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Library Advisory Committee Agenda

**San Ramon Library
Meeting Room
100 Montgomery Street
San Ramon, CA 94582**

July 9, 2026

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

***Please Note Time and Location**

Agenda Questions: Contact Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-2614

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

2. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public are encouraged to address the Committee on any item not already included in tonight's agenda. Comments should not exceed three (3) minutes. During public comment, members of the public are permitted to address the Committee on items that are not on the agenda and are within the Committee's jurisdiction.

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3. Committee Business

3.1 Approval of April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Approve the StoryWalk Selection for Fall 2026

Presented by Elayne Pedley, Dougherty Station Community Library Manager

3.3 San Ramon Library Update

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

3.4 Dougherty Station Library Update

Presented by Elayne Pedley, Dougherty Station Community Library Manager

4. Adjournment

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- a. No profanity or obscenity
- b. Refrain from personal threats or attacks.
- c. Refrain from hateful epithets and demeaning language based on any person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or disability.
- d. Respect all people that are present.

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- a. Exceeding the allotted time to speak;
- b. Yelling, screaming, or other behavior that renders this Committee unable to continue the meeting;
- c. Excessive profanity or slander; Specific threats or "fighting words" that incite violence; or
- d. Speech that is outside the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee or the specific agenda item in which you are speaking.

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CITY OF SAN RAMON
**Library Advisory Committee Meeting
April 9, 2026 – Minutes**

DRAFT

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair Alpert called the Library Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Members Present: Committee Chair Cindy Alpert, Committee Vice Chair Jennifer Adams, Committee Members Dan Shim, Sandy Silva, and Alternate Committee Member Lana Jackman.

Members Absent: Committee Member Mousumi Kottakota.

Other Attendees: Steve Cox, Parks and Community Services Recreation Supervisor; Stacy Munsell, Parks and Community Services Office Specialist; Mae Mlyniec, Parks and Community Services Program Manager; Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager; Francis Adebola-Wilson, Senior Community Library Manager.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

Recreation Supervisor Steve Cox and Chair Alpert provided special announcements

3. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

3.1 Approval of January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Silva motioned to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting as presented and was seconded by Vice Chair Adams.
The motion passed 5-0-0-0.

3.2 Election of Officers - Steve Cox, Recreation Supervisor

Committee Chair Alpert nominated Vice Chair Adams to be the upcoming Chair. Vice Chair Adams accepted the nomination, and the motion was moved by Committee Member Silva, and seconded by Alternate Committee Member Jackman.
The motion passed 5-0-0-0.

Committee Member Alpert nominated Sandy Silva to be Vice Chair. Committee Member Silva accepted the nomination, and the motion was moved by Committee Member Alpert, and seconded by Chair Adams.

The motion passed 5-0-0-0.

3.3 Approve the StoryWalk Story Selection for Summer 2026

Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager, presented the options for the StoryWalk Story Selection for Summer 2026: “The Good Egg” by Pete Oswald, and “Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution” written by Charlotte Gunnufson and illustrated by Brian Biggs.

Committee Member Alpert moved to approve “The Good Egg” for the StoryWalk Story Selection for Summer 2026 and Committee Member Silva seconded it. The motion passed 5-0-0-0.

3.4 Dougherty Station Library Update

Presented by Elayne Pedley, Community Library Manager.

3.5 San Ramon Library Update

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM



Library Advisory Committee Staff Report Item No. 3.2.

Date: July 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 Fall 2026

Executive Summary:

The Library Advisory Committee is being asked to review and select a title for the Fall 2026 StoryWalk installation at Central Park. Library staff have identified two children's books that align with StoryWalk goals of promoting literacy, outdoor activity, and community engagement. The selections incorporate themes of diversity, community, literacy, nature, outdoors, parks, physical exercise, and humor.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Library Advisory Committee review, discuss and approve one of the two submissions for the Fall 2026 installation of the StoryWalk at Central Park.

Dougherty Station Library's Community Library Manager, Elayne Pedley, along with Youth Services Librarians, Glenda Gardner (SRL) and Tom Schween (DSL) are recommending *If you Find a Leaf* by Aimee Sicuro and *If I Built a School* by Chris Van Dusen.

