

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

March 16, 2026

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on March 16, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center, 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California 92866.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Zimmerman led the flag salute.

1.2. ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Absent: Cazares

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on February 23, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Vice Chair Huber, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Vice Chair Huber provided updates on the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Statistics on bookstore and internet sales and an audit of overall financials.
- Past and upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Friends will hold a joint volunteer appreciation event with the Orange Public Library on April 18, 2026.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Lynn Marie Frediani, Executive Director of the Orange Public Library Foundation ("Foundation") provided updates on the following on behalf of the Foundation:

- Hosting future fundraising opportunities and events.
- Collaborations with other city organizations to maintain the Seed Lending Libraries.
- The Foundation received positive feedback from Orange residents on Library operations.
- "It's Your Money/Estate" programs will be expanded to serve more patrons.
- The Foundation Board of Directors hired a new assistant, Michelle Garcia.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1. Library Services Director's Report and Updates on Library Services

Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, provided updates on Community and Library Services, including:

- Capital Improvement Plans, construction projects, and building improvements.
- Proposed changes to Library parking due to City parking policies.
- Community outreach programs and Pop Up Library.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and efforts for future programming.
- Grant approvals and staffing recruitments.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - January 2026 report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1. Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Chair Martinez will lead a meeting and Library tour on April 28, 2026 for the Orange Unified School District's media specialists to showcase the Library's services to the City's schools.

7.2. Reports from Trustees

Trustees had the following to report:

- Trustees shared a news article regarding the California State Library and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a non-profit organization who presented to the Library Board of Trustees at the November 17, 2025 Regular meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room of Orange Public Library & History Center.

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director