theatre with a new dragon “mystery” performance. *



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SRL Quarterly Programming and Foundation Support Highlights for January – March 2026

During the first quarter of 2026, the San Ramon Library continued to offer a broad mix of literacy, cultural, wellness, and community-centered programming for children, teens, adults, and seniors. From January through March, SRL maintained stable branch operations while delivering Foundation-supported programs that promoted early literacy, creativity, lifelong learning, inclusion, and meaningful community engagement.

Quarterly Financial and Operational Snapshot

Month	Staffing / Operations	Foundation-Funded Expenses	Notes
January	No staffing updates reported.	\$2,346.36 Teens \$1,030.36 Adults \$17.65 Children.	Programs resumed after the New Year holiday.
February	Operations remained stable with coverage plans in place.	\$66.46 Teens \$417.53 Adults \$1,006.20 Children.	Two Zoom Booths were delivered and installed on February 24.
March	Operations continued smoothly with no significant staffing changes.	\$49.63 Teens \$1,421.38 Adults \$636.18 Children	March itemized SRLF-Funded expenses totaled \$2,107.19.
<i>Quarter total note</i>	<i>Stable operations throughout the quarter.</i>	<i>All months were itemized in the monthly SRLF narrative reports.</i>	<i>All months were summarized in this report; however, January and February were not totaled.</i>

Library-Wide Notes

- January included holiday closures on New Year’s Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, after which full programming resumed.
- In February, the County Library announced major infrastructure upgrades at several county-owned branches and celebrated a 2025 milestone of 3,045,601 digital checkouts through OverDrive’s Libby app, a 21% increase over 2024.
- March library news highlighted Women’s History Month, March Madness at the Library, the Free Comic Book Day Bookmark Contest, Kindergarten Countdown activity kits, and a virtual Raising Confident Readers workshop for caregivers.

Programming Highlights by Month

January 2026 Highlights

- January programming reflected a strong restart to the year, with Dog Man Supa-Pawty creating a lively family experience centered on reading, crafts, and shared storytelling.
- Lunar New Year Calligraphy offered adults a culturally enriching opportunity to explore traditional brush techniques and cross-cultural appreciation.
- Teen engagement remained strong through DIY Boba Workshop, Teen Book Club, Dungeons & Dragons, and Video Game Hangouts, while children and school-age customers benefited from Storytime, Bookworms, Tinker Thinkers, LEGO Club, Read to a Dog, and Chess Club.
- Adult and senior offerings, including Foodie Book Club, Verses & Voices, Healthy Tuesdays, Insiders, Page Turners, Puzzle Party, and Trivia Night, supported wellness, creativity, inclusion, and lifelong learning.

February 2026 Highlights

- February programming emphasized culturally responsive engagement, youth voice, and community connection, with Fancy Nancy Tea Party supporting imaginative literacy-based family participation.
- Whatever Wednesdays and the ongoing teen-led Dungeons & Dragons campaign continued to strengthen peer leadership, belonging, and positive social interaction for teens.
- Village Rhythms brought African percussion, rhythm, and storytelling to the library in an interactive all-ages performance, while Sketching the Lunar New Year: Korean Traditions in Art fostered cultural understanding through guided artistic practice.
- Recurring offerings such as Storytime, Family Storytime, Tinker Thinkers, LEGO Club, Read to a Dog, Chess Club, Verses & Voices, Healthy Tuesdays, and Page Turners continued to reinforce literacy, STEAM learning, wellness, and social connection.