The award-winning, *If I Built a School* by Chris Van Dusen, presents a rollicking array of wild and imaginative ideas to show just how much fun a school could be if it were designed by a kid! This colorful, rhyming picture book has a Seussian feel and should appeal to early elementary aged children for the start of the school year. All ages will enjoy exploring the details on each cheerful, gouache illustrated page. It includes preferred StoryWalk elements of diversity, community, literacy, outdoors, physical exercise and humor.

If you Find a Leaf by Aimee Sicuro is a beautifully illustrated picture book with thoughtful, quiet text and encourages the reader to imagine all the things one can do with colorful autumn leaves. We're shown clever examples of leaf vehicles, Halloween masks, even leaf blankets and leaf trumpets—so many possibilities! These are all presented with a whimsical combination of artistic techniques, such as watercolor, collage and photography. This one will appeal to all ages, even the preschool set, and readers will be inspired to

collect a few fallen leaves as they stroll this StoryWalk, perfect for the season. This story includes preferred elements of nature, outdoors, parks, diversity, humor and community.

In order to make a thoughtful decision in choosing the StoryWalk title, 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:

[Search | Contra Costa County Library | BiblioCommons](#)

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

[Bing Videos](#) If I Built a School

[Bing Videos](#) If you Find a Leaf

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.

Attachment(s):

None



SRL Quarterly Programming and Foundation Support Highlights for April – June 2026

During the second quarter of 2026, the San Ramon Library maintained stable operations while delivering a broad range of Foundation-supported literacy, cultural, STEAM, wellness, and community programs. Staff collaborated effectively to ensure uninterrupted public service despite routine scheduling adjustments, vacations, and planned leave. The San Ramon Library Foundation continued to provide significant financial support for programs, materials, and Summer Reading initiatives.

Quarterly Financial and Operational Snapshot

| Month | Staffing / Operations | Foundation-Funded Expenses | Notes |
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| April | Branch operations remained steady despite staff absences, with effective coverage ensuring uninterrupted service and program delivery. | \$263.60 Teens \$47.29 Adults \$0.00 Children. | National Poetry Month programming, cultural arts workshops, and teen STEAM activities were successfully delivered. |
| May | Operations remained steady despite planned and unplanned staff absences, with seamless service and program delivery maintained. | \$34.25 Teens \$1081.23 Adults \$1569.10 Children. | Featured family, cultural, and musical programs, including the Beauty & the Beast Symphonics concert. |
| June | Staff coordinated coverage effectively, maintaining uninterrupted library services and successful program delivery despite routine absences. | \$284.96 Teens \$925.85 Adults \$544.24 Children Scholastic Books for Summer Reading - \$2686.72 | Summer Reading, Foundation Book Sale, Pokémon Party, DIY Plantable Bookmarks, and Dave Rocha Quintet jazz concert. |

June itemized SRLF-Funded expenses totaled \$4441.77.

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| <i>Quarter total note</i> | <i>Stable operations throughout the quarter.</i> | For this quarter, the SRLF has funded programs and services for the San Ramon Library alone in the amount of \$7,437.24 | SRL Foundation supports sustained programming, Summer Reading, and community engagement. |
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Library-Wide Notes

- The Summer Reading Program, "**Plant a Seed, Read!**" officially launched on June 1 and continues through August 1, encouraging reading and lifelong learning for all ages.
- Self-Service Sundays expanded to Pittsburg and San Pablo Libraries, increasing customer access to library services.
- Exploration Stations returned throughout the county, offering hands-on science and nature learning opportunities for children and families.
- Lunch at the Library continued providing free meals for youth while connecting families with library resources.
- Library branches celebrated Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Pride Month, and other cultural observances through educational programs and curated collections.
- Countywide improvements included expanded Brainfuse HelpNow tutoring services, continued LINK+ resource sharing, LearningExpress online learning tools, and preparation for major library renovation projects.

Programming Highlights by Month

April 2026 Highlights

- April programming celebrated **National Poetry Month** through the engaging *Robert Frost Poetry Celebration*, which brought community members together to experience dramatic and humorous readings of classic poetry while fostering an appreciation for literature and creative expression.

- The **Palestinian Plate Art Workshop** introduced participants to traditional Palestinian artistic designs through a hands-on cultural arts experience that promoted creativity, cultural awareness, and cross-cultural understanding.
- Teen engagement remained strong through **Think It Then Shrink It! (Shrinky Dinks)** and **Slime Time!** Both of which combined creativity, STEAM concepts, and social interaction in a fun and collaborative environment.
- Regular children's, teen, adult, and senior programs, including Storytimes, LEGO Club, Read to a Dog, Chess Club, Teen Book Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Healthy Tuesdays, Verses & Voices, and Page Turners continued to support early literacy, lifelong learning, wellness, and meaningful community engagement.

May 2026 Highlights

- May featured a diverse lineup of family, cultural, and educational programming beginning with **Free Comic Book Days**, encouraging literacy, reading engagement, and appreciation of graphic storytelling among children, teens, and adults.
- The **Comic Book Superhero Party** provided children and families with an energetic afternoon of themed games, activities, costumes, and imaginative play, strengthening family engagement and community connections.
- Adults explored mythology and artistic traditions during **Demons, Creatures and Monsters of Asian Art**, gaining a deeper understanding of the influence of Asian folklore on contemporary visual culture and storytelling.
- The **Beauty & the Beast Symphonics Concert** offered an outstanding live musical performance that blended storytelling with orchestral music, enriching the community through accessible performing arts.
- **Art Across Asia Talk & Trivia Night** encouraged lifelong learning through an interactive combination of cultural education, discussion, and friendly competition.
- Recurring library programs continued to promote literacy, STEAM learning, wellness, creativity, and community engagement across all age groups.

June 2026 Highlights

- June marked the successful launch of the **2026 Summer Reading Program – "Plant a Seed, Read,!"** encouraging children, teens, and adults to participate in reading challenges and educational activities throughout the summer.
- The **San Ramon Library Foundation Book Sale** attracted strong community participation while generating support for future library programming and promoting lifelong reading.
- Families enjoyed an entertaining performance by **Magician Perry Yan**, whose interactive magic show encouraged imagination, curiosity, and family participation.

- The **Pokémon Party** created an engaging environment for children through games, crafts, card trading, and collaborative play, fostering creativity and social interaction.
- Participants explored sustainability through the **DIY Plantable Bookmarks Workshop**, creating eco-friendly keepsakes while learning about recycling, environmental stewardship, and artistic expression.
- June concluded with the **Dave Rocha Quintet Jazz Concert**, sponsored by the San Ramon Library Foundation and Jazz in the Neighborhood, providing patrons of all ages with an enriching afternoon of high-quality live music and community celebration.

Foundation Impact and Special Support

- Throughout the second quarter of 2026, the San Ramon Library Foundation continued to play a vital role in enhancing library services by funding educational, cultural, artistic, literacy, and community-centered programming for all ages.
- The Foundation's continued investment enabled San Ramon Library to provide engaging experiences that promoted early literacy, lifelong learning, environmental awareness, cultural appreciation, STEAM education, and community wellness.
- In addition to supporting special events and performers, the Foundation continued funding Summer Reading resources, including Scholastic books, helping ensure successful implementation of one of the library's largest annual initiatives.
- During this quarter, the San Ramon Library Foundation (SRLF) invested **\$7,437.24** in programs and services exclusively benefiting the San Ramon Library, demonstrating its continued commitment to enhancing library resources, programs, and community engagement.

Upcoming Events – July 2026

The San Ramon Library will continue offering a wide range of Foundation-supported educational, cultural, literacy, and community programs throughout July, reinforcing the Library's commitment to serving residents of all ages.

- **Celebrate America's 250th Birthday** (*July 2*) will bring families and community members together for patriotic activities, games, and a celebratory birthday cake, encouraging civic pride and community connection while commemorating a significant milestone in American history.
- **Stars and Stripes Trivia Night** (*July 2*) will invite participants to test their knowledge of American history, culture, and traditions through an engaging and interactive trivia competition designed to promote lifelong learning and friendly competition.
- **Floral Watercolor Bookmark Workshop** (*July 8*) will provide participants with the opportunity to explore watercolor painting techniques while creating personalized floral bookmarks, encouraging artistic expression and appreciation for visual arts.