March 2026 Highlights

- March programming demonstrated strong breadth across ages and interests, beginning with school-readiness support through Kindergarten Countdown and continuing with regular children's programming such as Storytime, Tinker Thinkers, LEGO Club, Read to a Dog, Chess Hour, and Crafternoon.
- Teen Book Talk, Whatever Wednesdays, and the ongoing Dungeons & Dragons campaign provided structured opportunities for teen leadership, discussion, collaboration, and creativity.
- All-ages and adult highlights included the SRLF Mega Book Sale, Women & Wealth: Practical Financial Strategies, the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Author Talk with Dr. Nia Imara, Belly Dance, Verses & Voices, Healthy Tuesdays, Page Turners, and Insiders.
- March also reflected continued alignment with literacy, culture, wellness, and civic engagement goals, with Foundation support helping sustain both enrichment programming and community-centered services.

Foundation Impact and Special Support

- Across the quarter, the San Ramon Library Foundation continued to make possible a wide range of equitable, high-quality programs for the San Ramon community.
- In addition to program support, the Foundation's investment in two Zoom Booths materially enhanced the library's public space. The booths were delivered and installed on February 24 and are expected to expand access to private, technology-enabled use within the library.
- March SRLF-funded expenses were itemized in the SRLF report, while summary figures for January, February, and March are highlighted in this report for the LAC. For this quarter, the SRLF has funded programs and services in the amount of \$6,991.75.

Upcoming Events – April 2026

- Robert Frost Poetry Celebration – April 1 | A literary event featuring dramatic and engaging readings that foster appreciation for classic poetry and creative expression.
- Palestinian Plate Art – April 8 | A hands-on workshop introducing participants to traditional Palestinian design patterns and artistic techniques through guided artmaking.
- Slime Time! – April 23 | A playful STEAM-centered program inviting participants to create slime while exploring basic science concepts, sensory play, and creativity.

Overall Impact

Collectively, first-quarter programming demonstrated the San Ramon Library’s continued ability to serve as a welcoming and responsive community hub. The quarter reflected strong balance across early literacy, teen engagement, cultural learning, wellness, civic participation, and lifelong learning. With continued support from the San Ramon Library Foundation, SRL sustained diverse and high-quality services while also benefiting from a visible capital enhancement from the SRLF through the installation of the Zoom Booths.

Facility Updates (For Review and Coordination)

As part of our ongoing collaboration with City partners to maintain and enhance library facilities, the following updates and requests are shared for review and coordination. We appreciate the City’s continued support in addressing facility needs and improving the overall customer experience.

A. Existing Issues Requiring Status Updates

Stanchion Sign: The broken section of the stanchion signpost was removed several months ago, and we appreciate that initial step. The base post remains in place, and we would welcome any available updates regarding next steps, including whether a replacement part is on order or if full unit replacement is anticipated.

Adult Area – Computer Chair (Upstairs): To further support customer use in the adult computer area, one (1) additional computer chair is needed. Product details have been previously shared, and we appreciate any guidance on procurement or next steps.

Adult Reading Chairs (Downstairs): Six (6) adult reading chairs would benefit from reupholstering or replacement. Following earlier adjustments to the cushions, the exposed underside is now showing signs of wear. We welcome the City’s input on the most appropriate path forward.

Reading Chairs with Writing Boards: Twelve (12) upholstered reading chairs with collapsible wooden writing boards remain in good structural condition. A deep cleaning would help restore their usability and appearance, and we appreciate consideration of this as part of ongoing maintenance efforts.

B. Planned Furniture Needs (For Budget Consideration)

Teen Area – Seating for Circular Table: The teen area includes a round, multi-user table that would benefit from dedicated seating. In the interim, five (5) program room banquet chairs have been utilized; however, this can create occasional scheduling challenges during Foundation-supported events.

To support consistent use of this space, we would appreciate consideration for the purchase of five (5) permanent chairs. The current seating in the teen area consists of *Smith System Groove Chairs (Demco)*, and matching units are recommended to maintain consistency and cohesion.

Summary & Next Steps

We appreciate the City’s ongoing partnership and support in maintaining library facilities. Any available updates on the items above would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we kindly request consideration of the identified furniture needs, particularly those supporting teen space functionality as part of future budgeting discussions to continue enhancing service delivery and the overall customer experience.