- **Jazz Concert featuring Rhonda Benin Blues** (*July 18*), sponsored by the San Ramon Library Foundation and Jazz in the Neighborhood, will offer an afternoon of exceptional live blues and jazz music, enriching the community through high-quality performing arts.
- **Farmer Arann** (*July 20*) will present an interactive educational performance combining music, storytelling, and agricultural themes that introduces young audiences to farming concepts while encouraging participation and family engagement.
- **Stuffie Sleepaway Camp** (*July 21*) will invite children to bring their favorite stuffed animals for a special storytime filled with crafts, imaginative play, and literacy-based activities that promote creativity and social-emotional development.
- **EkoLinQ Textile Drive** (*July 27 – August 1*) will encourage residents to recycle unwanted clothing and textiles through a community-wide sustainability initiative that supports environmental stewardship and responsible waste reduction and sponsored by the San Ramon Library Foundation.
- **How to Read Korean** (*July 30*) will introduce participants to the Korean language and Hangul alphabet through interactive instruction, cultural activities, and hands-on practice, fostering cross-cultural understanding and lifelong learning.

Collectively, the July program lineup reflects the San Ramon Library's ongoing commitment to providing diverse educational, cultural, artistic, literacy, environmental, and community-centered experiences made possible through the continued support of the San Ramon Library Foundation.

Overall Impact

The second quarter demonstrated San Ramon Library's continued commitment to serving as a vibrant, welcoming, and responsive community hub. Programming successfully balanced early literacy, youth engagement, cultural enrichment, environmental stewardship, wellness, lifelong learning, and community connection.

Despite routine operational challenges associated with staffing schedules and seasonal programming demands, library staff maintained exceptional customer service while successfully implementing an extensive calendar of Foundation-supported events. Continued partnership with the San Ramon Library Foundation remains instrumental in providing equitable, high-quality library experiences that enrich the lives of San Ramon residents.

Facility Updates (Follow-up from the Previous Quarter and Coordination with SRLF)

As a follow-up to the facility updates presented in the previous quarterly report, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the City of San Ramon for replacing the damaged stanchion sign. Thank you for your continued responsiveness and partnership in maintaining a safe, welcoming, and functional library environment. We respectfully request continued consideration of the remaining facility and furniture needs outlined below:

A. Outstanding Facility and Custodial Needs

- **Adult Area – Computer Chair (Upstairs):** To further support customer use in the adult computer area, one (1) additional computer chair is still needed. Product information has previously been provided, and we would appreciate any updates regarding procurement or the next steps.
- **Adult Reading Chairs (Downstairs):** Six (6) upholstered reading chairs continue to show signs of wear and would benefit from reupholstering or replacement. Following earlier cushion repairs, the exposed undersides are becoming increasingly visible. We welcome the City's guidance on the most appropriate long-term solution.
- **Reading Chairs with Writing Boards:** Twelve (12) upholstered reading chairs with collapsible wooden writing boards remain structurally sound but would benefit from professional deep cleaning to improve their appearance and extend their useful life. We appreciate consideration of this request as part of ongoing custodial and maintenance planning.

B. Planned Furniture Needs (Future Budget Consideration)

- **Teen Area – Permanent Seating for Circular Table:** The teen area includes a multi-user circular table that would benefit from dedicated seating. At present, five (5) banquet chairs from the Program Room are being used as a temporary solution, occasionally creating scheduling challenges during library and Foundation-sponsored events.

To provide consistent and appropriate seating for this space, we respectfully request consideration for the purchase of five (5) permanent chairs. Matching **Smith System Groove Chairs (Demco)** are recommended to maintain consistency with the existing furnishings throughout the teen area.

Summary & Next Steps

The San Ramon Library continues to experience strong community participation, successful partnerships with the San Ramon Library Foundation, and stable branch operations. We sincerely appreciate the City of San Ramon's continued collaboration and investment in maintaining an inviting, safe, and functional library facility.

We look forward to discussing these remaining facility and custodial needs with the City's liaison during the meeting and appreciate the City's continued consideration of these requests as future maintenance and budget opportunities become available.



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dougherty Station Library Report

July 9, 2026

Dougherty Station Library

Programming for April, May, June (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) *
 - School Visits – Coyote Creek 5/21, Bella Vista 5/29 * (completes school engagement for 25/26)
 - **April 7th – Mayor Mark Armstrong** participated in Mr. Tom's Storytime as part of Library Giving Day, on behalf of San Ramon Library Foundation *
 - **April 15th -Year of the Horse, special Family Storytime with Oliver Chin** - Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrated 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 traded cards, met fellow trainers, and participated in 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. *
 - **June 17th - Fur, Scales & Tails Program** - Tracy Hill and his menagerie of animal stars had our families roaring with laughter—featuring lots of furry fun and scaly surprises.
- Teens
 - Totally Tuesdays (school year) *
 - "Level Up" Book Club for 6th-7th graders (monthly, during school year)*
 - April-Summer Reading Program interviews for teen volunteers
 - May- Orientation/Trainings for Summer Reading Volunteers
 - End of May/Beginning of June – **Finals Frenzy** (treat high school students to study space, water, snacks) *
- 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)
 - Culture and Community Circle: a discussion group for adults (monthly, ended) *
 - Podcast Essentials via zoom– 6-week series
 - **Medicare 101 – 6/20**

Facility and other news

- **Special Book Displays** for AAPI month, Arab American Heritage Month, Pride, Juneteenth, Spring Holidays, Space travel.
- **Library managers, Elayne Pedley and Francis Adebola-Wilson** presented, and gratefully accepted National Library Week Proclamation at City Council Meeting 4/14
- **Community Library Manager, Elayne Pedley** attended the annual American Library Association conference end of June.
- **Community Library Manager, Elayne Pedley** graduated from the Leadership San Ramon Valley program in May. Class Project of placing additional Naloxone Distribution Units in San Ramon/Danville was celebrated with a ribbon cutting at the Danville Police Department, April 30.
- **All Staff Training Day 4/22** – libraries closed
- Abhishek Nigam (SRLF board member) and his art group created a **mural on wood** for DSL which may be displayed on patio, if approved by city.
- **Outreach** events included:
 - Manager and Youth Services Librarian presented at Parents Coffee, Hidden Hills Elementary 5/6
 - Tabling at Third Thursdays-Arts & Eats event 5/21 * (continues through October)
- **StoryWalk** installed for Summer, *The Good Egg*. Revised a description on an extra panel page to reflect the merged Danville San Ramon Rotary.
- **Facility Updates**
 - Two and a half rows of empty shelving will be removed from 3 different areas by city staff soon. New homes for them found in neighboring Community Arts Center, Art Studio.
 - Productive planning discussions with City staff regarding furniture needs/requests 4/21
 - Upholstery cleaning of soiled teen furniture completed by city in June-looks brand new.

San Ramon Library Foundation funding total for DSL, April-May-June:

- Summer Reading program support - \$1033.58
- Youth Services program support - \$490.64
- Teen Services program support - \$91.71
- Adult Services program support - \$108.89
- StoryWalk/City Partner support - \$58.37

Upcoming Events

July 1 – Stories that Dance: Laya Arts Collective 6:30-7:30 p.m.(in lieu of family storytime)

You are invited to experience a dynamic and vibrant classical Indian dance from Laya Arts Collective at the Dougherty Station Library! Through this captivating performance, families will explore the traditions, rhythms, and expressive beauty of Bharatanatyam.

August 1st 11am-12pm: A Game Called Capoeira

Capoeira is a unique art form that blends martial arts, dance, acrobatics, and music. Through this Afro-Brazilian cultural art, students will be introduced to Capoeira in a fun and relaxed environment.

August 15th 11am-12pm: The Warrior's Dance

Maculelê is a lively stick-and-rhythm dance tradition that involves precision, cooperation, and live drumming. Students will be introduced to this vibrant African tradition in a fun and relaxed community and play-based environment.